out for hundreds upon hundreds of

At the oid fashioned farmhouses in the dales of Yorkshire peat is still burned. The fuel is obtained from the noors, and stacks of it are kept by the farmers in their stack garths.

The country roundabout is noted for its "girdle cakes," which are made from dough baked in quaint pans suspended over the peat fires.

These fires are kept glowing from generation to generation, and the son warms himself at the fire which warmed his sire and his grandsire and his grandsire's sire and which will warm his son and his son's son.

There is a fire at Castleton, in the Whithy district, which has been burning for over 200 years. The record probably is held by a farmhouse at Osmotherby, in the same district. This fire has been burning for 500 years, and there are records to show that it has not been out during the last 300 vears.

Could Not Pass the Examination. A southern woman speaks with pride of the many years of faithful, loving service rendered by her dusky house keeper. Not only is "Aunt Ca'line valued for her executive ability, but her judgment is so wise in most cases that her mistress has come to depend greatly upon her opinion in certain

"Do you think James would be a good man for us to take up into the mountains with us this summer. Aunt Ca'line?" she asked one day, referring to a handsome young darky who had been for six weeks in her employ.

Aunt Ca'line folded her arms and assumed her most judicial aspect. "Missy Kate," she said firmly, "I done watch dat boy eber since he come hyer, an' I done test him. When I tested him in de case ob de spring bed I foun' out dat when it come to liftin' dat boy was all take hold an' mighty little raise, Missy Kate, an' dat's a pore sign ob character, in my opinions.

Like Any Other Man.

The following story is told in refer ence to Mr. Lowell's second marriage: At the time when rumors of the event became current among his friends one of them, a stanch admirer of the first Mrs. Lowell and a firm believer in her husband's permanent widowerhood, took it upon herself to deny the gossip every time it met her. Finally, however, the announcement came to her from such extremely good authority that her faith was shaken.

She wrote frankly to Mr. Lowell that she had heard the reports and persistently denied them, but now began to doubt her right to do so. She begged him to let her know the true state of affairs, whether she was to believe him a never-to-be-consoled husband or, after all, "just like any other man."

The answer was prompt and brief: "Dear Madam-Yours, like any other

They Don't Like Rain.

There's a queer thing about Italian laborers," said a contractor who employs a great many of them, "and that is that they absolutely refuse to work n the rain. Stop a minute and think Did you ever see a gang of them work ing in the streets, digging trenches or doing any other manual labor in the rain? Well, you never did and probably never will. Just as soon as a show er sets in, no matter how slight, they will scramble for cover. If the rain continues, they will soon complain of feeling sick and knock off for the day. One fellow will have a sore throat, another will be doubled up with pains in his stomach, and others will suddenly acquire severe allments of all sorts It is useless to attempt to do anything with them, and pretty soon they will all go trooping home." - Philadelphia

Living Indelible Ink. If the shell of the Purpura lapillus be broken there is seen on the back of the animal, just under the skin, a slender, whitish vein which contains a yellow liquor. When this liquor is applied to linen with a small brush and exposed to the sun it becomes successively green, blue and purple, and finally settles into a brilliant unchangeable crimson. Housewives of New England have growing abundantly on the seaside rocks in their neighborhoods little living bottles of indelible ink, not to be excelled in beauty or durability by any manufactured product, since neither acid nor alcohol will affect this juice of the whelk.

Missed a Good Dinner.

A doctor living in a certain country town was notoriously fond of good liv ing. He had accepted an invitation to dine with friends, but as he climbed their steps he smelt venison cooking in the kitchen next door.

The neighbors being also his friend he resolved to drop in on them unex pectedly to partake of the venison They pressed him to share their in formal dinner, but when he refused both soup and fish his host began to apologize for the simple fare.

The doctor then confessed that he was waiting for the venison, which he had smelt as he came in.

"Oh, that venison," said his enter tainer, "we were roasting to oblige our neighbors, who have a dinner party next door."-London Answers.

The Rib.

The Living Church quotes this from a Connecticut woman's diary, dated 1790: "We had roast pork for dinner, and Dr. S., who carved, held up a rib on his fork and said, 'Here, ladies, is what Mother Eve was made of.' 'Yes.' said Sister Patty, 'and it's from very much the same kind of critter."

Bingo Bingo-I'm going to bring my wife round to call on you tonight. Winterby-That's right; but do me a favor, old man. Don't let her wear her new dress. I don't want my wife to see it just now.

Bingo (grimly)-Why, that's what we are coming for.

Mutual Surprise

She-When I married you, I had no Idea that you would stay away from guests, every bit as appreciative of the He-Well, neither had I.-Life,

## POLLY LARKIN

With the month of June comes the pending on something afar off for pleasflight of the summer sojourners to more ure, wrecks the present for us. Still we pleasant localities than the wind-swept go blindly on, regretting the past and regions of San Francisco. There is peering into the future. To-day the debustling around and packing, the study sire of our heart may be granted. The of guide-books and time-tables, the rush friends we love are with us, the day is for trains and the pleasant journey for perfect, dull care has taken wings, and the Mecca they have selected to pass a there is a ring of pure joy in everyone's few weeks away from the din and noise, voice. But this is not enough. Sudaway from the confusion and dust, for- denly the little cloud of discontent apgetting the duties and cares that bind pears. It is not to-day, but the future them for the remainder of the year. we are looking forward to, some event Artists and photographers, students of that must transpire before we can be many languages as well as the many perfectly satisfied. We are not connterested in that delightful study, tented. But I hear you say, "we must botany, and whole searching parties look into the future or we would lose for subjects for their natural history, all our ambition; we would become and in the woods and valleys of Califor- rusty and back-numbers, in fact mere nia they can find enough in a sin- nonothings." Yes, I admit that, but was any necessity a woman could gle summer's jaunt to fill a menagerie. in looking into the future we do not scratch the ground successfully with a The other day I met a little lady all have to forget that we have something hairpin now. In fact, there is no work ready for a trip to the country, and to be thankful for to-day. Make the or play in which something may not she had paraphernalia enough for two. most of the happiness and mercies that She was after bugs and butterflies and have fallen to your portion. Let there the like for some institution East, be a song of gladness in your heart that they sending her some place every sum- will show to those around you that you to. With the hairpin all that is do-able country traversed by the California laughter of children and the merry jest Northwestern Railway. Here Polly of the fun-loving friends, who believe life in enjoying the magnificent scenery throw off a great deal of this gloomy ten a door, hang up a plate or picture, and noting the objects of interest many foreboding by exerting a little willand varied along this same road? I as- power and cultivating it, too, and by the golden-rod came out to "light her in imparting it to others, causing all roof, turn over a flapjack, calk a hole lamps along the road" and the frost the soothing restful feeling to take in a pair of trousers, stir batter, whip kissed the finger tips of autumn caus- wings. We owe it to ourselves as well ing the leaves to blush crimson and as to others to get all the enjoyment we curn russet and gold. She would find can out of the present. herself in the land of hops and the fields merry with the pickers as they gathered the dainty emerald cones. Here ished by the California Northwestern Fish Hatchery.

win them not only praise, but money."

Here was my opportunity again to get

in a word, and I had something to say

of interest to the artists. "That re-

minds me" (this phrase always seems

necessary to hold the interest until you

can launch upon your theme and gives

that you be given a hearing)-"that

reminds me," I continued, "that there

is an artist who has recently arrived

and dashing itself into foam as it tum-

until I return to my own country and

go there and camp until bad weather

but be didn't give me an opportunity,

for he walked out of the room evidently

doubtless find many art students and

amateur photographers during his sum-

year. He will find also that this sec-

beauty and wealth of scenery as this

artist from the old country.

drives them home?"

"Cyuthia B-": Your letter in the she would find the streams teeming query-box was laid over last week for small for them, fix a horse's harness, with brook trout, planted and replen- lack of space. Many times these queries restore damaged mechanical toys, wrescome in at the last moment and the de- tle with refractory beer stoppers, imlay must follow in answering them. provise suspenders, shovel bonbons, in-However, they will never go unan- spect gas burners, saw cake, jab swered. You want to know how to go about slipping plants that are difficult and eyes; sew, knit and darn, button "From your description it is a place to live in, work in and die in," she into root by using a grain of wheat. This terrupted, "and I shall go prepared to is the way a well-known florist told do what she wants to. She needs no tay all summer, and possibly fall or Polly, and he managed to slip many of other instrument. until the rain drives me out of this parhis cuttings from roses, etc. Cut the If a woman went into the Robinson adise. I shall not be alone, for I have two buds to bury in the ground. Slit make her a coat of the skin of a goat two or three artists who are to go with me, and we expect to pitch our tent by the slip to the first bud with a very by means of the hairpin. She will revsome of your trout streams and then sharp knife and insert the grain of olutionize surgery with it in time. wheat. Plant in a sandy mold and doing the best they can, but it is not practical lesson appears to be this; If commence to live. These art students are as enthusiastic as I am over this keep very moist. This florist said he to be believed that they have mastered summer outing, and they expect to scarcely ever lost a slip when he tried the full mystery of the hairpin. show some canvases this year that will this plan and usually got strong, healthy

Do you ever realize how much hap-

piness and contentment we lose day by

plants. "Dotty Dimple" wants to know why we can't have a "Foxy Grandpa," or something like that in this paper. Well, dear little "Dotty Dimple," your query got in the wrong box. The editor of of way and common courtesy demands question for you.

## BRIEF REVIEW.

Vagetarianism and Divorce.

from the old country and who has grown gray while he mixed his colors and wielded his brushes as he portrayed the scenes that thrilled one in the pic- Mrs. Louise Koss a divorce from Theodore Koss, a Grove-street seed merchant turesque Alps, the lights and shadows on the ground of cruel treatment, the of London life, the studies that he made in gay Paris in his rooms in the stu-defendant having withdrawn his answer and permitted the case to go by dedents' quarter and the sublime coloring fault. One of the charges involved in de Sevigne. of the copies he made from the old masthis case is the husband's insistance ters, has just returned from a few weeks spent in the hills and valleys and the that his wife should live the life of a fern-clad canyons of the vicinity of the vegetarian. "My husband objected se-California Northwestern Railway. 'I riously to my eating meat," said Mrs. am going back to spend weeks,' he Koss, and when I went out to visit any said. 'What is the matter with your friends, sometimes to see my own famartists who can never rest until they ily, he suspected that I would eat meat have crossed over into the old world? while I was away. He insisted on my morning at daylight because they had This is a grand country for the man getting home at 7 o'clock, under the no bathtub in the White House, and who is a true lover of art and they have penalty of being locked out. I was no one ever pulled a kodak on him. the richest of fields for their labor right | never home later than 8 o'clock, and I | President Taylor used to walk about at their door you might say. Look at was locked out two or three times. I was the town and stop and chat with every your Russian river, now creeping along not a believer in vegetarianism.

Uses of Sunflower-Seed Oil.

like some silver ribbon, then plunging Cottonseed oil according to the State bles madly over its rocky bed between ts verdure-clad banks. The sky is as Department reports, is soon to find a other president set up in the east room blue as forget-me-nots, and the scene is rival in oil from the seed of the sun- a six hundred pound cheese and inconstantly changing. You don't have flower. Experiments made by German eternal spring with the velvety car- chemists have convinced them, it seems pet strewn with the first wild flowers, of the availability of this cheap raw mabu there comes a change from this terial, and it may become a valuable verdant green to the sunburned hills article of commerce. It is said to be with its lights and shadows; then comes | convertable to many uses, and, besides your fall with its russet and gold, tints having possibilites as a lamp oil, may and autumnal colors. This is a grand be used for dying and cleaning purposcountry, and you don't know it. Wait es and will be of service in soap making.

A phase of the tornado's record is the show the pictures I have painted under your California skies, and you will hear list of lives and property destroyed. the people rave over them. Here you During eight years of the past decade would say, 'how natural,' and that the property loss from this cause has would end it. I want no richer field amounted to nearly \$30,000,000, disthan this region I am going into. What tributed over some thirty states of the is the matter with your camera clubs Union, and during the same time bethat they have not discovered this in- tween two and three thousand people exhaustible source of picturesque and have been killed by these atmospheric magnificent scenery? Why don't they outbursts.

Recent investigations made by the Department of Agriculture show that mushrooms are about equal to potatoes Right here I could have told him in the element of nutrition that goes to that this part of the country would be make flesh and blood, but that, on the dotted with amateur photographers as other hand, they do not hold much of well as by several experts who had the fuel stuff required to keep the body made a study of this lovely pastime, machine running.

Hume spent fifteen years in collectdisgusted with the Californian's lack of | ing materials and writing his "History appreciation of the land beautiful. Here of England," and two years more in rehe was mistaken, however, for he will vising and correcting it.

A bad beginning makes a good endmer's sojourn in the vicinity of the ing sometimes, but more often it makes California Northwestern Railway this a very quick ending.

tion will be filled with campers, and Don't cultivate making enemies; it the comfortable farm-houses and the isn't pleasant to pass men you don't different resorts will be teeming with want to speak to.

> The face of a child is a living story of lits home.

THE HUMBLE HAIRPIN. You Thought You Knew Its Many

day by our failure to enjoy the present. Uses, but There Are Others. We are not sure of to-morrow, then The comprehensive merits of the why not enjoy to-day? This forever hairpin are known to all observant and a day looking into the future for men. Its special value in surgery is the realization of our hopes and deasserted by a writer in American Medcine. It seems that a surgeon can do almost anything with a hairpin. He can wire bones with it, probe and close wounds, pin bandages, compress blood vessels, use it "to remove foreign bodles from any natural passage" and "as a curette for scraping away soft material." And no doubt the women doctors can do a great deal more with that most gifted and versatile of human implements. Anthropologists have never done justice to the hairpin. It keeps civilization together. In the hands of girls entirely great it is much mightier than the sword or, for that matter, the plow. What is the plow but a development of the forked stick, and what is the forked stick but a modification of the hairpin? If there

be accomplished by means of it.

Dullards will tell you that women aren't so inventive as men; don't take out so many patents. They don't have mer. She was inquiring all about the are in tune with the song of birds, the can be done. With a hairpin a woman can pick a lock, pull a cork, peel an apple, draw out a nail, beat an egg, see was right at home, for haven't I spent that there is a time to be sad, but this if a joint of meat is done, do up a baby, some of the most delightful hours of my day is not one of the times. We can sharpen a pencil, dig out a sliver, fasopen a can, take up a carpet, repair a baby carriage, clean a lamp chimney, put up a curtain, rake a grate fire, cut sured her that she would have to go no this same will-power we can curb to a a pie, make a fork, a fishhook, an awl, further than this favored section of great extent t e restless spirit that is a gimlet or a chisel, a paper cutter, a country and that she would find herself chafing at something all the time until clothespin, regulate a range, tinker a lingering with her chosen work when we are a bundle of nerves and succeed sewing machine, stop a leak in the cream, reduce the pressure in the gas meter, keep bills and receipts on file spread butter, cut patterns, tighten windows, clean a watch, untie a knot, varnish floors, do practical plumbing reduce the asthma of tobacco pipes pry shirt studs into buttonholes too tramps, produce artificial buttons, hooks gloves and shoes, put up awnings, doctor an automobile. In short, she can

Meanwhile the male chirurgeons are

When Women Were Extravagant. Such a hue and cry as is raised about the extravagance of the women of our in a dress of velvet embroidered with gold, which is said to have cost no less in India by Lord Curzon for the sons of than \$1,500. Marie de' Medicis had a gown sown with 32,000 pearls and cheerfully expended more than their incomes on gowns so laden with prescarcely move about in them. Mme. de Montespan, the beauty who reigned Judge Halsey of Milwaukee, granted at the court of Louis XIV., wore at one great court festivel "a gown of stitched with a certain gold which makes the most divine stuff that has ever been imagined," according to the panegyrics written by the pen of Mme. struction.

Old Times at the Capital.

In recalling the lively and picturesque incidents which the old timers enjoyed in Washington one is moved almost to tears over the commonplace nature of his own times. John Adams used to bathe in the Potomac every one he met, like a policeman. A reception in the White House in these days is relieved of monotony only by the great crush of guests, who trample the clothes off one another's backs. An-Itself, which the multitude proceeded to do.

The Orang Outang.

It is a most interesting sight to watch an orang outang make its way through the jungle. It walks slowly along the larger branches in a semierect attitude, this being apparently caused by the length of its arms and the shortness of its legs. It invariably selects those branches which intermingle with those of a neighboring tree, on approaching which it stretches out its long arms, and, grasping the boughs opposite, seems first to shake them as if to test their strength, and then deliberately swings itself across to the next branch, which it walks along as before. It does not jump or spring as monkeys usually do, and never appears to hurry itself unless some real danger presents. Yet in spite of its apparently slow movements it gets along far quicker than a person running through

fie Reasoned Wrong.

"It's all knowing how to reason," in a sorrowful way. "I owned a house and lot in a town

a church right on the line. I reasoned | the central west. it out that the place was spoiled, and when I was offered three-fifths of its former value I made haste to close the deal. I patted myself on the back over that bit of good luck."

"And wasn't it good luck?" "Not a bit of it. I'm a clean thousand dollars out of pocket for reasoning hind end to. The chap who bought my place had twin babies, a piano, a fiddle and a barking dog, and the congregation hadn't occupied that church over four Sundays when it raised a purse and bought him out for twice the value of the place."-Boston Globe. ord.

FACTS IN FEW LINES NEW SHORT STORIES WASHINGTON LETTER

Women are now adopting mice as

Natal was annexed by the British fifty-nine years ago. Onions are a preventive and often-

times a cure for malarial fever. U. S. Jackson of Boston has invented a device to secure privacy on the tele-

The Brazilian coast city of Bahia has about 200,000 inhabitants, who live in 17,000 houses.

Since the art of abbreviation is per fected in America dealers in pineapples call 'em pines. Lead deposits have been found in

Sinking valley, Lycoming county, Pa., and will be developed. The Netherlands rank in importance second only to Great Britain as a mar ket for American flour.

Philadelphia now boasts a Wayfar ers' lodge, where the hungry may get food in exchange for work.

Chicago city council is contemplating the establishing of nine small parks for the benefit of the "no-room-to-live"

The Bulletin des Halles of Paris estimates the number of horses in the world at 74,600,000 and the number of nules and asses at 12,100,000. A philanthropic society in Philadel-

phia peddles ice in the summer to the poor at a cent for several pounds and pure sterilized milk at a cent a bottle. A church is to be erected at Alder shot. England, in memory of the Ro man Catholic soldiers-mainly Irishmen-who lost their lives in South Af

rica. Telephone wires have been strung through the San Gabriel forest reserve, California, for the purpose of warning the rangers of the presence of forest

From the census of 1890 the United States department of agriculture esti mated that we had within our bor ders 5,500,000 trotting bred or roadster horses.

If one were to swallow a bee or a wasp while eating fruit and the little beastie were to sting one in the throat decidedly the best thing to do is to eat a small onion. The Midland Counties (England)

Trades federation has voiced its opin ion that if works were started with the money that would in the usual way be spent in strikes there would be n strikes to spend money on. The cereals (wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley) raised in the United States during the post five years represent

value to the farmer of \$6,250,000,000. slip to such a length that you will have Crusoe line, she could build a hut and or an increase of nearly \$1,000,000,000 over the preceding five years. Intemperance in anything brings its own punishment by lessening the pleasure that thing can afford. One

a favorite odor or flavor is no longer fully appreciated, it should be foregone altogether for a period. "Mounted on jet black chargers, with snow leopard skins on their saddles they are one of the smartest troops in day, and yet at the court of St. James, India," writes a correspondent describing the Imperial Cadet corps, organized

native princes. the impression that you have the right your paper will have to answer that 3,000 diamonds, and her example was ture of an ordinance regarding spitting orthodox of the lower class: "One dark In Lisbon, Portugal, a peculiar feafollowed by lesser personages, who in public conveyances is that the fine night as he walked along a footpath s to be imposed on the conductor, who is held responsible unless he can prove frame fell and stuck fast in the mud clous stones that their wearers could that he has informed the police of the infraction of the rule.

The Spanish Society of Dramatic and Musical Authors has infimated to the Spanish government that it will not gold on gold and over that gold frieze allow any of its plays or dramas to be performed at Madrid unless the government grants a subsidy to the new national theater now in course of con

> No hurtful microbes were found in the air of the house of commons when it was analyzed. The fact was established, however, that the atmosphere of the chamber was too rarefied and dead. These defects, due to the methods of filtration and ventilation, are to be remedied.

The Paris Academie des Sciences is examining a remarkable theory to the effect that the key to human stature lies in the gland situated in the throat under the larvax. By artificially stimulating this gland it is claimed that any child can be made to grow to maximum height.

Boston is a shade more foreign than Chicago. It has 35.1 per cent of foreign born, while Chicago has only 34.6 per cent. But New York is more forvited the multitude to come in and help eign than either. The percentage of foreign born is 37 per cent. These three run a close race for the lead. San Francisco comes in with 31.2 per cent.

A device invented by Karl Froscheck for preventing people being run over when knocked down by an electric tramway car has been tested in Berlin and found satisfactory. By means of a revolving cylinder in front of the car the person knocked down is gently pushed aside without injury or bruis-

At the present time many valuable species of big game in South Africa are threatened with extinction. It is proposed to establish regulations for their preservation, and it is suggested that camps should be set apart for the purpose of breeding certain species in order that the country may be restocked with game.

There is just now an observable tendency on the part of our foreign population to distribute itself by na- cratic members offered a series of res tionalities to a certain extent. Twothirds of the Irish remain in the east. Two-thirds of the Germans go west. Of 1,000,000 Scandinavians 870,000 are said the Pittsburg man as he sighed in the west and northwest. The Russians. Poles, Hungarians and Italians are chiefly found in New England, in our state and was getting a good New York and Pennsylvania. The rent for them when a congregation built | Bohemians and Hollanders settle in

One of Our Pet Phrases.

"Did any of the inhabitants escape with his life?" inquired the man who

wants harrowing details. "I didn't stop to ascertain," answered the man who is harrowingly exact, "It struck me that if anybody escaped without his life there wasn't much use in his escaping anyhow."-Washington Star.

The one time in a man's life when he he goes to church.-Philadelphia Rec with mother."

A Boston Peculiarity.

When James Kiernan, the Tweedlepunch of the "Florodora" cast, was in Boston recently, the wit of the inhab-Itants took him unawares, and he bare ly escaped a violent death in conse-

Emerging from the theater one afternoon, Mr. Kiernan decided that he would journey toward the depot and meet a friend whom he was expecting. Not being familiar with the street car facilities, he stopped a newsboy and inquired what line he would take to get

The young man looked up quickly and replied, "Youse go into the subway and take the elevated."

Kiernan deliberated as to whether it would be best to spoil his shine or not, and before he made up his mind the boy had disappeared. The comedian walked a few steps and approached a

"Can you tell me which car will take

ne to the depot?" he inquired. "Go into the subway and take the elevated." replied the officer, as though he had been used to answering the ame question a hundred times a day. "Then I suppose if I wanted a surace car I would have to go to the top of a skyscraper and come down in a

"You're too fresh, young man," delared the bluecoat, grappling his club eaningly. And Klernan went on his ray without further hesitancy. Later e learned that Boston was the one city in America where the elevated road was reached via the subway.

arachute." ventured the comedian tes-

Hume In a Hole.

In "Scottish Men of Letters" Mr. raham, the author, relates a story showing that though David Hume was opular among the upper classes in pite of his skepticism and supposed atheism he was not tolerated by the



SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER.

over a boggy ground his ponderou His calls brought a woman to the spot. who sympathetically asked, 'Are you Hume, the infidel? 'Well, well, good woman, Christian charity bids us help our enemies,' he pleaded. 'I'll dae naething for ye if ye dinna say the Lord's Prayer and the belief, but leave ye where I fand ye.' The philosopher readily obeyed, and the body of the deist was laboriously extracted from the mire by the Christian."

Wheeler's Story on Himself.

Mr. Wheeler, the brilliant young Kentuckian, has his domicile in the midst of a great tobacco county, a county that has produced 23,000,000 pounds of tobacco in a year. Mr. Wheeler says he has counted in one day 1.800 wagons loaded with tobacco right in the chief city of this tobacco county.

Notwithstanding his familiarity with the growing of the weed, a story of his first law case comprises a joke apper taining thereto. Coming up to Paducah as a young lawyer, not yet twenty-one, Mr. Wheeler was engaged as attorney in a quarrel that arose in a tobac co patch. The present congressman waxed eloquent in behalf of his client, and the jurymen were all attention "Why, gentlemen," declared he, "I know all about the growing of tobacco. I was raised in the midst of tobacco on my father's plantation. I almost

grew on a tobacco vine." "Then it was," said Mr. Wheeler at the capitol the other day, "that I saw a smile come over the faces of the jurymen. I had slipped. I ought to have said plant. To this day they bring that up against me as a good joke out in Kentucky."-Washington Post

Couldn't Support the Resolution, Clerk McDowell of the house tells a story of the Pennsylvania legislature when that body was controlled by the Democrats. They elected a speaker named Patterson, who did not know anything of parliamentary law, but who posed as a second Reed. At the close of the session one of the Demoolutions lauding the speaker for his services, but a Republican member opposed their adoption.

"I cannot," he said at the close of a ten minute speech, during which he emphasized all the mistakes which the Democrats had made, "I cannot in dorse a speaker who has the vaulting ambition of Napoleon and the intellect of Blind Tom."

Managing John. "John." she said softly, "have you

been saying anything about me to mother lately?"

"No," replied John. "Why do you ask?"

"Because she said this morning that she believed you were on the eve of proposing to me. Now, I do not wish you to speak to mother when you have anything of that kind to say. Speak is satisfied to take a back seat is when to me, and I'll manage the business

And John said he would.

[Special Correspondence.]

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was chairman of the select committee which had in charge the refurnishing of representatives hall. Among the other things promised the members for this session was an elaborate system of ventilation by which cold air could be forced up through a series of ducts so as to reduce the temperature of the hall and make it comfortable in hot weather. The members have been waiting for the cold air, but so far none has been felt. The temperature in the house is the same as in the senate and in the corridors of the capitol. Congressman Watson walked over to Mr. Cannon one afternoon when there were more members in the restaurant than there were in the house. The Indianian's collar was melted, and his face was beaded with perspiration.

"'Uncle Joe,' " he asked seriously, "where is that cold air we voted money

for last session? "Yes, where is it?" echoed Mr. Cannon as he mechanically mopped his forehead with his handkerchief. "I told those darned fools on the committee that I was not in favor of buying anything I could not see, but they were bound to do it!"

Threatened Boycott Won.

The rich Senator Clark wants to put up a flat building in Washington's most aristocratic and exclusive spot-on Dupont circle, next to the Leiters' and a couple of doors from the new marble palace of R. W. Patterson of the Chicago Tribune and only a few steps from the new home of the Wadsworths. All kinds of excitement! Indignation meetings to protest at the impudence of these new rich and to devise ways and means to block him! So he was told he would be given the "double cross" in a social way if he did it. Not a dinner of his would they go to, not a dance would their daughters attend, not a card would their footmen leave at his door, and all their friends-in so far as they could be persuaded-would stick up their noses and say cutting things about the senator from Montana. The threat was good. The site is still vacant. The architect was told to call off his plans.

Destruction of Trees. Representative Lacey of Iowa is a cherry picker, or was when a boy. This does not apply to political cher-

ries, but to the real things. "In my native state we used to go out from school to gather cherries," said Mr. Lacey during a debate on the floor. Once I remember wondering why the teacher took along an ax. I soon found out. It was to cut the trees down, so that we could pick the cherries easily. am sure there are lots of members here who have had a similar experi-

The Iowan's illustration was to show he reckless destruction of trees of all kinds. He insisted that men were in clined to regard trees as their enemies That came from the pioneer idea of subduing the forests as they had to subdue the savages. In these days be insisted that trees were civilized, as well as men, and that the fact should

be recognized. To Test Pneumatic Tubes,

Representative Greene of Massachusetts has introduced a bill for the installation of a pneumatic tube service etayeen the capital and the e ment printing office. There is a belief at the capitol that if the pneumatic tube service is to be inaugurated here in Washington for purposes of demonstration it could better be done beween the capitol and the government printing office than between any other two points in the city. The amount of manuscript and other copy passing beween the buildings daily is enormous,

requiring constant messenger service. The Powers Didn't Meet. In one of the deep window recesses just off the main entrance to the house s a sort of grumblers' corner, where secretaries to members meet nearly every morning. They exchange grievances there and in voluble language discuss the personal characteristics of their employers before these employers arrive. Sometimes this flow of conversation becomes as noisy as the chatter of a flock of blackbirds. The plain citizens who figure in the opening scene of Julius Cæsar are not more emphatic than these clerks at \$100 per

The other day there was no gathering n the grumblers' corner, and one of he facetious doorkeepers posted a sign on the window:

"The powers will not meet today." Presidents and Alligators.

The president held an informal reception in his office the other afternoon, and a number of visitors were presented to him. One lady introduced erself as from Jacksonville, Fla., and said:

"Mr. President, I have come all this way just to see you. I have never seen a live president before."

Mr. Roosevelt seemed much amused. "Well, well," he said, "I hope you don't feel disappointed now that you have seen one. Lots of people in these parts go all the way to Jacksonville to see a live alligator. I wonder which kind of tourist feels the most sold."

Loud laughter by the president, New Grace Reformed Church.

Ground has been broken for the erection of the new Grace Reformed church at the corner of Fifteenth and O streets northwest, more commonly known as "the president's church" by reason of his attendance there.

The new church will stand directly in front of the small brick structure now used by the Grace Reformed congregation as a place of worship. It will be built of granite and Cleveland graystone and will cost, including furnishings, except the organ, about \$40. 000. The interior will be finished off in quartered oak in sixteenth century Gothic style. CARL SCHOFIELD.

Infant Prodfgy. Visitor (to little Freddy)-Let's see what you have learned in your school. Now, can you tell me the difference

between B and C? Freddy-Thath's eathy. A bee ith a inthect, an' a thea ith full of water.-New York Times.

"Were you positive enough when you told the old man you intended to marry his daughter?"

"Yes, but he was negative."-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.