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A TYPEWRITING POINT. Why in Some Work Periods and Com-

mas Show Black and Deep. you see the periods and con has with black spots. The lower parts punched black and deep," sail in are white, with black spots also. experienced typewriter, "you hay On the back the spots lengthen alknow that the work was done by a most into lines or rings, black on beginner or by one who had not yet | yellow. The average length of the done sufficient work to have lac- animal, excluding the tail, is almost

quired a perfect touch. ing of the punctuation points is erect is about twelve inches at the beginner at typewriting plays upon hind quarters. Its itemper is mild all the keys with equal force, bullas and gentle. It plays almost like a the types attached to the keyst pre- domestic cat or, mather, kitten, sent unequal amounts of printing | chasing its tail and amusing itself surface it follows that equal i pree with anything that it can roll with applied to all the keys result in its paws. more or less unequal printing ten the paper.

"For instance, a certain amount of force applied to the B' key m ight the club, says London Tit-Bits, he produce of that type a fair im res- left Mrs. Daniels with a lady friend sion on the paper, but the same whose abilities as a scandal monger force applied to a period might and mischief maker are pre-emirive that, a mere point, bean nent. When he returned he just through the paper. In fact, iti s not poked his head into the drawing senting "The Appearance of the Inunusual for beginners on the ype- room and said, with a sigh of relief: writer to punch holes in the paper with their periods.

some types must be touched; more stony glare of the lady who had been er the whole surface with gold pieces lightly than others, and grad ually in his mind. Then iMrs. Daniels if the chapter vould sell it to him. her periods become less black and spoke quite calmly:

However, the chapter refused, and deep, and with further practio; she and signs until at last she is al leto morning." produce typewriting that is not thing less than artistic in effect, true and uniform and beautiful. "It is something fine to se the

good work of the intelligent, sensitive and truly competent typewriter."-New York Sun.

An Indian Trick. In the snake bag trick of the nomini Indians the performer Tolds before him a red flannel bags about thirty inches in 'depth by twenty inches in width with fluffy white feathers along the top of the a ball to show the audience there is nothing in it. The total cial intention of the cial intention of the cial intention of the cial intention. takes the bag by the two upper or corners and holds it up before him Kansas Cit. once more and begins to dance around the circle, his confe derate preceding him dancing baz ward, chanting with the performs r and making various gestures town rd the bag. Presently two snakes heads emerge from the top of theth ag and gradually lengthen more and more of my head. until their bodies Protrude p erhaps as much as six inche. The in the heads slowly retreat and find 'y' disappear, and the performer vain your other eye doubles up the bag to sho with end of my spectators that there is nothing in through it -New York Sun.

Two members of congress boardwhose daughters were well on in years and remarkable for their talkparted and did not meet again for several years. Naturally, then, they fell to chatting over old times, and one asked the other if he knew what had become of that skinny, cackling old maid Jenny.

"Um! She is my wife, sir," was the unexpected repty.—Exchange.

The Malacca Wildonts.

In the forests of Malacca and other islands in the Indian ocean may still be found the amimal known as a wildcat. The upper parts of it ired a perfect touch. two feet. The tail averages nine "The reason for the deep nine inches. Its height when standing very simple. Naturally enough the shoulder and fifteen inches at the

Thought She'd Gone.

"But as the learner progress as in dreadful silence, for as he uttered this masterpiece—a canvas of imher art she comes to realize that the last word he encountered the posing size—that he offered to cov-

"That old cat gone, I suppose?"

A Mrs. Malaprop.

"Yes," said Mrs. Malaprop, boy is doing first rate at school. I ing fine. He's a first class sculler, collector in Vienna, who generally they tell me, and is head of his class allowed the public access to his gal-

"He wants

mor him, so abroad.

to Freddiehave thre Freddie other eye? George-I'

George-Wh

ANCIENT PICTURE THIEVES.

d at the house of a comely matron Some Who Were Caught and Executed-A Case of Substitution.

In olden days, indeed until the tiveness. After a time the two men end of the Napoleonic era, art robberies on a grand scale were the privilege of the mighty of this earth and the adjunct of victorious warfare. This was so in the days of ancient Rome, when shiploadfuls of marbles and bronzes were transplanted from Greek to Italian soil, and it was again when the first Napoleon pillaged the collections and churches of Italy and Spain. Such action, however, was considered the conqueror's right and does not come within the scope of this article, which is to deal with petty theft and criminal appropriation of works

which I have been able to trace the record occurred so far back as 1601, when two heads were cut out of Wenceslaus Koeberger's "Martyrdom of St. Sebastian" in Antwerp cathedral. The fragment is said to be even now in an English private collection. But the thieves were caught and speedily put to death. Other cases are on record of art thefts committed in the dim past, but in most cases they amount to a bare statement that such and such a picture or object disappeared at such and such a date and has never been heard of since. These records When Mr. Daniels went down to lack the flavor of romance which the peregrinations of the thieves

Murillo at Seville cathedral, reprefant Jesus to St. Anthony." The Duke of Wellington is said to For just an instant there was a have been so struck by the beauty of However, the chapter refused, and

and of the stolen property can be

followed as in that of the famous

tended the theft of a portrait by er all. sent him to one o' them alimentary | Paris Pordone a good many years | in gastromomy, knows his letters by lery when he was away from town. sight and can spell like one o' these The picture was one day cut out of of £120 was immediately offered for to his partner, remarked audibly: fundertaker, lomatic representatives of Austria Tatler.

> The result was house and he picture fer, like mised re- the we ons were the ccepted.

Case or the Dolmen.

ANTIQUITY OF THE COFFIN.

The shapes of familiar objects of

reproduction of one of two things low, the rich and the poor.

of burying their dead. buried in a sitting posture or in the decreases, no longer obtains. entiated of these houses of the dead are, as Professor Sergi maintains, the pyramids, with their mumraies

and various precautions against the decay of the body. A less elaborate differentiation of the house idea is to be found in the lolmens still remaining all over the world from India to Great Britain. A dolmen, built of five slabs of stone, covered by a tumulus, crowned by a menhir, surrounded by a stone circle, as at Stonehenge and Avebury, and led up to by an avenue of standing stones, is, in fact, a rude adumbration of the pyramid. Inside the dolmen the dead sat crouched among cooking utensils, arms, etc., put there for their use in the spirit world. Is it too much

cially our table tombs (which are | Brooklyn Citizen. The first deed of this nature of five sided), as well as the family vaults of great families, with their traditions of embalmment and their the remote epoch when a tomb was conceived of as a house in which the dead continue to live their for-

The leaden shell coffins just menreason, to be constructed in acof the human shape. The leaden neer is cut is also called a "core. goes so far as conventionally to pre- manufacture of veneer. It is alto point back to a time when rotary process. In many cases these garded as interpolations in the dol-men scheme of burial. — London

Real Self Possession. Not long ago a young couple en-

"The old cat?" she said. "Oh, in November, 1874, the figure of tered a railway carriage at Shef- people who use the phrase are aware comes instinctively, automatically, yes, dear. I sent it to the cats' St. Anthony was cut out of the pic-field and were immediately put that Jack Robinson was a real live to grade her touch on all the terrs home in a basket first thing this ture by unknown hands, and the down as a bridal pair. But they person. stolen fragment found its way to were remarkably self possessed and

acca Belles. ndards of beauty difstoms, from th Malacca, we a t and velvet nstead the l criterion of s the more

THE AGE OF MONEY.

Probably a Survival of the Mummy A Pull on the Reins in the Wild Race For Riches.

In the earlier ages of the world human manufacture do not as a there was a time when fishes domi rule excite our curiosity. The box- nated all else. Geologists called this like form of a coffin, for instance, age of fishes the devonian period. suggests nothing. Even an under- Later vegetation supplanted the taker has no views on the raison d'etre of coffins save that they conduce to decency. Yet on grounds of propriety many nations, such as of propriety many nations, such as followed an age of reptiles, an age the ancient Romans and the Hin- of mammals and finally an age of doos, have preferred cremation to man, and the age of man has been interment, since the latter involves variously subdivided until we now the disfigurement and gradual de- have the age of money

In spite of the fact that it has Coffins indeed are not explainable been pointed out upon the very on grounds of hygiene or seemli- highest authority that the love of ness, for which primitive men cared money is the root of all evil with very little. Rather must we see in which the world is charged, its value the modern wooden coffin a copy of the prehistoric stone or chalk receptacle which was a conventional tion it is worshiped by high and the mummy cases familiar to stu- good, old fashioned morals of fordents of Egyptology or the dolmen mer days are relaxed in order to ob-(or stone house) in which prehistoric non-Ayran races, especially around the Mediterranean from Egypt westward, were in the habit

Luxury increases and extrava-Coffins were, as Lord Avebury gance grows. The idea of slow account in his "Prehistoric cumulation of money saved during Times," apparently unknown to the productive againt the declining years, when the earning power ing years, when the earning power cumulation of money saved during attitude of sleep in what were regarded as a kind of ghost houses.

The most elaborate and fully differation arises, and a long train of evils marches constituted to the first decreases, no longer obtains. We would all be rich, and we would be rich quick. Speculation arises, and a long train of evils marches constituted to the first decreases, no longer obtains. We rich quick. Speculation arises, and a long train of evils marches constantly before us, because our age has become an age of money irre-

spective of all other considerations. It is exceedingly pleasant to have wealth. When we see the beautiful palaces at Newport and their gardens and the countless luxuries that money spells anywhere and everywhere only the anchorite turns aside and will have none of it. Horses, steam yachts, European travel, entertaining, various art products and a thousand and one things becken to the rich man and lure him and tend toward making him forget that: the conquest of the world is not worth the loss of a soul

We of this age of money need to remember that there are certain to suppose that the earliest stone cardinal virtues that will linger coffins were imitations of the dol- when stock and other exchanges are mens-in fact, dolmens in minia- no more, and in ages yet to come Whether this be so or not, it is thing higher and better than a comvery probable that our old fashion- modity that can upon occasion take ed standing tembstones, and espe- on a taint.-W. G. Bowdoin in

The best veneer is sawed, but leaden shell coffins, which conventionally outline the shapes of the is "rotary cut." By the last named dead within, are so many relics of process logs of the desired wood are steamed until they are soft and then fixed in a lathelike machine, in which they are turned against a wood knife. As the log rotates against the knife venger of the detioned may indeed have originated sired thickness is peeled off in a the modern coffin. The latter was continuous slice, as if you should still, for no apparently sufficient pare an apple, going deeper and deeper at each complete turn, until cordance with careful measure nothing is left but the core. The ments and in conventional imitation | center of the log left after the veclings to those other cases in which shell in the family vault sometimes A good deal of waste occurs in the serve the outline of the fingers of ways a problem, for instance, what the corpse, and this fact would seem | use to make of the cores left by the corpses were not confined. Thus are used for pulp wood, pillars or the shell, and afterward the coffin panel headings, and they are largely or elaborated shell, might be re- used also for fuel, excelsior, crates,

> Who Was Jack Robinson? Jack Robinson has long been a favorite synonym for rapidity of

speech or action, but possibly few "As a politician," says Lady Dor-

behaved with such sang froid that othy Nevill in her "Reminiscences. There is a distinct element of huther passengers began to doubt "John Robinson was a great favormer in the circumstances that atif their first surmise was correct aftire with George III. His political career was long, for he was a mem-As the train moved out, however, ber for Harwich during twenty-six schools, and his teacher says he's do- ugo from the house of a wealthy the young man rose to remove his years, being on one occasion bitterovercoat, and a shower of rice fell ly attacked by Sheridan, who, deout, while the passengers smiled nouncing bribery and its instigators. replied to the cries of 'Name! But even that did not affect the Name!' by pointing to Robinson on deformed spellers down to Washing- its frame and carried off. A reward youth, who also smiled, and, turning the treasury bench, exclaiming at the same time, 'Yes, I could name "What's he going to be when he its recovery, and descriptions of the By Jove, May, I've stolen the him as soon as I could say Jack Robstolen picture were sent to the dip- bridegroom's overcoat!" - London inson,' and thus originated the say ing still current at the present day."

How Polly Saved the Plate.

An old lady had a parrot, which she had bought from a sailor friend, and on taking it home, much to her heent, she found Polly could ee words, "Get the

oke into tm all was still

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as second-class matter.

Many of the ranchmen in the Sonora Country, are paying trap. pers \$3 for wolf scalps and the County of Sutton is paying an additional \$2, Five dollars for a wolf scalp should clearly indicate to the people of the State at large, that the wolf is retarding the developement of West Texas and that keeping the wolf from the door is a heavy tax on the stock raiser. There is only one real so lution to the wolf problem and that is for the State to make provision for their extermination. Make it State wide and long. Let the State exterminate the wolf, panther, wild cat and catamount then the small rancimen and farmers of the State may raise cattle, sheep, goats, etc., in small quantities it is true, but think of the aggregate and the revenue it would in a few years bring to the State. The development and enhanced value of West Texas lands alone would reimburse the State at large in a few years. There are millions of acres of land in WestTexas that it is almost impossible for a man with a family to make a decent living on, unless he has from 2500 to 5,0.0 acres, but with the extermination of the wild depredating animals the whole country would be made habitable for settlement in tracts from 100 up to 640 acres (in some sections maybe as many as 2500 would be necessary).

The News is not talking for the Sonora Country in this particular, but for the State at large, for the Sonora Country has taken care of itself for 18 years and will continue to do so. SuttonCounty has been paying bounties ever since the law gave permission to do se. And right here is where the proposition comes home to the State. We have done our best to pay out while some of our neighbors did ranch last Saturday trading. that's what it looked like—but the steer cattle. the provision that in the infested away about ten days. dont you know that every man. their home last week. woman and child would be out after them and the migration of the cat and welf cease. It is withonly at to extermination but to development and progress. Write every member of the Legislature

Every Mother

more serious. Ballar 28 Horehound first-class short order man. vrup will cure the

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Existral Assessment of the state of the stat

Their lands and used the farming implements sold by us had no complaint to make except of the early and late frosts.

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Dock Simmons was in from the ranch Monday on business.

W. F. Luckie was in from hie

not, and the wolf for a time made | Sam Butler of San Angelo was mental object—the hope of gain. | Please take notice that the Kan. | accounts will be placed in the it convenient to be killed here— in Sonora this week looking for It is a matter of self-interest pure sas City, Mexice & Orient Railway hands of an attorney for collection.

of \$2 or \$5 on every scalp of a wild Dr. W. G. Jarnagin will leave cat or catamount, panther or wolf for Eldorado Monday, on profes-

might be added or was made obli- Pass, who have been visiting Mr. success. gatory on the infested counties, and Mrs. D. H. Kirkland left fer

see how his steers are doing.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith and urge him to pass a "States Right returned last week from an ex-Bill." The extermination of destination of dest

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If you will take Kodol for a by writing to D. M. Ferry & Co., tion. It is pleasant Annual which is sent free on re-

The term "carthquake carpenter" at first glance might give the inpression of a person capable of doaround the world, who ing a job in fast time, regularly ff) on his Christmas shaking the work together. To with the norther some persons it might convey the ed and idea of a man whose work was so at a poor that it was likely to drop to pieces at any moment. Actuall is a Jamaican term means a man who wrecking, a man sorts allen housefork Sun.

Nothing Doing.

| Notice of Intention to Apply to There is one motive behind all the Thirty-First Legislature of Texas, for the Passage of

a Local or Special Law.

and simple and doubtless will re- Company of Texas, a corporation, wolf is cuaning beyond all understanding and is here to-day and
away to-morrow. Now then if Clifton, Thursday on account of the difference in merchants lies in Legislature of the State of Texas, due me and simple and doubtiess will recompany of Texas, a corporation, member of my family is authority first
the difference in merchants lies in Legislature of the State of Texas, due me. the State would provide for a prize the serious illness of his mother. the fact that this self-interest may to be convened in January, 1909, be brutal and unprincipled with for the passage of a local or special the result that it is shortsighted law, the substance of which law is of any name killed in Texas, with sional business. He expects to be and considers only temporary gain and will be to extend the time in or that, on the other hand, it may which said Railway Company shall be controlled by the highest aims be required to comply with the districts an additional bounty J.S.Jones and family of Aransas and be rewarded by permanent provisions of Articles 4366, 4558, and 4559 of the Revised Statutes In the United States one of the of the State of Texas as to the In the United States one of the construction of the branch line of road, one double barrel, 16 guage most conspicuous examples of self said Railway Company from a hamerless shot gun Ithica make. Col. Ira Word and Capt Don interest wisely consulted is the point at or near the city of San Cooper left on Tuesday for San seed business of D.M. Ferry & Co. Angelo, Texas, in a general southout a doubt a State question, not Angelo by way of Menardville. We do not know how it would be erly or south-easterly direction to Capt Cooper will go to Kansas to possible better to serve the purnear the town of Del Rio in Valchasing public than by their me. verde County, or to a peint on the thod of supplying ensually every Rio Grande near the town of local dealer in the country with Brownsville, in Cameron County, predating animals will do more to souri. The doctor considers him thus preventing the possibility of unfit seeds being carried over for another spring. By regarding priters of the pure term of two years after the passage J. W. Craft will open up a short marily the interests of the pur- of such law or for such other term order house in the Savell building chaser, D. M. Ferry & Co. have of extention as the Legislature next week. Mr. Craft is from Me. grown to be the largest seed house may grant; and restore and preis or should be worried when the nardville and has formerly been in in the world. This success has serve to said Railway Company all the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles little ones have a cough or cold.

It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something or pneumonia—then to something mardville and has formerly been in the world. This success has business in Junction, ElPaso, Silver necessitated systematic organization and made it possible not only lost, if any, by reason of its failure sooner to construct the portions of me. for the purpose of cutting times.

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Da's what I done said same way, ar ce to me puhcession

Santley on a

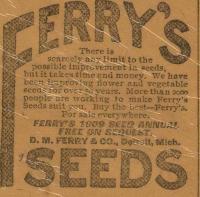


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