sea,
Was stopped one day, on his joyous way,
By an angel, who said: "I would speak with
thee.

"Every true poet should aim to bring Peace to some heart by the songs he may

sing; But how can he know what will comfort wee Until he has felt in his own heart its sting?

"Thy life has been free from sorrow or care; Hast thou the courage to suffer, and share The grief and pain of others, to gain The power to cheer those who burdens bear?

The poet made answer, "I have no fear Of pain if it bring me the power to cheer; Lay a cross upon me, and, though heavy it-be, Close will I hold it as a treasure dear." The angel said gravely: "Thou hast chose

aright,
And a cross will be laid upon thee tonight;
There is one to thee dear, and her loss, I fear,
Will be hard to endure"—then vanished

This was long ago; the poet, grief worn,
Has through the slow years his cross bravely
borne:
His songs are replete with sympathy sweet,
And are dear to the hearts that loved ones

He firmly trusts in a heavenly morrow, His verses their charm from suffering bo

On her grand roll Fame has written his name—
It was whispered to her by the angel Sorrow.
—Charles W. Linnell in Good Housekeeping.

To Tell Pure Silk.

If you wish to purchase by sample and to test the quality of silk take ten fibers of the filling of any silk, and if on breaking they show a feathery dry and lackluster condition, and discolor the fingers If you are an impostor I shall soon know in handling, you may at once be sure of it," and I skipped along in the shadow the presence of dye and of artificial until I had traversed a long distance

between the thumb and forefinger and me. gently roll them over and over, and you will soon detect the gum, mineral, soap, etc., should their be any, or their ab-

Another simple but effective way to my way in the dark to a miserable room test the purity of silk is to burn a small in the rear, where a chorus of little quantity of the fibers. Pure silk will voices saluted her. instantly crisp, leaving only a pure charcoal. Heavily dyed silk will smoulder, leaving a greasy yellow ash.

If you cannot break the ten strands, and if they do not discolor the fingers at the point of contract, you may be well assured that you have pure silk, that is out of sight behind it, but I could both honest in its make and durable in the see and hear, and if I was discovered, honest in its make and durable in the wear. - Detroit Free Press.

The Prayer Should Have Been Answered. A member of a certain Massachusetts parish, prominent for his thrift and personal consequence, was also notorious for his overbearing assumptions and pompous airs. Under the distress and fright of a dangerous illness he "put up notes" on several successive Sundays, her pocket. and after his recovery, according to usage, he offered a note, to be read by the minister, expressive of his thanks.

The minister was somewhat "large" in this part of his prayer, recalling the danger and the previous petitions of the "squire," and returning his grateful acknowledgments with the prayer that the experience might be blessed to the spirit- bogus errand known, and asked to see ual welfare of the restored man. He the sick child in the bed. closed with these words:

"And we pray, O Lord, that thy servant may be cured of that ungodly strut, so offensive in the sanctuary."—Atlantic

Pocketbooks in Letter Boxes.

From time to time pocketbooks are found in the pillar boxes. Pickpockets have taken this way of returning to their owners whom they have robbed the valuable contents of pocketbooks, generally papers, which are of no use to any one but the owner. The thieves in this way get rid of articles which might lead to their conviction, and at the same time assuage the losses of the pocketbooks. in some measure. They of course have no time to do up a package, but drop the articles into the most convenient boxes.-London Tit-Bits.

Rallroad Rumbling.

"Can you tell me," he asked, as he entered an office on Broad street the other day, "why the railroad should discriminate so heavily against dressed meat over

"Certainly, sir. Dressed meat is dead, isn't it?"

"Of course.

"Well, anything that can't kick is always bulldozed by a railroad company. -Texas Siftings.

A Tree That Produces Milk.

A growing wonder is the cow tree of of money in the bank?"

South America, which is credited with "What yer givin us?" yielding a lacteal fluid which, in color, taste and nutritive property closely resembles the offerings of your milkman. It forms large forests in some districts of Venezuela and is much prized for its product.-Philadelphia Times.

A process has been discovered for making flour of bananas. Chemical experiments show that this flour contains more nutriment than rice, and that when very palatable and nourishing diet.

Blood travels from the heart through the arteries ordinarily at the rate of about twelve inches per second; its speed through the capillaries is at the rate of three one-hundredths of an inch

Reports from the Bahamas state that the cultivation of sisal hemp is proving to be a great success, and the product will soon amount to 60,600 tons annually. The quality is said to be very fine.

The Japanese lie upon matting with a stiff uncomfortable wooden neckrest. The Chinese use low bedsteads, often elaborately carved, and supporting only mats or coverlets.

The largest animal known is the ror-qual, which is 100 feet in length; the Herald. smallest is the twilight monad, which is only the twelve-thousandth of an inch.

Pepper was known to the ancients. In tions for a poor boy who ca the Middle Ages it was one of the most He has both limbs paralyzed. costly of spices, a pound of it being a

NOT THE RIGHT WOMAN.

PATHETIC RESULT OF A WRITER'S BIT OF DETECTIVE WORK.

She Had Heard That All Beggars Were Wealthy and She Followed a Woman Who Played an Accordion, Expecting to Find a Princely Home-What She Saw.

She sat all day in the dust and the wind on the street corner grinding dreary tunes out of a dilapidated old accordion that shrieked and groaned and wheezed but was never in the least mu-

"She owns a block of houses," I said to myself, "and has money in the bank. I shall not drop a penny in that old tin It is wrong to encourage mendi-

I was only repeating what had been said to me about street impostors. Now that I had a good chance to study one of these characters from the window of a hotel, I became interested. Yes. Without doubt this woman was an impostor. Her rags of raiment were eloquent with that personal poverty which appeals so strongly to the sympathetic. Her head drooped over her recumbent figure. She sat on the curbstone and mechanically

ground out her doleful music. She was there at nightfall when I stepped out of the hotel, but she was

preparing to leave.
"Aha, my lady," I said to myself, 'here is a chance to follow you and see how much of your doleful plea is true. from my hotel, treading all the alleys Or take a small portion of the fibers and back streets in the city, it seemed to

NO DECEPTION ABOUT THIS Then she climbed a pair of rickety stairs on the outside of a tumble down house. I still followed her and groped

"Mamma, oh, mamma, wese been good-wese been jes as good as wese could. Hasn't wese, Johnny?" cried a wan faced little girl lying on the poor bed in the corner

The door was left open and I slipped why, I was looking for a mythical washlady who once lived in those rooms. That was all.

"Dot some pread an putter, mamma?" continued the child's voice, while a feeble wail from the bed added its note of sup-

The woman had dropped her musical burden on the table and now she emptied

"Dere's feeteen cents, 'n'all in pennies, Johnnie, run and get some hot sausage an a loaf of bread. An I'll boil some hot coffee against ye'r back.'

Johnny could not run. He was a frightful little cripple, but he limped away with the pennies Then I came forward and made my

The woman looked at me suspiciously. "Taint dip'thery," she said, "it's con-

soompshun, an ye cannot take her to any hospital while I have breath in my

"Do you go out with that thing every day and leave these children here alone?

A TALK WITH THE CHILDREN. "I ain't a regilar," she whined, "the woman—she were a Bohemian—died and left me that for takin' care of her. I cud play it that well you couldn't tell betwixt and between us, and I give up washin, for this is easier and more leddylike. I was allus that fond of music."

"So am I, and if you don't mind I will come here sometimes and hear you play, instead of stopping on the street-no, no," as she seized up the instrument, "not tonight," and I slipped out, leaving my humble contribution on the table.

I heard the woman singing to her sick child before I had reached the foot of the stairs. At the corner I met crinnled Johnny. He had a brown paper package of food. sserges 'n bread," he said, smack-

ing his lips.
"But what is there for the sick baby?"

"Golly, yer ought to see her eat sassage? She jist snatches 'em."
"Johnny," I asked seriously, "has
your mother a block of houses and a lot

"What yer givin us?" asked the boy,

-your mother poor?" "I mean is-is-"Ain't she, tho', jist orful somptimes," and he limped away with the food, regarding me with wonder as he walked backward.

I have concluded that there must be some mistake about the princely wealth of this impoverished family, and that it must be the woman with the organette and not the woman with the accordion eaten with beans, corn or sago it forms a who own houses and lands, and I shall make a sneak some day and follow her.

Then if she is the nabob in disguise I will let you know.—Mrs. M. L. Rayne price. The swordfish steaks are delicious in Detroit Free Press.

> Cigars and Music Combined. While I stood at the showcase in a cigar store the other day a music box began playing. I looked all about the store to see where the melody came from. but the instrument was nowhere

Finally the storekeeper, with a broad maile on his face, took a cigar box down from the row on a shelf and set it before me. As he opened the lid the playing ceased. I looked into the box and saw that the lower half of it was devoted to the music box.

"This is the novel way," said the deal er, "that a firm has chosen to introduce a new brand of cigars."—New York

One Occupation Still Left. Fair Visitor-I am collecting subscriptions for a poor boy who cannot work.

Mr. Grough-Why doesn't he be a district telegraph messenger?-Life.

One Method of Making Money A man who had only a few hundred dollars left out of a fortune called one day at a banking house and asked to see the manager, who was a man of conservative mind and fully acquainted with the best and most profitable invest-

Throwing down his roll of banknotes he said: "Invest this for me. Use your pleasure with it. I'm going to the country for the remainder of the summer. I will leave my address with you, and you can let me know what you do with

The man walked out and was not seen again for many months. His money was judiciously invested on his carte blanche order and began to accumulate. The order and began to accumulate. The house duly informed him, according to action. Chas. Lee, at Beamish's its business methods, of his good luck, but nothing was heard from him personally for some time.

Some months afterwards he presented the became convinced of its merhimself at the banking house, rosy, its, for I could feel it was workhealth beaming in his face, well dressed and portly. The manager failed to fled and braced me up generally, recognize him at first, but when his and everything is now working full and regular. memory was refreshed he recalled the circumstances of the case.

Now, this was an example of a man who more than doubled his savings by simply taking the advice of an experienced and reliable man. And this is not a solitary case. It is one of many such that happen every day throughout the length and breadth of our land .-Henry Clews in Ladies' Home Journal.

It would be hard to say how Christianity-in-name, as we usually have it, could improve the conduct or character of the Japanese women, who seem always to have been very good Christians without knowing it, if we are to believe Miss Bacon. Perhaps the answer to the conundrum is that Christianity is not primarily a purifying force, but is first an enlightening force; that its ideal is virtue, not innocence-Gethsemane, not The harmlessness of the dove will not avail without the wisdom of the serpent; the impulse of our faith is toward consciousness, knowledge. No doubt this is what the Japanese feel in it; probably it is what makes them willing to change their civilization for ours.

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But something seems lacking to them, | 175 Second St. and they look toward us for it; they fancy spiritual possibilities on the plane which we tell them is above theirs. The fine perfection of their art is a stunted beauty; it has never the infinite reach of the Greek; the loveliness of their lives is childlike; it has not the celestial aspiration of the Hebrew; and no doubt they feel this as clearly as they perceive the difference between us and our ideals. -William Dean Howells in Harper's.

Mortifying for the Girl.

The late Emperor William objected to the banker Bleichroeder, and it was only by dint of the pressure exercised upon his venerable majesty by Bismarck that Bleichroeder and his daughter were very reluctantly invited to court balls. Once his guests the old monarch de-termined that the banker and Miss Bleichroeder should be hospitably treated, and, finding that the young lady lacked partners and was left to sit out all the dances, he himself in person ordered every young officer whom he met in the ballroom to invite her to

Much to their annoyance the gilded youths of the guard were forced to obey. They did so after their own fashion however, and marching up to the lady one after another they exclaimed in from engaging or affable tones, "Most gracious fraulein, by the commands of his imperial and royal majesty I invite you to dance with me." The poor girl's mortification may be more easily imagined than described .- San Francisco

Serving and Cooking Foods. "Cookery," says Yuan Mei, "is like matrimony. Two things served together should match. Clear should go with clear, thick with thick, hard with hard and soft with soft. I have known peo-ple mix grated lobster with birds' nest, and mint with chicken or pork!"

This, he observes, is an arrangement In which one does all the monopolizing

and the other all the yielding. Foods of a heavy flavor should be served separately. Such are crab or lob-ster, samlie (a delicious kind of white salmon), beef and mutton. These, we are told, should be eaten alone, without any

The fire should be carefully attended to. For frying or baking a "military" fire will be required. For stewing or boiling, a "civil" fire. Such is one of the quaint idioms of the Chinese language. Temple Bar.

Swordfish.

Up to within a decade or less swordfish were not considered edible, but now and bring from fifteen to twenty-five cents a pound in the retail markets. Swordfish are found in eastern waters. from Block island to the Canadian line. Hundreds of men devote the summer months to capturing them and fish for other species the remainder of the year.

New York Telegram.

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Baron Hirsch's Wealth.

One of the best of authorities on wealth looks upon Baron Hirsch as in the first rank of the world's millionaires. in fact not far from the very top. He is convinced that Baron Hirsch is the owner of at least \$75,000,000.—Biskely Hall in New York Truth.

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