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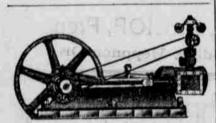
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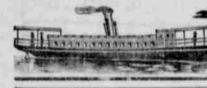


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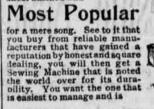
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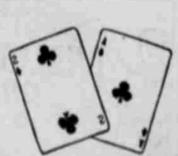
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TABLE TRICKS.

Old Lady Was Not Up on Moder Such a dear old rustic lady sat next me at a dinner the other night. It respect to the galaxy of bright writers

was quite a "swell" affair, in a fine in Great Britain who have achieved restaurant, and when the coffee stage such prominence here during the last was reached she declined it and asked for a cup of tea, which had to be brewed expressly for her. I saw her fidgeting around, says a writer in the Louisville Post, so I asked her: "Can I reach you anything?" "I can't find er day: "We have been publishing my napkin ring," she whispered. English and Scotch stories simply be-"There are none," was my next remark. "Ain't none? Mercy me! Why fiction of corresponding worth. It is

"It's not the custom," I answered. "Well, it seems kind of slouchy," she said. "We always have 'em at home." poor old soul felt grumpy, I suppose, lot of fads as people are getting. Must not cut fish with your knife and can't have butter unless you ask for it, and having ice cream in the middle of your dinner." She had received a punch between the sweetbreads and the duck. "And no tea unless you disturb the whole table, and four or five kinds of liquor"-she meant wine-"and women drinking it and men smoking right here before us, and you mustn't take your fowl in your fingers. Well, I do wonder how I ever lived all these years not knowing any of these tricks!" Her tea reached her then and I heard no more from her.

A BEAUTIFUL MIXTURE. apanese Johnny's Herole Effort at Com

An English teacher in a Japanese chool has given for publication this ssay on the whale. written by a Jap boy: "The whale lives in the sea and ocean of all the country. He is a large and strong in among of kinds of all the fish, and its length reach to ninety foot from seventy foots, and its color almost is a dark, and he has a large head. When swim in the up water he is so large as island. When struck the water on angry he is so voice as ring great deal thunder. If he danced make the storm without winds, and also blow the water almost lay down the fog on the weather. His the form is proper to live, for his front legs make hire and afterlegs is no, and the tails is a hire that open on the top waters, and the mouth have no leaves, but have leaves that is a hard, narrow beard, as with horns. His bodys though is a fish, but he is not a fish, but is a creatures. His leaves is named whales-leaves. The men make the everything with it. Every years to seven or eight month from four to five month, the whalermen eatch on the sea or ocean. He may live on the sea of North-sea-way or Five island, of Hirado on Higen country in Japan. Written by T. Hirakawa. P. S .- The tell of the whale is morebut I do not know fully to tell."

Mac's Rejoinder.

The captain of a Cunard liner one day while crossing the "herring pond," found that his ship was not doing the speed he considered she ought to, and, putting on his best frown, he went lown to the room of the chief engineer, a hard and dry Scotchman and an amateur violinist. The captain knocked at the door; the gay chords of a Scotch reel played on a fiddle was the only answer to his summons, so he burst the door open. "Mr. Mac," he thundered, what are you about? I am not at all satisfied with your engines; we go like spails, sir." Mr. Mac made a flourish with his bow, and, after a jolly chord, said: "Sair, my engines should hae been in Liverpool these three days. It's your slow old ship that's at fault!"

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Complaint That Good Work Is in Demand While the Quality Is Poor.

There is an increasing demand for good American fiction. With all due few years, it is, nevertheless, a fact that publishers are looking eagerly for cause we could not procure American needless to say that there is a far greater demand for American novels than for those written about characters and incidents European and Brit-'A napkin ring implies that the napkin ish. But it looks as if we could not is to be used again." I explained, "and succeed in our endeavor. We do not that would not be considered good want a novel, for instance, that is form." Her tea had not come, and the dashed off, three or four chapters at a time, by a woman after she has given so this is what I got in sections: "Good an afternoon tea before dressing for the form! Mercy mel I never saw such a evening. But we want American novels written by men and women whose brains surge and swell while they are at work. And I see no hopeful outlook excepting in the newspaper offices." The publisher does not understand

the conditions of newspaper work nowadays, or he might not be hopeful. There are young men and young women scattered through newspaper offices here and there who are capable of developing into novelists; but they have no chance, while on morning papers, at least. The average reporter goes to work at noon, and then until midnight, or an hour later, he or she is hastening from one point to another, oftentimes unable to eat regularly or to secure sufficient sleep. By the time the afternoon assignment is covered and the At midnight, or one or two o'clock in know that?" the morning, he goes home. Is it reasonable to expect a man or a woman after such a siege to write fiction? How ence, with its hurry and rush and ex- out of that hair. hausting physical labor, makes it very loubtful if we can look to him as a lass from whom to expect fiction. With men and women on evening papers the case is different. They have nore leisure, in the evenings, at least; but the fact remains that as a usual thing the brightest men and women prefer morning papers, because they pay so much more.

STORY OF A MISSING BABY. Curious Experience of a Parisian Lady of Position.

The recent experience of a Parisian lady of position, writes Miranda in the Lady's Pictorial, may serve as a useful warning to some of my readers who reside abroad. The lady in question returned from a ball one night much earlier than she had given her servants reason to expect, and to her consternation found three members of her household missing, the nurse, the that all "healthy work," no matter housemaid and-the baby! Greatly whether modern or ancient, is classic. terrified, she rushed to the concierge to make inquiries, and after some prevarication the man informed her that the two servants, fancying their mistress would not return for some hours, had gone to a notorious dancing place. taking the baby with them, and there the lady would be certain to find all three "quite safe and sound." As the master of the house was absent, the distracted mother went to seek a male relative, and together they visited the locality indicated, where they found the two women drinking with friends, but no baby. In reply to frantic in-quiries after her child, the housemaid impudently told her mistress-whose smartest new gown she had borrowed for the evening, by the way-"that madam need not excite herself, the infant was in good hands." At first she refused to say where; but by dint of threats it was dragged from her that the child had been taken to a low inn close at hand. Here the enraged parent found her precious offspring sleep in a filthy bed with eight other children, who were all being taken charge of at one franc fifty centimes a head while their nurses enjoyed themselves. Needless to say, the two wretches were dismissed on the spot.

A RABBIT PARLIAMENT. The Prolific Animal Baffles Law and

A rabbit parliament was held in Australia. This was not a convention of the animals, but a great gathering of gentlemen who are engaged in their

Record, representatives from every part of the colony beld high debate over the animal's performances. But acts of parliament seem vain in this matter and science itself bankrupt. The New South Wales government at one period had more than three thousand men employed in killing rabbits. It has erected fifteen thousand miles of rubbit-proof fencing. It once offered twenty-five thousand pounds sterling for a specific against rabbits, and chemes, the too prolific bunny has mphed over them all, and at the sent moment the land department of New South Wales has one million acres of abandoned land, thrown up in consequence of the reckless march of

The rabbit parliament seems to have failed to produce any clear and striking results. A score of "infallible" specifics, ranging from fegrets to tank slaughter, had their advocates, but about these doleful experience made the delegates shake their heads. If the rabbit could be turned into a profitable export the question would be solved, but this seems out of the question. The policy favored by the conference is that of 'grid-ironing' the colony with rabbit-proof fences, transferbit from the state to private land-owners, and giving the land-owner every possible help in carrying on the cam-paign against his furry and four-logged for."

SULLIVAN'S SECRET. How He Could Tall Whether It Was

When John L. Sullivan was in Washington about a year ago he amused a
crowd of listeners who happened to be
of a variety intellectually superior to the overage enoud of hangers on who worship the great man's memory for the wint he was, with an embilities of attalaments in which, associate to Joha's where he will dispense at popular prices, idea, brain instead of brawn and first shares shampers, helicula, sta.

prowess plays the better part. He told the age of any man in the crowd who was learned enough to add, substract and divide a series of compound figures, which John furnished, and nine times

out of ten hit the mark. But one feat which he performed, and in which he believed with the fervor of an idolator, says the Washington Post, goes into the marvelous. It involved the telling whether the firstborn of a given couple was a boy or a girl. way that this feat was accomplished was a profound secret with the pugilist, but in a burst of confidence he disclosed the method to the writer.

To solve the problem the only necessary data are the full maiden name of the mother and the full name of the father. According to Mr. Sullivan's formula, if, after counting the letters in both names, the sum is an even one. the firstborn is a boy, if odd the issue of the union is a girl. For example, all the letters in Mary Jane Brown and Hiram Smith form a total of twenty three, an odd number. Result, a girl. If this formula is reliable it will serve forecasting purposes as well as the establishment of post-facto results; but no editorial guaranty goes with the prescription.

FOUGHT FOR THE HAIR. Barber and His Customer Stand Up

for Individual Rights. "Now you have cut my hair," said the shorn countryman to the barber, "kindly collect the hair from the floor. wrap it up in a paper and hand it to

"I shall do no such thing," the bar ber replied, firmly. "That hair belongs to me. I cut it off, didn't I? That makes it mine." The customer got excited, says th

New York World. "Don't you know," he exclaimed hot "story" written the reporter has a ly, "that under the common law of the chance to breathe sometimes; and then land anything that grows upon my when he reaches the office with his head is as much mine as are the conevening assignment covered, provided tents of the head? In every copyright he has but one, he sits down and writes case it has been settled that the prodwhen too often he is greatly fatigued. uct of a man's brain is his. Don't you

Now was the barber's turn to get

"If hair is the product of your brain, can it be done? Leaving entirely aside the fact that newspaper work, with its plain statement of events, precludes the development of thought and litself, but I'm fighting for a principle, erary style, the reporter's very exist- and I'd spend my last cent to do you

"None of your business what I want it for," howled the countryman. "Perhaps I need it to stuff pillows with, and perhaps I am a wholesale manufac turer of wigs. That's none of your business. I'll admit that I don't need the hair. What then? I'm fighting for principle, too. Gimme my hair."

They shook their fists in each other's faces. It took a policeman to separate them. Such are the ills of life. For these

trifles do men wildly battle.

an ancient controversy has recently been revived in England by the question as, to what really constitutes a classic. Some define it as "an ancient author, highly approved, who is an authority on the subject he treats of." Goethe on the other hand, protested against the confusion of what is classic with what is merely old, and declared The French Academy, speaking ex cathedra, defines classic authors as "those who have become models in any language," while Sante-Beuve declares that a true classic is an author who has "enriched the human mind." Indeed, go two opinions on the subject seem to coincide, and what appears to be a classic to one sort of people is refused that qualification by others.



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