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tructed implements and thoroughly

he moisture that falls is preserved

cultivating the surface. In this way

crops of his neighbors were failures.

There are certain crops, moreover, such as aifalfa, sorghum and Kaffir corn, which do not require much rainfall. By the use of these and the new methods of cultivation this arid line is being steadily pushed back, and every mile it recedes means the addition of 640,000 acres to the fertile land of the west.

Literature and Matrimony. It has recensy been proved that although feminine independence, authorrid line by scientific methods. Or ship and matrimony are each great in their way, yet the greatest of these is matrimony. The world had no sooner recovered from its surprise at Miss Wilkins' marriage than the news ar rived that Miss Alice Hegan of "Cabbage Patch" fame, who dedicated her last book to one Mr. Rice, who had helped her to "discover roses growing among cabbages," had married this in that Miss Josephine Dodge Daskam author of a recent beek on "Middle hist where the roots of the plant can Aged Loves," had decided to take a

Jim Dumps' physician once fell ill. Said he: "I'll have no

draught or pill."
Said Jim: "Ho, ho, you're
on the shelf,

You who cure others, cure yourself."

Then Jim sent up som?
"Force" to him,
"That's what he needs,"
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middle aged busband. Henry James once wrote a story "The Lesson of the Master," to prove that no man could be a perfect artist if he took to himself a wife, "Women," said the master, "are themselves the sacrifice. They're the idol and the tar and the flame." No one has tried to prove that a woman may not marry and at the same time remain an artist And one fact shines clear in the midst of matrimonial and literary confusion that men, even when all other offices have been wrested from them, may still perform valuable service as inspirers of literature.-Chicago Tribune

The "Tree of Life." The expression "tree of life" has more than a Biblical or a symbolic meaning, according to modern science All animal life upon this planet is dependent upon the green iron containing substance called "chlorophyll," which gives their summer colorings to trees. grass and shrubs. Green, not blood

red, is the life color. English scientists have figured out that such schemes as Sir Oliver Ledge's proposed reforesting of the English black country would help to eke out the 3,000,000 of years for United States government to study the prevention of forest waste is the most direct work of self preservation.

Katatypy. Katatypy, the new method in photog raphy, is described as follows: "Over the finished negative is poured a solu-tion of hydro superoxide. This leaves, after evaporation, a uniform layer of peroxide of hydrogen. Soon the silver of the plate works upon this peroxide and produces a catalytic dissolution wherever there is silver, while in the places free from silver the peroxide remains. By this means an invisible picture of hydro superoxide is produced stamps for the cloth-bound volume.

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altogether a millionaires' club. He sent to the secretary of state of Alabama the sum of \$1 in a postal note to cover the entire expenses for his recent unanimous election. This sum represents the fee of the secretary of state for his services. So far as known this is a record in the minimum price Hair Vigor always refor sents in the senate.

> Boneless shad is the latest luxury of the well spread American dinner table. The high salaried and accomplished cook now practices a sleight of hand trick by which the fish is laid open and its entire bony structure is lifted out by means of a single deft twist of the wrist. This is called drawing the shad, and a French chef who never saw one of these fish until a couple of years ago was the first to practice the boning trick and to teach it in his restaurant

> The Football Craze In England. It is said that 742,559 persons attended the games in this year's competition for the Football Association cup. There were thirty-seven of these, making an average attendance of 20,000. At the last game at Crystal palace 63,102 per-

sons paid admissions.

It Appealed. "Can you give me a short name for my new automobile—something appeal-

ing?"
"Yes. Call it an automob."—Chicago

No Longer Bent. He's bent on marriage now, but when His married life advances He'll find himself, like other men, In straitened circumstances. —Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Clubman-Will you be home early, Jack? Mr. Clubman-We-ll, yes; but don't

I'll try; that's all. wait breakfast for me.-Brooklyn Life. The Political Job.

Our officeholders often shirk
Their work from day to day.
They'll kick and howl at overwork.
But not at overpay.
—Philudelphia Ledger.

Not Worth Worrying About. "Yes, gentlemen, all I am in the world I owe to my wife." "If that's all you owe you're mighty bucky."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In Pleasant Paths. A brown bee sippin' honey
From a daisy in the dew;
A mockin' bird, breast deep in bloom

Singin' sweet to you!

-Atlanta Constitution. Unnecessary Speed.

"What's your hurry?"
"I promised my husband I would meet him at 1 o'clock." "But it's only 2 now."-Life.

The Whole Thing. Your lover bestows on his girl His daisy, his duck and his peach. He calls her his lamb and his pearl, Extravagant figures of speech. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Tough Subject. "Is Jones still raising the devil?" "No; it's my opinion the devil's cut his acquaintance."—Atlanta Constitu-

The Game Laws. A fishing trip I sought to try.

The constable came round that way,
And presently I found that I Was the important catch that day. - Vanhington Star.



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This is about the season of the year I'm temperate,
Or thereabout. I'm not exact, I fear,
It's fair to state.
I struggle very faithfully to climb,
But down I fall. I may have better luck another time.

And yet it would not very much surprise
Me, I am sure.
If to a lofty height I soon should rise
And feel secure.
At least for months to come. The prospect sweet
Cannot but please.
I cannot do it at one leap complete,
But by degrees.

I know I am not stable, but am prone
To ups and downs.
I'm quite mercurial, I have to own,
Despite your frowns.
'Tis only human, though I cannot say
I seculity over I greatly err, But I'm not human; I am simply a

Thermometer. -Chicago News.



-Philadelphia Ledger.

The father of the small boy was to make a speech at a public dinner. As it was his first attempt, there had been great deal of talk and flippancy about it in the family. When the important night arrived and the child and his mother were left alone the ics. latter remarked:

"I think father must be making his speech just about this time. I hope they'll applaud him." "Why?" asked the son.

"Well, to encourage him."
"Oh! Do they know he can't speak oo?"-New York Times.

"Stop!" said the rattlesnake. "Why should you seek to kill me? I am not to blame for being a venomous septile. It is my nature. I was born that

way. "The mere fact that you exist," replied the man with the club, "is sufficient justification for smashing you!" And he smashed him.

The Bar Sinister. "Wordley tells me that he has been working on his family tree of late." "Yes, it keeps him pretty busy."

"Rather complicated work, eh?" "Well. I believe he found a noose on one of the branches, and he's having some trouble sawing it off."-Denver

One or the Other. "You say he was very cloquent when he proposed to you?" said Miss Cay-

"Very." said the confiding young woman. "Don't you think that indicates sincerity?" "Sincerity or experience."-Washing-

ton Star.

The Cause of His Fervor. "The deacon seems to be makin' an awful long prayer." whispered Aunt

Martha. "Yes," muttered Uncle Silas, "I s'pose he's got another bet up on some hoss race."-Indianapolis Sun,



Just a Suggestion. Architect (doubtfully)—It seems as if there should be something on the top of your house when it is finished, Mr.

Mr. Millionaire (meekly)-Might I suggest a roof?-New York Herald. An Inhospitable House.

Weary Raggles-You won't git noth-in' decent in there. Them people is Hungry Harry-Is that right? Weary Raggles-Yes, an' they got a dog wot ain't.-Chicago Journal.

The Only Infallible Way.
"George, don't forget to mail this
letter. What can I do to prevent your carrying it around with you for a week

"Mail it yourself, my dear."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Ald to Memory. Slopay-And, doctor, if you will, I wish you would give me something to help my memory. I forget so easily. Doctor-Very well. I'll send you a bill every month.—Baltimore American.

Von Blumer-When you go abroad do-you want me to go with you? Mrs. Von Blumer-Oh, dear no. You

are so jealous you wouldn't pass an easy moment.-Town Topics. Sweet Content. Blobbs-Sillicus is very proud of his

lineage, isn't he? Slobbs-Yes. He would rather have ancestors than make a name for himself .- Philadelphia Record. The Fool's Way. The Barber-The fools are not all

dead yet. The Broker-No, but there are a lot who dye every day, aren't there?— Yonkers Statesman. The True State of Affairs She-Mr. Van Dabble is wedded to his art, is he?

He-Oh, no! He's wedded to his model and in love with his art.-Philadelphia Ledger. Hope.

Through the ins and outs of the years you'll find
One simple rule should be borne in mind:
Be sure that you have a reliable soap
Before you blow any bubbles of hope.

—Atlanta Journal.

Keeping Tab.
"You should sleep on your right side,

madam." "I really can't do it, doctor. My husband talks in his sleep, and I can't hear a thing with my left ear."-Town Top-

His Financial Paradox. thing I cannot understand— Perhaps it springs from thought re-fracted— Is how a fellow's debts expand
The more they are contracted.

-Washington Post.

Setting Him Right. Con Seet-Oh, I could marry most any girl I wish. Newitt-You've got that rather twisted. You mean you wish you could marry 'most any girl.-Philadelphia Ledg-

> Incredible. There is a young woman in Cracow
> Who has a peculiar knack—oh,
> I wish that I knew
> The trick of it, too,
> Of smoking the real tobacco!
> —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

As Exception.

Mrs. Nuwed—The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Mr. Nuwed-Not that pudding you made yesterday. The proof of that was in the dream.-Indianapolis Sun.

Enlightening Him. No, Reginald, regretfully
(Although your question's timely), I
Am forced to state "pyrography"
Does not teach girls to make good ple.
—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"Gossip," said Uncle Eben, "'minds me a good deal of a shootin' match in de street. De innocent bystander is jes as li'ble to git hit as anybody else."-Washington Star.

Accessibility. The hollyhocks bloom by the fence,
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