The corset trust is not in good form. An important question now is, will the advance in the price of wire add to the cost of political campaigns?

Dewey may be a many-sided man, but judging from the pictures printed he hasn't as many sides as he has

In saying man is only a gorilla with a conscience, Dr. Parkhurst ventures perflously close to those people who make monkeys of themselves.

Men who suffer from misrepresenta tion can't well complain. There may be as good fish in the sea as ever were caught and yet both probably have been lied about.

There is a woman on the Pacific coast who wants a divorce because her husband is a bookworm. Yet there are people who profess to believe that literature's golden age is about to dawn in this country.

A woman who has been suing for divorce has been ordered to pay \$4 a week allmony to her husband pending the decision of the court. Here is a case that needs the attention of the reformers. Things are coming to a fine pass in this country when the court expects a man to live on \$4 a week.

The times are propitious for a change in campaigning. The stump speech has for some years been steadily losing ground. It has lost much of its oldtime thrill. It is so much the same thing. The people are outgrowing it. The extravagance of phrase, the sweep of gesture, the venerable anecdote which characterize it and carry it along are not potent as they once were.

Voices made to order are the latest thing in surgery. Actual operations have demonstrated that the larynx, or vocal box, can be successfully removed, and the patient may not only survive the shock, but recover. In order to restore speech to the patient an artificial larynx and vocal cords are provided. The voice artificially produced is incapable of inflection, but, although it is a montone, the patient is perfectly able to carry on a conversation.

While timely warning given by an honest press diminished the number of those who followed the Klondike will o' the wisp, yet there were thousands who braved every danger to get much less than would have been theirs with half the effort had they remained at home. It is the distance which lends enchantment to the view. It is safe to say that for every dollar which has so far been taken out of the Klondike country ten have been put in.

Americans have made two conquests of Cuba. The first was by the army and navy, the second by modern saultation. When the island of Cuba was turned over to the United States by Spain it was the dirtiest spot in all the world. The cities were plague spots. And the problem was the more difficult because of the indifference of all classes of citizens. Families kept pigs houses. There was no sewerage. There had been no renovation of filthy premises for years. George R. Waring gave up his life for Havana and General Leonard Wood refused \$50,000 a year to go back to Santlago when the yellow fever broke out there. Thanks to Waring, Havana is a clean city and in Santingo a miracle has been wrought by General Wood. Yellow fever, whose food is dirt, has been conquered. The second conquest of Cuba is no less a matter of pride than the

The trouble that a little aquatic plant may make is illustrated by the water hyacinths, which are doing almost incalculable damage in the Gulf States by filling up the streams and paralyzing the lumber industry, as the logs cannot be floated out of the rivers and bayous when they are choked up with these plants: Congress has made an appropriation for getting rid of them, and Major Quinn has charge of the work. The Major has decided in favor of a dredge which throws the hyacinth into a mill, much like a sugar mill, where the hyacinth bulbs are crushed and rendered incapable of propagation. The New Orleans papers, however, favor a chemical agency which has already been used with success. The Times-Democrat says: "There are probably hundreds of miles in this section covered with this plant to a density of forty pounds to the square foot. No mill could do all this crushing, and it would cost thousands of dollars to do the work, and it is almost inconceivable that the dredge will gather in all the hyacinths, and therefore completely eradicate them; and if but a few seed are left it will start this water pest once more, and we will have to do over again what we are now doing." The chemicals, which were tried in a tallrace, dry up the sap and kill the plant, and this without any danger to fish, and the plan is simple and inexpensive.

"Even in palaces life may be lived well," quotes Matthew Arnold, Mr. Chamberlain holds that "people who live in comfortable houses with modern improvements are happier than the inhabitants of snow-huts or dugouts." Not only are they likely to be happier, but also of a higher human type and every way more noble. Most rightminded people would sympathize with the old gentleman who says, "I never see a fine house without wishing that everybody had one-then I should have ope!" Of course, grovelling, slumlike habit of mind is possible amid costly and elegant surroundings. To the eye that sees all things as they are, there may be a sty behind the front of marble or of brownstone, and a clean bit of heaven in the humblest hovel. And it is often necessary to add that many people are consigned to hovels by the greed and fraud which have made the mansion possible. But, other things being equal, the environment belps or burts the whole man;

and as a rule, it is the expression of his qualities, the outgrowth of his character and life. At any rate, it is desirable that every human being should be well housed, well fed, well clad; also that every human being should help EUGENE CITY OREGON himself to these things, without snatching or crowding. "Household" is one of the sweetest words in any language. Therefore it is worth while for the young people to put the creation of a good home into the program of their life, to focalize their forces on this point; to get and to save for the realization of this beautiful dream.

> The widespread passion among men, during the last and present generation, to accumulate wealth suddenly has not contributed to the elevation of human character or the betterment of our civilization. Since the war between the States there has been a wild rush for millionaires appeared with the suddenfor the ways in which it might be ac- evitable had happened. cumulated. Bold, unprincipled men with marvelous, brilliant audacity, jacket, and a low voice inquired: wealth until the desire to be rich at self this afternoon, Will?" suggestive fact is apparent that the sketches of it." man who is satisfied with moderate average man who seeks fortune on the rocksboard of trade, in gold mines or among diamond deposits. More wealth has been expended in transportation and supplies by the seekers for wealth in the Klondike than has been taken from its golden repositories; and the snows of the inhospituble region are dotted with the dead, and the region has echoed with the wails of the hopeless.

HOAXING A BRITISH FLEET.

How a Stupid Irishman Baffled the English Sallors.

An amusing story is told of the hoax ing of a British fleet by "a stupid Irishman" during the recent naval maneu vers. It appears that during an attack on Bere Island by some of the vessels of the "B" fleet the officer at the Hut received instructions from Castletown coast-guard station to gather up all telegrams and secret plans, send a man away with the same to hide in a cave, and on no account to let them fall into the enemy's hands. With the remainder of his crew he was then to show fight until the last. In the meantime an attacking force of eighteen men and an officer had been landed, which marched to the Hut and secured its surrender. All search for the secret papers, however, proved useless, and the men at the Hut maintained a profound silence to all interrogations. During the afternoon one of the men of the Castletown const-guard station had been sent to Bere Island with the pay of the men. Upon arrival there he proceeded at once to the Hut (having previously disguised himself) and found himself surrounded by the invaders, who wanted to know his business. He ing that he was a native, and was trying, with the help of his small pension, to make a living on the island by cutting and selling turf. He had provided himself with a turf-cutting spade in order to give color to his story.

The sailors of the invading party were very sympathetic, and advised him to go to England, where he would be sure of getting work in one of the royal dockyards. After getting the invaders into a good humor he immediately went in search of the man with the secret documents in his possession. With the aid of some of the islanders he found the man he was in search of, took from him all the documents, which he hid in two baskets of turf, and returned to the Hut. This time the sub-lieutenant in charge of the invaders took him in hand and closely questioned him with a view to obtain some reliable information regarding the defenders, but all to no purpose At last the sub-lieutenant dismissed the man, with the remark that he was the most stupid Irishman that he had ever met. Little did the officer imagine that the supposed stupid Irishman was the very man they wanted, as at the time he had in his possession all the documents the invaders were search-

ing for. During the night the enemy's flotilis left Berehaven, going west, disconnecting the telephone at the Hut before leaving.-Westminster Gazette.



She-Then you would advise decline?

Her Father-Decidedly! If you were in love you wouldn't ask any advice.

Keeping Mice at a Distance. One of the best mouse preventives is the foliage of the walnut tree. Even after the foliage has been dried it is said to be effectual in scaring away

mice.

"Don't leave the table," said the landlady, as her new boarder rose from his scanty breakfast. "I must, madam; it's hard wood, and my teeth are not what they used to be."-Tit-Bits.

All the world's a stage, but only a few of the actors receive curtain calls.

GOOD-BY TO LIFE.

daim you." of the Norfolk jacket.

Will Preston was a clever young artist. Looking around for a suitable only too well, and had himself kept riches. The war, like all great wars, place at which to stay the summer, he back the help that might, perhaps, developed a luxuriant crop of rascals, and stumbled across the little creeper- have saved him. every one of whom was deaf to the clad cottage where Jessie Poole lived | And as the utter impossibility of freeclaims of patriotism and honor, and and nursed her bed-ridden father, and ing himself and the increasing peril of who for four years groveled among the had induced them to let him make his own situation became apparent to dead and the dying, and amidst the their home his abode during his stay. A Will, pity for his dead rival gave place agonies of a panting, strugglung coun- thorough woman was Jessie, and as to borror at the death so slowly but try for dollars. The result was that such she appealed to the artist's tem- relentlessly approaching. He tried to perament. Beautiful she could hardly wriggle up by clasping the mast with ness of the mushroom in the night, and be called, but her clear gray eyes and his legs; he found it impossible, and inoculated the whole courtry and pos- the curve of her small, firm mouth blank despair began to creep over him. terity with an abnormal love of money went straight to Will Preston's heart. The tide had already turned and was and with a large measure of disregard and before he was aware of it the in-

Presently the shapely head was appeared upon the scene of action, and raised from the collar of the Norfolk ing his feet. Again he strained and

flaunted the evidences of ill-gotten "What are you going to do with your-

any price was alarmingly general, es- "Oh, I'm going to row out to that pecially among the young. But the picturesque old wreck and take a few

"But you are not going alone, Will, and steady gains, who is content to are you? You know it's off a very danstick to his farm, at his forge or his gerous part of the coast, and there are bench, is far more fortunate than the a lot of cross currents and sunken

"Oh, that's all right, little one. Your



HE LOST HIS BALANCE AND FELL.

old admirer, Jem Barclay, is 'bossing the show.' He knows every inch of the so you need have no qualms, dear, that I shall not be back safe after dark." As he mentioned the name of his seemed about to speak, then appeared to alter her mind, and was silent,

"So, ta-ta, dearest," he went on, bending down and fondly kissing the sweet lips upturned to his. I must be off. "The tide will be on the turn soon, and it's a good two miles row."

The wreck toward which the little boat was rapidly cutting its way was all that remained of the schooner Bonnie Belle. A year ago she had been driven by a storm on to a sunken rock. At high tide merely a few feet of her again; again disappeared, and once sole remaining stump of a mast was visible, but at low water she was only partially submerged

As Will Preston lay back in the stern of the boat fingering the tiller ropes he could not but admire the stalwart figure in front of him. Jem Barciay was a young fisherman, living down in the village about a mile from Jessle Poole's lonely cottage. Over six feet in height, and proportionately broad, his muscles stood out like bands of steel as he pulled untiringly at the oars.

Soon they reached the wreck, and, as it was now low tide, the boat was pulled alongside, and they clambered up to the slippery deck. The schooner was but a mere shell after all, and as Will peered down through what had once been the hatchway nothing was to be seen but the inky blackness of the water in the hold. He was startled from his reverie by a laugh from his companion. "A man wouldna do much good, Mr.

Preston, once he got down there, ch?" There was something in the man's tone that jarred unpleasantly upon the artist's ear, and he answered shortly: "No; I think he could say good-by to

"Then you can say good-by to yours. for that's where you're going, my fine gentleman!"

Will Preston turned quickly round in amazement at the words, when, with time? He was standing now on the an oath, Barclay flung himself upon him, and bore him backward. The back of his head struck the deck with

a crash, and he lost consciousness. When his senses slowly came back to him he found himself propped up with his arms against the mast, his arms passed backward round it, and his hands tightly bound together at the other side. His cap had been forced into his mouth, and his handkerckief bound tightly round, forming a most efficient gag. Before him stood Jem Barclay, his arms folded and his black

eyes flashing triumphantly. "You see, I've changed my mind," he began. "It seemed a pity to chuck you down in t' hold. You wouldn't ha' had time to think over things. Oh, yes, I know she refused me a year ago, but I'd ha' won her right enough in time if you hadn't come with your fine ways 9 o'clock, and then t' sea will be a foot aboon your head. Happen you'd like to see how the time goes, though. Well,

you shall." He took his knife from his pocket and drove the point into the mast a few inches above his victim's head. Then

lunged out with all his force. Taken unawares, the man sprang backward to avoid the blow, and, for- and fears, she turned and saw the getful of the hatchway behind him, sunken mast standing out in bold conlost his balance and fell down it. In trust to the slivery pathway caused by falling be turned half around and, with the rising moon; and at the base, on a sickening thud, his temple came in the surface of the water, there was contact with the further side of the something else-something round and opening as he fell.

ND to-morrow you leave me | Will heard the splash of his body in ND to morrow you leave me and go back to that horrid the water, and waited, horror-struck, for any further sound, but nothing met "Only for three months, dearest, his ears save the wash of the waves. Then I shall come back to Rocksea and He struggled to free himself, so that he might try and save his would-be Jessie Poole laid her pretty bead con- murderer, but though he strained until zentedly on the rough tweed shoulder the cords cut into his wrists it was use-

less. The fisherman had done his work

creeping through the broken bulwarks, and soon the first wave came gently washing along the deck, nearly reachtugged at his bonds in vain. He turned his eyes longingly toward the boat, which had been moored to the side of the schooner, and then indeed he gave up hope, for it was gone.

The rope had been too loosely fled, and there was the boat, already fifty yards away, drifting with the incoming tide.

The sun was dipping toward the cliffs overhanging his sweetheart's cottage, and he knew that he had but an hour or two longer to live unless help came, and that he felt was almost impossible. Soon the water reached his knees, then in little ripples circled round his waist.

Another half-hour passed, and the cliffs were lost to view, while the lights began to twinkle in the village and along the little wooden pier. Higher and higher rose the water until it reached his shoulders, and he began to feel chill and numb. Presently the beat-beat of a steamer's paddles came wafted over the shimmering sea, and with a wild thrill of hope he turned his hend.

Yes, there she was, gliding along swiftly and smoothly, her portholes and saloons brightly lit and the strains of the band coming to him cheerily as she churned her homeward course, the coast, and I've every confidence in him; passengers joining in song in happy content after the pleasures of the day. Oh, if he could only get rid of that suffocating gag his cries might be guide Jessie looked up suddenly and heard. But no sound came from his aching throat, and the pleasure steamer glided on her way.

And now the water reached his chin, and he knew his life could be numbered by minutes only. He fixed his weary eyes upon one light that glimmered starlike on the side of the cliff, away from the others. He knew it came from the little room where his love would be waiting and wondering what kept him.

As he looked the light seemed to go out for an instant; then it appeared water which kept coming between his He strained his ears, and fancled he could hear the rattle of the oars in the rowlocks. Yes, yes, it was a boatcoming straight toward him, too. And at last a straggling moonbeam came slanting across the sea, and doubt gave place to certainty, for, although still a



long way off, he could distinguish a figure in the boat-a figure that caused his pulses to throb wildly, the figure of a girl. Would she, could she, do it in very tips of his toes, and even then an occasional wave, higher than the rest, would wash into his nostriis, and give him a foretaste of what was to come. Nearer and nearer came the bont, and higher rose the water. Could he hold out? The strain was awful.

"Whatever can have come to those two?" queried Jessie, as the shadows lengthened, and still no Will appeared. Throwing a shawl around her, she strolled out into the evening, and looked away over the sea. She could not make out the mast of the wreck in the falling light, but something bobbing about at the foot of the cliff arrested her attention.

"It looks like a boat!" she gasped. with sudden foreboding. And in an instant she was speeding down the path. A moment more and she had reached and olly tongue. Now I'm going to the shore, and there, not twenty yards wish you good-by. It'k be high tide at away, she recognized Jem Barclay's boat-empty; and something of the truth flashed upon her.

"Merciful heaven!" she moaned. "The boat has got adrift and left them on the wreck!"

There was no time to run to the lage for help. What had to be done he approached the artist with the in- must be done quickly. With a fervent tention of taking his watch from his prayer the brave girl dashed into the pocket to hang it upon the improvised water, clambered over the side, unhook, but Preston, though his hands shipped the oars, and in another minute were tied, had the use of his feet, and the bow was once more turned seaas his tormentor came within reach he | ward and the little boat was speeding

to the rescue. At last, after a lifetime of doubts

With redoubled energy and panting breath she tugged desperately at the oars, heedless of the blisters on her lit-

tle hands. It was indeed a race for life or death, and it seemed that, after all, her effort had been in vain, for as the boat bumped against the mast the head of her lover dropped forward and sank out of sight. With a piercing cry she flung herself forward and caught him by the hair; then, moving her hand lower, she grasped his collar and pulled with all her might.

In an instant the gag was removed, and then poor Jess was plunged into despair again as she found his hands tied and she realized that her little fingers were powerless to loose the knotted rope, and she had no knife, Then her eyes caught sight of Barclay's knife sticking in the mast above his victim's head. With a cry of delight she seized it, and in another moment the bonds were severed. At the risk of capsizing the boat she dragged the precious burden slowly and painfully on board; and at last he lay, unconsciuos still, but breathing, with his head pillowed on her lap.

LAW AS INTERPRETED.

Breaking and entering a dwelling house for the purpose of serving a writ of replevin, after admittance has been demanded and refused, is held in Kelley vs. Schuyler (R. L), 44 L. R. A. 435, to constitute the officer a tres-Dasser.

After a judicial separation, although the marriage is not dissolved, it is held, in people ex rel. commissioners of publie charities vs. Cullen (N. Y.), 44 L. R. A. 420, that the marriage relation is so | can afford to grant them .- Ohio State far terminated or suspended that the Journal. husband cannot be guilty of the statutory offense of abandonment or deser-

The fact that a foreign insurance company had authorized service of process to be made on the Secretary of State is held, in Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company vs. Spratley (Tenn.), 44 L. R. A. 442, insufficient to prevent valid service from being made on an agent of the company, who has come into the State on business relating to the settlement of the loss.

The dissent from a sealed verdict by one juror when the jury is polled, after sealing a verdict and separating, made on the ground that he did not agree to the verdict except because he thought he was obliged to, is held, in Kramer vs. Kister (Pa.), 44 L. R. A. 432, to make a discharge of the jury necessary, and prevent the rendition of any subsequent verdict in the case on that trinl.

A deposit in a savings bank in trust for the owner of the money and another person as joint owner, subject to the order of either, and the balance at the death of either to belong to the survivor, is held, in Milholland vs. Whalen (Md.), 44 L. R. A. 205, to constitute a valid declaration of trust in favor of the survivor as to the balance of the fund remaining on the death of either. although the settlor retains possession of the bank book.

AGGREGATE MAN AS A WALKER Takes a Stroll of 70,000 Miles Every Fecond.

If the average old man of comparatively sedemany habits were toru that during his life he had walked as many more flashed into sight. What did it miles as would compass the earth at mean? Suddenly it struck him that it the equator six times he would probwas something on the surface of the ably be very much surprised. And yet such a pedestrian effort only represents eyes and the light. Could it be a boat? an average walk of six miles a day for a period of sixty-eight years.

Similarly, the man who is content with the daily average walk of four miles will consider himself an athlete on learning that every year he walks a distance equal to a trip from London to Athens.

When one considers the aggregate walking records of the world the figures are even more surprising. Assuming that each individual averages a four-mile walk a day (and this cannot be considered an extravagant estimate when one remembers that Thomas Phipps, of Kingham, has walked 440,-000 miles on postal duty alone), the startling conclusion is arrived at that the world covers a journey of 69,444 miles every time the clock ticks, night and day.

This means that the world's walking record for a second of time is equal to two trips round the equator and more than thirteen jaunts between London and Naples. Every minute the aggregate man walks a distance equal to eight return trips to the moon, supplemented by over fifteen walks round the earth's waist.

In an hour he could walk as far as the sun and back again, take a trip to the moon (from the earth) 140 times, while still leaving himself a stroll of 190,000 miles to finish the cigar he lit at the commencement of his journey of sixty minutes. But considering the rate of his progress it is probable that even a slow smoker might require a second cigar before finishing the walk.

In a single year the aggregate man walks a distance of 2,190,000,000,000 miles, which, after atl, inconceivably great as it is, would take him less than one-eleventh part of the way to the nearest fixed star.

It is well for the aggregate man's exchequer that he walks these distances instead of covering them by rail. At the rate of a penny a mile the world's annual walk would cost £9,125,000,000, or ten times as much gold as is current throughout the entire world. To purchase a ticket for this distance it would be necessary to mortgage the entire United Kingdom to three-fourths of its full value.-London Mail.

Journeys Around the World, The time required for a journey around the earth by a man walking day and night, without resting, would be 428 days; an express train, of days; sound, at a medium temperature, 3216 hours; a cannon ball, 21% hours; light, a little over 1-10 of a second and electricity, passing over a copper wire, a little under 1-10 of a second.

Sad News Indeed.

Kind Old Man-My lad, what are you erying about? Weeping Boy-To-morrow's my birth day, and my uncle was going to give me a watch, but the doctors say he

can't live till morning. If all our wishes were gratified life would soon become monotonous.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DO-INGS HERE AND THERE

okes and Jokelete that Are Supposed to Have Been Recently Born-Sayings and Doings that Are Old, Curious and Laughable-The Week's Humor.

The philosopher-The empty barrel gives the loudest sound. The politician-There's where you

are wrong. During a political campaign a bar'l filled with boodle talks

A Slight Misunderstanding. "Will you have some pate de fole gras, uncle?" asked the hostess of her rural relative, who was dining with

"Will I have a plate for grass?" echoed the old man in astonishment. "Say, do you think I'm Nebuchadenezzar or a horse?"

Never Too Late to Mend. Naggs-Dear me, Jaggs, I'm sorry to see you in this condition. I understood

you had quit drinking. Jaggs-Yesh (hic), sho I 'ave, ol' chap. Jush (hic) lef' off drinkin' 'bout (hic)

minute ago, shee? On to His Curves. Reckless youth-Father, dear, would

it be asking too much for you to advance me a small loan-say about \$50? The governor-Not at all, my son. You might ask me for double the amountwith equal likelihood of getting it. You can't afford to be modest in these little requests a bit more than I

Part of the Business



"Most successful man, that-whenever he has a job on hand he always has it carried out!"

"Indeed! What is he?" "An undertaker!"-Judy.

"John," said the politician's wife, waking him up about 2 a. m., "what's that noise?"

"That noise?" echoed John, dreamfly, "Oh, I guess it's some rats holding a rat-lifeation meeting in the attic."

A Straight Tip. Long-What's in a name, anyway? Short-Go ask a bank cashler to discount your note and you'll probably

a Traductations Little Willie-Say, pa, what's a peace congress?

makes war against war. Ruined by House-Cleaning. Missionary - Was it liquor that

Pa-It's a company of men

brought you to this? Imprisoned burglar-No, sir; it was house-cleanin' - spring house-cleanin',

Missionary - Eh!-house-cleaning? Burglar-Yessir. The woman had been house-cleanin', an' the stair carpet was up, an' the folks heard me.-Tit-

Of Course



"Can you tell me, my good man, where they begin numbering this

"Why, at No. 1, of course!"-Heltere

Welt. To Forgive. Tommy's mamma-To err is human,

To forgive-Tommy (interrupting)-I know what to fergive is. Tommy's mamma-Well, what

dear? Tommy-It's a sure thing that the other fellow can lick you.-Chicago Times-Herald.

An Immune Proprietor-Did Owens ever pay that little bill he owed us? Bookkeeper-No, sir.

Proprietor-What's be doing now? Bookkeeper-I understand he is the nanager of a concern for the collection of bad debts. Proprietor-Oh, well, if that's the

case just charge the account to profit and loss. Took It to erielf.

Stubb-I made an awful blunder last night. Penn-What was it?

Stubb-Why, Tommy called me about midnight and asked me what the noise was downstairs. I told him it was the old cat.

Penn-Was it? Stubb-No; it was my wife looking or ice water. It took me until morn- he usually raises his foot twice as often ing trying to convince her that I was in the same time, thus covering thirty-

and nine lives.

Wanted to He in Harmony,
Brisket—What can I send you up to day, Mrs. Styles?

Mrs. S.-Send me a leg of and be sure it is from a black then Brisket-A black sheep? Mrs. S.-Yes; we are in mounts

you know .- Tit-Bits. Preaking It Gently. "Then you mean to tell me I be told a lie?"

"Well, no; I don't wish to be quite rude as that, but I will say this: pa make a very good weather propher Tit-Bits.

Food for the Mind, Also, Page boy-I want two pounds of sausages, and cook says will you b kind as to wrap them up in a n paper containing a good love story Tit-Bits.

Not Hard to Answer



" 'Cause he wanted to get on the other side."

Diplomacy. "Will you love me when I'm old?" she asked. "Certainly," he replied promptly, "g

Philadelphia North America. Fanivocal. J. Brutus Coldstuff-And what salary do you draw now, Reginald? Reginald-Five hundred per-J. B. C.-Per what-year or month?

you will love me when I am bald."-

Reginald-Per-haps,- Fit-Bits. A Dubious Compliment, Young authoress (reading aloud)-But perhaps I weary you? Euthusiastic friend-Oh, no; I long to hear the end of your story .- Tit-

Bits. No Cause for Alarm. "Great heavens! What's the cause of all that yelling around the corner? Come! Let's hurry; there may be a murder."

"Stay! Don't get excited. We're used to that. We hear it every day. There's a painless dentist's office around there." -Chicago Times-Herald.

Rather Cruel.



The carpet knight-Yes, Miss Vitris I have smelled powder. Miss Vitriol-Indeed! Infant or face!

Rapid in Every Respect. Pearl-My brother is up in Canada shooting the rapids. Ruby-Indeed! Why that's just what my brother is doing.

Pearl-Is he in Canada, too? Ruby-No; he's in the Philippine shooting the Filipinos on the run. Invisible White.

you could see the whites of the enmies' eyes?" thundered the trate office. "Yis, sor," spoke up the Irish voluteer, "but, faith, th' inemy hod bighened each ithers' oyes so in a sst foight over rathions that we cudit se my white at all."

"Didn't I tell you not to shoot until

Always Ready. Guest-You fellows are always men the sea. Do you ever take a dip? Walter-Very seldom, sir; but w never fall to take a tip.

Sweeping. Ida-Did you notice how that haughty thing swept out the room with head elevated?

know it reminded me of mamma dews home. She always sweeps out the rooms with head elevated. The Indignity of Labor. Perkins-I paid a very interesting visit to the asylum for the insanc yes

May-Yes, indeed, and don't yes

terday and was surprised to learn that it is self-supporting. Although the inmates are crazy, they work, neverth-Dollttle - Humph! Anybody sh works is crazy.-Ohio State Journal

Composition on Breathing. A boy, 14 years old, who was told to write all he could about breathing in a composition, handed in the following: "Breath is made of air. We breathe with our lungs, our lights, our liver and kidneys. If it wasn't for our breath we would die when we slept. Our breath keeps the life a-going through the nose when we are asleep. Boys that stay in a room all day should not breathe. They should walt until they get outdoors. Girls kill the breath with corsets that squeezes the diagram. Girls can't holler or run like boys because ther diagram is squeezed too much. If I was a girl I had rather be a boy so I can run and heller and have

a great big diagram." The Great Difference.

An average pedestrian covers about thirty inches in each step. The average wheelman at one revolution of his pedals (the equivalent of a step) covers about seventeen feet, and as the movement is so easy and devoid of fatigue alluding to the old cat with black fur foer feet while the pedestrian goes two and a half feet.