The Primitive Method of Calling Servants at a Sulphur Springs Hotel.

Think of a grand hotel where the room numbers run as high as 799 being without an elevator! It is easier to climb Prospect mountain back of the Colonnade row of cottages than it is to mount the various stairways to the top floor Perhaps some time in the near future there will be further concessions to the spirit of modern improvement. The field exists. Here is a hotel with a parlor half as large again as the east room of the White House. It has a long dining room, with two rows of columns. If you stand at one end and shout you can't be heard at the other. Twelve hundred people can sit down to the 150 tables without any sense of crowding. This hotel covers more than an acre of ground. It doesn't contain a bathroom. It has no annunciator. Some day the guest may be able to press a button and make his existence known to the office a quarter of a mile away. At present the method is to open your door, stick out your head and "holler." To the credit of White Sulphur it can be said that two or three "hollers" will usually do.

The servant system is peculiar to White Sulphur. It works as satisfac torily as such a system can. Southern ers like it, for it reminds them of old times Northerners do not object so long as the charm of novelty wears. To every hallway in the big hotel are assigned a floor man and couple of chambermaids. They are not pert. They are colored men and women who learned the ways of faithfulness and little short of enlamitons that her beau should politeness when there was \$500 differ | call just at that moment in the evening when ence between a house servant and a field hand in "Virginny." Most of these servants had "ben a-comin" to ole White, sah, sence befo' the wah." They have their little rooms partitioned the bill now upon the legislature providing off at the ends of the halls or across the stairway landing, and there they live and sleep so as to respond promptly to the calls of guests.

If my young lady, coming up from the ballroom at tifteen minutes before midnight, thinks of some message she wants to give the chambermaid, she taps with her hand on the door knob and calls:

"Lu-cy!"

A pause. "Lu-cy!" This time a little louder, and another pause. Then again, "Oh. Lu-cy!"

From down the hall comes by this time the sleepy reply:

"Ya-as in I'se comin'." There is a shuffling of feet along the hallway matting, and then a conversation in a low tone. The voice of the belle says a little louder at the close:

"Remember, Lucy!" The voice of the chambermaid replies

"Ya-as'm."

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The door closes. The shuffling sound passes back down the hall and dies away Fifteen or twenty people in adjacent rooms turn over in bed and try quality, XLNC; extreme imppiness, XTC.to go to sleep again. Nobody thinks New York Herald. of kicking. It is only one of the White Sulphur ways. -Sulphur Springs Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

# A Lightning Episode.

A colored man, about 40 years of age, entered police headquarters yesterday with his head tied up and said to the sergeant:

"Boss, I want your opinyun. Look at dis head an' tell me what you think

"I think somebody gave you a pretty good whack with a club," replied the officer.

"Was it a club?"

"It was a weapon of some sort."

"Wasn't I hit by lightning?" "Lightning? No."

"Wasn't hit by lightning las' nite?" "How could you be, when there was no thunder storm last night?"

" 'Zactly-'zactly. Dat's all." "How did you get it?"

"Woke up dis mawnin' wid de ole woman standin' ober de bed. She laid it on to de lightnin', but de mo' I think de mo' I didn't believe it. I'ze suah now."

"And you"-

"Well, I'ze gwine home to make de biggest thunder sto'm you eber heard tell of. An' if de lightnin' doan' strike mighty clus to my house at least a dozen times den I won't say a word when de patrol wagin comes!"-Detroit Free Press.

# John Fiske.

It is a curious fact and one not widely known of John Fiske, the writer. that his real name is not John Fiske at all, but Edmund Fiske Green. He was born in Hartford, Conn., forty eight years ago, the only child of Edmund and Mary Fiske Green. While yet a mere boy his father died, and three years later Mrs. Green married the Hon. Edwin W. Stoughton, United States minister to Russia. Up to this time the lad had been known as Edmund Fiske Green, but after this, for some reason of his own, he dropped his father's family name, retaining that of his mother, Fiske, and adopted in place of the baptismal "Edmund" the name of his maternal great-grandfather, "John," and thus he became John Fiske, a name which he has retained and honored ever since.-New York Evening Sun.

# Where He Was Shot.

Coroner (to the physician who examined the wounded man)-Where was the man shot, doctor?

Doctor-In the lumbar region. Coroner-In the lumber region? Why, the policeman has just sworn that he was shot in a coal yard -Texas Siftings.

Like Other Boys.

Benedict (to the minister, who is calling) -There, sir, is my son. Fine, handsome boy, isn't he! See him poring over his school books there, studying hard when the other boys are out playing bail. I tell you, he's a wonder! Come here, Jimmy, and tell me what you are studying.

Jimmy-Studyin'! I'm tryin' ter decide whedder ter call de nine I'm gettin' up de young Giants or de Fourt' Ward Daisies!-Lawrence American,

The Mistake of a Morning.



"Well," says Blunderbuss, "if that Chinaman hasn't exchanged one of my shirts for a shirt that opens in front!" when all the while he had got his own on wrong side foremost.-Harper's Weekly.

### Needed Legislation.

She had gone away and left her chewing gum stuck on the back of the sofa, and it was perhaps unfortunate that her little brother saw it. It was certainly grote-que of him to carefully dig out its inside, fill up the cavity with red pepper, carefully plug up the hole and put the gum back in its place. It was she had put the gum back in her mouth again. He could not understand her demeanor. He does not even yet comprehend. December the dogs follow it with comwhy she danced and shricked, and finally ran out of the room. There is no question that for the killing of all boys between the ages of 8 and 10 should go through A crememman's Despair.

Tom-You seem disturbed, monsieur. Qu'

M. Lemaire-I haf great troub-belle. It is wiz ze Auglish langwidge. It is ze leetle word dossen. I say I need a dossen, and one says zat ees twelve; I say I want a dossen, and another say I must take sleep; I say I wish a dosseo, and another say ze doctairs will dose me. Ze one lectie word haf too much to do in zis grand countree. -Pittsburg Bulletin.

The Pleasures of Gardening

"Yes," said the suburban amateur gardener, "I take a great deal of pleasure in my agricultural labors. Of course, there are a good many things in a garden that are not altogether pleasant-here, Towser, come out of that flower bed! That's one of them. As I was saying, there are a good many things-

Phonetic Spelling of a Lazy Man. Essence of being, NTT; prior to, B4; kindly, B9; Queen Elizabeth's favorite, SX; four score, AT; shabbily dressed, CD; a foe, NME; process of rot, DK; void of contents MT; funeral poetry, LEG; an Oriental official, KD; a girl's name, LN; vigor in action, NRG; a student's composition, SA; valuable

At a Boarding House. Scientific Boarder-There are no nerves of taste in the roof of the mouth. If we wish to get the full taste of-of bread and sirup. for instance, we must put it in the mouth

with the sweet side down Practical Boarder-An! I suppose that is why we all eat this bread and butter with the .... Hunting.

There was sport in the coon hant for our fathers, an in a measure a man's importance in some communities was judged by the cumber of coon skins he could nail to his barn door after a hunt. Why the coen has come to be despised by sportsmen in these latter days is one of those things about which the remark has once or twice been made that no fellow can find out. He is as cunning as the fox and more difficult to trail. He is, moreover, the cleanest of animals, and eats only the most wholesome of food. He should not be despised, surely, because he can be hunted only at night, for in threading the woods in the darkness, following dogs that you cannot see, and whose baying alone breaks the still-

men, and his habits render this an easy task. By day he lies in out of the way retreats, in the depths of hollow trees or isolated crevices and holes in the rocks. He wanders forth only at night and although his foraging expeditions may take him to the very doors of farmers, and even within the boundary lines of villages, he never betrays his presence. If more than one coon is brought to bay in a tree they will invariably be females or a mother coon and her offspring. The scent the coon leaves on the trail is at all times less than that of other game quadruped, but when the female is nursing her young during the summer months her scent is hardly perceptible to the dogs, thus saving her and her litter from many a race for life. The scent of the coon grows stronger as the cold weather advances, and through November and paratively little difficulty.-Philadelphia

### An Absent Minded Mar.

Cincinnati has the champion absent minded man. A gentleman living in the suburbs went in a store on Walnut street to make a few purchases. The only light in the store was a candle standing on the counter near the money drawer. After making his purchases he handed the proprietor a bill, and after returning him the change the proprietor walked to the rear of the store to arrange something when suddenly be was left in the dark. He started toward the counter. and, groping around it, found, not the candle, but the change. It struck him then that probably the man, in a fit of absent mindedness, had taken the candle instead of his change. He started out after him, and, eatehing up with him, aw that he had the bundle in one hand confound it, if there ain't old Briggs hene and the condle in the other. After apoldigging up my peas again." New York Press. ogizing for the mistake the stranger took ogizing for the mistake the stranger took his change and gave back the candle.-Chicago Times.

> Fashion in beds is returning to the four poster with a rich canopy and, as a modern innovation, a shelf between the upper posts for bottles, glasses, etc. In simple days of our grandparents the eye opener was kept under the pillow in

The German emperor is a voracious newspaper reader Fifty of the leading journals of Europe are laid on his table every morning, and immediately after breakfast he plunges through them, shears in hand, nipping any item that | you two are so different. - Epoch.

Cold and moisture combined have a torportz-ing effect upon the bosilly organs and the di-gestive and secretive processes are up to be more tardily performed in winter than in the more tardily performed in winter than in the fall. The same is true also of the excretory functions. The bowels are often singelsh, and the peres of the skin throw off but little waste matter at this season. The system, therefore, requires opening up a little, and also purifying and regulating, and the safest surest and most therough tonic and alterative that can be used for these purposes is Hostetter's stomach Bitters. Persons who wish to escape the rheumatic twinges, the dyspeptic agonies, the painful disturbances of the bowels, the bilions attacks, and the nervous visitations, so common at this time of the year, will do well to reinforce their systems with this renowned vegetable stomachie tems with this renowned vegetable stomachic and invigorant. It improve the appetite, strengthens the stomach, cheers the spirits, and renovates the whole physique.

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Forethought.

condensed milk on the kitchen table with a sardine opener beside it.-Life.

Daugnter-Ma, the new giri has got mad and gone, and we'll have to get another right

Consoling. Mrs. Avnoo-Bridget, the parlor windows

tre so dirty I can't see through them. Bridget-Wall, mam, I only jist came from the front door, and beyont the faces of Miss Fashion and her young man in the bay windy opposite thur's nothin' across the way wort lokin' at. - New York Weekly.

Didn't Know Which. "What is the matter, Alice! You look

worried. for Jack,' and I don't know whether they are from the Jack I hate or the one I like

Complimentary. Miss Crabtree-See what nice shoes I pur

chased for \$5. Miss Giltman-Why, these I'm wearing cost £10.

Took the Hint and Got Even.

Miss B. thinting for Mr. C. to leaves-I should think you would take cold out here. Mr. C.-Yes, if you were the weather I might; good night. - West Shore.

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He-I am sure you would like my brother. She-I have no doubt I should. I am told

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"The refurd of sprig," since the poet with a cold in his head.

She-Ob. Lorrors! Re-What is it, darling! She—I forgot all about poor pussy, left in the house alone, and we off for a week. She'll

lie-0, I remembered ber. I left a can of

Divided Daties.

Mrs. De Style-Well, telephone to your pato send a boy to some employment office for I need some zephyr to match this silk, too; but I suppose I will have to go for that myself.—New York Weekly.

"I am. It's too mean for anything! These roses have just come with a card, 'Wear these It's too horrid!"- Harper's Bazar.

Miss C .- Well, I suppose they charge ac cording to size. - Ohio State Journal.

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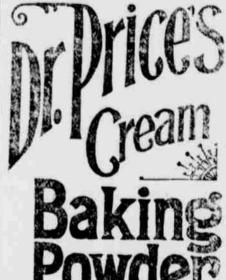
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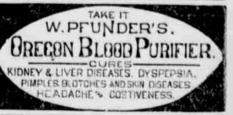
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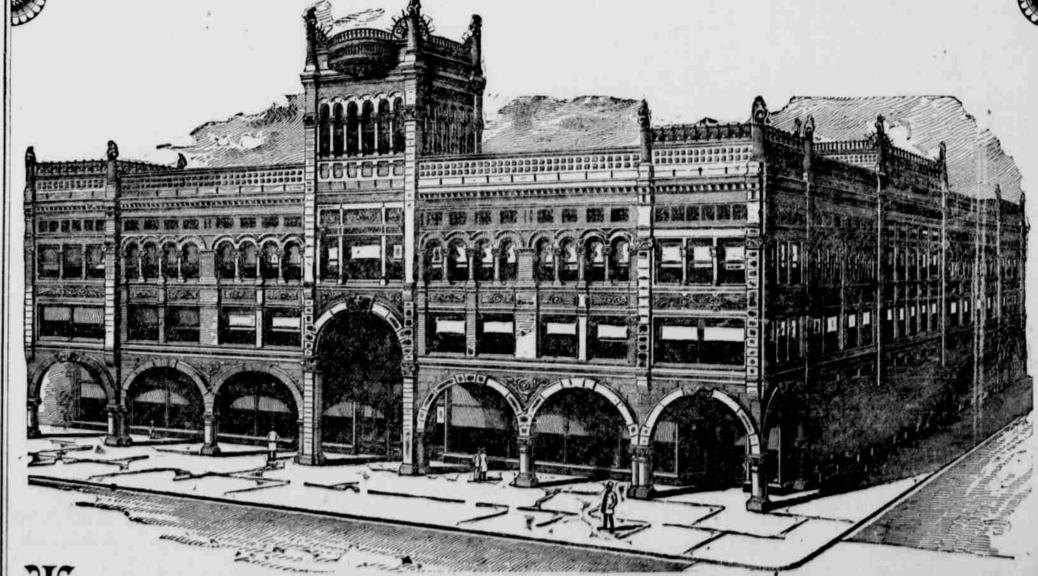


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