



THE DETECTIVE.

WELL, well! Perhaps it was my fault—perhaps it was not. He was a clever fellow—ah, that he was. They asked me to catch him; I said I'd try. I wouldn't promise—no, I'd only say I'd try.

AN USUAL BUSINESS.

German Who Reaps Profit from Training Watch Dogs. A patient and ingenious man, Herr Straus of Berlin is engaged in a novel and unusual business, something which he has thought out for himself and which is proving very lucrative.

SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

MUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS. Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

Difference in Value.

Friend—Poetry is a drug on the market, isn't it? Poet—I should say not. Friend—Then I am misinformed. Poet—Your informant probably never tried to sell poetry or buy drugs.

CARTS CONVEYING THEIR MIDDAY MEAL TO BERLIN WORKMEN.



European cities have many services that are unknown to most of the cities of the United States. There is Berlin, for example, with its regular service of carts which carry to the workmen in the factories their midday meal.

"CATTLE-WHIPPED" A BEAR.

Bruin Tormented by Two Sportive Florida Cattle Drivers. One of the funniest instances related at St. Augustine, Fla., recently in the hunting line is the "cattle-whipping" of a big bear by John Capo and John Andrea on Anastasia Island a short time ago.

A Beggar and His "Hump."

We have heard of the London beggar who kept his carriage and pair, and though Paris cannot have such valuable places in its gift as London, it supports a greater number of beggars, some of whom accumulate what would be a fortune to the average Frenchman.



Roamin' Fatt—Wat yer got yer coat bagged up over yer belt fer? Wanderin' Lean—W'y, dat's de fashion. All de young loidies wear der jackets dat way.—St. Louis Republic.

The Salt Habit.

The use of salt as a condiment is so general and so universally believed in as necessary that we rarely hear a word against its excessive use, but there are a multitude of persons who eat far too much salt—eat it on every thing, on meat, fish, potatoes, melons, squash, in bread and on a host of foods too numerous to mention.

No Trouble.

Col. Texas—Certainly; no trouble at all.—St. Louis Republic. No Chance for a Fee. "This," said the great lawyer, "is a case that I propose to handle without gloves."

Always Full.

Mr. Jaggs (at breakfast)—I told you I only wanted a half-cup of coffee, and you've filled it full. Don't you know the meaning of half full? Mrs. Jaggs—Not in your case.



"CATTLE WHIPPING" A BIG BEAR.

He passed. Bruin rose up and growled ferociously as the sharp sting of the lash hit him over the shoulder. While he was looking in that direction, Andrea passed behind him, giving him another sharp cut over the back.

that it was a strong box, and should have contained ninety-six thousand francs. A neighbor had appropriated the box and his friend's savings. The nephew got the fortune, and the neighbor got two years.

South Sea Caricatures.

When a South Sea Island mother wishes to chastise her child she seldom resorts to slapping and slippers—of course she has none. Instead of using the forms of punishment customary among civilized mothers, she pulls the child's hair and bites some part of the body, generally the fleshy part of the arm.

Woman's Inhumanity to Woman.

Tom—Hain't Mrs. Powderly a lovely complexion? Mame—Yes, indeed! She ought to be very grateful to her husband. Tom—Why so? Mame—He buys her everything she wants.

HERO OF CHITRAL.

Surgeon Whitechurch's Rescue of a Mortally Wounded Officer. Charles Lowe contributes to the Century an article entitled "The Story of Chitral." Mr. Lowe says: It was 7.15 when the fort was regained by Townshend's party, and at eight o'clock Surgeon Captain Whitechurch also returned, staggering along under the burden of poor Captain Baird, who had been mortally wounded early in the action; hence the failure of his flanking force of fifty men to cooperate at the expected moment with that of Townshend in a bayonet rush upon the loopholed village.

RIDES IN BLOOMERS.

Princess Louise of Saxony is the first princess to wear bloomers. The bicycle craze early took hold of the women of European royal families, just as it has of women everywhere. The King of Italy was opposed to it and Emperor William became angry when his sisters and cousins persisted in wheeling around the country lanes of Germany, but they were forced to permit it. Princesses cannot do as other mortals

To the Point.

Africa always has been afflicted with drought, and among the Boers prayers are regularly offered up—usually when the drought already has begun—for relief from this evil, and the author of "On Veldt and Farm" tells a story of a pastor who pointed out the utility of assisting people who would not assist themselves. A Presbyterian congregation once pointed out to the minister that, in view of the impending drought, it were well to approach the Almighty on the subject of the rainfall.

As to Pavements.

Harkins—They say tophet is paved with good intentions. Dawson—And I wonder if they, too, have to rip up the pavement every time anybody gets ready to put in a hollow promise? Beyond Him. Customer—You know that prescription you filled for me yesterday. I want a copy of it. Druggist—I guess you'll have to get it from the doctor. I never could read his handwriting.—Life.

Very Fine Writing.

A machine has been invented, which is composed of exquisitely graduated wheels rubbing a tiny diamond point at the end of an almost equally tiny arm, whereby one is able to write up on glass the whole of the Lord's prayer within a space which measured the two hundred and ninety-fourth part of an inch in length by the four hundred and fortieth part of an inch in breadth, or about the measurement of the dot over the letter "i" in common print.

Safeguards for Navigators.

At the present time there are about forty lighthouses and beacons erected and maintained by the Newfoundland government. There are also fog signals and bellbuys at the most dangerous points round the coast. These warnings cost about \$45,000 a year.

Distant Relatives.

"She promised to be a sister to me." "Yes." "Then she married a man from California and I haven't seen her for thirty years."

Working Under Difficulties.

It is extraordinary what some men can accomplish in spite of ill-fortune. Vereschagin had his right thumb so badly bitten by a leopard some years ago, that it had to be amputated. On the field of battle the middle finger of his right hand was made useless by a shot. By a fall on the steppes later, the center bones of the same hand were shattered. Nevertheless, Vereschagin is one of the foremost painters in Russia, and makes as dexterous use of his right hand, lamed as it is, as any man in Europe.

Voted Early and Often.

Rev. Washburne West, who died lately in London, had the distinction of being able, through a judicious distribution of his property, to cast twenty-three votes at each parliamentary election. He was kept busy in rushing from one polling place to another on election day, as he was interested in politics. At the 1862 election he managed to vote the Conservative ticket seventeen times.



PRINCESS RIDES IN BLOOMERS.