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A PICKPOCKET'S RUSE. The Trick by Which He Once Got a

Jack Piggott, the noted pickpocket. used to tell a funny story about the difficulty he had in picking the pocket Ever have them? of a fashionably dressed woman who was looking in at the window of Then we can't tell you anything about them. You Shreve's jewelry store. It illustrates the hardships that the light fingered gentry are forced to endure in the pursuit of their profession and when first know how dark related was considered amusing not everything looks only by Piggott, but by the many to and how you are about whom he confided his experience. It was a cold winter evening, and the ready to give up. Somehow, you can't throw off

lady on whose purse Piggott had designs stood looking at the holiday finery so temptingly displayed. Piggott said the terrible depression. Are things really so that he tried all the arts known to his blue? Isn't it your nerves, traft for the extraction of the wallet, aner all? That's where but all in vain, until, as a last resort, he fished a toothpick from his pocket the trouble is. Your and, reaching around, tickled the lady's nerves are being poisoned ear. Instinctively she raised her hand from the impurities in to brush away the invading insect or whatever it might be and in so doing

let go of her pocketbook that she was carrying in the pocket of her coat. -It was only an instant, but it was long enough for the expert pickpocket to get in his work, and when she put her hand back her money was gone, and in the crowd around ber she could not identify the pale faced, fashionably dressed young man at her side as the person who had robbed her, and if she had accused him there would have been no proof against him, as the swag was at once passed to a pal who stood ready to receive it and run. Piggott was not even arrested for that crime, and the lady's ludicrous outcries furnished material for mirth long after.-San Francisco Bulletin.

### LAYING UP A COMPETENCE.

Something That Practically Any Man Can Do Through Self Denial. "There are some men of genius," said Mr. Nippingly, "who accumulate great fortunes by great strokes, but by far the greater number of fortunes, including those of moderate dimensions, and these form the great majority of all, are made by the very simple process of living within one's in-come and investing the surplus with more or less wisdom, but always where

it will be safe. The older I grow the more amazed I am that more people don't lay up a competence for themselves, as most anybody can do, by beginning early in life to live within their income and sticking to that course faithfally. Did I do this myself? No. Am I, however, having learned the wisdom of this course, now making a beginning? I am obliged to say 'No.' I am still spending all I get and laying by noth-

ing.
"There are some lessons that we all easily acquire, but never turn to our own advantage. One of these is of the benefits that arise from the exercise of self denial. We get from this at once the direct benefit of what we and self denial nourishes, strengthens and broadens the will and enables a man constantly to do and to earn more and more.

"There's simply nothing like self denial. It is the key to every one of life's treasures, and everybody has one of those golden keys in his possession, eager to help him and waiting only for him to bring it in use."-New

An Amezed Woman. A woman who had an Arable glass cup of the fourteenth century and did not know its value took it to the British museum. After due consideration the expert, to her surprise, said that, though the museum did not want it, it might be worth \$2,000. The woman shuddered, because she had been car-Write for prices and terms to San Fran rying in a crowded London omnibus a bit of glass worth so much money and it had zairaculously escaped smashing. Finally, wanting money more than Arabian glass, she sent the object to an auctioneer's. Fancy her amazement ween, starting at \$2,500, the Arabic cup went by leaps and bounds and was finally knocked down for the nice sum

> of \$6,500. Actually the Arabic cup was worth very much less, but it so happened that there were two rivals at the auction, who bid against each other .-China, Glass and Lamps.

Aggravating the Offense. "You are charged, young man," the magistrate said, not unkindly, "with scaring the complaining witness nearly out of his senses by putting bim through some mock ceremony of initiation. I can make allowance for exuberance of spirits among college students, but sometimes this exuberance is carried too far."

"It was this way, your honor," exclaimed the youth who appeared to be the spokesman-"we were out for a little lark, and we caught a jay." "The fine will be \$2 and costs each,"

said his honor, his face bardening .-Chicago Tribune.

Some Ready Made Law. Bourke Cockran studied law under

Judge Theodore L. Dwight. One day on his H. E. No. 71°3 for the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 & NE the professor asked a question which 14 SE 14 Sec 7 & N 14 SW 14 Sec 8, T 18 8, R 8 W. He names the following witnesses to prove seemed easy, but was really difficult. With his magnificent voice Cockran anhis continuous residence upon an l'eultivation swered the best be could, adding as a Charley Bailey, of Meadow, Oregon, E P saving clause, "Such, I take it, is the common law." Waite, of Achme, Oregon, P Jackson, of Maple-The good old doctor gleamed be-

nignantly through his spectacles. "That would be all right, sir, if you had made it uncommon law."-Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

paper in a strong solution of alum warer, and when thoroughly dry it will resist the action of flame. The Inhabitants of Cochin China

much prefer rotten eggs to fresh ones.

JINGLES.

Exonerated. Twas several years ago—

Of how you'd ought to go to him

Fur things you didn't know.

But you was obstinate an stiff;

You snubbed him once or twice.

He would have saved you trouble if

You'd asked tur his advice.

He sought with several warnin screeds
To catch the public eye,
Describin all our human needs,
An signed Vox Populi.
He showed 'em what they had to dread;
They didn't seem dismayed.
The public simply went ahead
An calmly disobeyed.

I told him that he orter git I told him that he order git llisself a shiny hat An start to teedin up a bit, To look more sleek an fat, But he kep' figgerin away An studyin a lot, An when he'd said his little say They smiled an then forgot.

So Uncle Jim, he ain't to blame So Uncle Jim, he ain't to blame
Fur all these doin's now—
South Africa with skies aflame,
This Filipino row.
I'm very much inclined to say,
When signs of peace grow dim,
Folks wouldn't be so skeered it they
Had minded Uncle Jim.
—Washington Star.

The Merry Time of Frost and Snow, She says she likes the winter time,
She "loves the frost and snow;"
She says she likes the cutting blasts
That round the corners blow.
"How gay," she says, "to glide on ice,
How grand to speed away
Across the whitened landscape in
The swinging, swaying sleigh."

Oh, yes, she likes the winter time, With all its balky furnaces
And heavy leating bills!
But while I shiver here and blow
Upon my fingers she
May spend her winters in the south,
From ley terrors free.
—Chleago Times-Herald,

Looking Forward. Looking Forward.

Son, when the woman you love so sweetly Gives you the gay ha-ha,
Don't think life is soured completely;
Take a look at her ma!
This old world has women a-plenty.
Time will change young love to a toy.
Every woman is sweet at twenty.
(Your ma was twenty herself, my boy!)

Daughter, when he you loved as a lover Gives you the cold ta-ta.
Don't conclude that joy is over;
Go and gaze at his pa!
This old world has tricks that are dirty. Time will fix it, never you tear.

Every man is a god at thirty.

(I was thirty myself, my dear!)

-New York Press.

Cured. Pale, sick, I walked the ocean strand;
A good, stout cane was in my hand;
With weakness I could scarcely stand
And face the salt sea spray.
Then feebly to the ground I stooped
A handful of the sand I scooped;
I swallowed it, and then I whooped
And threw my cane away. And threw my cane away.

—Chicago Tribune.

Its Legal Aspect. Its Legal Aspect.

Necessity knows no law.

But her rulings no man can budge;
Decisions are often raw

When Necessity aets as judge.

But, however aggrieved you feel.

Just pay up your costs and trudge;

You bet there is no appeal

When Necessity acts as judge.

—Chicago Record.

Wife-Here's the longest word in the language. There's 20 syllables in it. Husband-Just the same, it isn't The longest word is the comparative degree of long.

Wife-How do you make that out? Husband-Easy enough. I don't care how long your word is, that is longer.-Detroit Free Press.

coal bills this year? Well, it came. Mr. Youngwed-Really? A stock of

Mrs. Youngwed-No. A little arrangement for filing bills .- Philadelphia Press.



"Your money or your life!"
"Ha, ha! Good joke! I'm an artist!"-New York Journal.

"Do you know anything about the recent financial crash?" asked the friend. "No," answered the cold bloodedly

truthful man. "I don't even know

enough about it to moralize on it."-

Washington Star. His Retort. "Sir," she said when he complained of the incessant plano playing, "you have no ear for music."

"That may be true, madam," he re-

plied. "I will have to hear some in or-

der to find out."-Chicago Post. Her Own Fault. Mrs. Dibbs-Mme. Chic, I pay you more than Mrs. Hibbs, and yet you put more style into her frocks. Mme. Chic-Well, Mrs. Dibbs, that's

please.-Indianapolis Journal.

Finance. "Everybody ought to oppose these get rich quick schemes." "I don't know about that. I'd like to To make paper fireproof nothing make a fortune while I'm alive to enmore is necessary than to saturate the Joy it."-Chicago Record.

> To Be Expected. Wher his dear Anna said she'd be his bride, he felt clated; He couldn't help it, for, you see, He then was Anna-mated.
> -Elliott's Magazine

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THE FLAG OF STARS.

Oh, not alone the eager south—
Alone the steadfast north—
Saw with wet eyes beneath spring skies
Our flag of stars go forth!
Oh, not alone the elder east,
Nor the young hearted west,
Smiled high with pride where side by at
The nation's children pressed!

SICK WOMEN WELL

But north and south and east and west But north and south and east and were The mountain and the plain, The prairie and the desert, Yielded their flower again. East and west and south and north The flower of the land. Hearing the mother's call, went forth To stand at her right hand.

We be many hands in labor,
But one arm for the right;
One blood to shed, one heart till deed,
One good sword for the fight;
We be many tongued and minded,
But one mind and one tongue
When once wide sent through a contin

Then northern tongues sing "Dixie"
Beneath the ancient flag.
And the southerner dies to rebaptise
His own the "Yankee rag!"
Brothers—to keep for freedom's sake
The flag of stars unfurled
Beneath the stars of heaven—to make
The starlight of the world!
Grace Elleriy Channing in Youth's Opanion.

A LESSON IN COOKING.

How a Hobo Served Up a Dish of Roast Chicken.

"The first time I ran away from home I learned a trick or two that was worth the while," said a well known business man. "I started out on several unauthorized tours of adventure before I reached years of discretion, but the Generous Man.

Mrs. Youngwed—You know Uncle
Pincher said he was going to send us

I reached years of discretion and so first is most vividly impressed upon my memory. Three of us kids caught a freight train and got some 60 or 70 miles away from home before the first something that would help us save our nightfall. Then we didn't know where to spend the night. Several attempts to quarter ourselves in empty box cars on the side track of a little village only resulted in our being chased away and threatened with arrest. so we went to the outskirts of the place and built a fire on the bank of a little creek. Here we made ourselves as comfortable as possible and one or two of us had actually dozed off for short naps when a regular hobo, a good specimen of the real article, happened along and wanted to know if we had anything to eat. Of course we badn't.

" 'Weil,' he said. 'if you fellers'll ketch a chicken I'll show you a trick

that'll be useful to you. "It dien't take us long to catch the chicken and bring it back. The veteran member of the nomadic fraternity wrung its neck, jerked off its head, cleaned it and going down to the creek wadded it up. feathers, feet and all, in a big ball of yellow clay. This he rolled into the fire and scraped the burning embers up around it. The clay soon bardened, and we could see it among the wood coals gradually becoming a bright cherry red. When it did so, the cook rolled it out again, let it cool a little and then broke it open with a stone. The feathers had stuck to the baked clay and a clean, inviting chicken was ready to be served. All the moisture that in ordinary baking is lost had been kept in by the bricklike inclosure, and the morsel that fell to my lot was the juiciest and sweetest I have ever eaten."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Absent Companions.

At a banquet given in Rochester two of the expected guests were unable to be present. The order of seating hap-pened to be such that a particularly jovial and companionable gentleman sat with one of the vacant chairs on each side of him. The empty chairs and first course of oysters were left in what you get for being so easy to place for some time in case the expected guests arrived. The solitary gentle therefore could move neither to the right nor to the left, but amiably beamed throughout the repust, seem ingly none the worse for his enforced isolation. After the banquet some one innocently asked him:

"How did you enjoy yourself, old

chap?"
"First rate." he replied briskly enough. "I sat next to a couple of fellows who weren't there."—Rochester

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