"I can't for the life of me see," re marked an Englishman during the course of conversation with Nat Goodwin once, "what people mean by Amerlean humor. To me all humor is alike, whether it be of American or English origin. Perhaps you can explain to me and on with the new." Dear me, but just what distinguishes American bumor from any other sort?"

"Well," replied Mr. Goodwin, "I think the American type of humor is rather more subtle. It doesn't always fully impress itself upon you at once. The more you think about it the funnier it my meaning with a little story.

"A man was walking along the street one day when he passed another man who was carrying a letter in his hand. " Pardon me," said the man with the letter. 'Do you know where the post-

"'Yes,' said the other man and passed on. On second thought he decided that he had been rude and went back still standing.

"'Do you wish to know where the postoffice is?' he asked.

'No,' said the other man."

The Englishman's gaze was vacant. "Just turn it over in your mind for a few minutes and tell me what you think of it," said Mr. Goodwin.

Ten minutes later the Englishman clutched at Mr. Goodwin's elbow. "You won't be offended, will you, old chap?" be murmured. "But, really, I think they were both blawsted rude!"-Saturday Evening Post.

Closeness Personified.

There's a good story told on a young went to spend the night with a friend. During the entire night be betrayed much restlessness, which kept the host wide awake, and finally the slumberer betrayed signs of violent emotion. when you wake him up that I bute to ger, sitting up in bed staring on the ing alarmed, he roused him. He sprang up to bed, glared wildly around and said: "Where am 17 I don't see the

pardon for waking you up, but you carried on so I had to."

"Beg your pardon," gasped the guest. "I shall never be grateful enough to you. I dreamed I was out with Miss Bud, and a terrible storm came up, and my shoes were new, and I was just ordering a coupe for two when you roused me. Old boy, you have saved toe a dollar "

And the host says he was actually afraid to go to sleep again that night for fear the coupe would come.-Louisville Times.

A Chinese Curtosity.

a gossiper in the Philadelphia Record, ordinary. "showed me once an ivory ball as big as your two fists, with six smaller balls inside it. It was the most wonderful thing I ever saw. The Chinaman said that the balls had been begun by his grandfather and that he was the third generation to work on them. He told me how the work was done

"It begins with a solid block of lyory, which is turned into a ball and ther carved in a latticed pattern with tiny saw toothed knives. Through the latwith other knives that are b various shapes, the second ball is cary ed, but is kept fast to the first one by a thin strip of Ivory left at the top and the third ball, with still finer knives, is tackled through the first and second ones, and so the work goes on till all the balls are finished, when the strip that hold them firm are cut away, and they all revolve treely, one inside the

This Chinaman said it was a com mon thing for families to have such balls for hundreds of years-grandfather, father, son and grandson working on them when they had nothing else to do. They are priceless, of course. Some cheap balls are made of veg table to ry, being carved while the material b soft, like a potato. These, though, are net worth more than a few dollars at the most."

Her Wedding "Tower."

An accommodation train on a do tant rallroad was dragging along a long, lean and sallow woman, in what appeared to be subdued bridat finery leaned across the aixle of the car and

"Dear mel It's a kind of a solemn thing to be travelin with two busbands, now, alu't it?"

"I do not know what you mean," replied the lady. "Oh, mebbe not. Well, you see, my first husband stied bout a year ago an was buried over in Patrick county an last week I was married ag'in, an me an my second husband have been over in Patrick county on a little wed din tower, an I thought I'd kind of like to have my first bushand buried was willin, so we tul my first busband up, an he's in the bugginge car along with our other things. My second busband is settle not on platform takin a smoke, an I been settin here thinkin how solemn it go on a weddin tower with two husbands. It's a tarrible solema piece of bizness when you come to think of it,"-Laurence Lee in Lippincott's Magazine.

An interesting relic in the shape of a piece of a granite bowlder, containing what appear to be two buman footprints, has been leaned to the museum at St. Johnsbury, Vt., by William A. Chase of Morrisville. The rock from which the piece was quarried has been a curiosity in Granby for a century. It ts a granite bowlder weighing several tons, situated one and one-half miles

from Galluns Mills. The daily population of the Equitable building to New York is 3,100, and the mall averages about 18,000 pieces a day. Every 45 minutes mail wagons run over from the postoffice and carry back with them 75 pounds of ourgoing them there, for it was the kind of four-seriously ill.

Polly Larkin.

Off with our old clothes and on with the new. The same can be said of our hats and bonnets, "off with the old how tired we get with our winter costumes, and how we long for the dainty spring and summer effects that our upto-date storekeepers and milliners entier us with by filling their show-windows with all the new novelties so I can perhaps best illustrate attractively displayed that none of the fair sex can resist the desire to study the contents and build what may prove to be eastles in the air of her summer ostumes, including hats, dresses and wraps and the prettiest and most dainty ingerie that has ever been displayed at very reasonable and, consequently, poptilar prices. Some of the latter look like billows of face more than anything else. to where the man with the letter was so much of it is used and so tastefully run with dainty baby-ribbons. They are lovely enough for any bride in the land. You couldn't begin to buy the material and make them for what you pay for some of the articles:

grams and simple little initials do not think. appear in something that her less fortunate sisters can adopt; but by that time this little miss will have grown tired of her fad and will be searching "A Chinaman in San Francisco," says for something else that is out of the

But enough of this tinsel and gold, and we will take a glance into the big dry goods houses that import nearly all of their swell suits, as they term them. Here you will find the rich colors that are found in Roman stripes used for trimming, in stripes and mixtures, blended in one perfect whole and used as pipings, conds, vests and panels, as the case may be and as the taste of the signer dictated. Nearly all of them are used in the trimming of black suits. State and one of the most widely expebut I saw one jaunty little suit in a rienced of American diplomats, tells by another left at the bottom. Then peacock blue trimmed with the bright some interesting and amusing instances colors. A hat of the cloth stitched in of American diplomats and court cosblue and trimmed with the striped silk fumes. The ladies will be interested in and a blue bird, made up the dainty knowing that in diplomacy extreme and becoming outfit. One of the cos- consideration is given to the kind of tumes designed for dinner or evening wear was a jetted black lace in an elab- Mr. Foster says: "Some Ministers have rate pattern over white taffeta silk, made themselves ridiculous by securing the lace falling to the very edge of the an appointment in the State militia. r as she bustled round trying this garustomer who looked like the bane of home, which led the monarchical dipthe was trying on clothes.

Now a glance into our milliners' winlows. It is too early to think of that ove of an Easter bonnet you have set your heart on; but if the display in the windows during this midway part of the season is any guarantee of what the spring millinery may bring forth, then as sure as the bluebirds will come again promise you that Dame Fashion has store for you, the loveliest bads and lossoms that have been shown in many a day and that they are going to cused in the greatest profusion. Violets are as much in favor as they were when they came forth in all their glory two or three years ago. They are beau tiful, rich in color, always in good taste and are worn by old and young. This last qualification is very much in in the graveyard nigh where I'm goin its favor. On some of the popular hats to live now, an my second husband the entire crown is made of violets, the stems being out off so as to be sewed in flat. The brim is made of royal purple velvet, with bows and long-stemme wiolets for trimming. The lovely pink roses that were conspicuous for their absence last year have made their appearance in quantities this year. To be sure, the summer of 1900 showed pink roses, but they were lacking in grace and dainty bolor. The roses for this eason are crushed roses of the dainty color that you semetimes see in the tips. There are countless bads and tioned, which comprised this ore lody. chrysanthennums, too, but in the latter only one or two of the flowers have thus far been used, and they were placed directly on the front of the hat that turned back from the face and looked as natural as though they had "just growed" there. Another of these hats. to be worn off the face, was made of black velvet and a handful of stiff little white buds with no leaves to relieve the severity, that looked for all the

I quet that most men arrange, the shortest THE LANCE IN WARFARE. of stems and no leaves. Was it pretty you ask. Not a bit of it. It would take the face of an angel to set off that ugly bit of headgear, and if a homely woman gets it may the fates have mercy on her, for Polly is afraid she would seal her destiny as an attractive woman.

show-window. They were too much interested with the contents to observe anybody else: "Isn't that chysanthes a lance are not dangerous and are east mum one a stunnin' one, though. I phasis on the nursegirl, you know it war as is generally supposed. Never So there." The window had lost its certainly be done attraction, and the "swell" little girl and the "stunnin" little girl walked deal of comment in Europe, The Frank off in a fit of the sulks.

But going back to the realm of flowers, artificial though they may be. Polly knows of one sweet little girl, who is not yet out of her teens, who All is not gold that glitters, but gold always reminds you of a violet by her attons, gold braid, gold embroidery modest little ways and her preference and gold tassels, spangles and spikes, for violets, and you never see her but are all the rage and are used on every- something about her reminds you of ing the point of the lance with some thing and the latter is being run into them instantly. She gave way the se- deadly poison." the ground. The spikes were showy cret the other day. "You know, Polly, and dressy at first, but owing to their I was not born handsome, nor even being cheap, costing only three cents pretty, to my great regret, so I deterapiece, they have become so common mined to cultivate a cheery, happy fellow here noted for his closeness. He that other things are being sought to disposition, and try and make myself take their place. A very handsome so attractive in other ways that my little spike comes in sparkling jet with friends at least would forget I was a tiny gold head to clasp it round the homely. I can't afford to dress handribbons. They cost twenty and twenty- somely, but I aim to dress in good taste, "He's going to have a nightmare," said five cents spices, don't look common, and during the season I wear violets the friend, but he always grumbles so and are very dressy. No matter the constantly, and even my hats are color of the dress, it is deemed the trimmed with the flowers I most love. disturb him." He waited awhile ion proper thing to stitch it in gold or trim. You say I always carry the odor of it in narrow gold braid, and it does not flowers with me. This is the way I do miserable sleeper, and finally, become stop at the dresses and wraps, but ex- it. You see this little bottle of violet tends to the hats and neck ribbons that perfumery? It is the finest French exare adorned with little gold tassels. I tract of the violet that is made, and saw a new departure in this fancy for furthermore, it is lasting and a few "Why, here in my room," said the gold decorations the other day on a drops go a long way. I put three or host soothingly. "You remember you young girl and wondered whether it four drops on this tiny little silk pad staid all night with me? I beg your was a fancy of her own. On the ends tilled with corton and richt with richt with corton and richt with corton and richt with richt with corton and richt with corton and richt with rich was a fancy of her own. On the ends filled with cotton and violet suchet of the ribbon tied in a graceful bow at powder and tuck it among the violets ever, you must remember to take the the neck was her own monogram in on my hat when I am going out and gold—the real article. She looked like another one in the folds of my dress. she was one of the few that could grat- You cannot tell the odor from the true ify every whim that came into her curly violets. The extract comes high, for it little head. It was a new feature and costs a dollar an ounce, but it lasts for Polly will acknowledge that I missed a long time if you are careful in using and the southeastern portion of framp-teing a true prophetess if the idea is not it." No wonder she is a violet girl, shire is my district."—London Chroniaken up and from now on the mone- thought Polly, when I had time to cle.

> A kindergarten teacher asked one of her bright little pupils the other day to choose of the bright strips of paper for its weaving work. Instead of one he chose all the colors, "Well, Walter, you got the whole lot," the teacher said as she handed them over to him. Wasn't she silly" he said to his mother afterward. "She said I had the whole lot, when she knew the lot was out in the back yard.

BRIEF REVIEW.

American Diplomatic Costume. John W. Foster, former Secretary of clothes which the representatives wear. ong train. "Box coats have come in and making use of that uniform. A stay," at least that is what I heard story is told of one of our representaac of the busy employes tell a custom- tives at a European court who appeared at the palace in the garb of a captain of ment and that one on an impatient a cavalry troop, a post he had filled at lomats, attracted by his metal helmet, quizzically to ask if he belonged to a is actual, licensed places closing fire company in America. The mestructions of the Department of State now in force construe the law to allow of such a departure from a simple dress as will secure our diplomats. welcome admittance at court ceremonies. For instance, the members of the United States embassy in London appear on state occasions in knee breeches. with metal buckles on their shoes, and it has now in North Queensland, and in other respects in ordinary evening which takes the form of inspiring its

Walls Made of Cannon Datis.

In some new bank buildings that are levided to trust neither police, private distorlians nor safes. All walls connected with the money vaults are to ing the disease. have old-fashioned cannon balls loosely imbedded in them, the idea, of course being that the rounded surfaces of the to slip and there will be no chance of packing the walls to pieces quickly nough for burglarious depredations:

clouds of sunset, rosy as Aurora's finger \$17,000,000 in the three mines men- New York Tribune.

tungsten, manganese, etc. Over \$1,000,000 worth of diamonds hat, and we needn't fear burgiars."

The shafts of many California quartz nines are many feet below sea level.

Count Tolstoi is again reported to be

When the war in the Transvaul broke out, Dr. Frederick Schaffer, a distinguished German amay surgeon, obtained permission to accompany the British troops, his object being to ascertain to what extent the lance is effective as a weapon in war. During the campaign he devoted his entire attention to this I overheard the remarks of two little | subject, and now he has returned home colored girls as I stood looking in the and forwarded to his government an

official report thereon. In it he says that wounds caused by ly cured, and that the reason is because the iron point of the weapon is round could wear that real good," said one, and therefore passes through the or-You shouldn't say 'stunnin', but gans of the body without injuring swell," said the other. "Oh, you them to any great extent. "Being such think because you come from New a humane weapon," he points out, "the York as a nursegirl a good deal of em- lance is by no means as valuable in all. I don't have to work out, and it theless it can be made a dangerous may be 'swell' in New York, but it is weapon by merely changing the form of its point, and if the military authoristunnin' in 'Frisco, and I say that's the decide to retain it as a portion of a stunnin' hat, and I could wear it. the equipment of cavalry this should

This suggestion is exciting a good fort Gazette, apparently appalled at the thought of transforming a humane weapon into a cruel one, says sarcus tically: "We propose that the point of the lance be made of such a shape that it will lacerate every organ in the body and render the cure of every wound utterly impossible. Furthermore, it will be well for the authorities to seriously consider the advisability of impregnat

A German Officer's Knowledge The "map question" in South Africa is said to be responsible for a number of our disasters. As showing how very differently the surveying of other countries is attended to in the German army, a correspondent sends the followed to be in Berlin. I chanced to re-mark to a young staff officer that immediately on arrival in London business would take me to a little Hamp shire village. As it was many miles from the station I would I observed. probably have great difficulty in of promptly observed my friend. 'You will reach the railway station at 2.30 p. station for the village on that day at hourly intervals between 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. If you choose to walk, how second turning on the left and the first on the right after leaving the station. had visited the place. 'I have never been in England in my life," was the answer. 'I am on the surveying staff,

How many generations ago was it when unkind British satirists begon alling Frenchmen frog enters in accents of sneering and contempt? It is not unlikely that in these days as many frogs' legs are cooked and eaten it public over the sea. The sales in our markets are large, and the demand in American homes and restmurants seems to be steadily increasing. Sev eral keen New Englanders have put their heads together and also their capital and have decided to start a huge frog farm not a hundred miles from Boston. The annual crop will not be sent across the ocean, but will be taken in the markets of our principal cuties. tries. Is there a possible profit in tad-

Well Behaved Washington. Washington is pertups the most al of the large cities of the country There are no gambling houses. Fare roulette and keno are unknown. Poker when played, is restricted to small groups in private rooms. Sunday ob-servance is notable. Not only are suloons shut tight, but other places of business, save where food or news papers or drugs are on sale. No theatrical entertainments are given, the last vaudeville house which attempted goodly. The sculptor was an elderly a Sunday night performance having yielded to pressure the past year. The observance of the liquor law is not merely formal, with the evasions of side doors, as found in some cities. It back and tell him what I think of him? the worrying fretting species of antique. promptly at the hours specified in the law .- St. Louis Globe Democrat

Dirt Enters.

There is an old legend that every man must eat a peck of dirt before be dies In some parts of Australia people cut more than a peck of it and do actually die as a result. There is a disease there which frequently becomes epidemic, as victims with a mad desire to cat cartle. At Geraldrown, Constown and Towns ville conditions are more than serious. and it is feared that the scourge will seing erected in London, it has been spread and that the school children will come under its influence: A commission of medical men bas just been appointed to consider means of check

By the operation of a new law near cannon balls will cause burglars' tools by 1,000 green grocers, butchers and poultry sellers in New Orleans are forced to close their places of business permanently. The law to question prohibits the establishment of a private market within a goo feet of a publi New Scotland Yard in London is the market and was enacted in the interest largest police station in the world, and of the public market lessees in order is capable of accommodating 3000 post o increase the revenue of the city. It has been tested and upbeld in the The great Eureka-Idaho-Maryland a monopoly, and food prices in New ore shoot in Nevada county yielded Orleans will go up to or 15 per cent -

Still Anxious.

Aluminum as practically used is always hardened with alloys of copper, to retire for the night No What's the use? I gave you at him

Over \$1,000,000 worth of diamonds hat and we needn't rear onegate.

are stolen every year from the South. "But they might sit down on the bat, along the entire distance of the Chicago when they are well off. If they had

medical colleges of the United States. Sawden some time ago seem in thrive and increase in number. It remains to a nice comfortable, businessike office time scale, that the businessike office time scale is number. It is not the privilege of staying in a nice, comfortable, businessike office time or ten hours a day."—Washington there are 21.778 young men in the

PASSING OF THE BELL.

No Longer Used to Record the Joys and Sorrows of Humanity.

The solemn and impressive custom of announcing death by the tolling of the church bell will soon be but a vague and distant memory. "The passing bell" has itself passed away, and its slow measured accents no longer tell the story of the departure of one more soul. The brief notice in the daily paper, while it conveys explicit information, fails to give something that the bell's tolling carried with it. The solmn rhythmic tones awakened a mo mentary vibration in the breast of each istener and bade each pause for sympathy and meditation. The bell adwarned the thoughtless that time was tying while it spoke clearly and comand preoccupied inhabitants attend its

The bell's voice is identified with all deepest and most sacred human motions. It has bespoken the joys and orrows of all mankind for centuries, Is its voice to die away and have no part in the life of the future? The tombs at Beni-Hassan is a picture ilwedding bells ring out no more save instrating the process. The great stone n some song or story. The Christmas blines are seldom wafted to our ears. The church bells ring but faintly now and under constant protest. "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day" only in verse. A sunset gun today gives grenter satisfaction. The angelus while overseers provided with whips, sounds merely in pictorial form, the urge the laborer to their task. What fire bells give pince to still alarms, the dinner bell is silenced in polite society. and sletch bells are discarded.

What is the future of the bell-that bappy silver tongue that has sung out fors of all the world, that solemn tone that has mourned for the nation' dead and voiced the nation's wees and summoned to their knees the pation's worshipers?-Atlantic Monthly.

The Skin and the Lungs. "That the skin is intimately connected with the lungs is proved by the tory tract-colds, for instance- are almost always tracrable to a checking of the perspiration, so that the impurities of the blood poison us," says Har vey Suther and, in Ainslee's, "Every body knows the story about the little boy that was covered with gold leaf as cherub for some Ronne pomp and how he died in agony a few hours afterward. The poisons manufactured by his own organisms slew him, to say nothing of his suffocation. Burns involving more than one-third of the general surface are fatal because the excretory powers of the skin are less depuratory organs to make up for.

Varuish an animal and it will die in from six to twelve hours, say some authorities. This incontrovertible fact Is matched by another equally incontro vertible-that nobody ever heard of any case of tarring and feathering that killed the victim. He might have had all kinds of trouble in getting the stuff off, and he might have felt a shock to his pride, but he didn't die that anybody ever beard of. I never assisted at a ceremony of this kind at either end of the joke, and so I can't speak as to the completeness with which the body is covered with the tar, but from my general knowledge of the character of the people of the west and southwest, where such sports are freely indulged in, I should say that it would most likely be a thorough and compre-behalve plantament in the may be that the man becalled through the quills. ores of the skin culti- as effectually as carnish and it is a paint warranted to wear of all weathers and not to crack or wate off

The hiss that Made Him Mad A Boston man, in speaking of certain foreign characteristics, told the following story. "A middle aged American couple traveling abroad some years ago called in floro on a sculptor with when they and been acquainted years before. The visit passed off pleasant ly but at its close the last gallautly but none the less to her surprise and chaprin, kissed the lady as he said man, but no cetheless it was a liberry and she was not asconsored to hear hor story of the particular old woman, and "After two or three remarks of a ulty She had fretted away her friends

similar tener, in which the note of an and relatives until she was at length ger was riving the wife decided to living alone in a small house in the pour off on the troubled waters and so, untskirts of the town Just as she was laying her hand on his arm, said; I felling one bitter cold night she dis know, dear he shouldn't have kissed covered that but one unlighted mate me, but what does it really matters remained in the house. She is awake What does a giss count in a woman of until almost daylight, worrying and my years? He is a very old man, and disturbing herself with wondering if probably he was following the fashion the match was good. At last she got

face. 'Of course I don't mind his kissing you,' be raged, but,' and his voice | tal. ose, "it's his having knowl me that has

burt my feelings? "The sculptur had followed the Italian custom and kissed both wife and busband." New York Tribone. "That cowsin of yours is from Chica go, isn't ber" asked the riliage post master.

The Double Letter.

unely inconsistent. Letter must have Haycrafts, I told him no. And then a justy spelling and save time too .- | quicker's lightning - Chicago Trib

The Easer Touth Exerted.

Collect She is ma'am.
Caller-Where's the elbows ma'am.-

A sulgar can is captions and jealous, kid to death - Exchange,

thinks everything that is said meant the last dollar I had to buy that new A permanent life line, consisting of a strong wire cable, has been stretched -it goes to show that men don't know

drainings cannot 54 miles, to be used in been invited around to musicales and The American quali imported into and the girls like I have maybe they'd

QUARRIES OF OLD EGYPT.

Where Stone For Pyramids of the

Desert Was Procured. On the way to Philie and the head of the cataract, a short distance south of Assonan, we come upon the ancient quarries which supplied the granite for the columns, statues and obelisks throughout Egypt for many centuries. An obelisk which we saw lies in its native bed. It is 95 feet in length, and three sides have been carefully cut. but for some unknown reason it was never separated entirely from the parent rock. The surface bears the tool marks of the workmen. The grooves in it show that it was to have been reduced at the sides. It was supposed nonished the sinner to repent and that the stone was split from its bed by drilling holes in the rock and filling them with wooden wedges, which were rehensively and bade all scattered afterward saturated with water, the swelling wood furnishing the power.

From illustrations in the temples it is clear that these great monuments were floated down the river on flatboats and rafts and then carried inland by artificial canals or dragged overland by thousands of slaves. In one of the is loaded upon a huge sled drawn by a multitude of workmen. One man is engaged in pouring water upon the run mers to prevent friction; another stands at the left of the statue and beats time. that the men may work in unison, urge the laborer to their task. What king desired to extricate this block from the quarry, why it was left here, what it was to commemorate, we can never know. The riddle of the sphing is solved, but the riddle of the obelisk in the quarry will no doubt remain with us forever.-Chautsuquan

Not the Hass Viol Man's Fault.

A capital story relating to good old times is still told in the Fen district of the eastern countles. As is well snown by many and even now remembered by some, a bass viol was often procured to help the choirs in parish churches.

One lovely Sunday morning in the summer while the parson was droning out his drowsy discourse and had about reached the middle a big bull managed o escape from his pasture and marched majestically down the road, bellowing defiantly as he came. The parson, who was somewhat deaf, heard the bull bellow but, mistaking the origin of the sound, gravely glanced toward the singers' seats and said in tones of reproof:

"I would thank the musicians not to tune up during service time. It annoys me very much.

As may well be imagined, the choir looked greatly surprised, but said noth-

Very soon, however, the belligerent bull gave another bellow, and then the aggrieved parson became desperately ndignant - Cassell's Magazine

A Social Ambiguity.

He had hoped to be asked to take her in to dinner, but to his great disap pointment that duty fell to somebody else. And so until the men arose to let the women file out he could only gaze at her from afar and be politely stupid to the woman next him. He had never met her before, but somebow they seemed to know each other very well by the time they had spoken a few words in the course of the short walt before the guests paired off on their way to the dining room. He didn't know what she thought of him, but he of the fembers shink on but I doubt it. knew that from his point of view she I should think me would seal up the was about right. And he was a man

The men seemed to him to linger over helr eights an interminable time. At ast they trooped to the drawing room

"How did you get along?" he asked. "To tell you the truth." she said frankly, and her frankness was charm ing. "I have been bared to death. Have

Yvs." he said: "Isn't it a pity," she remarked, "that we didn't get the chance to be bored in encb other's company?"-New York

Lost Her Match

Loren P. Merrill of Paris tells the p and hunted up the match and struck "Her husband turned an astonished it to see if it would light her kindlings n the morning -Lewiston (Me. Jour

Taken by surprise.

"Yes," replied Farmer Haycraft How d'ye know?"

The double letter is scarcely of use ... "When he was in here yesterday and a may language. Sometimes we are asked if there was any mail for the o t's, literal one. The double letter second later when he was turning soldern affects the pronunciation. Away I said: Hold up. There is one and it out be well to drop the letter for them. I noticed that when I die letter nitogether? It would said Hold up he threw up his hands

Caller Yes look like a good and Dr. Pili-That's the worst paying restricted got. Tell me-is your mis-family lever attended Dr. Pellet Yes: I once attended them but I never succeeded in getting

a penny out of them Dr Pill-Well I have had better light a pickel out of one of the studeen after it had nearly choked the

"You baren't much sympathy for the

request from your employees for sborter bours."

Bigg. Drive & Co.'s ahead of the this morning, and got enough a a perfectly elegant dress for \$1.88 Husband-Hoopin! You're sa What will it cost to get it made a Wife-Bout \$30.-New York We

THE LAST CHARGE

Trumpeter, blow on, terrific and thush Blow till thy bugle outring the wild Spare not the wounded that writhe an

der us, Drown in our ears all their piercing is

teady, dragoone! Get together your a Aim at the breast, for that make targe. Now let us fly like a whirlwind of hera

Ride like your forefathers! Trumpeter, sound me a dread note and

Blow to the end of thy desperate brans slow till the cry of it, clinging and to Call back the equations that me

death.
Close up, dragoons, and ride forward in
Trumpeter, blow me once more lode
This is not earth, but dead men, that a
They were your brothers once! Cara-

Trumpeter, sound a note tender and to

Wall for those lust to us, sob for our ry loud for vengeance! Oh, t too Rival the roar of the souls that have

tendy, dragoons! Ye are fifty that his Burst as a river bursts over its marge. Who first can fling his horse into their On, up and over them! Cavalry, chap - Thomas Tracy Bouve in McClure's h

RULED WITH A RO But the Rod Must Be Iron, t Redhot Tip.

"When all other methods of ling wild beasts fail the keeperb to employ an iron rod, which h made redbot at one end," said circus man to a Star reportera Lions and tigers," he continu cringe before the beated poker matter how restless and free may have been the sight of the ing iron immediately brings their best of animal senses. It almost bypnotic influence o beasts. I have seldom heard animal being burned in this ; however, so there is nothing the treatment. It would not de keeper to burn the charges m care, for the scars would a animal for exhibition purposes hot from is a terror, just the and under its persuasion the the jungle are doctle and reat-

what is wanted of them.

"In circus menageries the often become almost unman This is true of the younger spe who do not like the idea of y closely housed, so much hank and so often cut off from the the outside world. When it necessary to give their cages ough and sanitary cleaning, one ant holds the beast in a con means of the redhot fron w other thoroughly cleanses the ing portion of the cage, the wen accomplished by brooms and from the outside. In change wilder animals from the car ployed on the road to the larg more commodious quarters at a ter station, what we call a stm is used. The wagon is hauled side the large cage and the stee box, open at both ends, is consti passageway. The animal ben make the journey through suc picious looking object, howen again the heated iron must be

into play."- Washington Star. TOOK a Mean Advantage A supernumerary in Richard field's company who had been, Scotch phrase, continuously a tinually "heckled" by the man rehearsals and between the act leged displays of stupidity on the was informed that a near relahis had departed this life and h him a competence, so he dec leave the dramatic professions quote him, become respectable

leaving he determined to take venge on Mansfield for the atta his amour propre that gentless The play was "Richard III." super was one of the soldier led away the Duke of Buch when the king orders his demise In due time Richard remarks with his head!" and this was ! per's opportunity. Advancia touched his belimet in the size

footman and replied loudly and "That'll be attended to, of We'll take care of old Buck all right!" and retired gracefully

the infuriated Mansfield came commit murder, he found the ded.-Chicago Chronicle. Ouids and the Duchessa Lord Rathmore told a friend nce took Oulda in to dinner #

disappointed he was to find the novelist devoted herself to the rather than to intellectual refrest He sald at last in despair at only been able to get "Yes" and in answer to the different subje introduced: "I'm afraid I'm sint unfortunate in my choice of top there anything we could talk ab interest you?"

To which the chronicler of shortcomings replied: "There thing which would interest " much. Tell me about the duches have written about them all and never met one yet."

Why Cables Get Tired There has been some qu The Electrical Engineer, as to 13 son why certain cables lose the

ducting properties and have " instances to be replaced. A Frenchman has submitted a pa the subject to the Academie ences. In this paper he state when cables lose their electrical erties it is because they are s. used for one kind of current ther positive or negative. sometimes for positive and some for negative, they will, he state serve their conductive qualities initely. Experiments with nine running from Paris to Dijon & strated this, he says.

Not Wholly a Misfortust The Widow-Yes, Henry's designations to me, but I am thank one thing-he died before he con his patent perfected.

Sympathizing Friend-Pardos The Widow-You don't under Why, in that case, you know, money he had would have gone" or later. - Boston Transcript.

A Dress Bargain. Wife-Oh, such a bargain! In