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Sadly Mismated. Mrs. Brimby-No, marriage is not what single persons think it is. I used

to think that Brimby and I were made for one another, but we are sadly mis-Mrs. Ferson-Why. you surprise me.

Mrs. Brimby-Alas, it is too true. He tells me I talk in my sleep, and I'm sure that he often sleeps while I talk .-

A Puzzled Parent. "It is a difficult problem," said the conscientious man, "very difficult." "What is worrying you?" asked his

"If I use slang before our sons and daughters, it will encourage them in the practice, and if I don't they will say I am a back number."-Washington Star.

"The Jimson girls were awfully cut up when their father married again, weren't they?" "Yes, they were, until they found their new mother was just their size. Now they borrow her clothes."—Bos-

ton Traveler.

Professor of English Literature-You may define the elements of lasting popularity in "Young Locbinvar." Precocious Student-Defiance of parental authority would appear to be the principal one.—Detroit News.

The man of vast learning and the man of equally vast ignorance, the man tainment, where he was to meet his of storling integrity and the man who wife. is utterly lacking in that most essential quality, the man who is worth a milsignificant particular.

Each individual has a hobby or, if you please, some pet idea, which, in the case of many people, is brought forth by the slightest possible provoca-

lenged opportunity to talk in public or in private on his favorite theme.

Down in Gage county, several winboring districts combined in conducting a debating society. There was considtricts was sufficiently sharp to fill the large schoolhouse in which the meetings were held to its utmost capacity every Friday evening. In fact, it had no building of still greater seating ca-Sleeping Cars pacity could be obtained for the use of the society.

son. Each district was represented by its best man in the debate which constituted the main feature of the entertainment, and the discussion was an exciting one. The decision of the judges and their supporters took defeat good had been rendered everybody was ready which, according to custom, would be an extemporaneous speech by some one selected at the time by the society on a subject given by the chairman.

So just at this moment a young man in the rear part of the house arose and, being recognized by the chair, said: "I desire to make a motion. We are honored tonight by the presence of Mr. Alexander Dolldenning, a gentleman of merited distinction in an adjoining state, who is spending a few days in this vicinity as the guest of his sister, Mrs, Robert Clevermate. I should like very much to hear from the gentleman, and I believe that I express the wish of this audience in moving, as I now do, that he be requested to make the extemporaneous speech which comes at this

place on our programme."

feeling flattered.

school I, too, began looking for the ployer.

much wanted glasses. the stairway were searched for the miss- tented old age? ing article, and the girl went to school firmly convinced that the house had been entered in some mysterious way by my observation goes, exceedingly miserthieves during the night and that her able in comparison with the man who glasses were stolen. My wife's sister, who has a reputation for finding things, was to arrive on a morning train, and I assured Ada as she left that her aunt

would soon discover the hiding place of the glasses. everything upside down in the girl's fleeting fancy. She employed a house-room, going so far as to unmake her keeper who took all responsibility perbed, one piece at a time, and all in vain.

"It seemed useless to look more, and the search was abandened, but as my dish of potatoes tilted a little to one the cloth, which it was then remember- she craved. ed had been turned back the night before for me to write on the table

"I believe, my friends, that every person in this house tonight can recall not one, but a number—perhaps many —instances similar to the case I have related, in which the most diligent search failed to locate a lost article, and no sooner was the search given up than could stand it no longer. the article appeared in the most unex-

Brown who went to his office in haste was she, and the cause was apparent. one night on an errand, pulled his Her feeling was so strong that she want-bunch of keys from the left hand pock- ed to become both housekeeper and et of his pantaloons, where he is in the nurse at once, and it required a deter-habit of keeping it, unlocked his roller mined remonstrance on the part of her

to the postoffice and started to an enter-

"Chancing to put his hand into his pocket, he noticed with a feeling slightlion and the man who couldn't raise 5 ly akin to horror that his keys were not cents before sundown if his life depend-ed on it—all these, together with their a bunch of keys is sometimes a serious wives and children, are alike in one matter to a business man and may result in great inconvenience, if nothing worse. Mr. Brown had been very care-

hands. Alexander Dolldenning belongs to "Finding them gone, he hurriedly this class, and the happiest moments of felt in the other pockets of his trousers his life are when he is given an unchal- and in those of his coat and overcoat, but to no avail. He then retraced his steps to the postoffice, and from there to Down in Gage county, several win-ters ago, the young people of four neigh-ly in front of him and on either side, hoping against hope for the appearance of his keys. Reaching his office, he erable talent in each district, with a went back several times over the steps degree of pride by no means small back he remembered having taken there and of it, and then rivalry between the dis- was especially careful to look every-

where under and around his desk. "It was now evident to Mr. Brown that he had only repeated a former piece ery Friday evening. In fact, it had of absentmindedness by dropping the come a matter of general regret that keys in his desk and closing the top down, thus locking them up, and so, as on the former occasion, he borrowed a screwdriver and proceeded to take the The programme for the first meeting desk apart. An hour was consumed in in December was of unusual interest, this way, for the desk was not made to and the house was packed until there be taken to pieces every few months, was not standing room for another perthe man engaged in it very red in the face when it was finished. But the keys had not been dropped there this time, and he was now at his wits' ends.

"After pacing up and down the room as to the winning side produced great a little while to quiet his nerves and merriment on the part of about half the think of some means by which the lost audience, but the defeated disputants treasure could possibly be found Mr. Brown searched through the same pocknaturedly, and after a musical number ets again, made another trip to the postoffice, and thence to the place where he for the next thing on the programme, had discovered his loss, then went to the office of a morning newspaper and paid for the insertion of an advertisement offering a reward for the return

of his keys. "He was just in time to accompany Mrs. Brown home from the entertainment, and he told her that he should probably not be able to sleep a wink that night, but as he entered the house, feeling in his vest pocket for a match to light a lamp, his finger touched the missing keys. He had always thought

ing the desk. "This case strikes you as something ace on our programme." new only because you are not business tude as possible, but it continued to be Half a dozen members were on their men with self locking desks, but I am as inactive as ever, and be came to feet at once to second the motion, and it persuaded that while I spoke of keys Richardson county, Neb., to visit a sig-Elk Prairie Hotel. Standard Dictionary was carried with such a volume of voices that Mr. Dolldenning was justified in farm machinery and articles of house-heart for a month at least to the fembold use whose disappearance was just inine charms of a rural district. As at The chairman had been quietly in- as mysterious, the search for which Des Moines, his intellect was in several formed that the motion would be made was fully as long and disappointing, cases satisfied, but that was all and was requested to give what the informant knew to be the visitor's pet the most unlooked for fashion soon aftidea as his subject. Being assured that er the search was abandoned. Illustra-no ill feeling would follow and that the tions of the truth for which I stand tosociety would hear something worth night are of common occurrence in the listening to, he consented, and as Mr. life of every individual, and I rely up-

Dolldenning came forward his subject was announced as "The Way to Find Anything Is to Quit Looking For It."

On your personal experience to clinch every point I make.
"The clerk whose first and constant He had never been asked to speak on aim is to find favor in the eyes of his his favorite theme to such a large audi- employer fails in at least nine cases out ence before, and a smile of genuine sat- of ten until he quits looking for favor isfaction played upon his face as he be- and begins with self forgetful singleness "Five years ago," said he, "my bring about results in dollars and cents daughter Ada, who was a schoolgirl 12 to his employer. The man most out of years of age, came down to breakfast favor with his employer of any I ever one morning without the glasses she knew was the one who exercised the finds it necessary to wear all the time greatest care to anticipate the every when studying and remarked that she wish and thought of his employer, als follows: STORMONTH, 50,000; WORCHESTER bad evidently mislaid them, as they ways endeavoring to please him, and as follows: Sporkonth, 50,000; Workers and Could not be found in her room.

105,000; Webster (international), 125,000; Cencertain and Could not be found in her room.

"After breakfast she looked for them was at all times ready to intrust any inthe man with whom this same employer in the dining room, where the family terest, however great, rewarding him had spent the previous evening. My accordingly, was the one who was most wife soon joined in the search, and as thoroughly indifferent as to the showthe time approached for Ada to start to ing he made in the presence of his cm-

"The same truth applies even with "The kitchen and the parlor were also more emphatic force to finding happigone over carefully, and each one of us ness. Did it ever occur to you that the at different times went to the girl's individual who makes the most direct room, thinking perhaps they were there effort to be happy usually wears the in some obscure place, and every time longest face in the community, while one of us failed to find them in Ada's the one whose days are filled with use-room or anywhere else the dining room fulness and nights with sound sleep was given another going over. Even comes up smiling at every turn in the the front porch and the back steps and road which leads to the valley of con-

"The man who spends \$30 a week in an effort to find happiness is, so far as has only 30 cents to spend in that way

"The most unhappy woman that I ever knew was a Mrs. Smith, whose cutire energy was devoted to baving a good time. She was the child of wealthy parents, received a finished education "But the aunt-declared positively to and married a successful professional me at noon that they were not in the man, whom she loved intensely and who dining room and said she had turned did all in his power to gratify her every taining to household affairs off her hands and hired a competent nurse who cared as an own mother for her baby. wife was putting dinner on the table the Mrs. Smith did no work. Her health was good, and she seldom found it necesside, and the glasses were found beneath sary to deny herself any pleasure that

"The girl friends with whom she had been brought up considered her very fortunate indeed, but her heart was filled to overflowing with bitterness, and the more she surrendered herself to the pursuit of a good time the greater that bitterness became. Thus matters went on for a year, and she

"She saw plainly that her housekeep er and her nurse were getting more that "I know of a business man named was really desirable out of life than

HOW TO FIND A WIFE. top, self locking desk, attended to the husband to keep her from discharging errand, which included the writing of both servants the same day and doing a letter, closed his desk, took the letter all the work herself. Mr. Smith knew, however, that her new theory was the correct one and readily consented to a compromise plan by which his wife has since been of great usefulness in the home, where she is now a tireless work-

er and the happiest of mothers.
"Care burdened wives and mothers and daughters here tonight whose greatest happiness is found in contributing to the comfort of those you love, your lot is an enviable one, and I believe you consider it so. I urge you to be contented with it.

"The eccentric millionaire uncle of my college chum, Frank Benson, died during the young man's last year at school, leaving him, three years hence, provided he had married by that time, the snug sum of \$50,000. If at a given date young Benson remained single he was to receive only \$500, and another heir, who would then become of age,

was to get the balance.

"Benson's worldly possessions amounted to less than \$4,000 when the uncle died, and the sum which was thus placed within his grasp looked very large indeed to him. The handling of vast amounts of money was right in line with his ambition, too, and he knew it would require a monster strug-gle on his part if it became necessary to let this fortune pass into another's hand. But he had never met the girl whom he would take as a life companion, even though this financial consideration was multiplied by ten-not be cause all his lady friends were inferior creatures, far from it, but for the better reason that no one of them had ever shown herself able to disturb his heart, and marriage with him, if it occurred at all, should be a matter of love rather

than finance. "The condition in his uncle's will seemed unreasonable in the extreme to him, but, after all, as a matter of fact, he did really want to get married if he could only find his true mate, and the plan took definite form in his mind during the remaining six months of his school life to devote as much of the next 21/2 years as it required exclusive-

"When graduation was over and he had received his degree Benson lost no time in undertaking his new self assigned task. He went about it deliberately, however, and communicated his

"The first five weeks were spent as the guest of a cousin who was prominent in the legal and social circles of of the bunch as being too large to fit in Des Moines. There he met a score or his vest pocket and so didn't look there more of highly accomplished and thorfor it. He had doubtless put it there un-consciously while in the act of taking a match from his pocket just after openmand of his intellect, and he tried to place his heart in as susceptible an atti-tude as possible, but it continued to be

"He next put in three weeks at the then two months visiting an aunt in San Francisco, from which place he came back to Atchison county. Mo., where a brother-in-law lived, went next to Minneapolis, thence to Chicago, paid an oft promised visit to an aged relative in Page county, Ia., made a trip to Boston, where he remained several mouths, spent nine weeks in Indiana and continued to go from place to place in this way, always making a most welcome visit to some special friend or relative and never forgetting the secret object of his travels until he had spent from two weeks to three months in 36 communities and formed the acquaintancevery pleasant acquaintance, too—of 288 marriageable young ladies, 27 of whom he had really tried to love, but trying. failed, and now, nine days from the time limit set by his uncle's will, it was still true that he had never met the lady whom any financial consideration, however large, would induce him to

"He gave up, allowed the other heir to come into possession of the money which might have been his, and cheerfully applied himself to business, firmly resolving that if he ever married be should meet the woman by chance or Providence and not by going out to find

"Just 15 days after the fortune pa ed to the other heir Benson was driving across the country on a matter of business when he was caught in a severe windstorm ten miles from the town in which he had settled and turned into a farmhouse for shelter. There be met a Miss Nettie Rosebud, who strangely stirred up a veritable windstorm in his heart before he had known her an hour, and she wasn't dressed in her Sunday best either, as the other 288 girls had been. He arranged to continue the acquaintance, which soon became a courthip, and one year from that stormy Wednesday, with the loveliest of sunshine outside and the prettiest of flowers within, having a heart as strangely peaceful now as it was turbulent on the former occasion, Frank Benson led Nettie Rosebud to the marriage altar. That was 11 years ago. Last mouth I was a guest at their home, and a happier one I never visited. Frank declares positively that he has not regretted for so much as one moment at any time since he met Nettie the loss of that sum of money, and I am sure he doesn't

"Young man, the way to find any thing, even a wife, is to quit looking

Mr. Dolldenuing took his seat amid round after round of applause.—Hubert Burress in Omaha World-Herald.

velope .- Loadon Judy.

She-When you post a letter, do you stick the stamp on yourself?

He-Certainly. She-I always stick it on the

He Twisted the Lion's Tall.

The man sitting on a salt barrel had hand on which only two fingers were ft, and sixing him up for a veteran of the war I asked him if he hadn't been wounded by an exploding shell.

"No, not as I remembers of," he replied as he held up his hand and turned

plied as he held up his hand and turned it over and over.

"I thought that might have been the case, but you probably got caught in some sort of machinery?"

"No, not exactly machinery, sor."

"Gun explode in your hands?"

"No, no gun didn't explode."

I gave it up at that, but after a few minutes the man looked up and said:

"Stranger, you've seen a lion, I reck-on?"

"Oh, yes."

"Seen 'em caged and looking as berm

less as cate?"

"Yes; they generally look that way."

"That's the way I sized up one in a cage in a circus. He lay there, looking so sleepy and good natured and hurnless that I thought it was a swindle on the public and I'd try to rouse him a bit."

"And so you poked him?" I queried.

"No, sir; no poking. I jest calculated to gin his tail about three twists and make him feel that life wasn't all beef and bones and sunshine. I waited for my chance, and then I reached my hand in. How far is it from a lion's mouth to the middle of his tail?"

to the middle of his tail?" "Several feet at least." "I thought it was about a rod, but I know better now. I hadn't more'n got hold of his tail when he got hold of me and was gulping down them missing fingers. He wanted the hull hand and arm, but they beat him off. I thought at first I wouldn't explain matters, bat then I thought I would. I look a good deal like a fool, don't I?"

"Hardly that." "Well, you do, and that's why I explained. I was fool 'nuff to twist a liou's tail, and you may be fool 'nuff to want to poke one in the eye, and so my advice is 'Don't.' "—Chicago Newa.

the Roman period not only were sight hounds and scent hounds fully differentiated, but there were also va-rious kinds of lapdogs and house dogs, although none quite like our modern breeds. Even as far back as about 2,000 B. C. Egyptian frescoes show not only greyhoundlike breeds, but one with drooping ears like a bound, and a third. which has been compared to the mode turnspit, while bouse dogs and lapid came in soon afterward. Whether came in soon afterward. Whether any of these size the direct ancestors of modern breeds or whether all such have been produced by subsequent crossing is a very difficult question to answer, more especially when we recollect that if an ancient Egyptian artist had to draw the portrait of a modern dog it would be very doubtful whether it would be recognized by its master or mistress.

But the record of the antiquity of domesticated dogs does not even step with the earliest known Egyptian meanments. Not only were such breeds known

ments. Not only were such breeds known in Europe during the iron and bronze in Europe during the iron and bronze ages, but also during the antecedent neolithic or polished stone period. These have been described by Professors Rutimeyer and Woldrich, and those who are acquainted with the difficulty of distinguishing between some of the living species by their skulls alone will understand the laborious nature of the task. Still these authorities appear to have made out that the Swiss neolithic have made out that the Swiss neolithic dog (Canis palustris) had certain cranial resemblances to both hounds and spaniels, and thus indicated an advanced type, which is considered to have been derived from neither and the considered to have been derived from neither wolves nor ja but from some species now extinct. Two other breeds have also been recognized from the superficial deposits of the continent, and ff, as is very likely to be the case, any or all of these races are the forerunners of some of the modern breeds it will readily be understood how complex is the origin of the mixed group which we now call Canis familiaris.—

"Twas the Night Before Christman." Mr. Clarence Cook contributes to The Century an article on "The Author of 'A Visit From St. Nicholas" "-Clement C. Moore. Mr. Cook mays of the ori-

gin of the familiar poem:

Mr. William S. Pelletroau, in the interesting account of Dr. Moore's life which he has just published, tells us that the "Visit From St. Nicholas" was written in 1822 as a Christmas present for his children, and that a young lady visiting the family copied it into her al-bum and sent it, unknown to Dr. Moore, to the editor of the Troy Sentinel, who printed it without the author's name in the issue of that journal for December 23, 1823. From the newspaper it found its way to the school readers and speedily became a great favorite with chil-dren all over the country.

Mr. Pelletreau tells us that Dr. Moore was at first annoyed by the appearance of the poem in print, as he had not intended it for the public and thought it a mere trifle with but slight literary merit. No doubt it was with some mis givings that, 20 years later, be gave it a place in the volume of his collected poems. With the proverbial blindness of writers he probably thought this playful sally, written to please his youngsters at their Christmas merrymaking, for inferior to its all forgotten companions, of which he says in his preface, "Some of them have cost mo much time and thought, and I have composed them all as carefully and correctly as I could."

Cant, meaning mock hemflity, took its name from the Rev. Andrew Cant, a minister in Aberdeenshire, who, during the time of the Covenanters, was famed for his whining and pretending fervor.

He-Why is it that men can keep se-

crets better than women?

She—Because men generally know a lot of things which they wouldn't want told on themselves.—Brooklyn Life.