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STORY OF A STATESMAN.

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gressman, who went to Washington on the tidal wave from one of the dis-

scarcely recognized him as anticipations were somewhat dampen-

his prodigious hustling abilities. me to combine an affable disposition, accommodating manner, a pleasant ile and a certain good address. When entered the race for Congress none agined for a minute that he had the ightest prospect of success, but the rerage political weather prophet has dangerous tendency to pin his faith the infallibility of his own opinions ad standing put upon them; and that nty it happens so often that young sulke Mr. Brownlee beat out an old to horse and go to Congress on a tiwave. Unlike the ravens who maked his doom, Brownlee did some aracteristic hustling, snatched the mination from a tired old campaign-

and was elected. When he reached Washington he are the conventional soft black bat ad long black skirt coat of the South, t before he had been there six ouths he looked like a Broadway



YOUR PAPA AND MANNA.

ell, with a slik hat, black cutaway at and gray trousers. And that's hy his constituents scarcely recog-

The rich and thoroughbred Miss alsy Vernon, who had smiled with away. seorn upon the suits of a dozen sore the insidious attention of Mr. were located, to rebuild, he said, "agin lee had scored a triumph that insured

E WAS a dash-| and was not as responsive to his wife's ing young Con- affectionate caresses as usual. "Well, I'm not ashamed of 'em, anyhow," he replied in desperation. They packed their things and left town the next evening.

stores.

tance.

science.

occupying their accustomed place on

BROWNLEE'S MOTHER SMOKED & CORN-

COB PIPE AND HAD WHISKERS.

favorite pastime of heaving fossilized

jokes at their representative in Con-

gress. Brownlee swallowed it all in

good part, and then turned his back to

a double dose of Trojan devotion into

was that he was renominated and

elected, and went back to Washington

to finish his unexpired term of service

His wife sat in the gallery one day

was on. Brownlee had prepared him-

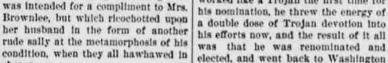
self for the master effort of his life.

If Mrs. Brownlee in her buoyant triets in the trustfulness anticipated scenes of greet-South. But he ing in which mingled the picturesque had not been at offects of a summer residence on the the capital banks of Lake Como, as described by more than six months be- Claude Melnotte, with the other details fore those who had known of romantic stage illusions, which behim at home and went to guile the senses of a girl who has seen Washington on business only the fashionable side of life, her

the same man. A great ed when they stepped off the train in had come over Algernon Smith the dark and found themselves on a ange had come over agernon shifth the dark and found themselves on a rownlee, M. C. At home he had platform where some rough looking ret amounted to much, socially. He men were lounging about under the of very poor parents-"white canopy of a projecting roof that was ah," the colored verdict said. Mr. sheltering them from a dreary rainfall. swalce's pedigree, however, began They seemed to recognize the member m Mr. Brownlee, and what he lack- of Congress, despite his disguise, for aristocracy of blood he made up he wore a fashionable overcoat and a closely rolled umbrella, though he had With his keen energy and upward exchanged his silk hat for a Derby, adency of mind, he had the good for-After some whispering the knot of

loungers gravitated toward them. "Dog my oats, Bill," called out one, "if this ain't Smith Brownlee. Hello, Smith; got back, have yo'?" slapping him on the back. "My, but yo' look putty! Come 'ere, Jim; look at 'im, Would ye know 'im ef yo' met 'im on a dark road? Say, Smith, yo' must a-struck it rich when we sent yo' to Congress. When yo' left yar yo' didn't have an overcoat to yo' back, an' I'll leave it to the crowd, now, did 'e?" Smith tried to take it as a joke. He laughed softly and introduced his wife

in the ill-lighted walting room whither the delegation of his constituents had followed. They removed their hats and stared at the lady like a lot of bumpkins; but this diversion continued only until the most loud-spoken constituent could think of saying something that



chorus. Mrs. Brownlee was beginning to get in the House. shocked. The smell of the coal oil made her III, and she pinched her husband's arm as a signal to break away and hie to the bosom of his family. Brownlee cursed himself and the crowd, and for the first time in his life felt sorry that he ever married. Outwardly, however, he gave no token of his chagrin, but smilled and cracked jokes and clutched at every straw that promised him relief from the merciless persifiage of his illbred constituents. He finally managed

to get his wife and himself into a foulsmelling little country 'bus that carried passengers; and a hoarse shout that sounded half derisive to the well-trained perceptive faculties of Mrs. Brownlee went up from the platform through the darkness and rain as they drove

Brownlee told the 'bus driver to stop dy men casting themselves at her at the hotel. He did, but the owner et, together with their fortunes and was tearing down that part of the agrees, felt her heart dissolve be building where the rooms for guests craftiness. Before he sat down Brown- seems nothing at all.

stand, and a portable mirror of the OUR TROPICAL TERRITORIES species often seen at cheap auction

Pointers for Fortune Hunters in Cuba or Forto Rico.

When she arose the next morning her headache had not abated. The smell For the first time in history a citizen of fried pork and coffee that struck her of the United States has an opportunity olfactories while she was dressing was to try colonization in the troples under too much for her delicate nerves, and his own flag.

she never wished herself farther away The nearest of the new lands to come from the house of her husband's parunder the domination of Uncle Sam is ents than at that moment. She sipped Porto Rico, says the New York Herald, a little coffee and then withdrew again There is only one direct line to this islto her room, just to be alone. When and, and that is from New York. You Brownlee, M. C., entered, she was lying may go by either sailing vessel or on the bed fully dressed, weeping. steamer, as you see fit and according

What passed between them in the into the price you want to pay. Firstterview that took place is a matter of class passage to Porto Rico by steamconjecture. The result became evident ship, occupying from five and one-half when the bus drove up to the Brownlee to six days, is \$60. Second cabin is mansion that evening, and Mr. and \$40, while the steerage is \$30. The Mrs. Brownlee, the younger, got in and landing places are San Juan and Ponce. rode to the depot. Brownlee saw his Each passenger is permitted to carry wife safely aboard the Pullman car, 150 pounds of baggage free. Freight and then stood on the platform and charge on household goods is 10 cents watched the train disappear in the disper cubic foot. If you want to go by way of Havana the expense is about The same set of ruffian constituents the same,

who greeted him on his arrival were While it is true that we cannot say that Cuba is a possession of the United the platform, and indulged in their States, or about to become so, we are unquestionably going to have a great deal to do with the development of that country. It is true that Porto Rico is the nearest of our possessions to be, but if we consider Cuba, as it certainly will be, a great field for the emigrant from the United States, the cost and methods of going there will be of interest. It takes just four days to go from New York to Havana, and the cost is \$37, \$25 and \$15, according to the quarters the passenger engages. There is no direct line to Santiago, all passengers proceeding via Havana, the time occupied being seven days, Cost of passage is \$65, \$45 and \$30. Vessels sall for Havana from all along the castern Atlantic coast, and if the person going there is willing to submit to very plain fare and a certain amount of discomfort he can made the passage at about one-third the rate given above, provided he will take one of the little trading

the station and sauntered toward the vessels, parental mansion with the weary step The person who wishes to go to the of a man who has a load on his con-Philippine Islands will save time and But that did not deter Brownlee from money by going either across the continent by rall or via the Isthmus of getting out and hustling. If he had worked like a Trojan the first time for Panama. In either case the fare will be \$250 to the city of Manila. his nomination, he threw the energy of

To reach Guam, the one island of the Ladrones where our government seeks to establish a coaling station, as routes of travel exist at present, one must either pay from \$50 to \$75 extra to induce the Manila steamer to stop there on its way out, or else must stop at unseen by him when a great debate Hong Kong and await an opportunity to take passage in a vessel going to Guam.

Most Americans who go to Ponce, in He had got the consent of the leaders on his side to make a speech. He at-Porto Rico, rent rooms and dine at some other place. In the suburbs, tracted little attention as he rose, and lands. where houses are most easily obtaina-

with his genial smile glanced over the ble, a good house costs from \$23 to \$30 house, drew a deep breath and launched forth. But by and by he warmed to a mouth. A sulte of two rooms in the his subject, and here and there a memcity, furnished, costs from \$2 to \$3 a week. If it is desired to keep house, ber on the other side interrupted him. one must pay \$7 a barrel for an in-Then suddenly Brownlee's genius flashed forth in all its originality. Sevferior quality of flour. As for meat, eral members who had tried to trip poultry, eggs, etc., all are very plenty him up found themselves mercilessly and at about one-half the prices chargimpaled upon the flery shafts of ad in the United States.

Brownlee's sharp retorts and held up to As for clothing, almost everyone the ridicule of the house, while Brownwears linen suits, which cost \$2.50 or lee smiled in that fetching way of his \$3 each. Naturally it is necessary to that made him resemble an expert con- have a number of these, but the Porto jurer when he contemplates the aston- Rico women will wash them for very ishment of the deluded victims of his little-so little that to the American it In Havana, Santlago and other Cu-

rownice, M. C. There may have court time," and there was no place him a place on one of the big commit- ban cities the cost of living in hotels And oysters typhoid nourish; averages \$2 a day. In American board-Salada, entrees and ices, too ing houses the charge is from \$30 to \$40 Are mere dyspeptic flourish Potatoes (by the last advice) a month. Outside the cities the cost of Are poisonous, we're told; living is much less than in the United We cat raw meat, chopped fine, with rice, States. Potatoes are very cheap, Land And drink bolled water cold. is about the same price as in the United States. Flour is \$7 a barrel, Beef, For supper-some professors teach with the bones in, costs 12 cents a "Tis best to go without pound; with the bones removed, 20 But since discretion's left to each. cents a pound. All kinds of fish are We take our choice about it; plentiful and much cheaper thap here. On chicken, wnfiles, ten and cake, We are forbid to feed: The milk is of very poor quality, and But gluten wafers, cocoa (weak), the American who wants to start a And prunes, are all we need. dairy farm will practically have the field for his own. American condensed It grieves us much our friends to view sleep. milk costs 25 cents a can. The native So reckless in their diet; vegetables are much cheaper than in Our wholesome menu we pursue the United States, of a better quality And beg of them to try it; and always in season. Rice costs from But appetite's ungodly sway 8 to 10 cents a pound. Enough sweet Their nature so enthralls, potatoes for a big family in the city We cannot get a guest to stay Within our healthful walls, can be bought for five cents, and in the -Tit-Bits. country less than half that, Fruitsthose of the tropics-are very cheap. All Must Pay Board. There is no scarcity of houses in When members of the Queen's fam-Cuba, such as they are; and a very good ily or any wandering German relatives one indeed can be secured for \$12 a of high degree visit London and occumonth. Linen is the principal clothing py apartments in Buckingham Palace, worn, and here a sult costs from \$6 to "by invitation," they pay their board \$7. The material comes from France. just like common folks in a first-class Germany and Belgium. Very little slik hotel. This prevents the sovereign is seen and no heavy clothes at all. lady from having too much company Shoes cost about the same as in the and makes things very pleasant for the United States. Straw hats are cheaper palace servants. The independence it gives some of the royal guests is not materials for women's dresses are wholly appreciated by them, but, as the lawn and percale, and these cost from Queen early in her reign determined on 25 cents to \$1 a yard. Percale comes this economical course, her subjects from the United States. cannot justly complain of her extrava-A very good servant can be hired for gance. It is a very expensive piece of pleasure being a guest of royalty, and even the Queen's own children must The cost of living and the facts conpay their way out of their allowances when not directly under mamma's roof. -Boston Herald.

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papa asks me what your prospects are?

am figuring on securing one of the most

prominent, influential and wealthy mea-

in the city for my father-in-law. That

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deserves a great deal of credit for keep

ing up appearances on such a small in

Merely Strategy.

"Wal, Jim, wot d'ye think about the

Czar o' Rooshia and this here universal

Jim-Well, it's like me and my ole

woman when we has family trouble.

He Wasn't Worth Much.

Smith-Brown isn't working very

Jones-Why, he told me the other

day that he had been working for all

Smith-Well, it amounts to the same

A Sense of Melody. The man who does not enjoy music

was being forced into a conversation

"Of course, horns are necessary for

orchestral effect," the technical enthu-

slast was saying, "but I derive most

pleasure from the violins. Don't you?"

"I can't say that I do. You see, th

fish vendors never play the violin.

They nearly always blow a horn."-

His Natural Impulse.

Mrs. Peck-Suppose that you and I

were all alone upon a desert island,

Mr. Peck (impulsively)-Try to get

what is the first thing you would do?

away .- New York Herald.

what ain't got hold o' de poker.

disarmament business?"

much this summer, is he?

he was worth.

on the subject.

Washington Star.

Meeks-Well, don't you think for a

Weeks-Young Brokleigh certainly

ought to fetch him.

JUKES FROM THE PENS OF The water containing the dissolved oxygen is made to pass over the gills. where it is separated from the blood only by a very thin membrane, through Pleasant Incidents Occurring the which the gas is able to pass. World Over-Sayings that Are Cheer-

Fish in ice-bound rivers have to deend entirely upon this store of oxygen for their respiration, and if it becomes exhausted they are suffocated, just as we should be if deprived of oxygen.

noint.

It rarely happens, however, that any considerable area of water is entirely covered with ice, especially in the case of rivers. Holes and cracks are almost sure to occur here and there, by which the oxygen of the air can reach the water and become dissolved in it. During a long frost fish may always be found congregated beneath air holes in large numbers. They are there to breathe .-- Pearson's Weekly,





There are 10,000 camels at work in Australia.

Ostrich taming is a very profitable industry in Africa; where it is computed there are over 150,000 tame birds.

are, proportioned to the size and weight of the builders, the greatest structures

fine herd of buffaloes to the Canadian government. The herd is said to be the only one in the Northwest, and will be removed to the Banff National Park.

Cats can swim if they only care to exert themselves sufficiently. The ancient Egyptians used to fish with them on the Nile, according to the representations on walls and so forth that have come down to us.

So small a creature as the beaver, according to H. B. Woodward, of the The one what proposes peace is de one British Museum, has changed the character of a considerable portion of the British Isles to a remarkable degree. The borders of the fens were once covered with forest, and the beaver was one of the most plentiful animals of the region. Its dams turned the streams from their natural course. The water-as in the valleys of the Lea, the thing. Ouse, the Cam and the Nene-was thus made to flow over the country at random, the valleys gradually becoming staguant areas filled with bog moss, and forming what we know as the fen

A Hygienic Home, My wife and I are trying hard To live on healthful diet; We read the food chart by the yard, And run our kitchen by it; We've hanished from our bills of fare All that such guides condemn; True hygiene is all our care, As planned and taught by them,

For breakfast coffee is tabooed. Hot cakes and eggs forbidden, And milk, since it is oft imbued With germs profuse, though hidden, Bread is unwholesome, so is steak; Submissive to our lot, Outmeal and barley meal we take, And drink boiled water hot.

### A Delicate Hint, Miss Cutting-I have been troubled a great deal with that tired feeling of late. For dinner soup will never do,

Softleigh-Aw, indeed! Weally I'm, aw-vewy sorwy to heah it know. Is theah any thing I, aw-can do to affowd you weleaf? Miss Cutting-Oh dear no. I, erdon't want to hurry you at all. One Victory. "I see here that an American army of feer has married a Spanish girl." "Well?" "That is one crushing victory for the Dons, anyhow."-Philadelphia North American.

#### A Missing Word Fake.

His tongue clove to the roof of his mouth. "I-I-that is," he faltered, "you\_\_\_" And then he suddenly caught her to his bosom. "You know what I would say!" he cried.

Frigidly she disengaged herself, "Another missing word fake," she muttered, pale, but calm.-Detroit Journal.

A Hopeless Case. "I wonder if Miss Antique will ever stop being giddy ?"

"Never; because she will never confess that she has reached the years of discretion."-Harper's Bazar.

### So Sarcastic.

Willie-I once knew a girl who nearly died from ice cream polsoning. Nellie-The very idea! I would never have dreamed of such a thing happening to a girl of your acquaintance .--Indianapolts Journal.

The Proper Idea.

Little Brother-Polly, what is a hero? Smaller Sister (promptly)-A 'Merlcan, o' toursel-Judge.

#### His Own Way. "Blykins has his own way in his

house. "Yes. But his wife always tells him what it is going to be beforehand."-Pick-Mo-Up.

What's the Use. "Did you ever think what you would do if you had Rothschild's income?" said Seedy to Harduppe.

"No; but I have often wondered what Rothschild would do if he had my income."-London Judy.

#### Easy to Fer.

Pretty Teacher-What were our hands given us for, Bennie? Bennie (8 years old, gallantly)-To bold.-Judge.

#### Bold Man.

She-But haven't you heard that there are microbes in kisses? He (carelessly)-Oh, yes; but I am an immune,-Somerville Journal.

No Way of Keeping It. "He left his umbrella in the office

safe." "Yes." "And that night somebody stole the

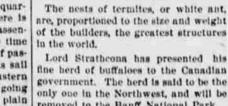
safe."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Sweetness.

"Some of the days when summer is merging into autumn are wonderfully fine," remarked the girl who likes the poetry of nature. "Now and then there seems to be a great deal of sweetness in the air."

"Deede dey is, honey," replied the colored woman. "As I wus comin' past de ma'sh, ev'y now an' then I seen places whah de air wus chock full o' reed birds. It do seem a shame, wif so much sweetness floatin' around, dat it should be so hahd ter git at."-Washington Star.





something in that M. C., a mise walk in his district-an idea that me persons have-and that, altogeth-, the suit of a member of the House he combined as many attractive

nalities as her Brownlee was preferle to that of any other mortal, And so, to cut things short, after a

one of the fashionable churches, ith a great display of pomp, the atudance of her distinguished relatives nd his Congressional friends, memers of the press, etc. Then, after a mant reception, they departed on eir bridal trip, but not to Brownlee's ne. On the contrary, he purchased rists over a railroad that took him in diametrically opposite direction, just far from his district as he could go. The trip came to an end, and then ownlee and his wife returned to fashington, installing themselves at of the leading hotels. Brownlee ticing. ad seen enough of the world to discovthe secret of making an impression society. With the aid of his wife's cial standing and his \$5,000 income, way was open to him, and he made e best of his chances. He was re-

red everywhere with open arms, ad if one man ever hit it rich it was at same energetle young M. C. On the whole, Brownlee deserved it. e had no influential friends to thank

t his rise in the world; no family inence had stood back of him to direct s efforts; no money had been used to is him a seat in Congress. He had endowed him with in such oppor nities as came to hand, and when ttune, in her timid way, had knocked his door, as she is said to do at evy man's door once in a lifetime, he said, "Come in!" in his loudest <sup>18</sup>. And he was honest and sincere, e had not deceived Miss Vernon ut his pedigree. She had taken him r better or worse, and the fault was rs if she should feel disappointed. Brownlee was a good working mem-

of Congress. He made friends pidly with the leaders, and watched at they never lost sight of him a sinday. All this young man wanted is opportunity. He would rise to the casion, for that he vouched.

. . . . . . The session came to an end. The elecwas near at hand, and every memr hastened home to look after his "Ally" But there was no music in the her room. The room had no comforts and of the sweet diminutive, as she except a patched carpet, a pine bedred it on this fatal morning after stead and an upright packing box with

there for them. So there was nothing tees o ken idea, perchance, that a man who to do but what Brownlee, in the most gress should organize. sent to Congress must be the cock of desperate calculation of his chances, had never contemplated even as a last resort-stop at his home.

"Daisy," said he, in a hoarse voice, as the 'bus splashed through the mire of the road; "Daisy," softly taking her hand in his, "are you prepared to make a sacrifice for me-greater, I hope, than shing courtship, they were married any I shall ever ask you to make for me again in all our lives?"

She said "yes" wearly, with her head swaying loosely on her shoulders like a sick child's; "what do you ask me?"

"That you will not hate or despise me when I introduce you to my father and mother," he said, tenderly, "They are poor, then?" she asked in

that same weary tone. "They are the commonest people in

the State; they are so common that when everybody in town had the chol- and at the 1891 census it was 38,005,150, era it passed them by as not worth no-

"My!" she exclaimed; "how did you ever get into Congress?"

"By my own efforts, and not with the help of anybody in the world. I just simply hustled for it!"

"Well," she said, "let it come." plain, yellow, frame house, colonial in France, style in that it shot upward on four sides like a big box, but without any ornate adornments under the eaves, and without even a veranda, except a



DOG MY OATS, BILL," CRIED OUT ONE, "IF THIS AIN'T SMITH BROWNLEE."

small one that afforded a view of the cabbage patch and a pig sty in the farther perspective at the back of the

Brownlee's mother smoked a corncob pipe and had whiskers. Brownlee's father ate his supper in his shirt sleeves, and wore cowhide boots outs. It was the hardest struggle of side of his pants while he was eating is life to decide upon course of aca with regard to his aristocratic, rented the house; that is, they rented it Take her home? Leave her but Brownlee, M. C., paid the rent. The re? He suggested the latter course. greeting that the Brownlees, first edl-"I have been thinking a good deal tion, extended to the Brownlees, second out it," remarked Mrs. Brownlee. "I edition, was cordial to demonstrativecotton field near by and said: "Right link I shall accompany you. You ness, The maternal Brownlee was now, dear, I have never seen your something of a cook, and soon had a over thar, sir; behind a Georgia mule, ipa and mamma. I have formed my repast steaming on the table. It wasn't th ideas of them, and am real anxious a bad supper, but Mrs. Browniee didn't see them. They must be just charm-be people to have a son like my Ally." have her Washington appetite with her, and her slight headache had grown her, and her slight headache had grown is what she always called worse, and she asked to be shown to

promising.

takfast. Brownlee had a headache. a curtain drawn around it for a wash- chor of hope go down in the mud.

the house when the next Con One of the doorkeepers handed him a note. He was receiving the congratulations of his side of the house, and he did not open it for several minutes

holding it almost forgotten in his closed hand. When he opened it he read: "Dear Ally: I am ready to beg your pardon new-any time. Come. Am DAISY." heartbroken.

DEPOPULATION OF FRANCE

Influx of Foreigners Prevent the Decrease Becoming Apparent.

The returns of the census for France which was taken on March 29, 1897. have now been published and compared with the statistics of the previous cen-

sus, which was taken six years before, on April 12, 1891. A year ago the number of people in France was 38,225,060,

so that in the six years the population of France had only increased by 133,819 persons. And even this trifling increase

is more apparent than real, for it has taken place entirely in the large towns and is due to the influx of foreigners

such as Belgians and Italians, who are to be found in increasing numbers The parental Brownlees lived in a among the urban populations of

> In only twenty-four departments is there any increase; in sixty-three de- and very much better. The favorite partments there is a positive failing off, and this is more especially marked in

the rural communes. Even more than in England does the population flock from the country to the town, and yet we are always hearing of the perfect nature of the French agrarian laws and only \$15. of the advantages of small holdings. The fact is, that small holdings tend to keep down the rural population, for the means starvation to a man and wife. For years past the French population has only been kept from showing an absolute decrease by the influx of foreign workmen into the great towns, and yet the French allow the folly of the colonial party to drag them into

ridiculous enterprises abroad for the benefit of a few greedy officials and

functionaries. A nation with a decreasing population can never hold colonies

and the French may rest assured that sooner or later their colonies will go the way of those possessed by the sister nation, Spain.-London Globe. As It is in Georgia. The following is a copy of a sign in a remote Georgia county: "A Few Bright Scholars Takin to Lern Writin, Spailin an Figgers." A traveler, noticing the sign, asked the principal where he had graduated. The principal pointed to a

under a July sun."

Every man knows by his own experience how many promises of the lover a tendency of imports to increase and are filled after marriage. Still, he goes of exports to decrease. on believing what candidates are

Lots of people who cling to the an-

\$5 a month, the very best receiving

cerning the clothing worn in the Philippines are much the same as in Porto Rico, with the exception of the fact such a pitch that any family at all often that occasionally heavy clothing is that every now and then burst upon the islands.

In every one of the places where the raising of the Stars and Stripes has attracted the eye of the emigrant a person with a desire to make money and a determination to economize can succeed. The emigration movement has already begun.

Japan's Commerce Augmenting. Since the Chino-Japanese war the commerce of Japan has shown a remarkable increase as compared with other periods in the history of the empire. Her imports last year were valued at \$44,940,000, so increase of about \$5,000,000 over those of 1806; the exports reached \$46,050,100, which is an increase of \$12,500,000. The share of the United States in the aggregate is set down at \$25,050,000, while Great Britain has a little over \$30,000,000. Japan's trade with Australia is also im-

proving rapidly, last year's total representing an increase of 33 per cent. on the figures of 1896. There is also noted

#### How Fish Breathe.

Fish do not breathe air, but the lifesupporting constituent of air-oxygen ing her baby through a teething spell, these parts."-New York World.

Caught a Deer with a Fishbook Wesley Welch, of Bleecker, N. Y. while fishing on Reck's pond, in Fulton County, New York, saw a deer swimming a short distance from the boat. Mr. Welch had a lot of trolling books, one of which was quite large and attached to a stout line. He went in purthe animal he threw the books at its head. A large book became fastened to the deer's nose, and the cord was drawn under its leg, pulling the deer's head under water and drowning it. Mr. Welch secured the game.

#### Ircland's Largest Bog.

The largest bog in Ireland is the Bog of Allan, which stretches across the center of the island, cast of the Shannon, and covers nearly 25,000 acres. Altogether there are nearly 3,060,000 acres of bog in Ireland-that is to say, about one-seventh of the total area of

he's like all husbands, however; he calls

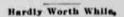
The wife of a man running for office has as hard a time as a mother has tak-

Sleepless Slumbers. Brown-My wife says I talk in my

Jones-Well, you're lucky. Brown-How so? Jones-My wife does all the talking in mine,-Chicago News,

Not an Asylum Subject. Stranger-That man is evidently crazy. Why is he not put in an asy lum?

Native-His property is so heavily mortgaged that none of his relatives want it .- New York Weekly.





Jaggson (running against marble statue in hall)-Grashus, Maria, y'r (hle) suit of the deer, and as he approached han's 'r cold. Shouldn't wait up f'r me s' long, darling.

#### Might Be Done.

The Poet-I wonder if one would rhyme "darling" with "quarreling?" The Savage Bachelor-What are you writing - an epithalamium?-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Previous Practice. "You don't look strong and rugged enough to be a polleeman. Have you ever had any experience or training in that line?"

"Well, sir," said the applicant, "I rung the parish church bells for ten years. How's that for bein' a pealer?"

## -Chicago Tribune.

He Got Her. "Humph!" growled the multi-millionaire, "so you want my girl's hand, do

you? Have you lots of enterprise?" "Well," retorted the hardy swain, "I'm after the only daughter of just about the richest and meanest man in

"Kathleen, my husband was dissatisfied with his breakfast this morning." "Your husband dassen't say that to me face."-Browning King's Monthly.

Method in His Madness. "Yes, he went out rowing on the lake and rocked the boat when he got in the deepest part." "Idiot!"

"Oh, I don't know about that. He managed to tip the boat over and drown two of his creditors."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Trouble. Anxious Mother-How is it that you have so much trouble with your ho keeping? You told me your wife could cook

Adult Son-She can. "Then what is the matter?" "She won't."-New York Weekly,

At the Country Grocery. First Villager-Where's Col. Boaster! Don't see him around here lately. Second Villager-Oh, he's been sick in bed with the asthma ever since the rar broke out.-Boston Courier.

Reminiscent Joys. "I gave my husband a dose of sul phur and molasses for his blood." "Was he willing to take it?" "Yes; but he said it wasn't half as good as that his mother used to make,"

A Fense of Melody. The man who does not enjoy music was being forced into a conversation on the subject.

"Of course horns are necessary for o chestral effect," the technical enthu-siast was saying. "But I derive most pleasure from the violins, don't you?" "I can't say that I do. You see, the fish vendors never play the violin. They nearly always blow a horn."-Washington Star.

Italians Fear Hydrophobia.

An incident which has just occurred at Paola, province of Cosenza, Italy, points to the amnsing ignorance and superstition prevalent in that country. Joseph Padillo was bitten by a dog. and in accordance with local custom ate its liver to escape hydrophobia. Next day, as was hardly surprising, he was not well and did not wish to get up. Ills wife at once assumed that he suffered from incipient rables and alarmed the neighbors. They surrounded the house and raised cries of "Smother him!" He escaped through a window. was pursued, overcome, and, having been bound to a ladder, was dragged through the streets. At length the au thorities intervened and said that he must be sent to an asylum. While be ing dragged to the station he implored for some water, but they would not give him a drop. It is not to be won-dered at that before the train had proceeded far he died .- London Chron

An old bachelor says the average walt of women is until they are asked to marry.

Time may be a success as a wound healer, but it seldom removes the scars,

Like All Husbands.

Mrs. Stykes-One characteristic about my husband I like-he always calls a spade a spade. Mrs. Laugh-I suppose

a club a lodge.-Boston Traveler.

the country is bog.