

A Changed Man.k

HEY were standing before a per- entirely disclaim all responsibility in fumery shop in Bond street as I the matter. I have simply given effect passed them-two young ladies to Miss Beaumont's wishes, and the of manifestly good society, so refined final issue of them must rest entirely was their appearance and so perfectly with yourself. If you please, we will correct their tenure. I could not help go to the adjoining room, where Miss half turning, and who should they be Beaumont awaits us." but that architease of a cousin of mine, Sybil Vane, and her bosom friend, Gwen O'Hara. It was Sybil that had I saw that her face was pale, and that spoken, and she said:

"Fancy that little fool throwing herforced calm. self away on a man like that when she knows he only wants her for her money."

"What little fool and what man?" I asked, as I raised my hat by way of apology for the intrusion.

"Oh, you men! You never know anything," said Sibyl, when she had recovered from the shock my question had evidently occasioned.

"Then tell me," I rejoined. "You never have any secrets from me, you know -at least, not for long."

"Why, Honor Beaumont and Capt. Faulkiner, to be sure."

"Are they engaged to be married?" "of course they are, and he hasn't a penny, while she has a mil-1-lon." "Well, he's a very handsome fellow. and she is-passable."

"They say he cheated at cards, that he's in everybody's debt, and is nothing short of a mere adventurer. And yet Honor Beaumont has accepted him! 1 my it's really too bad of her."

I had known Faulkiner for some years, and I am bound to say I had very little to urge in his defense. He had never been actually caught in any nefarious proceeding, but it was known that he had run through most of his friends, and that he was wonderfully lucky at faro, and that he was anxiously looking for an helress.

The wedding took place, and about four months afterward Captain and Mrs. Faulkiner were back in town, apparently the happiest people to be found in all Belgravia.

As for Faulkiner, he seemed completely changed. There was a maniiness about him that one never noticed before; his eyes wore a frank expression that was truly refreshing to see. He was clearly devoted to his wife, and they seemed to perfectly understand asked Mr. Dicey to draw up a deed and trust each other. What could it mean?

Gradually I got to really like Faulkinet. He made a splendid host, was a pattern of the domestic virtues, and impressed one as being the soul of honor. Our acquaintance finally ripened into close friendship, and the intimacy de--how I know not-on terms of real SHARKS EATING A DEAD WHALE of Sea Wolves Mysteriously

Learn of a Banquet. The presence of any large quantity of easily obtainable food is always sufficlent to secure the undivided attention of the shark tribe. When "cutting in" whales at sea I have often been amazed

at the incredible number of these creatures that gather in a short space of time, attracted by some mysterious means, heaven only knows from what remote distance. It has often occurred to us when whaling in the neighborhood of New Zealand to get a sperm whale alongside without a sign of a shark below or a bird above. Within an hour

from the time of our securing the vast mass of flesh to the ship the whole area within at least an acre has been alive with a seething multitude of sharks, while from every quarter come drifting silently an incalculable host of sea birds, converting the blue surface of the sea into the semblance of a plain

of new-fallen snow. She did not rise, but simply bowed, and The body of a whale before an incision is made in the blubber presents as smooth, rounded surface, almost as it wore an expression of apparent enhard as India rubber, with apparently no spot where any daring eater could

""Fritz, I told you last night that people are saying that you are marrying me merely for my money. It matthe ravenous sea wolves silently writhters little to me now whether they speak the truth or not. If they do, then, place at the bounteous feast. Occasionwhether or not you become my husally one pre-eminent among his fellows band, is the light gone out of my life for enterprise would actually set his indeed. You know, Fritz, how I love you! If you can have done this cruel thing nothing can undo it now. If you steady, sinuous thrust of his lithe tail, tralian tribes. have designed to beggar me, under the gouge out therefrom a mass of a hunpretext of affection, husband or no husdredweight or so. If he managed to band, fortune or no fortune, can make no difference to me. But it shall never

get away with it the space presented a curious corrugated hollow where the be said that you actually did marry me

our spoils. The harpooners and the officers from drooping their keen-edged blubber

spades upon the soft crowns of the struggling fish, the only place where a The weapon sinks into the creature's two, releases his hold and slowly sinks, followed in his descent by a knot of his immediate neighbors, all anxious to pro-Review.

The old-time Pomp and Caesar, who

served. One old colored man tells with much delight the story of the courtship

Oldest Church in Europe

church during the first four centuries,

and has remained a church till the

Present Rulers of Europe.

Venerable Bede.-Tid-Bits,

Mr. Dicey, with frigid solemnity, 'is an jess like he belong dar. sideration of Capt. Francis Arthur you like to change de boots you wore confidence with the man whom, only a Hurtsfield House, Hertsfordshire, from 'mused, and say, 'Dat ain't de end 1 scean currents are responsible for, few months before, I had been inclined her engagement to marry him, the said wants to shine, Pomp!"

SCHENCE THE AND SE AVENTION

and that it couldn't possibly be

straightened out in time, and finally

A TRUE STORY.

Fan Iwich Men.

getting into a regular conhiption fit.

The course of the blood-vessels in dead animals or birds is now examined by the X-rays. In order to make the arteries, etc., give a photograph, when expected, or he has done some or "radiograph," they are first injected thing poorly, or we fancy he has, or he with mercury. Very beautiful results have been thus attained.

The Lancet says that the air of a room can be charged with ozone by ally works himself into a cat fit, a state simply suspending moist linen sheets in a keen, dry wind, and then hanging of excitement disturbing to others, and them up in the house. It is thought to himself distracting. the generation of the ozone may be due to the rapid passage of atmosnay be, cat fits are due primarily to a pherie oxygen over the broad, wet sur- disposition to magnify triffes and to faces of the sheets. Ozone excrelses fret over things not worth worrying a purifying effect on the air. about.

W. E. Roth has recently published the results of his studies among the native inhabitants of the northwestern Strong Attachment of Two Chicago part of central Queeusland, in Australla. His most interesting discovery find toothhold. But, oblivious to all is that of the existence of a sign lanelse save the internal anguish of desire, guage, expressed by means of the hands, and capable of conveying comed in the density of their hordes for a plex as well as simple ideas. Mr. Roth gives illustrations of 213 of the man ual signs employed in this language. hospital. which is used throughout the region lower jaw against the black roundness studied by him. Cannibalism, he says, of the mighty carcass and with a still prevails among some of the Aus

a seanty living by acting as "sandwich Statistics are presented in a recent men," or by cobbling a little for the number of Nature which tend to suppoorest of the poor. They were in no port the conclusions of Doctor Bruckway related, but they had lived for ner that there is a regular cycle, of years in the same room, and had learnserrated, triangular teeth had worried about thirty-five years, in the course ed to like each other and to be necestheir way through the tenacious sub- of which the earth experiences a stance, telling plainly what vigorous change of weather from a cold and sary to each other. If their undivided force must have been behind them, wet period, through a hot and dry earnings amounted to a dollar a week they were in comfort. A little more But it was seldom that we permitted period, back to a cold and wet period meant affluence. such premature toll to be taken from again. According to these statistics There was one fear that pressed upon

we are now in one of the comparatively dry periods, but early in the twentheir lofty positions on the cutting stage tieth century the condition of things slew scores upon scores by simply will be reversed, and the wet years will outnumber the dry ones.

pay every week fifteen cents each to a Owing to the effects of shore-lines, burial society which guaranteed someand other influences which are more shark is vulnerable to instant death. or less obscure, it is very difficult to a depositor. account for the peculiarities exhibited brain, he gives a convulsive writhe or by tidal waves in various parts of the world. Interfering waves cause oncea-day tides at Tahiti, and in some other places, while on the other hand. the payments of both policies. vide him with prompt sepulture within in the harbors back of the Isle of The end came at last. The double Wight, and in the Tay in Scotland,

there are three tides in a day. The latter have recently been ascribed to "overtides," produced by Nie modification of tidal waves running ashore, and resembling the "overtones" of musical sounds.

Of the two liquid envelopes that en of his present employer, then his "young wrap the globe the atmosphere is the

thicker, and it has had more to do "I never t'ought nuffin' 'bout his with shaping the surface of the earth gwine co'tin' any ob de Carr'l or de than one might suppose without giving Pomeroy young ladies," says the old the matter due consideration. Not only

man. "He use to be back and fo'th, in does the wind carry vast clouds of dust "'The deed, Capt. Faulkiner.' said and out de Carr'l and Pomeroy houses, and sand from place to place, but it bears inland the vapor which rises uncommon one; I know, indeed, of no "And when he'd go a-callin' in de from the ocean, and which comes back izes them in his own way at home. precedent. But it relates that, in con- evenin', and I'd say, 'Mas'r Tom, don' to us condensed into rain. All the erosion of the soil that is accomplished for dinner and Jimmle startled every veloped until at length I found myself | Faulkiner, of the Second Life Guards, all day, and put on dese nice shined by rivers, all the transportation of solid one when he thus tried to relieve a releasing Miss Honor Beaumont, of ones? he'd laugh like he was mighty material that these streams and the brief silence: "Papa, you smell like a Chinese laundryman!"

to look upon very much in the light in Miss Honor Beaumont herewith makes which he was regarded by my cousin over to the said Capt. Francis Arthur 'bout a Miss Lothrop from de Norf dat 'agency, and their havoc must also be The waves, too, are raised by this boy," blurted the father, both embarrassed and angry.

arations and run from one thing to an-OUR BUDGET OF FUN. other without making headway, beoming more and more agitated, imagining that everything was going wrong,

HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DO-INGS HERE AND THERE.

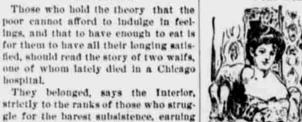
That form of the cat or conniption Jokes and Jokelets that Are Supposed fit that is due to the actions of others springs usually from dwelling upon to Have Been Remently Born-Sayings the shortcomings, rea' or fancled, of and Doings that Are Odd, Curious and somebody upon whom we may have Laughable-The Week's Humor. occasion to rely, somebody hasn't come

Lap. The Eskimo girl shivered, hasn't done it at all, or he has misun-"What, slt on the ground?" she exderstood or ignored instructions. claimed, evincing much confusion. Churning these irritating things over "Why, the very idea! And right before and over in his mind the man gradueverybody? Te, he!"

All this in Lapland, where the modest malden has obviously to be especially careful what she does, lest she get her-But whatever the immediate cause self talked about,-Detroit Journal.

Up to Date, "No," said the positive girl, "I will never the myself down to one man." "Perhaps," he replied, sarcastically, "if I organize a syndicate you will conalder our offer."-Good Housekeeping.

Near Relationship.



Clarence-Algy claims to be directly related to Lord Littlehead.

Ethel-Dear me! How is that? Clarence-Why, the same girl promised to be a sister to both of them!

Golden Stlence.

A man who once met Ralph Waldo the hearts of these men-they dreaded Emerson at the house of a friend tells a pauper burial. Lest either should of the characteristic way in which the come to such disgrace they covenanted Concord philosopher blunted the edge to protect each other from it, and to of a compliment. "Oh, Mr. Emerson," said a young

woman of the party, "it must be so dething like ninety dollars on the death of lightful to know that people all over the country are grateful for the things Two years ago the strength of one you have said?"

"Thank you," said Emerson slowly; of these men falled. He could do no "but it is for some of the things I have work, and from that time the stronger not said that I feel most grateful."of the two supported both, and kept up Youth's Companion.

A New Monopoly.

task fell from the shoulders of the sur-Hardfax-Hello, Honeydew! Haven't vivor. He had yet to keep his promise seen you in an age. What are you doto his friend, however. He collected ing now? the money for the policy, purchased a Honeydew-I'm living in Chicago, try-

decent casket, and honored the dead ing to make an honest living. man with a respectable funreal. Then

"Well, old boy, you ought to succeed. he mailed all that was left of the insur-You haven't any competition."-Life, ance to the blind brother of his friend, paid two weeks' premiums in advance Alluring.

Wife-A few of us enthusiastic bley upon his own burial expenses, and obclists in this part of the city have ortaining admittance to a city hospital ganized a little social club for the win died within ten days-of a broken heart, ter. Can't you suggest some appropri-

ate name? There's a youngster on Joy street who Husband-Call it the "Peddlers' Unhears things, remembers them and utillon.'

> Art, Guest-That's a very fine picture, Mr.

Packinham. Mr. Packinham-Well, it ought to be

paid \$50 for the frame alone, A Generous Soul.

Mrs. Wiggins-John, what on earth

tre you saving up all those old broken

Such a Chance for Showing Off. Laura-I never wished but once that it was proper for women to smoke. Flora-Good gracious! When was that?

"When I first got an engagement ring."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Holiday Reflection. "A Christmas tree is a good deal like

wife." "How's that?"

"It's the trimmings that cost."

Off the Same Piece. "What did Dr. Dingus say about these

insanity tests with the thumb?" "He said they were only another form of insanity."

A Creditable Start.

"Do you think the United States will be handsomely represented at Paris?" "Why not? Our commissioner general s very good looking."

An Economical Version.

She-What do you mean by giving me in imitation Russia leather pocketbook? He-Imitation is the sincerest flattery, s it not?

Fubtle.

"What a nickname," said one chum to another as they walked down the avenue. "Why under the broad canopy did you ever take to calling her 'Revenge?"

"Because she's so sweet, don't you know."

A Poor Shot.

"Don't be too hard on him now," remarked one club man to another. "he assures me in the most positive manner that he always aims to tell the truth." "Well, I'll be charitable, but if that fellow always aims to tell the truth, I just want to say that he's a worse shot than any Spanlard that ever went to war.

Confirmed.

"Do you have any faith in this idea that maladies can be transmitted by kissing?" asked one of Detroit's young society men of another.

"Well, sir, I was mighty skeptical till the other night. I kissed my best girl for the first time in my life and I've had palpitation of the heart ever since."

Faved Her Conscience.

"What do you think of your new neighbors?" asked the hostess of the sweet" old lady who was calling.

"You know that I never speak unkindly of any one. I have nothing to say of her; but I will say of her husband that I feel very, very sorry for him."

A Winning Way. Algy–Well, old boy, I've just touched Reggy for another tener. Chapple-What! And got it? How

on earth do you do it? Algy-Oh, it's very easy. I just casu-

ally mention his resemblance to the Prince of Wales,-Tid-Bits,





"We found her seated near a window.

I CLASPED HER IN MY ARMS AND WE WEPT TOGETHER. for my money, and so, Fritz, I have

which-which-' Aud here the poor darling broke down completely and could say no more.

their own yawning maws .- National He Read the Signs. fourtshed before the civil war, knew

many of the secrets of the families they

mas'r.'

Sybil. One evening he expounded the mys-

tery, "Shall I tell you the story of

courtship, Jack?" he asked. "As you will, my dear fellow," I re plied, "if it isn't too sacred a subject

for a third party." "That's just it-it is a sacred subject,

as you will see." He lit his eigar and proceeded:

"All that the world thought and said of me before I was married was true. posing to Miss Beaumont I was actuated by the most mercenary motives, and those alone.

"All that I wanted was her moneyher money, Jack-do you hear me? The world said so, and the world was perfeetly right. I had plans as to what I would do with it. My chief anxiety was to prevent her getting any inkling of the truth, and so I never ceased to dance constant attendance on her. and especially to withdraw her as far as possible from her lady friends. All went well until one evening at the Villiers' ball she took me to one side, saying: "'Fritz'-she always called me Fritz rather than Frank-'I want to speak to

"What is it, darling?"

"You are not to call me darling any more till this matter is cleared up." "What matter, dear?"

"Just this: People are saying that you are marrying me merely for my money. Is that so?

" 'Of course not. I love you for yourself-"Stop, stop! I am going to put you

to the proof. You know my solicitors-Messrs, Hopkins & Dicey, in Lincoln's Inny "'Yes!

"Well, meet me there to-morrow al noon, sharp. And now, good-night.'



BEAT LITTLE FOOL AND WHAT MAN? I ASKED.

"In a moment she was gone. I passed a sleepless night, and with great difficuty nerved myself in the morning to herp the mysterious appointment.

"Old Dicey-1 call him that because he is now one of my dearest friendseceived me coldly. "I have been favored, Capt. Faulki-

ber, he said, 'with some very extraor-dinary instructions from my client— that has made more thieves than any Year farmer of the said in the same Four for acces-Miss Beaumont. I must other one thing on earth.

genus.

Faulkiner all her real and personal was visitin' de Carr'is; and one night property, as scheduled herewith, save young mas'r he dress up all fine, and atmospheric sea. and except the residence known as The den he look down at his boots, w'at

Grove, Isleworth, in the county of Mid- shone like a glass, and he say, 'Pomp, dlesex, and as much of her Midland is dat de bes' shine you can gib my Railway debenture stock as will suf- boots? "And I look at him sober and say, fice to provide an annuity of \$1,500 a

or. She was still calm and pale, but her again.' eyes were brimful of tears.

year.'

he say, 'I reckon if I shine at bofe ends "'It is impossible!' I exclaimed. And just at that moment something seemed all I can, I won't be too bright fo' some and more than true. I was a 'regular' to struggle within me, for out of the folks.' "So do course I saw how t'ings were, depths of my sinful heart there came welling the tiny, feeble remnant of the and when de 'gagement came out two weeks after dat, it wasn't no mo than I little good it ever held.

jess nachelly looked for." "I felt as if I could give not only love but life to that noble woman who had proposed to herself this mad, this fearful sacrifice in order to put to proof the The oldest church in Europe is that of sincerity of the man she loved. Disregarding the presence of the man of law, I clasped her in my arms, and we-yes, Jack, we wept together.

"I treasure now that sacred parchment which swakened to new life the little good that was left in me-which 50. For the religious uses of himself aroused the deadened sense of unselfish love and gave me riches greater far than my villalny had ever dreamed of. his wife a year later, his daughter add-Do you wonder, Jack, that I am a changed man?" And that was the sequel of the con-

versation in Bond street.

An Inch from Death. A correspondent of the Detroit Free

He describes it as occupying the unique which happened to a friend of his during a stay in Burma. church that was originally built as a We were sitting on the veranda of

our bungalow one evening, enjoying our after-dinner cheroot. Finally my friend arose and sauntered into his bedroom.

Usually lights were placed in all the bedrooms, but this evening, for some reason-probably the moonlight-the

servant had not performed his duties. I could hear my friend fumbling about ly he gave a cry of horror and rushed ascended the throne by direct heredion his dressing-table, and then suddenout to the light. "I have been struck by a snake," he

gasped, and his face was deadly pale. "Where is it? Quick! Show me!" I exclaimed, as I whipped out a knife.

He held out his right arm. There was no mark on the hand, which I examined critically, but on the cuff of the shirt were two tiny scratch-like punctures, and two little globules of poison sinking into the starched linen and leaving a sickly, greenish-yellow mark.

throne. "You've had a close call, old man," I exclaimed, with a sigh of relief; "and

now let us settle the snake." We found him colled up on a small mirror, which lay on the table, and an tic bergs are irregular in form, with able income.

to strike again. He was a very polsonous snake. ped and solid looking.

known as the Debone Russelli, but

Character. When a man concludes he is too smart

The tongue is about the only muzzle

The "Will-o'-the-Wisp."

The "will-o'-the-wisp" usually appears in marshy places or in graveyards. It is believed to be due to the spontaneous combustion of phosphuret-

'Mas'r Tom, dat ain't de end you wants ed hydrogen from decomposing organic "I turned half mechanically to Hon- to shine, you done told me over'n over matter, and it issues from the soil as a long flame, while on water it inflames "And de red come up in his face, and

at the surface with the production of long wreaths of phosphoric anhydride, It can be reproduced artificially by throwing calcium phosphide into water

or burying it in moist soil.

A scientific Frenchman, Dr. A. Bleu nard, reports some remarkable observations of the will-o'-the-wisp at Croisic,

a seaport of France, during last August and September, the lights having been visible every evening over a consider

St. Pudenziana, at Rome. About the able area of water. The bubbles of gas middle of the first century a certain were very large in August, during the Roman senator had a house on this season of thunderstorms, but becam

spot. He was a Christian convert, and smaller and smaller as the temperature it is said a distant relative to St. Paul, fell, until the phenomenon ceased about who lodged with him from A. D. 41 to the 20th of September. The bubble were mostly confined to two basins that and guests, he built a small chapel in contained no mud, but were receptacles this house, and when he died in 96, and of much fish refuse. As such organic matter as the brain of a sheep failed to ed a baptistry. A church was afterproduce phosphureted hydrogen when ward erected on the site of the original decaying under water, the conclusion is house of Pudens, and consecrated in reached that the waters of the port of 108 or 145. Canon Routledge, in his Croisic must contain some rare fer-

ments, hitherto unknown and existing history of St. Martin's church, Canterlady who seemed to be in a hurry prebury, claims that that venerable edifice only under special conditions, which cede him. Press relates a peculiar experience is the oldest church in Christendom. decompose organic substances rich in phosphorus in a manner to set free ger to complete his load, and when the position of being the only existing phosphureted hydrogen.

A Shrewd Collector.

An odd way of getting into business present day. Its font is the very one was adopted by a Cincinnati agent. in which Ethelbert was baptized by His shrewdness drew the line pretty St. Augustine, as mentioned by the closely between inadvertency and petty larceny. He had secured the position

of collector for a mercantile house and in the line of his duties he made some half an hour-by some accident to the forty or fif y calls per day on delin Of the present rulers of European machinery. empires and kingdoms only one third quent customers. He made it a point to borrow a lead pencil from each one tary rights. Out of the seventeen reign- with which to do his figuring. These own reward!"

ing emperors and kings only five are he never returned unless asked to do sons of previous rulers. These are in Prussia, Saxony, Italy, Belgium and to him on so trivial a matter, for for-Servia. In Sweden, Portugal, Bavaria getfulness in regard to lead pencils is and Turkey brothers of the former sov- recognized as a human failing. Nearly ereigns occupy the thrones, while in every one he secured was long enough Austria, Wurtemberg and England a to pass muster as a new pencil, and nephew and niece of the previously after collecting 1,000 in this way he reigning uncle and aunt are in power, secured a contract for furnishing lead In Russia the crown prince's death pencils to a country school. One of caused his brother's succession to the the advantages of his bid was that he

offered to furnish pencils already sharpened. From this start his progress was rapid and a basis was thus Arctic and Antarctic Icebergs. The icebergs of the two hemispheres furnished for a conmodious stationery are entirely different in shape. The Arc- store from which he derives a comfort-

ugly-looking reptile he was, too, ready lofty pinnacles and glittering domes, The Cat Fit. while the Antarctic bergs are flat-top

The cat fit, or couniption fit, as it is

sometimes called, is a state of mind after my friend had done with him it Every one occasionally yields to the into which one works himself when unwould have been difficult for any natur- temptation to give more than he can duly agitated over some matter, usually alist to have placed him in his proper afford, in order to be known as a Lovely of no importance, in which he alone, or perhaps he and somebody else, may be concerned. Thus some nervous person getting ready for a journey might,

get flurried and flushed over the prep-

"Through your nose, of course," and Jimmie could hear laughter after he

Smart Boy.

The other night there was company

"What do you mean, you impudent

orders.

week."

my son?"

"Mr. Loner."

wife and never had."

-Detroit Free Press.

cussion he took a hand.

"Mamma," Jimmle Interrupted in

was suspicious of the demure look on

Jimmle's face, "Who is this cruel man,

"Mr. Loner!" gasped the excited ia-

dies. "Why the dear old man has no

When Jimmie received the alipper

treatment an hour later he remarked

that it didn't seem safe to tell the truth.

Proved True.

A lawyer whose office was on one of

the upper floors of a tall building was

about to enter the elevator one morn-

ing, but stepped back in order to let a

The "conductor," it appeared, had

been walting for just one more passen-

lady stepped inside he shut the door

and the elevator shot upward.

"is not always its own reward."

had gone to bed under imperative charlty. I got to talking to the glass eater in one of the museums the other Several weeks ago there was a meeting of charitably inclined ladies at the

day, and he told me that he had hard work keeping body and soul together on house and Jimmle entered in the midst his salary, so I'm going to give him a of their deliberations. After listening basketful of that stuff for a Christmas long enough to get the trend of the dispresent.

A Good Sign.

sad voice, "I know a man not three "By George! there is an office holder blocks from here that hasn't given his who must really be an honest man." wife a thing to eat for more than a "Why do you think he is honest?" "There is no talk of running him for

second term in order that he may be The good women went into a perfect spasm of indignation, some of them vindicated."-Cleveland Leader. going so far as to declare that the mon-Hard Puzzle to Solve. ster should be lynched. But the mother

"Are you good at working out puzzles?"

"No, indeed. I have been married twenty years, and my wife is as much of an enigma to me as ever."-Ohio State Journal.

Just Filled the Bill.

"Politeness," muttered the lawyer, The Helress-The man I marry must A few minutes later, however, as cending by another "lift," he passed be very handsome, afraid of nothing, and clever. Money's no object to me. that load of passengers, stuck half-way Mr. Broke-Doesn't it look like fate between floors-where they remained

that we should have met?

Another Way to Go. "Miss Hiland-er-I know what I "I take it back," he muttered, in the same tone as before. "Politeness is its want to say, but-er-I don't know how to express myself," began Mr. Homewood.

A Future Diplomat.

Little Frankle-You bet. I wouldn't

git half as many things for Christmas

Knew Their Significance.

Henry Peck-It's curious that in s

lecting war jeweiry men favored cart

An Unfortunate Interference

ridges and women swords.

"Express yourself, Mr. Homewood, It is part of a doctor's duty to keep up the spirits of his patient, since hopepeople let you travel as a first-class fulness is often the best of medicine, passenger?"-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telebut the Cincinnati Enquirer cites a case

Claus?

Weekly.

graph. in which encouragement was carried almost too far. A man met with a frightful accident Little Harry-Do you believe in Santa

as a result of which both his legs had to be amputated. "Never mind," said the surgeon, a few days afterward, finding the poor If I didn't.

Unreasonable.

man despondent; "never mind, we shall have you on your feet again within three weeks."

No Explanation Handy.

Mrs. Henry Peck-Not at all! The A little girl rebuked her brother for sword is the weapon of command!-The laughing at a man with a crooked nose Jewelers' Weekly. who passed the nouse. "You musn't do that," she said. "God made him that way." "Why, do you s'pose he did it?" asked the small boy with interest. "Oh, I don't know," responded Malady of the Imagination?" the little sister, indifferently. "Peo Biddereau-He did not lecture. ple do funny things." "Why not?"

Foot-ball makes demons of some met and angels of others.

bottles for? Why don't you have the girl dump them into the garbage can? Base outrage, presumably perpetrated Mr. Wiggins-Those, my dear, are for by a rival tradesman.-Ally Sloper.

> A Great Discovery. Mrs. Read-Isn't it strange?

Mr. Read-What, my dear? Mrs. Read-There never yet has been strike in an alarm clock factory .--Jewelers' Weekly,

The Difference. "After all, what's the difference be

tween fame and notoriety?" "When the crowds see a famous man approaching they whisper, 'Here he comes,' but when the notorious man appears they say, 'Get on to 'im!' "

Exactly.

"I think," said the civilized statesnan, "that we had better arrange for a joint administration of your unhappy country."

"I think I understand," said the native. "It is something like you would administer a joint of mutton; you get the meat and leave me the joint."-Indianapolis Journal.

More Trouble.

Mrs. Peck-There goes a man that you might well envy. Henry-Why? He's married, isn't he?

A Possibility.

She (with a sigh)-I see that Miss Astor is to marry a duke. He-Oh, well, I wouldn't waste any sympathy on her. Who knows? She may love him.

His Conundrum.

Merry Andrew-Can you tell me the difference between a man and a monkey?

Busy Man-How much do you weigh? Merry Andrew-A hundred and fortyeight pounds.

Busy Man-A hundred and fortyeight? I weigh 163. The difference is just fifteen pounds .- Cleveland Leader.

Emperor Rebukes a Woman.

A curious relic of bygone days may he seen on a house in Berlin. Two blacksmiths lived opposite each other in that city whose trade rivalry became the talk of the neighborhood. One day, Miss Hiland cut in, "won't the railroad | the Emperor, William I., who was fond of going about the city disguised as a farmer, in order to "feel the pulse of the people," rode up to the door of one of the blacksmiths to have his horse's shoe fastened. A daughter of the rival blacksmith, to show her contempt for this customer, put out her tongue and distorted her face with a horrible grin. The Emperor called together the woodcarvers of the city and offered a prize for the most hideous face of a woman they could devise, and when he had selected the most ugly specimen produced -one with a tongue lolling out of its wooden mouth-he rode over with it to the blacksmith's shop. There, to the consternation of the young woman, he ordered that fury's head nailed over the Diddereau-Did you attend the lec-ture of Prof. Hardhead on "Grip, a Detroit Free Press. door as a warning against petty spite .--

A writer says sleep is conducive to beauty. Perhaps it is, but we have seen some rather homely policemen, never-"Down with the grip."-New York theless.