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Lord Bacon's remarks upon this subject are worthy of reproduction and are as follows:

"The shepherds of the people should understand the prognostics of state tem-pests. Hollow blasts of wind, seeming-ly at a distance, often precede a storm." Instances of prognostication of this kind are by no means unknown in his-

Thus Bishop Williams in the reign of Charles I clearly foresaw and predicted the ultimate triumph of the Puritau party in England, and having the tourage of his opinions he abandoned the government party and sided thereafter with the opposition. At the time the bishop took this decided step there was no outward sign whatever that such an event was imminent or even at

all probable. Dugdale, the antiquery, predicted and anticipated the ruthless destruction of ancient monuments in the cathedral churches which took place in 1641, and he made haste, therefore, to complete his wanderings and labors in taking drafts of and copying out the curious inscriptions upon these ancient It seems to me that's a misnomer. monuments, so, as he himself says, "to preserve them for funere and better realize, after they get through, what a times.

Browning and the Athenmum Club.

Calling upon Robert Browning at the Athengum club, then as now, says Colonel Higgenson in The Atlantic, the headquarters of intellectual pursuits in Loudon and of which it used to be said that no man could have any question to ask that be could not find somebody to answer, that very afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock at that club, it reamed strange to ask a page to find Mr. Browning for me, and it reminded me of the time when the little daughter of a certain poetess quietly asked at the dinner table, between two bites of an apple, "Mamma, did I ever see Mr. Shakespeare?" The page spoke to a rather short and strongly built man who sat in a window and who jumped up and grasped my hand so cordially that it might have snagested the remark of Mme. Navarro (Mary Anderson) about him-made, however, at a later daythat he did not seem like a poet, but rather "like one of our agreeable southern gentlemen." He seemed a man of every day, or like the typical poet of his own "How it strikes a contemporary." In all this be was the very antipodes of Tennyson. He had a large head of German shape, broadening behind, with light and thick gray hair and whitish beard and had blue cycs and the most kindly heart. Write for prices and terme to San Fran-

HOSTILITIES AVERTED.

War Talk Makes Trouble Between Two

witnessed since the opening of hostilities," said one of the representatives at had passed their threescore years and ten, but were still vigorous in mind and body, and especially vigorous in lan-guage, for both had been followers of

"One of these old fellows espoused the cause of Spain, declaring that she had been jumped on because she was little and that this country was playing the part of a great big bully. After they had exchanged hot shots for a few min-utes the champion of the government that the other fellow came honestly by his principles and was bred a traitor.

"'What do you mean, you old shrimp?' said the advocate of Spain. "'Durin the war with Great Britain the British entered the harbor and burned the town of New London, didn't

"'Course they did. What of it?"
"'Why, somebody piloted 'em there and when he come home his pockets was full of British gold, paid for his dirty work, and his neighbors, hearing of what he had done, got ropes and made him an evenin call. He scudded by the back door and never stopped till he got to Bermuda, and he never had the cheek to come back

'What you tryin to git at?' " That there pilot was your grandpap, 'and it took a dozen bystauders to keep the two old sea dogs from clinching."-Detroit Free Press.

A certain English theatrical manage, ness man, could neither read nor write, but kept a private secretary, who had strict injunctions not to betray the secret. One day the manager was dining at the hotel when a gold watch was raffled for. Each of the guests staked 2 shillings, wrote his name on a scrap of paper, and threw it into a hat. Our manager, when his turn came to sign his name, pretended to write, rolled up the blank piece of paper and threw it into the hat along with the rest. As chance would have it, this very paper was drawn. Great was the astonishment when it was found to be blank. But -, the low comedian, who was present, asked to have it shown to him, and when he had examined it carefully, he gravely exclaimed: "That is our manager's handwriting. I should know it among a thousand!"—Nuggets.

Missed After All.

within the barn, shut the door and bolt-Putting his rifle to his shoulder, he took careful aim, and, shutting his eyes,

"Ha," said he, "who said I could not hit the side of a barn?" But when be went to look for the mark of the bullet he found that he had fired through a knot hole.

Member of the Firm-James! Office Boy-Yes, sir. Member of the Firm-James, I am ery glad to learn, upon investigation, your grandmother is really dead, and that you are therefore not lying to

me in order to go to the baseball game this afternoon. - Detroit Journal. Missed the Denial. "H'm!" said the man who had bought an extra. "I must have missed

"Er-why?" asked the man who was looking over his shoulder. "It confirms the news in the extra I bought awhile ago instead of denying it."-Cincinnati Enquirer. Wise In His Generation. "A great many years ago, when I

was a little girl," began Miss Candide. You mean a number of months ago. don't you?" said Softly. It was no wonder she raid Mr. Softly was exceedingly pice when somebody else called bim stupid. -Tit-Bita Commencement. "Why do they call it commencement

> soft snap they've been having."--Chicago Nevrs. Brought Forward. "I am glad of the war for one thing," said Miss Passay of North Carolina. "What is that, dear." "I can now talk of things happening before the war without giving away my age."-- New York Journal.

when folks get through going to school?

"Oh, no. They just commence to

A Mean Thing. "It's your birthday tomorrow, Frank. "Yes but tromise not to buy me anything expensive-I can't afford it!" -Ally Sloper.

Social Prestige.

"What is a parvenu?"

so much?

And now?"

ten years ago calls the man who got rich vesterday."-Chicago Record. Where He Learned IL Summer Coarder-Why do you charge

"That s what the man who got rich

Landlord-Cau't help it. I was at Sautiago. - New York Journal. Walks the Baby. 'Is Smith a bicyclist?"

He was before his marriage.

"He's a pedestrian "- Vim.

"One of the liveliest brushes I have

the recent meeting of the credit mer. "took place in a quiet New England village of my state. Both participants

got things to going his way by shouting

Birds on Women's Hate. The Spanish gunner got himself Again a bill has been introduced at Albany providing, with a few exceptions, that wild birds shall not be killed. Also no person is to expose for sale

the wings, feathers or plumage of said bird, the fine for violation of which will be \$25. Although the masculine pronoun is allowed in the wording of the bill, it is a blow aimed directly at the feminin. "Caramba!" he muttered. - Indian-

face and large, luminous eyes.

The Audubon society has gained sym-pathizers among the men, it seems, in its crusade against wearing bird trimmings on headgear. To the women who have voluntarily renounced this worldly vanity the passing of the bill would mean nothing, unless it might be a pleasant sensation of victory gained. But to the average woman, whose heart sinks to the toes of her dainty boots at the mere thought, it would denote a real columity. It is a known fact among authorities in mil-

heart and vanity, both closely linked.

linery that nothing gives such an air of style to a hat as a bird or wings. - New

It is with what appears to be genuine regret that the men regard our ascot tics. "Ob, if women only dressed their necks in the simple fashions of their grandmothers!" one of them murmured the other day. "These great neckties, like so many huge plasters, which la-

dies wear nowadays are unwomanly.

But they are smart. Dress our necks as our grandmothers did! The woman who did it would attract a crowd. Our grandmothers had no standing collars whatever upon their dresses. They wore little narrow white embroidered pieces flatty about tops of collarless waists. These white strips were fastened in front with a huge cameo pin. Every woman now has a high collar

for his tears .- Judy. concealing her throat, except with evening full dress. Let a woman step upon Broadway with her neck low like her simple grandmother's, and the prome naders would think they saw a burlesque actress.-New York Press.

Smith Is a College For Workers.

The ambitious students at Smith are

in large majority. They are of two classes, and between the two a gulf is set. The members of the one known as "grinds" or "digs" have a hunger for facts as intenso as a miser's for gold. Their delight is in acquisition, and whether they work individually or gregariously notebooks flank them or every side. They pack their brains as they would a dress suit case, and the future they view only 23 au opportunity of gathering yet more degrees. They have their reward, but the student who gets her knowledge by using it is the peculiar joy of the college. the regards ber notebook as a point of departure, also conventional pleasures. Groups of such girls are the direct cause of the originality, freshness and healthfulness of undergraduate amnsements. - Alice

Red. White and Blue Good Enough. "War makes society functions an easy

Katharine Fallows in Scribner's.

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CHECK NEEDED A STAMP. Miss Cecil Charles, the author and writer, a Spanish-American, was one of The Bright Girl Had None, but Came Out the first women to offer their services to the Red Cross society in a Cuban work. -A down town bank.

She spent a year or more in Cuba, is proficient in the language and considers "Will you cash that, please?"
"Certainly, but it requires a stamp." herself absolutely fever proof, having lived much of her life in South Amer-"A what?" "A stamp, a bank check stamp Up ica and gone through numerous yellow fever sieges there. Miss Charles has been an ardent worker for the cause of

here in the corner. "Does it?" "Well, why don't you put it on?"

"We are not the ones to put it on. The person who draws the check stamps What's it for?" "It's a war tax." "How funny! Does the government

expect to carry on the war with my poor little 2 cents?" work that may be participated in by a Yes, with yours and others." woman, I trust, without shame or "But I haven't any stamp. I've been out of town and didn't know about the blame to her." Miss Charles says she is ready to go into the most infectious and dangerous localities on the island if

necessary. She is described as a young woman of delicate build, with a mild "It wasn't necessary to know it until you drew the check." "How ridiculous! And you won't let me have my money until I put a stamp

"We are obliged to insist that the tax

'Supposing I give you 3 centar' "That will do.' "But I haven't 2 cents."

be paid. "

"Perhaps you could borrow is of "Perhaps I could—of you." "As a banker I couldn't countens any such transaction.'

Dear, dear. How ridiculously serious it is. Here, I have a car ticket. You take it for 5 cents and give me 8 cents change. Will you?" Then she went away with a bright smile. She had cleared a fraction of a

cent by calling the value of the ticket & cents.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What It Amounts To. ON SEA. Lookout-I have the honor to report that two Spanish warships are ap-

proaching. Sampson-Ensign Smith, take a yawl and eight men and destroy those vers ON LAND.
Scout—General, I have the honor to report a Spanish force of about 18,000.

rapidly approaching.

Shafter-Corporal Brown, take 90. men and disperse the enemy's force -New Orleans Times-Democrat The Irony of Fate. A tramp, one of the great unwashed, fell into a river. He was washed away and drowned. I believe that is not quite

an accurate statement inasmuch as so. much of him was washed away that there was not left enough to drown. A boy placed a bent pin on a chair where he expected his brother to sit. He also expected to laugh after his brother's session. The boy's father mt down in that chair, and then this boy wept copicusly, with sufficient reason

Professional Disgust. Dr. Boluse-Excited, who wouldn't be excited? I'm the most unfortunate dogtor in practice. Everything seemed to point to success. My first patient arrived-I prescribed, and, do all I could. I lost him.

Sympathetic Chum - Poor devil1

What did you give him? Dr. Bolns-I made an swful mistake. I gave him the wrong mixture, andcured him right off. - Ally Sloper. Twas Ever So. Several men were talking about how they happened to marry.
"I married my wife," said one after
the others had all had their ray, "be-

cause she was different from any woman ever Eics. " 'How was that?' chorused the other "She was the only woman I ever the t who would have me," and there was a burst of applause. -Tit-Bits.

A Joke on Jim. "I laughed when I beerd from Jim Dawson today. What was the joke?"

"Why, Jim used to hic't furiously because he had to tote his wife's he ase plants from one room to another, and now he has to carry 32 pounds of accou-"We don't have to think up any new terments six hours at a stretch."—dinner decorations."—Chicago Record Cleveland Plain Dealer.