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Vigorous and effective work. No success
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FUNNY SIGHTS.

I saw a cow hide in the grass,
A rush light on the floor;
I saw a candle-stick in the mud,
A bell-pull at the door.
I saw a horse-fly up a creek,
A cat-nip at her food;
I saw a chestnut-burr, and heard
A shell-bark in the wood.
I saw a jack-plane off a board,
A car-spring off a track;
I saw a saw-dust off the floor,
And then a carpet-tack.
I saw a monkey-wrench a hat
From a fair lady's pate;
I saw a rattle-snake a bird,
And hogs-head on a plate.
I saw a brandy-smash a glass,
I saw a shooting star;
I've heard the corns-talk in the field,
And pig-iron crow-bar.
I saw a pin-wheel off a post,
A wheel-wright in the shop;
I saw a gin-sling on a bar,
I saw a ginger-pop.
I saw a house-fly over a field,
I saw an ox-roast, too;
I saw a shad-roe and clam bake,
And saw a chicken stew.
I saw a sword-fish from a bank,
And heard the water-spout;
I saw a tobacco-spit, and then
I heard an eye-ball out.
I heard a fence-rail at the dm,
I heard a waist-band play
A lovely strain—a sweet épittoon—
And then I went away.
—National Weekly.

"COME, SISTER, COME."

This is All the United States Will
Have to Say When She Wants
Canada.

[Philadelphia Telegraph.]
A somewhat sensational dis-
patch from Ottawa says that the
British government has taken
alarm at the rumor that the Uni-
ted States government intends to
abrogate the agreement that no
armed vessels shall be kept on
the great lakes, and is making an
urgent inquiry into the state of
defenses in the Dominion, not
only on the lakes, but on the At-
lantic and Pacific coasts. England
always has a nervous fit whenever
there is a prospect of weakening
any of her defenses, if it is only so
slight a measure as the construc-
tion of a railway tunnel under the
English channel; but she need
have no fear of an aggressive move
on the part of the United States.
If this country wishes to occupy
Canada it will not be necessary to
invade that country. It will be
sufficient to raise a beckoning fin-
ger and say, "Come." The move-
ment that really threatens Eng-
land's interest on this continent is
the Canadian movement for an-
nexation to the United States.

INDIAN EDUCATION.

**Superintendent Dorchester Di-
rected to Make Examination
of Contract School.**

The commissioner of Indian af-
fairs has written a letter to Dr.
Dorchester, superintendent of In-
dian schools, instructing him to
visit contract schools and subject
them to the same thorough inspec-
tion made in government schools.
The superintendent is also to make
special inquiry into the character
and qualifications of employees of
contract schools, compare the
course of study with that of gov-
ernment schools and point out any
defects or superiority. The com-
missioner says it is the purpose to
promote pupils where it is found
the course of study is defective or
facilities for industrial training
wanting, or for other reasons why
pupils cannot receive as good
equipment for life in contract
schools as in government schools.
The commissioner also says: "You
will say, distinctly and emphati-
cally, to all persons connected
with contract schools, that when-
ever it is found by this office that
those in charge of these schools, or
those whom they send to reserva-
tions to procure pupils or those
who are in any wise directly con-
nected with these institutions, are
using influence against govern-
ment schools by advising pupils
to stay away, by advising parents
to withhold children, by advising
agents not to co-operate with the
government in any way, directly
or indirectly, that they will be
held strictly responsible for it,
and if necessity comes upon this
office, which I hope will not, the
office will not hesitate to annul
its contracts with such institutions
of learning."

While plowing his corn. Will
Evans, of Kenuet, Mo, plowed up
a large kettle made of stone, con-
taining, he thinks 30 pounds of
Indian beads. In some respects
the beads seem to have been made
of snells, but those who have ex-
amined the substance closely say
they are made of stone. They are
of all sizes, the largest being about
the size of an half-dollar silver
piece, and the smaller about the
size of a dime or smaller.

The Mexican Financier says
that the Mormons are making
wonderful progress at colonization
in that country.

Salvador has a telephone
school.

How to Irrigate.

[Yellowstone Journal.]
The subject of irrigation is con-
stantly attracting earnest atten-
tion and the interests of Montana
demand we too awake to our own
needs. Montana to-day has the
greatest extent of irrigatable lands
of any western state, and it is
time to profit by the experience
of Colorado and California and
begin the course of development
by irrigation that has rendered
such large tracts of those states
the most valuable agricultural
lands in this country.

Of all the irrigating systems yet
tried, the Wright system as estab-
lished in California is the most
successful and seems to be the
best adapted to the conditions
that exist in Montana. This in
brief is the enactment of state
laws providing for irrigation dis-
tricts which shall be quasi-corpora-
tions like a school district with
trustees and power to issue bonds
and construct and maintain dams
and canals and to tax all land ir-
rigated by the ditch for the pay-
ment of the interest on the bonds.
Just as every settlement of a few
families in Montana can organize
a school district having enough
ranches to make irrigation desira-
ble, form an irrigation district un-
der the Wright law and thus in-
sure the construction of a ditch.

Montana ought to follow the ex-
ample of Nevada without delay;
hold a convention and prepare for
the enactment of an irrigation
law.

Not Attending to Business.

An Old Town lady had her faith
in human nature somewhat sha-
ken recently. A woman appar-
ently in destitute circumstances,
called on her, accompanied by a
daughter said to be in consump-
tion. The lady, while out of the
room for bread to give her indi-
gent callers, overheard the woman
say to the consumptive daughter:
"Why don't you cough more? You
don't cough half enough."

Bananas.

An acre of bananas will support
twenty-five times as many per-
sons as an acre of wheat. One
thousand square feet of land,
growing bananas, will produce
4,000 pounds of nutritious sub-
stance. The same space, devoted
to wheat or potatoes, will produce
only thirty-three pounds of wheat,
or ninety-three pounds of pota-
toes.