## About People

-The Duchess of Fife recently performed the feat of landing seven salmon, weighing from six to ten pounds each, in one day.
-A niece of Abraham Lincoln, Miss Mattie Todd, is postmistress at Cythiana, Ky. She was appointed by President Hayes, and has held her place ever since.
-Mme. Sarah Bernhardt owns to having received during the last twenty-five years for her exertions on the stage money to the amount of over a million and a quarter dollars.
-The Queen Regent of Spain has decided to fulfill a heartfelt wish of her husband, and establish a college in the Escurial, bearing he name, for the teaching and study of Christian sciences.
-Sir John Gladstone, nephew of the Grand Old Man, is described as a tall, broad-shouldered young giant, as ardent a Conservative as his uncle is the reverse, and one of the most extensive whisky distillers in Scotland.
-Justice Field begins his thirty-first year on the United States Supreme Court bench with the present term. This record has been surpassed only once in the history of the country, and has been equaled only four times.

- In a pathetic letter to a friend in Hungary, Kossuth writes: "I am weighed down by the burden of years, and my eyesight grows dim. I now see only outlines and not details. I cannot read, and when writing only guess at the characters which I trace. Nevertheless, impelled by a sense of duty, I completed the third volume of my memoirs a few days ago.'
-Mrs. Alice D. Le Plongeon has been in vited by the National Geographical Society of Washington, D. C., to lecture in that city on Dr. Le Plongeon's discoveries concerning the Mayas of Central America. The lecture will be given on December 8. The fame of will be given on December 8. The fame of
Dr. Le Plongeon's researches in the antiquiDr. Le Plongeon's researches in the antiqui-
ties of Yucatan, and Mrs. Le Plongeon's own tresute as a writer and speaker of singular charm, unite to make this an occasion of marked scientific and popular interest.
-The Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline, Mass., has recently come into possession of a valuable relic of the Rev. Richard Baxter, author of the famous book "The Saints' Ever lasting Rest." It is the old-fashioned chair used by the English divine while writing his treatise. When Baxter died, it was placed in the Broad Street Congregational Church in London, where it remained for nearly two hun dred years, until the building was torn down, when it came into possession of the last pastor, the Rev. William O'Neill, whose son inherited it and sent it to Dr. Thomas.


## Newspaper Men

"While there are reporters who 'hound ' public men, there are also public men who badger the newspaper folk," writes Julian Ralph in an article on "The Newspaper Cor respondent" in "Scribner's Magazine." Stories of reporters' presumption are widely circulated, of reporters' presumption are widely circulated,
and in some cases are undoubtedly true. But and in some cases are undoubtedly true. But there are men engaged in newspaper work
who do not forget their own claim upon the respect of others. Mr. Ralph says:
"I once congratulated an English reporter, who told me he had reported Gladstone's speeches for nearly twenty years, upon knowing that statesman so well.
"' God bless you,' said he, 'I don't know him at all. I was once unable to escape from his car without passing him, when he came in unexpectedly, and a friend introduced me to him. But I never presumed upon that, you know.'
" To 'beat' his fellows is still the chief aim and glory of every man who writes on the news pages, but the 'beat'-as an exclusive piece of news is called-is growing to be more and more a product of intimate acquaintance with public men, and lejs and less a result of agility of mind and body.
"I remember a delightful half-hour when a - Tribune' man tried to reach a country wire first in order to get his dispatch started and
to shut me out. We had to run three miles over a plain that was one great glare of ice.
"He was the faster runner, and appeared to have everything his own way, but suddenly he slipped and rolled down the side of a gully, to bring up at the bottom badiy hurt. The tearing of his clothes and peeling of his face did not bother him, but his ankle was sprained, and he could not walk without help.
"' I give up,' said he. 'Will you help me to the village?
"' I don't know,' I replied. 'Is the wire mine.'
' Of course,' said he ; ' I'm done.
"But I gave him his turn at it."

## Financial

The continued ease in money is further fa cilitated by an increasing accumulation of funds in the New York banks, as illustrated by the bank statement below. The city banks in the past two months have canceled nearly forty million dollars of Clearing-House certificates so that to-day scarcely two millions remain outstanding. This practical elimination of this emergency money has taken place without so much as producing a ripple in the markets for money or securities. The effect, therefore, of this issue was all good, without any offsetting evil resulting, and there is no question but that the presence and use of these certificates prac tically saved vast interests from failure and bankruptcy, both in financial and commercial interests. All honor to the banks for promptly creating such a safe and effectual aid in a great emergency, and for withdrawing it from exist ence so wisely and well after it had done its work.
The general effect on the stocks and bonds of the Union Pacific Railway Company because of the receivers appointed last week was pretty well discounted, and both in the shares of the parent company and in the bond lists of the leased lines a stronger feeling prevailed after the confession of bankruptcy than before. The great system was not placed under profection of the Court because of any default in interest, or on account of any floating debt, for neither of these causes existed; the step was taken because the falling off in earnings was great, and promised, for some months to come, to be equally serious, so that the managemen did not see where the funds would come from to meet the maturing fixed charges on the ist of November, or those which would follow December I and January I, amounting in the aggregate to nearly three million dollars Then, next year the $\$$ ni,ooo,ooo of collateral notes come due, negotiated two years ago, and in 1895 the first payment on the debt to the Government falls due, unless the Government should be ready to readjust the indebtedness of the Company, distributing it over a series of years. For these reasons it was deemed the wisest possible thing to place the road in receivers' hands for the protection of all interests, and, on the whole, all interests seem to be satisfied.
It is understood that a plan is being formulated by the Reading Railway management for adjusting the floating debt and taking the Company out of the hands of the receivers, but nothing has been published which would show what the features of the plan are. Waiting for the action of the Senate at Washington still prevents the full maturing of this and many other schemes for restoring bankrupt corporations, proposing new enterprises, and the re suscitating of various suspended interests all over the country ; this waiting is a time of ex treme tension and suspense for millions of people.

Continuous rumors from Washington as to compromises proposed have had the effect during the past three days, of keeping the markets in a state of excitement, and, with it of adding to the strength of most stocks and bonds on the list. The case has reached that stage where anything would be regarded better than nothing, and therefore the slightest hint of a change has the effect of temporarily stimulating the markets; but really nothing, thus far, has been accomplished. The foreign exchange market is practically at the point where gold could be imported without loss,
actual rates for cash exchange being about $\$ 4.84$, which is really below the figure, did not the Bank of England use its influence against such imports; but it looks as if the movement of gold this way-which is due at this seasonwould take place at any time, for there is more or less purchasing of securities for foreign account going on, and our merchandise imports are at a very low ebb, while the exports of cereals and produce-due to the low prices prevailing-are large, exhibiting each week a good increase over the figures of the corresponding week of 1892. Railway earnings are, on the whole, adverse, although the decrease is growing smaller, in the aggregate, from week to week; and some of the Granger roads seem to have turned the corner-St. Paul, for seem to have turned the corner-St. Paul, for instance, exhibiting the first week in October
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The most industrious of stamp clerks is sel dom anxious to get in two licks to anybody else's one.-Buffalo Courier.

He-What do you think of a man marrying a woman for her money? She--I should say she was check-mated.-Judge.

Toper-What shall I take, Doctor, to remove the redness of my nose? Doctor-Take nothing-for three months.-Hallo.
$\mathrm{He}-$ This shoe doesn't fit. Try a bigger one. She (severely)-No, sir; bring me the same size a little larger.-Denver Sun.
"Deeds, not words," is an injunction the silver-tongued real-estate agent must often have considerable difficulty in following.-Buffalo Courier.
Young man, when the world professes to have a lack of admiration for your personal qualities, don't try to escape by crawling up your family tree! -Puck.
Abraham Llncoln's emancipation proclamation didn't mention the tariff, but no one can deny that it was the forerunner of free wool. - Somerville Journal.

Visitor-So your brother is taking lessons on the violin. Is he making progress? Little Girl-Yes'm; he's got so now we can tell whether he's tuning or playing.-Good Newes.
"Perhaps the deceased's business will help us to decide on an appropriate epitaph," said the tombstone sculptor. "IFe was a bill col lector." "Then how would this suit: 'His work is dun'?"-Tit-Bits.

Native-See that young man over there? He has saved sixteen persons from drowning. He plays the flute, too. Visitor-Oh, well,: a man who has saved sixteen lives has a right to play the flute.-Musical Guest.

Grandpa fto grandson who has just come from a visit to the Natural History Museum) -Well, Sammy, where have you been to-day? Sammy-Oh, we've had a fine time, grandpa. We've beerr to a dead circus.-Harper's Young People.
Miss Bleecker-Do you know ? Mary Havisham has married that Charlie Goslin, after having broken her engagement to him three different times! Miss Houston-She evidently believes in "Well shaken before taken."-Puick.
"Did you everir," said one preacher to another, "stand at the door after your sermon and listen to what the people said about it as they passed out?" Replied he : "I did once"-a pause and a sigh-"but I'll never do it again."-Herald.
"The price of this Rembrandt is $\$ 10,000$, and this other Rembrandt is only $\$ 6,000$. What makes such a difference in the price?" remakes such a difference in the price : remarked Pete Amsterdam to the proprietor of
a Harlem art store. "The $\$ 10,000$ one is a Harlem art store. "The \$10,000 one is
much more genuine than the other."-Texas Siftings.

Husband-My dear, don't you think we are living rather too extravagantly? Couldn't you practice a little economy? Wife-Good gracious, John, I do; there hasn't been a bargain sale for the last six months which I have not attended.-Brozening, King fo Co.'s Monthly.
The Duc de Choiseul, who was remarkably thin, went to London to negotiate a peace. "Have they sent the preliminaries of a treaty ?" asked one Englishman of another. "I don't know," was the reply, "but they have sent the outline of an ambassador."Youth's Companion.
Rising Young Musician-Now, Professor, how do my compositions please you? Profes-sor-Why, I think that they may perhaps be
played when Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Meyerbeer have been forgotten. Musi-cian-Really? Professor-Certainly-but not until then.-Musical Guest.
"Maybe I have an ugly color, as you say," said the Carrot to the Beet, "but when I am gone I hope some one may say a good word for me. It seems to me a dead carrot has a better chance for respect than a dead beat." And the beet turned even redder in the face and had nothing more to say.-Philadelphia Times.

A printer's error is amusing the Queenslanders. Their leading newspaper, reviewing a work prognosticating the wonders of science, remarked :"There need be demand no longer for Jules Verne's and other blackguards' works of imagination." The correction apworks of imagination." The correction ap peared in the issue of the following week, as
follows: "For 'other blackguards,' please follows: "For 'other , blackguards,' please
read 'Rider Haggard's." -Pall Mall Gazette.
Neander, professor of theology in Berlin, was one day overtaken by a thunder-storm He jumped into a cab, but could not give either the number of his house or the name of the street. The driver thought the man was mad, and was about to tell him to get out, when the professor, espying a student, called out to him and said, "Just tell the man where I live." 'Neander's sister, who kept house for him, took fresh apartments nearer the university, as she thought the distance too great for her brother. A few days after their removal he complained of the long and tiring walk, and it then turned out that he had always gone first to the old lodgings, and so round to the university.-Chronik der Zeit.

## Bank of England Notes

With the Bank of England, the destruction of its notes takes place about once a week, and at 7 P.M. It used to be done in the davtime, but made such a smell that the neighboring stockbrokers petitioned the Governors to do it in the evening. The notes are previously can celed by punching a hole through the amount (in figures) and tearing off the signature of the chief cashier. The notes are burned in a closed furnace, and the only agency employed is shavings and bundles of wood. They used to be burned in a cage, the result of which was that once a week the city was darkened with fragments of notes. For future purposes of reference, the notes are left for five years before being burned.
The number of notes coming into the Bank of England every day is about 50,000 , and 350,000 are destroyed every week, or something
like $18,000,000$ every year.
The stock of paid notes for five years is about $77,745,000$ in number, and they fill 13,400 boxes, which, if placed side by side, would reach two and one-third miles. If the notes were placed in a pile, they would reach to a height of five and two-thirds miles; or, if joined end to end, would form a ribbon $\mathrm{I} 2,455$ miles long.Chambers's Journal.

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