

When the stormy breezes bluster Through the shade trees, lank and bare And the tiny frost flakes sparkle In the chilly morning air, Then we take an inventory And o'er useful things we gloat; Naught can wake our tender interest Like last winter's overcoat.

Tenderly we pick the mothballs From the pockets where they've lain, And with sponge and brush we labor To remove each spot and stain; Mourning o'er the frequent tokens Of our hungry friend the moth, Where he foraged at his leisure On the sleek imported cloth.

But at length, with some misgivings, We pronounce it fit to wear: Yet we shun our dude companions And resent their haughty stare. And we're ant to lose some slumber And some envy we devote To the man who need not worry O'er last winter's overcoat. -Peter Grant.

*********** The Little Lacemaker.

DLLE. NOEMI VERDIER, a lacemaker of Valenciennes, was as good as she was pretty, and her modesty and simplicity commanded the respect of all.

Left an orphan at thirteen years of age she lived with her brother, three years her seulor, who, having suddenly become the head of the house, labored for his little sister and himself at cabinet making.

The two lived happily together; but the years passed and the time of milltary service came. Louis was obliged to go. The separation was terrible to those two children, who loved each other so much.

Left alone in the little lodgings, thus suddenly become too large for her, Noemi with bleeding heart applied herself to her work and wrought marvels from the flax fields.

Each Saturday she carried back her work and when she returned home divided her earnings in two parts. Must she not send a small subsidy to her soldier, who was thinking of her there in his far-away garrison?

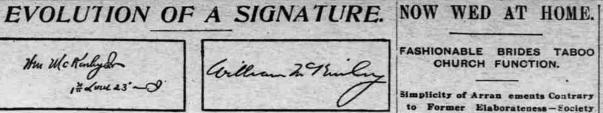
On his side Louis behaved in his regito say, like an honest man, and so, at the poor, wounded man lying beside the end of the second year of his absence he was able to announce one beautiful morning that he had been promoted to be sergeant.

You can imagine how happy Noemi Oh, how proud she was of her dear brother! But her happiness was short. In a few weeks came a letter. The war-France rushed to the frontier of the East.

The dreadful war began. From the letters of her beloved Louis she learned the successive defeats of the Frenca army, Woerth, Rozenville, Saint-Private, Gravelotte, Sedan, Then silence followed-no more letters, no

more news, nothing. Noeml, who never read the papers, hastened now to the office of the Guetteur de Valenciennes and of the Echo de la Frontiere, seeking there some little ray of hope. She listened to the talk on the street, she mingled with the groups of people commenting on the news, she gave ear to the painful accounts of the war and she learned, with a sinking heart, that her brother's regiment bad met with severe losses. Meanwhile the wounded soldiers were

sent, through Hirsan and Avesnes, to his appeals, the towns and cities on the northern frontier. Every day fresh convoys arrived in Valenciennes All the hospitals were full, and still they came. Then private ambulances were organized everywhere, churches and factories opened their doors to the unfortunate wounded soldiers.



Signature of L'eut. Nck'nley in 1864. Sigrature el Fres'dent of United States in I'CO Those fond of studying character in handwriting will find much of interest in the signatures of First Lient, William McKinley, Jr., of the Twenty third Ohio volunteer infantry, and William McKinley, President of the United States Unless one looks closely at the signatures it may seem hard to trace much simi-Still, it is there, and can be found in a number of places.

When the older of the signatures was written the father of the boy lieutenant was alive, and the future President was William Jr. This signature was written across the face of a small photograph, and there was not room to spell the "William" out in full, even if the lieutenant had wished to do so. The photograph was taken and the signature written when President McKinley was 21 years old, and when he had not had occasion to sign the name more than a few times, comparatively. The other signature is thirty-five years older, being that of the President of the nation. For all the changes that time made in the signature and in the man who wrote it, there are interesting similarities in the two fac-similes.

LINIMENTS MADE AT HOME.

the Cure of 1 iscase

"Speak, my darling," answered the thus provided. As the brace depends

young officer. "The surgeon says that you will soon be able to get up. I am going to take you home to our little nest and take care of you day and night. You shall see how happy we will be and how

They Are Frequently of Great Value for quickly you will be well." "Dear, dear sister! Oh, what a good idea, and how I shall hasten to get strong, so as to be able to go with you.' One morning, when she came in, radiant with gladness, her brother bade her speak low and pointed with his eyes to a new wounded officer, whom they ulant, or it may be used in case of had brought in and placed on a mattress beside his own. The wounded man was M. de Lauterac d'Amboyse lieutenant "aux chasseurs a pied" and had been struck in the shoulder by a

bombshell. "Poor young man!" said Noemi, com severe cold a piece of flannel dipped in passionately. "He has no sister to take care of him." And she became interested in this man, whose death seemed batting will seldom fail to bring relief

certain. to a little child or even to an older per-In the meantime the days went by and Louis' convalescence progressed rapidly. Had he not promised to hurry' On the morning of the tenth day Noemi arrived, joy in her face, bringing a pre cious package wrapped in tissue paper She, too, had kept her word; her marvelous work was finished and she brought it to show her brother before carrying it to the merchant who order ed it, and in her joy at being able to ment as he did in Valenciennes; that is take her brother home she forgot about

> her. "See how beautiful it, is!" she said displaying the delicate masterpiece up

on the bed-proud of it, not because of its overwhelming difficulties, but bewas! How her heart throbbed with joy! cause it enabled her to realize her most ardent wish, to bring her dear convalescent into their little nest in the little street, into the small lodgings where cloud had burst all at once; armed happiness would come back at the return of her beloved brother. With

And they were both happy. hands clasped, they contemplated the delicate lace. All at once a piercing shriek drew

them from their ecstasy. In making an effort to rise M. de Lauterac d'Ambroyse had disarranged his bandages, the wound reopened, and the unfortunate man fell back on his bed

covered with blood. At the scream the surgeon was on the spot and in a twinkling had removed all melted together .- New York Tribthe bandage. une.

"Quick, quick! Some int!" he cried. "Hurry, hurry!" And while the nurses, beside them-

The Latest Parisian Fad Has Made selves at the cries of the patient, Its Debut in This Country. Not long after Dinkeresco, the noted searched everywhere for what was at hand, the stream of blood kept on flow- Russian chemist, had discovered that it ing and the anxious surgeon multiplied is possible to reproduce a photograph on ANN'S

and sister motion brothe

FASHIONABLE BRIDES TABOO CHURCH FUNCTION.

Simplicity of Arran ements Contrary to Former Elaborateness-Society Leaders Say Home Wedding Is a Mor. acred Event-Guests Still Numerous

The weddings of the fashionables are no longer "brilliant functions," says the Chicago Chronicle. The elabstate affair of the past few years has been replaced by a quiet home wed-ding, which does not lend itself to long descriptions. "And why have a home wedding?" some people ask. "Wasn't the old way the best?"

These fashionables who have planned and executed the change have many reasons for it. In the first place they

say a home wedding is so much more sacred. One is inclined to ask them upon no exterior support and is light why they did not think of that long and easily attached it will be an aid to ago, before Mrs. So and So or Mrs. football, baseball and golf players also. Somebody Else thought of it. Why

didn't they have a plain home wedding when their first daughter was married. Why was the church so much better then than it is now? Not that it would It is difficult to find a liniment that for the fashionable mother of the fashwill be of more general usefulness than ionable bride would look at you in liniment, as it is often called. It is val- grieved wonderment if you did. "A uable for rubbing on the outside of the throat or on the chest as a gentle stimhouse wedding is so simple and pretty ter, really, we never could think of chronic rheuhatism, where it must be applied with friction to give any relief. It may be purchased of the durggist or alphaed with friction to give any tentry It may be prepared at home by dissolv-ing one ounces of gum camphor in four fluid ounces of olive oil. In case of a fluid ounces of olive oil. In case of a generally observed. Within the past figurines were forgeries was the statesevere cold a piece of fiannel dipped in three months there have been thirty ment of John Marshall, an English au-thority, that he believed them to be of Chicago, and of this number but

three were church functions.

A compound liniment which is recommended for rheumatism and "numb- church as a place for such affairs. that he knew the maker. He produced ommended for rheumatism and "numb-ness" is made of two and a half ounces of gum camphor and one drachm of oil of lavender dissolved in seventeen fluid ounces of alcohol. After this add three fluid ounces of strong solution of amfuid ounces of strong solution of am-so numerous and the guest list is es-monia and shake the ingredients thor-sentially much reduced. The wedding the forgeries as one known to him for similar work in other lines. The man

oughly together in a bottle. Keep it closely corked when not in use. A good liniment for bruises and strains is made of two fuld ounces of alcohol maginative soclety editor could not seum authorities, they at once decided made of two fluid ounces of alcohol,



Now that it is not only proper but LET US ALL LAUGH. home and to have it a simple, unpreten-

tious affair, the ordeal is no longer so trying. The preparation and celebra- JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-RIOUS HUMORISTS. tion of her wedding will not leave the bride in a state of nervous collapse and her entire family exhausted. The Pleasant Incidents Occurring the last of the church weddings were eight-World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerday wonders for splendor and no one ful to Old or Young-Funny Selecwould have dared to outdo them. They tions that You Will Enjoy.

had worked themselves out of novel ties as a means of display and it only remained to repeat the wonders that Grogan-I suppose you know it is the had already been accomplished. The proper caper now not to serve butter at home wedding is a kindly respite from dinner these shows and a respite for which Hogan-That's always been the rule both society and the newspaper readat our boarding-house. They serve oleo

ing public is thankful. instead, you know .- Boston Transcript. PROVED TO BE FORGERIES.

"Well, Dalsy, shall we pay the house Tanagra Figurines in the Boston Murent or give a dinner?" seum Are Ease Imitations "Why, give the dinner, of course! The discovery that twenty-five of the twenty-eight Tanagra figurines in the What good will pald-up house rent do

Boston art museum are forgeries has us if we lose our social position?"-Life. attracted much attention from artists and art critics, largely because the Bos-Uncle Bob-Well, Johnny, are you at ton figurines were the best specimens the head of your class? of the peculiar Tanagra potteries in this Johnny-No, but I can lick the fellow country and have been widely copied, that is!-Answers. cheap imitations of some of them being found in the shop of almost every dealer in art goods and brie-a-brac. Young Lady Patient-Doctor, what The collection has been valued at \$30,- do you do when you burn your mouth 000 and was given to the museum in with hot coffee? 1879 by Thomas Appleton, whose au-Doctor-Swear!-Pick-Me-Up. thority on art subjects was so great that the genuineness of his gift was never questioned. It is not believed that Mr. Appleton knew that the figurines were forgeries, as the museum judges at the Louvre, at Berlin and New York were also deceived by forged

spurious. Later a Greek shopkeeper from New York told the museum au-But there is more to it than the mere thorities that the figurines were part fact that the home has succeeded the of a lot made in Athens in 1874, and Teacher-Charles, what is the sho est day of the year? Charles (from experience)-The day

your father promises to give you a licking before you go to bed. Keeping His Humor Dry.

"A sail!" shouted the lookout. The admiral knit his brow. "I hope it's the enemy," he muttered. "I have enough powder to fight a battle, but not enough to fire a salute!"

With this he folded his arms and gloomily contemplated the horizon --Detroit Journal. Candid.

No Good at All.

On His Mettle.

Might Try It.

Time Is Comparative.

"What do you think is the saddest work of fiction you ever read?" "The cook book," answered the young woman who has not been married very long. "Not more than one in ten of those pleces come out right."-Washingtn Star.

Worst Yet. "Please, I want a pennorth of-erer-I want-er-er-" "Have you forgotten what you came

for?" "Yes, that's what I want." "What?"

"Camphor."-Moonshine. Bright Boy.

Josh Hayrake-I've got one smart on up in the Klondike. Reuben Glue-Gettin' rich fast, s'pose?

Josh Hayrake-Oh, yes; he writes that he'll soon have enough tew git home with .- Brooklyn Life. "Yes. dear."

Too Early to Tell.

Doesn't Melt. "It's terrible, the way the price of coal is going up," wailed the pessimist. "Well, there is one thing to be thankful for," said the optimist; "coal doesn't melt like ice."-Philadelphia Record.

Regrettei It. Lens-I didn't think you'd let a man ciss you on such short acquaintance. Maude-Well, he thoroughly convinced me that it was all my fault that I hadn't met him sooner .- Smart Set.

Of Course. "It seems to be an actual fact that n Indian never laughs."

"Nonsense! D'dn't Longfellow make Minnehaha?"-Philadelphia Press.

Some Cause for Joy Yet. "Well, Dave, what did you do on your fiftleth birthday?"

"Oh, I passed resolutions that I was glad I wasn't 100."-Detroit Free P. ess.

Nothing in It. Giles-At last I have got a letter from my rich uncle in California. Hilton-Anything in it of interest? Giles-Not a cent.-Boston Transcript.

Ee:dom. Song writers may turn out airs by the nillion, but they seldom become milllonaires .- Philadelphia Record.

A Joint Wardrobe. "Do you like your new cook?" "Oh, yes, I haven't worn my silk cape out once since she came, but, gracious! I'm not going to bother her about a little thing like that."-Indianapolis Journal.

Discovery. "You seem to have d scovered the seeret of keeping a servant girl, Mrs. Hill?"

"Yes. Several years ago I found a maid whom my gowns would exactly fit, and I have had no trouble since."-Denver Times.

Simply Lx sts. Miss Pepprey-Gracious! You don't mean to say that you absolutely do

nothing? Cholly-Aw, weally, I don't even do that. My man attends to ev'wything, ' know.-Philadelphia Press.

Faffled.

"There's no use," said Mr. Cumrox, 'I ain't going to try to superintend the education of my daughter any more." "Why not?"

"They're getting along where I can't 'ollow 'em. I hear 'em chattering sometimes, and I can't tell whether they are reciting their Latin lesson or 'counting out' for a game of hide and seek."-Washington Star.

Her Valuation.

Biggs (to cabman)-What will you charge to take me and my wife to Blank's Hotel?

Cabman-Half a crown, sir. Biggs-And how much for taking me lone

Cabman-The same-half a crown. Biggs (to his wife)-There, my dear, ou see how much you are valued at .-Tit-Bits.

Worked Both Ways. "I can't have lost all my good looks," said Miss Northside to her best friend. Miss Shadyside, "for I can still obtain a seat in a crowded street car." "Oh, well," replied Miss Shadyside, you know the men will give seats to old age as well as to youthful beauty." -Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Perplexing, "Mamma, my hirthday comes this year on Monday, doesn't it?"

"And last year it was on Sunday, wasn't it?" "Yes, dear." "Did it come on Saturday the year before last?" "Yes, dear." "Mamma, how many days in the veek was I born on?"-The King.

One morning the report was circulated that a convoy of wounded from all that Louis could say. her brother's regiment had arrived during the night.

To the poor girl a glimmer of hope returned

She ran from one to the other, asking of the nurses, bending over every cot; but the hope of the morning vanished. All at once she remembered that the day before they had opened in Saint-Saulve a hospital intended especially for the officers. Was there any possibility that an unknown sergeant might have been brought there? Surely not Yet, notwithstanding, she found strength to go thither.

An army surgeon came toward her. "What do you wish, mademoiselle?"

"Oh, monsieur! Pardon! I am looking for my brother, Sergeant Louis Ver-

"You mean Lleutenant Louis Verdler?" And pointing with his finger down the long row of mattresses on the floor, "there he is in the sixth bed."

To the poor girl it seemed as if the earth vanished from beneath her feet. She choked back an exclamation of joy. tottered forward a few steps and with an outburst of infinite happiness knel before the bed of Lieutenant Verdier who, with his head wrapped in linen, was lying in a heavy stupor.

"Louis! Louis! It is I," she ex claimed, trembling, with clasped hands, ready to fall.

At this appeal the wounded man re-covered his consciousness, opened his eyes and perceived his sister, but not being able to raise his head he stretched forth both his hands, which she sefzed in hers and covered with tears. In the meantime the surgeon ap-proached, and, half unwillingly, led her away.

"You must not cause him any emotion, or we cannot guarantee anything, sapristi! Your brother's wound is doing well; he will recover, that is certain, if you do not unde our work." "Oh, monsleur le docteur

"Never mind monsleur le docteur. This is enough for to-day. Come back to-morrow morning, but now go home."

"Do you see, my dear Louis," said and carry semi-circular steel braces the happy Noemi to him a few days which are connected by a strap passing later, sitting by the bedside of her brother, "yesterday the merchant for whom I work ordered of me a piece of magnificent lace for a wealthy English | draws the bones back into place, and house. I began to work on it last night | there is no upward play to the brace and I hope to finish it in ten days. For The sole of the shoe is also prevented this work they will pay me a very high from tilting in either direction, and as price. Do you know what I am going this movement always takes place to do with the money?"

pale with fright, exchanged one glance Noemi seized her precious lace, tore it in pieces, and gave it to the major, who applied it to the wound.

The hemorrhage was stopped. Louis and Noemi, trembling with motion, looked at each other. "Dear sister, thanks-." That was

"It will make but a few days' de lay," lisped the young girl, keeping back the tears just ready to flow. "I will begin my work again."

Lieutenant de Lauterac l'Ambroyse is to-day colonel; he is the father of three children; one a big, pretty girl, almost as beautiful and sweet as her mother. whose name she wears, Noemi; and two flexible film of the loved one's features their uncle assures us, the brave commandant Louis Vernier.

ANKLE BRACE FOR SKATERS.

Device for Giving Artificial Aid to Weak Ankles.

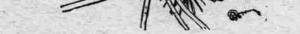
Many a person is prevented from ubsidence of the Bermuda Islands. learning to skate, both with roller and According to the results of studies by ice skates, by weakness of the ankles. Prof. A. E. Verrill the beautiful Ber and as skating is such a fascinating muda Islands are merely the remnant sport it is not to be wondered at that of an Island, very much larger than the artificial aid is to be provided to brace present group, but which has sunk in the ankles for this sport. The latest the ocean. The original island had an device for this purpose has just been patented by Arthur J. and Robert T. the Bermudas to-day are only about 20 Brauer of St. Louis, Mo., and is illus- square miles in area. Within a comtrated herewith. The brace is not in-

> drifted into hills by the wind and con solidated by infiltration.

SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT SUPPORT.

tended to be attached to the ankle, but epends entirely upon the force exerted the strap pulling the triangular plates over either ankle in a downward direction. The plates are of leather underneath the hollow of the foot. When the ankle starts to turn, the plate on the side toward which it bends

when the ankle turns a further aid is edge of eternity.



CHURCH WEDDINGS ARE NOW OUT OF DATE.

Beautiful Cora L'vingstor

who had a critical eye for pretty girls

who has not heard of the three great

stamped on the arm make it so. One mald of honor and on an investigation of the figurines or shoulder. An one bridesmald are at most the attend- themselves, and Mr. Marshall, who had English actress now playing in New York has brought the field to this country fad to this country ant. The bride is gowned simply yet were scraped and the forgery at once THE NEW FAD. and other members with all the adornments necessary to revealed.

of the theatrical profession are being the proverbial bride and the costume bitten by the Dinkeresco habit. The of her maid is likewise simple process is quite simple. The spot to be In spite of all its apparent simplicity, consecrated to displaying the feature. the home wedding is not a small affair,

the human skin it

in Paris for love-sick

men and women

have their dea

one's lineaments

of a dear one is coated with a chemicai 200 or 300 guests are frequently in atmixture that is sensitive to the light. A tendance and the reception which folfine-looking boys, who are "terrors," as is placed on the mixture and you ex- it all in all, the home function is no pose your arm for ten minutes and the less brilliant, though less showy, than picture is there. It must be washed that of the church and even when it that of the church and a family affair belles of this country-Miss Cora Livwith three different chemicals to assure permanency. After the triple bath it is there is a reception afterward for mpossible to remove the picture by any friends. There is still the "Lohengrin"

wedding march and the "Oh, Promise Me," played softly through the service, and there is always the bride, a haphow to paint the rose to describe Mispy and altogether charming person, Cora. 'In the first place,' he went on who is after all the center of general interest. And there is still a wedding to say, 'she is not handsome; I mean ring, although there is no page in white velvet to carry it on a cushion, has a fine figure, a pretty face, dances before the race. It's your turn now. and there is still a bride's bouquet to be thrown at her girl friends after the the height of the ton to be her admirer, Mainsel-Yes; but say, rather, "He ceremony, although there is no small and she is certainly the belle of this iaughs best who luffs first."-Philadelcountry.' flower girl to hold it. And there is al-

ways the rice and the old slippers to rill, the Bermudas have subsided at be thrown at the departing couple, for least 80 or 100 feet. Their base is the summit of an ancient volcano, while t taboud their surface is composed of shell sand yet tabooed.

Home Wedding Is Better of Two. Take it altogether, there are a great her for thirty years. Will you come

any people who will agree with the into the house and see Mrs. Barton?" Next Century Will Bring Longer Life. society matron that the home wedding The American will be taller by from is the better of the two, although it is saw an old lady in cap and dress of one to two inches in the next hundred noticeable that they are in every case studied simplicity. 'You would not years. His increase of stature will re- the people who will be guests at the have known me,' she said, and he could solt from better health, due to vast re affair wherever it is held. Yet if there not make reply. 'Come into the next forms in medicine, sanitation, food and is to be a change in the style of marathletics. He will live fifty years in stead of thirty-five as at present-for he will reside in the suburbs. The city house will practically be no more at home, "quietly," as the society col-he had paid homage a generation be-lars for an evening dress? Why, 1 attention is called to the fire in former Building in blocks will be illegal. The trip from suburban home to office will way. The church wedding has held require a few minutes only. A penny sway for more than ten years and it silence." will pay the fare .- Ladies' Home Jourcertainly was getting to be a bore to

have a whole family of daughters married in exactly the same way. The tandem with them on their summer va. cost so .- Philadelphia Bulletin. first could have a pink wedding and cation, and in due time returned home,

the second a blue one and so on to the greatly refreshed by the outing. eldian courtesy. A negro boy whose end, but as for any further individualduty it is to look after the family wasi ity it was simply impossible. A bride I expected to see you, Jonesby,

when taken to task for a delay of sey. eral days replied; could be a bride after just so much marked Brownson, meeting him the Mr. Gotham-What nonsense! The next day after his return. "Tell me soon get over it.-New York Weekly. "The wash-lady says that the wash- church and back again. There was a candidly how far you traveled on that

> "Well," he replied, lowering his voice, an affair and no one dared to depart from it. For all these years society "I have hired a boy to turn the front has been a slave to this code and when wheel just one hour. As soon as he choice?"

it did finally rebel it was to the great has finished I'll look at the cyclometer | "Why, I think no man's name ought and this is the rule also in some of the it did finally rebel it was to the great has misbed in ioos at the cycloneter way, i then not everybody is dead satisfaction and relief of numerous and tell you exactly how many miles to go in there until everybody is dead we made on it." that knew him."-Indianapolis Journal. of responsibility is fixed at 12.

married couple in the next flat?" "Oh, we can't find out for a few weeks; each now calls the other Birdie.' "-Indianapolis Journal.

Beauties of Employing a Mascot.



Boy-Say, mister, let me balt your

Fisherman-I will, if you give me good luck. ingston of New Orleans, Miss Julia Boy (adjusting the bait)-The last Dickenson of Troy and Miss Emily man I balted for got turned out of Marshall of Boston?' Indeed, he obchurch for telling the truth about how served that he would need to know many fish he caught.

Good Advice. Tackleton-I'm glad your yatch beat not transcendentally handsome, but she Bragman's. He was blowing so much well, and dresses to admiration. "It is "He laughs best who laughs last."

phia Press

"The beauty of Cora Livingston Bar-Crafty. ton had ripened early and it faded ear-Jackson-No, I never take a news paper home. I've got a family acy as a belle were gone Josiah Quincy grown-up daughters, you know. was taken to her home at Montgomery Friend-Papers too full of crime? place, on the Hudson. He had not seen Jackson-No; too full of bargain sales.

-Tit-Bits. His English He-You climed ze Matterhorn? Zat was a great foot.

She-Great feat, you mean, Count. He-Ah! Zen you climed him more room,' she then said, 'and you will see as once!-Punch.

the Cora Livingston you knew in Washington.' There he saw the full-Saving Women. length portrait of the beauty to whom Mr. Payne-What! Sixty-eight dolfore, and he could gaze upon it only in thought you were going to have your last year's black lace made over.

Jonesby and his wife took the family made over red satin, and that's what in employing such paints. In closed

Preventing the Cure. Mrs. Gotham-The paper says an In-"You are not as much tanned ") as diana State Board is trying to prevent re- the marriage of idiots.

Good Idea

An Illiterate. Jane-What did you ever reject John Gray for?

Kitty-He was so illiterate, Jane-Illiterate? Why, I thought he vas a man of superior education Kitty-Well, he wasn't. He didn't even know the rudiments, for when I told him "no" and thought sure he would read between the lines, would you believe it, the gump picked up his hat and went home .- Detroit Free Press.

The Strenuous Life.

New Reporter (tired out)-To-day is Saturday, and you know that this State now has a Saturday half-holiday law which-

City Editor-By jinks! I nearly forgot it. Rush out and get up a five-column article on how the day is being oberved .- New York Weekly.

Had 'Em to Suit. Customer (having tried nearly all the hats in the shop)-It's a funny thing

that you don't seem to have a hat that suits my head. Shopman (truly anxious to please)-

Try a soft one, sir.-Pick-Me-Up. From the Atlantic. "What are you nosing around that At-

antic cable for?" said the lobster to the bluefish.

"Oh," said the latter, nonchalantly, "merely picking up a few ocean currents,"-Detroit Free Press.

Petroleum in Paint Explodes.

Explosions caused by paint mixed with petroleum ether are said to have occurred frequently of late in England. The admixture of petroleum ether is made to hasten the drying of the paint. Aside from the recent accidents with such paints in the interior of vessels, years on the man-of-war Dotterel, where 151 persons lost their lives, Mrs. Payne-I did, dear. 1 had it Hence great caution is recommended rooms their use should be entirely prohibited.

Age of Responsibility. In England the law looks upon everyone over the age of 7 as a respon being, and every child beyond that age can be prosecuted as a criminal. The same age is accepted in Russia and Portugal. In France and Belgium the age "I'd fix that Hall of Fame all right." is 8, in Italy and Spain it is 9. Norway, "What would be your basis of Greece, Austria, Denmark and Holland decline to prosecute a child under 10,

Euphonistic in the Extreme.

The rapid extension of polite terms ppears to threaten an era of Chester

gentleman was sick and she had to strict code for the arrangement of such tandem. wait on him." The presumption is that the husband

of the laundress has been III. Time is but a narrow ruffle on the

area of 300 or 400 square miles, wherea paratively recent period, says Prof. Ver-

known process.