EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

CURING A POET.

▲ Terrible Disease Vanquished by Means of a Clever Conspiracy. Abel Ryder was the queerest of all the queer characters we had in our town. Not that his eccentricities were plain to every body, like some of the old settlers, for one had to be pretty well acquainted with the old man, and enter into conversation with him, to discover what was so strange about him. Abel's hobby was poetry. He never wrote any, so far as I know, but he could talk it. Yes, and he talked nothing else

He kept a store-a regular village store, where the boys used to congregate, and it was there, on winter's evenings, where we used to draw old Abel out, and enjoy his peculiarities. For instance, I would enter and say: "Good evening, Abel!" "Set the table," Abel would reply. (He did not care whether his replies contained any sense, so long as they rhymed; that was all he looked out for.)

Some one else would come in with "Well, Abel. how goes it?" "O, my manner shows it," answered Abel, never stopping as if at a loss for a word, but answering as naturally as could be.

It was very seldom that we ever "stuck" Abel-he could always find something to rhyme with the last word of our sentence; but I want to tell you how we conspired to bring him down to plain English, for we tired of his ceaseless poetical chatter, and how the conspiracy worked.

We all got together one day, and began to form a number of sentences ending in words with which it was difficult to find any thing to rhyme. When we had made a list sufficient, we thought, to satisfy our needs, we proceeded in a body to Abel's store. He was behind the counter, and, as we entered, said:

Good morning, boys, a lovely day! How are you fellows, any way? Then we begun. "Abel," said Tom Ferris, "what's the

day of the month?" "I think I-I told you-" Abel scratched his head. "I think I told you once. No, no -Don't be such a duncedunth." He paused and looked at us victoriously. But we were not to be

beaten so easily.
"Say, Abel," said Bill Bower, "did you ever see a locomotive?"

"No; but I think I would know't if-(I saw one)," he added in parenthesis. This was only a partial victory for Abel, and we followed him up. "Abel," said a third, "could you run a

dynamo? Abel thought a moment and then replied, quickly: "Your remarks, now,

please confine 'em, O!" A shiver of anxiety ran through our ranks, for "locomotive" and "dynamo"

were two of our strongest words. But Peter Flynn came to our rescue. "Mr. Ryder," said he, drawing his sentence out, "Mr. Ryder, have you got a steel spiral ?" He put great emphaats on the word "spiral," and looked

hard at the old man. Abel opened his mouth to reply. He moved his lips as if trying to form a word, clutched at his hair, cast an agonizing look about him, and then-Victory! Defiantly, and yet with the tone

he said "No!" We had him From that day Abel Ryder was a different man, and I do not believe that the people in that town have been troubled with him since. At least I know that we never were .- Paul C. West, in Light.

#### GLIMPSES OF EUGENIE.

The Beautiful Ex.Empress Now a Pale, White-Haired Woman

I may mention here two rather picturesque interviews with the Empress Eugenie. The first one at Venice in 1869, when she was on her way to the Suez canal to open it for M. de Lesseps, her cousin.

She arrived there in her own vacht the Aigle, and we saw her from the windows of Damielli's Hotel, pacing up and down the deck, a queenly figure. Indeed, the Empress Eugenie, who was not a royalty, looked more like one than any I have seen born in the purple. She was physically so handsome and what we call "aristocratic-looking" that she seemed every inch a Queon. In the evening all Venice was illuminated and the Grand canal had the appearance of a long jeweled serpent. Victor Emanuel came thither with a brilliant troop of cavaliers to do her honor. He took her in his own gondola up the tortuous, dark passages of the lesser cainto the Grand canal, past the historic house of Lucretia Borgia, which was blood-red in the limelight; past the violet-tinted church of Maria del Salute; past the glorious old Ducal palace; past the two columns which hold the Lion of St. Mark and the Saint on the Alligator; through all the dreamy charm of a night in Venice, with the gleaming boats beside them, one a odel of the Bucentoro. Music was playing softly all the airs from 'Otel-"I Due Foscari" and other Venetian things; and so the Empress, whose pale, handsome face and red hair I saw plainly from my gondola, spent her evening in Venice.

Lord Houghton was with her, and he afterward told me that she ordered in Venice a dress made after the portrait of Catarina Cornaro, Queen of Cyprus, in the Accademia, which she wore at the ball given by M. de Lesseps at Sucz.

Poor woman! This was the last of her glories. The next year came Sedan, with downfall and ruin, loss of husband, loss of son. She is our Lady of Vicissi-

During the most brilliant days of the Queen's jubilee in London in 1887 I saw the Empress once more, a tall, pale, white-haired woman in deep mourning, attended by one gentleman and one lady. She came down the steps of the Buckingham Palace Hotel as I did. Our carriages were detained, and I noted again that fine, aristocratic outline, that eautiful droop of the eyelid. She is still very handsome, and looks like a martyr, but how changed it all is!-Mrs.

# THE PACIFIC COAST.

and South Coast Railway.

Starting an Opposition Brewery to the Syndicate.

Work on the jetties at Yaquina bay has been resumed.

Ground is broken at Sacramento for the new Federal building. The cry for more cars to move lumber

at Portland is still heard, and Union Pa-cific officials promise early relief.

Olympic mountain explorers report an unlimited quantity of the finest of timber, indications of coal and auriferous.

There is talk of spanning the Mississippi at Burlington with a pontoon bridge.

The census burgan beautiful and the control of the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau occcurred September 28. ber, indications of coal and auriferous minerals and swarms of fish in the

James Dunn and George Martin, who were collector and bookkeeper in the agency of the Santa Fe Company at Los Angeles, are missing, and so also is about

\$5,000 in their accounts. Citizens of Modoc county, Cal.; Lake county, Or., and Washoe county, Nev., have petitioned Congress against the proposed abandonment of Fort Bidwell as cargo-carrying vessels. a military reservation.

It is estimated that wheat and hops will bring into the State of Washington this season about \$12,000,000, lumber and coal about \$15,000,000, and that railway construction will bring in \$23,000,-000 more within eighteen months.

A site has been given Whatcom county, Wash., for the erection of a county hospital or infirmary, and the Commis-sioners have ordered a vote to be taken at the general election in November on the proposition to expend \$20,000 in erecting an adequate building.

The gross earnings of the Southern system for August were \$4,483,-769; and the gross earnings for the year up to date were \$30,130,000, against \$29,-497,500 last year. The total operating expenses to date for 1890 were \$20,396,-000, against \$20,117,000 last year.

Thomas Nolan, second mate of the ship Yorktown, has been acquitted at San Francisco by Commissioner Sawyer of the charge of cutting adrift a boat containing Boatswain James Weston during a recent voyage. The testimony went to show that Nolan risked his life to save Weston.

Work is to be resumed at once on the construction of the Astoria and South Coast railway, and the contract has been let to Chinese from Portland for grading seven miles out from Hillshoro, and at Astoria to another Chinese firm for grading several miles up the Lewis and Clarke rivers.

One day last week ten masked men took a land lawyer, James Herrington, from the jail at Bakersfield, Cal., gagged him, conveyed him to a lonely spot, stripped him and applied a coat of tar and feathers to him. He had been ar-rested on complaint of a settler, whom, it is charged, he had engaged in a con-

Sturgeon are reported as very scarce in the Columbia above Astoria. The myriads of sardines that are at present being caught at the mouth of the river.

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This is the spawning season with sardines, and the sturgeon, living prin-cipally on small fish, will not ascend up the river until the sardines disappear.

A scheme is on foot among saloon-keepers of Oakland to start a new brewery in opposition to the English syndicate, which owns all the breweries in that city except one small one. Some of the former employes of the Oakland bids the Legislature authorizing any brewery are in the movement, and about one-third of the money needed has already been subscribed, largely by saloonkeepers.

The bill for the exploration of the inerior of Alaska, to which the House Committee on Military Affairs has devoted considerable time, has been reported to the House with a recommendation favorable to its passage. The report was made by Mr. Rockwell of Massachusetts, who briefly reviews the has declared in favor of municipal ownobject aimed at by the bill. He says that while the coast of Alaska has been followed and mapped almost nothing is known of the interior.

In the Superior Court the jury in the case of Mrs. W. L. Coenene against the Los Angeles Cable Railway Company found a verdict for the plaintiff and swarded her \$15,000 damages. In No-vember, 1888, the plaintiff and her husband were riding in a wagon in East Los Angeles. A double horse car of the cable company collided with the wagon, and Mrs. Coenene was thrown to the ground. As a result she sustained serious injuries and is now bedridden.

employes to make sketches or graphs of the Sequoia National Park tract of land, about forty-five miles east of Fresno, Cal., containing the forest of big trees which Congress recently re-served for park purposes. Photographers are also to be sent to Crater lake, nity or sixty miles northeast of Ashland, Or. But little is known of this lake, which is described as being a large sheet of water in the crater of an extinct volcano. A person standing on the edge of the crater is said to look down upon a lake 2,000 feet below him.

said to make a splendid showing. The company has in its treasury \$3,000,000, The earnings accumulated during the past five years, and most of this amount will ultimately be paid to preferred stockholders. The proxy committee this year consists of Charles L. Colby, C. B. Wright and Thomas F. Oakes. The Tacoma Land Company has arranged to give entrance into that city to all rail-

House Committee on Public Buildngs and Grounds has ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill for a public building at Oakland, Cal. The bill is reported with an amendment reducing the propriation from \$300,000 to \$250,000. martyr, but how changed it all isl—Mrs.

Sherwood, in Philadelphia Times.

President Harrison has promised the properties of the bullding for postal purposes. The business of the office, President Harrison has promised the Labor Committee that when Congress adjourned he would give consideration to the eight-hour law and would insist upon its strict enforcement in government buildings.

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### EASTERN ITEMS.

Cold, Snowy Winter.

Committee for the Relief of Famine in Ireland.

Over 12,000,000 bananas are distributed in Chicago every week. Saratoga is to have a new bathing es

tablishment to cost \$100,000. An opposition water works company

has been organized at Topeka, Kan. A colored evangelist of Brockwayville,

The census bureau has announced the population of the Territory of Oklahoma as 61,701. There are fifty-one different postmas-

ters within the corporate limits of the city of Chicago. It is reported that one of the largest banks in Great Britain is to establish a

dicts a long, cold, snowy winter, starting in early and continuing late. Ruffalo Bill's ill treatment of his Indians is to be investigated by the Indian

Department at Washington. All the little towns in Oklahoma are presenting their claims to the Legisla-ture for the Territorial capitol site.

A monument is to be erected at Lexington, Mo., in memory of the dead sol-diers of the Union and Confederate ar-

The President has approved the river and harbor bill and the joint resolution for the purchase of nickel ore for the navy.

A just retribution has overtaken the inventor of the pigs-in-clover puzzle. He has been sent to an asylum in St. Washington authorities deny that orders have been sent to the revenue cut-ter Wolcott to proceed to Behring sea

and make seizures. The postoffice authorities have seized the entire weekly edition of the Cincin-nati Volksfreund because it contained

lottery advertisements. Jersey City has a law under which fines of \$100 each are to be imposed upon persons detected drinking malt or alco-holic liquors in her new parks. The report of the Statistician of Kan-

sas shows that mortgages in that State are being lifted at the rate of 34 per cent. and \$10,000,000 for the year. Representative Vandever's bill con-

verting the Yosemite Valley region into a grand national park has been signed by the President and is now a law. The work of classifying the sections in the World's Fair will be completed by November. The whole exhibition will occupy nine buildings.

000 respectively.

Secretary Noble has christened the Big Tree reservation "The Sequoia National Park" and promulgated rules and regulations similar to those now governing Yellowstone Park.

The Constitutional Convention of Mississippi has adopted a section which fortery, nor shall the sale of any lottery tickets be allowed in the State.

In the suit for a limited divorce brought by the wife of McKee Rankin at New York the latter pleads comparative impecuniosity. He owes much money to Joseph Jefferson, Stuart Robson and others.

As a result, it is alleged, of inordinate greed on the part of the gas trust, Chi-cago's City Council by unanimous vote ership and operation of all the gas and electric light plants of the town.

The Manhattan Club of New York City has at last taken possession of the old A. T. Stewart mansion, which is to be its future home. Nearly all the furniture and carpeting owned by Mr. Stewart was bought by the club.

The Chinamen of New York have given to their Joss at 16 Mott street a new umbrella, which they had brought over from China. It is covered with dragons and other monsters with glittering eyes, and is said to have cost \$400.

An appeal to the people of America American committee for the relief of famine in Ireland is published The Southern Pacific passenger de-partment will shortly send some of its in New York. It says the point of actual suffering from hunger is not yet eached, but the days of starvation, un- New York. less help comes, are not far off,

The Board of Bureau Chiefs have gon over the figures of the san Francisco's rial and decline to designate the speed definitely. It is understood that the final decision will be that the San Franrisco has stood a test of 19.72 knots, which will mean that the contractors will receive less than \$100,000 in premiums. They will probably appeal to Congress for relief.

The rush of foreign goods to the United The annual report of the Northern Pa-ific, to be presented at the annual meet-the McKinley bill has turned the balthe stockholders on October 31, is ance of trade against the country. The government statement of foreign commerce shows the exports from this country for August to have been \$56,000,000 situation in Armenia is serious, and imports \$61,200,800.

In the Mississippi Constitutional Conlegislation was referred has reported number of resolutions which claim proads converging at that point, and President Wright has approved of the sale of thirty-five acres of land for terminals at Tacoma to the Union Pacific.

Amendment to the States,

It is reported in Chicago that the Great Northern road would have its Pacific Coast line is operation within a year. cific Coast terminal will be south of Port-

# FOREIGN NEWS.

Work to be Resumed on the Astoria | An Iowa Prophet Augurs a Long, Russia Making New Laws Against the Hebrews.

The Oakland Saloonkeepers Contemplate An Appeal for Ald Made by the American The Pope Reported to be Adverse to Crema tion, and Prohibits Catholics to Attend Them.

> English opinion indorses the Burchell Napoleon III.'s library is soon to be

Michael Davitt says Parnell's position is stronger than ever.

The recruits for the November entries to the Germany army number 215,000.

rejoicing over the expiration of the anti-Socialist law.

Emin Pasha has not yet received the £5,000 arrears due to him from the Egyptian government.

The Pope does not believe in crema-tion, and has forbidden Catholics to go

It is reported at Buenos Ayres that Dr. Celman, the late President, has \$10,-000,000 invested in London. Jones, the Iowa weather prophet, pre-Russia has ordered six torpedo vessels

and 200,000 rifles of the latest pattern from French manufacturers. The new Austrian torpedo ram, which has just been launched at Polai, is con-sidered a match for any ironclad.

Every night 23,000 houseless and homeless people sleep by the Thames in what they call the Port of London.

England has formally notified King George of the Tongo Islands that his country is under British protection.

It is reported from Ceylon than an attempt is to be made to introduce Ceylonese cigars to the American market. It has been arranged to convert the

Cuban debt at the end of the year through the French and Spanish banks. It is reported that the French forces have subdued the natives of the Society islands and established protectorates over them.

Prominent French Socialists declare that Boulanger promised to east his lot with the revolutionaries in the first civic

A London dispatch from Algiers says that a cyclone has swept over a large portion of Algeria, doing an immense amount of damage. Scarlet fever is epidemic in many places in Silesia. It has been found ad-

visable to close schools. Numerous deaths have occurred. It is a matter of public congratulation, but no more than was to be expected, that the popular elections in Brazil have fully sustained the Republic.

The English Admiralty is engaged in constructing an armored battle ship, the Balfour, intended to be more powerful than any of its class yet constructed.

According to the recent census of 000 Protestants, 1,200,000 Catholics, 8,300

Jews and 10,000 non-religious persons. The Emperor of Austria has decided that the electric light shall be intro-duced into his palace at Vienna. Eight thousand incandescent lights will be re-

quired. President Reichs of the Icheralbach Orphan Asylum at Nuremburg, Bavaria, has been arrested on a charge of selling orphan girls to a life of shame. The government will close the institution.

New Zealand has agreed to be represented in the Australian Federation Convention, although the feeling is strongly against a union with the Australian colonies. A convention of 600 midwives is no

in session in Berlin. They represent all sections of Germany and Austria, and are engaged in listening to lectures by eminent specialists. Prince Bismarck and his Secretary

Herr Burcher, are engaged at Varzin in compiling the memoirs of the events in which the Prince figured while in the affairs of State. The proposal to raise funds for the construction of a steamer for Lake Vic-

burg, is practically accomplished, a sum of £75,000 having been subscribed. It is said that the Russian Czarowitz, who is about to start on a tour to India, China and Japan, terminating at San Francisco, will return to Europe through the United States. It is expected that

the Russian squadron will meet him at A Russian law is being prepared to authorize deportation to Siberia, without trial, of all foreigners who have been expelled from their own countries and whose governments refuse to recognize them. This law is directed against Rou-

manian Jews who come to Russia The Executive Board of the Spanish party in Cuba at a recent meeting de-cided to send a telegram to Spain, pointing out the heavy damages which manufacturers will suffer from the new tariff bill adopted by the United States, and asking as an immediate remedy reform of the Spanish tariff and negotiations of a treaty with the United States.

A dispatch from Erzeroum says the Russian government has massed 7,200 troops on the frontier. The Turks are expecting attack, and are rapidly supvention the committee to which the plying Kurds with arms and ammuni-subject of securing conciliatory race tion and making other preparations to resist the Russian forces. Russia is also increasing her frontier guards

A rich find of silver is reported to have been made in Calhoun county, It will cross the Union Pacific and North- Ala., in what appears to be a mine formern Pacific roads in Washington and tap erly worked by Indians. The ore is all its Pacific Coast connections. Its Pasaid to assay 60 per cent. of pure silver.

## PORTLAND MARKET

WHEAT—Foreign markets are steady, but the demand for cargoes slow. Loally there is no change. Shippers still quote \$1 25 for Valley and \$1.175 @1.20 for Walla Walla.

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Flour—Quote: Standard, \$3.90@4.00;
Walla Walla, \$3.60@3.80 per barrel.
Oars—Quote: 44@48c per bushel.
Millstuffs—Quote: Bran, \$17.50@18;
Shorts, \$23.50@24; Ground Barley, \$32.50; Chop Feed, \$25 per ton.
Hay—Quote: \$16@18 per ton.
Vegetables—The market is firm.
Quote: Cabbage, \$1.50@1.75 per cental;
Calliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; Onions, 2c per pound; Cucumbers, 10c per dozen;
Carrots \$1 per sack; Beets, \$1.50 per sack;
Tarrots \$1 per sack;
Tarr Carrots, \$1 per sack; Beets, \$1.50 per sack; Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; Tomatoes, 50c per box; Potatoes, 80c@\$1 per cental; Sweet Potatoes, 2c per pound. Cheese—Quote: Oregon, 11@12%c; California, 9%@10c; Young America, 14

@15c per pound. BUTTER—The market is firm. Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 35c; tancy dairy, 32½c; good to fair, 27½@30c; common, 22½@35c; choice California, 28@30c per

pound.

EGGS—Quote: Quote: Oregon, 25c;
Eastern, 25c per dozen.

POULTRY—Quote: Old Chickens, \$5;
young, g 3 a 4; old Ducks, >6@6.50; large
young, \$7@7.50; Geese, \$9 per dozen;
Turkeys, 11@15c per round.

FRUIT—Quote: Tahiti Oranges, \$4.50
per box; Sicily Lemons, \$9@10 per case;
Pears, 11%c per pound; apples, 60@85c
per box; Grapes, 75c@\$1 per box; Pineapples, \$3.50@4.00 per dozen; Bananas,
\$4 per bunch; double, \$6; Peacnes, 90c@
\$1.25 per box; Watermelons, \$1.50@2 The ship yards of the lakes will this year turn out 125,000 tons of excellent cargo-carrying vessels.

Cyprus is suffering from a scarcity of silver coin. The government prohibits the importation of silver.

Cyprus is suffering from a scarcity of per dozen; Cantaloupes, \$1.50@2 per dozen; California Quinces, \$1; Oregon, \$1.50 per box.

NUB—Quote: Wainuts, 13c; Peanuts, green, 12c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 14 @15c; Brazils, 13@14c per pound; Cocoanuts, \$1 per dozen. Hongy-Fancy White, 1-pound

toons, 18c per pound.

Nams—Base quotations: Iron, #3.20;
Stee!, \$3.30; Wire, \$3.90 per keg.

Hors—Quote: 30c per pound; nominal prices.
Hipes—The market is weak. Quota

tions: Dry Hides, selected prime, 866 9c, ½c less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30@50c; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@\$1.25; shear-lings, 10@20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3 Wood-Quote: Eastern Oregon, 10@

16c; Valley, 16@18c per pound, Cranberries — Quote: Wisconsin, \$9.50; Cape Cod, \$12 per barrel.

The Merchandise Market.

Sugars—Quote: Golden C, 5c; extra C, 5½c; dry granulated, 6½c; cub crushed and powdered, 6¾c per pound. Daird Fruits—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 123@44c; Pe-tite and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, 42.75 per box; Plummer-dried Pears, 11@ 12½c; sun-dried and factory Plums, 10@11c; evaporated Peaches, 24c; Smyrna Figs, 14@16c; California Figs, 9c per pound.

Beans—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, \$3.25; Pink, \$3.75; Bayos, \$4.50; Butter, \$3.50; Limas, \$5.50 per

CANNED GOODS-Market is firm. Quote Table fruits, \$2.25, 2\(\xi\_8\); Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65; Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2; Black Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2.55; Pineap-berries, \$2; Raspberries, \$2.55; Pineap-ples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$1.85. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$3.75 per dozen; Peaches. \$1.40; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.12½ @1.40, according to quality; Tomatoes, \$1.20@3.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.40@1.60; String Beans, \$1 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, \$1. 5; sardines, 80c@\$1.40; lob-

Switzerland the Republic contains 1,700,-000 Protestants, 1,200,000 Catholics, 8,300 per pound.

Tra-Quote: 20@45c per pound Pickles-Quote: \$1.15c 3s; \$1.25 5s. Salt-Quote: Liverpool, \$17, \$18, \$19; stock, \$11@12 per ton in carload lots. Coal On.—Quote: \$2.20 per case. RICE-Quote: 5%c per pound.

The Meat Market.

The meat market is firm. Quote: Beef-Live, 2¼@3c; dressed, 6c. Mutton-Live, 3@3¼c; dressed, 6c. Hogs-Live, 5@5½c; dressed, 7c. Veal-6@8c per pound. Spring Lambs-\$2.50 each.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD. The market is firm. Quotations: Eastern Hams, 13@14c; Breakfast Ba-con, 13@13½c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 8½@ 1014c per pound.

#### NOT CONSUMMATED. Young Man Who Is Either a Fool

a Very Wise Individual. During several seasons young Parks had been a constant visitor at the house of Abemleich Morrison. Sunday after Sunday the young fellow would come, and after sitting nearly all day, stealing glances at Sookey, old Abemleich's

toria Nyanza, which took shape at the daughter, he would go home. He was banquet to Major von Wissman at Hamso bashful that when the time came for his departure, he would glide out the door, jump over the fence and run like a jack-rabbit. Last Sunday he took his

place as usual. "Sam," said old Abemleich, "whut's your daddy doin'?" "Makin' uv a steer yoke, uh, huh,

"Whut's Lige doin'?" "Ain't doin' nothin'. Dun gone to meetin' with a gal, uh, huh, huh!"

"Whut's your mother doin'?"

"Got sorter behind on her quilt an" a-cardin' of her bats to-day. "Made your plant bed yit?" "We've made one uv them, but we ain't made the big one whut we 'lowed

"Sam?" "Yas, sar." "Whut's the usen actin' sich a blame fool? You love Sook?" "No, I don't, uh, huh, huh!"

to make."

"Yes, you do."

"I don't, nuther."

"Yes, you do, an' you wanter marry her. "I don't, now, no such uv a thing, uh, buh, huh!" "Yes, you do."

"Would you give her to me of I wun ter wanter marry her?" "Yes, you may have her. Come here, Sook," calling the girl. "Whut do you want, dad?" she said, entering the room

"Hold on, Sam. Come back, you blame Sam had jumped over the fence and was running like a jack-rabbit. Old Abemleich says that the marriage may take place as soon as Sam "ken be hem-

med up an' fotch to the house."-Arkan-

Terrible Revenge. get rid of a bore: Mamma-Nurse, if Mr. Bore is still here in a quarter of an hour bring in baby-Texas Siftings.

Honor and shame from no condition rise; act wall your part, which means to advertise —Targe Stilling

THOUGHT SHE'D DROP IN. And While She Was In She Told a Pleasant

A busy Chicago housewife had just dusted the furniture and was about to wash the windows, when there came a violent ring at the door bell. A fadedlooking woman, carrying a green para-

"Never mind my business." "Well, but why am I honored with

this visit?" "You'll find out soon enough." "I should like to find out now, if it will not be putting you to any unneces-

sary inconvenience. "All right My business is not very important, to be sure, but perhaps you might take some little interest in it. Your name is Mrs. Natterson, I believe.

"Ah, hah. How long have you known your alleged husband?" 'My alleged husband?" "Yes.

"I have been married three years." "That is, you think you have been married that long." "I surely do not understand you."

"Oh, it's a matter of no consequence but as I happened to be in this town and more especially as I chanced to be passing, I thought that I would drop in and tell you that this man Natterson married me in Massachusetts some five or six years ago, I forget which. But it amounts to nothing, you know." "Merciful heavens, madam, you hor-

rify me!" "Oh, not necessarily, I assure you." "Is it possible that I have been deceived?

"Well, it looks rather that way." "And have you come here to claim my husband?"

Oh, not at all. I just happened to be passing and thought I'd tell you. Please don't think for a moment that I want him. It is true that men are rather scarce in the East, but even if pole twenty feet long will not fathon they were ten times scarcer than they its depth. This lake is literally full of are, I shouldn't want that fellow. I have had quite enough of him, I assure you. Just happened to be passing and thought I'd drop in and tell you. Hope I haven't put you to any inconvenience. Good day."—Arkansaw Traveler.

THE POODLE'S ESCAPE. He Begged for His Life and Found a Sympathizing Audience.

A touching story comes from Paris. In a certain famous school of medicine the professor was about to illustrate the effects of a particular mineral poison. He placed a little white poodle upon the table, and then, fondling it caressingly, he explained to his audience in a few simple words the exact nature of the operations, and the symptoms of the instructive agony they were to witness.

Then, fastening the dog down into the torture trough, with the fine firm touch of the practiced vivisector, he skillfully laid open one of the veins of the neck. With a cry of pain the animal writhed for a moment helplessly under the calm hand of the professor, when suddenly by some misfortune one of the fastenings gave way, and then with a bound the poodle was free, and The vivisector put down the phial con-

ining the poisor ject into the wound, and was stepping round to catch the poodle when the little animal stretched itself out flat upon the table, and began to crawl slowly to-The whole attitude was expressive of

penitence and submission, as though the creature were begging not to be punished any more. In another moment the dog would have been captured and put back properly into the torture trough, when it stood erect and turned head over The vivisector had before him a forming poodle, and the animal was say-

words, "See, you mustn't punish me any more, I will perform well." The antics over, the poodle resumed its attitude of submission, and crawling up to the professor began to lick his hands. To him the incident was nothingonly a little delay in an interesting experiment, but before it could be resumed the students were on their feet, angrily

knife, declaring the poodle had earned its life. The professor shrugged his shoulders at such a primitive display of emotion, but the students had their way .- Chris-

Too Liberal.

tian at Work.

Tourist-What are your terms, Mr. Landlord Browne-Twenty dollars a week Tourist-And what am I expected to dof Landlord-Do! Why, you surely don't intend paying me \$20 a week just for staying do you! It's too high. Fifteen dollars

would be enough.—Harper's Bazar, Knew Him. Dinguss-Shadbolt, can you spare \$5? Shadbolt-Certainly, Dinguss. Here it is. Dinguss-Thanks. I'll just give you my note for the amount.

Shadbolt (who knows him)-No use wast-

A Prior Right. "See here, Brown, you took that umbrella from my office, and I want it." "I know I did, but this umbrella belongs to Smith. "What if it does? I stole it first."-New

the \$5 -Chicago Tribune.

York Sun. Admitting the Soft Impeachment. Barber (to customer whose face looks as though it had undergone several surgical operations)—The man who shaved you last must bave been a fool. Customer-He was I shaved myself --

New York Sun. -The story of life, to one who has reached advanced age, seems to him like a dream. He can not discredit the story which his own memory tells, yet he wonders and muses over the long line of events in the past. Happy is the man who, when he thus dreams, finds no occasion to regret the unforgotten conduct of the past. The way to lay the basis for pleasant memory is to live right in each present moment.-N. Y. Independent

-Willie-"What are phosphates used for?" Uncle Bob-"They are used for fertilizers to make things grow." Willia -"Well, then, Uncle Bob, why don't you put phosphates in your hat to make your hair grow?"

USING TROUT FOR BAIT. Was the Only Thing the Muskallong

There are several small lakes on the head waters of the Monistique river in Michigan, where there are enormous pickerel and muskallonge. Brook trou are abundant in the streams running into them. Fishermen have always is mented the failure of all their efforts to capture muskallonge in these lakes with any of the known live balts or lures, but a party of anglers who were balt fishing near one of the lakes this season discovered that the muskallongs would not accept any of the ordinary balt simply because they were highly epicurean in their tastes. One of the party of fishermen referred to after erhaust ng ali his skill in trying to capture a muskallonge, went to the mouth of one of the streams that empty into the lake and made a few casts for troot He booked a small one and was reeling it in when there came a sudden swoop and splash in the water and down went the trout and the fisherman's leader in the wh.rlpool that marked the spot where the trout had been. The angler knew that a muskallongs

had swept the trout and leader away, and he kept alive the nexts x-inch trous he caught, hooked it to his muskallonge hook and tossed it into the lake where he thought muskallonge would be apt to lie. The trout had scarcely sun's beneath the surface when it was ravenously seized, and the fisherman had the satisfaction of landing a fifteen-pound muskallonge. By using small trout for bait in that way twelve large muskallonge were killed in a short time by the party. At the same time every other kind of bait was used at the same spot without one muskallonge noticing it.
At any time during the party's stay there muska longe could be caught with trout as bait, but at no time with any thing else. The big fish were connoisseurs. The stream furnished them with the most delicate of food, and they refused wny morsel less choice. Trading off trout for muskallonge seemed like a decidedly unsportsmanlike thing to do, but the knowledge obtained was worth the sacrifice.

Another lake in that vicinity has nowhere more than a four-foot depth of water, and it has a bottom so soft thats big pickerel. They bite at almost any thing, but the moment they are hooked they dive into the soft bottom and go down so deep that sometimes they have to be pried out with poles. It is no uncommon thing to mine them out from a depth of four feet. The lake bottom is not mud or mire, but a pulpy mass resembling tapicca pudding.-N. Y. Sen. ANTIQUITY OF SPOONS

History Shows That They Have Been in Use for Many Centuries. Spoons have been in use for many

enturies; in early times it was the

fashion for all ladies and gentlemen to

have their own spoons and spoon-cases.

which they carried with them wherever they went. Two hundred years ago we find frequent mention in the newspapers of "a lost case containing a knife, fork and silver spoon." The spoon was usually described as bearing the crest of the owner upon its handle, or a picture of the Blessed Virgin. The "apostle spoons" were a dozen of these silver implements, each containing an image of one of the apostles in relief upon its handle; sometimes with and sometimes stood bleeding on the other end of the omitted, there was usually some emblem of the worthy supposed to be he was about to in- represented on the spoon. In case emblems were used in place of a name, St. James would be attired as a pilgrim; St. Jude was usually pictured with a club, the emblem of his martyrdom, or with a boat to show his occupation; St. Simon with a saw. because he was sawn asunder, and generally with an added our to show his earlier tastes. The use of these spoons as gifts from god-parents to god-children dates back nearly five hundred years. When the giver was too poor to present the whole twelve, he gave one spoon with the image o the patron saint after whom the child was named, or to whom he was dedicated, or who was the patron ing as plainly as though it were in saint of the donor, not always in such cases an apostle. The images of the four Evangelists were often thus used, the spoons being called "apostle spoons," although all were not apostles in the usual meaning of the word Shakespeare, in "Henry VIII.," when Cranmer declares himself unworthy at being sponsor to the young Princess. makes the King reply: "Come, come telling the vivisector to put up his my lord, you'd spare your spoons," is plain allusion to the gift expected on such occasions. The earliest notice we find in print of this form of speen is an entry on the book of the Stationers' Company, made in the year 1590. It is

> 'apostle spoons" were well known at that early day."-St. Louis Republic College Didn't Hurt Him. Farmer Peters-Howdy, Joe, howif-Farmer Jones-Howdy, Jim!" Farmer Peters-What d'ye hear from Jack down to New York?

> this entry; "A spoyne of the gyfte of

Master Riginold Wolfe, all gyite, with

the pycture of St. John," showing that

Farmer Jones-He writ me last week he was goin' onto th' stage. Farmer Peters-Ye don't tell me Well! Well! I'm powerful glad 'thest it. I wuz afeurd his college eddication 'nd spile him. I driv stage ten per myself in Californy.-West Shore. ing paper, Dinguss. I told you I could spare

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