charging high prices.

It is understood that Don Carlos has quit sitting up nights to pretend.

We reserve our hero worship for the man who can invent a mucilage pot that won't get gummed up.

Let it no longer be considered a reproach to be seasick. Admiral Dewey If the horse goes, the conchman must

bride with him. Small bills are said to be scarce. But most persons can testify to the fact that the "monthly bills," big and little,

are as numerous as ever. Writers may come and writers may go, but no one will take the place of the late Horatto Alger in the hearts of the men who used to be boys.

The announcement that the kissing bug is a myth, the creation of an imaginative reporter, is a little hard on the people who have been bitten by the

It probably would not require a very near sighted man to recognize in slim Sarah Bernhardt's Hamlet the timehonored hypothesis of "Hamlet with Hamlet left out."

That is a dangerous admission made by the Boston Herald that the Boston street boy has abbreviated "motor car" to "tomato." Sometimes a name like that sticks ridiculously.

ward.

Edison thinks the name "electro-mobile" should be selected for electrical carriages. That has a euphonious sound, and how would gasomobile answer for those run by gasoline power?

A man 106 years of age recently chastised his youthful son aged 70 for misbehavior. There is nothing like putting a son on the right path while he is still under 80. The boy may yet turn out all right.

Simple directions for treatment of lockjaw are making their appearance here and there. It should be borne in mind, however, that prevention is better than cure, and that the toy pistol, a frequent cause, can at least be prohib-

A magistrate has declared it illegal without her consent. The legal form will read: "May I ask you if I may ask question will completely befuddle a great many sultors.

An investigation shows that the Astors instead of being descended from a noble line of Spanish courtiers came in a straight line from a German butcher. If the Astors were good sensible people they would be glad this discovery has been made. Better an honest German butcher any day than a hanger-on at a Spanish court.

of the vast majority of our people, nor are bounce and bluster yet widely accepted as the principal virtues of the

The plain truth appears to be that a very large proportion of the population of the United States is indifferent to books, and we have still rather a small strictly student element. It is the fault of very heavy and mixed immigration, of the backwardness of the large rural population in the South, and of the rapld growth of the country, with enforced strict attention to practical affairs of a business kind.

A fruit novelty is reported from California. It is half lemon and half orange, with the shape of the lemon and the color of the orange, the juice having the flavor of both. It is, of course, artificially produced. Heretofore the phantom lemon, which figures in picule assets, has had the chief distinction as a lemon curlosity. The fruit world, it will be seen, shows a tendency to combination as well as the business world.

Captain William A. Andrews, who undertook to cross the ocean in a dory, did not complete his voyage. He was picked up by a steamer 700 miles from land in such an exhausted condition and so glad to get aboard that he did not even try to save his boat. It is not possible to feel any sympathy for the captain. It was a foolhardy piece of business, which if it had succeeded would have accomplished nothing of ocean a dozen times it would not convince any one that it was not much easier and safer to go on a steamer. Captain Andrews should be thankful the steamer picked him up and quit the silly business in which he is engaged.

The declaration of the late President Heureaux that the object of life was "to fight man and love woman" brings us back to the age when man had all he could do to hold his own against other beasts. It will strike the gentle reader a little odd to hear such a pre-historic admission after two thousand years of Christianity. But the swarthy President of San Domingo was simply reiterating in a blunt way a principle that has been discussed and even defended by generations of novelists. The fight goes on in the stock exchange to-day as flercely as It did in the age of totemism, when the struggle for food was man's first and only occupation. As for the latter half of life's object shelves of yellowbacked novels bear testimony that Henreaux stood not alone. Why must the heathen be saved, mutters the pessimist, when respected members of soclety, who pay their annual pew rent, girl what the ple at a dinner is to a boy.

if they do not actually indorse Heureaux's philosophy, believe in the maxim. "Be virtuous if you can, if you can't be careful." Does the latter show any moral superiority to Heureaux's frank definition of life?

The predominant aspiration in the boy nature is the desire to be a man. As he cannot be a man until he is grown be imitates the man to the best of his boyish ability. Next to his desire to be a man his strongest impulse is to do what the other boys do. The boy is gregarious. He goes in droves usually, following the leadership of the loudest-voiced and most puguacious of his fellows. These two traits of the boy nature explain the recent strikes among the newsboys and messenger had mal demer during the battle of boys in New York, Pittsburg, Syracuse and Philadelphia. The men, when they want their wages raised or shorter hours of labor, strike. It is only natgo, too. A family coachman way down ural that the boys should follow the East has gone. He took a \$2,000,000 example of their elders. Adult strikers frequently mob other men who are willing to take their places, calling them "scahs" and other opproblous names. Boys follow their example by beating, or threatening to beat, their fellows who are willing to add to the family income by sticking to their employment. If the workingmen win a strike in New York or Boston, others are encouraged to go on a strike. If the newsboys and messenger boys of one city stop work for better pay, the strike epidemic spreads straightway among the boys in all cities. It's an old saying that boys will be boys, and it is equally true that boys want to be and do like other boys. While a boys' strike lasts, however, it is usually a lively one. The spirit of gregariousness in the boy nature insures this. What one boy does all the boys will do or want to do, and when all the messenger or newsboys are on strike and preventing other boys from doing their work, there will be plenty of life, a good deal of mischief and some destruction going for-

has published the results of investigations it has made as to the value of property destroyed and the number of lives lost in this country, by lightning, for a series of nine years. The records are reasonably complete and the showing is as curious as it is interesting. In the last nine years 312 persons have been killed annually by lightning, but of all the years considered that of 1895 was the most disastrous, 426 persons having lost their lives in that manner. Last year the mortality was 367, and in the entire nine years the average number killed was five to each million of population. Fatalities are less frequent in cities and thickly settled localities and most common in agricultural sections of the country. Of the states having most deaths from this cause Ohio takes the lead, the average being 24 for each 100,000 for a man to make love to a woman persons engaged in farming. The greatest proportion of fatal strokes is found in the Missouri valley, the great you?" and it is feared this complicated plains and in the region of the Rocky Mountains. Last year 1,866 buildings were destroyed or damaged by lightning, which involved a loss estimated at \$1,446,880. Of other property lost the report mentions 964 cattle, 366 horses, 30 mules, 116 pigs, 426 sheep, the estimated total value of which was \$48,257. This makes the total loss of property \$1,495,137, caused by only 710 lightning strokes. It is stated that so far as the loss of life is concerned. practically all the fatalities take place months from April to Sep The admission fees to a recent prize tember, most of them being in June fight in New York exceeded \$85,000, and July. The report says that much the largest amount ever received for of the damage caused by lightning any single performance. This has been in the agricultural districts might be cited as a startling commentary upon avoided by "grounding wires" at the times. Bloody noses and cracked proper distances along lines of wire crowns, however, are not the delight fences, "which are death traps to stock, the fatal shock being inflicted often through the medium of the wires at a considerable distance from the point bit."

The United States weather bureau

HERE'S A BIG PAIR.

Two Bouncing Kentucky Babies That

Weigh 390 Pounds. Two of the most remarkable children ever born in Kentucky are those of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cartmill, of Owingsville, They are Della May, aged 3, weight 180 pounds, and Willie, aged 4, weight 210 pounds. At birth the elder weign-



ed 8 and the younger 7. They began to grow in about a week's time and grew so rapidly that people for miles came to see them. Doctors and scientists from everywhere where their rapid who abandoned the industry. For three growth was known came to study them. They are perfectly healthy, but sleep more than half the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cartmill are people of ordinary size. Mr. Cartmill is quite value. If he should safely cross the | tall, but his weight is not more than 100 pounds at any time. He is a huckster, and although he attempts to reduce them by dieting they continue to grow despite his efforts.

A High Compliment. "Frederick Douglass told me," says a writer in Harper's Magazine, "that, in spite of his long experience, he never could entirely rid himself of stage fright. 'During the first fifteen minutes when I face an audlence,' he sald,

'my knees will knock together.' " When he got fairly into his subject, however, this nervousness, which all speakers have sometimes felt, passed away. He put his points well in any argument, and his eloquence was of a high order. His tribute, in one sentence, to Abraham Lincoln is an unsurpassed compliment.

"Mr. Lincoln," he said, "Is the only white man into whose presence I was ever ushered who dld not make me feel that I was a negro."

Deathe Among Women There is only one sudden death among wemen to eight among men.

The proposal in a love story is to a

HE IS RICH, YET POOR.

JAMES HEALEY, THE CATTLE KING OF NEW MEXICO.

Is Worth \$1,000,000, and Has \$100, 000 in Yearly Income, Yet He Lives the Simple and Ardnous Life of a in a blanket alongside the camp fire on Mexican Cattle Herder.

A man who doesn't know what to do with his money is somewhat of an streaks of daylight, when he will get anomaly, but James Healey, of New

Mexico, who is worth \$1,000,000

JAMES HEALEY, lives in a rude board shanty that could be duplicated for \$60. Out of his annual income of \$100,000 he spends less than \$600 of it on himself. He owns thousands of acres of land in the fertile good part of the ignorant Mexicans he employs to help herd his cattle.

James Healey went to New Mexico from Texas. He was born in Sedalla, Mo., in 1838, and with his parents went to Austin, Texas., in 1850. He has always lived on the plains and has no atic since 1870, and then in El Paso. knowledge of any other life. He never | About once a month, when there is no

than five out of the twenty-four hours, and is often in the saddle or in the corral for two days and nights at a time. In these later years, when he has become so rich, he has several vaqueros about him always at night in the lonely mountains, where it would no trick at all for bandits to perpetrate some criminal design upon the wealthy cattleman. Frequently the old man will roll the range for the night, and with a supper on crackers and cheese or boiled beans will go to sleep until the earliest

up and go to work again. He is by no means a miser, for he has several times made gifts of \$1,000 and and whose annual \$2,000 to his vaqueros, whom he likes. income is \$100,000, Last Christmas he deeded to a man on is such a person. his range a bunch of prime 4-year-old Healey is an extra- steers that were worth \$1,800, and he ordinary man, gave all in his employ a ten or a whose counterpart twenty-dollar gold piece. He makes his can scarcely be headquarters and home in a pine shanfound anywhere. ty on the southern end of his great He possesses land, range, about thirty-five miles northcattle and copper west from Cerillos station, on the Santa properties well Fe route. There he sleeps in a rude worth far above a bunk built against the wall and above million any day in are two other bunks, where a friend or the week, yet he a trusted vaquero sleeps occasionally.

Frugat in His Expenditures.

Healey cooks his own food, but sometimes he has a cowboy help him at cooking. A lot of burned black kettles, spots of New Mexico, and still he lives a burned skillet, and a grimy old coffee no better-not even so well-than a pot and a few battered pans, chipped dishes, and decrepit knives and forks on a greasy table near the stove all tell what sort of meals this unusual millionaire partakes of.

He has never seen a drams, heard a concert, or anything theatrical or oper-



characters on the border and half- four weeks, breed Indians.

Ftart of the Healey Fortune. When the Navaloes were moved by

the government to Southern New Mextoo in the latter '60s, Jim Healey and is probably the most famous stowaway tracts of land close to the Arizona tersheep and wool until he has become more than a millionaire.

Santa Fe of the times when Jim Healey

fever. ranges, which set in at about 1800 and the Klondike. culminated in 1806, ruined many a cattleman, but Healey not only hung to his berds and sold his cattle at little or no profit for six or seven successive years, but he added to his range by purchase of land from discouraged men years he has been selling his steers at topnotch prices, and he is the fore- ly.

most cattleman in New Mexico. Rich in Copper Property.

The present marvelous boom in copper has also added to Healey's riches. Twenty years ago when he was in El Paso, Texas, with a herd of cattle he Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains; met an old companion of his youth on the Texas border. The old friend had turned prospector and had been among the Dragoon mountains in Southern Arizona. Among the mineral properties he had located was a copper claim, the Ranger by name. Healey is seldom touched by the sentimentality of friendship, but this time his friend told such Rut yet methiaks that Lindley Murray, a tale of distress that Healey gave him Instead of "who," had written whom. outright \$800 for two-thirds of the copper claim. At different times Healey was persuaded to put \$200 and \$300 more to hold his share of the property legally intact. In 1892 the mine began to pay, and when Healey got \$7,000 for one-third the mine, he thought his remaining third was worth holding. When copper rose to 12 cents a pound in 1897 Healey got some \$1,000 a month | which keeps the birds of prey at a disfrom the Ranger, and since copper has tance. risen to 18 and 19 cents, he has had between \$3,000 and \$3,500 a month profit

from It. His vaqueros say they believe the millionaire must be made of steel. He has been a physiological steam engine for over thirty-five years. He literally life, you will have no time to attend knows no rest. He usually sleeps less | committee meetings.

went to school but three years and that | work Jim Healey can busy himself at, was on the plains of Texas. But he and he feels in the mood, then the catwas born with rare sagacity, a peculiar tie king will get out a three-gallon jug border shrewdness that reads men at a of claret (which he buys from the halfglance and knows a schemer instinct- breed Indians) and produce several yellvely. His chief stock in trade is an low paper packages of cheap tobacco, fron constitution and a bravado nerve and he and several associates will sit that made him well known on the fron- and tell stories either about a camp fire tier before he was 20. He became a or in the cabin for a few hours. But vaquero in Texas when he was 17 years | that's the end of the cattleman's dissiold. His associates have been Mexican pation. No one can induce him to have vaqueros, American cowboys, hardened another taste of it in less than three or

> King of Stowaways. The steamship Lackawanna brought into Philadelphia recently a boy who

other vaqueros went northward with on the Atlantic. The fact that the caplittle bands of cattle and settled on tain of the Lackawanna had involuntarily carried him thrice across the sea ritorial line. That was the beginning is a fair test of his ability to secrete of the Healey fortune. In a few years himself, as on each occasion the vessel he had several hundred head of steers. has been thorough searched before Then he had several thousand. He leaving Liverpool. Edward Murphy is spoke the Spanish tongue as well as his only 15 years old. He halls from Birkown, and no American knew the border enhead, England, and has never had a and its rude ways so well as Jim Hea- home other than the gutters of the ley did. With further sales of cattle he world's largest city can afford. He bebought more land. So he has kept on gan the stowaway business some years buying land, trading for cattle and ago, when less than 10, and has made water rights, occasionally dabbling in a great success of it. He has visited most of the shipping ports of the Atlantic, and many South American and Up to twenty-five years ago Healey's African countries besides. During the sole unnecessary expense was gam- past year he has traveled from Liverbling. There are still tales in ancient pool to New York, to Santos, to Rosario, to Argentine Republic, to the returning from a cattle drive to Triul- Barbadoes, to Southampton, to Liverdad and Fort Dodge, used to sit in a pool, to Philadelphia. He is known to faro game for forty-eight hours at a every skipper who sails from London, stretch and lose or win \$7,000 or \$8,000 and as a rule is a favorite with officers at a sitting. One night he saw the fare and men. Captain Wytte, of the Lackdealer give a significant wink to a pro- awanna, thinks so much of him that fessional player alongside Healey and he has offered to adopt him, but Murfrom that moment he quit the tables. phy cannot give up his roving life. If He has had his ups and downs in cat- he can escape from the Lackawannatle, the same as all other cattlemen. In on board which ship, in accordance the great freeze of 1878 he lost the with the law which requires every sea greater part of a herd that represented captain to pay a fine for foreigners some \$125,000. At another time he lost | brought to America without money, he over \$60,000 worth of cattle by reason is closely confined—he will probably of a lung plague and the Texas cattle beat his way across America and "ship" on some Pacific collier, as he The fearful depreciation in cattle and has always expressed a desire to go to

Corrected in Rhyme,

Thackeray was much pestered by the autograph-hunter, says Hodder in his "Recollections." He disliked above all things to write in an autograph album. and often refused those who asked him to do so, and sometimes rather brusque-

On one occasion the owner of an album, a young lady, was fortunate. Thackeray took her book to his room in order to look it ever. Written on a page he found these lines:

They crowned him long ago; But who they got to put it on

Nobody seems to know. -Albert Smith. Under these lines Mr. Thackeray wrote:

A Humble Suggestion. I know that Albert wrote in hurry; To criticise I scarce presume; W. M. Thackeray.

Carrier Pigeons Armed.

In China carrier pigeons are protected from birds of prey by apparatus consisting of bamboo tubes fastened to the birds' bodies. As the pigeon files the action of the air passing through the tubes produces a shrill whistling sound.

Every one has a right to be a little foolish; it is the inheritance of everyone. But curb the disposition all you can.

If you accomplish anything in this

SHE WEARS TROUSERS.

Original Champion of Bloomers Still

Wears 'Em. Miss Susan Fowler, the original champion of bloomers as an article of feminine apparel, if not the inventor of the custom, still wears the mannish costume about her farm near Vineland, N. J., in the course of her daily life. She is 75 years of age, but a wonderfully well preserved old lady and as dignified and interesting, despite her grotesque garb, as many a younger woman. Her activity is really remarkable, and day by day she attends to her



duties about the farm, even to the extent of taking a hand in the plowing when help is short-handed.

Miss Fowler has worn bloomers for over six years, and says she will never wear anything else. She says they are not in the slightest degree immodest, and do not lessen a woman's femininity. She believes in woman's rights, but is not an advocate of woman's suffrage. She believes in matrimonyin short, in nothing but her costume realizes the general idea of a new woman.

Miss Fowler has had many offers of marriage, the latest from a Western farmer, twenty years her junior. She cut short the courtship, however, by offering to be a mother to him.



George W. Cable, whose recent lecure tour of England was so very sucessful, intends to make another visit to England this summer.

Anthony Hope, though he considers a college education a great help to an author, does not regard it as a necessity, even to a writer of only average George Brandes, the Danish critic,

says that Ibsen recently gave him an odd reason for liking Russia. "Their splendid system of oppression," said the dramatist, "engenders such a love of liberty."

The rewards of literature are frequently disappointing, but many a worker in other branches of activity would be satisfied to leave his family the \$140,000 bequeathed by the novelist, William Black, to his wife and chil-

Colonel John A. Joyce is writing to the papers from Washington to maintain his claim to the authorship of the poem which has been sometimes, and perhaps generally, credited to Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in which occurs the

dine: "Laugh, and the world laughs with you." A former worker on the Indianapolis Journal in reminiscent mood, referring to J. Whitcomb Riley, the poet, says: "I can remember when Riley, with his smooth, boyish face, slender figure, clad in sacerdotal garb, used to come around the office and slt on my desk and dash off nonsense verses in that same copper-plate, microscopic handwriting that he uses to-day. 'Lige Halford, President Harrison's private secretary, and now a major in the United States army, was the editor, and it used to be Riley's chief delight to submit some of his most meaningless jingles to Halford for the editorial page. The Major spent many a weary hour trying to comprehend them. "You'd better draw a diagram to go with this," he would say. Then a shout of laughter from the boys would show him that there was a joke loose somewhere, and he would retire into his office to avoid

An Errand of Mercy.

Den't kill the long-winged insect known as the devil's darning needle because its appearance is not prepossessing. It comes in search of mosquitoes on which it feeds, and it deserves a hearty welcome and would have everything its way if it were more generally known what its mission were. That other insect which looks like a magnified mosquito comes for the same purpose, and when you kill it, you ald the destroyers of your own comfort.

Why He Was Angry. Mr. Fegan, the oratorical anti-liquor nember of the New South Wales Leg-Islative Assembly, was lately made very angry by a misprint. The Adel-

alde Critic reports the fact. "Whisky makes men genial for a time," said Fegan in a speech. The next day he read, and his constituents read, in the official report of the debate, "Whisky makes me genial for a time."

Cause of Stage Fright.

An expert has arisen to explain that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this that persons meditating public appearances should be careful of their diet and adhere to regular habits.

Without Liquor. There is a district in Liverpool inhabited by 60,000 people where intoxi-

cating liquor cannot be bought. No man ever hears a woman's sincere opinions until he has told her he loves loves him.

HUMOR OF THE WEEK

STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Odd, Curious and Laughable Phases of Human Nature Graphically Portrayed by Eminent Word Artists of

Our Own Day-A Budget of Fun. "I can't say I am much disappointed in you," said Mr. Bullion, sternly, eyeing his eldest son, who had come home from college in disgrace. "I never ex-

pected you to amount to anything." "No," responded the young man, with sort of feeble resentment, "I haven't had as good a start in life as you had. You were a poor boy, with every inducement to make somebody of yourself, and I am nothing but a rich man's son."-Chicago Tribune.

Love's Imposition. "Why, darling," exclaimed the pretty bride of three weeks, as she rushed to embrace her husband. "How good it was of you to skip baseball once and come home early. You're just too

And he accepted it all without saying a word about there being no game,-Detroit Free Press.

Degraded Taste. "Is your husband musical, Belinda?" "No, indeed. He likes tunes."



"Dasher didn't weigh his chances when he went into that enterprise." "And yet he speculated on a large scale."-Moonshine.

First servant girl-I believe I am be coming afflicted with insomnia. Second servant girl-Why so?

First servant girl-Here lately when the missus calls me to get up I can't drop off to sleep again.-Ohio State

Conidn't Hold Himself Up. Mrs. Jaggs (time 2 a. m.)-What in the world kept you so late?

Mr. Jaggs-W-why (hic) m' dear, jus' as I was comin' (hic) 'long firsht shing know'd was held up by shix or sheven highwaym'n on (hic) darksh street. Mrs. Jaggs-Well, it's a good thing they happened to be there to hold you up. You never could have done it your-

A Hopeless Case,

"Has George ever hinted that he had thought of you as a possible wife?" asked the anxious mother. "No," replied the girl, a far-away

look in her eyes, "and I'm afraid he never will." "Why," said the mother, thought-"

"It doesn't matter what you thought, mamma, dear," interrupted the daughter. "Only last night he complained of feeling drowsy and it wasn't 9 o'clock."

On the Wrong Track. The Statesman-What do you think

of the race problem? The Rounder-Can't say. Haven't seen to-day's entries."

Words of Wistom. "Our naval officers ought to adopt Rudyard Kipling's formula for good health."

"What's that?" "Keep your pores open and your mouth shut."-Detroit Free Press.



Servant-Sir, I can no longer stand it to live with the mistress and have given her notice.

The lord of creation (anxiously)-Do you think that will do any good?-Meggendorfer Blaetter.

All Women Can. "You used to say," said Mr. Meeker, as he edged away from the threatening broom-handle, "that I was the greatest

bargain you ever got." "Yes, and I will show you that I can strike a bargain, too," retorted his better half.

tained. City niece-The windows in our new church are stained.

Aunt-Ain't that a pity. Can't they get nothing to take them off? An Awful Fling. Mrs. Styles-I'd have you understand

that I know a good many worse men than my husband. Mrs. Myles-My dear, you must be more particular about picking your acquaintances.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Slightly Changed. Rudolph-Two young gentlemen wish to meet two young ladles with a view to matrimony. Money no object. How

will that do, me lord? Rupert-Money no objection. That sounds better. Ready for Luncheon.

"I was going to ask you to take luncheon with me to-day," said one board of trade man to another, "but Slims says he has invited you. Sorry he got in ahead of me." "What time do you lunch?"

"At 1." her, and been told in return that she 12. I'll he with you,"-Detroit Free "How fortunate. Slims takes his at

Domestic Sarcasm.

He (at breakfast)—My dear, the per per says there was quite a fire hear this morning. per says block early this morning. It is no

posed to have been the work of as

She-Well, don't let a little thing he that worry you."

He-Why, what do you mean?

She-Nobody will ever accuse Jung building it.

"I see," said the affable friend, "pa you occasionally drop into poetry. "No," answered the laureate, ferois "I don't drop into poetry. I'm pur into it by the government"-Wash ton Star.



Stranger-Is the master Man under bed-Yah.

Vat It let New York Journal. Weaving a spell, He-I am rather in favor de

English than the American met spelling. She-Yes? He-Yes, indeed. Take 'parlout'te instance; having 'u' in it makes all to difference in the world,-Boston Cars

tian Register. The American Plan. Smith-Are you going to allow you daughter to marry that worthles

young dude? Brown-I haven't decided ret h fact, I don't know whether my daugh ter is going to allow me to have any

thing to say about it. Had His Preference. "There is one thing you ought to remember, Remus, and that is that hop-

"I done year fokes say that befor, sah, but fo' merself I'd radder play to udder kine."-Boston Courier. Thought It Was a Bad Dream, Mistress-How was it you were so

esty is the best polley.""

late this morning? Didn't you hear your alarm clock Maid-I did, mem; but I thought I had only dreamt it, and it da't po off again, mem."-Boston Transcrat.

Guffantry.



Wheelwoman (to an admirer) - The streets are very quiet to-day, baren Baron - How can it be otherwise madam, when angels are pedaling

around.-Meggendorfer Blaetter. A Cake Walk. "Have you an agreeable boarding house?"

"Yes, we have; every morning we have a cake walk." "Cake walk? What's that?" "Why, the first man at the table gets the hot ones."-Detroit Free Press.

Quite a Fud Nowadays. "Is Aguinaldo dead or isn't he?" demanded the observant boarder. "I'm afraid not," replied the other

boarder. "I think he has contracted the deathless dying habit, like the Emperor of China."-Pittsburg Chronide Telegraph. Beastly.

"I see they made a lion of State over in London." "Yes, he reminds one of a lien." "In what way?" "Wears his hair long and has a den"

A Valuable Book. "Now, here is a book!" exclaimed the seedy man, as he dashed into the banker's private office.

"Don't want no books!" grunted the banker. "But this is one you can't help being interested in."

"Haven't time to read books, and-"But I am sure you will take this book," persisted the seedy man. "Look here, sir, do you intend to

leave this room, or must 1-" "Don't need to call the janitor; III go. This is your book, though." "My book?"

"Yes, your pocketbook, I found II is the hall." Then he vanished. I'ls Position.

"Me ould mon an' yer ould fought solde be solde, Larry." "Mabe they did, Dinny; but Ora be me ould mon wuz on top."

An Electric Cellar Torch. An electric cellar torch has recently

been favented in Great Britain, and a admits of many uses. The inventor was the son of a physician, and quickly rec ognized that the principle of his father's laryngoscope might be very well applied to commercial purposes; and his experiments based on this idea re sulted in the production of a clean, odorless and reliable appliance for the thorough examination of brewers casks and vats, cans, etc. It consists of an electric lamp covered with a long glass protector, and it is secured at the end of a handle through which the lasulated wire is carried. A small mirrer is provided; this folds inward when it touches the side of the cask or jar, and thus reflects the interior in such a way

that it may be thoroughly examined. Machine to Cure Stammering. In a Pennsylvanian's device for the cure of stammering a pair of slotted metallic plates are connected by a narrow neck and bent into close proximity to be placed on either side of the tongue, the neck having an adjusting screw to clamp the plates in place.