#### I KISSED THE COOK.

I kissed the cook. Ah, me! She was divine— Checks peachy, dark-brown eyes, lips red

as wine; Long apron with a bow,

A cap as white as snow, By far too tempting, so I kissed the cook.

I kissed the cook, this angel from the skies, And yet I did not take her by surprise.

Twas mean, I will allow, But if you'll make the vow To keep it, I'll tell you how I kissed the

I kissed the cook. Poor, helpless little

Inss-The chance so good I could not let it pass. Her hands were in the dough, She dare not spoil, you know,

My Sunday suit, and so I kissed the cook.

I kissed the cook. I might have been more strong, But then I guess it wasn't very wrong, For just 'tween you and me, The cook's my wife, is she;

So I'd a right, you see, to kiss the cook.

## "WEEDS."

NIPEY and Kipper stood in the Sidock, with a don't-care-a-fig-foranybody air.

"What's the charge against these fellows?" inquired the magistrate.

"Drunk and disorderly, your worship, and assaulting the police."

There was no defense. "Any previous convictions?" asked his worship, with a sour look at the two

youths of promise. Kipper thrust his hands deep into his pockets; Snipey, somewhat older, watched the dock-keeper with an anxions eye. There were previous convictions.

"That will do!" said his worship, severely. "You are evidently incorrigible. Such fellows are the weeds of soclety. It's a pity you can't be-erplucked out. You will be removed to the house of correction for three months." . .

A raw-footed and broken detachment of a British infantry regiment was stumbling gamely along a dreary ravine in the interior of China. The regiment helped make up a relief force which was hurrying to the rescue of a missionary station. Two smart companies had mustered in the gray light of early morning and had set out to reconnecter in the hills. Through a childlike faith in the efficiency of the information supplied by a so-called intelligence department, the major commanding the detachment had got hopelessly out of his reckoning. The intelligence department of the Chinese had not misled them, and by the late afternoon the British had fallen into an ambush. From the rock ridges flanking the ravine the Chinese showed now and then the gleam of a scimitar to their prey. Little puffs of smoke appeared more frequently still, and were sometimes followed by sickening little "plops," when the bullet met flesh and bone in the valley. The dead lay sprinkled in the wake of the British in dahs of scarlet, as if they were playing a weird game of hare and hounds with

The end of their endurance came when the shadows of the rapidly approaching night closed in upon them. The word to halt was given and obeyed, although its mellow note killed all hope. Rations of flour and water were passed round, and, with the sentries posted, the little body of British soldiers sat or lay at ease, rifle in hand, waiting for night and-death.

Two hours passed: then the commanding officer was startled from a doze by a hoarse whisper.

"Majer! majer!"
"Hallo!" he snapped. "Who the devil's that?"

"Me, majer-Privit 'Arrison. I've bin a-talkin' the persition over with a mate -friend, beggin' yer pard'n, sir-o' mine, an' we thinks theers a charnee o' savin' the detachment." There were a few expletives in the

darkness. Who told the privates the detach-

ment wanted any saving?"

Then there was a sound like a suppressed chuckle, and the whisper reasserted itself. By and by the expletives melted into answering whispers, then followed silence. Ten minutes after there slipped into

the silence the rustle of gently moving

"Snipey, ole man!" "Kipper!"

Two hands groped ridiculously in the luky night until they found each other. A few answering cracks from the bills were followed by the hum of wasted ammunition.

"Major said as it was a five-ter-one charnce," replied Snipey, with something of importance creeping into his

"Wot else did 'e say, mate, when yer

axed 'im?" "Say? Why, a few bloomin' 'airlifters at fust, as it's 'is nature to. Then says I, 'Me an' my pal, majer, reckons as these pigtails wun't want ter tackle in the darkness, a-cause they might get cut up a bit, so they'll wait an' pot us comferable in the mornin', 'Right y' are, ole chap,' says 'e. Then I says, But if we tried to do a guy, majer, ole pal, they'd smell a rat, an' be down on us like a lot o' winter sparrers on a midden.' 'Considerable powers o' penetration,' 'e says. "Then,' says I, 'majer, here's our plan. Let one or two stop behind an' keep a-firin' from different places, an' they'll think we're all 'ere; then the rest o' the detachment

can creep off foxy.' The majer swears,

an' says it was a five-to-one chance. Then 'e thinks a bit. Then 'e says 'e'll try it. Then I volunteers for you an' me to stop, a-cause it was us wot formerlated the invention. 'Couple of damn scamps afore you joined, ch?" e says. 'Certn'l, majer,' I says, soothin'-like. Then I feels summat a-foolin' about me in the darkness, an' when I grabbed it I found it wos the majer's hand."

"Snipey," said Kipper, reproachfully, "you're a blisterin' liar!"

"That's the kernel of it, mate. It's true about the hand, though, Kip."

Crack, crack! Unceasingly the pitiless rifles told the lurking Chinese that their British pigeons were safe in the nest below.

"Kipper!" "Ole pal!"

'We gotter remember one thing. There must be no bloomin' surrender-

"Not a bit o' surrenderin'." There was a decided quaver in the tone now. "There wun't be no takin' prisoners! We've took a great responsibility on fer the regiment. There's a lot o' clarse about the regiment, Kip, an' we ain't a-goin' to disgrace it. See?" "Snipey!"

"Kipper, ole man!" There was the same funny groping of hands in the dark, the same tight, lingering grip when they found each other. Crnck, ernek!

"Curse this rifle!" said Snipey. "How she bumps!"

It was nearly 4 o'clock when Kipper spoke again. The blackness was diluted a little over the eastern ridge.

"Snipey," he said, with a weary little sob, "I'm a-gettin' "ill!" Then after a pause: "Snipey, d'yer remember what that Crucified Chap said when 'Ee got tired-when 'E was weary o' waitin', I menn?"

"Don't give yer neck, mate." "Him wot the missh'nary told us about when we wos kids," went on Kipper, pathetically. "Wot was it?"

Sulpey sighed. "I know, chummy. I was just athinking of it meself. "Ow long, O Lord, 'ow long?' "

chattering teeth. ''Ow long, O Lord ver.

The eastern sky was a golden sea, ting. The rocky ridges and hills beneath seemed blacker than ever, and from degree last year at the University of the law of 1854, known as the Adalr that black snudge on the glory of the Zurich. dawn came half a dozen little puffs of tlame, and Kipper's rifle clattered down follow the buffalo and diamond-back upon the rocks. Sulpey groped about in the gloom, and found his comrade on his knees, gasping and spitting mouth- the chance given. Its height ranges 6

"Wot yer doin', Kip?" he said, anxiously.

He stood for a minute, still as the rocks around, then stumbled forward with a sobbing cry of rage and misery. on his side, trying in vain to raise himself upon his elbow.

"Kipper!" he whispered softly, falling on his knees beside his chum, Kipper groaned, and pressed his

hand to his right breast. "Through-the lungs!" he said, in an ing Eskimo dogs for the market. awed whisper, between the fits of coughing that wrenched him. Snipey

pressed his hand, with a sob. "For the regiment, Snipey!" He raised himself on his elbow, and his chum flung an arm around his neck to about-the-reg--"

A fresh bit of coughing brought inense agony; after it was over his head fell back.

Snipey pulled out his handkerchief to wipe the blood from the dead lips. It was a miniature copy of the British flag. He remembered how the hand- this Union or in any country on the kerchiefs had taken the fancy of globe save Belgium. the soldiers just before they left England, and how the regiment had bought up the whole stock.

He stared stolidly at the quiet face for a minute, then spread the little flag over it.

When Snipey turned once more to face the east the day had broken gloriously. His rifle was empty, and he slipped a fresh cartridge into the Then, with a sudden thought, he fetched Kipper's rifle and loaded that, too.

When the Chinese closed round in the growing light they found their potshot prey had flown. A solitary Brit- Ireland, and at Kildonan, Arran, Scot ish soldier, with hands and chin resting on the muzzle of his gun, stood await- reporting and signaling vessels at sea.

ing their vengeance. The weapon sprang to the aching 1,200 inhabitants, with not a single shoulder, and one yellow foe lay a white among them. It has a full quota gun another pressed his hand to a mortal wound, and the affair was finished. Its size.

But that morning, in the mess-tents of the rescued regiment, the story of how a couple of weeds had been plucked from the garden of society was told with misty eyes and glowing hearts.

Sure Proof. "This won't do," exclaimed Mr. Phamliman; "here it's after midnight and

that young man and Maude are still in the parlor." "How do you know?" inquired Mrs.

Phamliman. "Because I don't hear a sound down

there."-Philadelphia Press.

Italian and German Navies. In fifteen years-1885 to 1900-Italy spent on her fleet \$300,000,000, and yet the Italian navy does not come up to half the strength and efficiency of the German fleet, on which during the same period of years \$298,000,000 was ex-

Don't talk at random. Make everything you say hit the mark or save your ammunition.

pended.

The widow's favorite novel-"Put Yourself in His Piace."

#### BRITISH ELECTIONEERING.

What It Costs a Candidate to Become a Member of Parliament.

ing in two minds, it may be a consolation to know that, if there happens to be a contest in his constituency, he will have cost each of two candidates How "Mother Stewart" Roused Two the sum of 9 pence.

That is the election agent's estimate of the expense of a metropolitan or a borough election. In the country the expense will be much more than that. pensive commodity.

capture. For an everage-sized constituency of, say, 8,000 votes, the candidate is allowed £300 in expenses. The limit of London's largest constituency is about £1,400. In addition, the candidate can spend, without saying why. the sum of £100 on personal expenses. and the agent's bill amounts to about £170 or £200.

Take it all together, a borough candidate may spend £1,000 on an election. and a country candidate half as much again.

What the candidate of his agent may not spend is perhaps more important than what he may. A canvasser who wants to cast his vote and wishes to share a cab with a fellow-voter has to be in a position to swear that each oc cupant of the vehicle has seperately and severally paid his own share in the fare. If a canvasser treats a friend to a drink and the friend has a vote in the constituency, the opposite party can endeavor to show that the drink was intended as a bribe. The illegal practices act of 1885 has made the path to Parliamentary glory thorny and hazardous .- London Mail.

#### THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW, of the present world-wide importance.

In 1900 the German mints coined "That's it!" said Kipper, through his \$36,425,000 in gold and \$5,925,000 in sil-

> Lignum vitae is the thoughest wood into effect. Mrs. Stewart lived at known. It cannot be worked by split-

Fourteen women received the doctor's Naturalists say the lobster will soon

terrapin.

to 20 feet. 000 tons of goods are carried in a year

on the world's railways. In Brussels automobiles are taxed In the dim light he saw Kipper lying from 30 to 50 francs per annum, ac- lated to hurt anybody's business or cording to horse power.

Official returns show that last year

Liverpool's imports and exports exceeded London's by £15,000,000. All over northern Siberia are scattered men who make a business of rais-

Ireland has never won an International association football game against either England or Scotland. The profits of the London Daily Mail

The Liberty statue in New York is 151 feet high, the pedestal is 155 and the total height above low water mark. is 305 feet 11 inches.

The percentage of illiteracy in Kansas is less than it is in any state in

The highest trees in the world belong to a species of eucalypti found in Australia. Single specimens have grown to a height exceeding 400 feet.

Yale and Harvard universities are negotiating with Cambridge and Oxford for an international athletic con-

test to take place in America. It is said that posts planted in the earth upper end down will last longer than those which are set in the natural position in which the tree grew.

Wireless telegraph stations are to be erected at Inishtrahull, in the north of land, respectively, for the purpose of

The town of Entonville, Fla., has With the report of Kipper's of officials, a bank and other business establishments requisite in a town of

## Now a Telegraph Boy.

A nobleman once insisted on his head gardener taking as an apprentice a young lad in whom he was interested. The lad was very lazy, and the garden- the country was the result of the cruer was not at all pleased at having such sade at Springfield. She sat in a house a youth thrust upon him. Sometime after, his lordship, walking

in the garden, came upon his gardener "Well, John, how is my young friend

getting on with you?" "Oh, 'E's doin' fine!" replied the gar-dener, with a smile. " 'E's workin' away there at the very job that suits 'im! 'E's a-chasin' of the snails off'n the walks!"-London Answers.

#### Finances of Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janerio has a municipal debt of almost 60,500,000 milrels, about \$12.

000,000. The annual deflet is nearly one and a half times the entire income. The female student in chemistry should be able to analyze her own com-

plexion. Nothing worries some women like the absence of worry in others.

To the worried London voter, halt ANTI-SALOON WAR STARTED IN OHIO 30 YEARS AGO.

> Continents and Created the W. C. T. U. Movement - Disguised She Bought Liquor on Sunday for Evidence.

Mrs. Carrie Nation's drastic methods There, where miles of hedgerow and of dealing with the unlicensed liquor stubble stand in place of a trip on top traffic in Kansas recalls to old timers of an omnibus, an election agent is al- the crusades of praying women which lowed about £200 or £300 for traveling started in Ohio nearly thirty years ago. expenses, and the same claim is per- Like all reform movements of a radical mitted to subagents and to the candi-type, the crusade raged as a reigning date himself. That is one of the items fad in many parts of the United States which make a provincial vote an ex- for some mouths after the outbreak in Ohio, just as Mrs. Nation's more vio-In both town and country the extent crusades seem now certain to pense to a candidate depends on the spread throughout the country. From size of the constituency he proposes to the movement inaugurated in the early



MRS. CARRIE NATION.

seventies, came the organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union

This movement was started by a single woman, known later as "Mother Stewart," and it was through her persistence and energy that it was carried Springfield, Ohio, at the close of the war and it was there and then that the crusade was brewing. In Ohio in 1870 law, was so amended as to give the wife or mother of a drunkard the right to bring suit in her own name against a saloonkeeper for selling to her husband or son

In the winter of 1871 the town of Springfield was somewhat agitated by temperance movement which was Two billion passangers and 950,000, then in fermentation, "Mother" Stewart said in after years of this time "We had our seasons of spasmodic agitation in a very mild form not calcu feelings." This ngitation was of little more value than were those that had gone before. In the winter of 1872 Mrs. Stewart decided she might as well start the ball forward, since she knew no one would be forthcoming. On Jan. 22 she delivered a temperance lecture, which she knew would attract attention, because it was the first of the kind to be given by a woman in Springfield.

She had undertaken to fight the saduring last year are understood to loon on the subject of Sunday closing support him. "There's a bit 'o clarse amount to the substantial sum of £80, and she went about her work in the bold and sensational way used by Mrs. Nation. She fought the Adair law cases, pleaded before justice court



MOTHER STRWART, in the anti- aloon crusade, as she ap-peared in beliggerent costume.

juries, which was shocking for a wom an of her day; she overstepped etiquette by visiting the city fathers at session and asking them to enforce the Sunday closing law. She went into neighboring towns and countles, and at Osborne, a small Oblo town, there was organized through her effort the first temperance union. The establish ment of temperance unions throughout next the largest church in town and watched the men going in and out of a saloon across the street during Sunday service. Of this she wrote to a friend:

"A walk well laid of tanbark led into the saloon, and if it had not been for the stained windows of the church the preacher could have seen the throng passing as he stood in his pulpit. We church people stain our windows so that we cannot look out and the saloon men stain theirs so that we cannot look in, and so the work goes on by a sort of tackt agreement."

After watching the business of the alley for more than an hour Mrs. Stewart determined she would go to the saloon and procure evidence for a prosecution. She disguised herself, entered. purchased a glass of liquor from the bartender and carried it away with her to be used at the trial.

Following this proceeding came the

CRUSADES BY WOMEN. prosecution of the saloonkeeper and the for the women, rallied by the enthuslasm of their leader, kept the crusade going and the newspapers interested in the novel action spread the interest abroad. Mrs. Stewart was invited to talk in small towns all about Spring-

field and did so, with excellent results, The first organized saloon visit was made in Fredonia, N. Y., on Dec. 15, 1873. Mrs. E. McNell was the leader of the movement and continued to aid with the organization of similar crusades throughout the country. A lecfure had been given in the town by Dr. Die Lewis, during the course of which he proposed saloon visitation, a means of closing saloons which his mother, a total abstinence woman, had years before found to be successful. The morning after the lecture the women of the town met and, 100 strong, took up their march from saloon to sa-

A few days later the women of Fredonia organized their Woman's Temperance Union. At Jamestown, N. Y., chere Dr. Lewis lectured some days later, a similar organization was effected. At Hillshore, Ohio, women in- Pe-ru-na Drug M Tg Co., Columbus, O. spired by the success of their neighbors, started an uprising which was soon interesting the people of the world. The women of Hillsboro did nothing half way; they took the saloous one by one and camped at their front doors until the proprietors were forced from fear to shut up shop.

The crusade spread like wildfire, and before the saloonkeeper knew exactly what had happened they had capitulated. Mother Stewart, who had by this Catarrh is well-nigh universal; almost time a world-wide reputation, was omnipresent.

It was not all easy for the women; book they had many trying experiences, some of which resulted in their final defeat, some in their victory. In Cleveland there occurred a riot when the women first appeared, and had it not and Victoria, and good crops of fruit been for the timely arrival of the po-cellent oil. The industry bids fair to lice fatalities must have resulted.

The repeal of the Sunday closing law in Chicago was the ocasion of an immense demonstration by the women of that city, headed by Mother Stewart that millionaire?" mense demonstration by the women of and Miss Frances Willard. They were mobbed in many quarters of the city, but the actual reform accomplished was not so marked as it was elsewhere There were few saloonkeepers who gave up their business to go to farming, few of them, if they could prevent, allowed their property to be "See here!" exclaimed the shopper excitedly, "there's a man just dropped dead in that hargain crush."

"How inopportune!" cried the floorwalker. "We have not yet opened our



WEAPONS OF DESTRUC-TION.

dumped into the streets. That the crusade had its effect there is no doubting; it was a brave fight and out of it grew the Women's Temperance Union with Miss Willard at its head, acknowledged one of the most powerful organ Dispatch. luations of either men or women in

this country. When the crusade spread to England, as it did about a year after its have sense, success in this country, Mother Stew. "Why?" success in this country, Mother Stewart was called to lead. She lectured throughout Great Britain, creating remarkable enthusiasm wherever she appeared, but the crusade which followed her effort in no way compared with that which had stirred every nook and corner of America. Never since the days of the original crusaders had there been so wonderful a demonstra tion. It stirred this country as had nothing before or since the Civil War and as nothing has since the crusade itself.

## LAW AS INTERPRETED.

A dangerous practice of mail agents of throwing the mail from a moving train so as to endanger persons on the railroad premises is held, in Shaw vs Chicago and G. T. R. Co. (Mich.), 49 L. R. A. 308, to make the railroad company liable to an intending passenger who was on the railroad platform and who was injured by a mail bag thrown against him, if the carrier had knowledge of the dangerous practice and had allowed it to continue.

Duty of care to avoid injury to trespassers on a railroad track is held, in Cleveland, C. C. & St. L. R. Co. vs. Tartt (C. C. App. 7th C.), 49 L. R. A. 98, not to arise until those in charge of a train have discovered the presence of such trespassers on or dangerously near the track and have reasonable cause to believe that injury to them will result unless the train is arrested. Liability does not arise merely because their presence might have been sooner discovered and the train is running at an unlawful speed. \

Judgment for money and for the foreclosure of a mortgage upon real estate against a deceased defendant who had theretofore been duly served with process is held, in Kager vs. Vickery Kan.), 49 L. R. A. 154, to be vold, al though the fact of death does not ap pear upon the record, and to be collaterally impeachable by heirs who were not parties to the foreclosure and who sue for the land. With this case the great number of authorities on the Press. effect of judgment entered against a dead person are collected and analyzed. showing the conclusions at which the courts have arrived.

Some people are enthusiastic in accepting invitations, because they figure that they will save that much by eat ing away from home.

# A VERY PROMINENT MAN

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dress is Fort Payne, Ala.

Any man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. . e-ru-na is the only abwhenever they proved weak and encouraging the aggressions of the strong.

It was not all easy for the women:

New Industry in Australia. The culture of the olive has recently been introduced into South Australia become an important one.

Family Ties.

"Oh.

brother-in-law's sister." - Detroit Free Too Previous.

his brother married my

undertaking department." - Philadel-phia Record.

It Sometimes Happens. "Curses on him!" growled the hardworked humorist. "Curses on him! His wife gave him

letter to mail, and he mailed it." Gnashing his teeth and otherwise comporting himself with rage, the h. h. continued to hurl anathemas at the man who spoiled the joke.—Bal timore American. He Was Emphatic.

"I am informed that your husband is a professor of language, and I called to find out what his terms are."

Well, when he's excited, they are fit for publication." - Richmond A Hopeless Case.

"It's no use; Chumleigh never will What has he done now?" "Paid me \$10 he owed me right in front of my tailor."

Her Definition. "What is your definition of satire?" Satire," said Miss Cayenne, "is said Miss Cayenne.

Washington Star.

Police Hard to Dismiss. A New York police commissioner declared that it was easier to hang a man for murder there than to dismiss a policeman. "Last year," he said. "the board had to pay out \$130,000 n back salaries to men who had oeen reinstated by the courts.

The Doctor's Order. Mother (an invalid)—Johnny, don't you think I ought to punish you for being so bad? Johnny (aged 5)—No mamma. You know the doctor said you was not to indulge in any violent exercise.

Quick Exit. "Mr. Lew told me that he was a Yale man. Do you know what class he was graduated from?" From the sophomore class."-Har-

lem Life. A quarrel recently occurred between two maiden ladies. Said the younger one:
"I wonder if I shall lose my locks,

too, when I get your age? The Older One-You will be lucky if you do .- Tit-Bits.

Mrs. Greene—I suppose the Chit-lings are awfully stuck up since they got that money from Mrs. Chitling's uncle? Mrs. Gray-Not so much as one might have supposed; but I notice that when they have mincement on the

table they call it croquettes; it used to be plain hash.—Boston Transcript. "They say that Old Gotrox is barely able to write his name. "Now, that shows the injustice of ings. Here I could write my name things. Here I could write my name to a check with the greatest case; but what's the use?"—Indianapolis

Germany's New Navy.
The German naval programme, which according to the original announcement, was not to be completed until 1916, is now, it sems, to be finished by 1906. In that year Germany will have at least 40 ships, 20 large cruisers and 28 small cruisers.