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"HEALTHI LOVEI WORK!"

Were ever such beautiful triplets born? kosy and sweet and glad as the morn; Never a bearthstone far and wide So happy as where these three abide

If the angels sent but one to me, Which would I choose of the lovely faree? O, of the trio, Love is best; mmortal, is lovelies

-Mrs. George W. Swift in Woman.

Railroads of Indian Perritory.

There are 20,000 Cherokees, 5,000 Choctaws, 5,000 Chickasaws, and from 2.000 to 2:000 Seminoles in the territory The Creeks number 8,000 to 10,000 souls, but it is thought about half of these are negroes. Owing to prejudice among the Cherokees and Choctaws there are fewer megroes in those nations .-. The, territory has more railroads than any who have not studied the subject would believe. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe route **runs a** line from Arkansas City to Gainesville straight through the middle of the territory. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas, part of Gould's Missouri Pacific line, runs through the northeast corner, through the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, and part of the Chickasaw nations. There is a fifty mile bit of road from Fort Smith, Ark., to Moskogee, in the Creek nation, entirely traversing the Cherokee country. The Atlantic and Pacific road has got the right of way, and has made its survey straight across the territory. A branch of the Rock Island system crosses the territory, and a branch of the Southern Kansas route runs across the northeast corner. Diagonally across the state is projected the Dennison and Wachita Valley road, part of the 'Frisco system.-New York Sun.

The History of One.

"Five or six years ago that woman was a great belle," said my neighbor, as the door closed on the shocking example of resurfacing.

"She came here for the first time the morning after the great ----- ball. She looked tired, and I didn't wonder. My brother, who was out late the night before, told me that he heard a gentleman call her by name as he handed her into a carriage after a little supper at the close of an evening at the theatre. It was midnight and she was just going home to dress for the ball. You can guess the pace she was keeping. She bought noth-in; but a little violet powder to whiten the great dark circles under her eyes. Next season she was a regular customer for rose leaf wafers of one kind and another to rub a little bloom on her cheeks. After that it was paint, and now look at her. Sometimes her face breaks out in blotches and she has terrible work to cure them."-Eliza Putnam Heaton.

Ruined by the Musk Rate.

Every old East Indian officer knows that when a musk rat runs over the botthes in your cellar you might as well and nothing that you can do will cure it

Irmh Poets.

The long training of the people in verse composing and verse reciting predisposes them to the composition of postry of some degree of excellence. Irishmen and Irishwomen as a rule have a knack at writing if they receive any education at all, and are natural journalists and writers at an early age. The last remarkable poet of the file kind known in Ireland was Carelan, the blind bard of the last century, whose portrait and some of whose verses, translated and in the original, were published by James Hardiman. He was as peripatetic as Homer is said to have been, blind also, and certainly a fine if not a great poet. Though the race is not extinct, little ex-

cept the most ordinary verse is published in Irish today, the audience being too small to tempt the most ardent patriot. With all its inherited shortcomings, and with the evils that befell it owing to circumstances, the poetic guild of ancient Ireland did the world a great service in keeping from destruction historical and national data lost from other parts of Europe. It also added not a little to the world's stock of tragic, of noble and of

comic fiction .- Charles de Kay in Century.

The Country Paper in the City.

It would do the hearts of country editors good to ride up town on the elevated cars in the afternoon of Friday and Saturday on any week in the year. On these two days a great many business men give and one day, to his master's astonishonly a hasty glance at the evening papers and then immediately draw from a pocket a copy of a paper that is in marked contrast to the city paper, so far as type and general appearance goes. The type is invariably larger and the displays of advertisements and headings to news articles commonly coarser. The ink is not always spread evenly over the page. Nevertheless, the business man opens the paper to the page devoted to village news and reads every line there. After that he not infrequently reads the village advertisements and gives a brief look at the predilection for flying .- London Times.

editorials. The city man used to live in the village where that paper was printed, and he recognizes the names of people there as old acquaintances, and commonly old friends. The village paper comes like a letter from home to the city man who was once a villager.-New York

A New Lighthouse.

Sun.

The new lighthouse at Hostholm is the most powerful in the world. The beam is of 2,000,000 candle power and shows five miles. It is produced by arc lamps, steam engines. To prevent the extinction of the light through an accident to one set coming into play should the other New York Commercial Advertiser. fail. The light is further supplemented in thick weather by two powerful sirens,

or fog trumpets, working with compress-

ed air. The fascination which a powerful light exercises on wild birds is curi-

INSPIRATION.

He was a peasant tolling 'mid the sheaves From dew to dew among the waring grain What time he went afield in early morn, The stars shone above the morning mists: And when at eve he reached his cottage door, He heard the plovers calling to the night. One day, while 'neath his measured rhythmic

Fell swath on swath of precious golden grain, She came across the fields-a vision rare-The princess, good and pure and beautiful, Who, smiling on him as she passed him by, Knew not that she had filled his heart with love And soul with music. Yet from that day forth His fellow workers heard his sweet sad songs, and wondered at their comrade as he sang. Soon far beyond the humble rustic town His master music touched the hearts of men Until the world had claimed him as her own, ed him poet with the laurel crown And wreath One day he found his wandering steps astray Where he had seen the vision of his soul. "If she," he thought, "had been a peasan maid,

And I a prince had seen her toiling there. How happy now would be these weary days!" At this he threw himself upon the sheaves Until the length'ning shadows eastward thrown Had blended with the gently deep'ning gloom-Until across the misty starlit meads He heard the plovers calling to the night. --Sanborn Gove Tenney in Harper's

A Bog That Stow.

This recalls the story of the greyhound, whose master was an expert bievclist, and was accustomed to run down hill, with his legs tucked up on the machine. The greyhound, a speedy and highly intelligent creature, always seemed to take extreme pleasure in this feat, ment, suddenly drew all his legs under him and shot past the bicycle at an elevation of some five feet from the ground. Three times only, in the course of a long descent, he just touched the ground with his left hind foot, and met his master at the foot of the hill with frisks and bounds, having traveled nearly three hundred vards in the air. It is a curious fact, but the chronicle asserts that, on the death of this dog, elementary wings were found on his shoulder blades, which seems to indicate that he had a natural

Improved Sounding Machine.

The old method of "heaving the lead" was a cumbrous and often unreliable process, which occupied a considerable time, and could only be performed when the vessel was brought to or going at a very moderate speed. With Sir William Thomson's improved sounding machine the depth can be accurately found with

little trouble and without altering the speed of the vessel. A line of soundings can be taken with great ease and the clearly at Blokhus, a distance of thirty- ship's place be made known by comparison with the chart long before she comes fed by De Meriten's dynamos, driven by near to any dangerous position. For steamships going at a great speed, and especially when nearing land, the use of the machinery the latter is duplicated, this machine is absolutely indispensable.

A Man with Iron Nerve.

An exceedingly cheeky thief made his appearance in Boston one day recently. He was dressed in overalls. He went ously illustrated by this lighthouse. It is into the office of a life insurance comsaid that basketfuls of dead snipes, larks, pany and, while whistling one of the starlings and so forth are picked up in latest tunes, began to unscrew from the of festive gnats at play of a warm even- ignorance he replied: "Those letters tion of beauty. The sons of noble famithe mornings outside the tower. They wall of a toilet room on the fourth floor ing. Sometimes we pause to suck a mean that my store is located just one lies, as such, are not nearly so much throw the contents away. They will kill themselves in dashing against the a mirror valued at about \$20. Fully flower or to bite somebody, but we soon door east of the postoffice." Then Bowles prized as they used to be by the maghave the smell and the taste of the musk, windows of the lantern.-Montreal Star twenty occupants of the building saw return to the perpetual locomotion which looked at the inscription and wondered nates of the French Jewry. Still, they

The Dress Suit in England.

An experience recently told me of visit to the London Lyceum theatre a twelvemonth since verifies the statement as to the positive rule of some of the English playhouses not to admit ladies or gentlemen to the stalls unless they are in evening dress. The American had had a busy day of it, and found that it was too late to put himself into his dress suit, as was his custom when going to the theatre, and hurried off in his ordinary morning suit with his wife to witness the performance of Henry Irving in "The Dead Heart." At the box office he tendered his money for a couple of stalls. The official looked the applicant over for a moment, apparently arrived at the conclusion he was a gentleman and forthwith asked if he would not accept a box-a much preferable and more expensive

situation-for his lady and himself. "I make this suggestion," continued the courteous and diplomatic representative, "because should you appear in the stalls not in full dress you would attract an embarrassing amount of notice as the only persons that had been prevented, for some cause or other, from observing the usual formality. I feel sure that under the circumstances you will find this box more agreeable.'

"Neat way of putting it, wasn't it?" said the narrator chipperly, "and so English, you know!"-Clothier and Furnisher.

A Curious Pulpit.

A curious colonial relic known as the open and shut pulpit," has been sold at Danielsonville, Conn. It had been in the Read family for 160 years, and was the property of Rev. Amos Read, the first Baptist minister in the state. Mr. Read had to travel great distances in order to can elk. 'spread the gospel," and had his pulpit made to take with him. It opens and shuts with hinges like a chest whose lid is very much larger than the box part. When the pulpit is shut up it is seemingly a fair sized box; opened, the solid lid stands straight before the preacher, a pulpit standard, on which the minister lays his Bible and hymn book, and behind which he discourses, standing on the other part of the box. Rev. Amos Read, when he set forth to preach in distant parts, just strapped up his pulpit, balanced it on his horse's back and trotted forth, carrying church as well as gospel with him.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Traveling a Modern Passion.

Now the gadfly which pursued poor lo seems to have stung us all, and we flit about the globe restlessly, till it has nearly come to pass that everybody who has a house has let it to somebody else, and the last place to expect to find a man is at home. A general game of puss-in-the-corner amuses the best society of Europe and America all the summer and much of the winter. The humblest village school child expects two or three annual excursions; every servant and shop hand stipulates for holidays long enough to pay distant visits; in short, our lives are becoming much like those

A GREAT LEATHER COLLECTION.

It Is Unique in the Number of Specimens and General Interest.

A most interesting collection, consisting of over 130 varieties of hides, skins and leathers, each from a different species of fish, flesh or fowl, has been put on exhibition within the big show windows of a Union square jewelry shop. The collection is a unique one, and it is the result of many years' labor and the expenditure of a large sum of money. It was got together by the proprietors specially for purposes of comparison and identification, and though on exhibition it is continually referred to every day.

From the elephant to the mole all the animals are represented whose skins are capable of tanning. Among others, one can see here examples of the hides, skins or leather of the sea lion, alligator, chameleon, lizard, eel, turkey, crow, hawk, codfish, cassowary, porcupine, Persian goat, wild boar, dog, seal, calf

African antelope, porpoise, Rocky mountain sheep, Rocky mountain antelope, chamois, boa constrictor, shark, walrus, lamb, armadillo, elephant, cat, crocodile, garfish, pig boar, St. Bernard dog, West India pelican, wild swan, woodchuck,

rabbit, monkey, sheep, Australian wolf, raccoon, black bear, buffalo, camel, Canadian wild trout, dogfish, European sturgeon, wildcat, opossum, badger, panther, skunk, wild turkey, wild duck, wild goose, chicken, eagle, horse, East India goat, luwack, ant eater, Russian dog, agouti, squirrel, guinea pig, prairie dog, wolf, fawn, black monkey, peccary, red monkey, nylghau, waterbok, gray gnu, hartebeest, lion, koodo, caribou, alligator, mole, zebra, tapir and of the Ameri-

Some of the separate pieces of the leather are of great size. One is that of a boa constrictor, which when alive must have measured over twenty feet in length. There is also the skin of a big alligator, tanned whole. It is owing to the introduction of alligator leather into trade that these animals are now fast becoming extinct. One of the rarest of all the specimens is a piece of genuine mammoth skin, with some of the hair still on it, which was cut from the dead body of one of these great extinct animals, which had melted out from beneath the primeval ice of Siberia.-New York Evening Sun.

An Abbreviated Sign.

George Bowles took advantage of a beautiful day to indulge in a drive with Judge his wife. On one of the principal streets they passed a grocer's wagon on the side of which was painted in bold capitals this queer inscription:

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Of course Bowles' curiosity was at once aroused and he drove up alongside of the wagon. When the grocer came out of a neighboring house with his empty basket George asked him what the sign meant. In a manner which seemed to express contempt of his inquirer for his for money, she has not the recommenda-

Some General Observations.

If I whas to live my life oafer again I oxpect I do no petter ash pefore. Nopody knows how to live until he whas about ready to die.

In trying to get something for nothing in dis world we cheerfully buy \$3 worth of cigars fer der man who gifs us a teecket to a fifty cent show. I doan' see some loafers around midout I

wonder dot nature vhas so foolish. She could shust ash well haf used oop dot material to grow fence rails und hitching posts.

If you find me some man who vhas satisfled mit der weather und der peoples und der world, I show you somebody who vhas ripe for either heaven or der idiot asylum.

Vhen I like to pound on my drum I forget dot I haf some neighbors who may like to shleep. Vhen I like to shleep myself my neighbor should be put in shail if he plays on der piano.

We like a man who shpeaks der truth by us, und yet shust so soon ash he tells us some thing unpleasant we vhas mad at him.

Vhen I hear a boy whistle I feel safe. I know dot so long as he whistles he doan' put sea wolf, elk, Tampico goat, kangaroo, up some shop to shteal my apples or carry off my front gate.

If you take a man's bad luck und trace it back you vhill discover dot he vhas to blame ten times where somepody eise whas once, und yet he remembers only dot once.

We doan know some men until dey vhas gone to der bad. Den it vhas we hear aferypody say how shmart und talented dey whas all der time.

Sometimes it seems to me dot der world whas too wicked to stand much longer, and dot it whas hard to find one honest, upright man. I take some liver medicine, und lot der next day der world vhas good enough und all men vhas all right.

I haf seen a funeral procession a mile long. und two weeks later I haf asked who vhas buried dot day, und nopody could remember. Vhen a man gets through mit der world der world vhas through mit him.-Carl Dunder in Detroit Free Press.

Takep to Himself.

Mrs. Parshley (as the boat pitches a trifle -How delightful this little swell is, Mr. Parshley!

Young Brockelsby (complacently)-I always try to be entertaining, Mrs. Parshley .-

Rank and Money Marriages.

It is becoming more and more hard for Faubourg St. Germain mothers to find rich husbands for their daughters. As there is no court here, the connection which marriage with one of these young ladies might open to a nouvel enrichi would be of small value. She could not endow her husband with a title, and her pretensions to be better than his family would be unendurable. As her forefathers and foremothers all married can pick up in all direction ters of men who have made money in business. For instance, a match is contemplated between the heiress of a manufacturer of corsets and a descendant of Marshal de Grouchy, who was a man of ancient family. Her father is glad to buy a title for her, and she is delighted at the prospect of hearing a siglish maitre d'hotel announce that "Madame la Marquise est servie." A Belgian Prince of non-royal house was able some eight or nine years ago to get hold of £400,000 by going to Hymen's altar with the daughter of a man who rose from being a street-sweeper to having a contract for sweeping the streets of Paris. But his sisters, who were penniless, had to marry poor widowers .-London Truth.

I know it is a story that you won't bedieve, because you haven't seen it yourcelf, but you can cork a bottle of ale. say, as securely as you like, seal it and put it away, and if the rats get a chance to play about it you will find it wholly undrinkable. I don't know how the amell gets into the liquor, but there it is. I have seen bottles washed and scrubbed and rubbed with sand, then opened and found to be ruined. There is no animal that the old school Indian will kill with such a thorough consciousness of doing a good work as the rat. - Chicago News.

Military Balloons in Use.

The actual practice of military balfooning is now being carried on by Italian forces in the Soudan to a considerable extent, and this question of obtaining the gas for the balloons has caused not a little trouble. The hydrogen required has been manufactured at Naples and taken to the seat of war in steel tubes, each of which is about 5 5-8 inches in diameter by 4 feet 7 1-2 inches long, the walls being about 5 5-8 inches thick. The hydrogen is produced by action on iron turnings with dilute sulphuric acid, and is pumped into these tubes at a pressure of 1,919 pounds per square inch. Forty of the tubes are needed in inflating a single balloon.-New Orleans Picayune.

Rock Crystal Watches.

A new and peculiar class of timepieces has lately been brought out which illustrates the steady progress that is being made in the arts of skill and precision. This is a watch of ordinary size, of which the case and plates are made of Brazilian pebble or rock crystal, thus rendering the watch transparent, and exposing to plain view the wheels and all other parts of the interior mechanism.-Scientifio American.

England's Domestic Service.

About a seventh-15.7 per cent.-of the working population of England is engaged in domestic service. In America only 6 per cent. of the same population earn their living in this way. At least ten families are competing for one domestic in the United States where only four are bidding against each other in England.-Once a Week.

Willow and Oak.

The willow which bends to the tempest often escapes better than the oak which resists it; and so in great calamities it sometimes happens that light and frivolous spirits recover their elasticity and presence of mind sooner than those of a oftier character.-Sir Walter Scott.

A Distinguished Personage.

Census Taker-Your name, please. "John Smith." "Any middle name?"

"No; isn't the name I have enough to distinguish me?"-Yankee Blade.

President Harrison has promised the Labor Committee that when Congress adjourned he would give consideration to the eight-hour law and would insist apon its strict enforcement in governWriting on Cast Iron.

Mr. John' Farrar, foreman of the G. W. & F. Smith Iron Company, of Bos- anything was wrong until after he left. ton, has three small cast iron plates, one Then it was learned he was a thief. He of which is 3} by 5 inches, on which is walked down the four flights of stairs cut in sunken letters-etched-the Lord's and left by means of the front door .prayer in bold handwriting, and the Philadelphia Ledger. other two, each 5 by 6 inches, containing outline drawings, one with three sketches-a pig in an inclosure, swans

the distance, and the other plate contained an outline drawing of a horse. Referring to these plates, Mr. Farrar said: "What you see on them is done with a common steel pen on a piece of

thin paper. The paper, when prepared, is pinned into a sand mold, iron is poured into the mold and the writing is transferred to the casting."-Boston Herald.

She Forgot Too Soon.

Paris officers, going to seize the goods had been obtained, found her lying apparently dead and prepared for burial in her rooms. They were about to retire when one of them could not resist the temptation to pinch the plump arm of woman. The supposed corpse the promptly sat up on the bier and gave the impertinent officer a regular dressing once and the goods sold .- New York Sun.

As Others See Us.

"They cut their food with their daggers, and they eat with pitchforks!" cried the horrified Japanese who first saw Europeans eating in such a barbaric and revolting manner with the knife and fork

Light fingered, deft and imitative as the Japanese and Chinese are, it takes them as long to learn the proper and graceful use of the knife and fork as it requires for us to master the evolutions and etiquette of the chopsticks .- Eliza Scidmore in St. Nicholas.

Use for Cast Off Garments.

Who could dream of boiling up soldiers' cast off trousers? Yet this is what is done with the discarded leg coverings of the English soldiers, and what do you guess to be the use of the condiment when so cooked? The pulp thus produced is used to stuff balls. The trousers are chopped fine, boiled, treated with some chemical substance, and then cast in molds of different sizes for use in the different fives and racquet courts .--Chatter.

The Weight of the Brain.

It is curious to observe that the average weight of the brain coverings and fluids is highest in the insane, while the weight of the brain is lower .- Washington Star.

Only 12 per cent. of the population of Russia can read and write. The number of primary schools is 38,000 for the population of 100,000,000.

the man at work, and everybody thought seems to pe he had been hired either to repair the ces Power Cobbe in Forum.

glass or clean it. They did not suspect

"Ketched" Up with Them,

Ignatius Donnelly sometimes tells this on water, and a deer, with pyramids in anecdote from the platform: An old farmer in the south was taking his first trip on a railway train. The equipment was poor and the road was rough and in bad condition, so that the train made poor time. Suddenly the engine whistled. "What's the matter?" asked the farmer, anxiously. "Oh," said a fellow passenger, "there are some cows on the track and they are whistling to scare them off." The train ran along slowly a

few miles farther, when the whistle sounded again. The farmer suddenly of a woman against whom a judgment started and then exclaimed: "Blowed if we haven't ketched up with them cows again.'

Rarity of the Cormorant.

It seems rather strange that, while and when he had acquired a sufficient skins and eggs of the great auk are so momentum tuck up the legs of one side highly valued, the public rarely hear of and, leaning over toward the other side, Pallas' cormorant, the extinction of scamper along on two legs until tired. down before she remembered that she which in the North Pacific corresponds to He would then acquire fresh impetus, was dead to her creditors, if not to the that of the great auk in the North Atlan- and give the other legs a turn at this exworld. The execution was made at tic. Only four specimens of Pallas' cor- hilarating exercise. The correspondent Alaska is 369,530,000 acres, the area unno one possesses its eggs; and no bones Field. were found or preserved until Mr. Leonhard Stejneger, of the Smithsonian institution, was so fortunate some years ago as to rescue a few of them. Yet this bir was the largest and handsomest of its

A Costly Barn.

tribe.-New York Ledger.

The costliest horse barn in the world belongs to D. E. Crouse and is located at Syracuse, N. Y. It has now cost the owner, a millionaire horseman, something like \$700,000. Incidental expenses will make the stable cost little short of a round million.-St. Louis Republic.

Bostonese,

"Yes," said the learned youth, "I reached forward and struck him a blow on the optic, and a minute later his alter ego was in mourning."

"His what?" inquired the fond parent. "His alter ego-his other eye, you know."-Boston Transcript.

A French company is pushing a scheme for piercing the Faucilles by a tunnel. which would sherten the distance between Paris and Geneva by six hours. The Swiss government is against it because both outlets of the tunnel would be in French territory.

The population of Iceland diminished 9,400 between 1885 and 1888, being at the close of the latter year 69,234. The decline is due to emigration to America. The native fishermen complain that their business is being ruined by the English fishing steamers.

A Dog That Likes Gas.

At the Dog's Grotto, one of the curiis a cave, the lower part of which is said to be filled with deadly gas, so that while a man can walk about unharmed iated. To prove it they have a dog called after a short time, seems overcome by and resuscitated in the fresh air. The dog is so well trained that whenever she sees a stranger approaching she gets up day, but the dog seems none the worse

A Sagacious Dog.

for it .- New York Sun.

A correspondent tells a curious story of animal sagacity. He once knew a dog who used to run on the legs of one side-a sort of one sided shambler. The animal would start in the usual way,

A Valid Excuse.

Lady Reformer-Why don't you congrossmen pass a law prohibiting the

Congressman-Possibly it does, ma-

smoke cigarettes.-Chatter.

A Floating Church.

The Rev. Robert J. Walker, of the Church of Our Saviour, anchored in the East river at the foot of Pike street, is something of a wag. He says that his church is "high" or "low" according to the tide. As his members are all sailors, he may be said to be dependent upon the floating population .- New York Commercial Advertiser.

Not Afraid of Microbes.

Dr. George Duttan, a Boston physician. at a meeting of the American Health society, of which he is president, made this challenge: "Let my medical friends bring me half a pint of all kinds of bacilli and I will eat them, provided that if I am not sick the next day the microbe theorists will forever thereafter hold their peace."

The total population of Greenland at the end of 1888 was 10,201. There had been 163 deaths during the previous year, of which thirty-one had been by drowning from the native canoes and ten by other accidents.

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why he had not solved the riddle before. -Chicago Herald.

Deer Come to Town to Live.

L. L. Gaffney informs us that the town osities maintained near Rojo, Italy, there of Downieville is at present inhabited by quite a number of deer that were captured during a storm. They walk around town and are as tame as cattle, some of a dog breathing the lower air is asphyx- them going up to children on the streets to eat food and delicacies given them. Columba that is taken into the cave One band of fourteen were found near whenever a visitor appears, and that, the banks of the river, above town. They were all bunched in the snow and left the alleged gas and has to be carried out over night. The next day those who found them picked out what they wanted and took them to town, where, in a few days, they became perfectly tame. Some and trots off to the cave to get her as- are kept tied in stables, and some wander phyxiation. This happens many times a around town at will, returning to the barn when they have had their exercise, The town dogs do not disturb them when

out .- Nevada City Herald.

Unsold Land in the United States. The United States government has been the largest owner of arable land on the earth; the total area of the "public domain," sold and unsold, amounts to 1,849,072,587 acres, and constitutes 72 per cent. of the total area of the United States, including Alaska. About 700,000,000 acres of land have been sold and donated; about 1,150,000,-000 acres remain unsold. As the area of sold exclusive of that territory is about. 780,000,000 acres.-Current Literature.

Are the Girls to Blame?

The young woman who is forever complaining, however, that some man "keeps staring at her" in public places ought to remember that if she had not looked at him she would not have known he was "staring." It takes two to make a stare annoying.

It would be well to supplement the old adage to "Never look a gift horse in the mouth" with "Never look a strange man in the eyes."-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Cost of Paint for American Women. A German statistician, who has accurate data concerning the use of cos metics throughout the civilized world, estimates that the money which American women pay for cosmetics would pay for the painting of 37,000 houses at an expense of \$75 per house.-Berlin Courier.

Owls Are Better Than Cats.

The barn owl, when she has young, brings to her nest a mouse about every twelve minutes, and, as she is actively employed both at evening and at dawn, and as male and female hunt, forty mice a day is the lowest computation we can make.-Macwillan's.

Hard Lines for an Innocent Man.

In China the man who lives nearest the scene of a murder is accused of the erime, and he must prove his innocence or stand the punishment. Consequently, if he is innocent he rattles round pretty lively to discover the criminal.-Chicago Times.

Names for Triplets.

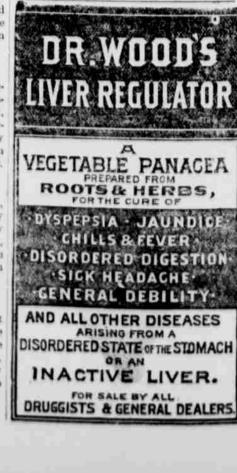
This is the latest credited to W. S. Gilbert. A friend was bewailing in his company that his wife had just presented him with triplets, all girls. "What am I to do with them?" asked the poor man. "I don't even know what to name them." "Oh," said Mr. Gilbert, "call the first Kate, the second Duplicate, and the third Triplicate."--The Argonaut.

A Masseuse's Observation.

A masseuse who has practiced her profession largely among families of wealth makes the statement that in many years she has administered massage to only one woman whose ribs had not been displaced by corset wearing .- New York World.

Waste silk has been shown to be the most effective nonconductive covering for steam pipes. The price is high, but the demand is very great.

Bouquet throwing has been abolished in the London theatres.



morant are known to exist in museums; writes from Cyprus, not Crete .- London

smoking of cigarettes? Congressman-We have no reason for doing so.

Lady Reformer-No reason? Why, cigarette smoke injures the brain.

dam; but people who have brains don't