And the Seathern weed's spicy fragrance follows the careless treadmemory haunted garden, out of life's

busy way. Where the spell of vanished summers lingers the livelong day.

The hands that planted these flowers have moldered back to dust. But their hearts are true and steadfast, and they seem to hold in trust The memories of the old-time, and those

whom men forget. Perhaps for the lilac and lily the dead are living yet,

Those whom our eyes can see not may tend them still-who knows Of the strange, sweet secrets hidden in the red heart of the rose?

Does grandmother come to gather its pinks and its pansies still From the grave which kind hands made her in the churchyard on the hill? Does she know when the lilacs blossom

that she planted long ago? The question must go unanswered, but I fancy it may be so.

And so from the dear old garden not a flower I take away, But leave them all to be gathered by the hands that are dust to-day.

-National Magazine. \*

# "When Tom Proposed."

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OM was wont to declare that his environment had eradicated every vestige of sentiment that he had originally possessed.

"How can a fellow retain any feeling of sacredness in regard to proposal or an engagement after hearing such things canvassed by the girls as I have?" he would say, pathetically. "It's | = I propose it will be in such a way that pressed together. the girl can't make fun of it afterward among the other girls."

Tom was an only son. He had seven sisters and an unumerable girl cousins. there was a convulsive movement, a in tears, and an aged woman, his only sandals, pottery, implements of agricul-Tom was thoroughly conversant with quick rush to the rail, and Alice had friend, tottered to the bar, and spoke ture, pieces of wood for kindling fire the love affairs of all of them.

that he knew more of the inside facts in an instant, with a firm arm around about the prisoner that would help basket similar to the ones made in a girlish adventure, a flirtation or a had come. proposal.

And Tom rather enjoyed the revela-

Baxter, who had suggested a proposal son why I should not dry your eyes and Bible." by letter as an easy way; "it's no use trying to dodge the inevitable. If there cap, and make you presentable." And "but there is nothing extraordinary towns, and in the largest of all a palace ing you to call, and you must go over are your own sweet self again." the whole thing by word of mouth, be-

chance at a fellow," he continued. "I'm ment, and we'll never tell any one how way is a well-established custom. The ground. Of these I made a careful not calling any names, but less than a it happened." week ago I heard a letter proposal read by the recipient, and a dozen girls assisted in composing a suitable reply. I furnished the stamps and posted the letter. The poor devil is in Germany. I also cabled my condolences. I 'now they will be appreciated when that letter reaches him."

Billy groaned dismally. "I infer you've already sent your let-

ter." said Tom, cheerfully. Billy groaned again in reply.

"Now, I like the 'Barkis is willin' plan," went on Tom, "You know Bob prison bars, he sat in court in Pater--Bob Treherne? Well, Bob has what Sam Weller calls 'the gift of gab very gallopin'.' He made elaborate preparations; rehearsed before the glass; left hand in coat front, right used in appropriate gestures, head thrown back. chest expanded-favorite attitude with men who are photographed in dress suits. Told the story of his love (to his own reflection in the mirror), using the choicest diction and the most beautifully rounded sentences. Make big stock of 'ideals,' 'passionate devotion,' 'life's inspiration,' and all that sort. Pictured to himself Bessie's downcast eyes, softly flushed cheeks and trembling lips.

the room when the actual occurrence on. After completing his term he re- of high degree dons a kilt of a plainer call, "All up?" Swan-upping is the antook place. Bob took my sister's kitten turned to New York. In 1888 he was tartan for morning wear and for cient process of marking the young on his lap and said 'Pussy, ask your again arrested in Brooklyn for the shooting, and in the evening, when he swans with the owner's symbols. mistress if she will marry me.' And same offense. This time he got four dresses for dinner, he puts on his full The swan is what is known as a royal Bess pulled Kitty's tail, saying, 'Tell years and seven months in the Kings dress tartan, with sporrsen and richig bird. At once elegant in shape and of him yes, Pussy.' Then she said: 'Tom, go tell father and mother that Bob and

preparations."

some girls," suggested Billy.

"'No, indeed," gasped Silvie, 'Well, Lawyer William Scott's residence and er, the thing's off my mind, anyhow,' and

he put spurs to his horse and galloped away. I admire that style myself." "But, Tom," wailed Billy, "you don't know-you were never in love."

"Much you know about that," returned Tom promptly. "I've been desperately in love ever since Alice Dalaty came of the Atlantic. Every year of his life to visit Marie.."

"Waiting a good chance?" questioned

chances. I'm waiting until circum- gifts of "Henty books." He has writstances are such that she can't make me feel I'm dirt under her feet."

beart thumped violently.

But the day proved unfavorable for European wars since then. This expe-

NURSE OF CIVIL WAR FAME.



"Mother" Bickerdyke, who died recently, was 84 years old. She was in most Colorado caves bear out my view. The but cool and collected. During the yer? Did yer t'ink we comes here for you find the safe blown open and robof the great battles of the Civil War as a nurse, and was with Sherman on his greeques of the ceremics are similar to ceremony she drew a dagger and stabmarch to the sea. She established various hospitals in the South to care for those of the Milita palaces, which, as is bed the bridegroom to the heart. Af-Union soldiers, and was in charge of field hospitals at the siege of Vicksburg. well known, were Toltec. Note, too, terward she committed suicide.—Philaat Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga. She died at Bunker Hill, Kan., and was buried at Galesburg, Ill.

you're not going to be sick."

joined the rank and file paying tribute a few words for the prisoner. She by attrition, pieces of leather sewn There was good ground for his belief to old Neptune. Tom was at her side meant well, but she knew nothing together, skulls, a piece of an osier as to how men propose than any other her waist and a strong hand supporting him.—New York Journal. man living. His presence had never in- her head. It was not a romantic situaterrupted or postponed any account of tion, but Tom felt that his opportunity

# HALF A LIFETIME IN PRISON.

Why Michael Werner Knows that Honesty Is the Best Policy.

lived up to it.

son a few days ago, again a prisoner. a burglar for thirty-four years, all but | Washington Star.

two of which has been spent in prison. He was born in Chicago and received a good public school education. His The wearing of the kilt is a cusparents were respectable and well-to- tom religiously observed in the smartdo. He learned the trade of a black- est society in Scotland. Many peers being out of work, he fell in with bad chiefs of clans take special pride in company and was induced to come to the national costume. The Duke of Mediaeval Ceremony of Marking the New York. Here he took part in a Sutherland and his sons, the Duke of burglary in October, 1867, and was sen Argyll, and his brother, Lord Architenced to five years in Sing Sing. Hav- bald Campbell, Lord Kinnoull, and en- ping of swans, says a recent issue of ence Gossip. ing served that time, he went back to titled chieftains, such as Cameron of the London Daily Mail. From South-Chicago, and in October, 1878, was Lochiel or The Mackintosh-all these wark bridge to Solomon's Hatch the "Bob confeseed all this to me recent. caught in the act of burglary. This and many more - wear the Highland peace of Father Thames has been brokly. I was about 8 years old, and was in time he got fifteen years in Joliet pris- dress when in Scotland. A gentleman en by the swan-hopper's melodious County penitentiary.

Being released, he kept straight until 1894, when he was caught at burg-

my firm belief that most women have sat watching the unhappy passengers. got away with \$100 worth of jewelry. day. no more sentiment than oyster. If ever her face very pale and her lips tightly He was caught and sent to the county jail to await trial. He had a full have brought back with me a large col-"Alice," said Tom, kindly, "I hope set of tools for picking locks. On his lection of archaeological objects, in-

trial he pleaded guilty. She gave him a wild, startled look- The old man sat in the prisoners' row a feather winding-sheet, a pair of palm

### Packing of Gold Leaf.

"Here is something I wish to inquire photographs. "Oh, Tom, I am so mortified," gasped about," said a gentleman to a dealer in hardest one I have ever made, though "It's only Tom," the girls would say. poor Alice, presently; "please go away." artists' materials as he held out a tiny 1 have visited all the most inaccessible "No need of my going away now, booklet for the latter's inspection, "I archaeological remains in Mexico, I Alice," answered Tom, composedly,"for bought this book of English gold leaf had to be let down to the mouths of From the height of his superior the past ten minutes there has been no of you a few days ago, and on turning the caves by ropes passed underneath knowledge, Tom occasionally advised concealment of your emotions. Your the slats of paper between the leaves my arms. With eight companions I his comrades, who were less blessed whole past (gastrologically speaking) has been open to my view. And as we tions of the Scripture, and seemed to climbing daily among the rocks my "It's no use, Billy," he said to Billy are soon to be married there is no rea-

is any particular 'she' in your case. Tom deftly and tenderly suited his ac- about that fact when you understand of 300 rooms, with windows, doors and don't try writing, for even if she in- tions to his words. "A man likes to see it. All English gold leaf, as a regular roofs in a good state of preservation. tends to refuse you she will write ask- his flancee look pretty. There, now you matter of business, is packed in little To find analogies everywhere with the books made up of pages of Bible cut to work of the Toltecs was my object, "Tom," said Alice, humbly, "please the requisite size and stitched to- and my success will be fully set forth

"Besides, it gives the girls an awful ly; "we'll just announce our engage- practice of packing the material in this huati origin—red figures on a white Bible is selected for the purpose because as a general thing the type is and better executed than in other features, I can hardly find words to

There is no man in the United States "Printed paper has always been in who could better testify to the truth of general use for packing the sheets of all sides, especially from the Governor the adage, "Honesty is the best pol- gold leaf. The slight indentations of the State and Moses Hallett, Uniticy," than Michael Werner, who never made by the type serve to keep them ed States district judge for that circuit. more firmly in place. They slip when Every facility was afforded to me; all His hair gray, his eyes sunken in, packed between plain sheets. The Book with pale, sallow cheeks, the marks of of Common Prayer is also employed for thirty-two years and one month behind the same purpose and the same reason. "Gold leaf books are made up from the sheets in which they leave the Werner is 67 years old and has been press, and before they are folded."-

People Who Wear the Kilt. jeweled dirk.-London M. A. P.

Modern Advice to Students. instance, when Silvie was visiting Bar. Then he went to Hoboken and was learning and memorizing facts. He king's majesty.

VETERAN WRITER OF BOYS' STORIES.

EORGE ALFRED HENTY of London is the most popular au-thor of boys' books on either side he writes at least three long historical novels for boys, and no Christmas would seem quite complete without its els in all, besides enough other books The next day Tom took his sister's to make a total of nearly a hundred guest for a sail to Plymouth. Alice was fresh and dainty in a crisp white suit and a becoming yachting cap. Tom's erary production continue unabated. In "No chance for me to-day," he sity to enter the Crimean war, and he thought; "she is as imperious as a tlefield during most of the important pleasure seekers. The water was rough rience has fitted bim for writing tales and the great steamer rocked and plow- of military adventures, and there ed antil even Tom felt qualmish. Alice seems to be no end to his resources.

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GEORGE A. HENTY.

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ORIGIN OF THE CLIFF-DWELLERS | they desire to make their wives. BEING STUDIED.

Mexican Archaeologist Traces This Strange People Back Through Ages to Establish Identity as Progenitors of Ancient Races of His Country.

iwellers at Mancos, Colo.

The object of Mr. Batres' expedition the ancient Teltees, and to prove that liuetlapalla, the "red city," from which the Teltees, according to their traditions and the realistic traditions are traditionally traditions. The realistic traditions are traditionally traditions and the realistic traditions are traditionally traditions. ions and the earliest records, started a neighboring land owner, and invited on their migration southward to Ana- the girl, with her parents, to a grand uac, was located in the caves of what ball given at his castle. During the s now the State of Colorado, says the evening he found an opportunity of

To a reporter who met him on the the house, where she was selzed by his entral's express at Huehuetoca, Mr. men and placed in a carriage. The Batres expressed the utmost satisfac- prince joined her, and in spite of the don with his trip. "It has been a girl's entreaties started out to drive pleasure to me," he said, "to visit the to a place where they could be married inited States and experience the without much delay. oundless kindness and hospitality of The girl's father, on finding that his he American people, and, in addition, I host had disappeared with his daughhave been thoroughly successful in the ter, gave chase, and being on horse scientific object of my expedition. I back, overtook the carriage. He shot no longer entertain the smallest doubt | the nobleman without ado, and took that the underground city of the cliff his daughter home. The nobleman, dwellers, which I explored, was the however, had won her heart during the Huetlapalla of the Toltecs. I purpose drive, and the girl was now reluctant write about my explorations. Briefly, on the wedding taking place at once. your wedded wife? that Huetlapalla means the "red city"; delphia Record. and that the homes of the cliff dwellers were painted red, and so remain to this

cluding a skeleton with a fragment of China, all from the caves of the cliff the President all new diplomats accreddwellers, besides a large collection of

"The trip to the cliff dwellers is the to be no longer serviceable. I found fore she drops you into the depths with don't tell the girls that I was sick."

"Not a word," answered Tom, prompt"No desecration is intended, but the towers I traced hieroglyphics of Na-

copy. "Such is a brief outline of the scien more evenly set and the printing finer tific side of my trip. As to its social express my gratitude for the hospitality and kindness which I received on my requests were granted, and in some cases my desires were even anticipated. In fact, I was treated 'a curerpo de rey.' I return to Mexico with the most grateful impression of the United

States and the American people." After finishing his work in Colorado Mr. Batres made a flying trip to New York and Chicago, making the best

# universities and museums. smith and made a good living. In 1867, and some wealthy commoners who are "SWAN-UPPING" IN ENGLAND.

Royal Birds of the Thames, This is the work set apart for the up-

king. But kings and queens long dead would, in the generosity of their hearts, the horizon. Far over the hills stretch-An expert tutor declares that the and for consideration shown, grant roypened after I went out. But that goes | Collins he was sent to Sing Sing again | practice of taking strong coffee or of al license to such of their subjects as | purple tints fading and dissolving into" to show of how little avail are great for two years and six months. Again tying the head up with a wet towel in desired and were worthy to possess in October, 1897, he bungled a job in order to keep awake and study is an property in swans. Thus it was that sanctum sanctorum, deserve more de-"But such abruptness might displease New York, and was arrested. This time utter fallacy; that it injures the health the Vintners' and Dyers' companies of tailed description;" or, "O strange, un-New lorg, and was arrested. This time and prevents the brain from perform- the city of London came to have swans fathomable mystery of existence, com- mits dat it is a sure enough good graft, ing the finer operations involved in upon the Thames jointly with the pelling our perblind race"—when, I but, Tinley, it can never be of no use

bara in western Kansas, a good-looking arrested as a suspicious person. Burg- recommends, when a student grows The progeny of swans belongs to the begins thus, I skip like anything. ranchman whom Silvie had met twice lars' tools were found on him, but he tired, a little light, vigorous exercise, owner of the parents. But the young such as striking a bag or waving the swan must be marked or it reverts to came to the door he said: I just rode Then he started for Paterson, but got arms around the head, as in club the crown. Once a year, therefore, over to see if you would marry me.' off at Passalc by mistake. He entered swinging, drinking a cupful of hot wat- the owners make joint expedition from the palace of Windsor) to claim and mark their increase in the presence of the King's swanherd. The penalties for wrongly marking or tampering with marks are too terrible to mention.

Mediavel in aspect, the uppers have something as near to the joyous mediacval spirit as you will find anywhere in this twentieth century. There are six skiffs, two each for the king, the vintners and the dyers. When a brood is sighted the boats approach and surround it. At a signal, sometimes even before, the men make a dash for the heah de angels singin'," said the old birds, grasp them and tie their feet with twine. The keepers with penknives trace the proper marks on the skin of the youngsters' beaks, let them go, then on to the next.

## WHERE COURTSHIP IS GRIM. Customs of Kidnaping and Murder Still

Extant in the Coucasus. The manners and customs of the peoto a great extent since the country has member that I freckle very easily." Philadelphia North American.

WERE THEY TOLTECS? been subdued by Russia. One of the relics of the good old times to which LET US ALL LAUGH. the Caucasians especially cling is the

n a tragic end. A prominent inhabi

ant of the little Caucasian town of Kat-

uhagan, named Ismail Ogli Oki, tried

to kidnap the sister of his best friend's

wife while his friend was absent from

Secr tary of State's Duties.

tertains the corps-with its dukes, mar-

quises, counts, viscounts, barons and

other nobles-at a magnificent lunch-

eon. With great ceremony he will from

time to time personally introduce to

ited to this country. He reserves one

forenoon in each week for the recep

tion at his office of ministers and

charges d'affaires. He also attends to

the correspondence between the Presi-

dent and the emperors, kings, sultans

and other rulers of foreign States.

When a royal child is born he frames a

message of condolence. A clerk in the

State Department copies these polite

missives upon large sheets of gilt-edge

paper, in a faultless copperplate hand.

A messenger takes them to the White

House for the President's signature.

They are then returned to the Secre-

great seal of the United States.-La-

tema, in which was contained an ex-

ceedingly microscopical impression of

the animal which might ultimately be

called into being. If this were the case,

we should be able to submit the minia-

ture image to our investigation by

means of the microscope. But strong

microscopes are wanted. The red cor-

puscles of human blood have to be

about one four-thousandth part of an

inch. The number of these red cor-

puscles which would adhere to the

point of a needle would not be less than

1,000,000. Theory teaches that the final

division of matter is the atom, and the

atom has been measured. It is calcu-

lated that in a cube of water one thirty-

thousandth part of an inch wide there

The Art of Skipping.

When I meet a paragraph which be-

ed a vault of heavy cloud, its strange,

are leaving France for England, many

of the Assumptionists are preparing to

cross the channel, writes a Paris corre-

have definitely accepted the offer made

to them by Cardinal Vaughan, who will

give them asylum in a parish in Lon-

outside of London. The Sisters of Jesu

Marie of Lyons, who for sixty years

sess an immense convent, are also pre-

Had Another Engagement.

"What fer you come back, den?" he

meet de angels dat way; 'sides, I'd

done tol' my fambly I'd be back fer

His Plea.

supper!"-Atlanta Constitution.

stern tores, "is spotted."

paring to emigrate to England.

colored deacon.

was asked.

age in the London Pilot:

are 30,000,000,000 atoms.-London Sci-

dies' Home Journal.

custom of kidnaping the women whom JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-Recently a case of this kind resulted RIOUS HUMORISTS

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

home. The girl resisted his attempt to carry her off, aided by her married sis-Prof. Leopoldo Batres, Mexico's able ter. The baffled lover drew his sword Penelope—I think it is silly throwing fair. You know from the beginning that and inflicted dangerous wounds on both an apple peel over one's shoulder on you ain't going to find anything, and the ladies. At this moment his friend Hallowe'en and believing that it will you might as well go to sleep or read returned, and, enraged at finding what fall in the initial of the person one is the advertisements in the program."-

had occurred, killed Ismail on the spot, going to marry. was to establish the identity of the Then he cut off Ismail's head and car- Constance-Oh, I don't know. There people known as the cliff dwellers with ried it round to show the neighbors may be something in it. My apple peel

Didn't Know the Fervice.



to set forth all the grounds for my con- to marry the man whom her father ap- Preacher (performing marriage cereclusion in a book which I am going to proved, but the stern parent insisted mony)-Do you take this woman to be

> Detecting a Fraud. Mrs. Bridey-Do you call that a round steak that you sent up this morning?

Butcher-Yes'm. Mrs. Bridey-Well, I have tried it and settled back in the easy chair for The Secretary of State's duties are more ceremonious than those of any to tell you, sir, that it is very far from "Isn't it delicious?" exclaimed his Year reception he presents the entire being correct in shape. I shall favor wife joyously; "I emptied a whole lot other cabinet member. At the New diplomatic corps to the President. He some other stand with my trade here of rose leaves in your tobacco jar!"then returns to his own home and en- after.-Baltimore American.

"Who is your favorite composer?" inquired the visitor.

"I s'pose you mean classical," responded Mr. Cumrox.

"Certainly." "Wagner" was the answer. "Gimme Wagner. Some of those other music writers start in with a tune, but as soon as you get your foot going stendy in time to it they break it off in a way that pretty near sprains your ankle. But Wagner never fools you. He plays Washington Star.

A Sop to Cerberus. Mrs. McCall-How bright your little

boy is, and what is his name? Mrs. Swellman-Patrick McGlathery

Swellman. Mrs. McCall-O! ab-

Mrs. Swellman-It does sound odd, doesn't it? You see, we were living in a flat when he was born, and we weren't prepared to move out. Mr. Me-Glathery, you know, was the janitor .-Philadelphia Press.

Friendly Interest. Grace-Why do you persist in repeatng that awful scandal about Lucy? May-I'm trying to find out if there is any truth in it.-The Smart Set.

Forgot His Cares. "Ain't Sam Thompson jes' swell?" "Ain't he? To look at him on Sunday yo'd nebbah t'lnk he had to go to wuck

What It Means. Willie-Pa, what is a burglar-proof

on Monday!"-Puck.

safe? all the objects which I found in the The bride appeared in the church, pale Bowery Pete-Aw, say wot's eatin' Pa-That merely means that when bed it's proof that burglars have been at it.-Philadelphia Record.

What He smelled. "I smell something burning," said the husband after he had lighted his pipe

Ohio State Journal.

### THREE VIEWS OF LIFE.



There is gladness in

who dispatches this nation's formal glad;





And there's sadness in and:



But the gladness of sadness of her sadness is nothing to her madness when she's mad .-Ally Sloper.

Disturbed Dream. Reginald-Darling, I could float out

tary of State, who seals them with the here forever and ever and ---Voice from Shore-Say, young fellow. You cannot get something for nothdon't forget that boat is a dollar per ing." hour and you owe for two hours now. To account for the transmissibility for the love of goodness, take this oar ly. "Nobody can accuse me of trying of ancestral types, Darwin in his work and help

on "Pangenesis" promulgated a theory News. that each cell threw off what he desig-Almost Incredible. nated "gemmules," which formed the Blobbs-Wigwag must be making an nuclei of another series of cells, whose awful lot of money. sole destiny in the economy of nature Slobbs-I should say he is. I actually girl loves him." was the propagation of its species. believe he is making more than his wife

These "gemmules" formed the blas- can spend.—Philadelphia Record.



The Living Age remarks that some of You'll like dis dorg, mister. Why, the fundamental principles of the use- only yesterday he bit me mother-in-law ful art of skipping are suggested by and it took us four hours to git him off.

Anthony Deane, in the following pass- - Cincinnati Enquirer. The Very Thing. "We'll have a little supper after the gins, "It is now necessary to retrace horse show," said Mr. Hunker to Miss

our steps somewhat to explain;" or "The crimson sun by this time neared Ricketts. "Good,' 'replied the young lady, "I speak for saddle-rock oysters with borse-radish.-Philadelphia North of Rare Beauty" for a headline over or, "But the contents of this room, his American.

"Work" Queered It. "Yes," said Tatterdon Ragges, "I ad- Sommerville Journal. say, I meet a passage in a novel which to us.

" 'Cause, if you make a graft a win France Hostile, England Friendly. nin propersition youse has got to work

In addition to the Benedictines who it?"-San Francisco Bulletin. Some Madness There, "Why did you kill the dog?" they

spondent. The members of the order asked. "He bit me," the man replied. "But he wasn't mad," they urged. "Perhaps not, but I was."-Philadeldon. Another parish will be created phia North American.

Cheated Again. have inhabited Rodez, where they pos- joy Europe? Pessimist-No; I wasn't disappointed

"I went so high in de balloon I could Press. Ill-Timed Pleasantries. "Cheerfulness is riches. "Oh, no; if you can't pay a bill, be-

"Kaze hit wazn't my intention ter man madder."-Detroit Free Press. Good in Theory. "Did you hear of Carper's latest experiment on his amateur farm?"

"No: what was it?" "Your reputation," we said to him in "He had a sour apple tree and he ple of the Caucasus have not changed "But," he explained, "you should re with a twig from a sugar maple."

When a royal personage dies it is he her gladness when she's her sadness when she's her gladness, nor the

Value Received. "Remember," said the friend, "it is dangerous to try to deceive the people.

"I know that perfectly well," answer-Reginald (to his companion)-Here, ed Senator Sorghum rather indignantby making speech stead of producing cash."-Washington Star.

Convincing. "The proofreader says he's sure his

'What makes him so sure?" "Why, he has read the proof in her eyes."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Surprising News.

Minnick-Well, there was one thing

remarked about your wife the first me I saw her; she was undoubtedly utspoken. Henpeck-You don't say! By whom?

Won't Be Popular.

"They say that golf is a cure for con sumption," said Cawker. "Remedy's worse than the disease," chirped Cumso.-Philadelphia North American. Goes the Limit.

Wigg-Bjones is fond of studying out he puzzles in the newspapers, isn't he? Wagg-Yes, it's a perfect craze with him. He even reads magazine poetry. -Philadelphia Record.

Almost : tartling. "It seems strange that such an old man should be in leve with me." "Yes, doesn't it? Usually they are after some young girl."-Detroit Free

Natural Mistake, Desk Editor-Well, that's rough. Desk Editor's Wife-What's the mat-

Desk Editor-Oh, I wrote "A Scene the story of a ball, and the proof reader has let it go "A Scene of Bare Beauty."

Too Well Known. Dobson-Lend you \$10? Why, man, I don't know you!

Borrower-That's the reason I asked you. No one that knows me will lend me a cent.-Detroit Free Press. Yazoo Delta the Negroes' Mecca. In speaking of Mississippi as showing

a larger increase of negroes than whites, it would be better to say that this is true only of a part of the State. The Yazoo delta has become the greater Mecca of the negroes, and there they have flocked not only from the hill counties, but from the neighboring Optimist-Well, old man, did you en- States-Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. They have been pouring in for the last dozen or twenty years, ever in half as many things as I expected to since the protection of the delta from be disappointed in."-Detroit Free overflow has been assured. There have been several exoduses from the hills to the bottoms of such great proportions as to alarm the farmers in the hill country, lest they might be left withing cheerful about it makes the other out sufficient labor for their crops. If this movement of population keeps on, it will have a tendency in time to whiten the rest of Mississippi by concentrating the bulk of the negroes in the Yazoo delta.-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

tried to sweeten the fruit by grafting it | This is the season of the year when you can buy a lot of things you don't need at much less than cost.