#### THE PLOT OF A PLAY.

How Sardou Came to Write

Pattes de Mouche." Sardou sat working at a scenic adap tation of Voltaire's "Candide," and it hung fire not because there was no prospect of a dinner, but because his pipe was empty and he had not a penny wherewith to buy tobacco. Suddenly on opening a drawer of his table he uttered a cry of joy at the sight of five or six tickets of a wine company which gave its customers a voucher for 20 centimes for every bottle purchased. A quarter of an hour afterward he was the happy possessor of a silver franc piece and some sous be-

Picking up a scrap of paper off the sanded floor of the tobacco shop, he was about to light his weed when the words "Marie Laurent" caught his eye. The "unconsidered trifle" turned out to be the fragment of a letter from the well known actress to her son Charles. Sardou put his find in his pocket, but on his way home his plot weaving faculties, stimulated by the fumes of the tobacco, at once reasserted themselves.

"This is the innocent letter of a mother to her boy," he said to himself. "Supposing however, it had been the falling by a similar accident into the hands of the woman's husband, wishing to light his cigar"-

The suggestion led to his play "Les Pattes de Mouche."-London Chron-

#### A HUMAN GIBRALTAR.

The Story That Is Told of the English Colonel Burnaby.

In the biography of Colonel Fred Burnaby there is a characteristic story, told by his friend Lord Binning. of that soldier of herculean frame and reckless courage:

We were engaged in a football match on the green inside Windsor envalry barracks, and the verandas were crowded with onlookers as the colonel, dressed for London in frock cont and tall hat, with a cigar in his mouth, came out of the officers' quarters and proceeded slowly across a corner of the ground, apparently oblivious of the fact that a match was in progress at the time. At this moment our fullback, a gigantic Yorkshireman named Bates, who must have weighed nearer fifteen than fourteen stone, charging impetuously for the ball, dashed full into Burnaby. The impact was terrific, but while the Yorkshireman, hurled backward by the shock as though he had collided with a mountain, lay gasping on the ground, neither Burnaby's hat nor the angle of his elgar was in the smallest degree disturbed. In fact, he scarcely seemedto realize that a collision had taken place. When he did so he removed his eigar from his mouth and, with his pleasant smile, said, "Dear me, I do hope I am not interfering with the The shout of delight which went up from the verandas was a thing to remember.

"There doesn't seem to be any difference between a crowded train in the morning and a crowded train at night, does there?" queried a subway could distinguish one from the other even if I had no idea of the hours." "Ask the guard?"

"No. All you need to do is to measure the buzz of conversation. In the morning, when the crowd is fresh and on the way to business, the conversation is at least ten times in volume what it is at night, when the crowd is tired and on the way home. Oftentimes at night I've been in a crowded car for ten minutes without hearing a sound save the rattle of newspapers and an occasional cough. That same crowd in the morning would be full of dialogue, punctuated here and there with laughter.

"It's just a wee study in human nature, that's all."-New York Globe.

#### An Unsocial Pedant.

"At Trinity, Cambridge, the great Dr. Whewell was the incarnation of masterful unsociability," says Mr. Tollemache in his reminiscences. "A Trinity friend told me in the fifties that Whewell's evening parties went by the name of 'perpendiculars' because the undergraduates were expected to remain standing all the time, though he himself sat down whenever he chose. It is also related that, being shortsighted, he inspected each man In turn at unpleasantly close quarters, and it was a high crime for any one to speak until he was spoken to. On one occasion under the trying scruting an unwary freshman remarked that the weather was fine. 'Sir,' replied the pedant, 'are you not aware that if you have any communication to make to the master of your college you should make it through your tutor?"

The Way He Felt About It. While several young ladies were discussing novel plans for a church bazaur a new member of the committee proposed to have the paster's photograph reproduced on pillow tops and chance" them off. All the girls voiced

plan was suggested to the parson be objected. "I really cannot consent," said he "I've been sat on enough as it is."-Ladies' Home Journal.

their approval at once, but when the

#### Becondhand.

"Can't I go out into the back yard and play in the garden, mamma?" "Certainly not, child. You must stay in and study your nature books."-

Integrity without knowledge is weak

and useless.-Paley.

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#### CAUGHT THE BISHOP.

One Surprise That Was the Forerun ner of Another.

That was a good old comedy bishop who one fine day entered a large jeweler's establishment in Regent street, London, to make an extensive purchase of valuable presents. He selected them with great care as regards their artistic value, but quite regardless of cost. The proprietor and his assistants buzzed round his lordship. The selected valuables were packed in separate parcels at his suggestion, neatly tied and sealed, and he had just taken a seat in the private office of the proprietor and was feeling in his pocket for his check book when two men, who had been peering in at the glass door lending to the street, walked up the shop and stood behind the bishop. They were plainly dressed, sharp looking men and thus bluntly addressed

"What has this man been ordering?" The bishop looked up, saw the men, turned pale, clutched the sides of the chair, dropped his glasses and looked as if he would bolt. Before he could

bls wrists. "Bishop, indeed!" said one of the letter of a woman to her lover and, Here, 'bishop,' come along to Vine 'Bishop,' indeed! Ha, ba! Mircot. Well, that's a good 'un!" And, turning to the astonished jeweler, be continued: "Just copped him in time, sir; lucky for you. Oh, by the way, you door. We have been tracking the

bishop all the morning." Without a word the "bishop" fol-Without a word the "bishop" fol-lowed the detectives into a cab, and lion's brains they are quite insufficient all three got in as the assistant came and perfectly useless. out with the valuables.

"Here," said one of the detectives through the window, "place those in here—they will be safer—and you get on the top with the driver,"

It was not far to Vine street; but, as usual, the traffic was congested in Oxford circus, and the cab had to halt occasionally. It was, however, soon at the police station. The assistant jumped off the driver's seat and opened the

The cab was empty!-Strand Maga-

#### PRESENTIMENTS.

Incidents In Which Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before.

Coming events cast their shadows be fore them. The writer is led to be lieve this because several incidents in the lives of his parents corroborate the theory that presentiments of good and evil do come to persons unawares. I will mention two of them.

In the summer of 187- my father late at night was returning to his farm from the little town of Malton. He had stayed unusually late. When he reached the farm all was quiet. Removing the harness from his horse, he altogether out. We don't sell two a proceeded to the carriage house and hung it in its place.

He came out and closed the door. As he did so he heard the barness fall. It was very dark. He went back into the hurt the heart and bring on nausea, house and found the harness still hang- colic, regular seasickness. It stands to ing in its place. The same occurrence reason that the violent rocking of a traveler of his companion. "But I took place again. He went back again cradic can't be good for frail little and found it in its place. When the third time he heard the

sound of falling harness he did not

go back. Several weeks later his barn burned, and it happened that the same harness was in the barn loft, a valuable He attempted to save it. The staircase burned behind him, and he was compelled to jump for his life from a window. His previous experience came to him vividly. He saved the barness, but at the risk of his life. Another vivid incident I recall was my mother sitting by the fire with a sick baby. The nurse was present, too, and both were wide awake. Her father appeared to her and advised her as to the baby's treatment and other family matters. He vanished as quickly as he had come. The next day she heard of his death.—London Tit-Bits.

#### A Rural Enoch Arden.

"In our little town in a western state," said Brown, "there was a half witted sort of fellow named Bill Wilkes. One day Bill took to the railroad tracks and never reappeared for about six years. In the meantime his wife, Bettie, took in washing and supported the family. One day Bill came back. He went around to the kitchen turned around from her washtub. Te. Bettief Whenever I see a stage hus- items. band return to his family I think of Bill's greeting after six years' absence, 'lioo, Bettie; I scared ye, didn't I?"-New York Times.

Apfelsine.

Messina furnished early in the nineteenth century a new word for the German language. It was from there that oranges were first shipped to Germany, and the fruit was known for a long time after its advent as "apfei aus Messina"-apple from Messina. After many years "apfel aus Messina" degenerated into "apfel Messina," and finally it became "apfel sine," the name by which oranges are still known among German speaking

#### Quite Sufficient.

Mrs. Jones (inspecting a milliner's window)-I don't see what it is that keeps those women's heads turning around all the time. Mr. Jones-Why. my dear, just a bonnet itself is suffisient to turn any woman's head.-Lippincott's Magazine.

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#### THE BEY'S GUEST.

He Was Ready For the Emergency and

Conquered the African. show of force is often the best kind of diplomacy. A writer in the Paris Temps tells a story of the French admiral Dupetit-Thouars, who had been intrusted with the mission of exacting reparation from an African bey who had insulted a French consul.

As Dupetit-Thouars' demands were supported by the forcible argument of ided cannon, the bey acknowledged that he had been too hasty and proffered profuse apologies. are even in-vited the admiral to his table and had a sumptuous repast prepared for his The consul warned the admiral to

on his guard

"The bey is inclined to be malicious," said he, "and when he strokes his beard and smiles you may be sure that he is concecting some mischief."

"We shall see," was Dupetit-Thouars He reached the bey's palace in good

time. Profuse compliments and salutations were exchanged. All at once the admiral's foot met some soft, stir, however, the handcuffs were on bairy substance lying on the carpet under the table. He bent down and saw a huge lion showing his formidable "He was a colonel yesterday, teeth. The bey smiled and stroked his beard.

Dunetit-Thouars did not wince, but called his dragoman.

"My pistols," was all he said. The servant saluted, retired and brought back a pair of pistols on a might get one of your assistants to silver tray. The admiral took them bring round these parcels he has se- and placed them on the table before lected. We must enter them at the him. But the bey, still smiling, continpolice station. We have a cab at the ued to stroke his patriarchal beard. "Tell the commander," he said to the dragoman, "that if those pistols are

Then, like a skilled fencer counter ing his opponent's thrust, after the bey's ironical advice had been translated Dupetit-Thouars replied:

"Tell his highness that my pistols are not there to kill his iton, but to blow his own brains out at the first movement of this objectionable carpet." Gravely, but a little pale, the man interpreted.

The smile died away on the bey's lips, and he no longer stroked his

"My lion," said be, "is too well train ed even to scratch one of my guests, but since he is not wanted he shall be sent away."

At a word from the bey the lion slowly and heavily left the room, like an obedient dog.

No More Credies. "A cradle?" said the salesman. "Oh, no! You don't want a cradle."

He smiled. "First kid, ain't it?" "Yes," admitted the young father

"I knew you weren't experienced, or you wouldn't ask for a cradle," said the salesman. "You see, they've gone

"Why did they go out?"

baby any more than the violent rocking of a ship in a storm is good for the passengers. Moreover, they keep some body busy rocking the baby to sleep. Now the baby goes to sleep of its own accord."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

According to Herodotus, while the Scythians were away on a long campaign their slaves took the opportunity to rebel and seize all their masters' property. The latter on their return promptly attacked them, but were continually defeated until at last one of them hit on the brilliant idea of attacking the slaves with whips only. That, he said, would remind them of their origin and so cow them that they would never dare to stand. The Scythians followed his counsel, and it fell out as he had predicted. When the slaves beheld their masters riding down upon them flourishing the terri ble knotted thongs they knew so well they threw down their arms and fled.

Roused His Suspicions. A naval officer was speaking of the extortions of innkeepers in out of the

way parts of the globe. "In Montenegro once," he said, "I asked for my bill after having slept Holy Cross Catholic church, Portsmouth door, softly opened it, stuck in his overnight at a certain inn, and as head and said, 'Boo, Bettie,' Bettie soon as the document was handed to overnight at a certain inn, and as Station: 8:15 a. m., low mass; 10:15 a.m., soon as the document was handed to high mass; 7:30 p. m., vespers and beneme I took out my purse to settle it. I he,' said Bill; 'I scared ye, didn't L did not bother to verify the various

> "But my readiness to pay amazed the landlord. He thought a moment. and then he said uneasily: "'Will you let me have another look

use?

at that bill, sir? I think I have omitted something."

Her Mouth Was Closed. Jack-Miss Peachy started to say something about the impropriety of kissing the other evening, but she didn't finish. Tom-Why not? Jack-

Because I took the words right out of her mouth.-Chicago News.

Husband-Well, what did the phrenologist say about Willie's head? Wife-Nothing. He simply sighed and handed me my money back. Husband —Just as I expected. He's going to be a poet.-Exchange.

A man that hath not virtue in him-relf over envieth virtue in others.—Ba-

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"Because they're unhealthy, bad for the kid. They lower the temperature, hurt the heart and bring on nausea, colic, regular seasickness. It stands to reason that the violent rocking of a which is hereby declared to be all of crading can't be seed for fort. Here parts of lots, blocks and parcels and between the termini of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent or proximate to said Allegheny Street, from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of land abutting thereon or

proximate thereto. That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be "Local Improvement District No. 16."

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That the cost of said Allegheny Street to be assessed against the prop-erty in said local assessment district as provided by the city charter of the City Adopted the 26th day of January 1909. A. M. ESSON,

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