Mrs. John B. Good, Hotel De La Doe, Ocean City:

My Dearest Wife-I am glad to hear you and the children are having such a good time. I miss you very much-but don't let that worry you; I will get along all right. I cut the grass and sprinkled the lawn this evening. The yard will look like the Garden of Eden when you return. No, I won't forget to feed the bird, water the flowers, bring in the milk, tie up the dog, put out the cat, wind the clock and lock the cellar door at night. No more at present. Write soon. Your loving husband, JOHN. P. S.-I lost the front door key, and had to climb the porch and break in the window. Where do you keep

the salt and salad dressing? JOHN. -Cincinnati Post.

SMILES COST YOU NOTHING.

Oh, let's put away the worry and the heartaches for awhile, And look upon the sunny side of life, And meet each rugged obstacle with just a pleasant smile, And forget about the troubles and the

strife. Let's be glad and we'll be happy, and the cares will fly away,

And we'll only see unclouded skies of For, remember, that a smile is worth a heartache any day.

And glad smiles cost you nothingheartaches do. Don't be grieving over errors that have

been made in the past But resolutely face the glad To-day; We will meet with some discomforts, but these trials seldom last

If we smile the doubts and borrowed fears away; Let's go singing on life's journey with a heart that's glad and light, Filling other lives with joy and sun-

shine, too, And remember that a smile is worth a heartache any day, And glad smiles cost you nothing-

-Los Angeles Record.

The Missing Will. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

HE onyx clock on the mantel chimed the hour of 11, and beautiful Norma Maynard arose to ing with Norma. retire. Stooping gracefully over her father's chair she lightly kissed his forehead, then turned, with a charming gesture, to a tall, distinguished looking man, who arose with alacrity to clasp the dimpled hand. "Good night, Mr. Netherby." Wells Netherby's eyes sought hers. "My last evening has sped away on golden wings, Miss Norma. Good night, but not good-bye. I'll see you tomorrow?"

Norma's shadowy eyes fell beneath trembled as his warm lips touched her fingertips, but forcing a smile, she answered lightly: "You may if your train doesn't leave too early; I'm not an 'early bird,' you know."

Turning quickly to hide the forbidden tears that dimmed her bright eyes, strangely familiar. Impelled by some shops. Norma disappeared between the velvet uncontrollable impulse he started forportieres, while Wells lighted a cigar and stared at the carpet in moody si- flashed upon him, and stooping he lence. The kind voice of the elder pressed upon the triangle of rock. To man broke the oppressive silence.

princely revenues should be yours. Wells beheld a small, tarnished box. Wells. Your father was Noel Netherby's adopted son, reared to believe he you discovered?" and Mr. Maynard would inherit all, but as no will was stood beside him. Wells picked up the found, the house being burned with box as though it were something sapoor Netherby in it, the law gave it all cred, and, trembling with excitement, to me, a total stranger, though distant | cautiously raised the lid. A legal lookrelative. It is the height of injustice. Now, listen, Wells," the earnest voice continued, "I am convinced that your affection for my daughter is reciprocated, and the very fact seems to me providential." "Do not tempt me, sir. I will never

ask Miss Maynard's hand in marriage until I am her equal in wealth. I am no fortune hunter."

A brief silence ensues, then Mr. Maynard queries, abruptly: "Wells, did you know the house is haunted? Twice since we have lived here the cellar has been filled with smoke, coming from no earthly source that we could find. If I were a believer in the supernatural, I would say that Netherby's spirit could not rest after meeting such an untimely death."

"But this is a new house," remonstrated Wells.

"True, but the cellar is the same. This house was erected on the old foundation."

"What nonsense!" laughed Wells. "Let us hope the old gentleman is not in such bad condition he would fill the house with smoke if he should materialize."

Wells soon after retired to his room on the first floor. Sleep did not visit him at once, and he lay tossing restlessly, thinking of the strange fate that had made him an outcast and caused him to fall hopelessly in love with the daughter of his father's successor. The weary eyelids closed at last. The next thing Wells realized was a queer, choking sensation. Smoke enveloped him and he found himself mechanically groping his way along the hall to the door which led into the cellar. A rush of condensed smoke greeted

him, but he kept on. When half way to view. The next instant Wells' hand down the stairs an uncanny, creepy was grasped enthusiastically as Mr. sensation came over him, as of some the pitchy darkness the flitting figure Netherby, I will and bequeath, etc." of an aged man was plainly discern- "Heaven be praised, Wells! Sure as ible. Wells stood spellbound, but the fate, Netherby's spirit burned the phantom drew nearer.

The supernaturally bright eyes peered into his and an icy hand touched him, while the other beckoned him forward.

With cold drops oozing from his forehead and his blood congealing in his veins, Wells was drawn to a remote part of the stone wall. The spectre stopped, and gesticulating wildly, pointed to a rock of peculiar shape. Wells bent to obey the spirit's unspoken command, and the phantom, with a weird laugh, vanished, and Wells-awoke to find it all a dream. But a strange sound he certainly did hear, and smoke surrounded him. He leaped from the bed as a portion of the wall beside him gave way, and the crackling flames burst through. At the same moment the cry of "fire" rang through the house. The terrorstricken inmates had barely time to gather a few valuables and effect their

"I tell you, Netherby," declared Mr. Maynard, "I'll never rebuild on this spot. I believe there is a curse on the place. For heaven's sake, Wells, bury Jeannette in 1879, and was in com- Press. your abominable pride, ask Norma to marry you, and I'll settle this estate on her at once, thus, your own will be restored to you and Netherby's spir. that recovered the records of the De street. it rest in peace.

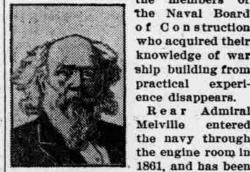
Wells' fine face flushed painfully, but he answered firmly: "You mean tinguished services during the three well, sir, and I love your daughter bethis pleading, questioning gaze, and she ter than life, but, I repeat, I cannot become a fortune hunter."

Suddenly Wells, who had been gazing miserably at the dingy foundation stones, gave a start, and leaned eagersinguarly shaped stone which seemed got his practical training in machine ward; his dream of the previous night his utter amazement it slid inward, ex-"Rightfully, this estate with its posing a tiny aperture, within which "By the powers, Netherby, what have ing document, yellow with age, came trolysis has failed.

Maynard read, "Last will and testaunseen presence. He paused; a chill ment of Noel Netherby." Then "To crept down his spinal column; then in my beloved son, by adoption, William house, and you have found the missing will."-Indianapolis Sun.

MELVILLE OF THE NAVY. Distinguished Career of the Retiring

Rear Admiral. With the retirement of Rear Admiral George W. Melville, chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, the last of



practical experience disappears. Rear Admiral Melville entered the navy through the engine room in

G. W. MELVILLE. identified with the escape when the seething timbers fell creation and building of the new navy, with a sickening crash, and once more many of the ideas which he introduced Netherby Terrace lay in ruins. Next having since been copied by naval conday Mr. Maynard and Wells stood in structors all over the world. During specting the blackened debris. Wells his term as chief of the Bureau of looked moody and wretched, for his Steam Engineering, to which position wise mother. train was due in 30 minutes, and he he was appointed in 1887, designs for felt that he could not endure the part- over 120 large ships have been pre-

Admiral Melville was one of the ofmand of the boat's crew that escaped from the horrors of the Lena Delta. Long party and the remains of De Long and his companions. For disvoyages he made to the far North Admiral Melville was awarded a gold medal and advanced fifteen numbers

by special act of Congress. He is a native of New York and was educated in the public schools and the ly forward, his gaze directed at a Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and

> Useless Expeditions. Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, strongly deprecates the costly expeditions which the various nations sent out in rivalry without any system of co-operation. He considers future north pole expeditions as worthless; useless for geographical purposes; useless from the naturalist's point of

SANG IN CHOIR FIFTY YEARS.



Perhaps the oldest members of any church choir are John Z. Iobst and his wife, of Emaus, Pa. Mr. lobst has been a member of the choir in the Moravian Church for an uninterrupted period of fifty-seven years. Mrs. lobst has belonged to the same choir for fifty-two years, and sings as excellent a mezzo contralto to-day as ever. Their daughter, Mrs. William Jarrett, is the leading soprano, and Mr. Jarrett the director of the same choir.

Both Mr. and Mrs. lobst are of families of musical fame, and their genius is natural. Frederick lobst, father of John Z. lobst, toured the South before the war with his two sons, John and Henry, who were then mere boys, giving concerts and winning for themselves fame and fortune. John Glering, father of Mrs. Iobst, was the organist in the Moravian Church at Emaus for forty years before his death.

In the near future the church will celebrate its one hundred and fiftyseventh anniversary, when Mr. and Mrs. lobst will be the central figures in the program.

HUMOR OF THE WEEK

OF THE PRESS.

Odd, Curious and Laughable Phases of Human Nature Graphically Portrayed by Emineut Word Artists of Our Own Day-A Budget of Fun,

"Here's an account of a woman who ommitted suidde because her husand had died," said Growells, as he glanced up from his paper. "What do ou think of that?"

"I think," answered Mrs. G., "that she married the one man in about 1,000,000,000."

Miss Dashaway-It was very good of you to name your automobile after me. By the way, what is it like? Mr. Cashleigh-Well, it isn't a thing of beauty, but it's the fastest bunch of wheels that ever came down the boule

Something in a Name.

Greek Meets Greek. Merchant-Your references seem to be all right, and if you can put up \$1,000 cash security you can have the

Applicant-Thank you, sir. But what security can you put up for my \$1,000? From Bad to Worse.

Patient-The heat is so oppressive,

doctor, that I almost feel inclined to commit suicide. Doctor-Tut, tut! That will never do. What you need is a change of climate.

Pushing Him Along. "Would you mind pinning a flower in my coat when I go?" asked young DeBorem.

"Certainly not," replied Miss Wearhe marry? yun. "It will afford me pleasure to do Had Nothing to Show. it at once."

A Man of His Word.

Mr. Nokoyne-l'il give you the monthe members of ey for a new hat next week. the Naval Board Mrs. Nokoyne—But that's what you

of Construction said last week. who acquired their Mr. Nokoyne-Yes, and I'm likely knowledge of war to say the same thing next week, too. ship building from I'm not the kind of a man who says one thing one week and another thing the next week.

> An Open Secret. The reason for embracing We need not seek afar Men love to hug delusions-And girls delusions are.

As Defined. "Say, mamma," queried little Mary Ellen, "what's a dead letter?" "Any letter that is given to your father to mail, my dear," replied the Good Reason for His Penchant.

Hicks-Henpeck is very fond of entertaining, isn't he? Wicks-Yes; his wife is always ficers who sailed into the arctic re- pleasant to him when there's comgions with De Long in the ill-fated pany in the house.-Philadelphia

His Reputation in Peril. Tess-He's a gay Lothario. He tries Later he commanded the expeditions to flirt with all the pretty girls in our

Jess-I've seen him trying to flirt with you, too.—Philadelphia Press.



This Mr. Wing-Wung of HungChow The process of rapid tanning by elec- Walked out with his little bow-wow. "How nicely!" he said,

"A dog may be led, Provided you only know how!"

The Way Out of It. She-He can't bear to have girls get ahead of him. He-Then why doesn't he stop run-

ning after them?-Harvard Lampoon. Bored to Death. Tess-Gracious! You're as cross as wo sticks this morning.

Jess-No wonder. That's what I had

calling on me last night. Tess-What? Jess-Two sticks.-Phila. Press.

Foor Boy! "Your new brother is the eleventh the caller.

"Yes, ma'am," said the little girl. "Have you named him yet?" "I think we're going to name him

bune.

Roundleigh Towne-Do you believe in art for art's sake? Cashleigh Splash-I had to for a while, but I'm getting orders now all right.-New York Sun.

Recovering From the Delusion.

Then He Went. "Will you think of me when I'm seemed unable to tear himself from her presence.

On the Auto, of Course. "I ran across old Hopkins in Boston "Casually?"

Must Support the Family.

Dinah: "Look hyar, Sam, we done bin married fo' or five days now; doan' yo' reckon yo' bettah go out an' look STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN fo' some wuck?" Sam: "Nebah mind 'bout dat yit. I'll find some wuck fo' yo' time 'nough, but I doan' want yo' ter t'ink ob washin' an' ironin' till de honeymoon am past."—Philadelphia

Why She Laughed.

-Indianapolis Sun.

"Bridget," said Mrs. Hyflyte, "your lady friend mustn't stay so late hereafter. Her uproarious laughter woke me up at 1 o'clock this morning." "Yis, mum. I was tellin' her about how you tried to make cake wan day."

Had to Get Well Sometimes. Martha-I meant to come to see you while you were sick, Mary.

Mary-Well, I couldn't stay sick all summer to oblige you.-Detroit Free



Mrs. Henpeck-My! my! What an wful catastrophe happened to young Jinks.

Mr. H. (absently)-Eh? Whom did

"Say, doctor, what's that last \$8 tem in your bill for?" "Let me see. Oh, yes. I gave you thorough examination on that day.

Don't you remember?" "Sure, I remember. But do you suppose I am going to pay you for that when you took up an hour of my time and then could not find anything the matter with me at all?"-Buffalo Ex-

One Wealthy Invalid. "How much is he worth?" "Six millions."

"And how does he enjoy life?" "Well, the doctors say that if he's very careful with himself he'll be able o sit up and make his will one of these days!"-Atlanta Constitution.

The Way to Civil Service. Tite-There's only one way to get civil service. Jenks-How's that?

Tite-Why, make the tip a big one .-Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.



Tiredout Walker-You seem so nerv ous, Willie, what's the matter? Willie Weariness-I've been insulted. That man back there said I was working for him, mind you, he said "work-

ing." He Had a Great Name. Miss De Style-By the way, count, t is very awkward, but I do not know your name.

near It? "Most certainly."

you."-London Tit-Bits. Keeping Tab.

"You should sleep on right side, mad-

"I really can't do it, doctor; my husband talks in his sleep, and I can't near a thing with my left ear."-Town Couldn't Trust Himself.

re not congenial why don't you get a livorce? Meeker-Because I'm afraid. Bleeker-What are you afraid of? Meeker-I'm afraid I might be fool

enough to marry again. A Maidenly Amenity. The spinster showed her visitor a beautiful hand-made lace collar and

"It is beautiful," purred the girl. "Did you make it, dear?"-New York Press.

Our Greatest Frontier Judge.

said proudly: "This is over fifty years

A man who sentenced 172 criminals to death, 88 of whom were hanged: an upright judge, holding sway for twenty-one years over 74,000 square miles of the most lawless territory in child in the family, is he not?" asked the United States; a stern, just judge, whose name became a terror to evil doers; a very kindly, sympathetic gentleman and public-spirited citizenfew characters have been developed Jerusalem. That's what papa called in our West who have played a more him when he was born."-Chicago Tri- striking role than Isaac C. Parker. United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas from May, 1875, to September, 1896.-Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Because of Principle. The Rev. Frank Bachelor, of the South Congregational Church, Hockanum, Conn., has resigned his pastorate because leading members of his gone?" asked the lovelorn youth, who flock refuse to abandon the culture of tobacco.

Chinese Bear Heat.

Chinese firemen seem to be immune



There are 144,000 Mormons in the

United States. There are about 11,000,000 Catholics in the United States.

Last year America imported only 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes. Automobile building gives employ-

ment to 20,000 persons in France. In future women will be allowed to take degrees in the University of Dub-

Alderney is the only place in the British islands where tobacco is now

ployed on the new steamship Kaiser Wilhelm. Japanese is the latest language to be

Six hundred men are regularly em-

added to the list taught at the Univeristy of Chicago. In London twenty-nine autograph

letters and manuscripts of John Keats were sold for £1,070. Wisconsin is first in lumber and timber products, and Minnesota leads in

flouring and grist mills. Prussian railway cars have only about three-tenths the carrying capacity of those used in the United States. During the last three years twenty-

years. Compared with 1901 the population of New Zealand (851,063, including 43,143 Maoris) shows an increase last

Their average age was seventy-five

vear of 20,263. Before he had reached his twelfth birthday young Handel was known throughout Germany as a brilliant composer and virtuoso at the court of

the Emperor. The Uganda Mission, in Central Africa, begun twenty years ago, has now 1,070 church buildings, seating 126,850 persons, erected chiefly at the

cost of the people. Several new comic papers make their appearance in Paris every year. Rire, which was founded ten years Biela's comet, which went astray, is ago, had so much success that it has since had about twenty imitators, most of which were short-lived.

Artificial teeth and "uppers" for boots and shoes are among the new uses to which paper is being put. A substantial business firm in Boston is considering a proposition to take up the work of manufacturing paper

Several Chinese cities have erected temples in honor of Li Hung Chang. His tomb also has the form of a temple. Two of its inscriptions are: "All countries in the world mourn him" and "He changed heaven and revolutionized the earth."

Capt. S. P. James, who was assoing place.

erected in Manhattan will be the biggest railroad station in the world, with accommodations for handling 200,000 passengers a day, or about 70,000,000 or 80,000,000 a year. From sixty to ninety trains will enter and leave it hourly. The tunnels will be lighted and trains moved through them by electricity.

A German professor has been investigating the causes of insanity among women, and has come to the conclusion that if women are admitted into competition with men the inevitable result will be a tremendous increase of insanity among the women. He finds that the percentage of women teachers who become insane is almost double that of the men teachers.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell says too much importance is attached to college athletics. In a letter to the senior class Russian Count-Vould you like to of Pennsylvania he says: "You have lost out of college life that which it were better to have kept. We played "Den, if you haf ten minutes to hard in my college days, but we talked spare sit down and I vill tell it to of our sports less than you do. You, I fear, care too little for your intellectual athletics. Athletic sports are meant, as I see them, to insure that the body shall be made and kept

sound." It is said that Mascagni seeks dramatist's laurels. The composer has written a three-act comedy, which will be staged in October. A Rome newspaper, the Menestrel, is quoted as Bleeker-But if you and your wife making the following very discourteous comment on the composer: "Composer, leader, newspaper man, lecturer, professor and conservatory director without a job, likewise playwright, Mascagni would hop around St. Peter's on one leg if he could get an audience."

Old furniture collectors in this city have lately been driving prices higher and higher. The rage for Chippendale and Sheraton patterns of the finer lines is greater than ever. Chairs especially fetch astonishing prices. Even dealers are paying in some cases as much as \$50 for a single Chippendale chair of rare pattern, though it be out of repair. A collector in this city paid the other day \$279 for a Chippendale armchair. Chairs of less unusual pattern are sold every day for \$40, \$50 and \$100.-New York Letter.

STARS THAT STEAL Planets and Suns May Pick Up Minor Celestial Bodies.

Jupiter is much the biggest member of the family of stars which revolve around our sun. Consequently the power of his attraction is greater than that possessed, for instance, by the earth. Jupiter's exploits as a burglar ployed are extremely ingenious, but have caused very considerable annoyance and inconvenience to astronomers has been made toward relieving the in the days before his powers were workman from any part of his toil. fully recognized.

In 1770 there appeared a fine comet, which was found to have an eliptical orbit round the sun of so comparatively small a size that Mr. Lexell, its discoverer, calculated it would return in five and a half years. But in to the fierce heat of the fireroom on 1775 telescopes were vainly focused on

plunged into fresh calculations, and after much research found that Jupiter was the culprit. The unfortunate comet had been rash enough to plunge into the sphere of the giant planet's attraction, with the result that it had been completely diverted from its former orbit, and flung off into quite a different one of a twenty years' period. It has never been seen again by any one on this earth, and probably never will be.

Jupiter was also responsible for the delay which occurred in the return of that splendid visitant known as Halley's comet. Halley found that he was not the first discoverer of this big comet. It had appeared at least twice previously, once seventy-five years before, and again seventy-six years before that. The astronomer concluded that there would be a further delay in its third return, and predicted that its next appearance would be 518 days later. He did not live to see it; but in 1758, the year he had prophesied for its reappearance, astronomers were waiting for it.

But they waited for more than three months before it did actually appear. and then found that it was the planet Saturn they had to thank for delaying the comet this extra hundred days.

This same comet appeared again in 1835, this time late again. Not only had Jupiter delayed it 518 days, and Saturn about 100, but Uranus had also had a hand in retarding it, and had added another sixty-nine days to its two millionaires have died in England. journey.

Our own earth is by no means guiltless. It is constantly picking up unconsidered trifles of stardust, which range all the way from the thirteen foot long mass of meteoric rock lately found by Professor Ward in Mexico, down to the infinitesimal particles which are found on the roof of St. Paul's, on the Arctic snows, and at the bottom of the deep sea. It is calculated that the total amount of matter thus absorbed by us is certainly not less than 500,000 tons a year, and that, therefore, the weight of this world is increasing at that rate every twelve months.

It appears also that we may be occasionally responsible for the disappearance of a poor, unoffending comet. supposed to have been absorbed by the earth. That amazing shower of shooting stars, which was seen on November 27, 1872, may have been the death throes of this misty space-traveler .--London Answers.

ILL-NATURED AT BREAKFAST.

Where Men Are Said to Differ from Their Sisters and Wives.

"I think my business affords me the best opportunities in the world for judging human nature," said an observant Avenue restaurant keeper, "and my observations have led me to the conclusion that woman, with all her 'nerves,' are much more good-tempered than men, and there is no greatciated with the Royal Society's com- er test than at breakfast. I have no mission on malaria during the investi- reason to believe that my patrons difgation in India, says that in India, fer from the ordinary run of people; mosquito that in fact, most of them are newspaper carries malaria rarely, if ever, flies men, who for the most part take life more than half a mile from its breed- as it comes without much complaint, and if you take them at dinner or at The Pennsylvania terminal to be night they are fine fellows and easy to please; but breakfast time is quite another matter, and as friendly as I am with my men customers, I cannot recall one whom I would care to provoke before breakfast, for this is his favorite time to register kicks. First, his very attitude signifies that the waiter is too slow; that he has been there at least fifteen minutes without being so much as seen by the waiter, and when the order is finally brought to him he's in a bad humor and finds fault with everything placed before him. The steak is sure to be too rare or too well done and the eggs fried only on one side, or because he prefers them so they will upon this occasion be cooked brown on both sides. But by the time the first meal is consumed and, having had a cup of good coffee, he then realizes that things were not half so bad and that he does feel better and then gets in really good hu-

With women it is different. It may be that an empty stomach does not affect their nerves to the same extent that it does a man's, but it is the exception when my woman patrons complain of their breakfast, and for the most part are in apparent good hu-

Travelling Mechanics. A feature in the workaday life of China, says the author of "Society in China," is the number of itinerant craftsmen who earn their living on the streets. Every domestic want, from the riveting of a broken saucer to shaving a man's head, is supplied by these useful peripatetics.

If a man's jacket needs mending or his shoes repairing, he summons a passing tailor or cobbler, and possibly, while waiting for his mended clothes, employs the services of a traveling barber to plait his queue. Even blacksmiths carry about with them the very simple instruments of their trale, and the bellows which blow the flame are commonly so constructed as to serve when required as a box for the tools and for a seat to rest the owner when

The rudest tools are all that a workman has at his disposal, and the idea never seems to occur to him that an improvement in their structure is either called for or necessary. The mason who wishes to move a block of stone knows no better means for the purpose than the shoulders of his fellow men, supplemented by bamboos and ropes. The carpenter who wants to saw up a fallen tree does so with his own hand, without a thought of the easier device of a sawmill.

So it is with every branch of industry. Many of the contrivances emsince they were invented no advance

True Benevolence.

"Do you always give up your seat in a street car to a lady?" "Always-if she asks me for it."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It is estimated that persons seekocean steamers, and stand up to tem- the spot where it was expected to re- ing divorce in South Dakota spend, perature that would prostrate white appear, and again in 1781 it disap- while gaining residence for that pur-