The snuff trust is now under way.

gay over the new grave-diggers' union. The ax manufacturers will form

trust. That means that the people will get it in the neck. Never a good cause that suffered by publicity; never a bad one that did not

thrive by privacy! Mr. Frick should at least receive credit for upsetting the old theory that it is impossible to get something for

It is good betting that if a new territory was thrown open to settlement more towns would be named Sappho than have barred it.

The success of the crusade against the indecent drama will not be complete until the nulsance of the indecent poster is also abated.

When a bricklayer can earn \$4 a day what's the use going around preaching the gospel for \$900 a year and submitting to all kinds of cooking?

A Chicago society woman is anxious

to electrocute walf dogs instead of killing them in the ordinary manner. It would be a very shocking method, especially to the bow-wows. A single firm of manufacturers sold

over twenty million comic valentines last February. If, as is not improbable, each one caused an average of the equivalent of two centuries of discomfort was the result. How "funny such a total seems!

Some of the German manufacturers are reported to have criticised the locomotives of American manufacture by stating they were "made by the dozen." The probability is that the real ground in this direction, but there are still probfor the criticism was the fact that they were sold by the dozen in competition with the product of the German manufacturers.

Weather terms are elastic. Havana was full of shivering people, and the visitation was called a cold wave, when the temperature lately fell to fifty-three degrees. The Cuban style of wintry blast would be popular in regions and health proportionate to that which where boreal gales have no inclination | has hitherto accompanied advancement to mercy. The West Indian cold wave is almost matched by the London hot wave, reported each summer, when the mercury has risen only to a point indicative to Americans of seasonable

the Johns Hopkins University de This has been preceded by other British scribes a case which, he says, "is inter- agencies having similar aims. Belgium, esting because it suggests a new oper- with her large African interest, is actation - hepaticocholecystostocholecys- ively engaged in the same line of retenterostomy, or hepaticocholecystos- search. Germany is in the field, with these rooms an attempt seems to have tenterostomy." Every one will be resubstantial reports from Prof. Koch been made to carry out the prevailing Beved to know that the treatment so and others. France, if she is to realize style of Syria. They are cavern-like eloquently described is only an ad- her colonial hopes, must follow suit. in appearance, with low, flat roofs, and by which it will be seen that science in its march is encumbered by the baggage it carries. Caesar called it impedimenta, which has taken a modern sense that seems appropriate in this case.

Abruzzi, is not, it seems, an exception | cognizance of the value of cleanliness to the rule that gentlemen who start as a preventive factor, but believe that out to find the north pole have to be complete safety demands supplementhunted up themselves. The history of ary provision based upon more intimate polar expeditions is almost invariable. knowledge of the origin of the diseases The intrepid individual who fares forth to the frozen north always has to be rescued. His bark is scarcely out of sight behind the headlands before another vessel is fitted out for the purpose of saving him from polar bears and similar inconveniences. The Italian prince, who is to be hunted up by Mr. Nansen, is merely keeping up the traditions of polar exploration. Mr. Nausen will bring him home covered with glory and frostbites, and his highness will either write a book or take to the lecture platform to relate to an admiring world how he subsisted on a light diet of blubber and old boots for two or three months in the interest of science. They all do it.

"Business Chances in Manila" is the title of a series of articles from a correspondent of Leslie's Weekly in the Philippines, whose conclusions are based upon a knowledge derived from personal investigation. The "chances" to which he refers are for those with a moderate yet necessary amount of cap ital, and an adequate business training to grasp and utilize them. Among the openings which present themselves as lucrative possibilities, he specifies; An agency for American typewriting machines, for which there is a growing de mand, but no adequate supply; an establishment for the sale of American watches, with competent repairers; an American shoe store; an American hardware store, including in its stock a supply of agricultural implements, but no firearms-the importation of which is prohibited; a local and suburban express route, for which there is urgent need, and photographic establishments, with skillful American operators. So much for those with neces sary capital and business abilities; but for the American mechanic or laborer the prospects are not encouraging. Chi nese and native labor is abundant and cheap, and in the man al trades the Filipino artisan is sufficiently skilled.

000,000 bushels of corn annually-we could produce double that if we had enough mouths for it. On the other hand, we read annually of some millions of people in the East who are racked with starvation, while other millions are kept on low diet and forbidden to murmur. There ought to be some way to make two such facts as these connect, and they are bound to when supply and demand become better acquainted. Corn is worth 40 cents a bushel-is more nutritious than wheat and costs about half as much. All that is needed is to make the peasants and artisans of Europe understand that it 100,000 who are exempt by law or decan be made lute dishes good enough cumstances from jury service.

for a king. The coming Paris exposttion is not to be allowed to go by with out a determined effort to demonstrate to the European masses the cheapness and worth of corn meal as an article of diet. Indian corn is not grown in Europe, but it can be imported cheaply. and he who succeeds in teaching the masses over there to cook and eat it will accomplish a humanitarian work of almost inexpressible value, besides Many of the jokers will probably get enlarging our exports. Europe's hun- gray along Detroit's great artery of smoking is as necessary as water. gry millions do not yet know what a johnny-cake is.

I am building a house on a hill. Rehave to do the manual work of the laws of science. So they have to do all their work with unaided muscle. many lawyers and doctors and writers. and persons waiting for nice pleasant five minutes' annoyance to its recipient, farmers, carpenters, blacksmiths, gardeners, machinists, etc.

Few studies which are now engaging the serious attention of medical science are of wider general interest than the study of tropical diseases. Some progress has, of course, been recently made lems to be solved if Northern life is to be adequately safeguarded and fullest commercial development thereby assured in far Southern countries. It is no longer a matter of doubt that the next generation is to witness an enormous development of the tropics by American and European enterprise. It is not the purpose of white civilization that this shall be at a sacrifice of life or created an annual limit of time wherein all but the favored few must flee. Comparative safety in and out of season must be had. In England there was recently organized the School of Tropical Medicine, which is about to send an expedition of inquiry to Sierra A writer in a medical publication of Leone for the dreaded rainy season. carelessness. In the construction of The United States, with its new territorial acquisitions and their commercial Little skill is shown in carpentry. No promises, is studying yellow fever and doors separate the sleeping rooms from other acute malarial diseases in the the kitchen. The residence is a comvery center of their strength and at the pact, simple affair, with no bewildering very height of their virulence. There turns or misleading entrances. is a mutual concern in all these vari-That royal explorer, the Duke of the ous and independent efforts, which take Syrian woman was up to her elbows in him, but he unfailingly "turned rusty" dough, while another was, aided by a as soon as he tried the unhallowed ing to the operation of baking. The especially upon the discovery of germ origin, where this exists, and a serum to counteract it. Present study of tropical ills will be followed by ultimate

> must have a very important effect upon the commerce of the world in the ap-Curing a Cold. Mr. Blifkins had a cold, It settled in his head. "Always hits the weakest spot." Funny friends all said. Mr. Blifkins coughed and wheezed, Shivered, sneezed, and shook. Listened to his friends' advice-This is what he took:

> success for the students. And success

Box of anti-kamnia, Douched his nose with brine, Mustard plaster on his chest, Camphor balls, Bottle Dr. Killem's Cure, Onion stew, Some squills,

Hoarhound tablets, Licorice, Anti-febrine pills, Porous plaster on his back Spirits frumenti, Menthol inhalation tube. Ginger, Rock and rye,

Bottle of cough syrup, Whisky-just a sip, Mutton tallow on his neck. Box of anti-grip, Vapor bath, Electric shocks, Brandy,

Cure for croup, Some strong beef soup. Every remedy they urged Mr. Blifkins tried; Now they say they cured the cold, But Mr. Blifkins died.

Baltimore American, Only Dummies.

Within the walls of many churches, London are Bibles that are not Bi bles, though outwardly they resemble them. Examine one of these curious fummies, and you will quickly discover that it is not a book, but a box masquerading as a book. Open it, and you will find the interior filled with wires and discs. Pursue your investigations a little further, inquire of the preacher, and you will be informed that the seeming Bibles constitute the transmitters of an electrophone company, which has been led to adopt this harmless ruse in order to send over its wires, to its sick

There are in New York City about

and suffering subscribers, the fervid

and comforting eloquence of the favor-

The Syrian in America.

commerce are a number of shabby, lean-to frame buildings, some of them apparently ready to crumble and fall from age. The casual observer, passcent heavy rains left a foot or more of ling them by as very ordinary and very water in the cellar. I figured on vari- ancient landmarks, would be greatly ous ways of getting it out. Some sug- surprised and interested could be enter gested that I get two men to bail it and behold the peculiar arrangement out, but I soon saw that this would of the rooms, the Oriental suggestion cost too much. No dump was handy. of ornament and costume, and the uncanny realities. In Germany the Trooper 943 laughed. "Seems to me At last I decided to try a siphon. I happy-go-easy style of their inhabitgot a long line of hose and pipe and ants. He would meet dark-skinned pass by the place where the body of a "No blarney! If you don't know as laid it from the cellar down the hill till men who at first acquaintance would the outlet was below the bottom of the be suspicious and guarded in demean- someone has committed suicide, or yourself. cellar. Then I filled the pipe with or; gypsy-like women, with soft, lanwater and immersed the cellar end in guishing eyes and sibliant speech, and This is something different from the lying on his stomach with a sharp eye the water. It worked perfectly after a swarthy-faced children, apparently as repugnance that all horses have to the toward a possible shot. A dozen other few leaks were patched up. I went joyous in their humble surroundings as neighborhood of a slaughter-house. men were intent on the same business. away that night leaving the water run- the most pampered child of wealth. Only a short time ago a Tyrolese horse while a couple more were looking after ning. The next morning when I came They are Syrians, and a description of of very docile disposition, driven care the horses. vack the cellar was empty. So much their quarters and habits in the chief fully by his Italian owner, was greatly for a little science in everyday life. And city of Michigan is a description of upset at having to pass two widely sion," he said. yet the common run of people, who their life wherever they are found in separated government shambles, used "Well, I didn't take the one they of-

them, because the forces of nature are ribbons and other articles for house of horses under "uncanny" influences. name, and shut up. I didn't see the to them largely mysterious. It is well hold and personal use and adornment The Moro's owner said: "A horse has good of being a gentleman, like a lot that the scientific courses in our col- are wholesaled to native peddlers and a keener nose than any dog," and he of chaps I knew; it didn't look like a leges are so generally patronized. The sold at retail to chance customers. It talked soothingly to him; "didn't know trade that'd suit me. I did all sorts need of this country for some genera- took but little persuasion to win the why that dirt cart was always in the of things to harden myself; used to tions to come will be young men skilled good will of the merchant, and then the same place," "well-welled" him and wrap up in a blanket and sleep on the in practical things. It will always be American visitors were invited to an told him "the slaughter-house was floor instead of in bed. I dare say you a question whether there are not too inspection of the living rooms at the fifty yards off his road," and so forth. think that was all tommy rot. Well, rear. Bare of carpet, plaster or paper, In "haunted" quarters, on the other p'r'aps it was." they seemed cheerless and forbidding hand, the horse refuses with deterjobs, with large salaries, but there will in comparison with the store. The mination; he trembles, snorts, is cov- 343 sighted and fired. never be too many capable and skilled naked rafters and unornamented walls ered from head to heels, in time, with suggested a deserted barracks rather a white foam, his eyes roll and shoot than a dwelling place. Yet there was fire and the end is sometimes a bad ac- and fam'ly." little indicative of squalor. Threading cident, sometimes a hard-bought vicdim passage, a glimpse was caught tory for the driver, sometimes his ignoof the sleeping apartments, which, minious defeat.

Just beyond the rows of rooms the

visitors came upon an interesting scene.

It was bake day, and one pretty young

process was of the same primitive style

as that employed by the Syrians at

home and resembles greatly the meth-

od of the Mexicans in making frijoles.

Two very thin cakes of flour, as broad

as the rim of a hat, were slapped to-

gether and placed into the oven of the

stove by the man, who used a long.

spade-like contrivance. Very soon the

layers inflated like a toy balloon being

supplied with wind. The bread was

soon browned and the crisp result join-

"Tefuldduloo!" said the pretty super-

"She means 'Help yourselves,' " in-

The bread was quite palatable, but

not as substantial as the American

The Syrians do not customarily sit at

a table to eat, but squat cross-legged

around a little piece of furniture about

a foot high, placed in the middle of the

floor. They use no knives or forks.

Each one doubles a piece of the bread

into a sort of three-cornered spoon, and

with this improvised utensil dips into

the dish preferred. Syrian etiquette

femands the giving and taking of

omething to eat or drink on the occa-

sion of a visit, and they were not sat-

isfied until the observance had been

Another woman was industriously

mplement apparently brought from

grinding wheat in a hand mill-a stone

the home country. A big stone con-

trivance resembling a druggist's mor-

tar and pestal was explained as a ves-

While the cooking was going on, amid

much apparent merriment, a woman.

greatly emaclated in appearance, lay

sick in a near-by room. It is character-

istic of the Syrians, it is said, to show

vert the patient's mind from death and

indifference to illness. They try to di- Dealer.

end is near. They have been bred to to the eigarette habit.

to conceal from him the fact that the which a boy changes from the cuber

sel for pounding meat.

ntendent of the culinary proceeding.

ed the heap on the floor.

erpreted one of the men.

man (presumably her husband), attend- ground. The local explanations were

OOKING out upon a bleak winter | the use of little liquor, that beverage Landscape of frozen river and having long been under the ban of the bare factory walls lined dim and Koran. They believe, however, that

> Many Members of the Brute Creation Fear the Supernatural.

Germany, in Ireland, in Scotland, and matter. All my spelling's gone to the I know not how many countries, that deuce. I never learned anything at horses and dogs have "an instinct" for school, and not much since." popular notion is that no horse will you know a lot," he said. suicide lies, nor even by the spot where much you ought to be ashamed of where an execution has taken place. Trooper 943 laughed again. He was strikes." towns in the United States, for the for supplying meats to the crews of fered me, did 1? I made up my mind world, are ignorant of most of the first Syrian in community is everywhere the Italian warships. He was also greatly when I was a kid I wasn't going to be disgusted at having to go near a scav- a gentleman. I don't see why you In the colony are three stores, where enger's cart. His protests, however, should keep on snickering. Tell me how They never make Nature work for Turkish rugs of rare texture, fine laces, were mild compared with the behavior to spell that blessed French officer's

ANIMALS AFRAID OF GHOSTS.

though it was mid-afternoon, showed I could name Irish cross roads past the clothing tumbled in disordered which almost every horse in the county heaps and a general air of neglect and refused to go quietly after dark. The

last purchase from, maybe, the other

end of the island might be taken to

the pot without any (possibly indoc-

trinated) equine companion to frighten

various; that the land on one side was

"cursed," that formerly criminals were

executed and then buried at many

cross roads, and possibly here, and that

the fir trees and a castellated lodge in

one angle of the intersecting ways

made the spot terribly dark, and so on.

Smoke Balls in War.

Foreseeing the results of the use of

smokeless powder, I invented some

years ago the smoke attack, and when

the German emperor first visited En-

stake my life on the result.

making the attack?

ended in smoke. It seems a thousand

pities that so really simple, practical

and useful an invention should be reck-

lessly thrown to one side, more espe-

A Simple Way.

"I see that Miss Susan B. Anthony

"Why doesn't she use it for the total

wants to raise an immense sum for the

furtherance of suffrage equality."

cially as the inventor has asked nothing

-London News.

A GENTLEMAN RANKER.

Now He Spoiled His Letter - The He was sitting with his back against bowlder, his rifle barrel resting on a tone, the stock on his knees. He was using the stock for a desk and was writing laboriously in pencil on a crumpled half-sheet of paper, says the Pall Mall Gazette.

"This is devilish hard work," he said, "but I must get !t done to-day. I was always a poor fist at a letter. How to you spell reconnoissance?"

Trooper 943 gave him his idea of it. "That's all wrong," he said. "I'm There is a widespread belief in south sure there isn't a 'k' in it. But it doesn't

"They never offered me no commis-

A bullet buzzed overhead. Trooper

"Got him?"

"I wouldn't like to be the bloke's wife "Tell me if you see anything else. I

must get this finished.' He scribbled on for a time in silence, gropped his pencil, picked it up, and

rose to stretch himself. "Git down, stoopid!" said Trooper

A second bullet buzzed and the other's right arm dropped to his side. "Slick through the shoulder," he said. He sat down again, looking a little

"Now you've bin and spoilt your 'andwriting," said 943. "Told you so. Does "No, not much. Here, just sign my best known to the boss he gives me

name at the end of that letter, will only \$10. Trooper 943 signed the name in a

egan to grumble again.

The other took the letter and crammed it into his pocket with his left hand.

"Shut up." he said. "I can shoot from the left. Hello! Look out!" The men were on their feet and in the saddle in a moment, all but Trooper 943, who fell to one of the twenty bullets that had spit among them. The letter writer was down again in a flash ranging from 2 to 14 years. When they and had him across his horse. Trooper | line up they're regulgr steps. 43 laughed again, though rather fee-

The men scattered and rode off in a putter of bullets. "Drop me," said Trooper 943. "I'll

They did not get copped, but it was

"You ought to 'ave the V. C.," said

"Did I?" said a voice from the next bed. "And you spoilt my letter, you

ungrateful beggar. You might have hosen somewhere else to bleed." Trooper 943 grinned and tried to turn his head.

"Fair saved me, you did," he said. You ain't a gentleman, are you? Oh,

gland showed it to him as something new in his military experience and he approved of it, says Maj. Gen. J. T.

Crease in the London Daily Mall. special committee appointed at the last I also used it at Aldershot and Sir session of the State Teachers' Associa-Evelyn Wood suggested extended trition to revise the course of study for als, but, like many other things, it fell the common schools of Kansas has resolved that a text book on agriculture With properly constructed hand should be adopted in the Kansas smoke rockets for the troops and smoke schools, and decided to take steps to balls for the covering artillery, properarouse sentiment on the subject. As ly trained in their use, I would guarana preliminary step it was decided to tee to attack frontally any position held adopt agriculture as a portion of the by hostile force, and take it without course of study for the next school much loss and would be quite ready to year. State Superintendent Nelson says: "Kansas is an agricultural State. The matter is one of common The young men of the State should. If a number of smoke balls or shells are therefore, be taught agriculture. How thrown by artillery fire just in front of to keep boys on the farm is now the any trenches which have to be attacked great question. By dignifying farm and of the enemy's guns, which, placed life and educating the boys to make a further away, cover them, how can success in agriculture the question will those serving the guns or the riflemen be solved. It is just as essential to in the trenches see through such an teach a young man who expects to folmpenetrable curtain of smoke as would low that pursuit how to farm as it is result, so as to able with any certainty to send a young man who wants to be at all to direct their fire upon those a lawyer to a law school."-Kansas Nor in such cases would the smoke, so made, interfere in any way with our

"Went home Thursday night and own covering artillery fire, or in any way lessen its value, as the range and direction of the enemy would have been Dosed her best I could. Friday morn accurately obtained before the action began. I wrote to Lord Wolseley on the subject of smoke attacks a short time ago and was informed that the matter had been referred to his artil. plete. lery experts. I fear the reference has "What was it?"

"Simple as pie. Just said 'Too bad you have to be sick on bargain day, my dear.' She bounced up. 'What!' she cried, 'how stupid of one to forget.' In five minutes she was up and dressed the terrible tornado raging just above and frizzing her hair."

have fetched the doctor?" land Plain Dealer.

When a loafing rich woman gets sick eradication of mankind? That would it is very hard for the women who be much simpler."-Cleveland Plain work to believe that there is anything the matter with her worse than cold A pace that kills is the rapidity with feet.

HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

Pleasant Incidente Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

Brown-Yes, Jones married a rich wife, but he leads a dog's life.

Smith-Is that so? Brown-Yes; he doesn't do a blessed thing but lay around the house and go

out for an airing between meals. A Rude Bird.

"When Delia's young man calls she has to put her parrot out of the room." "What for." "Oh, her father taught it to screech,

"Time to go,' whenever the clock

Saw Lots of It There. The American-You have no idea of the immense wealth of this country until you've traveled over it. The Foreigner-Oh, yes, I have. I've lived in Europe.-Life,

Culinary Diplomacy.



last place?

Bridget-Yer very inquisitive, mum. I niver axed ye why yer last cook left. -The Cigarette Not by a Long Shot.

"We may be farmers," said the Boer general, as he ordered two more batteries to begin operations, "but that's not admitting we don't know anything about the shell game."-Puck.

Getting at the Facts. Wife (after the honeymoon)-Why did you deceive me about your income? Husband-I didn't, my dear. Wife-Yes, you did. You told me you

were getting \$50 a week when you asked me to marry you. Husband-You evidently misunderstood me. I said my position was worth \$50-and so it is-but for some reason

Not Her Fault.

Retrospective.

"Did you give me that partor samp

last Christmas, or did I give it to you?"

Naturally.

McJigger-So he's married again

Thingumbob-Yes, with six children,

McJigger-Naturally; they're his step

The Voice of Experience.

suppose that college professor bases

his statement that 10 per cent. of mar-

Henry Peck-He probably spends 90

per cent. of his time at home.-Phila-

Bronson-On what grounds do you

"What is it, Dorothy?"

"Is this the cracked wheat, Jane?"

Record.

"Harry!"

Married a widow,

rlages are unhappy?

de conclushun?"

"Dunno, pop."

Jelphia North American.

'Just like you! The best in our little ot got a 'ole in him. Bli' me, if you ain't a daisy!"

shambling, awkward hand. Then he

oly. "Well, you are a daisy!" he said. children.-Philadelphia Press.

all right. You'll only git copped." "Shut up!"

ride to be remembered all the days of a man's life. Also, the letter was

343, some hours later. "You fair saved

Agriculture in the Schools. The Kansas State Teachers' Associaion will use its influence to have the Legislature next year enact a law providing for a text book on agriculture tracks leadin' inter a holler log, what's and listen to the concert by native for use in the common schools. The

found my wife ill. Symptoms alarming. ing she was no better. Felt worried. Wife dull and stupid. No life to her, Started for doctor. Struck by happy thought. Turned back. Cure com-

"Wouldn't it have been cheaper to "By Jove, I guess it would!"-Cleve-

Economy, we regret to say, is never lows ought to de some learning. - Som-

SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

home, Mrs. Fitz Jackson?

"Peach Orchards." "I don't see any orchard in this tograph." "No; there was one peach behind,

cottage, but it died."-Indianap

In Memory Of. "What do you call your

Journal. Likely to Be an Acquisition. "Who are these new people that moving into the house next door?" "I don't know, but I am sure we sha get along splendidly with them. To

have just unloaded a wheelbarrow a lawn mower."-Chicago Tribune Faulty Construction. "De Smithers says he is the arche

of his own fortune." "Yes, but it's probably lucky for in that the building inspector didn't h pen around while he was making he

A Man of Brains. Mrs. D'Avnoo (indignantly)-Why Move out of the city and live in a suburbs? Indeed I won't-so there! Mr. D'Avnoo (who wants to eves mize)-My dear, a pretty woman you never looks so charming as wie sitting in a phaeton at a suburban m way station waiting for her husband She went.-New York Weekly.

Craftiness of Man. "Thea," and her eyes sought the is embers of the oak block, "you are by kind as a husband should be. Ye n-never give me any jewels."

"Jewels!" and his basso voice seen to come from his heart. "You ask for jewels? Any one with diamond eye ruby lips and teeth of pearl ast to lewels? Why, the rarest gold out buy would only be superfluous?" Then for the first time in days in kissed him.

Facts in the Case, Smiles-I'm glad I wasn't Ship

Giles-Why are you? Smiles-Because I should be Giles-Yes, that's true-and Sh peare would be forgotten.

Where Lambs Gambol. "Have you ever seen 'Romeo Juliet?" inquired the Throop st

"No," responded the red-vestedy "but I have seen Romeo to my sorror And his empty pockets showed to Romeo had seen him.



"Going to the Paris exposition summer, Horrocks?"

"Good. So am I. I hope I sh you often." "I hope you will, Varnum."

"We ought to begin saving mon it, oughtn't we?" "Yes. That is, you ought. I am ing to run an American bo

house."—Philadelphia Times.

Objectionable. "Billy, I'll take in de Paris expositi show only on one condition." "What's dat, Sandy?"

"Dat dey cut out de 'Palace of last His Private Opinion. "My dear," said Mrs. Jorgson, as closed the book she had been read

"do you know what is the most curi thing in the world?" "Of course I do," replied the but half or the combination. "The B curious thing in the world is a well that isn't curlous."

Practical View. She-Summer is my favorite ses It's so delightful to sit under the feathered songsters. He (enthusiastically) - Isn't "Boy, hain't yo' got no sense in yo'r though? And it doesn't cost a

head? Dar's de tracks, an' dar's de either. Matrimonial Bliss. "You must think I'm a fool," claimed the angry husband. "I would never have ventured; so," replied his better half, "but that you have mentioned it, I am

prepared to deny it." On Listening Terms. "Are you on speaking terms with Chatterbox?" "No, merely on listening terms

No Grounds for Argumet "What is life?" asked the pr of the class in moral ethics. "The absence of death," repli youthful philosopher. And the professor let it go at the

An Author in Embryo

The art of writing a short seem to be easy to many they never realize its difficu they try. In a Southern teacher, as an educational ex assigned each pupil the task of an original story.

On the day when the read a bright little towhead at started in as follows: "On the green slope stood a first-class Jersey

three legs." "That's won't do, Joh

crouching in your cyclone cellar with rupted the teacher, "you short. "No, I ain't," replied the Kansas Farmer-Wa-al, I reckon it's thor. "You don't wait to g

safe to say I felt sorter under the which is that a railroad one leg, and the owner of three thousand dollars Wiggles (looking over a manuscript) moved his whole family -Great heavens, Waggles, why didn't time for the Exposition. will be married to rich Fro Waggles-Learn to spell? What's the die happy ever afterward

to spell all right. The dictionary fel-The average man has back of him than he cal

A Modest Request. Hewitt-My money is my best friend. Jewett-Well, the best of friends must part; lend me five, will you?-Harper's Coon Tracks. "Now, Julius, when yo' see a rabbit's

holler log, an' de conclushun am-"

Corroborative Evidence.

you have had a fight this morning.

Palmist-Your hand shows me that

Visitor-You could tell it quicker by

Wooden Member.

"Yes. I call it my Don't Worry club."

"Because if I hit anybody on the

head with it he doesn't worry any

Waggs-Where were you last night?

Jaggs-You bet I caught it-when

Inquiring Tourist-Tell me, what

were your sensations while you were

Fixing the Blame.

matter with my spelling? I know how

Jaggs-Out pursuing happiness.

Waggs-And did you catch it?

"That's an awfully heavy cane."

"Why that?"

weather.-Puck.

you learn to spell?

more."-Chicago Tribune.

the other fellow's eye.-Baltimore