MAN'S FAITHFUL FRIEND

gathy loved me-Bobby's dead-Who shall say no heaven holds him? The shall dare deny that God's All-embracing love enfolds him?

Tills the memory of true love Mortals still delight to cherish, The shall any that such a fond, Faithful beart as his shall perish?

The shall say no soul looked out From those eyes that e'er seemed asking te recognize somewhat More than fiesh and blood's mere mask-

Der dumb Bobby, tried and true! Faithful friend and stanch defender! on were nearer to us were all lumny hearts as true and tender.

May a mighty son of earth Might have gone and searce have moved

## MR. BOFFIN AND THE BAILIFFS.

-Well! Of all the croolest things as was" ejaculated Mr. Boffin, the

h's a wicked shame, that's wot it Mr. Berlin," chimed in Mrs. Asprey,

housekeeper. Carlda't have b'lieved it of the mto do anything but wot was puffick-

ah Mr. Boffin! One don't know

'if he'd a told me 1 wouldn't have be builtfulke this, without a word of mendations, young man." erning and him a kicking up 'is 'eels o, for twenty years."

him, Mr. Boffin, you'll put it to him

tite straight." You may trust me, mem, 1 shall be ere I'd send him a wire. But as it is stairs. Will you show the way?" ere's no chance of his getting back till termorrow night."

If he comes at all, Mr Boffin," 05, I think he'll come, mem. He'll whe proper feeling to come when he my letter, Mrs. Asprey,"

ben't you count upon his proper feel-Mr. Boffin? If he'd have had much per feeling he'd never have served dred from a Jew. I never! And m always pretended to be rollin' in ney. Well! He don't owe us much ges, that's one comfort." No, mem! He've always paid our

ges to the day. That we must al-Just his artfulness, Mr. Boffin. A

ap way of keeping up his credit through it now." we me-I brought him in a wine for seventy-odd pounds, and he set-

it as easy and casual as a lord." th Mr. Boffin! Brazening it out to

and I'd have said to that man, ble 're a liar and you knows it.' And to have the bailiffs in!"

Mr. Boffin spoke a footman popped bead into the housekeeper's room, the above dialogue was taking by pard'n, Mr. Bottin, sir; but one

em gents is arsking for yer." ank you, William; you may tell feiler that I'll attend to him at my re," said Mr. Botfin, with extreme

ery good. Mr. Roffin sir." William departed with the mes-

think of your being hordered and ectored over by those low s!" exclaimed the housekeeper, sympathetic indignation. grin' your pardon, Mrs. Asprey.

I'm not being hordered about, nor ectored over, mem." (Mr. Boffin beight.) "And I sent 'em that mesn purpose to let 'em see it. But going to see what their next move becos' they horders me-for I s better than to take horders from vermin-but becos' I'm the guv'epresentative; and, shabby as he aved to me after twenty years' c, I still considers myself the so to speak, of his hinterests

this speech, delivered in his inpressive manner, Mr. Boffin the housekeeper and went to ish." sheriff's officers in the large

were two of them. The one, a ullt, how-legged, unwholesomenan, seedily dressed and of vuleet; the other, a far smarter, easant-looking and more preindividual, who might easily passed for a well-to-do clerk or or. From the first he had taken id-indeed, the bow-legged man areely opened his mouth-and idently the boss and spokesman

If to trouble you," he said to Mr. quite civilly, "but before I go, te my man here in possession, I are to take an inventory of your s effects, and I thought that you like to go round with me while I

ainly, I shall wish to keep my on, young man," retorted the with distant frigidity.

Of course. Quite so," remark ier, carelessly, as he produced ok from his pocket, "Now e may as well begin here—ch? vriting: "Front hall-Turkey ak table, four oak chairscal pattern, fancy hatrack, ed pheasants, oak stand for until he had jotted down ill furniture in his notebook.

where next? Dining-roomgood. Umph! Turkey carge mahogany table, antique

d-a Romney? Thought so!

very kind of you to commend it-most so deferentially to Mrs. Holly, the cook, condescending, as I may say," re- and to Miss Hannah, the head house-

tor, good-temperedly. "Come, my dear Mr. William, the footman, and so pasir, don't look so glum. You may as ternal to Walter, the lattons, that they well put a cheerful face on it. It can't | were all on good terms with him almost

to my personal appearance I shall prob- without being improper, and amusing ably arsk you for it, young man," re- without being vulgar. Nor did he obtorted Mr. Boffin in a withering tone. | trude his remarks unduly. As Mrs.

ting shirty, my good fellow." "And requesting you will not again and kept there." Mrs. Helly and Miss

other, indifferently, as he combined to maids and the buttons they giggled look about him and scribble in his note- without reserve. The servants' book. "Let me see. That's all here, waxed altegether quite jovial. It was Where now? Drawing room. All yes, obvious that our low-legged balliff, in distances. He said the stars of small

And in an Instant he was busy job- third streess. ting down the contents of this apart- suppor concluded, he addressed himment, also, Mr. Boffin looking on with soif to Mrs. Holly with an insinuating warrant the inference that the visible a crushing and a stony store, and the and a deferential air; at the same time bow-legged individual whistling or positiving from one of his capacions rather hissing-fragments of popular pockets a large, flat case buttle. tunes through his set teeth.

books numbering some 2,000 or 3,000 it a liberty-to brew the company a beautiful examples of mollosis, dwellvolumes. The man with the notebook leatle bowl of something hot." moved slowly round-inspecting the shelves.

rapidly, "I see your guy'nor's a bibli- a kewrious request of yours, upon my yor. Never, till this minnit, know'd ophile. He has some splendid old books word." here. I know collectors who would give their weight in gold for one or two of these

"I'll tell my master what you say," observed Mr. Boffin, haughtily. "I am myself, especially when you've made me den it to crook. But to let us in for sure he will be gratified by your recom-"Ab, well, in spite of your sareasms."

a a 'olday! Well, it's a dirtier trick said the other, not in the least put out punch you would obleege me extremely, han I knows 'ow to express, Mrs. As- or abashed, "I do happen to know a my. And me a served him faithful, good deal about articles of virtu, and there are many good judges who set "I ope that when you're writing to store by my opinion, I can tell you." "Ho! indeed, young man?" was Mr.

Boffin's comment. "And now," said he of the notebook. mickly candid. Oh, yes! He'll fidget as soon as the inventory of the library - wall opposite. The truth was this: ing with nearly all the botanical sea his chair when he reads my letter to- a rather lengthy proceeding was comrow. If the posthorfice wouldn't be plete. "We had better finish off the stricted in strength, was "allowed" to pear tree equal in size and age to this at before a messenger could get rest of the ground floor before going up-

"Very well, young man. But I do this tive. But here, as at other polite same under protest, and that's the can- boards, apparent eagerness for food or tocity of clouds recently, Messrs. Clay did fack."

The inventory of the kitchen, pantries and other servants' offices was soon completed. That of the cellar was a longer process. Some of the wines were of fine brand and of great age and value, and the annotator was careful to his nasty trick. Borrowing fifteen jot these down accurately. They then went upstairs and worked off the bedrooms-followed by the inquisitive eyes Nor could Sarah, Jane, Eliza or Martha. of Hannah, the head housemaid, to William, however, was understood to whom the character of the visitors had say that he didn't mind if he did. While not been communicated and who was Walter, gathering courage from Willvery curious to learn what was in the lam's example, expressed an opinion wind. Nor should this have been dif- in favor of nightcaps and volunteered ficult, for although the annotator him to fetch the kettle. self was of no distinctive cut, the nir. ile he was maning into debt. I can appearance and manner of his under- and glasses and a soup ladle. Also-at

sayone," said the butler, oracu- civilly-and indeed throughout he had lead. So, not to disappoint them, Mrs. reservoir on the brow of a near-by "had told me an hour ago that the evidently tried to discharge his unpleas. Holly tasted a drop, Hannah a drop, mountain supplies the heaviest head of war to be be the beautiful tried to discharge his unpleas." r wosn't as safe as the Bank of ant duty with as little offense as possi- and Sarah, Jane, Ellza and Martha a water yet used for such a purpose,

drawing Mr. Boffin aside. "Make him you'll find him a most civil and obliging stantiy checked upon his entrance and

wise policy to be on good terms with a upon himself to brow the punch, and man in, I can assure you. Our friend ventured to hope that Mr. Boffin would is used to genteel company. That is condescend to pronounce an opinion why I have brought him here. Good upon it. Mr. Bollin did condescend.

"Good night, young man," said Mr. Boffin, rather mollified by his conclud-

"Now, then, my good feller," he re up his short obese person to its bailiff, after duly shutting and looking man. There ain't no bed aired ready, so servants' 'all, with the hunder-servants, is about your fit-ch?"

with a befitting humility, which still further mollified the butler.

"They'll be having their supper now." continued Mr. Boffin. "You had better join them at once."

"Thank 'ee, guv'nor. I could do a bit of vittles," answered the bailiff. "This inventory business makes a bloke peck-

"I can't say that it has had that effect on me," was Mr. Boffin's answer. "1 feel as if I should never enjoy my food again."

"Ah, you ain't used to this sort of thing, guy'nor, and so it upsets yer," said the bailiff, with a sympathetic shake of his head.

"No, my man, I am not used to it." answered Mr. Boffin. "And the disgrace of it has nearly settled me."

"Disgrace!" ejaculated bowlegs. "Well, now-that is a funny way to look as well, or better, than usual. at it. Lord love yer! I was in at a hearl's only last week and at a dook's back in the summer. They didn't think it no disgrace. And why should they? It's downright fashionable—it is really.

"Which, in that case, heaven preserve me from wot is downright fashlonable," rejoined Mr. Boffin, fervently. "But 'ere is the servants' 'all, my man. Mr. Boffin opened the door and usher agitation, and went downstairs to see ed the bailiff in.

supper and I leave it to you to see that how he had been imposed upon; how he's looked after a of has his food prop- those two knaves had so artfully schemer and comfortable."

of his hand, to signify that they might solvies under his (Mr. Boffin's) very again be seated-for all the servants nose; and now (for the fact that both had arisetost the entrance of that great | he and O) the other servants had slept Mr. Boffin-he withdrew to take his so much longer than usual now had an own supper in the housekeeper's room | obvious significance) the household had Two-four-six-eight-ten with Mrs. Asprey. The balliff bowed been invelgled into partaking of Chippendale chairs red mo. very politely to the assembled mentals drugged punch. and seated blusself in a chair which The Rombey had gone cut out of its splendid piece, too; ten Martha, the scullery maid, placed for frame, some priceless curios from the him. The company eyed him euriously, drusche rooth had gone; twelve care Ah! fine painting that over the but coldly, for the nature of his calling volumes from the library and gone; ten rd-a Romnes? There is no coldly the nature of his calling volumes from the library and gone; ten rd-a Romnes? There is no coldly the nature of his calling volumes from the library and gone; ten rd-a Romnes? and the reason of his presence were now pretty clear to them all. But he was so had gone; and—so had the bow legged nk you, young man. It's really civil and pleasant spoken and behaved balliff.—London Truth. O

marked Mr. Boffin, the butler, with sur- unaid, and so affable to the Misses Sarah, Jane, Eliza and Martha, subor-"Eh? What?" laughed the annound dinate domestics, and so respectful to

before they knew where they were. "When I want your advice in regard His conversation, too, was spley "All right. All right. It's no use get- Holly whispered belind her hand to Harmah, "The man knowed his place, apply that volgar and beastly term to Brannan were pleased to smile at his me, young man," gusped Mr. Boffin. | Dinny anel-distes; Mr. William to salg-"No offense-no offense," said the ger integuidity, as for the four under his social capacity, and scored a dis-

"You would be doing me a great

"Ha!" he said, as he scribbled away | rather inquisitive, expression, "that is growths found upon the weeds.

without my glass o' sperrits. And I orlways carries it about with me. But it seems selfish like to drink it orl by so comfortable with my vittles; and if be so kind as to join me in a brew of ed by those who had become deaf."

at the ceiling, Master Walter at the which the tree stood, after correspond-Only beer, limited in amount and re- cieties in Europe, could learn of no the servants' hall. And the prospect one of a glass of something hot was attracdrink was out of the question. And so from sheer good breeding-everyone hung back.

"Come now, mem," pressed the bailiff,

insimuatingly. "Well, sir," said Mrs, Holly at last, 'I won't say you mustn't, but I couldn't touch a drop.

Hannah couldn't touch a drop, either.

and only last week, mem-if you'll typical balliff never trod in shoe leather. sugar. Then he compounded a fragforced to do. Just a word in private," hall presented quite a rollicking scene, generating electric power, is utilized

While this joility was in progress Mr. for irrigating land. comfortable and treat him decently and Bottin walked in. The mirth was ineveryone affected to be unconscious of "If he is anythink else he won't find | the punch bowl. The bailiff, however, it go down with me," replied Mr. Boffin, stood up, and addressing Mr. Boffin with great deference explained the cir-"No, perhaps not. But it's always cumstances under which he had taken and was kind enough to say, as he set down his glass, that he had tasted

"But wot I come in to speak about," the butler went on, "is about your marked, turning to the bow-legged sleeping accommodation to-night, my the outside door, "I should say as the you'll have to make shift downstairs on one of the sofus in the 'all. If we'd knowed that you was coming" (this "Anywhere for me, gur'nor. I'm no with sarcasm) "we'd have got the best ways perti'kler," answered the man, spare room ready for you, you may be

SHIP "Oh, anything 'll do for me, guv'nor. I'll be quite satisfied to sleep on the floor, If you like."

"We won't ask you to do that," sold Mr. Boffin, condescendingly. "Harmat -see that this good man is provided with a blanket and piller, and soow him the way to the front 'all."

And having wished the under-ser vants good-night, and suggested that it images in the eyes. was time they were going to bed, ue re tired to his own apartment. "Which," he had previously said to he nousekeeper, "it's the dest time in my life, Asprey, mem, that I shall have laid down under the same roof with a bumbailiff. I know I shan't sle p a wink for thinking of it."

But the circumstances did not, after nil, affect his repose. For he slept just

And when he awoke at a late hour next morning-sh' what an awakemog lished by Prof. Duerden, of Jamaica. that was! For first it was Hannah, then William, then Sarah, then Jane who rushed to him with such frams of appailing news as made poof Mr. Bef. by ticks and other small insects. The fin's gray hairs literally stand on end, natural enemies of these pests having •le huddled on his clothes, in terrible or himself.

Alas! It was all too true. He now is going to join you, unexpected, at realized, with a dizzy sense of horror, ed it that they had made an inventory With that, and with a gracious wave of all his tonster's most valuable curi-

nessed in Central Africa fights that were conducted in as orderly - manner as if the warriors had been really men, instead of only somewhat like them in form.



often gain a point of vantage.

females took to flight.

monkey and carried it to a place of

safety on the cliff, while the whole

heroism and shouted their battle-cry.-

OLD PRACTICAL JOKES.

Scene of Confusion in King George's

Court.

A practical joke may be defined as

one in which merriment is produced or

sought not by words but by action.

practiced upon a fellow-creature - com-

monly an offersive or annoying action.

Even if harmless, it holds up the suf-

ferer to ridicule, and intelligent human

beings do not need to be told that such

But if the joke be well contrived,

sufficiently humorous in idea and neat-

we should if it fell under the "practi-

Heidegger-features, voice,

clothes, and also imprecations when

presence of royalty.

conduct is reprehensible.

double?

Youth's Companion.

Limits of the Universe, Prof. Simon Newcomb, in a recent paper, discussed the question of stellar magnitude were evidently not as remote from the earth as their faintness universe las a definite limit in space.

Animals Imitating Plants,

Not long ago Prof. Verrill exhibited They next went to the library. Here honor, mem," he said, "ef you would to the members of the National Acadwas a very fine collection of well-bound allow me-and hoping you don't think emy of Sciences in New York some ing in the Sargasso Sea, that imitate "Really, sir," replied cook, regard- not only the seaweed among which ing the case bottle with a shocked, yet they live, but even the parasitic

> "The fack is, mem, I can't get on December Prof. McKendrick described a method by which it was possible to stimulate electrically the sensory nerves of the skin 'so that some of the elements of music rhythm and intensirou and the rest of the company would ty-inight be perceived and even enjoy-

> A Gigantic Pear-Tree, A famous pear tree, which had lived Mrs. Holly hesitated and looked at nearly six centuries, near Toulon, was Hannah, Hannah hesitated and look- destroyed recently by a violent winded at Mrs. Holly. The Misses Sarah, storm. The trunk was nearly twelve Jane, Eliza Martha looked at each feet in circumference. Monsieur Chaother and tittered. Mr. William looked band, the proprietor of the ground on

> > How Fast Can Ducks Fly? While measuring the height and veton and Fergusson, of the Blue Hill

Observatory, observed a flight of ducks passing across their base-line in the Neponset River valley, With their theodolites they succeeded in measuring the height of the ducks above ground, 958 feet, and subsequent observations enabled them to calculate the velocity of flight of the birds, which was about 47.8 miles per hour. Transmission of Electric Power.

The world-wide renown of Niagara Falls has lent peculiar distinction to the great electric power plant recently installed there, but the American Ma-So the kettle was fetched, and a bowl | chinist says that "in so far as the Niagara plant is a long-distance one the ling simply gave him away. A more the balliff's request-lemons and loaf work done up to date has been surpassed in several instances, both in the When the inventory was at length fin- rant jorum, with no unpracticed hand, distance covered and the amount of Ished it was nearly 9 o'clock. The And right insidiously delicious did that power transmitted." Many of the young man shut up his notebook with jorum smell. But the bailiff and Will- greatest electric power plants are a snap and thrust it into his breast lam and Walter were all too gallant to among the Rocky Mountains and on pocket. He then said to Mr. Boffin, drink unless the ladies gave them a the Pacific coast. At Fresno, Cal., a And then William and 1,400 feet, and the power is distributed "I must be off now. Of course, I shall Walter and the bailiff several drops, over a distance of thirty-five miles. In have to leave my man here in posses- And everyone became pleasant and af- some of the Western installations the sion Very sorry. But it is what I am fable and jocular; so that the servants' water, after serving its purpose in

> Sceing Right-Side Up. The leases of the eye produce on the reting an inverted image of objects looked at, and the question is often asked, "Why do things appear rightside up when their images are wrongside up?" It occurred to Mr. Stratton. of the University of California, to try the effect of preventing the inversion of images on the retina. This was accomplished by means of an optical instrument which excluded from the eyes all light except that which passed through the instrument itself. The instrument was adjusted to the eyes at 2 o'clock one afternoon, and was not removed (except at night, when the eyes were bandaged) until noon the next day. At first, to the person whose eyes were thus treated, everything seemed topsyturvy and illusory, and the mind instinctively tried to imagine objects to be in the position in which

> > Animal Wars.

Twenty-five years ago the mongoo

cording to the account recently pub-

vader. What its larger foes could not

accomplish seems to have been done

ticks multiplied enormously, until

even human beings suffered from their

attacks. The little pests then fastened

upon the mongoos, which within the

past few years has notably diminished

in numbers. And now, as the mongoos

gradually disappears, the snakes, bird-

Man is not the only animal who car-

ries on his warfare by means of or-

gantzed bands, and calls in the forces

of nature to assist him. The German

naturalist and traveler, Brehm, wit-

The actors in the play were baboons,

and lizards are beginning to return.

ous. So the counterfelt stepped fortion, "Sire, the devil has taken my likeness to undo me! Look at him?" Heldegger saw his double, gasped, they ordinarily appear. After a time, gibbered and fell senseless. One may however, the feeling of the unreality of think that longer and more compliwhat was seen passed away, and the cated "business" might have developed person experimented on even began to from such an ingenious hoax, but for imagine everything that lay outside his a dramatic situation of its class this field of vision to be arranged in the ould not be beaten. same way as what he saw. This goes to show that habit and experience

In some parts of South America good folk store all the glass and crockery counternet the effect of the inversion of broken in the twelvementh, and at carnival time put it into a sack attached to the lofty balcony by a stout cord, not quite long enough to reach the ground. When a desirable vietim passthe great enemy of snakes in India, es beneath, the sack is quietly let gowas imported into Jama'ca to destroy to be stayed, with a hideous crash, the rats which were devastating the upon his very heels. It is credibly resugar-cane and other crops of the islported that foreigners unprepared for and. Having exterminated the rate this jest have tumbled headlong at the the mongoos next attacked poultry and shock and others have taken to their all kinds of game, as well as snakes, lizards and turtles, and finally even beds with an attack of fever. These began to feed upon sugar-cane, bananare fare triumphs. as, pineapples, etc. But at length, ac-

The "Soo Canal," a familiar collo quial designation for the Sault Sie. Marie Canal, connecting the waters of Lakes Superior and Haron, is famous in the history of canals and canal building. Begun in 1855, by the State of Michigan, it was subsequently transferred to the United States Government, since which time very great improvements have been made. One lock, said to be the largest in the world, is over 500 feet long and 80 feet wide, with a lift of 20 feet. A much larger lock was projected and is now nearing completion on the site of one made in 000,000 bushels of wheat, 2,500,000 tons of iron ore, 165,000,000 feet of Comber and great quantities of coal.

and their enemies were in one case the dropper make one spoonful.



The naturalist himself was once stead out of a pass in a very few min-Tennyson used to (e)) the story of a utes by these creatures, who sprang farmer who, after hearing a red-hot gun ledges and stones, looked down sermon of never-ending fire and brimfor a few seconds on the valley, growlstone, consoled his wife quite sincerely ing, sparling and screaming, and then with the mave remark: "Never mind, began to roll down stones with so Sally; that must be wrong; no consile North Share Matron Made Miscrable much vigor and advoltness that the totoeshun could stand it."

truders took to flight. The baboons evi-Voltairs and Piron were enemies, To for the naturalist saw two of them their embarransment they met one day young woman who is giving thanks condition their efforts in order to set a at the country house of a friend. Piron that she is not in the pentientiary. One particularly heavy stone rolling. One got up early, went to Voltaire's door, whole day recently she spent in dread monkey, bent on making the most of and wrote upon it the word "Rogne." his missile, was seen to carry a stone At breakfast, Voltaire smillingly said on maste of the county jail, and every up a tree, that he might hurl it with to him; "I thank you for showing your time she heard the rattle of a coming interest in my welfare by leaving your carette on Rush street she grew faint, On the occasion when the dogs at card at my door this morning."

tacked the labours, the baboons were. Chinese cheap labor may 'yet ruin crossing a vailey, and as usual during New Zealand. In Orago, where there a march, the females and young were tre a good many Scotchmen, a contract in the center, the males heading the for read mending was awarded to the column and bringing up the rear. As lowest bid, which was signed Macthe dogs rushed upon them, only the Pherson. When the hidder appeared to sign the contract, he was yellow and The males turned and faced the en- had a pigtail. "But," said the official emy, growling, beating the ground who met him, "your name cannot be with their hands, and opening their MacPherson." "All lightee," answered mouths, so as to show their glittering the Chinaman, "nobody catchee conteeth. They looked so fierce and ma- thact in Diago unless he named Mac," licious that the dogs-Arab grey, and the contract was signed.

hounds, accustomed to fight success. Dr. Howley, Archbishop of Canterfully with byenns and other beasts of bury, who died in 1848, one day drove prey-shrank back. By the time they up to the door of the House of Lords were encouraged to renew the attack, in a ceach and-four, with liveried the whole herd had made their way, coachman and two footmen. A Quacovered by the rear guard, to the rocks. ker, who knew him, addressed him: one six months' old monkey alone ex "Friend Howley, what would the Apostle Paul have said if he had seen these This little monkey sat on a rock, sur- four horses, and the purple liveries, rounded by the dogs, but he was not and all the rest?" The archbishop, who long left in his perilous position. An was seldom flustered, replied with a old baboon stepped from a cliff near benignant smile, "Doubtless the aposby, advanced toward the dogs, keep- tie would have remarked that things ing them in check by threatening ges- were very much changed for the better tures and sounds, picked up the baby since his time."

An ancient resident of Willowby, whose conduct in one of the battles of crowd of baboons watched the act of the civil war had brought him under suspicion of cowardice, used to declare, "I didn't run away and stay till 'twas all over, no such a thing; I retreated in good order, that was ail." One day a military man heard the oftrepeated explanation, "Well, my friend," he said, looking steadily at the hero of the retreat, "you say you retreated in good order, but I should like to ask one thing: About how fast did you go?" "Well," said the other man, surprised into telling the unadorned truth, "if I'd been at home and going after the doctor, I reckon folks would have thought somebody was pretty

Professor Blackle was once staying at Typemouth. Before retiring to rest ly executed, we do not care so much as he informed his host that he had two cal" class. Who would not have liked requests to make: First, that they would allow his bedroom door to stand to be present at the royal masquerade wide open; and, second, that they were when Heidegger, master of the revels not to be alarmed should they hear him to George II., was confronted by his singing in the middle of the night, for when he could not fall asleep, he wooed The Duke of Montagu had obtained Somnus with a song. Accordingly, at took it to his house."-Chicago Chrona cast of the great man's face. From 2 o'clock in the morning the old profesthis he caused a wax mask to be fashsor was heard singing in strong, cheery ioned and colored. Heidegger's tailor tones, "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace supplied a fac simile of the new and bled," like a verhable Highlander on gorgeous dress he was to wear, and the warpath. And again, in the stillthe duke engaged an actor to play the part. He told the hand, at the last mogrow the rushes, O." The last lines ment, to strike up "Charley Over the were sung in more subdued tones, and sleep came to him ere he finished his song. They hesitated. But it was indubi-

Pacing Without a Driver.

heard that treasonable air, perhaps for | Herald recently printed an account of the first time, on entering. We can one which really deserves to be fafaintly imagine the tumult. Heideg- mous. She belongs in Oshkosh, Wis., ger rushed to the band, struck the con- and has been trained by her ow serductor, set him playing "God Save the though little training was necessary-King," and rushed back to apologize. to pace against time without a driver, Next moment he returned to the or- This, as the Herald observes, is a new chestra, equally furious—that is, his departure in racing methods,

There is no pace-maker, no guiding, double returned-ordering the band to resume "Charley Over the Water," no whipping, no urging, no interference and the bewildered musicians obeyed. or prompting of the mare in any way. There was never such a scene in the | She knows her lines and goes through them without faltering, and with every The officers of the guard in attend- sign of full confidence in her own

ance made a dash at the band with knowledge and ability. She is led to a point about a hundred swords, but those in the secret blocked yards from the wire, and is in perfect the way. Heldegger, dancing round the king, made inarticulate protesta- action when she receives the word "go" tions and excuses, whilst His Majesty from the starter in the judges' stand, stormed and threatened, making for On getting the word the handsome anithe door. The situation became peril- mai quickens her speed, and around the track she goes as though running ward crying, with passionate indigna- away. She keeps close to the inner rail, seemingly through instinct, though she never leaves the track, whether it be inclused or not.

Every mile is paced without a break, and as evenly as though she were stendied by a skillful driver. The novelty of the performance and the dasiring beauty of the intelligent anima! wen admiration wherever she appears, and the finish is always attended with enthusiastic cheering.

A notable feature of the performance is that the last quarter is always the fastest, and no demonstration from the crawd ever makes her lose her stride, or even slow up. After passing the wire, Marion seems to know that her task is completed, and her bright eyes search the track for the groom, who stands ready with cooling blankets a short distance up the stretch. When blanketed she is returned to the starter for recognition, and views the applauding crowds with an air of conscious pride and satisfaction.

Cloth buttons are machine made, a very intricate piece of mechanism stamping the metal, then cutting the cloth, placing it in position, drawing it over the button and putting the cap in place, leaving a projecting portion of cloth in the center for the thread. Rice buttons are made of the white earth used in chinaware. There is a variety of button manufactured, from the starch of rice, which is almost as hard and quite as durable as the china button. Horn buttons are cut from the material by machinery. Metal buttons 1856, the later structure being 1,000 are also machine made, a die stamping feet long, 100 feet wide and 21 feet, the metal into proper shape. Pearl butdeep. The importance of this canal to tons are turned by machinery from the lake navigation may be judged from oyster or mussel shell and afterward the fact that it transports every year pierced by steam drills. The cheapest a larger tonnage than the Suez Canal, grades of collar buttons are made of between the Mediterranean and Red the material used in chinaware, a better Seas. In the census year it bore 25. quality is turned out of bone; the metal collar buttons are manufactured by machinery from brass plates and after ward gilded by the electro-plating proc ess. The brass buttons used on uni One hundred drops from a medicine forms are made by machinery, a special

die stamping the required initial or de- Life.

vice on the face The campaign buttons are made by photographing a portrait or device upon a plate of metal, a very ntricate machine afterward stamping he face of the button late shape and tring on the back and shank. mey and expensive buttons used on ladies' costames are usually imported from France or Germany, where the best grades are hand-made.

## BABY GETS THE LETTER.

Because of Her Child's Prank.

Over on Bellevue place there is a of impresonment at Joliet or at least as for she thought the patrol wagon was surely after her.

The unhappy young woman is a great favorite in the exclusive circles of the north share and is the wife of a promnent young business man. She is the proud mother of a little girl, who is never dealed anything that she wants, and if she sees anything she generally takes it. One morning recently the letter carrier called as usual at the house and left a large package of notes, invifations and letters. Among them was one that belonged to the same number in another street. The young woman sent it to the hall tree, to be given to the postman at his next call. When the carrier came the mald reported the mistake, but could not find the letter. The carrier made complaint about it. and said he must have it when he called

The poor young matron by this time was thoroughly frightened. With her beuse maid she renewed the search, but it proved fruitless. In her misery her beautiful 3-year-old baby came in from her walk, accompanied by her nurse. The mother took her little one upon her lap to recover her composure, and asked the nursery maid if she had seen anything of the lost letter. The nurse thought a moment and then excla med:

"I think the baby took it!" One of the amusements of the little one was to always carry something in her hand when going out for a walk. Upon thinking a moment she remembered that the child had something white in her hand when they started for a walk, but the nurse did not remember seeing it after the first few moments. Then the young mother's misery began all over again. She knew now that the penitentiary was her doom, and she sat down and waited for the letter carrier to come to seal her fate. She met the postman on the front step as he made the rounds for the third time that day and told himthat she was ready to take her punishment; that her baby had carried the

letter off and lost it. "Yes, I know," returned Uncle Sam's essenger. "I just delivered it. Some one found it on the street this noon and dropped it in the mail box, and I just

Quaint Headgear.

Some of the funcy dress balls that are so essential a part of the observness of the night, he sung out: "Green ance of the holiday season have revealed in the metropolis a headgear that seems decidedly novel, but which is in reality a revival of a favorite style of the period of Louis Quatorze. It is hardly so suggestive of French fash-Pacing horses are said to be coming some equally remote/place, and its apthe conductor demurred. So the king into fashion again, and the New York pearance in New York at this holiday season has awakened a vast deal of

comment and surprise. Perhaps the most surprising thing about this massive headdress is that when it has been worn this season its outlines and colors have been managed with such skill that It has been not grotesque, as would be supposed, but effective and becoming. One form of the headdress which was designed to be worn with a gown of French blue satin, cut in very old-fashioned style, was also of satin in a very delicate

shade of French blue. For the most part it greatly resem bled a hood, the back of the headdress being very loose and baggy, and the sides made to seem like huge circular earpieces, but being really rosettes of the satin, with a center of gold embroidery. The fluted projection in front was held in place by a band of gold which extended across the upper part of the forehead. This band was one of the most effective parts of the headdress, and was studded with a variety of brilliant jewels.

The object of this hood-like head-covering seems to be to conceal every vestige of the hair, and the stiff tabs which form the back of the headdress accomplish this aim very effectually. Not a trace of hair, not a single escaping curi. emerges from this very comprehensive head cover. And the young women look like maldens of some extraordinarily demure and exceedingly old-fashtoned period.

Japanese Fans.

There are many curious uses for fans in Japan. The umpire at wrestling and fencing matches uses a heavy one shaped like a buge butterfly, the handle being the body, and rendered imposing by heavy cords of silk. The various motions of the fan constitute a language which the wrestlers fully understand and appreciate. Former ly, in the time of war, the Japanese commander used a large fan having a frame of iron covered with thick paper. In case of a charge, it could be shut, and a blow from its iron bones was no slight affair. One notable variety of fan is made of waterproof paper, which can be dipped in water and creates great coolness by evaporation without wetting the clothes. The flat fan, made of rough paper, is often used as a grain-winnow, to blow the charcoal fires, and as a dust pan.

Hard to Understand.

He-There is one thing I cannot understand about you women. She-What is that? "Why, you are such experts at taper ing waists and such lamentable fail-

ures when it comes to inpering lead

pencils."-Yonkers Statesman.

New Arrival-I'm a reporter for the Daily Sensation. Mephistopheles (at home)-Intend to

stay or have you merely come to write us up for Sunday's paper?-Brooklyn