h wildly beating heart he stole Up to her side softly to her ripe, red lips

His own applied. kissed her-kissed the gentle maid, So fair, so sweet, with a tumult in his breast Beat a retreat.

tength she slowly straightened up. With open eyes: took but one," she said and sighed A lot of sighs. hicago Times-Herald.

*************** Little Kittie Kenyon.

HEN Tom Ainslie's cousin ment to Williams, the rich therman's son, every one gasped d then said: "Wonder how Tom

es it?" Tom wondered a little himself. He long been devoted to his cousin ude, ever since he could remember, fact, and he had always had a vague ight "make it a go together." It by him she looked up at him a mo-build have been a convenient thing ment, but Tom's eyes were fixed ea that at some indefinite time they them both, for she would have above her head and he never glanced rought Cliffton back into the family, at her.

Ind Tom had the money she lacked.

All du gs toward the fire. "I'm sur- tion. ems I'm the best man. Beastly nui- as cool as it well could be. ance; all girls and frocks and wedding ake. I'll have to go through with it. hough, for Maudie's sake. And little Kittle Kenyon is to be maid of honor. the has never been decent to me;

ffed his cigarette. The wedding was to take place at once, and a church rehearsal, with a supper at the bride's home, had been planned for the evening before. Tom arrived at the last moment, just in time to reach the altar as the proces sion came up the church. First the ushers, then the six bridemaids, who walked stiffly, as if with the weight of nations on their shoulders. Tom's eyes twinkled as he watched. On they ame, these pretty girls, sobered berond their usual wont.

ems to bear me a grudge. Little Kit-

ty Kenyon," and Tom sighed again and

"First time in her life Elsle Yates hasn't danced along," Tom thought. That Ashton girl is so ugly. Oh, by ove-" Tom's eyes were fastened on the small figure of a girl walkng alone. Such a pretty girl, with reat black eyes, that sparkled, and ach a graceful girl, swaying slightly time to the stately music. She anced up as she neared him, and a ture look of exaggerated pity came b her eyes. Then she had passed n, and taken her place near the

"Little wretch," thought Tom, bitg his lips. "I always seem to strike as a joke."

The short rehearsal was over, and m was walking down from the altar ith the tiny maid of honor at his side. "You're so far away I can hardly nke you hear me, Miss Kenyon. I ave attempted it three times, and you e utterly oblivious."

She glanced up at him quickly. "Oh, no, only sad, Mr. Ainslie. I am sorry for you. You bear up so wonerfully well, too. If you want to cry little, walk behind that pillar, and Il excuse you to the rest. Just for ree minutes. No? Don't need it? ou can stand it a trifle longer?"

"What have I ever done to you. liss Kenyon? I'm an innocent indiidual who never did you any knowing arm. Will not your kind and pitying eart speak for one who is only anxous to let you walk on him? And who only succeeds in rousing your asty, evil little temper?" said Tom a distinctly melodramatic manner. She looked at him serenely for an instant. "Stuff and nonsense," said, and ran off to Maudie, who was calling her.

He managed to secure the chair next hers at supper, though Sheldon had his hand upon the back of it, and scowled darkly at Tom when he sat down. Miss Kenyon looked up with a little

"Oh, so you are feeling kinder toward me now, are you not?" he said, bending over her with the devoted air he had toward women. "Because I want to ask you a question, and I the head and neck raised in a graceful want you to answer it seriously. You will? Well, why do you not like me?" The girl gave him a curious little glance and her lashes fluttered for a moment. Then she answered, looking along the spine. But the moment the

All the next day Tom could not get her out of his mind. He was angry, "The Impudence of her." he thought to himself, resolved to ignore her completely. But when he stood with the bridegroom in the big church that afternoon, and saw her coming toward him in her lovely white frock, his heart gave a queer little turn and then seemed to stand still. In the quick glance he had of her he thought she looked a little pale, but so pretty, so wonderfully pretty. As she passed

ng bero' air about you."

And he was gone.

not feel like talking.

in a low voice, "very, very much."

Tom out of the corner of her eyes.

All during the reception and supper "But I wasn't worth while," sighed it was the same. His eyes never om to himself, pityingly, leaning back seemed to rest upon her, although he his chair and stretching his long was wildly aware of Sheldon's devo-

rised that I don't feel worse. Always But after the excitement of the us fond of Maudie, and it would have bride's departure had died away, and een a nice thing all around. Hope almost all but the house party had illiams is al right for her. Always gone, Tom came up to her as she stood ncied the beggar myself. And it talking to Sheldon. His manner was

Acres de la companya

ELECTRIC GUN.

"May I see you a moment, Miss Ken-

yon?" he said quietly, looking at Shel-

"Mr. Sheldon will excuse me?" said

the girl, which Sheldon did, with as

pleasant an expression as he could

They walked through the long draw-

ing room to the little rose reception

room under the stairs. It was quite

"I wish to apologize, Miss Kenyon,

if I offended you last night. It is per-

unintentional. Will you pardon me?"

The girl was picking a rose to pieces

was very sorry after I had done it."

Tom moved quickly. "Do you care

or that fellow," he said, "Sheldon?"

"No," she whispered, her eyes down-

one?" he asked, wistfully. "Because

-you know I love you, dear. So much

-so much. I can't let you be so hard

to me," and his voice broke a little.

"Couldn't you try to love me just a lit-

She looked up with a mischievous lit

"You are not the least little bit of

'Conquering Hero' now," she said, and

Mr. Sheldon did not attend the wed-

How Snakes Travel.

A little knot of deputies at the cus

tom-house were talking about snakes.

"I have never seen a satisfactory ex-

planation of their motion," said one

of the party. "The text book theory

that they get over the ground by fan-

ning their ribs back and forth would

never be accepted by anybody who has

flight. Where I was raised, in North

Lousiana, coach whip anakes were com-

mon and I have frequently watched

them. When not alarmed the snake

glides along with about two-thirds of

its body extended on the ground and

curve, like the prow of a ship. There

is something indescribably smooth and

swanlike in its progress and all the

motion perceptible is a slight ripple

coach whip is frightened it presents

ding .- New York Mail and Express.

Her fingers trembled a little.

He hesitated a moment.

he took her into his arms.

don.

muster.

deserted.

cast.

tle smile.

"You have too much of the 'conquerquite a different picture. The head is instantly lowered and the whole body "I didn't know that," said Tom, stretches out as straight as a ramrod. meekly. "Can't you help me to change Everything about it suggests speed, it? Because I like you, you know, and it skims over the ground like an arrow from a bow. How it does it is He was staring at her very hard, and a mystery. I suppose, as a matter of saw the rose tint deepen in her check. fact, that the operation is immensely She turned her shoulder toward him. subtle and complicated and that the "Mr. Sheldon," she called, "you are motion is derived from a series of neglecting me shamefully. Won't you writhing and contractions, but if so come over here beside me? Mr. Ainsthey are so slight and so swift that the lie is just leaving." She glanced at human eye cannot follow them. I have studied the snakes in flight time and Ainsile got up instantly, looked at again and I could never see that they her a moment, then with a quick bow deviated a fraction of an inch from a crossed the room to his cousin. "Sorstraight line."-New Orleans Timesry, Maudie, but I must be leaving. Williams, I'll see about those tickets.

For Want of a Comma. A British service journal recently spoke, in referring to a nurriage, of the bride as "the daughter of Sir Hec-Sheldon sat down with a radiant smile, but after a few moments his face clouded, and the radiant smile tor O'Dowd, commanding the Boolab was gone. Miss Kenyon evidently did Ghah district and Lady O'Dowd."

Whereupon Lady O'Dowd wrote to say that there was some mistake about this, as she was quite sure that in the domestic circle it was she who com-

ELECTRIC GUN.

Wonderful Invention of a Young Genius of the British Isles

The noiseless and smokeless electric gun invented by Mr. Newman, a young aprentice at Whitehead's torpedo factory, England, exists at present only in the tiny model weighing seven pounds, which is figured in accompanying illustration. With this small weapon, however, the inventor has made very satisfactory experiments, shattering a target at a distance of a mile and also at five miles range. The gun has a very high muzzle velocity. It is said that the inventor has refused an offer of \$275,000 from the British Admiralty for his invention. Meanwhile, he is carefully guarding his secret while he constructs a model weighing 100 weight. Mr. Newman is the son of a

Portland grocer. His genius has developed early, for he is still in his 20th TAKES SAMPSON'S PLACE

> Rear Admiral Farquhar to Command North Atlantic Fquadron. The successor of Rear Admiral Sampson as commander of the North Atlantic squadron upon his retirement will be Rear Admiral Norman von Heldreich Farquhar. Admiral Farquhar can show a record in the service of his country that any man might well be proud of, for it covers a period of forty years and embraces many instances of bravery and clear-headedness in the time of danger.

He was born in Pennsylvania April 11, 1840, and early showed a liking for a seafaring life. He was sent to the



REAR ADMIRAL PARQUHAR

and going at once to the coast of Africa to assist in breaking up the slave trade. During the civil war he was with the North Atlantic blockading squadron as lieutenant. He became lieutenant commander in 1865, and commander in 1872 and captain in 1886.

When the frightful hurricane swept over Apla, in Samoa, March 16, 1889, demolishing even the most powerful vessels in the harbor by throwing them with tremendous force against the rocks and causing the loss of hundreds of lives, he was in command of the Trenton at the Pacific station. Capt. Farquhar's splendid seamanship and presence of mind were shown very strikingly on this occasion, for he extricated his vessel from the harbor and seen a coach whip or blueracer in full put to sea without losing a man of his crew of 450, while all about him vessels were being wrecked and men drowned by the hundreds. The Massa chusetts Humane Society awarded him a medal for his gallant conduct.

He was made a member of the Lighthouse Board, and later appointed chief of the bureau of yards and docks in the Navy Department.

Cost of Ship Ropes. The ropes on a first-class man-of-war cost about \$15,000.

John Thorburn's Novel and 'uccessful

HARD HAUL ACROSS AFRICA

Sixteen hundred miles across the wilds of Africa, where the foot of civilized man had never hitherto trod, is to. This gambling palace is situated in an experience that presents dangers the center of the City of Mexico, at No. and difficulties enough of its own to 2 Gante street. Its proprietor and discourage almost any ordinary man. manager, Don Felipe Martel, is not But to haul a steam craft that distance with the aid of two companions of his own race and a handful of ignorant natives without the ordinary resources of modern science is the feat accomplished successfully by John Thorburn. an African pioneer, who has recently arrived in London. This is only one of a series of notable accomplishments and experiences through which Thorburn has passed in his thirty years' life in the wilds of Africa.

Thorburn is a Scotchman by birth, who emigrated to the Transvaal some thirty years ago. He had a steamer on the Vaal River, and made considerable noney trading with the natives. Nature, however, consipred against him, and the Vaal, after successive dry seasons, was completely dried up. Undeterred by the dangers of the undertaking. Thorburn at once determined to take the boat across country to the waters of Delagoa Bay, a distance of 1,600 miles.

The boat was thirty-seven feet long. but was loaded on a wagon drawn by eighteen oxen. Its engines were dis posed of on a similar vehicle, and the journey was begun. It led through a perfect wilderness, much of which had never been trodden by man. Roads were cut through this and wagons drawn along as rapidly as possible. Numerous mishaps failed to discourage the indomitable will of the Scotchman, and after encountering forest fires, which all but destroyed the little party. and being deserted by all his native helpers, he successfully reached Delagon Bay with his charge.

In the Transvaal Thorburn was intimately associated with two noted characters. One was John O'Reilly. who was responsible for the discovery of the diamond mines of South Africa, and the other was Hans de Beers, who owned two of the most famous mines of South Africa, the De Beers and the Kimberley. O'Reilly's discovery was due to the accidental play of a little girl with a bright river stone. He purchased the stone from the girl's parents, saying he thought he could sell it for a good price, and would return her one-half of the proceeds. This he did, realizing \$2,500 on the sale. Half he returned to her, the rest he used to purchase ground in South Africa in which to exploit his find.

De Beers sold his diamond interest for an insignificant sum. He knew of the immense value of the ground, but did not wish to be bothered with the wealth, only taking enough to keep to 1845. him for the remainder of his days in quiet and obscurity. He died eventually in Thorburn's own cottage.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

Broken rudders on ships at sea can be replaced by a Canadian's temporary steering device, which compresses a set of brackets shaped to fit portions of the hull, with guy ropes for holding them in position, the rudder frame being carried by the brackets.

To insure the retention of a waist belt at the top of the trousers a new attachment is formed of wire loops secured to the under surface of the belt, with an obstructed opening at one end of the loop which can be slipped over the buttons on the bands of the

Fore and aft sails on boats can be rapidly reefed by a Boston man's invention, in which the boom is fitted in a socket on the mast and provided with a gear wheel, meshing with a wheel attached to a crank shaft, the action of turning the crank winding up the sail on the boom.

Train orders can be delivered to the engineer while the train is under high speed by the use of a new order-holding device, which has a wire loop with a clamp on one side to grip the message, a socket being provided to hold the loop in position, to be easily detached by the engineer.

A Canadian has patented a bulletin board which does away with the necessity for pasting the dispatches, the surface of the board being covered with a series of wires fitted on a frame at the sides, the dispatch being held on the board by drawing the frame back to stretch the wires in

Over the Telephone.

The way in which a long and arduous conversation on the telephone can end in nothing at all is well known to any one who has used the instrument It is illustrated in a dialogue reported in an exchange:

"What number, please?" "One thousand two hundred and six

y-four." "I don't catch that."

"One thousand two hundred and six ty-our." "Try it once more, please."

"Twelve hundred and sixty-four." nais, and pasting them on the white "Seven hundred and sixty-four?" "No-twelve hundred and sixty-four one thousand two hundred and sixty-

"I can't give you two numbers once. Which do you want first?" "Oh, I was giving you the same numper in two different ways."

four."

"Yes. Weil, what number do you want?" "Twelve hundred and sixty-four!" "Suppose you give me each number eparately, like one, two, three, for in-

"All right. One, two, three, four, five. damask napkin of exquisite design ix, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, welve. Got that?"

"Yes." "Now, one, two, three, four, five, six Got that?"

"Yes." "One, two, three, four. Got that?" "Yes. You want twelve, six, four, do rou?"

patience and nicety. "Yes! Twelve hundred sixty-four! Do you understand now?" "Yes, I understand now. (An in less mountain climber, and although a heavily built woman of middle age de-

stant's silence.) Twelve sixty-four's busy now. Ring off, please!" Adulteration of Food in Missouri. Any one in Missouri found guilty of placing arsenic, calomel, bismuth, ammonia, or alum in any kind of food | The trouble with the average man is

may be fined not less than \$100.

SAMBLER PRINCE OF MEXICO. SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

Pays \$1,000 a .Day License and Ha

Made \$2 1,000,000 Profits.

only a self-made prince, but a phenom-

For Don Felipe is not only the king

of gumblers, but a devout churchman

and the chief backer of the municipal

treasurer. Mexico City is almost de-

ish gambling houses. Many influential

demanding from every gambling resort

When the field was clear Don Felipe

Martel approached the authorities with

\$1,000 in cash and demanded a day's

license. In a few hours his place was

thronged. At a single stroke he had

won the patronage of Mexico, and his

doors have never been closed since.

The daily outlay of \$1,000 is not missed

from the daily revenue of thousands

It is not remarkable that Don Fel-

ipe's personal fortune should have

reached \$20,000,000 in spite of his con-

stant lavish expenditure. His chief

more alluring than a visit to No. 2

Don Felipe's strong religious tenden-

cles are so well known that nobedy

was surprised when he built recently

in the village of San Angel a church

that cost more than \$50,000. The poor

people of the vicinity, and many of the

rich as well, have come to regard him

as a fairy prince. His own style of liv-

ing encourages this belief. The Martel

mansion, in Mexico City, is a magnifi-

cent affair, constantly filled with

guests. A curious feature is that it

contains forty windows-the number

Icebergs sometimes last for two hun-

Gunpowder dates from A. D. 346,

while smokeless gunpowder dates back

What are known as "tidal waves"

have nothing to do with the tides, but

are supposed to be caused by earth-

quakes. They do not, therefore, appear

es of the delegates and make them in

Mr. Gladstone was prime minister

dren to the care of elephants, which

are careful never to hurt the little crea-

tures, and if danger threatens the sa

gacious animal will curl the child gen-

tly up in his trunk, and swing it up

out of harm's way upon its own broad

The first railroad in America was

constructed in 1831-a four-mile track

from the Quincy quarries to the Ne

ponset River. It was made to trans

port stone for the Bunker Hill Monu

ment, the granite being conveyed by

boat from the Neponset wharf across

The six largest cities in the world

are London, with a population esti-

mated at six million; New York, with

about 3,500,000; Paris, with about

2,500,000; Chicago, about 1,800,000;

Berlin, about as many; Canton, per-

haps 1,600,000, or Vlenna, with about

At Asti, in California, last year,

cistern 104 feet long by 34 feet wide

side for the storage of wine. The im-

mense tank was lined with concrete

capacity of the tank is 500,000 gallons.

Royal Pastimes.

that the Czar and Czarina when alone

take keen delight in cutting out carles

tures of themselves from foreign jour-

walls of one of the rooms of the palace.

They laugh like children over the long

In the palace at Osborne there is a

nursery used by the little Battenberg

princes, in which the dado is decorated

on done by their father, Prince Henry,

Queen Victoria in her younger days

was fond of weaving, and found great

amusement in the use of a loom. At the

Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia

a fine cambric handkerchief and a

were exhibited by the Queen as speci-

The Princess Louise is an expert

draughtswoman and sculptress. All

the Queen's daughters are fond of

sketching, and show more or less skill.

The Princess of Wales finds her amuse-

ment in photography. She often devel-

ops and mounts her pictures with great

Queen Margherita of Italy is a fear

The young Queen of the Netherlands

is fond of poultry, and has large collec-

tions of chickens of fancy breeds near

that he has no one to censor his talk

lights in walking long distances.

her summer palace.

procession of ridiculous figures.

for their amusement.

mens of her skill.

A St. Petersburg society paper states

telligible to all the members.

more than twelve years.

back.

the harbor.

1.500,000.

of cards in the Mexican deck.

Gante street.

dred years.

at regular intervals.

a daily license tax of \$1,000.

houses closed their doors.

Martel was a rich man before the

pendent upon this one citizen.

enal character.

HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM Mexico has a Monaco which outdoes the sensational marvels of Monte Car-THE COMIC PAPERS.

> Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over - Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young Funny Belections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

Hicks-There are some summer girls who are constant. There's Sadie Small, for example. She kept company with Fred Dunman all the win-

Mexican Government decided to abol-Wicks-Yes; and they made love to each other furiously; but what of that? Mexicans objected so seriously to the It was only in remembrance of their absolute stopping of their favorite pascountry flirtation last summer. A sort time that the authorities thought they of souvenir spoon, so to speak.-Boston would achieve a clever compromise by Transcript.

Always in Evidence. "I never lose my temper," cried the No one supposed that the gambling little wife. spirit would be strong enough to rise "No, dear," grumbled hubby, "I wish above this obstacle. This proved to be you would."-Tit-Bits. the case, and one by one the gambling-

Cool in Danger. She-Tell me, when you were in the army, were you cool in the hour of danger? He-Cool? Why, I shivered,-Tit-

Bits. Just Think of It.

Tommy Scroggins-I'd hate to be dat two-hended boy at de museum.

Jimmie Wiggins-He has lots o' fun. Tommy Scroggins-I know dat, but jes' t'ink o' havin' two faces to warsh. -Ohio State Journal. His Vacation.

establishment is as glitteringly ap-"What do you intend to do for a vapointed as a palace. Liveried attendants cation this summer?" minister to guests, and refreshments "Send my wife and family out of the and cigars are served at the host's exsity."-Chicago Post. pense. Mexicans find no amusement



The Scribe-And to what do you at tribute your extreme old age? The Centenarian-Principally to the

time I have lived. Like the Admira'. Mr. Stubb-John, is that you coming home at such an unearthly hour? Mr. Stubb-Yes, M-Maria; the club had a little D-Dewey toast to-night.

Mrs. Stubb-Well, you remind me of

Dewey. The ancient Egyptians used saws. In Mr. Stubb-In w-what way, M-Maria? a private tomb at Thebes one was dis-Mrs. Stubb-A long time coming covered with several other carpenter's tools. The blade is of brass, a little bome.

The Man Who Would Be Hose over 10 inches long and 11/4 inches wide, "Put me in Washington," said the There are so many languages spoken egotist, "and I'd show you how to run in the provinces of Austria-Hungary the Philippines." that interpreters are employed in the various parliaments to interpret apeech-

"The Philippines don't run," replied the bystander. "It's the Filipinos that run; but you couldn't run them by staying in Washington; you'd have to go to the front." four times for a total period of twelve

years and 337 days; Disraell, in two Taking No Chances. administrations, served six years, 353 The domestic man rang the boardinghouse bell. Mrs. Skinner came to the days; Salisbury has served already door, spoon in hand. "Madame, do you take children?" Slamese women intrust their chil

"Do I take children, eh? Ah, yes, know you. You are one of these hired detectives. If I said I took children you'd implicate me in the kidnaping wave that's going over the country. But I'm too smart. Now, you git!" The Higher Criticism.

and 24 feet deep was formed in a hill-

two feet thick and coated inside with The Parson-What do you think a glaze as impermeable as glass. The Brother Hotspots, of de theory dat Adam wuz a nigger? Brother Hotspots-Ef he wuz, Pahson, dat apple must a been a water-

Collision Inevitable. Passenger-Porter! What was that shock? Has there been a collision? Porter-Specs so, boss! Two stout ge'men tried to pass in de aisle.

Her Little Joke. "Your father's cane," groaned the lover, "came down on me with such rapidity that I thought a cyclone had by a series of absurd pictures in craystruck me."

"Well, it was a hurry-cane," ventured the sweet girl. And yet they say girls have no sense

of humor. Obedient to the Letter. Bobble's mamma-Now, mind, Bob-

by, if they pass you the cake a second time at the party, you must say, "No, thanks, I've had pleuty," and don't you forget it. Hostess, at the party-Won't Bobble

have some more cake? Bobble (who hasn't forgotten)-Nope, thanks. I've had enough, an' don't you fergit it!-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Right in His Line. First crook-Jimmy ain't got enough spunk. He takes things off people. Second crook-Dat's his biz. He's a plekpocket.

Exercise. "We have walked eleven miles this morning without stopping," said one Filipino soldier discontentedly.

"That"s so," answered the other. We might as well join a golf club and be done with it."-Washington Star.

Jones-How did you manage to get

through that crowd so quickly? It took me nearly an hour. Brown-You remember that clgar

you gave me this morning? Jones-Yes, but-

Brown-Well, I was smoking it,-

Chicago News, Jimmle—Ain't it good of de school board to shut up de schools in summer

so we can have a rest? Tommy-Aw, dat sin't de reason Dey hafter give de teachers a chance to learn some more. San Francisco Examiner.

Dead Broke. Stubb-He looks all broke up. Where did he spend his two months' vacation? Penn-At Monte Carlo,



"And how did you feel when you came back and found a man working in your place?"

"Oh, I felt relieved."

"Ye gods!" exclaimed Rowland Rantts, as he peered through the peep hole, "we have an alms asylum to-

The sweet singer stared blankly. "I don't understand you, Mr. Rantts. Did you say we had an alms asylum?" "Yes, or, in other words, we have a poor house,"

In Chicago. She (musically inclined)—What is your opinion of Wagner's works? He-Never saw them; but I don't

suppose they are in it with Pullman's." The Professor's Opportunities. "She told Mame Simpson that the professor said she looked like a Greek

goddess."

"Where did the professor ever see a Greek goddess?" "Oh, he knows lots o' foreigners, He's teaching a Sunday school class down to the dago mission."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Getting On.
"Done anything yet?" asked the fond father, who proudly speaks of his young son as a coming lawyer.

"Oh, yes. I succeeded in having my rent reduced, and have a fine bunch of accounts against you for collection. I'll get there."-Detroit Free Press.

Rash and Daring Act.



The Veteran-There is one music that always moves me to tears, recalling as it does the rashest and

most daring act of my life. She-Ah, some stirring martial air, I

The Veteran-Not exactly. I mean Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

Joys of Shopping. Husband (wearlly)-Well, how are you getting on with your shopping? Wife-Oh, splendidly! Let me see: we've been to fifteen shops and I haven't bought a thing yet.-Tit-Bits.

Poor Business.
"How is Surloyne getting on in the butcher business?" "Very poorly, I hear. They say he

does so little that he can't afford to kill more than half a cow at a time."-Tit-

Wanted to Be Fure.
"Johnny," called the Throop street lady, "run around to the cigar store and see if the score's in yet."

"I'm surprised," remarked her visitor, "to see you take so much interest in baseball. I don't even understand the game." "Nelther do I, dear. But you see I

want to ask George for a little pin money. If the Chicago team won, I'll ask him the minute he gets in the door. If they lost, I'll ask him to-morrow, or maybe the day after."

Mrs. Snooper-I wonder if it is true,

as Dr. Jacobi says, that the baby of to-day has a better chance of living than the baby of fifty years ago? Snooper-Certainly it is. The baby of fifty years ago is half a century old now.-Tit-Bits.

Old Sumptuary Laws. The sumptuary laws that were pass-

ed in the Middle Ages are quite foreign to the spirit and temper of the nineteenth century. They aimed at keeping each within his proper sphere, by fixing limits to the expenditure of citizens upon apparel and other personal concerns. A complete schedule of the clothing that should be worn in every class of society was prescribed in the act of the third year of Edward IV. (1464). Apparently an excess in attire sprang up that had not been provided for in this act, for another one followed in the ensuing year, prohibiting the wearing of shoes with long-peaked toes. The pictures of the people of the Elizabethan age deplet what many would consider an artistic taste in apparel, but which was looked upon at that time as an excess, and called for a proclamation (1580) against broad ruffs, long cloaks and swords, and long spikes on the bosses of shields, The Cornhill.

Afraid of Poisoned Food.

During periods of nervousness the Turkish Sultan restricts himself to a bolled egg diet, because this food cannot be easily poisoned.

LAYING FIELD TELEGRAPH WIRE TO SAN FERNANDO, IN THE PHILIPPINES. There was one department of the army, not of the line, nor exactly of the

staff, that did not fail in any emergency in the war with Spain and in the subsequent war we are waging in the Philippines. That was the Signal Corps. In aba, in Porto Rico and in the Philippines, the signal men and officers covered themselves with glory. The field telegraph followed close to the firing line, and the general in the rear could keep in touch with the center and both wings of his force, and having the best of information from all parts, he could give his orders intelligently. It requires even more nerve to lay telegraph lines under fire than to fight under fire.