There was a dress before there was a loom or a fashion-plate.

Waen it comes to modifying election results at times the back counties are anything but back numbers.

Do not jump at conclusions. When a man flatteringly says that you look like ready money he may mean 30

The editor of an Eastern paper has discovered that Dewey turned around is "Ye Wed." We fancy we see the editor turning Dewey around.

The trouble with that Chicago man

who accumulated forty-two wives was his failure to interlard his marriages liberally with Chicago divorces. Evil wins now and then, not because It is stronger than good, but because

good does not realize its own strength, and does not use it to the best advan-One New York railroad wants to abolish sleeping and dining car tips,

of the waiters and porters they may be expected to hold out to the end. A California minister has denounced kissing games at church socials. This, however, is not given as the reason for the removal of the author of "The Man

with the Hoe" from California to

but so far as the result is in the hands

Isn't it about time that something were done to make it difficult to obtain carbolic acid? It can be had for the simple asking in almost any drug store, and thus an easy way of "shuffling off this mortal coil" is practically placed within reach of those who are weary of life. There would be fewer suicides if carbolic acid were difficult to obtain.

There are few more successful methods of duping people, in their desire for wealth, than for some impecunious trickster to tell them he has a "sure thing" by means of which they can speedily get rich. They never stop to ask why he does not make himself rich, although the precept, "Physician, heal thyself!" is so old and hackneyed.

"We do not suppose," remarks a critic of fighting, "the majority of us have any overmastering desire for the fierce delights of personal combat." The black eyes and bloody noses of our youth remain as a vivid memory. Man, when he is grown, prefers the fighting at long range, which is one of the results of invention and the higher civiligation. He can get all the fun out of It that is in it that way.

A recent expose of the brutal treatment of privates in the army of France by their officers gives new emphasis to the danger of arbitrary power. It is also reported that in Austria the custom of boxing the ears of soldiers and recruits has been so common and so violent that thousands of them have suffered such impairment of their hearing as partly to unfit them for service. The minister of war has recently issued a prohibitory order.

"One of the remarkable sights of the present day is that you don't see any bicycles," remarked a gentleman, "And still more remarkable," he continued, "is the way American people take up a fad and run it into the ground. Four years ago the bleycle was the craze: before that it was tennis; now it is golf, and the Lord only knows what it'll be next. But from a clothes standpoint golf is the captain of 'em all. A man's golfing suit and his fixings make his bleycle rig-out look like thirty cents, as the saying is. And the women ain't far behind."

A census "family" means the number of people who are fed from the same pantry. A hotel, a boarding-school or a prison is a family in the eye of the census. Domestic servants are always counted as a part of the household with which they are living. This use of the term makes the average size of the family in a town which happens to have a great institution unusually large, but in the long run it works out about even, since actual families must be reduced in number by so much to supply the members of these inordinately large families.

Dame Fashion, who is not only whimsical and eccentric but frequently very unwise, has made a departure in the matter of women's skirts that must be commended. By a recent frade, ukase or decree the good dame has ordered that the skirts shall lack a couple of inches of reaching the ground. This is most sensible. There never was any reason why a woman's skirt should be so long as to touch the ground any more than there is for man's coat talls touching the ground. A few skittish Is old maids may take a duck-fit when of their shoes peeping out from under their draperies, but unless the foot is tantalizingly small and polgnantly well formed little attention is ordinarily given to it.

Mr. Porter, the United States Ambas-State department that the grave of John Paul Jones has been discovered in Paris. If there is no mistake in the There's Chamberlain and Edison and identification of the grave Congress should not hesitate to take prompt action for reburial in this country and the erection of a fitting monument to the memory of the great sea fighter, who was the first to make the Stars and Stripes respected on the seas. No naval here has more worthly earned the gratitude of the American people than the lion-hearted sailor who fought the powerful Serapis and its consorts with that rotten old hulk, the Bonhomme Richard, which apparently was no better fitted for a fight than Kipling's old hulk of Bolivar Bay.

Truth should be double edged, and cut both ways. Now there's the bird question. Possibly the time may come when women will not allow them to be killed for their adornment nor will men kill them for the pleasure of killing

something, says Beacon. I have never been able to understand why it is not as well to preach against the enormity of shooting birds for fun as for shooting them to make women look prettier. but I notice that the emphasis is all placed on the latter. Probably the pigeon that is shot at in a shooting match does not enjoy it any more than the hummingbird which is killed outright for a woman's hat, yet for one word that is said against the former instance there are hundreds said against the latter. I suppose it is easier for a man to preach for his sister's benefit than to practice for his own. But constant agitation may in time he shall see no pleasure in killing helpless birds and animals without any purpose other than sport.

A Newark (N. J.) court has administered a new and most effective corrective for juvenile crime. Five boys were caught stealing fruit from freight cars and arraigned before a police justice. When proved guilty the justice sentenced them to twelve lashes with a policeman's belt. It is said the young culprits were perfectly satisfied with this method of punishment and agreed they would behave themselves in future, while other boys who have been in the habit of misbehaving have suddenly manifested a violent and uncontrollable desire to reform their habits. A thorough spanking by a vigorous policeman is a much more salutary form of punishment for a young boy than sending him to an institution where he will learn more deviltry and practice it when he is released. For extremely youthful persons bent upon going in the wrong direction there is nothing so certain to turn them into the right road as spanking. It is much more effective than incarceration or milk-sop rem-

A Chicago dentist and inventor claims

to have discovered a method by which

the soft coal of the west can be successfully coked so that soft coal coke will be equal to hard coal coke for blasting and smelting purposes. In commenting upon this discovery the Ottumwa, Iowa, Courier remarks that if the discovery is practicable, the iron industry will witness a great change, and the production of pig-iron in the Western States where soft coal is plentiful will be vastly increased. Up to this time the great Eastern iron making centers have had an advantage over those of the West. Both have depended almost entirely upon the Lake Superior mines for their ores, but the Eastern Iron furnaces are located so much nearer the great sources of the coke supply of the world that they have had a great advantage over the Western furnaces. If the Chicago man can do what he promises, however, the conditions will be just reversed and the West will have the advantage over the East. bituminous coke can be The made for from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton, while the anthracite coke costs \$5 to \$5.50. Pennsylvania is a great iron manufacturing State almost solely because of the fact that it is the great anthracite coal center, and when this new coking process is brought into use there is no reason why the West should not become a great iron manufacturing section. Last year the Western furnaces smelted but onefifth of the iron ore taken from the great iron mines in the Lake Superior region, but now that they can produce

Study of Shakspeare.

in all the industries to which iron ore

gives rise.

"The practice of reading aloud in small or moderate-sized gatherings is in every way to be commended," writes Sir Henry Irving, of "The Study of Shakspeare in Small Communities," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "It is good for the individual, good for the members of the group, good for the locality, good for the nation. No community can be too small for the practice of reading in public. If there be only two persons, each may, in turn, learn something from the successes or failures of the other. No one need be diffident at the beginning; there is nothing really difficult. There is no arduous labor; there is no possibility of absolute fallure where there is honest, careful effort. Any form or subject of reading, worthy in itself, can be of use for the study of elecution. It is, however, possible to get together groups of persons interested in some common theme, when the mere getting them together without such an agglomerative cause is lacking; and Shakspeare has been, is, and ever will be, a name to conjure with. A play read weekly or monthly, with the various characters allotted beforehand, has been a source of much and continuous pleasure, productive of thought and study, ameliorative of defective power of utterance, a winnower of the chaff of harsh accent or ultra-colloquial mannerism."

The Second Son. The man who scorned the deadly mines and led his fleet ahead. Who managed to arrive before the foe

was out of bed, great, but would you rather be the admiral to-day they imagine someone can see the toes | Than the boy who can afford to give six million plunks away?

> O, the Kaiser on his gilded throne is quite a personage, And so is he who stands supreme the mimic stage,

But would you rather be the knight or emperor, to-day, sador to France, has reported to the Than the boy who can afford to give six million plunks away?

> Kipling with his pen, And fiery little Funston and the famous men-Would you be one of these instead (if you could choose, to-day,)

Or the boy who can afford to give six million plunks away. And has some ninety millions him feeling gay?

-Chicago Times-Herald.

A Gorgeous Bicycle. A gorgeous bicycle has been sent from France to an Indian Rajah, the parts which on an ordinary machine are nickel-plated being made of gold. Even the spokes are cased with gold, while the gold-cased rims are studded alternately with turquoises and rubies. A scarlet cloth held down with jewels covers the saddle.

The one great drawback about loafing is the unsatisfactory compensation.

MYSTERY IS CLEARED

WIDELY SOUGHT MURDERER LO-CATED IN ALASKA.

Principal in One of America's Most Senantional Cases Found, After Eleven Years, but Again Escapes Interested Two Continents.

One of the most sensational murders in American criminal history was that of Amos J. Snell, in Chicago, in 1888. More than eleven years, many of cure both evils and so educate man that which were spent in a vain attempt to run down the murderer, have since elapsed and now comes a clew to the whereabouts of the much-sought-for criminal. A returned miner, William Rigler, from the Cape Nome gold diggings in Alaska, gives the information that may yet lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer, Willie Tascott.

According to Rigler, a man was carried into his cabin last fall in a critical condition. The stranger, believing that he was going to die, said that his name was Tascott and that he was a fugitive from justice for the murder of Amos J. Snell. He told of several circumstances connected with the crime, mentioning the fact that \$50,000 had been offered for his capture. Instead of dying, the stranger recovered and then mysteriously disappeared. Rigler and his partners at once took the trail and sent word to all the near-by mining camps, but could get no trace of the missing man. It was plain he had not taken refuge in any of the mining settlements along the coast or in the nearby interior. Cape Nome is on the seacoast, and after a long, fruitless search Rigler and his fellow trailers became



(As he appeared at the time of the murder eleven years ago.) convinced that Tascott had made his way out to sea in a small boat and boarded some passing whaler or trading vessel bound for the Arctle. He would hardly run the risk of remaining in Alaska, when his story was known

all over the country. Amos J. Snell, for whose murde: Tascott is wanted, was a rich man, well advanced in years, who lived in an old-fashioned mansion at the corner of Ada street and Washington boulevard, Chicago. He was a large owner of real estate in the immediate vicinity, the renting of which was conducted in an office in the basement of his their coke at home, instead of shipping house. One night in the early part of it all the way from Pennsylvania, they February, 1888, three men broke into may be expected to take a large share the Snell residence by boring a hole on your soul, but the court will not asthrough a panel in the rear door of the lower floor, and then slipping the bolts. Their first move was to break open and ritle a small safe in the office, in which it was supposed Mr. Snell had considerable money taken in for rentals. Next they went upstairs to the parlor floor, where, in moving around, they were heard by Mr. Snell. The latter, a brave, daring old man, came down from his bedroom in his nightrobe, pistol in hand, and cried out:

"Who's there? Ah, you d-d scoundrel."

As he spoke Mr. Snell fired a shot in the direction of the back parlor, which was answered almost in the same flash by two discharges from the burglars' pistols. Snell dropped dead with two bullets in his body.

The murder created the most intense reward of \$50,000 stimulated the po- Man-about-town. "It happened during lice to unusual effort, but for two his last visit to this city. He arrived at weeks not the slightest clue to the murderer was obtained. Then the keeper hansom. The driver, who seemed to of a lodging house on West Madison be a good-natured chap, was tonguestreet discovered in the stove in a room lately occupied by a man called T. A. Scott the end of a charred check bearing the signature of A. J. Snell. A quantity of stolen silverware was also discovered. "Scott" had disappeared. but it took little work to identify him as Willie Tascott, the son of a reputable paint dealer. Young Tascott was a wild lad, well known about town. He never did any regular work but always had plenty of money. Burglaries had been frequent on the West Side and it was an easy matter, in view of developments, to trace most of them to Tas-

Search was immediately begun for the murderer, but although circulars descriptive of him were sent to every city and hamlet in the country and to Europe, Asia, Africa, Canada and Central and South America and no less than \$25,000 was expended he was never apprehended. He was seen twice after the crime, but the second time mysteriously disappeared and until the miner's return was not heard of again. Fully 2,000 men were arrested on suspicion in various parts of the world. Where Tascott is now is unknown, but search will be resumed and hopes are entertained of ultimate cap-

The Interruptions Ceas d. A clergyman who had been greatly annoyed by the continued interruption a few minutes looking around. to which he had been subjected during

the delivery of his sermon, stopped

abruptly, and looking round at the con-

gregation, spoke as follows: "Some time ago, when delivering who gesticulated, moved about, and whispered to his neighbors, and at last I addressed to him a sharp reprimand for his unseemly conduct. When the service was over my clerk in the vestry mentioned the matter to me, and asked if I was ignorant of the fact that the

mand any of my own congregation for interrupting me in fear that I may be addressing an idiot, who is not respon-

sible for his actions." Silence reigned throughout the delivery of the remainder of his sermon .-

London Spare Moments. A FEARFUL SENTENCE.

A Remarkable Condemnation Made by a Judge but Not Executed.

Judge Benedict, who was Associate lowing language: "Jose Maria Martin, stand up. Jose

Maria Martin, you have been indicted, tried and convicted by a jury of your countrymen of the crime of murder, from the performance of such a duty. Corn. Happily, however, your case is relieved the court takes positive delight in sentencing you to death.

"You are a young man, Jose Maria constitution and robust health. Ordito many years of life, and the court has no doubt you have, and have expected to die at a green old age; but little while the grass will be springand upon those broad mesas and mountain sides flowers will be blooming; birds will be singing their sweet carols, and Nature will be putting on her most gorgeous and most attractive robes. and life will be pleasant, and men will want to stay, but none of this for you, Jose Maria Martin: the flowers will not bloom for you, Jose Maria Martin; the birds will not carol for you, Jose Maria Martin. When these things come to gladden the senses of men you will be occupying a space about six by two beneath the sod, and the green grass and those beautiful flowers will be growing above your lowly head.

"The sentence of the court is that you be taken from this place to the county jall; that you be there kept safely and securely confined in the custody of the sheriff until the day appointed for your execution. Be very careful, Mr. Sheriff, that he have no opportunity to escape and that you have him at the appointed place and at the appointed time. That you be so kept, Jose Maria Martin, until-Mr. Clerk, on what day weeks from this time come? ('March 22, your honor')-very well, until Friday, the 22d day of March, when you will be taken by the sheriff from your place of confinement to some safe and convenient spot within the county; this is within your discretion, Mr. Sheriffyou are only confined to the limits of the county; and that you be there hanged by the neck until you are dead, and-the court was about to add, Jose Maria Martin, May God have mercy sume the responsibility of asking an All-Wise Providence to do that which a jury of your peers has refused to do. The Lord couldn't have mercy on your soul. However, if you belong to any religious organization, it might be well enough for you to send for your pricet, or your minister, and get from himwell-such consolation as you can, but the court advises you to place no reliance upon anything of that kind. Mr. Sheriff, remove the prisoner."

It is a pleasant sequel to this dreadful sentence that Jose Maria Martin escaped from jail and died peacefully several years ago by falling out of a wagon and breaking his neck .- Ameri-

His Handicap.

"A funny story that I could not help but laugh at was told by a traveling excitement all over the West. The salesman at a local hotel," said the the Reading Terminal and halled a tied and stammered badly; of course that was no fault of his. The drummer told him that he wished to be driven to the Continental Hotel, and the driver answered, using his hand and emitting

all sorts of noises: 'A-ll r-r-right, s-s-sir.' "The gentleman stepped in and off they sped. After driving some time the hansom came to a standstill, the driver jumped from his seat and the visitor stepped ont. Looking about he noticed that they had gone some distance beyond the hotel, and he remarked this to the driver. The driver nodded his head and answered: 'I-lt t-t-t-took mme-me a-a-all this d-distance t-t-too s-ssay w-whoa!""

Disappointed. One of the officials of the Canadian police at Niagara Falls tells the following story:

A German from Pennsylvania blew in the other day and asked the officials if there was anything about the place worth seeing:

"You see," he said, "it's shust like dis:

"Well" said his conductor at last.

"Vell," returned the man. "I zee nodings." "Don't you see the falls?"

'Vot! Dot vater failing? Iss dot vat sermon, I was frequently interrupted I cum all dis vays to zee, a liddle vater by a gentleman sitting in front of me, dripping? Ach, Gott! I go me home." -Columbian. All German Boys Learn Trades, Every boy in Germany, from the

obliged to learn some useful trade. The women's idea of a poor Christian person addressed was an idict. I have is one who keep on her kid gloves at since then always hesitated to repri- a church social, and bosses the rest

CORN IS KING.

Interesting Facts Concerning the Great American Staple.

The word maize is derived from the Greek word zea. It is not definitely known where the plant had its origin. Humboldt asserts that it is American. Other writers claim that it originated in Asia, whence it was brought into America by the Spanish explorers. There is nothing so far discovered in the records of ruins of Egypt to indicate Justice of the Supreme Court of New that the early dwellers along the Nile Mexico for thirteen years, from 1853, ever knew of the grain. In an ancient was an original character in many Chinese book, however to be found in ways. One Jose Maria Martin had the French library at Paris, corn is been convicted in his court of murder ment oned. In Chile corn has long been under a state of facts showing great grown, and it is called zea curaqua. brutality and with no mitigating cir- There is an old Javanese legendary cumstances, whereupon Judge Bene- peom, "Manek Maya," which likens dict sentenced him to death in the foi- the grain of corn to a maiden's tooth, and to-day, in certain parts of the middle West, there is a variety known as "horse tooth." Most of the South American Indians

know of corn. Some make a sort of and the court is now about to pass upon beer from it. A Quicha legend says you the dread sentence of the law. As that Con, son of the Sun and Moon, a usual thing, Jose Maria Martin, it is gave maize to man. The Iroquois say a painful duty for the judge of a court | that corn was given by the Spirit of the of justice to pronounce upon a human South. One of the snake legends of the being the sentence of death. There Moqui Indians tells of six bachelors, is something horrible about it, and the Red Corn, Blue Corn, Yellow Corn, mind of the court naturally revolts Green Corn, Spotted Corn and Black It is not alone with the Indians that

of all such unpleasant features, and myth and legend endure. To-day farmers of New England, and, in fact, in the newer West, have their manifold "signs" for the planting of corn. Go Martin, apparently of good physical through the agricultural regions and you will hear them talk of planting "In narily you might have looked forward the full of the moon." and the like. Among the German settlers, in certain localities, it is believed that in selecting seed-corn for the next year's corn you are about to be cut off in conse- all the stalks and refuse must be taken quence of your own act. Jose Maria into the highways and instantly de-Martin, it is now the springtime; in a stroyed, but not by burning, as that would insure the presence of the black ing up green in those beautiful valleys. fungi, or "smut," as it is provincially termed.

Corn is the great staple of the United States. It is the most important product of the American continent, be it grains or the output of mines or factorles. More acres are devoted to the raising of corn than in the annual yield of oats, wheat, barley, rye, buckwheat and cotton combined. Corn provides more employment for laborers, provides mo. e work for distributers and makes basis for more industries and activities than any other American commodity. In the past thirty-seven years the value of the corn output has been \$15,900,000,000.

Last year (1898) a corn farm of 6,000 acres in Iowa yelded a net profit of \$50, 000. About 3,800 acres of corn were actually planted. Thirty-one planters were used to put the seed in the ground, seventy-six cultivators did the "tending" and seventy-five wagons hauled the crop from field to cribs. To hold the corn cribs twelve feet wide, sixteen feet high and half a mile long were required. The corn yield of the United States for 1899 is estimated at 2,050,of the month does Friday, about two 720,000 bushels, the number of acres planted being 81,550,000. Corn is king. -John L. Wright, in Leslie's Weekly.

The Stage.

The stage continues to form the mirror of fashlon. One need scarcely take in a fashion paper if one pays constant visits to the theater. Here one can study all the varieties of la mode and the latest and newest designs. Each play seems to have its own specialty in fress, its favorite color and its favorite dressmaker.

Possibly spectators never give a thought to the fact that these constant changes of costume form no inconsiderable portion of the fatigue incurred by an actress in a long and heavy part. Dress cannot be slurred over now. Gowns must be laced and buttoned up, gloves, shoes, hats, petticoats be worn to match. It was different in the good old days, when actresses shuffled one gown over another and fastened them lightly with a button. The Japanese costume is one of the most intricate; The real Japanese lady wears three gowns, one over the other, a small portion of each showing at the neck, the gowns being artistically shaded, say, from pale pink to deepest rose, or from violet to sky blue. The chemise, too. must match, and a special touch of deep contrastive color is given by the walstband.

Nutritious Foods.

Prof. Atwater, who has devoted himself to the study for a number of years, declares that there is no single perfect food, the nearest approach to it being milk. No food, however, contains the essential constituents in right propor tions, and thus we have to get what we want by combining our foods. It will be a shock to many thrifty housewives to learn that beef and eggs are among the greatest of all economical mistakes. A single dollar spent in wheat-flour will yield as much nutriment as \$30 spent on sirloin of beef. Sugar ranks next to wheat-flour as an economical food, for a dollar's worth of sugar contains as much nutriment as \$6 worth of milk, \$12 worth of eggs, or \$40 worth of oysters. In proportion to their cost oysters are almost the least nutritious of all foods. Beans and potatoes run a close race for the third place among valuable and cheap foods, and the fourth place is shared between fat, salt pork and cheese made from skimmed milk.

Warships Injured by Electricity.

An Italian court recently, after a trial, ordered the removal of some wooden yachts, whose bottoms were My frients und frau told me I should sheathed with copper, from the neightake id in, und I vant to take everyting borhood of iron warships anchored in in der iss to zee. Dey did zar der was the harbor of Leghorn. It was alleged someding great here, und I forgot id that an electric connection was estabalready, und I haf walked all ofer und lished through the ships' cables whereby the copper-bottomed ships were The visitor was at once taken to the turned into the poles of a galvanic batfinest view of the falls, where he stood tery, the result being a rapid corrosion of the Iron in contact with the ser water.

The Dewey Plant.

A blooming plant, with clusters of blood-red tassels depending from its glossy leaves, is to be seen not far from Broad and Chestnut streets. It is inbeled "The Dewey Plant" in conspicuous letters. Six months ago the duplicate was seen in another part of town, with an inscription declaring it was "Admicrown prince to the meanest subject, is ral Dewey's favorite flower!" The plant is a native of the Philippines Islands.-Philadelphia Record.

> Some people are willing to let a good excuse answer for good conduct.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DO-INGS HERE AND THERE.

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

Old Beau-Ah, Miss Clara, I love you. May I hope to some day call you my wife?

Miss Clara-Have you spoken to my mother on the subject? Old Beau-Why-er-yes, I believe l 4ld-some twenty-one years ago.

Most of Them Do. She-Do you believe that man sprang from the ape? He-No. But I believe all women spring from the mouse.

"Sir," began the tramp as he stepped in front of a pedestrian, "I've seen better days, and-" "Well," interrupted the other, "you needn't blame me for it. I'm not the

He Wasn't to Blame.

weather man." An Awful Blow. Larry-Wholle Oi wuz hilpless in th'

chair that barber give me a tirrible blow in th' face. Dinny-Ye don't sae?

Larry-Yis, an' Oi wudn't hov moinded it so much if th' son av a shavin' mug hodn't bin atin onlons.

All Fair Game.



Louise-There they go off to pop at the patridges.

Polly-I wish they would stay at home and pop the question.-Fun.

Turning the Tables. Hix-Weeks tells me he has met with serious reverses recently. Dix-Sorry to hear that. How much

Dix-Why, what do you mean by Hix-He married his stenographer.

Hix-Only his freedom.

Dix-But where do the reverses come Hix-She dictates to him now.

Bruin the Hugger. He-Speaking of animals, which is your favorite? She-The bear. He-Oh, yes, of course,

Less Noise. Stubb-Isn't the hammerless revolver great invention? Penn-Yes; but think what a great in vention the hammerless anvil would be

Under the Influence. Mr. Bender-Marcha, I shaw something th-that made m-m-my hair sthand up straight. Mrs. Bender-Well, that shows your

hair is better off than you are. It can stand up straight. The Hidden Hero. Mrs. A .- Yewed? What an uncommon name for a baby! Is it Swedish? Mrs. Z.-No. indeed! Just read

backward. Isn't so bad, is it? HowAfrican Explorer Can Travel Safely



-New York Journal.

A Gentle Hint. Frank-Blanche planed a tiny flatiron on my coat last night. Dick-Do you know what that means?

Frank-No. Dick-Why, she wants you to press your suit. Settle Up. Reggy-I am tewibble short, doncher

know. If Miss Violette was to intimate a cawwiage wide ther'd be the deuce

Cholly-Yeas, dear boy; and there'd be the cawwiage driver to pay, too. Foundations of Belief. "Don't you believe in signs?"

the superstitious man. "Oh, yes; largely decorative ones particularly," replied the ruddy-faced individual. "You see, I'm a sign painter."-

Philadelphia North American,

A Great Oversight. Ida-Here is an account of a woman who went to sleep, had a terrible dream and woke up to find her hair was white. May-It's her own fault. I suppose she forgot to apply the hair dye before

A Long File. Visitor-I suppose you consider this a

model prison? Warden-Yes, sir; we are very proud

of it. Visitor-Suppose I tell you that I saw a file within the walls to-day. Warden-You did! I'll-

Visitor-Hold on! It was a file prisoners going to breakfast.

The Target Safe. Old Lady-Shame on you, boys! Now you never hear of little girls throwing stones and killing birds. Bad Boy-Course yer don't! Whoene

saw a girl dat could throw a stop straight ernuf to kill a bird? The Kind They Keep,

Jack-Remember, darling, that the diamond is a secret. Ida-All right, dear; rest assured the

will keep it. Felt for Him. Slobbs-Did her father appear acq that he had to turn you down? Blobbs-Well, he felt for me.

"Yes, with his foot, and he resy me, too."-Philadelphia Record,



"They say that Charlie's wife can read him like a book!"

"Yes, and she can shut him up like one, too."-Moonshine.

Sure Thing. Miss Hitts-Do humorists ever make jokes at their own expense? Mr. Funston-Sure. All jokes the publishers decline are at their own ex-

Missed His Vocation. Patient-You should have gone into the army, doctor. Doctor-Why so?

Patient-Judging by the way you charge your friends you would be able to completely annihilate an enemy? Not Equal to the Emergency.

New Cockatoo-Does the girl we live with seem clever? Parrot-No; I've been here a year and she hasn't got me to stop swearing jet

Versatile. Roscius de Mamme-What is your repertoire this season, old man? Barnes Tormer-Hamlet and Unch

Tom.—Indianapolis Journal. Restful Evenings.

"Prosperity brings peace." "That's so; the man next door is so busy now that he comes home at night too tired to practice on his cornet."

Agreed at Last.



He-Well, my view is that there should always be give and take be tween bushand and wife. She-My idea exactly! The husband

should give and the wife take.-Moon-A Bachelor's Romance. "I came pretty near getting engage

once."

"Why didn't you?" "The day I made up my mind to p" pose to the girl a man came along as asked me to go fishing." On the Safe Side.

Mrs. A .- I always clip out the stock yard news and the weather report be fore Willie sees the paper. Mrs. Z .- Why, dear? Mrs. A.-Because I don't wish him to read "blood-and-thunder" trash.

Manager-Did you see those sleeping cars that were reported on fire? Engineer-No, sir. When I got then they were all smoking cars.

Brought the Dressing. Ida-I don't know what to think o those waiters in that dining-room, May-What have they been doing or

Ida-Why. I was sitting in there the other day when I remarked to Jack thu my hair needed dressing. I thought me more of it until one of the walters ap peared with a bottle of catsup and said "Here is the dressing, miss. Anything

Model Pedestrians. Prospective Leaser-Are the tramp bad around here?

Landlord-Bad? Why, sir, they an such good tramps that they are not satisfied with one Sunday, but actually keep seven to the week. Not one will do a hand's turn on the Sabbath, either.

Seeking Sunken Treasure. Soundings and d vings are taking place near the Island of Terschelling, in the north of Holland, at the spot where a French warship sunk just 100 years ago. She was loaded with silver and gold to the amount of 40,000,000 franck or \$8,000,000. The captain's log men tions the amount, and as early as 1800 French sailors succeeded in bringing to the surface a bar containing 1,500,000 francs' worth of gold and silver ingots. In 1856 and 1860 a private undertaking succeeded in raising another 1,250,000 francs value. The warship sunk in 230 feet of water and divers have great difficulty in working at such a depth Dynamite is now being used to break

up the iron cases. Its Value Is Overestimated. An English scientist shows that liquid air cannot do the great things expected of it as a source of power or of refrig eration. The cost of manufacture is such that it cannot pay to use the air produced by the evaporation of the liquid for the propulsion of an engine

For refrigeration a lump of ice bests ? bottle of the liquid air