That in this polished case hath found Secure from any tarnish more, or dust

I call it "rust," this green and purple stain

Upon the ancient silver coin-but, nay! 'Tis but the copper driven out, as pain And sorrow purge from us the dros away.

Pure, ah! how pure this precious disk, re-

By ages' testing!-purer than the hour When first in the great Emperor's mint it shined.

The glistening type of all his pomp and

So we, all scarred and stained by life's long test. Are we not purer than the soul untried,

Whose coarse alloy doth still abuse its A coin that shines, but is unpurified?

-James Buckham, in Philadelphia

## PERFECT LOVEMAKING

EAR MISS RAYMOND - The Magpie Dramatic Club, of which, as I think you know, I am a member, has been placed in a very awkward position by the sudden marriage of its leading lady. Will you help us out of our difficulty by taking her place in the approaching performance of "A Golden Heart?" The part of Sybil would suit you splendidly. Perhaps you will let me come and talk the matter over with you to-morrow evening. If I do not hear from you by the morning I shall conclude I have your permission. Believe me, yours truly, ROBERT MORE.

Marjorie aRymond looked at the let-ROBERT MORE. ter with an expression half of pleasure,

half of alarm on her pretty face. "What shall I do, dad?" she asked, appealing to her father across the breakfast table.

"Whatever you like, of course, Madge. You always do, you know." "I'm not sure what I want to do." of the sentence. "The worst of it is, I've got to make up my mind at once, because-let me see, what is it he says? Oh, here: 'If I do not hear from you by the morning-' the morning! Why, that's to-day-now-this very minute!'

"H'm! Let me look at the envelope. Why, that letter was only posted at midnight, so you couldn't possibly have got it before this morning."

"Consequently, I couldn't possibly let him know in time if I didn't want him to call this evening. He might have thought of that. How stupid of him!" "On the contrary, Madge, it was rather clever of him," retorted Mr. Raymond, regarding her humorously. Miss Raymond attempted a frown, but only achieved a smile.

"But I don't know that I care about stepping into Miss Montgomery's shoes," she said. "She was quite a star, you see, and all the male Magples are such shining lights; I shall feel like a farthing dip in comparison."

"Why not talk it over with More tonight?" suggested her father. "Anyhow, you needn't make up your mind till then, you know, Madge. The pressing question of the moment is, what are you going to have for breakfast?"

"It's awfully good of you to come to the rescue, Miss Raymond," were More's first words to Madge that even-

"But I hven't said 'Yes' at all yet," she protested, "and I'm not sure that I

am going to, either.' "Then you're far more stony-hearted than I took you to be. Just think of my

position! Why, I've as good as promised the Magples to get you for Sybil." "You know very well you'd no business to do so. Why, you've never even seen me act." "Now, remember what an infallible

physiognomist I am. You've got an acting face; that's quite sufficient assurance for me."

"What nonsense! I'm only a feeble amateur-that's what Tom calls meand Sybil is quite beyond me, I'm

"At least, why not have a shot at it? It's a capital part, and you ought to play it well. Just think of that exquisite scene in the third act between Jack and Sybil. Doesn't the thought of that tempt you?"

"On the contrary, it appals me. I hate those sentimental bits. They don't appeal to me in the least. I'm such a frightfully prosaic creature myself, you

"So much the beter; then you needn't he afraid of letting the part run away with you. Come, you're not going to

be so cruel as to disappoint us?" "Well, if you put in that way-I don't want to be disagreeable. But, I warn you, I shall never be able to do that

love scene properly." "You will, with practice. We can have lots of private rehearsals, if you like. My evenings are quite at your

"Why, you don't mean to say you're cast for Jack? Oh, how funny!" And Miss Raymond burst into a peal of laughter.

More looked a trifle hurt. "I don't consider the situation so very humorous," he said. "However, I'm

glad if it amuses you." "Oh, I really beg your pardon!" cried the girl. "I know I'm frightfully rude; but if there is one person in the world more prosaic and matter-of-fact than myself, I believe it's you, Mr. More. And the idea of us two impersonating

a love-sick couple! It's really too ab-

surd!" And the speaker gave vent to fresh peals of merriment. Yes, of course, I see it now. Ha. ha! It's awfully funny!" retorted More, and joined in the laugh with a gusto that did him infinite credit. But then, of course, More was a prominent member of the Magpie Amateur Dra-

matle Club. "And you honestly think I shall do?" asked Madge, on the day following the first full rehearsal of "A Golden

"You'll do first-rate," More respond ed, heartily, "Hartley is delighted with you, I know. Of course, it's against



that will be worth something to him is worth a great deal. must make a specialty of some one line and stick to it. Think the thing over and study the particular subjects that tives frilling, give up using your alum best suit your temperament and the urroundings, and in which success can best be won. George Horace Lorimer, on the outer edges of the plate, and editor of the Saturday Evening Post, your troubles will cease. Do not put line, says the condition of affairs is such now that the man who makes a study of and best understands some one subject, even if it be no more than huckle-berry puddings, will make a better success than the one with a general slow and sure. Put away some of the and then wash them with hot water pictures you think all right and in a and soap, and the stains will disappear. week or two look at them again. De- The juice of a ripe tomato well rubbe and points where an improvement stains. could have been made will suggest themselves. Get some friend who is capable of doing so to criticise your

"I dare say."

positions?"

"I-I really don't know."

ers," Madge remarked, innocently.

that scene now," said More.

very well go wrong."

brace. Go on."

"Which shoulder?"

business-like fashlon.

"All right."

wasn't it?"

shall we try that again?"

"Well, suppose we have another go at

"Very well. Do you remember our

"Yes. You're sitting on the garden

seat-there, that settee will do-and

you ready? Jack says: 'I love you,

of Jack's little speech, then: 'Say you'

hate me, Sibyl, and put me out of mis-

"'Is it such misery?' Let me see

"Not yet. Jack replies: "To know

that I have made you wretched and

myself ridiculous!' And then Sibyl

says: 'To know that you have made me

very proud and very happy.' That's

where you rise and come up to me

taking both my hands. Jack says: 'My

darling!' And then we do the em-

"Wait a minute. I can never get that

hold of your hands, what ought I to

"Simply put your head on my shoul

"The left-the one nearest to you.

That's always a safe rule. Now, then,

And Madge went through the cere

mony of embracing her companion in a

"There," she said, "that was better

"Beautiful," replied More, gravely

"But, forgive my saying so, couldn't

you manage to put a little more feeling

into those words: "To know that you

have made me very proud and very

happy?' You see, the audlence doesn't

"Oh, dear, it's so hard!" sighed the

does the embrace come there?"

If you are troubled with your negabath which at best is rather troublesome, and try rubbing a little vaseline too much on, however, or it will become mixed up with the developer.

If one's hands become stained with acid in a minim measure, and fill up fects will appear, not apparent at first, in to the hands will also remove the

Do not use old hypo. New is cheap enough and when a fixing bath is used work honestly. This does not mean too long, it becomes highly charged to tell how good it is, and what a great | with a deposit of nitrate of silver, and photographer you are, but to say is very apt to stain the film.

his traditions as stage manager to wax properly. Tell me frankly, what's in the Roman, Greek and Phenician, wrong with me, do you think?" very enthusiastic over anything." "But that terrible third act scene! "Frankly then, you are too self-re-

hall never rise to the occasion there!" strained. You won't let yourself be car-"The great thing is to remember that ried away with your part." you've got to persuade a skeptical audi-"Why, you said the other day that it ence that you're in love with me."

away with one's part!" "It's very difficult." "But you've got to persaude them, too, that you're in love with me, and said Marjorie, ignoring the latter part you do it much better than I. However gument to induce you to accept the part. The end justifies the means." do you manage it?"

"I'm annoyed with you, all the same, For a man who prided himself on his You might have saved me a week's self-possession, More looked a trifle misery. I've been so afraid of letting with it. In the adaptation of the althe part run away with me that I sim- phabet to Latin use the sign was resur-"I suppose those things come more ply wouldn't let myself go: I didn't rected, and first received the value we naturally to some people than to othwant to be inartistic." "Please forgive me," said More, hum-

"But now I'm simply dying to try

that scene again!" interrupted Madge, excitedly. "Come, let's begin at the very beginning, so that we can get I'm standing just behind you. Now, are worked up to the climax!"

"Bravo, More! Bravo, Madge! I had "Oh, do you think we need go no idea you could act like that." And through all that again? You do it so Tom Raymond regarded his friend and well and there's nothing for me to do sister with an air of profound admiraexcept to cast down my eyes, so I can't "Just as you like. We'll go to the end

"I-I didn't know anybody was list ening," said Madge, looking a trifle flushed. "Oh, I only came in a minute ago."

"I'm glad you liked it," remarked "Liked it?" cried Tom. "My dear boy,

"Awfully good of you to say so," said More, with elaborate politeness.

it was superb."

"Not at all. I assure you, I mean every word," retorted Tom, calmly. 'Why, if I hadn't known you were act ing, that stage kiss of yours would have deceived me completely!"

"By the way, More," added Tom, turning suddenly upon his friend, "the girl's name is Sibyl, isn't it?" "Now tell me exactly, after I've taken

"Yes, of course." "H'm. You got a bit mixed at times that's all. So did Madge, Well, so long! I dare say that scene wants all the rehearsing you can give it?" With which phrase—"lead, latitude and lookout. parting shot Master Tom took a hur- It is a conservative, changing little. ried leave.

Then Madge said, "How absurd of Tom!" "It wasn't so very absurd!" More re-

orted. "Why, I noticed it, too." "Noticed what?" "That you said 'Robert' once or twice

nstead of 'Jack.' " "You know very well you made the same mistake," she added hotly. "You called the girl 'Madge' every time!" "It wasn't a mistake on my part," said Robert. "I meant it." It was a full minute before he dared to look at know that Sibyl loves Jack, and you his companion. When he did so he dis-

have to make it as plain as possible to covered that she was laughing softly. "I'm glad you meant it, Robert," she said, "because I meant it, too."-Womgirl. "I feel I don't say those words an's Life.

HISTORIC BATES HOUSE, OF INDIANAPOLIS, A MEMORY.



The historic old Bates House, Indianapolis, will be removed to make way for a modern hotel. The old Bates will be wiped out wholly, even to its name. For fifty years the Bates was the most noted hotel in Indiana, and for a long time it has been one of the most famous hotels in the country. The house was built in 1852 by Harvey Bates, Sr., in whose honor it was named. Its first cost was \$60,000, a goodly sum for an investment of this kind in a small Western town. few years later improvements and additions to the cost of \$75,000 were made Under its various ownerships the hotel entertained many eminent men. Lincoln stopped there before the Civil War, President Johnson spoke from its balcony, Stephen A. Douglas was a guest within its walls, and all the noted Indiana states-men honored the hotel with their presence at one time or another. Another national event in which the Bates figured was the funeral of the late Vice President Hendricks, whose home was in this city, and to whose obsequies eminent men came from all parts of the country. Other famous people whose faces gladdened its corridors are Caive, Patti, Irving, Edwin Booth, John McCullough and other

A. B. C AND OTHERS.

A LOOK INTO THE ORIGIN OF OUR ALPHABET.

Our Letters Are Mainly the Same at Those Used by the Romans-Earlier Derived from Greek and Phenician-Short Study of Interesting Subject.

Our letters are mainly the same as those used by the Romans, and their alphabet was one of several derived from the Greek, which was formed from the Phenician. And back of that is a good deal of guesswork. Very like-The amateur photographer who wherein he thinks it could be made by the Egyptian hieroglyphic and hierwishes to make a name and reputation still better. Discussion along this road attc characters formed the base of the Phenician letter-making. A is the first letter in all the alphabets that came from the Phenician, and in that language it signified "ox"; the Greek "alpha" means the same thing, though its Egyptian hieroglyphic equivalent was a bird somewhat like the vulture in out-

"B" was also the second letter in the Phenician, as in the Greek. The name of the character was "beth," meaning house. It has less variety of use than developer, pour a few drops of muriatic any other, being more frequently silent, as in "dumb," or "debt." In the knowledge of a variety of things. Go with water. Dip your fingers in this original Indio-European or Aryan languages "b" was rarely found.

"C" in the Phenician and Greek had the value of a hard "g," as in "go," and was similar in the enunciation of "k" as "g" is now. For a long time the Latins made "c" do service for both "k" and "g." No word containing "c" pronounced as "s" is of Anglo-Saxon origin except a few misspelled words. as "cinder," which was originally "sin-

In the English "D" has the same place -fourth letter and third consonant-as and is singularly uninteresting as a study.

"E" is an unchanging and aristocratic conservative. Its form was always pretty nearly the same as at present was a good thing not to be carried Its name in Phenician was "he," which most scholars say signified a window. "Oh, you're not going to remember In its two quantities, as it "met" and what I said more than a week ago, in "they," it constitutes about 5 per surely! Besides, I merely used that arcent of English utterance. cent of English utterance.

"F" in the Phenician meant peg or hook, and its value was that of the English "w." This "w" sound gradually went out of use in Greek, and the sign

"G" is a sign of Italic origin, having bly. "I'm horribly penitent. I had no been fabricated by the Romans by adding a tail or drop to the "c"-a transition very easily detected. It never occurs at the beginning of words of Anglo-Saxon origin. In medieval Roman it stood for 400, and with a line over it for 400,000.

"H" came from the Phenician, and has had a curious history, in which the cockney inability to manage it may be "H" meant 200 in medieval traced. Roman.

"I" may be traced to the Egyptian. The Phenicians represented it rather as a consonant, but it was converted to vowel value by the Greeks, and the Romans gave it both consonant and vowel

"J" is but another form of the same letter. They were used indifferently until about 1630. As a numeral it had the same value as "i," but was used only at conclusion, as "viij," for eight. "K" is Phenician, and still earlier Egyptian. It was little used in classical Latin, and is of rare occurrence in languages derived from the Latin. As

a numeral it represented 250. "L" was a lion in the Egyptian hieroglyphic, a figure 6 in the Phenician, and t form in the Greek and the Latin. It is the most sonorous and continuous-the most purely consonant -in sound of all our letters. As there are "three R's" in land colloquialism, so there are three "Ls" in nautical

"M" is an "ancient and honorable." Its hieroglyphic equivalent, away back in Egypt, was almost a fleur de lis in the oval outline of a bird's head-a fleur de lis minus the central branch. As a and nicely dressed, appeared to be sud-Roman numeral it denotes 1,000. Fornerly the brand of "M" was impressed on the person of one convicted of manslaughter. In flagrant cases the brand was applied to the forehead. In printing it is the square, the quadrate, the unit of computation in any body of

"N" is as old, and the value of its character has been the same through the whole history of its use. The sign has no variety of sounds, and there is no possible substitute. As a numeral ts value is 90, which becomes 90,000 when a line is drawn above the letter. "O" in the Phenician alphabet repre sented a peculiarly and-to us-unpro counceable guttural, but the Greeks made a vowel of it, though they changed its form to a square instead of an oval. It stood for 11 in the Roman nunerals of medieval times.

"P" was evolved from the hieroglyphic age, and in all alphabets it has tood for the one unvarying sound. It has no varieties save that it is silent at the beginning of a few Greek words, as psalm and pneumatic. It is 400 in medieval numerals, and an abbreviation for many things.

"Q" is an ancient also. As a sign it was abandoned in Greek. The Latin preserved it, though its value was the same as that of "k." In English, as in Latin, it is always followed by "u." It meant 500 in medieval Roman numer-

"R" looked like a capital "A" in the Phenician. In some languages it is used as a vowel. In Anglo-Saxon times "R," if the initial letter, was given such force as to need an "h" in expressing it, and was rolled to a double, so that the form survives in such spelling as hemorrhage, catarrh; but now, many localities, even among the most cultivated speakers, no 'R' is ever really pronounced at all. It was 80 as a numeral. Sir William Curtis, an eminent but illiterate lord mayor of London, said, in 1825, when asked for a foast: "I will give you the three R's-Riting, Reading and Rithmetic"; and ne was serious, too.

"S" has lived from the beginning. It ooked like "w" in Phenician. It answers many demands and has many ralues; was 7 in the numerals, and is a common abbreviation.

"T" was the twenty-second and last value has ever been the same. It was 160 as a numeral, and was formerly branded in the hand of a convicted

thief. "U" was added by the Greeks, and was written as V or as Y. In the print ers' case its place is supplementary, like that of "J," and not in order. older, and long represented the same value. It was 5 as a numeral, and so remains.

"W" is both consonant and vowel. "X" comes to us from the Latin, and was a superfluous sign there, as it was in the Greek and is with us. It denotes no sound which is not fully provided for otherwise, "Y" is an evolution from "U," has both vowel and consonant values, and meant 150 in medieval Roman numerals. "Z" dates from gle. the hieroglyphic age. It is the rarest of our consonants. Except in initials, its every value could be supplied-or is supplied-by "s."-Chicago Times-Her-

## WHERE MONEY IS LOST.

Soiled Linen at the Laundry Often Contains Large Sams.

"It is astonishing how careless peo ple are about sending clothes to a laundry without first searching them for money and jewelry," said the manager of a laundry the other day, according to the New York Mail-Express. "Yesterday a woman sent a bundle of dress es here, and in the pocket of one was \$190 in bills. We never search clothing for valuables. The dresses were put in the washing machine, soap and water put in, and after the machine had been running half an hour it was opened, and the man in charge was astonished to see paper money floating around on the water. The bills had in some manner worked out of the pocket of the dress, and, strange to say, not one of them was torn. We ran the money through the drying machine and then froned each bill carefully. After we got through you could not have told that the money had been in a laundry washing machine for half an hour. We sent for the woman, and when she came to the laundry she had not yet

missed her money.
"Not long ago a man sent some shirts to our laundry from the bosom of one of which he forgot to remove a diamond stud worth \$150. Our people did not see the diamond, and we did not find it until he called us up and made known his loss. Then I put my men to searching, and we found the diamond in the catch basin in the sewer."

hair on its back. After securing her

A Clever Scheme.

from France to England. The sea was

person who appeared to be a strange

he guaranteed would ease her of her

pain. He had often tried it, he said, on

people, and always with the most mar-

velous results. The young lady de-

Some passengers were so struck with

the incident that they inquired what

was the remedy that had such a won-

derful result, and the gentleman, who,

the lozenges, disposed of a considerable

number of boxes of them at eight shil-

lings aplece. What was the surprise of

the purchasers when they saw the

young lady and her preserver go off

arm in arm on the vessel reaching Eng-

land! The boxes contained common ju-

Fitted to His Position.

Sir Harry Poland, a British magis-

trate noted for his brilliancy, is care-

less in his dress. Once his family per-

suaded him to go to Poole and order a

fashlonably cut suit. To the chagrin of

the household Sir Harry looked more

outlandish in the new clothes than in

his old ones. His brother-in-law went

to see Poole about it. "It is not my

"Every care was taken, but how could

we fit a gentleman who would insist

upon being measured sitting down?"

be obtained from Sir Harry Poland

himself later on was the dry com-

ment: "Well, it's my business, and not

yours. I like to be comfortable. I

spend three parts of my life sitting

Too Slow.

Almost the last reminder of the ro-

mantic past, the prairie stagecoach, is

for prairie travel, the coaches being too

down, and I prefer to be measured so."

-New York Tribune

slow for modern travel.

fault, sir," the tailor assured him

to her approached and asked whether

An amusing scene was witnessed re-

Sillicus-Figures never lie. A Whistling Spider. Cynicus-Nonsense! Did you ever H. A. Peters, one of the owners of see a girl in a tailor-made gown and the Lashaway dairy farm, on the then size her up in a bathing suit?-Spencer road, while on his way to Philadelphia Record. Spencer, Mass., captured an Immense spider of unknown species. When Mr.

A Constant Reminder. Peters first saw the spider, which was Dunlap-I see you call your naphtha aunch after your wife, making a bee line over the public highway for East Brookfield, he was so Bertwhistle (working over launch enamazed at the sight that he rubbed gine, perspiring)-Yes; because whenboth eyes several itmes before he could ever I want to go anywhere with it, it realize that the monster was a reality. takes so long before it gets ready to Then, hastily grasping an empty glass start.-Puck. milk jar, Peters jumped from the wag-Legendary. on and was about to make the stranger "What was it Pandora did?" a prisoner when he was startled by a "She opened a box and let flies out in distinctly-audible whistle emanating the house before Epimetheus got the fly from the insect. Instantly a flock of screens in."-Chicago Record-Herald. minute facsimiles of the peculiar spider came rushing from all directions, Too Bad. "Do you know, Miss Frisble," said clambering up the legs of the big spider, and hid themselves in the fuzzy the large-headed young author, "my

young Mrs. Spider assumed a defensive my sleep?" attitude. Peters thrust the mouth of "It's a great pity that you are trouthe jar over the whole family of spiders bled with insomnia," added the pert and made them prisoners. Hundreds young lady. have since viewed the monster and its Education. offspring and all are puzzled. The body "These Indians who have been eduof the large spider is one and a half cated at college seem quite like the inches in length. The body is black and is supported by eight powerful legs. each two inches long. The head is

"Except for their 'Rah! rah!' at each end of the war-whoop, yes." supplied with powerful-looking jaws, Blasted Hope from which two feelers half an inch in length protrude. The beady eyes are

cently on one of the mail boats running rather rough. A young woman, pretty denly taken very ill with sea-sickness. She groaned and screamed in apparent agony for some little time. At length she would like to take a lozenge, which

most brilliant thoughts come to me in

Tommy Tuff-Sam, Mam, the boys all say that if I handle the stick in the base-ball game this afternoon we'll beat murred a little at first, but finally ac- the Hilltops 14 to 1.

cepted the offer. Never was cure so in-His Mother-I don't doubt it, but you stantaneons Hardly had she swalare going to stay at home this afterlowed the lozenge when the fair panoon and handle the stick for me, and tient was sitting up all smiles and orwe'll beat the carpet worse than that. dering ham sandwiches of the steward.

"But speech is what differentiates man from the beast!" "Yes, showing how much less sense as he said, was the agent for the sale of he has, in the long run!"

> It Did. Grogan-I made up my mind wouldn't stand it any longer; so I just put my foot down. Timility (glancing at Grogan's No. 11) -And that, of course, covered the

ground.-Boston Transcript. Within Boun ls. Clubberly-Have you ever been so desperately in love that you felt as if you couldn't control it? Castleton-No. All the girls I've been in love with have been only moderately

well off. Against Vivisection. Mr. Woodwed-Your papa is such

Miss Willin-Why? Mr. Woodwed-Because, when I asked for your hand he refused me, saying he didn't want any mutilated members And the only satisfaction that could in his family.-Boston Post.

> No Doubt About It. Citizen-Do you believe the constitu tion follows the flag, my man? Soldier-My constitution followed the flag to the Philippines and it's there yet.-Chelsea Gazette.

Fortuge. faltered the Man. "No," answered Fortune sadly. "Fo doomed. Automobiles are to be built if I do I shall get myself disliked by the women who have refused to marry

When Surgeons Are of No Use. The driver of the stage, which was colling down the Rocky Mountains as fast as six mules on the gallop could keep ahead of it, may have noticed that STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN I was, writes a correspondent, a little nervous, for after a bit he soothingly

HUMOR OF THE WEEK

OF THE PRESS.

Our Own Day-A Budget of Fun.

First Shirtweist Girl-So you are go-

ing rowing with Mr. Floorwalker? His

trick is to threaten to rock the boat un-

Second Shirtwaist Girl (naively)-

Well, mother said she wasn't afraid to

let me go with him, as all the girls say

he never rocks the boat.-Brooklyn Ea-

Room for Doubt.

Experienced Servant - Gentleman

Experienced Servant-I couldn't find

out, sir; but, judgin' by his clothes, he's

either a beggar or a millionaire, sir.-

Chance to Begin.

Old Gent-My boy, I'm seventy-five

years of age, and I have never smoked

Boy-Well, if yer likes ter foller me

you can 'ave this butt when I'm done

A Hot Retort.

Deacon Scrouge-No, parson, I don't

rightly think we ought to give you a

acation. You know, the devil never

Parson Snappeigh-He would, Dea-

con, if you didn't keep him so busy .-

May Sometimes Do.

a cigar in my life.

takes one.

with it."-Ally Sloper.

Baltimore American.

less you give him a kiss.

wants to see you, sir.

New York Weekly.

Mr. Richman-Who is he?

Odd. Curious and Laughable Phase "No use to grip that railing so mighty of Human Nature Graphically Porhard, stranger. We shan't come to the danger p'int for half an hour yit." trayed by Eminent Word Artists of

"Then it's on ahead?" I queried. "Yes, three miles ahead, and I may say fur your benefit that hangin' on won't do any partickler good."

"But I don't want to slide off." "And you won't. If anythin' goes it'll be mewls and coach and the hull caboodle altogteher, and as the drop is plump 300 feet you won't have no use for arnica or sticking plaster afterward."-Boston Courier

To Be Perfectly Frank. A gentleman who is no longer young, and who never was handsome, asked his son's child what he thought of him. The boy's parents were present. The youngster made no reply. "Well, so you won't tell me what you

think of me? Why won't you?" "'Cause I don't want to get licked," replied the sprig of a rising generation.-Tit-Bits.

Knew His Pa.
"Now, Tommy," said the teacher, "if your father had ten one-dollar hills and your mother asked for half of them. how many would he have left?" "He'd still have the ten," replied the wise child.-Philadelphia Record.

His Pleasure Marred. Friend (calling)—Did you have a good time the week you spent at the seashore, Willie?

Willie Boerum (gloomily)-W-Well, pretty good. Only mother wouldn't let ne go swimming until two hours after I ate anything, so I couldn't very well eat things between meals.-Brooklyn Eagle. Dead Silence.

"Nothing from my poor husband?" said the widow to the medium. "No, ma'am," was the reply; "not even a message stating that the fire is

out!"-Atlanta Constitution. To Be Consistent. Von Blumer-The doctor thinks I ought to go on a fishing trip. Mrs. Von Blumer-But, of course, you

Von Blumer-Why not? Mrs. Von Blumer-Well, you didn't have any confidence in him when he told me I ought to go.-Harper's Bazar.

don't believe him.



"Say, why don't you wear yer hair in a psyche knot? Yer too old fer

Medical Assistanca Specialist-Your nerves are affected; you need exercise; walk to business every day.

Sick Man-I do walk to business every Specialist-You do? Well, you ought to have more sense-that's what alls you-overstrain. Now, behave yourself

rationally and ride every day-\$10, please.-Chicago Record-Herald "It's funny that you should be so tall.

Your brother, the artist, is short, isn't He (absently)-Yes, usually, Some Things Are Thought Over.

"You're a likely looking giri," said Mrs. Hiram Offen, who was questioning a greenhorn girl. "How were you trained across the water?" "'Tis jokin' ye are, mum. There does be no trains. I was shipped across."-

Philadelphia Press.

The Past. She-You were a long time in the Philippines, weren't you? He-Oh, yes. Ever since the first time the war ended.

A Testimonial. "Dear Doctor: When I began using your hair medicine three months ago you assured me that my hair would not trouble me much longer. I take pleasure is stating that you spoke the truth. Could you give me the address of a good wig maker?"-Baltimore Ameri-

The Kissing Bug. "What was that?" asked the old gentleman, suddenly appearing in the door-

"I-I guess it was a kissing bug." she answered hesitatingly, while the young man tried his best to look at case. The old gentleman looked at them both sharply.

"Does the kissing bug make people blush?" he demanded.-Chicago Post.

Seeking for Pearls. The history of pearl seeking has

about it so much of the glamour of romance and possible gain that the difficulties and risks of the quest are wellnigh forgotten. Men love a pursuit that entails much danger and knowledge of men and elements. Long before the Roman conquest men were hazarding the dangers of newly-discovered rivers in search of the elusive gems, and one of the prime reasons for undertaking the expedition into Great Britain was to obtain the fair "congealed dewdrops pierced by sunbeams" which poets and philosophers in all ages have made the emblems of purity and worth and which the Roman women so much coveted. There is scarcely a sacred literature in existence in which pearls do not bear reverent meaning, and no nation where place and favor have not been bought by the beautiful, lustrous products of the sea. -Lippincott's Magazine.

Why an employment bureau is called an intelligence office is an unsolved