CHAPTER VII-Continued.

"It is singular," I said, "that you in your own way should have come to the same conclusion about Steinhardt as I have gradually been coming to. I do not trust him at all; he is pittless and noscrupulous, and I am sure he would make no more inquiries concerning your father than second necessary for the sake of appearances. But, dear Miss Lacroix, I think you can do no good by going to London yourself. Let me act for you in the matter; believe me at for you in the matter; believe my own. Have a little patience, were my own. Have a little patience, and I think we shall get at something.

"Why," athe asked eagerly, "have you heard something at last from the friends to whom you wrote"

"No: I have not?"

his attention to the railway stations, more particularly to the Great North-

with blosd; his eyes were extraordin-Timperley, arily bright and watchinl; his month "In a ve with blood; his eyes were extraording Timperley arily bright and watchful; his mouth "In a very few weeks," I said perfey, and I could not understand the possibly this was said so as to impress twitched gratesquely, as if in the effort to use it for speech; and his right leg come and hear thee praich afore thou received. But I was soon startled into emotion were of no use unless he had

wrist, "are you feeling better"

'Here is John coming," she con- it, mon. tinued to him. "I shall come and see

you tomorrow again."

ing up a little, John.," said Louise. sitting at the plane. Sounds of music the 16th, 1882, had been found and in"Yes," said John; "I think be mun, and singing were again processing from terrogated; he could not remember

As I took my way through the villing in silence to the girl.

by the treatly seemed impossible to assege to my lodgings, I found myself. When I reached my lodgings I took certain at that distance of time. lage to my lodgings, I found myself turning over these words of John: how out the old fellow's singular little pres-"well," I wondered, had old Jacques ent. It was the "return" half of a first been before his nephew went to Lon- class railway ticket from London Bridge don? If he could recover speech, could to Croydon. It was tolerably clean; it he tell us anything of consequence con- must have been thrown away or dropped, cerning him?

CHAPTER VIII.

with the more force and effect.

clough we were both startled and tion with Croydon.

silenced by the clear, full note of a I met her next day at Jacques's corblistory impossible.

ing, with joy.

is a nightingale—it is a nightingale!" concerning the ticket. I wished and, poor girl, she actually sobbed avoid raising in her undue suspicion. How can the dear little hird have got so far out of its way as this dreadful to London yourself?"

After a rapt attention of some min-advice, and wait."

After a rapt attention of some min-ing to the ravishing song, both of its "If you went," I continued, "where of our delight. The path out of the in London? clough led along the ridge behind Timperley, past two or three neat little would tell me somewhere to go. houses. From one of these we were "You have, then," said I, "no divorce from him, you know surprised, as we approached, to hear friends about London, or anywhere Jones—Yes; and he has been supplied to the same of a normal land of the same of the quality. It was just growing dark; a that you should live in Lendon to folsmall of figure, standing with her hand think I could not ask them. on his shoulder. She sang in a voice nuch in vogue, called "Ehren on the look and tone. I quickly urged another thine." As we passed the song ended. So here dwelt the reason you in?" of his indifference to Louise's beauty

maid I.

oned upon my letter attracting such attention as it did. The second night resolute Steinhardt! way along all the roads and lanes to questions as to the size, situation following week parties came from long lodgings I wrote to her.

nightingule sing. I went first one night, and then another, and another

to see the crowd thus drawn together.

"I suppose," said she, with some end of the week it was heard no more, bitterness, "it is to them only the loss of one stranger out of the crowds all and noisy. One of these evenings I where in the neighborhood. The recording was retorning with the crowd when any to locked in the neighborhood. The recording was retorning with the crowd when any to locked in the neighborhood. The recording was retorning with the crowd when any to locked in the neighborhood. The recording was retorning with the crowd when any to locked in the neighborhood. I then told her of the mission Free-old fellow wa loid alongside of me, looks me doubt whether I had been wise to How for models with the most a digitorium or technicon. eh"

"Look at him?" I involuntarily exmon go to London some day, and see having my application declined, and Von Bulow used to say that three
simed. Von Bulow used to say that three
them gyardens. Happen I may come them for another, with the same result. His face was flushed, and as if puffed across thee 1 hear thou'rt leaving I was disappointed and puzzled. I knew tat: "The first, technique; the second,

and shoulder stirred a little under the goes. Ee, mon, I a' something here, the perception of their cause.

the means of expressing them in a flublankets.

emotion were of as an old pocket. Louise and I had got into the habit
out way on the planoforte. blankets.

"Oh!" cried Louise, "perhaps seeing book, and from one of the compart—of meeting frequently (as I have already us, and bearing or talk—if he has ments he took a square of paste board hinted) at the cottage of old Jacques.

The which he ways me—"happen that may we were still waiting for news from heard us—has roused him? Uncle which he gave me—"happen that may we were still waiting for news from Jacues," she said, in a loud voice, come in hardy when then goes back to King's Cross, and we did not know going to him, and laying her warm. London. I found it in Lacroix's Lane whether the letter was to be sent to me, soft hard on his withered, lifeless youl' more a year ago, and says I, 'I or to Feeman, or to Miss Lacroix. rist, "are you feeling better" mun keep this till I go to London, but Louise met me one morning in great resistance is not equal throughout the "Well, now he has trouble keeping his His only answer was a wink of his I do not think I'll ever ride in a first alarm and hurriedly told me the ex-keyboard. The bass notes offer more poor relations from the porte cochere."

"What is it?" I asked.

"I think your master must be rouse which I had seen Frank Steinhardt o'clock express on the evening of March sitting at the plane. Sounds of music the 16th, 1882, had been found and in-gymnastics" are exercises which can Seems to me be may get as it, and I was not surprised to see that anyone answering to the description of weel again as he was afore th' other many of those who had been disap- the missing gentleman. He soight or master went to Lunnon."

many of those who had been disap- the missing gentleman. He soight or master went to Lunnon."

soon after it was thrown away. A sus-

had come. She quickly began to show the same as the person who had bought signs of that heart sickness, which in it in London? If he had, bad he been the young is so ready to follow upon a resident in Timperley? In a word—the steady, indefinite postponement of had the person been Mr. Lacroix? It hope. In my efforts to encourage her I encouraged myself also to believe that an Overruing Power was holding that an Overruing Power was holding this mystery in hand for some great purpose, only to reveal it eventually with the more force and effect.

In the person been Mr. Lacroix? If we define the configuration of the purpose, as a nation, our next slep in progress, as a nation, was in a spiritual direction, that hop was now living who would write the consumer is in selling at the consumer is in selling at the purpose, only to reveal it eventually sometimes did. I croix Lane they croix lane they croix lane they croix

bird—a liquid "joug-joug." tage (I had almost given up 'my visits "Is it a thrush?" I said in a whisper. to Timperley Hall). After again answtage (I had almost given up my visits She listened breathless, almost pant- ering in the negative her constant she whispered, at length, "it began my attempt to get at this point I wished to "Do you still wish," I asked, "to go

"I do," said she; "but I take your

utes to the ravishing song, both of us "If you went." I continued, "where were impelled to go away to tell others would you stay? Have you any friends

"I hoped," said she, shyly, "you music and singing of an unusually fine round? It is not necessary, you know,

lamp shone out from a window, over low up inquiries."
which the blind was not yet drawn, "Well," said she, "I know two or and we could plainly see a man seated three girls living in London who were at the piano, and a girl, slight and at school with me in Croydon, but I

Imagine how my heart leaped! 1 clear and sweet as a bird's, a song then was afraid I showed my emotion in my Anamosa, in ... Prison Press that crime

and the player turned; we saw his face. "Croydon is not far from London: of imprisonment he could have and each exclaimed to the other, "Why, might not your old school mistress take \$16,800 at the trade of a printer

"I did not think of that," said she: and sad grace!

"Oh, what would his father say, if he knew!" exclaimed Louise, in alarm.
"I don't think we'll tell him," nway."

I had learned more than I could have I was that night more cheerful and anticipated. Here, surely, at length hopeful than I had been since my coming to Timperley. I was not addicted direct, evidence that Mr. Lacroix, and to writing letters to the newspapers, not another, had dropped the ticket, but the presence in that district of the and therefore that he had come home. little bird of song, that usually sug- I imagined him traveling from London Germany's new tariff on sewing ma gested soft, clear skies and scented Bridge to Croydon to pay, perhaps, his chines, which varies from \$6 to \$9. groves, was so extraordinary, and daughter's school bill, and returning a seemed to me so delightful, that I sat different way, although he had taken a down and wrote a letter concerning the return ticket to London Bridge. This \$1,000,000 a year. Last y phenomenon to a daily paper of some struck me as agreeing with all I had Gemany \$6,125,000 worth. importance published in the neighbor- heard of Mr. Lacroix-careless of ing large town. The paper, I knew, money, and without much steady con-was widely read, but I had not reck-sistent purpose. How easily such a

It occurred to me that it would not after I had written it men and women It occurred to me that it would not of all conditions, but chiefly of the be impossible to learn from the Croyworking class, were inquiring their way | don achool mistress | whether Mr. Lathrough the village, or finding their croix had called on her. With a few "the Nightingale Clough." The small character of the school, I learned the weekly papers of course copied the letter, and on Saturday and during the tress; and as soon as I returned to my isbury Plain entirely over war office On the second land. distances in buses and vans to hear the morning after I received her reply. In the British Isles.

SUMMINION IN THE PROPERTY AND A STANDARD STANDARD STANDARD WITH THE PROPERTY AND A STANDARD S way ticket as invaluable evidence-a polite note, presenting compliments and begging to inform that on referring

All the Fingers. to her books and her diary, she found term's charges for his daughter's "finand eighty-two.

CHAPTER IX.

The end of my six months' curacy

Whether the nightingale took alarm perley. I would have liked you very Mark Hambourg is the possessor of "Has she many friends in society?" at this invasion of its solitude, or well to stay, but you know—you see it wonderful planeforte technique. Each "Yes, quite a number. She only came whether some mischlevous persons can't be. If I can do anything for day he commences work with San out two years ago,"

was retorning with the crowd, when an tor looked at me in a way which made called "unger gymnastics," neither has

I had been reckoned successful in Tim- tehenique, and the third, technique,

class carriage—so thoud'st better tak pected letter had come, but addressed resistance to the fingers than the treble -Catholic Standard and Times.

it, mon. ' non attention to Mr. Lacroix—that Steinhardt there and consequently more attention Costs Parallel. fore had opened it, naturally expecting should be paid to the strengthening of "To be sure," said he. "Those connection to find it a business communication the muscles of the left hand, see. It's a first class ticket". He brought it to her, and asked if she The plants a hands can be developed. We left the cottage as John spoce. It's a first class ticket".

We left the cottage as John spoce. It's a first class ticket".

It be brought it to her, and asked if she what it meant. She rend it: It at the instrument or away from it. If was short, and to this effect: The away from the planeforte then "finger of the Sovennavica" may be used or an appara-

Few Japanese in America.

There are comparatively few Japanse in the United States. There are but
no in Chicago, and many of them are soon after it was issued, and picked up ess in the United States. There are but 100 in Chicago, and many of them are picion which had begun to creep upon students in various schools. Several tures recently caused an investigation Both Miss Lacroix and myself waited me when first I looked at it shot up merchants and foreign representatives by the Department of Agriculture on impatiently for news from Freeman in with startling suddenness when I turned are here, while from one to a dozen the subject of adulteration of articles are here, while from one to a dozen the subject of adulteration of articles happen? London. From day to day I expected it over and read the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met to describe the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met to describe the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met to describe the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met to describe the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met to describe the date stamped on a tetter; and day after day, when i met to day after day, when i met day after day,

Wendell Philips' Warning.

Wendell Philips once said that unless

urpose, only to reveal it eventually croix Lane they conserting and the more force and effect.

One evening when I met her in the whether her father had any connection, but the more force and effect.

One evening when I met her in the whether her father had any connection, but the more force and effect.

We are not inquiring for that boy soap is frequently used as an adulter she gains a little strength she uses it now, but for one who will make that now, but for one who will make that soap is frequently used as an adulter she gains a little strength she uses it now, but for one who will make that now that now the now that n Fallen From High Estate. A former chief of the United States cles of food. It is frequently used in

China, and but recent president of the University of Washington, now has the Blakely, Wash., at \$1.50 a day. Politics and sickness are said to be responsible for his full from high position.

Last Fate Worse Than the First.

time paying her alimony, I suppose. Smith-Worse than that. She is his News.

Crime Not Profitable.

Joe King, aged 28, who has contain oleomargarine, spent 12 years in juil, writes to the is not profitable. The articles he stole had a value of \$67, and in his 12 years of imprisonment he could have made

History of American Cities. thing like this: Flourishing, public library, handsome churches, blocks of tores, new courthouse, first class hotels; destroyed by fire; loss, mil-

German Tariff On Sawing Machines. will probably reduce the value of our work to dodge itexport machines to that country about

High Price for a 'Cello. stated that Piatti's 'vello by Stradivarius bas been bought for \$20,000 by a

delmohn. Long Range in England.

Artillery can fire 7,000 yards on Sal-This is by far the longest range ing them!

banker, who is a grand-nephew of Men-

HANDS OF GREAT PIANISTS.

that Mr. Lacricx had called and paid a ford a very interesting study to most people, but especially to those who ishing" education, on Wednesday, know something about planeforte play-March the fifteenth, eighteen hundred lag. Speaking in a general way, we may group the hands of plantats into two classes, (a) the broad hand with short fingers; (b) the narrow hand with long fingers. Von Bulow's and Tausig's lands would come under the heading

song. And when at length, after a few timid notes it poured out its full heart.

I heard many a low sob mingling with the rector. "Mr. Steinhardt says we the strains of the artless music.

I had already been engaged.

"A young man from St. Bee's," said inajority of players are absolutely impossible, yet Liszt could play them pil's answer. Philadelphia Times.

With case.

No Time to Make Enemies.

How few people who listen to the man had undertaken, refraining, howing at me hard, and at length speaking. tell him my desire. However, he
ever, from saying that I had directed
'Thom'rt parson as wrote th' letter— answered he would see what he could violinks realize the amount of hard violinhst realize the amount of hard Steinhardt, it was evident, expected work he has had to do in order to overnore particularly to the Great Northcen, and I advised her to remain at
Timperley Hall for the present, and to
conduct herself toward Steinhardt so as
A git place that—wi' gardens, I've
not to excite his resentment or susheard say, full o' a' kinds o' birds and
Croydon evidence at him and more obfrequency and I answered I was

Steinhardt, it was evident, expected me to go away, back to the south probability, since I disliked Timperiev so
instrument. Years of daily grind are
much: but I neetablorically shock my
Croydon evidence at him and more obfrequency as a steinhardt of some all the tochnical difficulties of his
me to go away, back to the south probability, since I disliked Timperiev so
instrument. Years of daily grind are
Croydon evidence at him and more obfrequency as a solution of complete beasts."

Upon this we prepared to leave the cottage; and on glancing casually away from her, I was arrested by the behavior of the old man.

"Ah. Happen that's them. I'm parishes or districts; I applied first for such that he had to abandone with the result after some time of don planoforte playing.

"The substantial resolved at time and more obtained as stinately resolved not to go away. There happened at time and more obtained as the will. Schomann in There happened at time and more obtained as time and more obtained as the will. Schomann in the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will. Schomann in the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will. Schomann in the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will. Schomann in the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will. Schomann in the course of the old improve his technique became and the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will schomann the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will schomann the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will schomann the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will schomann the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will schomann the course of the old improve his technique became at time and more obtained as the will schomann the course of the old man.

Von Bulow used to say that three

In the present day considerable muscular power is required in planeforts playing. To some extent this is owing to the fact that each note when struck I saw him he had trouble keeping the possesses a certain resistance, but the wolf from the door."

gymnastics" may be used or an apparatus called the "technicon." "Finger be practiced evidently at any time or in any place, for you find people even in street cars and trains indulging in the exercise of their finger joints and looking anything but same in their signal service code saved me from makefforts to rival Paderewski in feats of digital strength.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

Adulteration does not necessarily mean that food is rendered less healthy. In many cases the adulterated

ant for distilled liquors. It is added in all up trying to tell her friends what's very small amounts to produce a the matter with her."-Philadelphia "bead." Glucose plays an important Record. part as an adulterant for many artiquestion as to news from Freeman, I signal service, ex-professor of mathes wine, for fruit sirups, in connection matics at the University of Pekin, with whole preserved fruits and with jams and marmalade,

position of a roller of logs at Port of lemon in it. Mustard is made of a Lemon extract is sold that has no oil score of things that never laid claim to the name of mustard until they had been boxed ready for sale. Clay has been found in some samples of mustard, but not frequently, Of 102 sam-Smith-Pour Weslerly is having a ples of pepper examined by the Con-hard time of it. His first wife got a necticut experiment station thirty-two contained no pepper at all, Jones-Yes; and he has had a hard been shown, says the Washington boys going skating, and they only had ime paying her alimony, I suppose. Star, that cottonseed oil is extensively two pairs of skates, how many boys used for lard, olive oil and cheese, present wife's dressmaker.-Chicago The extensive substitution of oleomargarine for butter is well known. The Pennsylvania department of agricul-ture in 1.777 samples found 1,033 to

She Explained the Meaning One of the easiest ways for a law ta begut yer to confuse a witness is to make him already. explain the meaning of a word. Few people can define a word satisfactorily, even if they know its meaning. A Western lawyer was cross-examining a young woman who had a very haughty American cities are built to be temper. According to the Los Angeles trunck. Their histories read somes Herald, she had testified that she had meat in it.—Philadelphia Press. seen the defendant "shy" a book at the plaintiff.

"'Shy?' 'Shy' a book? What do you mean by that? Will you explain to the court what the word 'shy' means?" The girl leaned over the desk beneath the witness-box, picked up a law book, and threw it so accurately and so force ibly at the lawyer that he had hard

"I think the court now understands \$1,000,000 a year. Last year we sold the meaning of the word 'shy,' " the Judge, gravely. The girl was al. der.-April Smart Set. lowed to finish her testimony.

A Promise with Limitations A record price for a Stradivarius "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. say that you are going to the fancy collo is reported from Berlin. It is Torkins, "I want you to promise that dress ball in the character of "Night?" you will not lose any more money on "I won't bet a cent." "Now, that's just sheer contrariness. night bldeous.

You know if you don't bet you can't win."-Washington Star. What bright things we all think of pands and cold contracts," when the opportunity is past for sayin the winter they are short."-Judge.

LET US ALL LAUGH.

The hands of celebrated plantats af- JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-RIOUS HUMORISTS.

> Plegant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

In the course of an object lesson or

Naturally.

"She's awfully stuck up. "Naturally. Her father made all his oney as a tell poster."

New Kind of Trouble "Wealthy, is he? Why, the last time

"Well, now he has trouble keeping his

Quite English.

Aunt Debby (viewing the city)-What does that sign "Misfit Store" mean? Uncle Abner (a close observerss'pose that's where these 'ere anglermaniacs gets measured for clothes so folks'll think they was made in London. -New York Weekly.

Saved by the Signal Service Longleigh-Then you didn't propos o Miss Gotrox after all? Shortleigh-No. My knowledge of the

ing a fool of myself. Longleigh-Well, put me on. Shortleigh-Just as I was about to commit myself she hoisted the cold

wave flag.-Chicago News. Met His Match. Bumpus-Zizzazo, the wild sulmal tamer, has met his match at last. McSmith-You don't say! How did it

Bumpus-He has married a "new wo

Doubtful Compliment. Mrs. Newed-Just think of it, dear. I made every bit of this cake with my

own hands Newed-Is it possible! I never sus pected there was so much strength in those fair soft hands.

Of Course Not. "My wife doesn't seem to be progressing, doctor," remarked the auxious



Teacher-Suppose there WHEE would have to look on? Bobby-The two that got licked!

A Good Sign. Mistress of the House-Bridget, de you think that policeman who calls

here so often means business? Bridget-Yis, mum; I think he do. He to begun to complain about my cookin'

Success to the Season Rev. Mr. Gassaway-What did you think of my sermon? Snappe-Most appropriate sermon for Lent I ever heard. There wasn't any

Progress. His Friend-Are you writing a histo rical novel?

The Literary Cuss-Don't say a word. I'm writing a prehistorical novel! Puck.

The Mean Man, Scrappington—If somebody Mrs. should threaten to abduct me and hold me for a ransom, what would you do? Mr. Scrappington-Laugh like thun-Friendly Advice.

Maude-What! You don't mean to Clara-Yes; what of it? Maude-Oh, it's all right, of course aly it will be another case of making

A Matter of Contrast. "Give an example of how heat ex-"In the summer the days are long;

The Head of the Household. "Of course," said the bachelor, thoughtfully, "there can be no such It Was Due to the Charm of His Rabthing as joint rule in a family. Some one must be the head."

True, but the scepter passes from

"Have y" Well, at the beginning of married life the husband holds it; then it gently low-clerk, and unobtrusively passes to the wife, nd he never gets it back again."

"She keeps it forever?"
"Ob, no; the buby gets it next."-Chicago Post.

The Magic of Times "What a lot of rubbish! Utterly

vorthless, I should say."

little book, 'Don'ts for Club Men.' "

"Vat? Do you mean to charge me \$2 just about what is wanted of him.

Yase, but I introduced der disease ato der neighborhood!"-Life.

On a Larger Scale. "It's just horrid, Bertie, to think of fateful fifteen-day period between living in a flat after we are married." ghost-walking times. "You don't love me when you talk that way."

ecule,"-Life. Woes of the Weatherman's Wife. "Oh, mamma," cried the bride of the

"Why, daughter!" gasped the mother mean 'nothing doing. What on earth makes you say that?"

vaves?

the thermometer, which registered 46 after a short while. degrees below organdie. - Baitimore A Way Out of a Difficulty.

\$100 should be buried with him? mount.

"You say Miss Pinkerton is accom-"Why, I never met a more accomplished girl. She knew Just a little about every subject I introduced .- De-



Clerk-Here is some delicious cough andy.

Miss Wiseleigh-But I haven't a delelous cough. Repartee. Pat-What's repartee? Mike-It's whin a feller sez right off

the answer he doesn't think av ill tomorrow marain'.- New York Sun, A Favor to the Public.

even get a strap to hang on by."

Overdoing the Thing. first-rate bookkeeper? Bilton-Why, I thought you had a

errort Jewel Tomson-Yes, but now I am susplious of him; he attends too closely to his duties and refuses to take a vuen-

tion.-Town Toples.

Reward Seekers. "Some people," said Uncle Ehen, "is so drefful business-like dat while day had driven eleven miles to lick him, and ooks foli a reward in de nex' worl' lev's mighty skeery fob fear deal do any mo' dan what's necessary to earn something I had not counted on it."-Washington Star.

The Effective Wink. "Look here!" said the mystified poiceman, "why are you winking at me? I have noticed it for the last five min-

"I thought I'd like to be protected white I was in this big town," replied the old man with the chin whiskers. 'My nephew that keeps a saloon in town somewhar wrote me word that ie just has to wink his eye at the police an' he gets all the protection he wants."-Chicago News.

When Courtesy Failed. Senator-elect McCreary, of Kentucky, was in Washington a few days ago calling upon his old friends in Congress whom he knew when he represented his State in the House.

"McCreary was a fine campaigner,"

said a Kentuckylan. "When he went the rounds of his district he kissed all the babies, praised the cooking of the ousewives, judged the cattle of the farmers and adapted himself to all circumstances. One night he drove up to the house of a farmer to stop all night, but arrived after the supper hour. good woman of the house insisted on getting him a supper, but he resisted and said he would take anything cold

that she had. "She told him she had some cold ham and cold biscuits and would warm the coffee.

"'Never mind warming the coffee madam,' said McCreary, 'I prefer it Next morning at breakfast the good lady handed him a cup of sickly looking liquid, saying, 'Governor, you eemed to enjoy the cold coffee so much I saved some for your breakfast." Washington StarHE GOT THE LOAN.

"See that fellow's rabbit foot hanging on his watch chain 9" A department clerk directed the attention of his friend to the bit of fur in question, which was possessed by a fel-

"He wouldn't take hundreds of dollars for it," continued the first speaker, "When the races come in the spring and again in the fall that fellow takes the rabbit's foot and goes for the track to make a 'killing.' He usually suc-

ceeds, too. "But he made the best use of it the orthless, I should say."
"Now, of course. But I shall leave talking about it. Despite the rabbit's t to my son, and he to his son. In the foot the owner thereof is seldem lay of my grandson it will be bric-s- blessed with more coin than he can conveniently spend, and as a matter of And the Junkman shrugged the shrug fact about the 5th and 20th of each that is the badge of all his race.—Puck month he is almost as poor as Job's turkey. He usually indites an appeal-Rounder has written a rather clever ing epistle to the disbursing officer. That official has by this time become "Huh! the don'ts don't worry me half pretty familiar with the handwriting is much as the dues."—Philadelphia and each time a messenger hands in an envelope addressed with the familiar chirography the man of money knows

"Last month the disburser declared to his supplicant that it was the last "That is my regular rate to every time he could let him have any money, explaining that in a great many cases it had been a personal loan. He thought the fellow should pull himself together and save enough to tide him over the

"Nothing daunted, however, the rabbit foot man applied the 5th of this "Oh, yes, I do, but not on a small month for a loan. The disbursing officer recognized the 'touching' handwriting on the envelope and sent the message back unopened. He simply indorsed the letter with the setters 'N. wentherman, "I think George is a D. in one corner, which the disappoint-brute;" ed clerk immediately interpreted to

"Still the clerk was not defeated. He He knows that I am planning for my sat thinking what he could do to get pring dresses, and all the time he per the much-needed money, by what ets in predicting snow and cold means he could conx it from the iron hands of the disbursing officer. His Here she pointed a wrathful finger at eyes brightened with a new thought

"A few minutes later the disbursing officer was confronted by a messenger being a bulky envelope. He again rec "Your uncle was a very eccentric ognized the handwriting, but his curloan. He stipulated in his will that osity was aroused by the bulkiness of the missive, and he began to think that "All right, make out a check for that perhaps he had wronged his friend the 'toucher,' and that the latter was perhaps sending him a gift in token of his appreciation of past favors. The disbursing officer took the envelope and tore it open. Out fell that lucky rabbit's foot and with it a note that would

melt a heart of stone. "The clerk got the loan and the rabbit's foot back. We are all wondering," concluded the department clerk, according to the Washington Star, what he is going to do the next time."

SCIENCE AVAILED HIM NOT.

When the Farmer Started for Him There Was Something Lacking. "There was a time in my life," said a Detroiter the other evening, as the subject of pugilisim was being discussed, when I rather expected to take and retain the heavy-weight championship against all comers. I was selling sewing machines in Indiana, having a horse and wagon and calling at the different farmhouses, and on several occasions I had to take 'sass' from farmers. After one of them had flung me over the fence and a second had run me out of his gate I made up my mind to learn a thing or two about boxing. I was at the home office all winter and I took twenty-four lessons from a 'pug' "We have called," said the head of the deputation of citizens, "to protest the term I could slam him all over the against the street car service you are shop and he assured me that I could

giving us. Why, some of us cannot lick three sturdy farmers rolled into one and not half try. "When I started out once increase the service," said the af- had my hat on my ear, and I made a fable magnate, while the hearts of the bee-line for the house of the farmer deputation leaped with joy, "by put- who had run me out in the fall. I ting in more straps."-Baltimore Amer- calmly calculated to pick another fuse with him and knock his head off. He happened to be working about the yard as I drove up and as soon as he recog

> " 'Didn't I tell you never to come here again? If you step foot on my land you'll get the boot!" " 'You can't give it to me,' I said as I got down.

> > 'Don't give me no sass!'

nized me be called out:

your head busted! I felt sure I could put him to sleep in

"'And you come out here and get

one round, but something happened-"Did be have sons or a hired man

who interfered?' "No, sir. It was simply that I and, denly discovered I hadn't the grit of a grasshopper. The minute the man started for me with pounded glass in his eyes and his fists doubled up I went weak in the knees and began to chewon my heart. If he hadn't been in a burry I should have tried to buy him off, but he didn't wait for cash offers. He came right out to me and let fly, and within five minutes I was the worst licked man Indiana ever saw. He gave me a thumping that laid me up for a mouth, and the only blow I got in simply knocked his hat off. I was taller and heavier than he was, and with my science I ought to have put him to sleep with the first swing, but I came out as

have told you, "That ended my puglistic career as well as my agency. I dou't say I wouldn't fight if a man spat on my shoes or pulled my nose," concluded the Detroiter, according to the Detroit Free Press, "but you can take it that I dote on peace, and am not around looking for hornets' nests."

Worse for Htm.

"That was a thrilling performance where the man threw knives at the girl, wasn't it?" "Thrilling? Say, it was tame compared to the way my wife looked dag-gers at me when I got home."-Phila-

delphia Bulletin. When a man is compelled to work all day, and then sit up with sick folks, it knocks him. A woman can do it, but

n man can't Kin and good advice: twin svils with rum and love.