WRESTLING WITH ENGLISH.

Brazilian Handbook.

"Inglish For the Mass" is the title of

very high percentage in a primary

"Conversacions for the Dally" is the

heading of the first round of this battle

with English syntax. Then follows a

sample of a "conversacion" that should

take place between two Americans

Good morning, sir, is it not the day

"Very pleasantly, thank you, and how

"Very goodly, with your permission,

"Yes, sir, for the health, Will you

"Gracious, yes. Shall we go to the

"With pleasantness, sir. Let us eat

And so each lesson progresses until

the mass is supposed to be so advanced

as to be able to enjoy a more scholarly

author, "is typically of an energy which

is to admire in the warmth of tropics.

"To all he greets smiles, and one is to

smiles with two hands open to him

Need the United States business man

be discouraged with such a greeting

awaiting his commercial representa-

tives when they sail south to capture

the South American trade?—New York

The Russian Moujiks,

After be had smashed a Russian

army and overrun a province Napoleon

collected the moujiks and told them

that henceforth they belonged to him

and France. They glared at him and gave him the lie. He shot some of

them, but the rest were adamant.

Then be had one moulik branded on

the left arm with the letter N. "Now."

he said, "you belong to me." The

his bloodshot eyes under his shaggy

mone of hair, and then, seizing a

A Punctured Metaphor.

"Yes," replied the susceptible youth.

She'd string 'em an' wear 'em around

ber neck an' take ber chances on an

imitation set of household jewelry for

everyday work from the store."-Wash-

Bridal Customa In Spain.

In Spain a bride has no girl attend-

ants to stand at the altar with her, but

instead a "madrina," or godmother,

Neither does she have a wedding cake

nor any festive going away after the

ceremony. The wedding pair depart

quietly to their new home, where they

remain until the following day, when

they start on their honeymoon. Before

departing they pay a formal visit to their respective relatives.

Stark Realism.

production was speaking to a newspa-

per man with reference to the wonder-

"Do you know," he said enthusiastic-

ally, "that in New York, when she ap-

peared as the dying mother in the last

act, an insurance man who had writ-

ten her a policy for \$10,000 actually

fainted in the theater!"-New York

His Mistaken Idea.

"But, my dear." remonstrated Mr.

"No. there isn't," answered his

spouse. "I've told you what I think

about it, and that's all that is going to

Aiming to Plesse.

Husband-Why in the world do you

have our bills come in weekly instead

of monthly? Wife-You told me that

you didn't want them so targe, didn't

Enfery First.

"They concent the orchestra in this

"Well, wait till you hear it play."-

Better a blush in the face than a blot

you? Boston Transcript.

remainment. Why?"

Exchange.

Meekum, "there's a good deal to be

ful powers of the leading woman.

An advance agent for a theatrical

asked the young woman's mother.

mark that her teeth were pearls?"

that.'

ington Star.

Times.

is can improve the man of ill governed be said."-Chicago Tribune.

of every great achievement.-Wagner, in the heart.-Cervantes.

raid on both sides,"

erying 'welcome to Brazil, Mister.'"

"The American Sellsman." writes the

essay on "The American Sellsman."

meeting each other out walking.

sir. Are you walking?"

meat and bread."

break some fast with me?"

achool examination.

are you?"

firm his.

Digging a Ditch In a Flash

mings move quickly nowadays. The in a cartridge of dynamite in the midhings move deline is tomorrow's die hole of the line of charged holes and tropolls. Speed is a requisite, and fired will do the work. ver methods that smack of rapidiand labor and money saving are in

pitches that once consumed many ditches are required the holes can be prehes that once in a ditches are required the holes can be made deeper and loaded heavier, or ing blasted out in almost the twining blasted out. By degrees man is three to four feet apart, can be used. Incidentally the holes can be made in but mighty forces. And the gulbut mighty force.

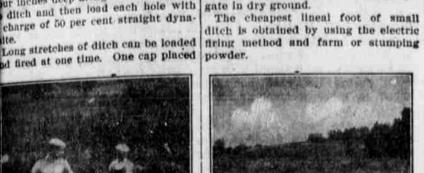
Mother Earth muck beds, where other methods of created by her natural upheavals ditching are practically impossible. d created by are being duplicated in When the soil is dry or the weather smaller way by some of the more is too cold to use the propagated methgmaller way by some date farmers. od of blasting described above low Digging ditches with dynamite is freezing farm or stumping powder is

ply a newer and more improved used in holes spread farther apart, apply a newer building. The meth- often in large ditches as far as four employed in wet work is simply to or five feet. In this case each hole employed in the eighteen to twenty- must be primed with an electric cap, anch holes from the line desired as the explosive shock will not propaditch and then load each hole with gate in dry ground. charge of 50 per cent straight dyna-

d fired at one time. One cap placed powder.







A single row of boles can usually be

ty to forty inches deep. Where larger

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onds.

WAKING DREAMS.

Crowded Into a Few Seconds.

from beginning to end was actually

caused by the fall of a curtain rod

which struck him on the neck and

woke him up. The whole lengthy

A well known writer in London was

sitting up late writing something he

much wished to finish. Suddenly some

one came into the room and announc-

ed that he was called to go to Man-

chester. He went out and packed his

bag and went to that city, where be

stayed several days and saw innumera-

ble people. He returned in due course

and transacted a lot of business in

town and actually contracted for and

Yet when he woke with a start and

found it was all a dream the ink of

the last word he had written was as

fresh and needed the blotting paper as

much as if it had only just been writ-

ten. He could not have dozed longer

SPOILED HIS FISHING.

An Angler's Abrupt Departure From an

Uncongenial Visitor.

summer in Montana, says the Wash-

ington Star, where he had a good op-

portunity to indulge in his favorite

sport of trout fishing. One afternoon

he had been unusually successful, but

just as he was setting out for camp

with a heavy string of fish he caught

sight of a great pine that had blown

down and was lying with its top in

the water-just the place for hooking

Pushing along to the fallen pine, he

climbed upon it by dint of hard scram-

bling, holding on as best he could with

his rod in one hand and his string of

fish in the other. The tree was close

to the bank, and the arream was run-

ning bank full. He was in the midst

of the branches, crowding onward,

when suddenly an immense bear rose

There was no hesitation. To run was impossible. On the impulse of

the moment the man dashed his string

of trout full in the bear's face. In do-

ing so he lost his balance, and the next

instant there was a tremendous splash.

and he disappeared in the rushing

The fisherman emerged some dis-

tance farther down the stream and,

scrambling to the bank, looked back.

There on the pine sat the bear, intent-

ly watching the hole where he had dis-

appeared. He did not go back to in-

form her that he was not there, but

A Plank's Inside and Outside.

every plank or board, the outside be-

ing the side farthest removed from the

Origin of Cometa.

An Unfortunate Accident.

"Goodness, little boy!" exclaimed the

"I had a turrible accident," bawled

"I met pop when I was a play'n hookey."-Ladies' Home Journal

Imprudence.

The only cure for imprudence is the

suffering which imprudence entails

Nothing but bringing him face to face

with stern necessity and letting him

feel how unbending, how unpitying, it

Candid Analysis.

"Yes." answered the self approving

man. "I ain't much for style, but I've

None For Him.

"Why did you quit your last place?

"Lady, no work is congenial."-De

Fidelity in small things is at the base

Wasn't your work congenial?"

got wonderful endurance."- Washing

kindly old gentleman to the weeping

youth; "what on earth is the matter?"

"Gracious! What was it?"

desires.-Herbert Spencer.

"Can you dance?"

troit Free Press.

ton Star.

within the solar system.

the boy.

Professor Elis Stromgren, director

There is an inside, also an outside, to

made for camp at good speed.

a monster trout.

up close beside him.

An easterner was spending his first

than ten seconds,-Pearson's.

started a new book.

dream lasted really a couple of sec-

A Long Series of Events Can Be Joyous Course In Conversation In a

It is more than likely that the great Occasionally are heard expressions of

majority of dreams belong to the few discouragement that the South Ameri-

moments when we are falling off to cans do not respond warmly enough to

sleep and the equally brief time we our efforts to win their confidence. Let

take to wake up. In fact, nothing is the doubting peruse the pages of a

more fully established than the fact bookiet published in the city of Para, a

that an apparently long dream can un- copy of which has been received by a

fold itself in an infinitesimal space of merchant dealing with Brazilian firms,

Alfred Maury relates how he had a it, translated by the author. Apparent-

terror in France, which included his may be, need not be very fastidious in

trial before the revolutionary tribunal the matter of spelling, for the first ten

and his execution. He actually felt or twelve pages, devoted entirely to

the guillotine fall. Yet that dream columns of words, would not earn a

differences of temperature, barometric pressure, etc., in adjacent parts of the atmosphere, the refraction is sometimes capriciously varied so that the most abnormal sights are seen. Parts of the earth seem detached and set affont. Ships are visible, upside down, in the sky; objects lying behind hills long and vivid dream of the reign of ly the "mass" in Brazil, whoever it are beheld apparently lifted above them; lakes of gleaming water, surrounded by palm trees and refreshing vegetation, spring into view in the with towers and pinnacles, make their appearance suspended in the air; aerial animals appear, browsing in Illusory pastures; processions of men and

Refraction of Light.

In Old Porto Rico.

In the vicinity of Mayaguez, Porto whether the Spaniards were immortal.

After holding a Spanish nobleman Its color, a deep golden brown, is like under water six hours they were assured that those intruders were just as wars. Squarely seated upon its platsubject to death as themselves.

across a rough mountainous country. roofs and parapets embattled, it recalls is the famous sanctuary of Montserrat, the day when praying and fighting which is visited every year by many went hand in hand, and its rough pilgrims.

Of a youthfulness generally, he breathes lively and walks springly, searching the customer loyally for the admire his frank. He is fresh of the cold northerly. .Yet under the breast of the American sellsman beats the beart warmness, therefor let us give greeting

Carried It Through.

A teacher was one day explaining to her class the degrees of comparison of adjectives. To make sure she was understood she called on each pupil in turn to give comparatives and superlatives of adjectives which she named and got good answers until she asked one little fellow to name the comparative degree of "sick."

After thinking a moment he said, Worse."

The answer puzzled the teacher, because, although it was not the one she wanted, the pupil had given a compar-ative. She decided she could best show him his error by letting him go on and asked sweetly, "Well, if 'worse' is the comparative of 'sick' what would you give us the superlative?" moulik lifted to the conqueror's face

"Dead," came the answer without a moment's hesitation.—New York Times.

hatchet, lopped off the left arm and let The Things That Count. the bleeding limb fall at Napoleon's feet. "That is yours," he growled, ly or not, whether we have worn soft belong to holy Russin and the czar!" And from that hour Napoleon realized raiment or not, whether we have a what he was up against.-New York great fortune or nothing at all, whether we shall have reaped honors or been despised, have been counted learned or ignorant as compared with how we may have used that talent which has "Did you write this note to Maria?" been intrusted to us for the Master's service? What shall it matter, when eyeballs glaze and ears grow dull, if "And you considered it proper to reout of the darkness may stretch a hand and into the silence may come s "It's customary to say things like voice: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou bast been faithful "Weil, young man, let me tell you something If Maria's teeth were over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou pearls she wouldn't be wastin' 'em on into the joy of thy Lord."-Henry ham and cabbage an' chocolate drops.

No Alleviation,

George in Social Problems.

A beited earl was in the habit of playing golf daily at Musselburgh, This gentleman had contracted some attment which made his head always shake a little. Frequently be had had occasion to rebuke his caddle for excessive indulgence in alcoholic liquors, and one day he spoke to him very "Robert, you are drunk today. It is a disgrace. You are very

"Drunk!" replied the caddle. "I know I am drunk, but I'll be sober tomorrow. You're daft, and you'll never be right!" -Dundee Advertiser.

Right Up to Date.

Mother-Are you sure you can give my daughter all the luxuries and privileges enjoyed by the married women of her set? Sultor-I can give her town and country bouses, motorcars, a string of pole ponies and dancing lessons at once, and a divorce and alimony within two years.-Life.

The Inevitable Thing. "Did you get any stock in that bal-

loon line project?" "Yes, but I think I paid for it more than it was worth."

"That is what was to be expected. An air line would naturally have in-flated stock."—Baltimore American.

A Chance Yet. Tom-Is it true that you proposed to

Alice and were rejected? Jack-Not exactly rejected. She said when she telt like making a fool of herself she'd let me know .- Boston Transcript.

Those Uncaught Fish. Maud-Don't you think there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were cought? Marie-Well, they're certain-'y segarter.

All He Has. "He has a fortune in his own name."

"Worth a lot, eh?" "No. But his name is Rich."-Detroit Free Press.

The Calaveras Skull.

Of interest in connection with termirage, which has excited the wonder skull. For a time this skull attracted credited to Father Louis Hennepin, of mankind in every age. Owing to much attention not only from the peo- who showed on a map published in midst of saudy deserts; unknown cities. toric times, are known also to be much horses are seen, marching or galloping erally believed by students of the an-extent for many years. The earliest where no foot has ever trod-such are tiquity of man that the Calaveras skull, some of the recorded marvels that the while undoubtedly old, probably did mirage has produced.-New York Jour- not come from the auriferous gravels at all.-Argonaut.

A Grim Cathedral.

Once the capital of the kingdom of Rico, are several historically interest. Portugal, Colubra possesses a number ing places. The little village of itle of interesting monuments. Its cathe-Guanroba, near Anasco, was the scene drai dates from the early period when of the unique experiment by which the it upon the west, Toledo in the center Indians in 1511 endeavored to discover and Saragossa to the east were the Christian outposts against the infidel. that of an old warrior tanned by the form, its walls pierced only by narrow About seven miles from Mayaguez, windows that resemble loopholes, its bewn stones sheathe it as in a bronze Situated conspicuously among its cuirass chased with the delicate tracery wild surroundings, its large stone of its south door added at a later epoch. church is visible for many miles. From Its interior, too, is severely plain. the mountain top we obtained a de- though adorned with the only fine rerelightful view of the beautiful plain dos that I saw in Portugal, and with Guanatoba rivers.-New York Tele- ray of old blue tiles.-Ernest Peixotto in Scribner's.

Hiding Behind Smoke.

The accuracy of modern naval gunnery is so marvelous that the only hope for a ship to escape being sunk when within range of the guns is to hide itself. That is easier said than done, bowever, and there is only one way in which it can be done, and that is by means of a "smoke screen." It is hard for one ship to hide berself behind her own smoke unless the wind is favorable, but for a number of ships to put a huge fog of black smoke between them and their pursuers is comparatively easy. The smoke is caused by oil fuel, and it can be turned off or on at will by supplying more or less air to the furnaces. It is so dense and black that it is quite impossible to see more than a few yards through it.-Pearson's Magazine.

Hawking In the Old Days.

Falconry, or hawking, was a favorite what, when our time comes, does it sport with the nobility and gentry of pages of books, gently warm the soiled seventeenth century. Hawks were trained to mount and pursue game and bring it to their masters and mistresses, coming and going to the call of the latter with marvelous docility. The hawks were tricked out with gay hoods and held until ordered to pursue the quarry, or game, by leathern straps fastened with rings of leather about each leg just above the talons, and with sliken cords called "jesses" to each of these leathern straps, or "bewets," was attached a small bell. In the flight of hawks it was often so arranged that the bells made-"a consort of sweet sounds."

> Still Has Friends. Two retired tradesmen residing in

the country were discussing matters generally, when one usked: "How is your son doing in the city?"

"Oh. he doesn't say much about his business, was the reply, "but writes me that he's got a lot of friends "That's very encouraging," remarked

the other, "for it shows that he hasn't had to borrow money yet!"-Pearson's Weekly.

A Much Needed Rest. "Does your boy take kindly to farm life now that he has finished college?" "Oh, yes!" replied Farmer Cobbles. He says that after the strenuous four years he's been through it's a pleasure to loaf around home and watch the hired men at work."-Birmingham Age-

Silver.

The handle of a silver spoon gets hot more quickly than that of a pewter spoon when thrust into a cup of hot coffee. In fact, this is an easy and quick way of detecting imitation silver. Silver itself has been found to be the best conductor of heat known.

His Ambition. "How would you feel if the end of the world came tomorrow?"

"I'd be glad of it. I always wanted to be present at a great historical event."-Detroit Saturday Night.

Happiness.

Mankind is always happier for hav-

ing been happy. So that if you make men happy now you make them happy twenty years hence by the memory of

it.-Sydney Smith. Norway's Clear Waters. In the flords on the Norway coast the

clearness of the water is wonderful, Objects the size of half a dollar may be seen at a depth of twenty live to thirty fathoms.

We think a happy life consists in ranquillity of mind .- Cicero.

Early Coal Discoveries. The first mention of coal in the torwith men's eyes. It is responsible for tlary gold bearing river gravels of ritory which afterward became the California is the story of the Calaverns United States has heretofore been credple in California, but from scientific 1659 the location of a "cole mine" along men the world over. It was reported Illinois river near the site of the presto have been found in 1800 near the ent city of Ottawn. According to S. O. town of Angels, Calaveras county, at Andres of the Illinois state geological a depth of 130 feet, in tertlary grav- survey, the credit for this first mention els underlying tertiary lava. The find- of coal does not belong to Hennepin. ing of a human skull embedded in such as the discovery of coal in the United deposits was for a time believed to States by Europeans was made by indicate that man had been in exist- Joliet and Marquette in 1673. How ence in North America longer than had ever, nearly a century and a haif been supposed. Strange to say, the elapsed after the discovery of coal in skull is of a higher type than skulls Illinois before mining began. The which, although known to antedate his- Journal of the Franklin institute for 1836 states that the first mining opyounger than the tertiary. Although erations conducted by white men were Professor J. D. Whitney, then state at the Mount Carbon mines, in Jackgeologist, accepted the skull as a bit son county, Ill. These mines were of genuine scientific evidence, it is gen- opened in 1810 and worked to a small recorded production was in 1833, when 6,000 tons of coal is said to have been mined.-Detroit Free Press.

A Kindly Human Touch.

How rapidly nature repairs and beautifies the torn places! The gash left by the uprooted tree is soon covered with green, and moss and vines are quick to make the old stump into a thing of beauty. Humanity might well learn a lesson thereby, to its own great advantage. Sympathy may easily transform the unsightly and give it beauty. If earth's soil responds to the touch of mature in such a way it is reasonable to suppose that human life would not be less responsive. Hundreds of lives at present harsh and repulsive are within reach of every one, and they might be wholly changed by a little sympathetic seeding and kindly cutture. After all, what more is needed than the persuasion of the kindly human touch? There is no greater miracle than that which is wrought by leve, and there is no man who may not through which flow the Boqueron and side chapels that contain a notable ar- work it if he will.-Christian Register.

> Tinted Polygamy. The old negro had been arrested for

"having more than one wife," the last woman being the complainant. He happened to be well known locally and an orderly character. "How many wives have you had?" de-

manded the judge. "Six, yo' honor," was the reply.

"Why couldn't you get along with them?" the judge insisted.

"Well, sub, de fust two sp'lled de white folks' clothes when dey washed 'um, de thud worn't no cook, de fo'th was des nacherally lazy en' de fif-l'll tell yo', jegde, de fif' she"-"Incompatibility?" the court sug-

"No, yo' honor," said the old negro slowly, "it worn't nothin lik dat. Yo" jes' couldn't get along wid her onless yo' wuz somewhars else."-Case and Comment.

Grease Spots on Books.

To remove grease spots from the piece of thick paper under it. by holding a hot from at a little distance from the paper. Next press upon the spots pieces of clean blotting paper, one after another, so as to absorb as much of the grease as possible. Have ready some clear essential oil of turpentine beated almost to boiling point, warm the soiled leaf again a little. and then with a camel's bair brush apply the heated turpentine to both sides of the spotted part. If this application is repeated the stain will shortly disappear. Finally, take a clean brush, dip it in rectified spirits of wine and paint over the place.

Charles Lamb and May. Charles Lamb did not like May. Here is a fling of his against the merry month:

"I do not mind the utmost rigor of real winter," he wrote to Bernard Barton, "but these smilling hypocrites of May wither me to death. * * * What lles you poets tell about the May! It is the most ungenial part of the year, cold crocuses and cold primroses; you take your blossoms in ice-a painted

"Unmeaning joy around appears," And nature smiles as if she sneers." -Westminster Gazette.

Evidently He Was.

"Larceny" was the word given out, and one man taking the examination tried to peep at the pest man's paper to see how he spelled it. "What are you up to?' demanded the examiner sharply. "I don't quite understand the word,

"I think you did understand it. And. furthermore, I think you are trying to use it."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

One Way to Eat Bananas.

It is said that the best way to eat bananas, which are now so common a diet, is to crush them with a fork, squeeze a lime or lemon over them and prinkle them with sifted sugar. They are often eaten this way in the tropica and found to be delicious .- Pittsburg Press.

Color Combinations.

Knicker-The novelist dresses his beroine in some clinging white stuff. Rocker-But doesn't mention the cost in some vanishing green stuff .- New York Sun.

Just For a Joke. "She says I am dull."

"You should crack a few jokes occasionally. Ask her to marry you or something like that."-Puck.

Take life as you find it, but don't tenve It so. - Anon.