

women?

Magazine.

Killing the Fox.

The fact that boys acted his heroines may have impelled Shakespeare to pre-

Shakespeare's Heroine

sent his Rosalind, Imogen, Julia and

Viola in doublet and hose, because in

male attire the boys must have looked

and acted their best. It is more easy to

conceive a male representative of Lady Macbeth than of Juliet, but we, with

We had hunted up and down the rides for the greater part of a day, and finally, with the scent at its hottest, we seemed to have lost the fox in the neighborhood of a little cottage, with a pigsty tacked on to it. The hounds were giving tongue around the pigsty, while its occupants protested with no less noise. The hub-bub was tremendous, and the tumult increased tenfold when the second whip climbed the sty palings and began to search the tenement for the missing fox. There was no sign of him. Still the hounds kept giving tongue around the dwelling as if the fox were there. The whip, after drawing the pigsty blank, knocked at the cottage door and, receiving no answer, entered. The sole inmate was a bedridden old woman, who protested with vehemence equal to the pigs' against this invasion of her privacy, adding that no fox could possibly have come in, for the door had not been opened since her grandson had gone out to work in the morning. The man in pink was about to retire

with apologies when a bold hound burst in through the door, with a terrible burst of melody. He stopped to ask no questions of the poor old lady, but went under the bed like a tiger. More bounds dashed in; there was a scuffle and a worry under the bed, shricks from the poor old woman that lay on it, ferious death notes of the hounds-and in a second or two all was over. It took a deal of silver and consolation to make the lady realize that the hounds had not killed her as well as the fox. She still protested solemnly that the fox could not have entered the cottage because the door had been shut all the time, but it was obvious enough, from the sootiness of the old fellow's coat, that his way in had been, not through the door, but down the chimney. - Macmillan's Magazipe.

Not to Be Done.

It was in a Brixton tram car. He took out a piece of paper on which there were many figures and said :

"I've been trying to invent a puzzle to put on the market, but I can only get so far with it."

"What is it?" asked the other. "This represents a train car. There

are 12 men on one side and 8 women on the other.' "I see. You want to get 10 on a side."

"No, I don't. Another woman gets in the car, making 9 women to 12 men." 'Exactly.'

"She must have a seat. She looks at the 12 men, and"-'And one of them gets up and offers

her a seat, of course. "Yes, of course. Now what I want is

to place her among the 8 women." "My dear sir," said the other, as he

THE CORN.

A song of the corn, the sturdy corn, which brightens this land of ours! Its tender green, in the carly spring, is fairer than blossoming flowers: Its amber silk, with its glossy sheen, is fit for

a fairy's toom. And dearcr its dimpled, golden ears than the rose or lily's bloom. For they bear the promise of happy hours to the man who toils for bread. When he need not fear that his little ones must

go to their sleep unfed.

There are lovely flowers in this land of ours, wherever the foot may fail. The tongue and the car alike would tire should

I try to tell them all, From the arbutus on Atlantic shores to the

golden poppy's glenms, As bright as the metal which lies at its roots

by Californian streams, But never a flower such gifts has gained from the sun and dews of morn, stands more fair in the summer air than

Or the blessed, golden corn! -Ninette M. Lowater.

PEARLS FOUND IN SCOTIA.

From Aberdeenshire Said to Form One

our advantages, can never be wholly reconciled to the idea of a woman played by a man. The greatest revolu-One of the Queen's Jewels. One is so much accustomed to associate pearls with the eastern and gold tion in the history of the modern drama with the southwestern countries of the was the introduction of women upon the stage. This change was caused not merely by art considerations, but arose world that the discovery of pearls in Scotland and gold in Wales seems somewhat opposed to the order of things. That gold exists in Wales is of course in part from the laxity of morals and of In part from the laxity of morals and or manners at the restoration; but never-theless what a mighty and beneficent change it was! What gifts and grace, what loveliness, purity, tenderness, genius, charm, have been shown to the delighted world since women have been quite a recent discovery, and the small and unprofitable quantities found have now resulted in the abandonment of the mining operations commenced by Richard Morgan.

But the pearls of Scotland have quite played by women within the confines of a different history. For centuries pearls have been found in the river Ythan, in the magic wooden O! How did, how could, the players of Shakespeare's time Aberdeenshire, and only last year an Aberdeen man made some notable hauls, procure boys of such intelligence, beauty, delicacy of mind, that they could which he disposed of to jewelers of the worthily personate pure, lovely, noble northern towns. It was recently stated in a London paper that a pearl taken from the river Ythan is believed to Could we now tolerate any youth in such parts as Imogen, Desdemona, Juform one of the queen's crown jewels. liet? Still it must be remembered that It is to be hoped that the belief is well the boys who first acted such characters founded, for in that case it may be were probably trained, inspired, inreasonably claimed that the precious structed by the master himself, and he stone in question is the only one conmay well have done wonders. It was a tributed by the British islands, a hard condition, and twin born with thought calculated to gratify our na-Shakespeare's dramatic greatness, that tional pride, for Scotland might be worse represented than by pearl in he should see his women played by lads. Could he ever have been wholly satisthe national regalia.

fied with the result? - Gentleman's A story is told of an Aberdeenshire farmer who found a very large and perfect pearl in the shell of a mussel taken from the Ythan. Happening to Last winter a number of literary peovisit London some time afterward, he ple indulged from time to time in ama-teur theatricals. During February they displayed his treasure to a west end produced a comedy. One of the actors played the part of a burglar, and had to jeweler, who, struck with the size and beauty of the gem, asked the price. The climb up the outside of the house in which the entertainment was given and farmer demanded what possibly he regarded as a big price-viz, £100. Now, this was in the days when Scotland had enter through the window which was at her own coinage, and a pound (Scots) was equivalent to 1s. 6d., so that the He hurried round from the dressing £100 he asked would only have repre-sented £8 6s. 8d. English money.

rooms and valiantly commenced to struggle up the wall, when a policeman grasped him by the neck, thinking him His surprise and delight may be imagined, therefore, when he received for his pearl £100. It is doubtful, however, whether the English jeweler He started to explain, but the minion of the law would have none of it. The would have shared these feelings had he audience was wondering in the meanknown the exact meaning of the "huntime why the play did not proceed, and ner pun," demanded by the owner of the pearl. However, he had no occasion the young actors and actresses on the stage were eagerly waiting for the burto complain, for he is said to have sold glar to enter and give them their cue, the gem subsequently at a large profit when they heard shricks, yells, oaths -Scottish American. and threats from the garden. Rushing

> A Pauper Who Owned Johannesburg. Few people are aware of the fact that

FROM GOAT TO BOAT.

Even the festive goat in his vernal sea son has his field sport on the common with a tin can or the butt of a log. From the sport of the goat in the spring to the varied sports of the early and late summer, what a world of anusement and what a scene of muscular activity. In all these, ever so helpful, from the bat in the ball field to the oar of the boat and the clatter of the turi, there comes in a large amount of penalty in the shape of serious sprains and troublesome bruises, but no man is a good athlete, nor does he develop well from such exercises without his tuil share of both. It is a good thing, therefore, that there is provided something which, if al-ways kept ready, is always ready to cure promptly these sudden and painful mis-haps. St. Jacobs Oil, without question, passes among all sportsmen as the thing to nave, pa excellence, in all kinds of sports. It has gained its best reputation from its best cures of this nature, and the man who would be almost foolish not to keep a bot-tle about him. sport of the goat in the spring to the varied tle about him.

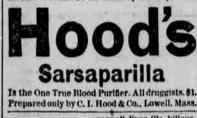
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Congressman Balley's Dress.

Congressman Bailey of Texas thus replies to recent criticisms of his dress: 'I have always held that society had no right, by its dictum, to regulate the style of a man's clothes. Ever since I could afford it, I have dressed just as I do today. I have worn the same black broadcloth snit, cut in the same style; the same style of broad shirt front and a white tie; the same kind of collar and broad black felt hat. I wear these clothes regardless of the day of the week or the hour or of society's dictation because I believe they become me, and they please my wife. There is a rule of society which prescribes that a dress suit shall not be worn until after 6 o'clock in the evening. If I chose to wear a dress suit, I would feel free to put it on in the morning or evening, or at noon, just as the fancy dictated. It seems to me that the society rule which

attempts to regulate a man's dress is antocratic. The rule prescribing dress originated in the old customs of the court nobility. We are simply imitating these old aristocrats when we bar a person out of society because he does not dress in the fashion. If men showed more independence in the matter of dress, they would soon be able to break over the society restraints, and after that anybody could wear whatever he chose to, so long as he conformed to the law of the land and wore something. So far as I am concerned, I shall continue to wear whatever suits me and at the same time meets the approval of my wife."

Rank Growth.

The fond Washington mother has ound a new simile for her developing youngster. She no longer likens him to weed or a mushroom, but declares, with pardonable pride, that he is "growing like a gas bill."-Washington Star.

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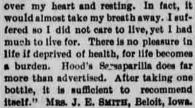
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All the Vowel In One Word.

There are but six words in the English language which contain all the vowels in regular order-viz, abstemious, arsenious, anenious, facetious, materious and tragedious. There is but one word which contains them in regular reverse order and that word is duoliteral.

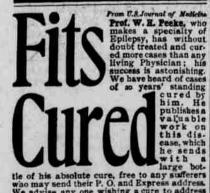
Besides the above there are 149 English words which contain all the vowels in irregular order. Twelve of these begin with the letter a; 7 with b, 23 with c, 16 with d, 14 with e, 4 with f, 7 with g, 1 with h, 6 with i, 2 with j, 2 with m, 2 with n, 2 with o, 13 with p, 1 with q. 5 with r, 9 with s, 3 with t, 15 with n and 6 with v .- St. Louis Republic.

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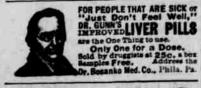
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a Drawby p hammering his neck into the mud .--Strand Magazine.

out they found the master burglar

thrashing wildly about the grass, while

He Was Too Realistic.

the rear of the improvised stage.

a veritable burglar.

Carlyle and Scott.

"To read of Scott," says Temple Bar, 'makes most others, even of the noblest and best, appear small by comparison." The writer illustrates his meaning by pointing to the contrast between Carlyle and Scott in the matter of sleep. Nothing, he says, short of a "treacle sleep," in which he could lie "sound as a stone" for hours, could satisfy Carlyle. His naps were serious things, and if any inroad from without or within were made upon them, anathemas and "waes me's" would be sure to follow, while constant nights of waking and aching would be met by Scott with scarce a grumble or by a playful one.

A dog, whose yelping had disturbed his slumbers, moved Carlyle to the jocosely savage wish that he had the animal by its hind legs within reach of a stone wall.

"Bilious and headache this morning." notes Scott, under the influence of a like infliction occurring in the very midst of his sea of troubles. "A dog howled all night and left me little sleep. Poor cur!" with an outgoing of sympathy toward the unconscious troubler of his repose. "I dare say he had his distresses, as I have mine.'

Po Birds Understand Music ?

This question has recently been discussed among naturalists, and Dr. G. M. Gould, of North Carolina, asserts not only that katydids keep time, but that they produce a kind of music which may be described as orchestral. Both Dr. Gould and another observer have listened to two orchestras of katydids answering one another all night long. Sometimes individual performers were noticed to drop out of time, but upon the whole the stridulation of these insect bands is harmonious and in a regular key. Observers do not agree on the point whether or not there is a difference of pitch between the notes of two orchestras.

Tall Buildings.

A year or two ago a lecturer describing the royal palace at Madrid, which is 470 feet square and 100 feet high, jokingly remarked that a modern New York architect would probably have made it 100 feet square and 470 feet high. This was not such a very great exaggeration, for the new building just completed at the corner of Pine street and Broadway is nearly four times as high as it is broad. From the sidewalk to the coping it rises 314 feet, but it is only about 85 feet square on the ground. Its steel skeleton is clothed with thick brick walls. From the roof one looks down to see the cross on Trinity steeple.

the site of Johannesburg and a large turned upon what has hitherto been totract of the surrounding land were once tal darkness. Doubt, experiments and and the purchaser now lies a confirmed been in the service of the old East India company, fought in the Crimes, being seriously wounded at the siege of Sevastopol, and afterward passed through the Indian mutiny. He then went to South Africa, where he fought against the Zulus and the Boers. Before the Transvaal was made over to the Boers he purchased for £350 some 15,000 acres of land near the source of the Crocodile, better known as the Limpopo, where he made up his mind ultimately to settle. But war broke out, and he took up arms against the Boers and formed one of the party which held Pretoria. In 1880, when the republic was declared, he refused to accept service under President Kruger, the result being that his land, now estimated to be worth many millions sterling, was forfeited.-Westminster Gazette.

Appreciation.

An anecdote, illustrating the urbanity of Dr. Max Nordau's character, as well as his keen sense of humor, is told in connection with a story of I. Zangwill. Dr. Nordan had never met Zangwill, but was a great admirer of "The Children of the Ghetto" and its author's literary causeries. One day a friend, knowing this, came to him and said :

"Mr. Zangwill has been writing about you in The Pall Mall."

"Indeed," said Dr. Nordau, with an air of great interest.

"He gives a perfect appreciation of yon," the friend continued.

"Do tell me what he said," said the author, relaxing into an attitude of pleasurable anticipation.

"He says you're an idiot."

The funny part of the story is that during a recent visit to England Dr. Nordau met Mr. Zangwill and told him the incident.

Next to Ice.

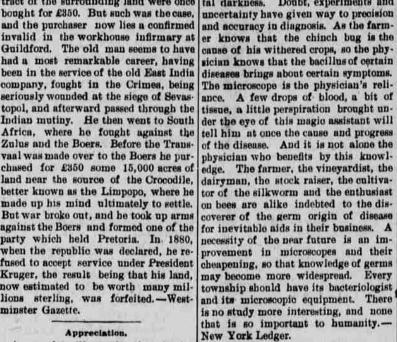
Mr. Hankerson-John, did yon ice two dozen bottles of champagne, as, l told you?

The Bulter-No, sorr. The heebox wasn't big enough for more than 20. Hankerson-What have you done with. the rest?

The Batler-I set the cook and maids a-fannin 'em, sorr. -- Illustrated Bits.

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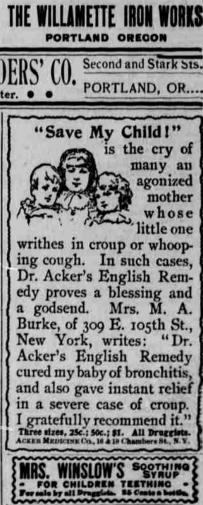
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