THEY NEVER CHANGE.

n' the women is jest the same ee of Bill Shakspeare's times, on as round and the girls as

strange when Bill wrote his rhymes. in the whole endurin' lot stuff by men of fameread 'em all-an' I tell you what, The girls is jest the same,

was Byron, Dryden, an' Alex

Az' honest Thomas Moore, sang of girls, an' of blasted hope, in by the moon they swore, girls are the same as Bobby Burns ing in a sad refrainmore man studies 'em, less he learns,

For sech research is in vain.

change. As poets sing to-day;

moon's as round, an' the girls as An' that's the mournful lay.

soon goes on, jest as calm an' As round the world she whirls-

They swear by the moon in the dreary An' swear about the girls. night.

Baltimore American,

Second and the second s

The City Swell

& man and a second seco

HEN Milly Ranscome return-ed from a six months' plat "Harry Lawrence, a tall, slim young eyes of "the city swell." m, clad in clothes of the newest nce pronounced, and no type can ex- word.

se words were uttered. sapproval left the room to stable the to him. It was Mr. Ranscome. orse. At supper Mr. Ranscome talk-



ed of nothing but farming and seemed ather pleased at the ignorance of his they returned from the drive a diamuest on the subject.

Harry Lawrence, however, was too leeply in love with the pretty face oposite him to resent it or even notice a He told Milly's father that he intended stopping in the village for a few

Da't ye work?" asked the old man



The new shirt-waist models are fasci- on either edge in black. Large white nating indeed. White seems to take the pearl buttons down the front and on The moon an' the women they make no lead and the combination of black and the cuffs and stock of black and white white comes pext in popularity. The dotted taffeta. Belt of black velvet and emitting shrill notes of rage, the agine. Her sister's name is equally most marked change in the new models ribbon. Another stunning model has monster came thundering over the unique-Nun Nicer. When Airs and is the great amount of stitching used wide inverted plaits on each shoulder. and the large buttons down the front. covering the gatherings in the top of hunter fired a second shot, but missed. age of maturity at least one of them The stitched waists have a tailor-made sleeve. Five small stitched tucks, His nerve was shaken, and throwing should marry a youth whose Christian effect and are bound to be popular. One especially pretty one was made of rath-give the fullness to the front. Stock flight. His nerve was shaken, and throwing should marry a young should marry a young should marry a young been peeled on by the white and heavy ple. Acts of the Apostles. This is a er coarse white linen, having four 2-inch hox plaits down the front stitched turnover the monot stitched turnover the monot stitched turnover the monot stitched turnover the state of the

like a vise.

ed from a six months' visit to sobered by the attack, looked around Their learning, like that of the fishes, run or even walk down a steep incline, name of Declaration of Independence. the city she was accompanied at his assailant, he faced the flashing is essentially a process of selection, but always crouch, gather their feet The most warlike name on record is

gris a suming sine received the bully, and he food outside and reacts to the situation down the hill again. foroton. "A city swell" he was at walked along with his wife without a (confinement) according to its inborn or-Quick as a flash the elephant turned. About 100 years ago a snowstorm in

said.

ter. Good-evening." and he gathered tary confinement. the reins again and drove on. When they had left the village Milly dom for awhile, we put it into the cage ily back to its native woods. stole a look at him. His face seemed again we have a repetition of the first sad and his thoughts were far away. "Are you still thinking about that run and peep and jump and squeeze man?" she asked gently.

"No," he replied. we continue this process, so that the "What are you thinking about that chick is again and again confronted by makes you so ---- " she stopped, star- the situation-"confinement in a box of tled at her own temerity. such and such appearance"-it con-"I am thinking how I shall get along stantly decreases the useiess acts and without you." Milly gasped. "I had performs the suitable one sooner and

buoyed myself up with the hope that sooner, until finally it pecks at the spot you cared for me, a little anyway, but immediately whenever put into that when to-night I asked youbox. It has learned, we say, to get out "You didn't ask me anything," came of the box by pecking at a certain spot. the demure interruption.

PLANNED FOR LARGEST SHIPS. The young man looked at the blushing, downcast face beside him, and felt

Locks of Nicaragua Canal to Accommoa rush of new life within him. When date Biggest Vessels Afloat. mond flashed on the third finger of

ated required that body to make exam- Company. promised to marry the city swell.-In-AN AMAZING YOUNG WOMAN.

TOBOGGANING WITH ELEPHANT. GIVEN QUEER NAMES. American shore. Such a thing hap-Hunter Bests the Furious Animal in a

Contest of Wits.

Elephants are so often the winners APPELLATIONS SOME CHILDREN in an encounter with men that it is MUST STRUGGLE UNDER. rather interesting to learn from Chums

of one that was fairly outwitted. It was an African elephant, taller, lighter and nimbler than the Aslatic variety. Like most elephants, when roused he proved himself capable of considerable gymnastic feats.

The most curious name perhaps ever An English sportsman, out after elephants, had wounded a magnificent bestowed upon a girl is that of Airs specimen. Unfortunately for him the and Graces. She is now about four wound was slight, and the animal, years old, her name being registered at greatly infuriated, turned and charged Somerset House, London, in 1898,

when she was baptized. What she It was a terrifying sight. With its will think of these cogomens when she ground like a runaway locomotive. The Graces and Nun Nicer arrive at the logs are piled twenty feet high. They were married he confessed that he was

toward this he turned; for being but ister: Actsapostle, son of Thomas and and gradually they sink out of sight, whin it's made out o' yeal?-Philadeislightly acquainted with the climbing Elizabeth Pegden, was baptized Aug. and new beaches are formed. This phia Press.

lifted off his feet and shaken until his ladder or following an intricate path powers of elephants, he thought his 2, 1795. Again this name figures in indder or following an intricate path powers of elephants, he thought one of the store in 1833, when Acts of the and the shore line is being steadily ex- Guest (impatiently)-Say, watter, how through a maze, etc., writes Prof. Ed. pursuer might be bailled by the steep- records in 1833, when Acts of the and the shore line is being steadily ex- Guest (impatiently)-Say, watter, how here? "You brute," was hissed in his ear, ward J. Thorndyke, of Columbia Uni- ness of the ascent. It was a terrible Apostles, son of Richard and Phebe tended. Excavations along the beach and he was sharply pulled to his feet. versity, in the International Monthly, disappointment to find that the ele- Kennett, was baptized. This name, show that the texture of the buried Walter-Bout a week, sah. Guest-Oh, The hand which had held his collar They learn readily to abandon those phant could climb a hill as quickly as curlous as it is, is preferable to What, timber gets harder and harder the furnow moved down to his arm and felt acts which bring discomfort and to he could, good runner though he was, or Dum Spiro Spero-names with ther in you go, until in some instances my order to some other waiter.-Chiemphasize those which are successful He would have been speedily over- which children have been handicapped. "Pick her up and take her home," in securing them food, shelter, warmth taken if he had not thought of an ex- It was a patriotic American who besaid a stern voice, and when the man. and the companionship of their fellows. pedient. He knew that elephants never stowed upon her young hopeful the

For instance, a chick is confined in a together, lean well back and slide that of Robert Alma Balaciava Inker- writer in Ainslie's, convinced Nansen the other side and try to dream it Something in the set of the square cage from which it can escape only by down. Just as the furious animal got man Sebastopol Delhi Dugdale, who that his idea of drifting across the again."-Chicago Record-Herald. shion and wearing upon his light jaw and the numb feeling which pos-pecking at a certain spot, and so open- within a few yards of him, therefore, is an English innkeeper's son; a sim-Polar sea in the Fram was logical. The Author's Privilege: An author Tyler Walter Hill,

es the ineffable scorn with which Harry Lawrence settled his tall hat jumping at the walls, trying to squeeze peting with rage, slid down after the of March; there were many weeks of depend for sledge runners and other hinder you."-Atlanta Constitution. on his head again, wiped his hands through any small openings and peck- man. The hunter had just time to sleighing, traditional for years for the wooden implements on the drift from The Test in Harlem.-Gazzam tafter Milly's father, an old-fashioned, stub-Milly's father, an old-fashioned, stub-daintily and turned toward the car-ing at the barriers confining it. The spring out of the way as the great beast length of time it lasted. What did a Siberian forests. For years they de-he has succeeded in waking his wife)-

action include one particular act- thing before it like an avalanche. him Seven Weeks Sleighing in March. "Fine evenin', Mr. Lawrence." he namely, a peck at a certain spot-it of Once more the hunter dashed to the He usually went by the name of course escapes. This one act is fol- top of the hill, while the elephant, un- Weeks. His initials were all written Harry showed all his white teeth in lowed by freedom, food and general able to stop itself, went careering down out- S. W. S. I. M. Smith. a smile, while he shook the man's hand comfort. The other acts resulted only to the very foot, where, apparently un- Parents of large families need no heartily. "Isn't it fine? Never saw bet- in a continuance of the unpleasant soll- derstanding that it had been outwitted. assurance that the advent of another

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crat.

and feeling sore and disappointed. It child is not always as welcome in fact If, after the chick has enjoyed free- rose to its full height and walked wear- as in theory, but it is scarcely kind to



It is said that Mrs. Harrison pro name; in the next century John took nounces her "Calmady" with the accent the lead, while Thomas, Richard and on the middle syllable.

fly," although published over four April, Marriage, Every Ink, Pink Ink, The Federal statute under which the years, was sent to press recently for its Hogsett and Cheese. Any one of these, Milly Ranscome's hand, and she had Isthmian Canal Commission was cre- twenty-third edition by Henry Holt & however, is a more cheerful name than

of sufficient navigable depth and of the "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," their name. An American lady spendrequisite dimensions to accommodate published by the Century Company. ing some time in Devonshire, England, AN AMAZING TOUNG WOMAN. She is English to the core, and has tartled New York society. She rides

pened almost within the memory of man. In 1832 nine Japanese fishermen were left derelict and unable to find their way back to the shore. They went with the current, and after a drift lasting several months they were Caprice of Parents Has Saddled Very carried to Hawall.

Odd Cognomens Upon Innocent Offcoast. Between Kakatag and Kyak Evening Bulletin.

islands, about 1,200 miles northwest Sarah-She's worth a million, and just no question of the Asiatic origin of the me.-London Tit-Bits. timber. They are the trunks of the Because you are better than the man feet in diameter are frequently found. you .- New York Press. Many of them are seen floating shore- Edith-You say Mr. Goldley deceived are generally without bark, which has only sixty instead of seventy-five. petrifaction has taken place. Other cago Dally News.

turned to coal.

spring-A Child Named "Airs and

Graces" Only Recently Christened.

over seas.

THE WRONG LETTER.

Sadly Astray. make the child bear a token of disapproval all its life. It must be rather says that when a brother artist was Brooklyn Life. terrible to go through life, for example as Not Wanted James, What Another, Only Fancy William Brown, or even as Last of 'Em Harper, or Still Another Hewitt. And yet all these are names which the foolish caprice of parents has imposed on innocent chil-

About 500 years ago, it is said, more than half the men were named either John or William. In the thirteenth century William was the commonest able vulgarian.

Robert the next most common names. Mrs. Voynich's romance, "The Gad. Among old surnames are Jumps, Pine Coffin, which is English, and very inations and devise plans for a canal Miss Alice Colwell Hogan, author of proud the Pine Coffins are said to be of



Trees, torn by storms from the banks An Instnuation: "They claim to be of Asiatic rivers, frequently float connected with some of the best famacross the Pacific on the American illes." "By telephone?"-Philadelphia

of Seattle, enormous piles of this drift- the right age for you. Jerry-Any girl wood cover the beaches. There can be worth a million is the right age for

camphor tree, the mango and the ma- you despise does not mean that you hogany. Logs 150 feet long and eight are not worse than those who despise

ward, with fantastic roots standing Edith dreadfully about his age? high above the waves. In places the Gladys-Yes, poor girl! After they

excavations show logs that have Pleasant While It Lasted: "What would you do if you woke up some The presence of Siberian driftwood morning to find that you had inherited on the shores of Greenland, says a a million dollars?" "I'd turn over a

section and so open within a few yards of min, detered is an English interested and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. It sees other chicks and the hunter suddenly doubled and ran ling the door. nually cast on the coasts of Spitzber- any royalties from my book this year?" gen and Novaya Zemblya, and there The publisher replied: "Yes, you can ganization, by running about, peeping, too, gathered itself together, and trum- Western Pennsylvania set in the 1st are tribes of Greenland Eskimos who hope. There's nothing in the world to

om man, looked at the newcomer and riage. An old man left the group of chick feels a score or more of impulses came tobogganing after him, smashing Mr. Smith do, who happened to have pended for iron implements on the Open the dorsh! Mrs. Gazzam thead as clothes and then with a grunt of silent spectators and held out his hand to a score or more of acts. If its re- trees and shrubs, and carrying every- a boy born about this time but name hoops of casks which came to them out of the second-story window)-Are you sober? Gazzam-Yesh, Mrs. Gaz-

> zam-Then say reciprocity.-Harlem Life.

A Note of Introduction that Went Collapsed Building: "Kape allve, Mike! We're rescuin' ye." Voice (from Letters of introduction are not invari. the debris)-is big Clancy op there wid

ably serviceable. For one reason, they ye? "Sure he is." "Ast bim wud ae may be too frank. Harry Furniss, in be so kind as t' step aff the coolus. I've his "Confessions of a Caricaturist," enough on top av me widout him."-

setting forth on his travels in foreign Why He Returned: "Did you come climes, he was provided with a letter of back for something you forgot?" asked introduction to a certain British consul. Mrs. Darley, when her husband return-The writer of the letter enclosed it in ed to the house a few minutes afir one to the artist, saying that he would leaving. "No, my dear." replied he, "I find the consul a most arrant snob, a came back for something i rememberbumptious, arrogant humbug, a cad to ed."-Town Topics.

the backbone. Still, he would probably "What is the matter?" asked the litoffer some courtesies to any one who erary man's friend. "I don't know had a good social standing, and thus what I am going to do about this compensate the traveler for having te week's work." "What is the trouble?" come in contact with such an insuffer- "I can't think of any interesting questions to ask myself in my Answers to On the return of the artist to Eng- Correspondents column."-Washington land, the writer of the letters asked Star.

how he had fared with the consul. He-My dear, we have cause for "Well, my dear fellow," drawled the congratulation. I have just received artist, "he did not receive me very notice of an unexpected increase of warmly, and he did not ask me to din- ten dollars per month in my wages. ner. In fact, he struck me as being She-You dear, sweet, lovely old boy. rather cool." How perfectly charming you are when

"Well, you do surprise me," rejoined under the influence of the X-raise .his friend. "He's a cad, as I told you Chicago Tribune.

in my letter, but he's very hospitable, Doctor (finding patient emptying a and I really can't understand this state bottle of wine)-Here, here, my good of things. You gave him my letter of man, this will never do. That's the introduction?" cause of all the trouble. Facetious "Why, I thought so; but, do you Patient-Weil, then, till your glass, know, on my journey home I discov- doctor. Now we've found the cause, ered it in my pocketbook. So I must the sooner we get rid of it the better. have handed to him instead your note -Detroit Free Press. to me about him!" Fast and Furious.-Backstop-I'm

Not Unreasonable, After All.

A Belated Discovery.

that it was evident that tears were not

"John," she said to her husband, "I

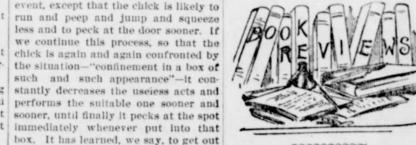
Presence of Mind.

play I ever saw, yet there sat Maud

"I think it was the most touching

time in beginning her explanation.

"Yes."



"Not in summer. I teach chemistry in the university, you know. It does cheeks grew redder, and she proposed Upon this occasion Lady Constance a comparatively short time longer ves-electrified the guests by performing a a comparatively short time longer ves-writer, is a daughter of Judge Van

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The news of the new arrival had spread through the village like wildfire, and every window they passed seemed to frame a pair of prying eyes. Some few who passed them even snickered audibly, and Milly was in dis-

She looked at his hands and realized suddenly that they were whiter than her own, his hat and his shoes shone like mirrors and a ruler could not be straighter than the crease in his light trousers.

She might have known how country people would take these things. Poor Milly, she liked him very much, and she wanted everyone else to like him, so that it was a very uncomfortable little girl who crept between the sheets that night. The next few days were hard ones

for her. Her girl friends laughed when they passed Milly and Harry, and more han once she heard someone say: "Just out of a bandbox" and "mamma's boy."

And all the time she knew that she loved him.

One evening they started for a drive behind the old family horse. "Don't let him run away with you," called Mr. Ranscome, as they ambled out of the barn. Lawrence laughed good natured-"I guess I can hold him in."

The moon, round and mellow, rose owly and lighted the leafy road for MENTAL CAPACITY OF A 'CHICK.' hem, the breath of new-mown hay ame to them in the soft breeze and the crickets chirped blithely.

"Milly, I have to go back in a couple of days, and I want to ask you a queson first. Can you guess what it is?" he looked up at him. His soul was in his eyes.

"Don't ask it," she said quickly. "Do you mean you would say no?" he asked, and she noted the pain in his voice.

"Oh, here is the village," she said. and he turned away.

They passed the tiny shop and the watering trough and then they noticed group of people outside the only saoon in the place. An ugly-looking mau stood on the sidewalk, and a pale little coman was beside him, trying to inuce him to come home.

The man was the village drunkard those temper was of such repute that to one ever interfered with him or rossed his purposes.

The constable had once attempted to arrest him, but after two weeks in a hospital he had seen the futility of his efforts.

The Ranscome buggy was just opposite the saloon when the woman put her hand on the man's arm and tried o turn him homewards. With an oath the man struck her and she fell to the ground. Not a man in the crowd moved. but suddenly the drunkard felt himself

startled New York society. She rides than naval vessels, while the latter ary life. Her sense of humor is very astride, fences, dances, talks, sings, class have relatively much the greater keen. Till lately she has written mainly plays, and is an athlete. She attended beam or width. The longest vessel now short stories. Mrs. Wiggs is her first did not, and was much offended if it the Paderewski recital given by Will- afloat is the Oceanic of the White Star effort as a fiction writer. and open until September." The old iam C. Whitney in his New York home. The paderewski recital given by Will iam C. Whitney in his New York home. Upon this occasion Lady Constance the probable that within feet. It is quite probable that within some excellent work as a short story sels will be built, but it would mani- Vorst, of New York, formerly Chancel

dianapolis Sun.



LADY CONSTANCE MACKENZIE.

the limit of draught has yet been reach. respecting other authors .- From Deafed. It was, therefore, decided that the ness and Cheerfulness. Highland sword dance after two walking sticks were placed upon the floor. least navigable depth in the canal Conan Doyle thinks his best book is There seems to be nothing that this ver- should be thirty-five feet, and that limit "The White Company." Stanley Wey scanty earnings. satile young woman cannot do well. In has been carefully observed throughout man believes that the opinion of the London she is noted not only for her its entire length. In the harbor en- writer as to the merits of his book 's nothing sadder in history-that conathletics, but for her love of farming, trances at the extremities of the canal, valueless. "I have never read," he says, templating, at the end of one-half year, her fancy for baby boa constrictors as says William H. Burr, in Scribner's, "ten pages of any book I have written, a pleasant surprise for these poor peopets, and her patronage of kindergar this depth of thirty-five feet is provided after publication. H. G. Wells does not tening.

They Learn Readily to Do Those Actions Which Bring Food and Ease.

In 1896 I made a great many experiments with young chicks, testing their ability to learn a variety of perform-He laid his hand upon hers gently and ances, such as getting out of a box by pecking at a certain spot on a door or by jumping upon a little platform or by

at mean low tide.

ready attained.

A Queer Servian Custom. A traveler through Servia will often

notice dolls hung up inside the cottage windows. He learns that the dolls are There is a story told of an Irishman put up as a sign to announce to way- who was arrested for throwing a piece

jaw. When the case came up in court dwells in the house. the prisoner admitted his guilt. Delicate Work. "You admit, then," said the judge,

those vessels at present afloat whose with her sister-in-law.

A Baltimore engraver has put the pulling down a string with their necks. alphabet on the head of a common pin.

"but"-in an excusatory tone-"it war

Prospective Troubles.

mercantile field," said one European sacrifice of self and deny ourselves for artist.

know which is his best book; he thinks

well or ill of one on one score, and of

'Twas a Soft Piece.

another on another score.

"Yes," answered the other. "The first and I am sure, let alone the satisfaction thing we know they will be producing of such an atonement, that the lesson the 'old masters' that they so much we had all learned was worth the monenjoy purchasing on their own ac- ey ten times told. count."-Washington Star.

American Oil Favored. Because of the poor quality of Russian petroleum supplied it the Gracian government has ordered in New York 720,000 gallons,

Grass in Human Eye.

A small grass seed which had gerninated while in a patient's eyes has ust been removed by a Japanese ocu- adrift on parts of the Asiatic coast and

twisted his name in some way, but he were given any other pronunciation than Death .- St. Louis Globe-Demo-

THE OTHER SIDE.

festly be impracticable for the commis-sion to take into consideration the pos-sible development of ship design for an intervention for the commis-sible development of ship design for an intervention for the commis-sible development of ship design for an intervention for the commis-sible development of ship design for an intervention for the commis-society of that city. Miss Van Vorst Society of that city. Miss Van Vorst

wrote the honeymoon novel, "Bagsby's erosity that was not done; but we may It was, then, necessary to consider Daughter" (Harpers), in collaboration not know the act of greater generosity that was done; the greater sacrifice and design the canal and its works so Kate Sanborn says she is "dog-tired that forbade the lesser. In his "Essays as to afford a reasonable margin beyond of historic novels;" that she welcomes of an Optimist," John William Kaye those limits, but not so great as to ingether and began;

those limits, but hot so great as to in-volve excessive cost. To meet these conditions the locks were designed to give a clear length of 740 feet and a clear width of 84 feet. The greatest prance about on impossible steeds, de the lack of it. pike-

beam or breadth of warship at present is practically 77 feet. The locks, there-fore, meet the requirements of the law and give scowe of the law and give some room for developments People will ask you: Have you read scribed handsomely to the cricket club. beyond the maximum limits of size al- Ruskin? Have you read Dickens? Have But the second usher was an intoleryou read Macaulay? Have you read able screw. His conduct appeared as It is well known that ships drawing Tennyson? As their thoughts turn to shabby as his coat. Of course our noas much as thirty-two feet in sea water ward Concord, however, they speak in tion was that he was by nature a skinhave entered or passed from New York another tense: Do you read Emerson' flint, and that he had hoards of gold. harbor as well as some other ports. This is as it should be, I only wish we He was a man otherwise of a kindly and there is no reason to believe that could confidently ask the like question nature and a harmless way of life, so we despised rather than hated him. But it came out afterward that he had store yet." an aged mother and two sisters, rely-

ing solely for their maintenance on his The saddest thing of all was-I know I can get for it."

ple, he walked home, a hundred miles, under a June sun, and appeared unexpectedly among them one sultry evening, only to find that all three were hopelessly drunk.

Next half we had a new usher, and for a little space there was a belief do! farers that a marriageable daughter of coal at a friend and breaking his among us that the poor fellow had saved money enough to start a school Mr. Norton. of his own; but the truth as I have told it oozed out, with this pathetic addition, that he had gone hopelessly mad. Peverill?" We were then very much grieved at the rash judgments that we had passed, and got up a subscription, the larg est ever known in the school, which first name." kept him in comfort until he died. In this instance it was a point of honor "The Americans are invading every and conscience with us all to make about it?"

the benefit of the man we had wronged;

ABOUT THE JAPAN CURRENT.

Garlinghorn as dry-eyed as could be." Kuro Siwo Piles Great Quantities of "Because she knew she would have Driftwood on Alaska's Shores. to be dry-cheeked when she came out In one sense, the kuro siwo, or Japan under the glare of the electric light."current, is the most interesting in the Chicago Tribune. world, because many oceanographers believe it was the direct means of Courtship is apt to make a young peopling America. This much, at least, is certain: If a boat were to be set dispense with gas.

survived all storms, the Japan current Justice is blind-and so is fame, The more credit you expect, the less could be depended upon to carry it judging by some of the selections siz across the Pacific and deposit it on the makes.

The explanation was quite adequate. glad to see that you are making a name for you self as an author, old

They were sitting in the corner gro- man. Scriblet (modestly)-Yes. Honcery store, exchanging the confidences ors are being heaped on me. Why, it of the fishing season, and as the con- was only yesterday that I learned that versation progressed the stories stead- my latest book had been thrown out ily increased in size. At last, says the of the Boston Library .- Bazar.

New York Times, the tall, lank man | Composite: Dashaway - Quilldriver on the cracker-barrel pulled himself to- seems to be a fellow of extremes-one who writes awful slush and sublime "I went down to the river this morn- prose, and who is at the same time an ing, and although the water was high idiot and a genius. Cleverton-Where almost to a flood, I took a ten-foot did you get such an idea? Dashaway-I've just been reading the reviews of

"Stop there," exclaimed the fat man his latest book .-- Harper's Bazar. with the corn-cob pipe. "Tell us you | Papa's Consent.-She-Isn't it lovetook an eight-pound trout, and I'll sit ly? Papa consents. He-Does he, realidly by. But a ten-foot pike, never!" ly? She-Yes. He wanted to know "I took a ten-foot pike-pole," con- who you were, and I told him you were tinued the unruffled man on the cracker- tape-clerk at Scrimp & Co.'s, and he barrel, "and in less than five minutes seemed real pleased. He-1 am delighted She-Yes, and he said we could I hooked out a fifteen-foot bass-" "See here! See here!" shouted the be married just as soon as you were owner of the grocery. "You'll have to taken into the firm .- New York Weekgo away from here to finish that story. ly.

I haven't any lightning rods on this Quite another matter: Aarons-"Did you hear dot latest aboud Finkelstein?" "I hooked out a fifteen-foot basswood Jacobs-"No. Vat vas it?" Aaronslog." persisted the tall man, "and I "Vy, he gave twenty-five tousand dolwas going to ask how much you think lars last Friday to dot leedle poy vat vas run over mit dem. street cars." Jacobs-"Is Finkelstein gone grazy already? Vot alls him dot he do such a Mrs. Norton came home from a call ding?" Aa:ons-"Oh, he vas on der one day in such a disturbed condition jury."-Life.

"But, mamma," said the beautiful far in the background. She lost no South American heiress, "do you believe I will have any trouble in being received in society in the United am so mortified I don't know what to States?" "I don't see why." answered her mother; "you have plenty of mon-"What is the matter, Joanna?" asked ey, and you can make the best of them look like small change when it comes "I have just been calling on Mrs. Pev- to being a daughter of the revolution."

erill. You know her husband, Major -Indianapolis Sun. His face was pinched and drawn. With faltering footsteps he wended his "Well, I just learned to-day that 'Ma- way among the bustling throng Anon for" isn't his title at all. 'Major' is his he paused. "Kind sir," he exclaimed,

"will you not give me a loaf of bread "Why, certainly. I've always known for my wife and sittle ones?" The that. What is there so mortifying stranger regarded him not unkindly. "Far be it from me," he rejoined, "to

"Nothing," said Mrs. Norton, with a take advantage of your destitution. groan, "only that I've been calling him Keep your wife and little ones. I do Major' every time I've met him for not want them." And, turning upon his heel, he strode away. the last ten years!"

At Bargain Rates.

"Charles," said the affectionate little wife, "didn't you tell me those blue chips cost \$1 apiece?" "Yes."

"Well, here's a whole box full of all colors that I bought at a bargain counter for 75 cents."-Harlem Life.

German School in Venice.

Venice has a German school, which, couple so light-headed that they can however, has more Italian than German children.

> Some of the old classics are so hot that a person really ought to handle them with a pair of tongs.



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