By W. W. JACOBS.

"Don't you be a fool," said Larkins, affectionately parting him on the shoulder. "Cone into my place when you have time, and I'll put the gloves on with you a bit, and be careful what you eat, mind, else you'll undo all the

good I've done you." If it is possible for a man to expectorate sarcastically. Mr. Gubbs achieved that feat

"Only two cups of tea with your oreakfast." continued Larkins solemnly, "and no gravies for dinner, and I'll send you in one pint of old ale every day free gratis."

The tensity of Mr. Gubbs' features relaxed, and he smiled faintly as he rose and accompanied his friend back. Larkins saw him to his door and, after explaining fluently to Mrs. Gubbs that ner husband was training for a race, gave her explicit instructions as to his diet and departed.

it was a source of much joy to Mr. Larkins, though he was unable to persunde Gubbs to share in his feelings, that Turbut's trainer was satisfied with a less vigorous system for his man. He let Tarbut off with a cold sponging on rising, and, as Tarbut had his own ideas as to what constituted a cold sponging, both parties were well pleased with each other.

The lusinesslike nature of these proceedings was keenly appreclated by the inhabitants of the fishing quarter. Fights had happened before and doubtless would again, but they were mere rough and tumble affairs and over before any proper excitement could be whisked up. The purse had steadily mounted up to 35 shillings, and the betting varied from day to day

Each man had his knot of supporters. and enthusiasm had reached such a pitch that Gubbs, who was naturally of a retiring disposition, bad to take his matutinal tub before quite a circle of admirers. Opposition on the part of the ladies was balked by continuing to allude to the affair as a race, though Mrs. Gubbs, who got up one morning to see her man run, went home in a state of mird bordering upon stupefac-

An uneasy feeling was caused by the anxiety of the excellent Mr. Morgan to discover the time and place of meeting. No information was afforded him, and, as he had indignantly denied any intention of giving the alarm, the gentlemen interested were much exercised as to the reasons for his curiosity.

The battle was fixed for a Saturday evening, the two trainers, after much wordy warfare, having selected a site which Mr. Larkins insisted had been made purposely by nature with a view to affairs of the kind. Lofty cliffs hid it from view, and the ground itself consisted of turf so soft and spongy that Larkins predicted that Tarbut would sounce up from it like an India rubber ball. The performers expressed them selves as satisfied, though their regardlessness in the matter of thanks for the trouble which had been taken over the arrangements formed food for conversation for the trainers all the way

The boats got in early on Friday aft ermoon with their fish. The catch was small and soon disposed of, and then the attentive trainers, reserving them from admirers who were feeling their arms and putting leading ques tions as to their wind and state of mind, sent their men indoors with congive instructions as to how they were tospend the last evening Larkins officiously sent his man off for a short. sharp walk after his tea, and later, on going to the quay, found that Bullock had given his man the same instruc-

mind" said Larkins sternly to the group, "and let 'em 'ave un easy time glad and thankful there was nobody 'em." he added generously.

"Spoke like a Briton, Mr. Larkins," said an old fisherman.

"What I want is fair play and no fa vor," said Mr. Larkins. "It's to be r genuine sporting affair; no had blow or azything of that kind. After the little affair all what go to see it are welcome to one deink at my expense."

as far as the ground and back. Old Peter Morgan's gone down to

ind in huge boots. "I saw 'Im following of Tarbut"

The landlord of the Three Fishers started uneasily. "It's on my mind." he said, in a melancholy voice, "that had blessed old tectotaler'll have the Mr. Bullock and whispered in his car. thing stopped. He'll tell the police or something."

No he won't," said the old fisher man who had spoken before. "Me and with the accent of one making a point. Peter was boys together, and he's never done anything of that sort in his life. Before old Peter got religious there was nothing he liked better than to see a light or take part in one, either, and it's my opinion he'd like to see this one, only he don't like to say so."

"Well, he won't," said Larkins grim "It may be as you say, but we're not going to take any risks." Conversation became general and, in

view of the nearness of the event, and mated, but still the two gladiators fall ed to put in an appearance. "He's overdoing it, that's what he

is," said Mr. Larkins, referring to the ardent Gubbs. "You can 'ave a man too willing. He'll go and knock hisself

clattering over the stones, and, shading his eyes with his hands, gazed along the road. The other men, following his gaze, saw three men advancing laying y arm in arm toward them.

'li-li can't be old Morgan with 'em.'

said Mr Larkins. "It is, though," said the old fisher man, peering through serewed up eyes. They've made it up through old Peter; that's wot they've done. He's been

how there won't be no fight." chorus. savagely. "Ho! Won't there? don't think me and my friend Bullock you, inds?" here are going to slave three weeks for sothing, do you?"

There won't be no fight," repeated shook hands. All three of 'em as close together horror," concluded Mr. Morgan, beamthe old man "Look how loving they as sweethearts."

The advancing trio certainly bore out | targain, you should divide the purse the old man's words to the letter, Mr. Peter Morgan was in the center and appeared to be half embracing his companions

"Why, they can hardly walk," said Bullock "They've been too far." "Yes, that's what it is," said Larkins in a bollow voice "Seems to me." said the small boy

senef already.

The crowd, with bated breath, stepped out to meet them, Larkins and Bullock leading. It was evident that the two heroes were clinging to Mr. Morgan more for support than from any motives of affection, and it was no less evident that the lad's remark as to a bit of a scarf was capable of wide interpretation. In a few minutes both parties were face to face and the two trainers gazing at their charges speech-

less with indignation.
"Which is Gubbs?" demanded Larkins at last in an unnatural voice. The figure on Mr. Morgan's right arm managed to open an eye and to

twist its swollen lips into something intended for a smile. "What 'ave you been doing?" vocifer-

ated the incensed landlord. "Fighting," said Gubbs, speaking with ome difficulty. "It's all over now. It was a draw, and we're going to bulve

the money between us. "Oh, are you?" said Larkins bitterly. "Well, you won't have a dashed ha penny of it. What do you mean by it?

"I'll tell you all about it," said Mor gan, who was looking radiantly happy I saw Tarbut going up the read and followed him and talked to him, and by and by up comes Gubbs, and I talk ed to him. Then I found out what, of



The two heroes were clinging to Mr. Mor gan for support.

surse. I bloom in force, that all you mer very trying to induce these pine soul a kneck each other about for money, Mr. Larkins, choking helplessly, look sd sternly at Mr Morgan and point ing an instituating tinger at Tarbut's

"I urged 'em not to make such a bru tal show of themselves for money." continued Mr. Margan, "but they said is 'ow they would Gubbs said it would or the enslest 35 shiffings he'd ever carned, and Tarbut said it was him as was going to earn it. After a little talk of this kind. Gubbs here 'it Tarbut muck in the eye."

Tarbut gave a faint grean in con firmation: "Then they both started to peel," con

tinued Mr Morgan. "Why didn't you stop 'em?" Inquired the ex coast guard. "It was your duty as a Christian to stop 'em."

"I thought it was better for 'em to fight like that than to make a brutal exhibition of themselves," said Mr. Morgan with dignity. "It was a revolting spectacle, shocking, and I'm tomorrow in the boats; both of there but me to see em make such brute beasts of themselves."

A threatening murmur broke from the crowd.

"There in timt sweet, secluded spot," said Mr. Morgan, shaking his head, "these two men, stripped to the walst, knocked one another about for 15 founds. First food fell to Tarbut, he got in with his left on Gubbs' nose, It's time my man was back," said then Gubbs up with a fearful blow Bullock, looking up the road which led and knocked him flat. It was as clean over the cliffs. "I told him to go just a blow as I ever see. I took Tarbut on my knee. Poor fellow, he was doing wrong, but still he was suffering, and the place, too, I think," piped a small Peter Morgan's always got a knee for the sufferer. Second round he was more cautious and, watching his chance, clinched and fell with Gubbs under. It was a disgusting spectacle."

Mr. Larkins bent savagely over to "When time was called" - said Mr.

"Who called it?" inquired a voice, "I did." said Mr. Morgan; "there was uobody else. Both of 'em walked round ach other a bit, sparring and looking or openings. I think the third round was the iongest of all. Both of 'em cept getting in a lot of little knocks nd then dodging away again. Then farlest caught Gubbs one in the breast -bang in the wind-and then followed up on his jaw and knocked him down ignin It was a disgusting spectacle. "Must bu" heen." said a dejected

OUCE "After that there were 12 more ounds," continued the narrator, "Sometimes Tarbut had the best of it and samethus Gubbs. Both men were very determined and fought very fair. was good, solid, hard hitting, and The small boy came up, his big boots they were bruised all over before they'd Univisited. Once Guths give Tarbut & dow over the heart, and I thought be ouldn't get up to time

I wouldn't if you hadn't blowed waer jute my face out of that puddle, said Tartest

It was a most disgusting specially," al Mr. Peter Morgan burriedly. "Seems to no" - began turkins fero

musty Two him, strong mon, stripped to talking at 'em and getting at 'em, and the waist, hard as mills, konclying each ther about for money." said Mr. Mor. His disappointed auditors grouned in gan. They're never going to fight any "Won't there?" said Larkins more, I made em promise they would You not. They're good friends now. Ain's

ings of the bystanders the two men skill of Pyrrhus, the patience of Job,

ing on them, "I think that, as it was a perversity of her character."

they won't get a farthing of it." said Mr. Larkins explosively, "unless on like to give it to 'em out of your WHI DOWNERS

Asia yourself," said Mr. Larkins Slowly, "that they've 'ad a bit of a

Luow II, Mr. Peter Morgan.

Fear of the Dead

Few of the dead is instinctive in he exact reasons for that fear; whethfrom contemplation of the fallen temde alone or what not, it is sufficient but the fear exists.

Neither is this instinctive fear of the He is oblivious to all his surroundlead confined to man, I owned a horse lings and only shows animation when mee that could never be driven past a he is at his journey's end. dend horse. The animal exhibited all the signs of true fear.

on with weak nerves certainly might render him insane.

death and dead bodles there is someno man's nerves are proof against a grow weary in his well doing. fright 4 remember once, when I was denly the arm of the subject swung of my face. Years of training in the press. munity from superstition vanished in the jump that I gave.-Dr. John D. Quackenbos in New York World.

Watches That They Lend

"They are all alike," remarked a man coming out of a Woodward avenue watchmaker's, accompanied by a lady. "Who?" inquired his wife.

"Watchmakers." "How? "I thought other cities maybe weren't and wicked west, but they are and been published in La Nature. more so. I take my watch, which, as

son in a strange country the newspa- was the silver that gave the coins their pers would say, 'Judging from the interesting paleness watch found on the deceased, he must The coins of the c have come from New Jersey.' what I want to know is why don't had been taken out of the alloy. lewelers have 'substitute watches' to match their customers'? That is to say, let the customer's watch left for re-

to carry until he gets his own again." But his wife couldn't tell him to save her life.-Detroit Free Press.

Wanted to Bronden Him. Charles B. Hauford while playing in a Texas town was approached by a roung man in typical cowboy fashion,

who said: "Are you the manager of this play that comes tonight?" Mr. Hanford said he was:

"Do you want to hire a man to help "No. My company is complete." "Want to hire a man to help count

ioney?" "Want to hire a man to get out in the back of the theater and holler and ap

"Not this tour. The audiences are at tending to that very satisfactorily." "Want anybody for anything of earth?"

"Not that I think of at present." "Well, that's just our luck. We've got a man here who recites pieces in consideration of being treated. If he loesn't get treated, he'll hang around and make the barroom unpleasant for hours. We don't want to hurt him, for he's a good sort in the main. only knows three pieces-Mark Antony's oration, Hamlet's soliloguy and Rieuzi's address to the Romans. thought that if you could flatter his mind into the belief that he's a great genius and haul him around the counry two or three trips, so that he can se willing to make up a purse that would come mighty near making it worth while."- New York Telegram.

in Odd Coffin.

"The most remarkable coffin of which I ever heard," said a traveler was that of a very old Englishman who served in the French wars unde Lord Nelson and afterward went to Canada and settled, I think, in Vic toria, B. C. In his lelsure moments be constructed a model of the flagship Victory. It was eight feet long and had all the masts, sails, rigging and cunnous which Nelson's ship had old man took the greatest pride in t and in his last days used to watch for hours at a time. He was a very small man, and when he died some o his sailor friends lifted the deck off the Victory and had the inside upholster ed. Then they put the old man in and replaced the deck. At the funeral the Victory was lowered into the grave, with sails set and the flags flying. 1. don't suppose there was ever a more appropriate cottin than that."

A Difficult Wife.

An Englishman thus describes the

wife of his bosom in his will: "Heaven seems to have sent her into the world solely to drive me out of it The strength of Samson, the genius of With an atter disregard of the feet | Homer, the prudence of Augustine, the the philosophy of Socrates, the subtlety "And, though I regard nighting with of Hannibal, the vigilance of HermoTHE COMMUTER.

How He Spends His Hours of Daily

Railroad Traveling. much abused suburbanites, whom the cartoonists picture as com-Nor said Mr. Morgan opening his ing to the city every morning from "Lonesomehurst," "Lost Man's Lane," "Prunchurst by the Trelley" and other modly. "I should say if any man places with equally suggestive names, ad 35 shillings' worth of sport all are an interesting class of individsself you have, and, what's more, hals. The translent element of the tity's population spends several hours The peneruniter sighed and turning, Ivery day whirling over the railroads, his charges gently away. The crowd When the novelty of these daily bits to hed there as far as the Three Fish of railroading has passed into the and observing that they detached monotony of years of travel through themselves by force from their guide the same country the commuter has Louis, where he remained in solitary and the his emocred the road and full learned to make the best of the time he spends on the train. The "card fiend" is a prominent fig-ure in this class. Both morning and

evening four or five games of cards man There is no doubt about that, are going on in every smoking car, and I do not profess to be able to enter into it is safe to say that thousands of dolfars change hands in this "innocent er it be that man instinctively recoils amusement" while the players are hurrying to or from business Next to the "card sharp" is the man who only enjoys his elgar and paper.

Many of the policies and plans of some of this city's most successful Fear coupled with shock can produce business men have been bern or deusualty. I do not think that the read veloped on these trains. The short son of a normal man would be unseat- resplie between the bustle of the city ed if he were locked up alone with a and the cares of home life is to this orper for many hours, though a per- type of man a season for meditation. Another interesting commuter is the

be so affected. If a man discovered individual who is on good terms with that I - sweetheart had died suddenly all his fellows. He travels up and while alone with him, the shock might down through the ear exercising his repertory of latest jokes or sympa-Even to those most familiar with thizing with some gloomy looking friend who thinks that all the world thing awe inspiring about a corpse, and is against him. He seems to never

The train life of the commuter is now alone in the dissecting room at night, and then enlivened by wrecks. Though the hand of the subject upon which I tossed about and sometimes cut and was cagaged became loosened. I did bruised, he generally escapes serious not notice what had happened. Sud. injury. Such experiences as these he onsiders the spice and coloring of his around and the hand struck the side existence.- New York Mail and Ex-

COLOR OF GOLD COINS.

Reasons For Differences In Tint of

Coins of French Mintage. Some time ago a Frenchman placed French mintage of the beginning, mid-dle and end of the last century. He and connect with the plate. By pressure differed in color. He set about finding the electric current may be established. out the reasons for this difference, and quite like our small town in the wild the results of his investigations have The loaded dice can thereby be manip-

There is a paleness about the yellow you know, is a fine gold one, full jewel- of the 10 and 20 franc pleces which ed, costing \$100, in to have a few repairs, much or little, as may be, and the boss timekeeper gives me an old the goldpleces of later mintage. One amount and sizes of wire or ampere battered tin watch to carry in its place admirer of these coins speaks of their that makes me ashamed to look into color as a "beautiful paleness" and exthe face of a reputable watch for presses regret that it is lacking in later weeks. In addition it excites suspicion coins. The explanation of it is very in the minds of my nearest friends simple. The alloy that entered into the when they see me take it out, and if I French gold coins of those days conshould die with that watch on my per- tained as much silver as copper, and it

> The coins of the era of Napoleon III were more golden in hue. The silver

The gold coins of today have a still warmer and deeper tinge of yellow. This is because the Paris mint, as well pairs determine the kind of watch he Is as that in London, melts the gold and the copper alloy in hemoetically scaled boxes, which prevents the copper from being somewhat blenched, as it always is when it is attacked by hot air. So the present coins have the full warmnose of that that a

If the coins of today are not so hand some in the opinion of amazeur collectors as those issued by the first Napoleon, they are superior to those of elther of the Napoleons in the fact that It costs less to make them. The double operation of the oxidation of the copper and cleaning it off the surface of the roin with acids is no longer employed, and the large elimination of copper from the surface of the coins, formerly practiced, made them less resistant under wear and tear than are the coins now in circulation.

Interviewer-Alderman Swelhed, I ing to the belief that certain species have come to get your views on the those insects are responsible for t proposed change in the currienton of the grammar school.

Alderman Sweihed - Curriculum!

Alderman Swelhed reading the re port of the interviewer next morning; nearly side by side in Connecticut by "Our distinguished townsman, Mr. M. T. Swelhed, was found at his charming home, surrounded by abundant indication of ripe scholarship and sturdy common sense. In reply to our reporter's question he said.

"I do not desire to force my opin ions upon the public, but this I will say, that I have given to this question earn a few new pieces from you, we'd long and studious attention, incidentally examining into the curricula of institutions of learning both at home and abroad, and, although I find in the existing course of study not a few mutters for condemnation, still, upon the whole, I cannot say that I should advise any radical change until I have further time to examine into the subject."

"By George, that feller's got my exact language, word for word! And he didn't take no notes neither! By George, what a memory that feller must have?"-Tit Bits.

Don't Be Sparing of Your Love.

The power of love is one of the greatest gifts to humanity. It generates the sunshine of the moral universe, with out which life would be a desert waste Use this divine power without stint. Be prodigal of your love. Let it radiate freely. It will brighten the dark places. It will gladden the sorrowing. It will lift you above the petty, grind ing cares that so soon corrode the mind and sap the energies. It is the golden key that will admit you to the palace of the true life.-Success.

Missed the Name. Guest of the Doctor's (late hom

from the theater)-Hurry up, old chap, and let me in-Absentminded Doctor (who has for gotten all about his visitor)-Who are

you? Guest-Mr. Trane. Well, eatch the next.-London Fun. WAR BUREAU FRICTION.

General Miles is not the first occupant of his position to be at odds with the head of the war department. Indeed it is a tradition that there should be irreconcilable differences of opinion between the secretary of war and the general commanding the army. When Sherman was in charge of army headquarters, the conflict of authority became so acute that the doughty hero of the march to the sea, driven to desperation by the slights he felt were put upon bim, packed up his belongings and moved the army headquarters bodily from Washington to St. splendor during all the later years of his incumbency. Sheridan was as unfortunate as his predecessor in his relations with the secretary of war. He was not quite testy enough to allow himself to be driven from Washington, but there were continual clashes between him and Secretaries Lincoln and Endicott down almost to the day of his death. Schofield was able to get along with his civilian superiors without friction. He had tact in abundance and was a born diplomat. Nothing else could have saved him. He alone of all the officers recently in command of the army had understood the true relations of the general commanding with the secretary of war. He appreclated the fact that the command ing general was, after all, subject to the orders of the secretary of war and was to all intents a chief of staff, whose duty it was to see that those orders were carried into effect. Sherman and Sheridan were never able to adjust themselves to this relationship. They were soldiers and nothing else. Accustemed to command and to have their orders obeyed without question, it irritated them and augered them that a mere civilian untrained in the practice of war should be in a position to overrule their judgment in matters relating to a profession to which they had devoted their lives .- L. A. Coolidge in

An Invention to Encilitate Chesting. We are in receipt of a communica tion from a correspondent in the city of Boone, In., who sends \$5 and some sketches of a table be is building, evidently intended for some gambling establishment in that town. A plate of soft iron is located about the middle ogether a number of gold coins of of the heard under the cloth, and elecwas much surprised to see that they of the foot or by some similar means and the plate becomes magnetized ulated at the will of the operator. The correspondent had had some difficulty in carrying out his plans successfully turns and size and shape of magnets necessary.

We have returned the amount of the bribe offered and take this opportunity of informing him that we do not care to become an accessory in his erime. Scientific American.

New York Railroads. If anything were wanting to make the people of New York realize that they live indeed in an empire state, the last report of the state board of railroad commissioners would supply it. The gross earnings last year of the steam railroads reporting to the state amounted to \$247,000,000. Only three nations in the world possess railroads earning so much yearly. France, Great Britain and Germany are the the spotter. Men employed in this line three, and there is not much differ- get good pay as high as \$10 a dayto between the gross earnings of all the railroads in France and the earn ings of the railways which report to the state of New York. The earnings of the rallways in Austria are about one-half that amount, and Italy can show only \$50,627,195 as the earnings of her railways against New York's \$247,000,000. The earnings of the railways of Russia, including the transcaspian lines and the Finland lines. amount to nearly \$40,000,000 less than

Fish Enemies to Mosquitoes.

those of New York state.-New York

Now that special efforts are being made to exterminate mosquitoes, ov spread of malaria, the fact that sma fish are great destroyers of mosquite larvæ assumes increased interest. This What's that? I'm ag'in it, whatever it fact is vouched for by Dr. L. O. Howard of the department of agriculture He tells of two small lakes formed an invasion of the sea, one of which contained half a dozen small fish. while the other was fishless. Subsequent examination revealed tens of thousands of mosquito larvae in the fishless lake, but the other contained

not one .- Youth's Companion

Wisconsin's Trade School An educational department in Wis onsin next summer will be the open ng of a summer school for apprentices and artisans at the State university. It will be for the benefit of machinists. carpenters or sheet metal workers, stalonary, marine or locomotive engiicers, shop firemen and superintendents, superintendents of waterworks, electric light plants, power stations. actories, large office and store buildings in cities and for the young men who wish to qualify themselves for such places.

The Survival of Bicycling.

Bicycling as a fad has disappeared. he monkey back scorehers are a thing f the past. The century run has retired into history. The riders of today ere those who believe in rational exerfre and those who use the bleycle as a casure of economy in the direction of aving car fare. The bleyele craze has saded, but there will continue to be riders just the same. - Savannah News.

How She Did It. "So she refused you?"

"That's the impression I received." "Didn't she actually say no?" "No, she didn't. All she said was 'Ha, ha, ha!' "- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

At Whakarewarewa, New Zealand, there are geysers, but springs, boiling pools, mud volcanoes and hot waterfalls.

Santa Claus is unknown in Spain Doctor-Missed a train, have you? The three Magi are supposed to be the children's gift bringers.



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With little kisses I shut your even I would not have them seeing and wise.
For, could I choose, I would have you be.
Blind ever, as now, when you look on me.

KISSES.

stead. To keep your thought of me ever kind.
As now, when your darling eyes are blind, In each of your hands I shut a kiss.

A wreath of kisses to crown your head, That the whole world's crown should adory to

Do you feet how soft and little it is? So hold it gently that it may live. Lest your hands ask more than my hands can give A kiss for an earring in each dear ear.

And now when I speak you can only hear.

The heart of my heart's heart laugh and cry.

Not the foolish words it is stifled by A kiss on your mouth, and it bears no charm A kins on you to good, to keep you from harm;
It has no mission, yet let it be;
The rest were for you, but this is for me!
- Pall Mall Gazette.

UNCLE SAM'S SPOTTERS. Especially the Man In Europe Who

Looks Out For Smugglers. "Uncle Sam's large and well organ-ized secret service," says S. H. Adams Café Bland in Ainslee's, "is made up mostly of men who come properly under the Originated. head of detectives with police powers but it has its class of bona fide spot ters, whose entire duty it is to ingrati ate themselves with persons suspected of having designs to evade the custom house duties and to warn the baggage inspectors at this end of the impend ing swindle.

"In cleverness, address and adapta bility the secret service spotter is eastly at the head of his profession and even ranks with the trained experts of the European diplomatic corps. It is essential that he should be a man of the world, for he must associate with all kinds of people on equal terms. He has no fixed abode, but lives in various European capitals when he is not on shipboard, where he is much of the time. He must never let himself

be in the slightest degree suspected. "There is always a number of these agents in Paris, because of the great American trade there. They live at the fushionable hotels and live the life apparently of flaneurs and boulevardiers. In all lines of trade that concern dutiable goods they are experts, and no large purchase by an American in Café Bland Coffee Co. Paris is unknown to them. Their cir cle of acquaintance is enormous, but nobody knows them for what they are. In one way or another they contrive to make the acquaintance of any person whom they suspect and unostenta tiously but unremittingly trail him.

'Many a time some man who has made a heavy purchase of diamonds or laces and so disposed them that he felt sure of being able to get them through the port undiscovered has been passed on the dock by a chance acquaintance of the voyage over who. unseen, presses a little note into the hand of the customs inspector. That note tells all that the wily smuggler would wish to keep secret, and his baggage is mercilessly ransacked until the hidden articles are brought to light. He has been followed over by but it costs them much to live in the manner in which they must main

tain themselves."

Allowed Plenty of Time. Speaking of the late William Travers leads me to remark that, so far as I am personally aware, only one of the classic stuttering stories about him is actually true. I had the honor and happiness to reside at Newport for a year or so once, and at the time Mr. Travers was a summer resident there. He certainly stuttered a good deal, but be did not go around babitually discharging staccato witticisms at the world, as you might suppose he did from all the stories you hear. But the audience was very attentive. After a

Travers was at a garden party one

Travers took out his watch, wabbled his mouth awhile, blinked and finally said, "It'll be a a s s six o'c e e e clock by the time I can say it?"

It really lacked five minutes of 6 when he began - Boston Transcript.

Sunny Rooms.

It is said to be true that in all hospi tals those rooms facing the sun have fewer deaths, other things being equal. than those which are on the shady side of the house. Likewise statistics, where they have been kept, prove that the average time for a recovery is much less in a sunny room than in a shady one From these facts and from the fact that the tendency toward illness has proved greater on the shady side of buildings, like prisons and asylums. II follows that light is second only in the portance to fresh air. A dark room is nearly but not quite so had as a close room. In the case of alckness the sickroom should be the sunniest one the house affords.

Egotistic. "Isn't there a great deal of egotism

among actors?" asked the young wom "I am sorry to say there is," answer ed Stormington Barnes. "Why, I have met no less than three actors

thought they could play Hamlet as well as I do?"-Washington Star. The victoria trass.

The A eteria cross measures one inch and two fifthe square. The actual weight of the metal is 434 grains, just Big grains less than an onner. Its intrinsle value is a penny, and it is illegal in Great Britain for a pawnbroker to accept it as a pledge under any cir

Well Enough.

"Didn't I tell you to let well enough alone?" said the doctor to the convalesent who had disobeyed and was suf

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> audience to go out. "He probably had been speaking about 15 minutes. The audience pass ed out, many of them in tears. It was one of the most pathetle sights I ever witnessed."

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choked voice called out from beneath: "What be you a doin to my 'at?" "Be there now a chap under'n?" exclaimed the traveler. "Ees, I reckon, and a hoss under me

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