## Take no Substitute for Royal Baking Powder. It is Absolutely Pure.

All others contain alum or ammonia.

This is one of the demoralizing little

stories that husbands cut out of the pa-

per and carry home in their letter books

with one or two inevitable results-a

disgusted wife, who says he is "stingy,

and gets up a squabble they are both sorry for, or a borrid, bungly little frock

she will never wear and which repre-

sents a couple of days' nervous fussy

work. The heroine entered on a discus-

sion about the prices of gowns, and, hav-

ing artfully led up to her point, declared

that she could make an attractive even-ing gown under two dollars! Hands

was right. "But," said one fair one,

"will you promise to wear the thing after you get it done?" "I will," answered the indomitable damsel, "and

I'll wear it to this - dance, and defy

society, and if I don't succeed I'll treat

every one of you royally at Delmonico's."

It was agreed, and great was the expec

tation thereof in several maidenly minds.

Well, not to keep you in suspense, she

made and wore the gown, which cost

her just \$1.90. It was a pale green Ja

panese cotton crape, of which she bought

The Treacherous Silk Parse.

out to him, raying, "There; take it."

eled, but it kept its secret.

Meanwhile a pretty girl got in the car,

was at school one of my punishments

out of it, I wager she made a vow never

The Doctor's Presence of Mind.

have recently had revealed to me a depth

of nerve which I supposed was possessed only by gas men and plumbers. You know

and came here to practice he was pretty

sweet on my daughter Grace for awhile!

about him, and yesterday I got this bill: JAMES ALFRED DE PLOMA, M. D.

G. COOPER, July 4-To treating daughter.....

Getting Rid of an Annoyance

Frayed Fagin-Lady, will you kindly

mit suicide, be ye?
Frayed Fagin-No, iady, but there's bin

vated banana has no seeds nor has it a

Office Hours, 12:01 a. m. to 11:59 p. m.

"Very nice."

and Grace threw him over."

as he elevated his feet and lit a cigar

delphia Music and Drama.

A CAREFUL BUYER.

"Yon—you keep books here!" she asked she entered a Detroit bookstore and tim-

fdly gianced around. "Yes'm, we keep books," replied the clerk as he softly rubbed his hands together and wondered if they had sold the last copy of "Bashful Bessie; or, the Heroine of Harper's Hills."
"I-I want a book," she continued, "but

I want to look at the last page before I buy

"Certainly, miss, certainly. We have no objection to your looking at all the pages if the gown under two dollars! Hands you wish. Have you bought a book here were held up in horror, but she declared in which something was wrong with the she would do it, and show them that she

"No, sir; but a friend of mine bought a book in Chicago which ended by advising the reader to try somebody's liver purifier, and you don't know how dreadful she feels it it. Have you 'Paradise Lost?'"

"And will you guarantee that it doesn't

refer to somebody's sarsaparilla?"
"I can't possibly believe that it does."
"How is Dickens? I wanted his 'Dombey and Son,' but I'm afraid he's got in something about corn cures or porous plasters. Are you sure he hasn't?'

be apt to have anything in about stomach five cents a yard, a yard of waist lining ers or headache cured in five minutes,

came across any such thing. However, you little shirred decollete bodice, with "I have sometimes thought I would like to her waist. Of course she had her own read Homer's 'Iliad.' There is such a book dainty gloves and shoes to finish off

"And you can guarantee it?" "I can, ma'am—positively guarantee that you will find nowhere in that book the slightest reference to germs, microbes, bacteria, consumption, asthma, bronchitis, curvature of the spine, varicose veins or in-

"You can return it and get your money." She took it and went away smiling and happy.—Detroit Free Press.

It is a pitiful item in a story full of pathos that several of the presents origi-nally bought as wedding gifts for the Princess May should now be once more offered to the public, their intended designation lending them a special charm to a certain class of buyers. One feels additionally touched when one remembers the delight with which the princess in a little shop in the Strand, well known and given the name because they hold will, or the wind's will. to connoisseurs, can be seen the cele- the money so tight. Too tight in this On moonlight nights, always about 10 brated Tiffany necklace, a riviere of in New York to present to the popular

phire. I was going to say a priceless stone, but truth to tell it is priced, and its value is £5,000. It is a perfect stone, the conductor was calling, "Fares, please," and all eyes were turned upon the unfortunate woman. Again the its value is £5,000. It is a perfect stone, the unfortunate woman. Again the without flaw, of exquisite color, two inches long and 11/2 inches broad. At present it is set around with fine briliants and forms a royal looking brooch. The other day a would be purchaser brought his wife to see the present he proposed to make, but she would have books." This brought tears of vexation nothing to say to the jewel. "No, thank to her eyes, whereupon American chiv you," she exclaimed; "I should feel like alry showed itself by three men offering a church window if I wore that." So to pay her fare. But, madam would the treasured heirloom of an old noble have none of it, and said if she did not Russian family is still in the market .-London Cor. Philadelphia Telegraph.

Newest Mode of Burglary. The other day a gentleman in a northern suburb found a stranger ascending his staircase, who, without betraying any emotion, said he had come about the repairs. "Oh, yes," replied the owner, "but I am in a hurry to keep an engagement just now. Come out with me, and I'll tell you what I want done." The two walked out together, the householder talking about waterpipes and tanks, and the stranger answering with a glibness that showed considerable experience, until they came to a policepretended plumber into his custody for eing in his house with unlawful in-

Upon him were found the usual instruments of the burglar's business, and when taken to the police station he was soon identified as an expert crib cracker, who was already wanted on several charges of housebreaking and burglary. People will do well to view with suspicion men who come to their dwellings young Dr. de Ploma!" to do repairs which have never been ordered.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Particulars of the behavior of the field telephone system in the French autumn maneuvers have now been published. Magneto telephones were used, as no lelicate microphone or battery is required with them. The transmitter was held in the hand and the receiver was affixed to the "kepi." Combined receivers and transmitters were also employed. A bare bimetallic wire 0.6 mileters in diameter was unrolled from a drum and laid out of harm's way on hedges, branches, walls and in trenches.

A line twenty-three kilometers long was thus laid, with the addition of ten posts, in five hours; speech was good, and the whole was taken up again in an hour. During a sham fight a cavalry division passed over a long line without nterrupting the communication. A bayonet stuck in the ground made a good earth circuit, so did the body of a cavalry horse if the wire was attached to the bridle,-London Globe.

Much comment has been excited by a ecent occurrence at Wilna, in western Russis. The men of one of the batteries of an artillery regiment stationed at Wilns mutinously refused to salute one give me a little rough on rats on a small of their officers when he came among them. He summoned them more than Mrs. Humsted (in alarm)—Laws, man! them. He summoned them more than once to pay him the due sign of respect, out the soldiers paid no attention. The officer, enraged at this behavior, at a mouse in the linin of my coat for more in a week, and I want to get rid of in.—Puck. unissioned officers, one after the other. He was taking aim at a third when the soldiers, in fear of their lives, at length gave the proper salute. The incident is being hotly discussed in military circles, some officers maintaining

Little Dick-Papa, didn't you tell

Condended in the cause that you plend: fy only detense is the simple request. That you'll judge me by motive, not deed.

For remember that man's but a child in the dark.
Though formed by the hand from above,
He will fail many times, but shall walk
forth at last
In the sunshine of infinite love.

So I'm boldened to answer your question

And give you "A Man's Reply:"
That for the prize of a true woman
I am ready to live or die. You say that the man who gains your love Must be brave, and true and good; I answer that she who wins my beart Must be a type of true womanhood.

You say that you look for a "man and a A very prince of the race,
I look for a kind and a generous heart,
And not for a queenly face.

You require "all things that are good and All things that a man should be;" I ask for a woman, with all that implies, And that is sufficient for me.

You ask for a man without a fault, To live with here on earth; I ask for a woman, faults and all, For by faults I may judge of worth.

I ask for a woman made as of old. A higher form of man; His comforter, helper, ndviser and friend, As in the original plan.

A woman who has an aim in life, Who finds life worth the living, Who makes the world better for being here, And for others her life is giving. I will not require all that I have asked In these times so poor and few I only pray that you may be all That God can make of you.

For your heart and life and love Are sacred things to me, And "l'il stake my life" that l'il be to you Whatever I ought to be. —Good Housekeeping.

## nine vards at fifteen cents a yard. Then A WEATHER PROPHET there was a cambric skirt, five yards at

for ten cents and a spool of silk for ten Miss Sophia Nichols was a lady of great modesty and of a very retiring dis-That was all there was to it. It had a position, and as she had passed the age pretty puffed and shirred sleeves, a full of "fair, fat and forty," wasted few glances on men.

skirt, decorated with a festooned flounce and a queer little pocket suspended from She had lately established herself in a snite of rooms on the southeast corner of Laurel street, facing the lovely little with, which counts for a good deal in effect. But the gown itself was as graceful as any the other debutantes quiet spinster who loved nature and retirement, and she enjoyed it with unalwore. The delicate green became her

loyed quiet for a few days. creamy skin beautifully, and she looked Opposite her new abode was a quiet like a bewitching picture, and only the little charmed circle of girls knew the old house with four immense windows, secret, which they kept for a long time wherein were set tiny panes of glass, to (the next day), when somehow it leaked each room. The inhabitants seemed mate to the girl that it should be a secret out. Now stories of this kind are abvery quiet persons, and she seldem saw between themselves, as he said: very quiet persons, and she seldom saw surd. The beauty of a ball or in fact them except in the evening. any other toilet depends absolutely on

After she had been domiciled about a the perfection of the adjuncts, such as week in her new place her attention was shoes, gloves, ribbons, and so on, which cost ever so much more than the actual attracted by a very queer action of an material of the gown, and which are old gentleman who lived in the quaint

never included in the estimates.-New After finishing her I o'clock dinner she always established herself cosily with work or book at her front window, and the old gentleman would as regular-The other day quite a commotion was ly appear in his yard and, drawing out of his pocket a red bandanna, raise it is known as a "miser's purse." Not a said to have received those which were miser with a purse, you know, but one solemnly high in air! He did not seem sent her before her terrible trouble. Yet of those affairs made of silk and beads to wave it, but let it go at its own sweet in a little shop in the Strand, well known

case, for the woman who owned it evi- o'clock, he repeated this mysterious rite, magnificent diamonds, which was bought | dently had her doubts about it as she or whatever it was. His eyes were a New York to present to the popular gave the purse a gentle pull, shaking ler head dubiously. Then she pulled her, I was going to say a priceless the conduct about it as she of whatever it was. His eyes were nearly always turned toward her window, and stared fixedly. Sometimes he hard, then she shook it. By this time the conduct was the conduct about it as she of whatever it was. His eyes were nearly always turned toward her window, and stared fixedly. Sometimes he hard, then she shook it. By this time

conductor came in. "Fare, madam," fully nervous. She was really afraid Getting desperate, she held the purse out to him, raying, "There, take it." it would draw down the gossip of the out to him, raying, "There, take it." After he had struggled with it for a many mild, well bred ways to let the time he gave it back to her and mum- old gentleman understand that she did bled something about "trick pocket. not like his very open attentions. She pulled down her blind, and on

popping out to see what effect it had to her eyes, whereupon American chiv alry showed itself by three men offering found it had none; he still waved. Or she would retreat to the farthest corner of the room, out of his range of vision, get that pocketbook open she would send and her mirror told her he still gazed. Finally her nephew came to make her her fare to the depot. Then some would be kind people offered to open it for her.

From hand to hand the little purse trave vorite niece or nephew, and Jack Brown was Miss Sophia's. She admired his youth (he was only twenty-four), his courage, his well shaped body, and even and seeing the state of affairs said to the his impetuous (to put it mildly) temper. owner: "I think I can open it. While I He was rather good looking, too, although his bair was auburn and his was to receive a ball of tangled thread mustache, such as it was, undeniably and have to unravel and wind it up

without breaking it. This silk is knot-The first day of his visit Miss Sophhia ted." As she was working with it a kept him engaged by showing him her small boy leaving the car yelled, "Say, photograph albums, of which she had if you want to pay your fare, why don't you cut the old thing." I left the car then, but even if she did get her money half a dozen. But she couldn't keep this up a whole week, so the second day Jack remarked as the bandanna and its to use that purse again if she had to owner appeared: "What a queer old chap! What's he

carry every cent in her glove or tied in doing?" a corner of her handkerchief.-Phila-To which Miss Sophia tremulously replied, "I don't know," which was liter ally true, for she had her back carefulls "Speaking of doctor's bills," said Cooper turned to the window.

The next day Jack observed the same performance and said: "Confound the old scoundrel! Aunt

Sophia, I really believe he's trying to firt with you or else he's a lunatic." "Well, you know when he was graduated Jack was a senior at college and had taken his degree in the art of flirting. The following day Jack's ire reached

a climax as the old gentleman appeared "Well, one roasting day last summer she as usual, and not only waved the offendshopping, and he asked her in to have a ing red rag (Jack was a fiery Republican), but a tually gazed fixedly at Miss Sophia's window for fully five minutes. "Walt. Little while after that he popped, He grabbed up his bat and said to his

aunt, "I'll know the meaning of his con-"Poor fellow!"
"Yes. Poor fellow! But he had his wits founded impudence or my name's not Jack Brown! He dashed down stairs, paying no attention to his aunt's pleadings, "Don't, Jack, don't! you will only make matters

worse!" She pulled down her curtain and peeped from behind it to see what would do. He was striding anguly across the

street, and in a few moments was at the old gentleman's side. With a wrathful face and sternly determined manner, be

fernal impulence? It is a nice thing that a quiet lady cannot sit at her window without being insulted!"

The old gentleman cleared his throat, wiped his mouth with the offending handkerchief, smiled gently, raised his have come to the conclusion that your £1,-band to his ear and said in a soft, mild voice: "Hey! please speak a little louder. I'm quite deaf.'

Thereupon Jack, as is customary with Mrs. Humsted (in alarm)—Laws, man! people who are unaccustomed to talking You sin't so low that you want to com- with the deaf, roared loudly and rapidly. prefacing his former inquiry with lay," conscious that he was making a spectacle of himself, and that in all probability the whole neighborhood

heard him. Still the old gentleman shook his The banana goes back to the earliest days. Alexander's soldiers, as Pliny says, lead despairingly and said: "Come into joined the sages of India seated in its shade the house. My daughter will make me and partaking of its delicious fruits. Hence understand; you talk too rapidly and

that their confere was justified in his act, while others conduct.—London Times.

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The name, Sapientum, given the plant, which likewise bears the name of Jupiter's fair daughter, Musa. Now it has been shown that the banama is of Malayan origin. How did it get to India and South America want something? Does the matter of the plant, while others condemn his extreme and Mexico? The feet of birds have borne gentleman want something." seed a full 10,000 miles, while the cocoanut "I think he does, has floated well nigh the world around in understand what." "I think he does, Bertha, but I cannot

After one glance at the girl's face Jack "sized himself up as an ass," as he would casing like the globular cocoanut to float it around over the waters. Then it must have expressed it, and he knew she had have been carried by man.—

"Can't," he said. "I can get the company have expressed it, and he knew she had by but where in thunder can I get the company have been carried by man.—

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outright that her father was accused of flirting with his Aunt Sophia, or else be I stand at the har of your pure woman's was a lunatic, and that neither he no

his aunt approved of his conduct. The girl let him flounder and get red in the face for about ten minutes, enjoying the situation as only a mischievous

perfectly, and can perhaps explain it satisfactorily to both you and your aunt. Father keeps a weather record, and he has as long as I can remember. He takes observations three times a day-at 2 in the afternoon, at 7 in the evening and early in the morning, probably before your aunt gets up." Here two irrepressible dimples broke out and hinted that laughter was not far behind. Jack. who had recovered his equanimity, admired them immensely, but he was not to be diverted from his purpose, so he

said judicially: But why does he use a handker "For the very simple reason that if

there is a light wind stirring he cannot tell its direction any other way." "Well, why does he stare so at my aunt as she sits at her window?" "I think it is not at her but"-here she

paused long enough to make impressive what should follow—"at the smokestack from the furnace. The smoke that comes from it makes a first rate weather This explanation was made so demure

ly and with such evident enjoyment at the ludicrousuess of the situation that Jack was slightly provoked at her and said rather sharply:
"Well, you must admit that it looks

queer to a fellow not accustomed to it." "I've no doubt it does." she replied with a smile, "but we have always lived here, and father has always taken observations just in this way, and everybody knows his peculiarities, so of course

As Jack had no reply ready, she said: Please make my apologies to your aunt for any annoyance she may have felt," and as the comical side came uppermost again she broke into a laugh and said: "Poor old father! The idea of him being accused of flirting!" Jack joined in the laugh, and the innocent cause of all the trouble and fun sat star-ing out of the window as mild and placid Beech park. It was just the place for a as though no such charge lay at his door. As yet he did not even know the reason of the visit of the erstwhile angry but now smiling young man.

Jack apologized humbly, but he had no idea of letting the story get out ou him, so he tried in an elegant manner, which turned out a flat failure, to intibetween themselves, as he said: "I hope you will not-I mean, ah, er-

but you won't"-Won't tell it on you," she said, with unfeeling bluntness. "Father would be avenged rather more than the case calls for if the students should get hold of the story." Then taking pity on him she said sweetly, "I will never mention it again of course, and will not even tell

Jack asked her to call on his aunt which she promised to do, and he took his departure to explain to Miss Sophia that she had only made the same blunder that many another woman had done -jumped at a conclusion too readily.

Jack visited his annt with great regularity, but spent the major portion of his time at the weather prophet's across the way, so that the neighbors concluded he was taking a postgraduate course in meteorology-or something.-Rochester

A dealer down on the desert on his last trip to the city for supplies found a new brand of canned meat which bore a high colored designation of two lions rampant, in token that it was of the "lion brand," This, he thought, would be just the thing for his Indian customers, and he laid in a large supply, fancying that the gaudy labels would induce an immense demand. At first he sold quite a quantity of the meat, but soon noticed that there was no further demand therefor. No Indian who had bought a can ever called for another,

He was puzzled to account for this and he opened and ate several cans himself to ascertain whether there was any thing the matter with the contents. Bu the meat proved to be of good quality. and finally, after vainly trying to persuade his copper colored customers to purchase more of the delicacy, he asked one solemn looking buck who understood English what the trouble was. The buck put his finger on the picture of the lions, shrugged his shoulders and re marked:

"Huh! Indian no like-um dog meat!" And no amount of talk could persuade him or his companions that the trader had not laid in a supply of canned dog!-San Francisco Chronicle. Novel Block Signal System.

The Weehawken tunnel of the West Shore railway in New Jersey, which is 4,200 feet in length, has a novel block signal system. The arrangement consists of a line of incandescent electric that there had "never been a suspicion that lamps about 300 feet apar; and placed it was worked for the benefit of one man on a level with the eye of the engine or any combination of men." driver. When the lamps are all alight, driver. When the lamps are all alight, it is an indication of safety. Each train passing through extinguishes the lamps for a distance of 1,100 feet in its rear, a result which is automatically effected by an electrically connected track circuit, whereby the lamps are kept under the continuous extension of the first the continuous control of the train. The stituted as a joint stock company with a end of the tunnel can also extinguish the lights in any section of the tunnel if occasion requires. This system appears to embody a number of exceedingly valuable features, and if successful in practice cannot but increase the traffic cannot be traffic. pacity of a long tunnel largely beyond or securities to the amount of £16,300,000, that which is possible by the methods of but above that sum notes can only be issignaling heretofore in use.-Engineering Magazine.

A miser was once heard to say that he would do anything to secure another £1,-"Sir, what is the meaning of your in-one, A wager was laid privately that he should be asked to allow himself to be killed for £1,000. It was mentioned to him. He took 24 hours to consider. The time having expired the parties called on

Well, I have considered your offer and my decease, but I tell you what I am pre-pared to do. I will consent to allow you to half kill me for £300."—Tit-Bits.

congregation by saying, "I wish to rathrn to New York by the first train, as I have a nothing beyond bluish vapor with a sulwife and five children there and have never seen one of them." This declaration exlarge rocks.-Exchange. cited the most painful curiosity among the people, which was allayed, however, when it became known that the "one" which the clergyman had never seen was one that had been born since he left home the day before.-Argoniant.

Only Balf.

Why don't you organize a trust company?" suggested a friend.
"Can't," he said. "I can get the compaMRS. PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

She Lives In Washington Surrounded by The widow of General Sheridan and his three children still live in the large and handsome home in which the general passed the last years of his life. It is in the center ing the situation as only a mischievous of the fashionable district in Washington, girl can, but he managed to convey his and its site is one of the most desirable of the numerous triangles into which the Cap-ital City is cut up. The exterior of the ital City is cut up. The exterior of the house is of plain red brick, but it is relieved of monotony by all sorts of happy archi-tectural expedients, while the interior is cut up into rooms of many picturesque shapes, with quaint and cozy corners that

enhance their artistic value The furniture and decorations are rich, handsome and luxurious, but in the best of taste and showing a keen appreciation of the niceties of combinations that could and portraits of the general abound on ev



ery side, as might be expected, and amid the pretty brie-a-brae are scattered many souvenirs that have for his family a value far beyond their artistic or intrinsic worth,

though that is not inconsiderable woman, with dainty features and dark gray eyes that look out upon the world it smiling confidence. Her bearing is easy and composed, and her manners quiet and refined, but it is easy to see that there is no lack in her composition of the fire that should characterize the daughter of one great soldier and the wife of another. She was, it will be remembered, the daughter of General Daniel H Rucker and may be said to have been of the army all her life, having been born on the Mexican frontier during her father's service there just prior to the civil war. She was many years General Sheridan's junior and did not meet him till many years after the war, when her father was serving in the west on Sheri dan's staff. They were married in 1879. beautiful twin girls and a boy (another

"Little Phil"). The girls are at a convent school near Philadelphia, but the boy attends a school in Washington, near home Mrs. Sheridan has lived in Washington for many years and freely expresses her fond-ness for the city and its society, though she does not take an active part in its gayeties.

## THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

How That Ancient and Conservative Insti-

tution Is Conducted. Mrs. Grundy has been saying mean things about the Old Lady of Threadneedle street again. There is never any lack of tattle about the Bank of England, but Mrs. Grundy seldom gets such an opportunity fo really artistic tongue wagging as was afforded by the recently exposed mismanage ment of Cashier May. "A man they had trusted for 20 years, my dear, and he could have retired on a pension a year ago, but didn't, and now be retires on nothing at all, just because he loaned money to his own son, or to his son's companies, which is the same thing, I am sure, and nobody knows how much the bank will lose, for some say it's only £20,000 and some say it's £1,000,000, just as if £20,000 wasn't enough, and I do hope the directors will have to make a statement, but they are so mealy mouthed and close fisted that it won't amount to much anyway, and the govern-ment just ought to interfere, for things are

Grundy.

The bank certainly has its weak spots from an American banker's standpoint. Its directors are a self perpetuating body of limited official tenure, and a banker is not eligible to the position, though the governor of the bank, who is responsible for its policy, and who should be an expert, is chosen from the directors in rotation, according to seniority of service. That it should have been conducted so wisely and successfully

certainly going to eternal smash,



under such a bandleap must be attributed to the great conservatism exercised in the choice of its membership. It is not long since Walter Bagehot vouched for the fact

Remembering that the bank has been dooperators in the signal towers at each capital of £1,200,000, all of which it loaned sued in exchange for gold. The amount of notes in the hands of the people averages David Powell is the present governor of

the bank, and his salary is \$10,000 a year. The deputy governor, Charles Wigram, gets \$7,500 and each of the 24 directors \$2,500

Seth Williams and Morris McClelland met death in a mysterious explosion at cistern and had reached a flat rock eight feet down. Williams struck the rock with a sledge hammer, causing a terrible explosion, which buried McClelland beneath flying bowlders and killed him, and threw Williams into a tree fifty vards away. McClelland lived just long A New York dergyman who was preaching in a neighboring village astonished the

An Engineer in Rare Luck By the death of Patrick Costello, in Detroit, Tom Costello, of Wichita, an engineer on the Atchison road, will get \$60,000. Patrick, the elder brother, left Ireland forty-five years ago for Austra-The man had a scheme on foot in which lia, and ten years later Tom came to there was going to be big money to him, and he had tried to get backing, but withhis family that he was rich and that he was leaving Australia for America, and they never heard from him again. He had lived in Detroit, it seems, for many

"East, West, Home's Best."

It is a pleasing weakness of human na ture to assume that every good thing be longs in a peculiar to one's one country or to one's own special part of it. A Frenchman who had been spending a considerable tone in Germany exclaimed immediately after crossing the frontier

"There are birds singing in the trees We are in France again! This story is matched by a true one of New England woman who spent two years in Illinois, and returning to her beloved home wrote as follows to a friend in the east:

"It is so nice to be back in the east and hear the locusts, katydids and brown thrushes once more."

All these creatures had made the summer air musical in the part of the country which she had been visiting, but during her banishment she had never heard them.-Youth's Companion.

Foggins, Sr.-My son, you know that of all things I hate falsehood, and you, sir, have had the face to tell me it was a quarter of 12 when you came home last night when I myself heard the clock strike 3 as you entered. What can you

Foggins, Jr.—Figures may lie, but I am truth itself, and if my memory fails me not I have always been taught, even by you, that 3 is a quarter of 19.

WHEN WAR IS DECLARED

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