

BRAVE : MARIE. 68 儆 wwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww

Now, it happened that on this very

tain Charles, for she had often seen him

of his brave deeds in ald of the French,

"Where canst thou hide me, little

Marie had heard those stories of th

Prussians and her beart sank with fear

Truly there were few hiding places in

the little cottage. Then her eyes fill

on the large baking oven and her busy

little brain found a way out of the dif-

ficulty. She quickly bade the franc-

tireur get inside the oven and then she

Scarcely was her work finished when

she heard a loud knocking on the door

and a Prussian officer entered. He

stopped, abashed, when he saw only

filled it with the loose faggots.

"The

she was not in the least frightened.

| rug doll, her one playmate and insep-T happened in 1870, which is still arable companion.

T happened in "terrible year" in Bois-le-Duc. The war between morning Captain Charles, the francrance and Prussia had raged all about tireur, baving gone out on a reconnoithem, but not a soldier had been seen ering expedition, had been cut off from a the tiny village, for which the peas- his men by half a dozen Prussian cayints daily thanked their stars. The old alrymen, and had to run for his life. as who lived alone with his son The Duret cottage was the only one marles, in the cheateau above the near him, and so, while Marle sat talkand who was still known as "le ing to her doll, the door was suddenly buc," though his title had vanished burst open and the soldier rushed in. th his estates long before, firmly be- Marie knew at once that it was Capaved that France was on the road to ain, but he scoffed at the idea that the about the village, and as she had heard russians would ever invade French rritory.

But one fine summer morning Bois-le-Due was startled by a sound of martial one?" the man hurriedly asked. sile and a body of Prussian soldiers Prussians are on my track." marched through the town. Up the hill rent the Prussians, and there before and chateau the order to halt was at the thought of facing such monsters. ven. The old soldier had seen their Nevertheless she showed herself a ing and had prepared, according to brave little woman. For an instant she own ideas, to receive them. From glanced helplessly around the room.



arm and stood, sword in hand, in the enter of the room.

"Ah, Prussian pig!" exclaimed he, or shall while I live."

THE GREAT SEAL OF ENGLAND. HUMOR OF THE WEEK What Was Done with the Old test of

George 1V. The great seal is not allowed to leave the kingdom without special permission. In 1521 Cardinal Wolsey carried the seal into the low countries and sealed writs with it at Calais, a violation of duty which formed one of the articles of his impeachment. Nowadays, if the chancellor leave London the great seal goes with him, and if

coming chancellor.

was some contention as to the disposal

of the pleces of the defaced seal of

George. The difficulty came out of the

fact that when William's seal was or-

was chancellor, but when it was fin-

ing fallen in his time; while Lord

Brougham insisted that the point of

time to be regarded was the moment when the old seal ceased to be the

clavis regni. The matter was submit-

ted to William IV, Greville, in his Me-

moirs, gives the following account of

"King William IV. is a queer fellow,

Our council was principally for a new

great seal, and to deface the old seal,

The chancellor (Brougham) claims the

old one as his perquisite. I had forgot-

ten the hammer, so the king said, 'My

lord, the best thing I can do is to give

you the seal and tell you to take it and

do what you like with it.' The chancel-

lor said, 'Sir, I believe there is some

doubt whether Lord Lyndhurst ought

not to have half of it, as he was chan-

cellor at the time of your majesty's as-

cession.' 'Well,' said the king, 'then 1

will judge between you, like Solomon;

the incident:

Our Own Day-A Budget of Fus. necessary the traveling scaler attends The Reason Why. "Now," said the professor in natural the chancellor for the purpose of actually applying the seal to documents. history, "take the case of the hen. Why When the great seal is to change does it hay the egg?" hands the retiring lord chancellor goes "Because it can't lay carpet," replied

to the queen, attended by his purse the bright boy of the class .- North bearer, who carries the seal in its purse. American, The purse is handed to the queen by the purse bearer, given back to that official by her majesty, and is then

"Deacon, do you think that the moral tendency of bleycle riding is bad?" handed by the purse bearer to the in-"Yes, for those who do not ride."-De trolt Free Press. George IV, had one seal only, and when William IV, succeeded him there

Making Ready. "I don't know whether or not the women are arming for the fray," said the perfumery clerk; "but we have sold quite a lot of powder of late."-Philadered (August 4, 1830,) Lord Lyndhurst delphia North American,

His Point of View.

STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN

OF THE PRESS.

Odd, Curious and Langhable Phases

of Human Nature Graphically Por-

trayed by Eminent Word Artists of

In Evidence.

ished and ready to take the place of "Uncle Jim, why do some of the col-George IV.'s seal (August 31, 1831) ored people place empty medicine bot-Lord Brougham was chancellor. Lyndties on the graves of their deceased hurst claimed the old seal, on the friends 7

ground that the transaction must be "I dunno, sub, onless hit is ter let de referred back to the date of the order worl' know what killed 'em?"-Atlanta for the new seal, and that the fruit Constitution. must therefore be considered as hav



"H-m! Law books on the rights of the wife! Well, my husband and I never had any dispute about that."

He Moved On.

"It rests with you to say whether I shall remain here and be happy or go to brave the terrors of the frozen Klondike."

"I appreciate the favor you have shown in applying to me first," replied the widow, "but my property is so tied up that I think you would find it easier to get your grubstake somewhere else." sides cigarettes? -Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Rule.

"I suppose you have your own ideas as to the proper line of warfare," said

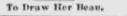
"Yes," replied the general, "Seven words to the line is the average upon which I base my calculations."-Washington Star.

Keeping It.

Just Large. Mr. Query (to Mr. Newcomb, who has a 200-pound wife, but no children-Have you a large family, sir? Mr. Newcomb-Large, but not numer ous.-Tit-Bits.

After a Bargain.

"Life," exclutined the woman with the sharp features, "isn't worth living" They who knew her best were vague ly conscious that she was possibly try ing to beat somebody down. But whom?-Detroit Journal.





Father-Why do you paint, my child Daughter-For the same reason that you use rosh before you play on your violin. To help to draw my beau; see?

And Likewise on Empty Head. "How emphatic Whooply is in everything he says."

"Didn't you ever notice that an empty wagon makes the most noise?"-De troit Free Press.

The Reason. "Why do they call it a 'flying squad-

ron," 1 wonder?" "Because it'll make the fur fly when it meets the enemy."-Cleveland Leader.

A Cinch.

That was a difficult thing to prove, in the absence of documentary evidence,

"You are sure that he regarded you as his wife?" asked the lawyer. "Sure?" replied the woman, "Sure? Say, I once gave him a letter to post and he carried it around in his pocket

ing in such vast numbers that farmers are being ruined wholesale. The illus-

WHERE WATER IS SCARCE.

A Disastrous Drouth Is Devastating

South Africa.

A most disastrous drought is devas-

tating South Africa, the worst known

for many generations. Stock is perish-

Mrs. Darling-That's nothing. My husband looks under the bed at my request, every night.

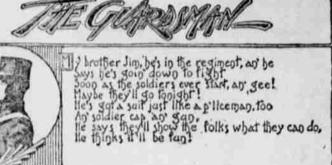
His Penance,

Harper-Yes, I always do. My wife

Cruci.

which I am not fully informed. She-What do you ever talk about be

Old Highrocks-I refuse to take the picture. I won't give you a cent for it. Artist-What's the matter? It looks like your daughter, doesn't it? Old Highrocks-O' course it does. That's the reason I don't want it. Any to a hundred feet, but the finds are few fool of a photograph man could take a and weak. Walike Australia there are pleture that looks like 'er. What did no subterranean rivers to tap. The you think I want a paintin' for, any-



Diat ma, she says she doit want him to go. Cause she's atraid, I gaess. An'so, las night she was arcryin so when Jim said that anless she'd want to have a coward for a son tha'd have to go an fight. That seemed jast like she never woold get done but cried an cried all oight:

A of sis told Jim that if they went away she thought it was a shame. Any cried when Jim said 't was a lacky day To show that we are game: Sis liked Jim in his suit an cap an so I thought she wouldn't care, But she took on an cried just like as though the's goin to die down there.

at pa you know, he pever said a word. Just like he couldn't talk. Dut just shook hands with Jim, like this, real hard hi went to take a walk; An bimeby I went out to try an meet. The kids, you know an do something, an pa was walking up the street. An be was trying tool

FRANK X. FINNEGAR.

tional Library. The New York Times s authority for the anecdote.

During the visit of King Chulalongkorn, of Siam, a highly prized paper that no one had been able to decipher satisfactorily, because of the mixture of Slamese and Chinese characters, was uncarthed and shown to the Slamese visitor.

The King glanced at the precious paper and then laughed heartily, after which he went on to explain that this carefully guarded and highly prized document was merely a fire insurance polley drawn up for a Chinese company by some Slamese firm, and that his own signature, which it bore, was such as all similar documents contain. It was, moreover, written by one of his secretarles detailed for that work.

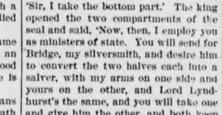
That document is not so highly prized as it was.

HOUSE WITH A HISTORY

Structure Which Has More than Common Interest for Masons.

In Canton, N. Y., stands a house which has more than a common interest for the masons of the country. It shows, in the first place, "the royal arch," which seems to be a shape of mystic meaning to the order. And in the second place, it was built to flaunt the principles of its builder, Paul Boynton, in the faces of his enemies, the anti-Masons.

Boynton came to Canton in 1831 and was prominently identified with the Masonic order. About that time a cruhope of the farmer lies in the conser- ' sade against the organization started; there were pamphlets published on "Masonry Exposed" and the like. In the excitement one prominent opponent of the Masons disappeared and his comrades alleged foul play. Boynton's house was burned in the trouble that followed.



and give him the other, and both keep His brave words seemed almost ridic- that led from the rear of the cottage them as presents from me." -- Pall Mall Magazine.

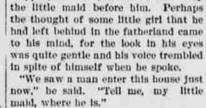
German Education.

The Germans are the most thorough

A fellow traveler had taken his degree of B. A. in the University of Pean- the Spanish official. sylvania, and went to that of Berlin, where he spent three years. Subsequently traveling in Switzerland he met a young German whose range and accuracy of knowledge was simply be-

he had ever met. In many walks and

"Are your folks keeping Lent very | way?



n upper window waved the colors of rance, and as one of the Prussian of- ing for him to speak Marie had had cers started to enter the house, to time to collect her wits and to reflect earn the meaning of this hostile dis- that the man did not look like such a day, he was met by the old man, who monster after all. Now she replied and dressed himself in his ancient uni-

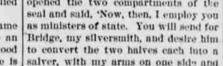
purself, or I will hew you down. No gone now," she added. russian ever yet entered my house,

lous when one looked at his white to the forest.

rawing his sword, "draw and defend in the corner of the room, "but he is She carefully related to the Prussians how the franc-tireur had taken the path ocks and shaking hand. The Prussian | The girl answered his questions so

flicer smilled at the thought of a sword readily that it was hard for the officers that with him and would probably to suspect her of deceiving him, but he ave withdrawn, leaving the old man ordered his men to make a thorough speace, had not an overzealous soldier, search of the cottage. They looked in hinking that his officer was in danger, closets and cupboards and rummaged





ly educated people in the world. What they know they know well.

so hard, so long. I must have patience.

Rerlin, and forgive me the question,

"Why, I was admitted on my B. A.

"Mein Gott!" gasped the German

scholar, "I knew it must be some way

No better comment on the relative

standards of knowledge and the thor-

oughness of the method by which it is

pursued could be asked .-- Philadelphia

from the University of Pennsylvania,"

replied the American.

like that."

Times.

job.

how did you get into the university?"

yond that of any man of the same age



me to church on Sundays,

Wilkins-Are you keeping Lent?

has her mother spend the month before Easter with her every year.

He-I never discuss matters upon

After Something Pretty.

BORING FOR WATELL water. At a little expense the Cape

government provides an apparatus for the use of the farming community and drilling operations are in progress in nearly all parts of the country. It is

generally believed that there is abundance of water at a depth of from fifty vation of the rainfall, which, if not



ONE OF THE MEN OPENED THE DOOR AND LOOKED IN.

ushed in and bayoneted the old man the loft. One of the men in passing he stood.

The mistake was unfortunate, but Marie's heart almost ceased beating, he Prussian command could not afford but she gave no sign of her alarm. See waste time over a single dead French- ing nothing but the heap of faggots the ian. The house was fired; the soldiers man closed the door. Marie could hardnarched on, and by the time the rear ly keep from heaving a sigh of relief; If the column disappeared over the it seemed in her own mind that she ext hill little but a heap of smoking must shout of joy. As they were preshes was left on the spot where the paring to leave one of the men asked: old chateau had stood.

But the boy Charles, standing there beside the ashes of his father, swore to

On the afternoon of the day on which the Prussians marched through Bols-le- received a curt, almost savage "No." Duc Charles learned from the villagers the whereabouts of the nearest tay of away, and when they were well out of French soldiers, and set off to join

strange, silent lad was a valuable mem- and he kissed Marie and called her a er of the company on account of his brave girl. Then he departed by the thowledge of woodcraft and his absoute fearlessness. Important scouting sians had taken, to join his men at their buty was entrusted to him, and after meeting place in the forest. time he became the captain of the ost daring of all the bands of the franc-tireur. His little company was constant aggravation to the Prus- depths of the forest, when the francsians, a very thorn in the sides of dilaion commanders.

II. One afternoon, shortly after the secand visit of the Prussians to Bols-le-Duc, little Marie Duret was alone in her parents' cottage while they were head, she was a neat, thorough-going fold her hands and say: little housewife. Although her home stood quite apart from the other cottages and not far from the great forest. Maire and his good wife. There you to that it could scarcely be called a part will find Captain Charles and of Bois-le-Duc at all, Marie had become o accustomed to playing the mistress

for a whole day at a time that she did bot in the least mind the loneliness.

To-day she had set the house in or der, had swept the floor and had piled beside the large brick oven a heap of faggots against the morrow's baking. All her tasks completed, Marie took ossession of a low chair and began edately to amuse herself with a large | than they really do.

opened the oven door and glanced in. "Shall we not fire the cottage?"

It was the usual rule when a peasant was suspected of harboring a francbe revenged upon the Prussians. From that moment he was a man, he had a to him and a warning to all others, but Marie's winsome manner had touched the officer's heart and the questioner

Marie watched the Prussians ride sight, she let Captain Charles out of his narrow hidding place. He had It was soon discovered that the heard all that passed in the cottage,

road opposite to that which the Prus-

Marie was the pride of her parents and the heroine of the town when her story was made known. And in the tireur gathered about their campfire and their leader told of his narrow escape and the bravery of the little peas-

ant girl, each man lifted his canteen and enthusiastically drank to the health and prosperity of Marie Duret. The landlady of the little vine-covered inn at Bols-le-Duc tells this story at work in the fields. Marie was a to every stranger who visits the place. comely little malden, a dark-eyed, nut- And if one is inquisitive enough to ask brown peasant girl, and though not a what afterward became of the francdozen summers had passed over her tireur and the peasant girl she will un-

> "Just walk up to yonder brick house on the hill and ask for Monsteur le the brave Marie."-Omaha Bee.

The first street rallway in America started on the Bowery, New York, and ran from Prince street to Fourteenth street, in 1831.

Many really clever and deserving people are unpopular because they try to make out that they amount to more

strictly this year?" talks the German had absolutely pump-

"I should say so. They've had the ed the American dry, while his own dressmaker every day for two weeks, store of knowledge had only been and are now getting ready to clean touched. "Ach," said the German stuhouse."-Cleveland Leader. dent one day, "I shall never get my degree. It is so difficult, it is so much,

Sure to Be Used. First poet-I am going to have my I used to see you at the University of revenge upon the editor. Second poet-How?

First poet (in a hoarse whisper)-I've sent him a poem, and I've poisoned the gum on the return envelope,-London Fun.

Old Grumpy-I have found it the safest rule in life to trust no man-to take it for granted that every one is only waiting for an opportunity to beat you. Miss Cutler-Ah, your case only emphasizes the fact that too much retrospection is a bad thing.

Mercly a Sincoure.

Labor - saving appliances for the kitchen are now so numerous that if inventions along this line continue to multiply the position of cook will soon become a sinecure; and it will only be necessary for the goddess of pots to ance. put the raw food on the kitchen table. touch a button, and ring the bell for

the hungry. One man makes a clock of expense?" wake the sleeper and light the lamp. says Invention. Now another inventor

cook is in bed dreaming of her new bl cycle and bloomers. This other smart clock is of the alarm kind. When the hour for lighting the fire arrives the time piece "goes off," so does a firecarriage with which it is connected. The carriage slides on a track, which extends from the clock base to the wood to be ignited, being put in motion by a spring released by the clock mechanism. First a match, carried by a sliding match-holder, is struck as the latter moves, and from this the fire carriage is lighted, after which it slides down to the wood and completes the

Centennial Celebrations.

This year's crop of centennial cele brations includes observations of the it. I should think that you would prefour hundredth aniversaries of Vasco fer any kind of literature to that horde Gama's discovery of the way to in- rid habit of betting you have got into. dia by way of the Cape of Good Hope, at Lisbon in May; of the burning of Savonarola at Florence, also in May, and of the birth of Holbein at Basel, in Switzerland. Montpellier will celebrate the hundredta birthday anniversary of the philosopher Auguste Comte; Ancona that of the poet Leopardi, who was born at Recanati, close by, and Paris that of Michelet, the historian.

Spots on the Finger Nalls,

The little white spots which sometimes appear on the finger nalls are due to some subtle action of the blood, upon which all the bones, sinews, muscles,

America's First Street Railway. and organs in the body are dependent for nutrition. They sometimes disappear of their own accord, but there is no known cure. In reality, they signify no derangement of the system.

If you love a man, see that he wears his overcont until the weather is warm enough to discard it.

The Base of Unbelief.

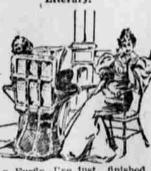
Research Necessary.

"Now," said the man who had been lecturing, "there are many theories as to taxation. You doubtless have your own ideas on that subject." "Yes," replied the candid acquaint-

"What kind of property in your opinion ought to bear the greatest burden

"I can't answer that until I have taken an inventory to see what I have makes a clock light the fire while the in front!"-Atlanta Constitution. the least of."-Washington Star.

Literary.



finished Wf y Furfly-Fve just lovely book on the races,

Miss Prudely-I am so glad to hear

Thought Wasted.

Waldo-What do you think about our const defenses? Chimmy-Nuttin'. I never owned a sled, an', besides, winter's over .- New York Evening Journal.

Accounting for It.

"See here, Lucy," said the teacher to one of her bright scholars, "you have written the word 'oyster' without an

"Oh. yes." exclaimed the scholar, reaching for the slate to make the correction; "I must have been thinking this was one of those months when there is no 'r' in oysters."-Yonkers Statesman.

Proof Positive. McSwatters-How do you know

there's goin' to be war? McSwitters-Blowhard is going to Kloudike on the next train.-Syracuse Herald.



After Taking. "What makes Popper have such a sad and melancholy air? Is he in love?" "No, poor fellow; he was married months ago."-Detroit Free three Press.

The Front for Safety.

A citizen said to an old negro th other day: "Well, Ben, it looks like war, and I

understand they're going to put the negroes right in front " "Dat'll be all right, sub," he replied.

"Ef dey puts 'em in de rear de white folks 'ud run over 'em en kill 'em, so

No Substitute. He-What will you take for a kiss? She-I didn't know there was any substitute,-Philadelphia Inquirer,

A Question of Time, She-Miss Poplin has been out of the

world, hasn't she? He-Yes, I was with her this morn ing for half an hour and told her all I

She-What did you do the rest of the time?-Detroit Free Press.

A Hawaiian Incident.

when I was in Honolulu,"-said Senator Morgan recently. "You know the natives are magnificent swimmers. They take to the water like ducks. One day a cargo of mules was being carried on a barge to a steamer lying off shore, when one of the mules jumped overboard and made for the shore. When he landed on the beach he looked around. and seeing all the other mules being carried toward the steamer he went out into the surf again and started in the direction of the barge. After he had gone some distance a great wave came along and turned him over. When he righted himself he was absolutely wild, and blindly headed out for midocean. The men on the barge watched him for a while, and then the captain asked if

drown. Quick as a flash one of the Kanakas sprang overboard, swam at a tangent to intercept the mule, and, reaching the animal, climbed upon his back, and by elever tactics directed the animal to the steamer, riding him like a centaur in the water all the way."-Washington Post.

trying to outwit others.

and in dams, quickly runs off into the "sluits" and "spruits," and leaves the parched earth but little refreshed. In many places the drinking supplies regularly fall short and the farmers are reduced to the thick, opaque coutents of a dam. In the remoter districts the Boers experience this acute ly. A Boer recently called at an En glishman's house while on a journey and asked for a drink. The English man had a good supply and gave him a sparkling draught. The Dutchman was

MESSAGE THAT MEANT DEATH

famous "No Rent" poster, which was one of the features of the movement of 1881 that landed so many ardent Irish men in prison.

The National League of Ireland, the executive committee of which issued was opposing landlordism by coercing the tenantry into not paying rent. Such tenants as were known to intend to

is your coffin.-Rory of the Hills." The

knew.

it was proposed to let the animal

A man frequently outwits himself in

greatly surprised and in his kitchen "taal" expressed himself highly delighted with such a sweet drink, as he observed, "It had neither taste nor smell."

The Famous "No Rent" Poster Which Landed Many Irishmen in Prison. Here is a relic of a time made exciting by "agitation" in Ireland. It is the

I dunno but what dey'd be safer right

tain if you pay rent .-- Capt, Moonlight," was the sentiment in one, while the other showed a coffin bearing beneath it the cheering inscription, "This

"An interesting incident happened By Order of the Executive men who issued the posters were im prisoned for their offenses, but the

country was placarded as daringly during their imprisonment as before, Now a copy of one of these posters is as scarce as hen's teeth, and, though not a bit artistic, they are treasured by poster collectors as if they were printed in letters of gold after a design by some master draughtsman, Precious Document.

A good story is told at the expense of the custodian of the foreign documents department of the French Na- be disinfected.

Charles STarnell Tratifant

And Ruttle Hen Secretary Cod Michael Duntt Hon Secretary Thomas Bronner Hing Secretary Low Colling Control of Trisson Low Colling Organisation Cod Thomas Bertin Organisation Cod Thomas Section Organisation Kilopathy Coll Thomas Section Organisation

FAMOUS "NO RENT " POSTER.

Sen Cal

Boynton forthwith built another house. It is the "royal arch house,"



BOYNTON'S BOYAL ARCH HOUSE.

which is still standing. Along the cornice over each arch there are characters carved unknown to any but royal arch Masons.

Art of Hog Driving.

The difficulty of driving a single how was well illustrated at the foot of 9th and signed this remarkable document, street the other afternoon at about train time. Some men were driving a herd of swine to Amherst, and as they approached the bridge one of the anidefy the National League and to pay mais became obstreperous and bolted had these "no rent" posters nalled to toward the city, becoming thereby sep-

the doors. In the corners were certain terrifying sentences, "Your fate is cer-The three or four men, assiste The three or four men, assisted by volunteers, placed themselves between the city and the rebellious hog in a semi-circle, while one of their number advanced cautiously and began to tickle the hog's nose with a pine brush. This would make the animal turn round, and each time he did so he would move a few steps toward the bridge and the rest of the drove. The maneuvers were watched with a great deal of interest by a large crowd of spectators, and when finally the wayward one returned to the bosom of the drove a very audible murmur of admiration went up

from the crowd.-Lynchburg News,

Advertisers Are Immortal.

Great advertisers live in the history

of the city and the prosperity of their

firms long after they themselves have

"shuffled off this mortal coil;" their an-

nouncements in the newspapers contin-

ue to bear fruit after the advertisers

are dead. On the other hand, the non-

advertising business man is dead to the

ommunity long before he leaves this

life; and his business is more than apt

Severe Attack of Plety.

The Dog-faced Boy-The Human Os-

trich appears to be getting very relig-

The Albino Girl-Yes, he wouldn't eat

anything but stained cathedral glass

for his dinner-New York Evening

Disinfect the Books.

present engaged on a plan whereby

books in circulation at the Buffalo pub-

lie library and the public schools may

Health Commissioner Wende is at

to die with him .- Savannah News.

louis.

World.