Little arms whose tender touch Dearer grows from year to year, s to mother's love you turn, Trusting her to dry each tear, not fear that she will chide, As, secure from all alarm, You so fondly cling to her, Little arms.

Little arms, if in the years You should reach toward her in vain, so loving touch responds Soothing all your grief and pain, May the Father up above Keep you from the sin which harms, Drawing you close, close to him, Little arms. Waverley Magazine.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Taurus Disposes

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RS. JOSHUA RIGGS is a tall, spare New-Eglander of the old school, with the gray just frostng her temples. Mrs. Van Norden, tout and jovial, is a dear, motherly ittle body, who makes up in good humor what she lacks in brilliancy. Both are confirmed match-makers, in which profession they are leading lights. Nine out of ten of the young uples of their acquaintance, who have been married within the last five ears, they claim as their own. They dmit but one real defeat, and that they lay solely to the perversity of . It was in the peculiar case of Somers and Blanche Felton that fate and these two guardian angels deeed differently.

The match, as it originated in their busy minds, was made one June afternoon on Mrs. Van Norden's porch. Mrs. Riggs had brought her knitting, and the rockers creaked merrily.

"When I married Joshuay Riggs," said the tall one, "I knew just what was about. I wa'n't so foolish as to ut up with no shiftless man. I had my eyes open. Now, it's all in gettin' man of compatible temperament. A ively girl ain't no more suited to a slow-goin' parson than a flea to a snail, an' vicey versy. I got a man that was

"Now, there's that Joe Somers, just come here to spend three months, you know. His mother married one of the Jones boys down to the crick, an' they've always had a sort of liking for this country. Now the first minute I set eyes on Joe Somers, I says, There's the man for Fay Alden.' He's blg, good-natured, jolly young man, you can see it in his face, and you know what Fay is. Seem's so they must take to each other."

smiling placidly. "Who knows but progress became difficult. what they may make a match of it right this summer? I says, who Mrs. Riggs. knows?"

"You know an' I know, S'phia Van Norden, that what young folks needs there." nowadays is assistance. And the sooner we get at it the better."

out things went wrong from the and Fay persisted in retaining heartwhole composure. The weeks wore by. and Somers displayed an alarming tendency to stray from the prescribed

Mrs. Riggs. Mrs. Van Norden agreed. And so there was a picnic party at Perkins' grove, Mrs. Riggs and Mrs. an Norden being the chaperons and matron saints. Fay Alden and Joe somers were there, of course. There were also Blanche Felton, a sweet. quiet little creature, and Morton Engle, who stood first in his class at college,-another match upon which the two good ladies had long set their earts; also Elsie Maynard and Harry Bradley, recently engaged, with help from the usual source, and made members of the party because of their in-

piring example. Lunch was in process of preparation when the trouble began. The cloth was spread on a grassy knoll by the lake shore, and baskets were being emptied. Then some one must go to ley were delegated. Then Fay Alden ust needs arise with a swishing of skirts an., basten after them.

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"They'll never get back if I don't," "P'raps you'd better go 'long, too," said Mrs. Riggs, innocently, looking at Somers. "We four can set the table." "I'll go," volunteered Engle, with unisual alacrity and straightway went. Here was a pretty state of affairs, to sure. Well, the best must be made of it. Operations could be suspended antil the Jacks and Jills returned with

er pail of water. "Dear me!" said Mrs. Van Norden. wish I had a sideboard. I hate to ut these things on the ground. These ats are an abomination! I suppose I hight to be used to this picnic bizness this time, but I've never got quite conciled to settin' on my feet at din-

What's that?" "That" was the somewhat violent intrement in the hands of fate, who intered upon the stage at this juncture and turned things topsy-turvy. "That," as Deacon Perkins' bull. Playfully be came, charging down on the picnic party like an overgrown kitten on a owing joyously.

At the first alarm Somers seized the mure Blanche in his strong arms and ran with her down to the boat, which was drawn up on the beach. here was but one boat. Placing her arefully in the center, he pushed off. and soon they were floating on the plad surface of the lake, far out of arm's way.

Not so the two matronly persons. and followed them. As for Mrs. Van ed that congratulations were in order, answer to a question regarding longimadly down the bank in pursuit of the things and join in the handshaking. and a young lad answered: "Please, escaping pair. The boat was pushed "Well, Blanche," said Mrs. Riggs, "I sir, we have no latitude in Ireland. The of before they reached it, and in their hope you'll be happy. But if you ain't, government won't allow us any."

HORSE KILLS TIGER IN FIGHT ON A CIRCUS TRAIN.



The first case on record of a horse killing a wild, murderous, bloodthirsty tiger occurred recently on a circus train en route from Goshen to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The beast was kicked and trampled to death by a heavy draft horse, and when the car was opened at the end of the journey evidences of a fierce struggle were

The tiger, which had been recently imported and was still wild and untamed, escaped from its wagon den while the train was in motion, and after crawling over the tops of four wagons entered the car ahead, which contained thirty draft horses. A fierce battle ensued, the terrified horses plunging and kicking at the savage intruder. When the train reached Poughkeepsie the tiger was found dead under the hoofs of one of the horses,

When the tiger in some mysterious manner got out of its cage several circus hands were asleep under the wagon. The beast paid no attention to them, but evidently made directly for the car in which the horses were confined. It crawled through a small opening in the end, and when its presence became known to the horses a scene of wild confusion occurred. The terrified horses in their efforts to get away from the wild beast crowded toward the end of the car, leaving a space through which the tiger dropped to the floor.

The horses were packed closely together, and from the deep gashes on their backs it appears that the tiger climbed over them until he reached the middle of the car, where he attacked a magnificent horse named Toby. Then ensued a terrific struggle. Using its hoofs with powerful force the horse dealt the tiger blow after blow, repulsing every attack of the stealthy cat and fighting such a reentless battle that the tiger finally sank down to the floor, and the rest was easy for the infuriated horse. Toby jumped upon the beast and trampled its body until not a whole bone was left. Even the skin was rendered useless for decorative purposes. All of the wookwork of the interior of the car was smashed and the side walls and top were covered with blood. The horse, Toby, was badly injured, its flesh being deeply lacerated in several places.

"Come back! Come back!" yelled smile with joy .- Farm and Home.

terror the ladies follows it into the I can't help it. I did all I could. I water, shricking loudly, and stopping wash my hands of it now." only when the water began to ripple But Blanche looked as though she "Dear me!" said Mrs. Van Norden. merrily about their waists, and rapid would never be unhappy, while Joe

> Somers looked around in dismay. "I can't." he said. "The oars are up

The two ladies looked toward the first. Somehow young Somers persist- enjoying himself immensely with the lieve in calling strikes? d in showing a liking for other girls, | lunch. One basket was over his left | "Certainly I do," replied Mr. Parvo.

most undignified manner. were fast drifting off toward the mided away from them in despair.

"Look at that evil brute," she exclaimd. "Shouldn't think Deacon Per- talking out?" kins would keep such an unmannerly beast. There goes my blue platter! about?" growled Mr. Parvo. Oughtn't to have brought it, anyway. into the dirt!"

and had stretched himself out on Mrs. he have to do with it?" Riggs' dinner table.

"S'phia," said Mrs. Riggs, "we've got provisions, anyway. Let's eat."

e spring. Miss Maynard and Brad- three glasses of jelly, a bag of dough- I'm for strikes that are impartial and nuts and a jar of pickles. Suddenly unbased." she exclaimed, "Well, I never!"

Mrs. Van Norden followed her glance out toward the boat. It was slowly drifting around a woody point and would soon be lost to view. Somers and Blanche were seated on one waist, and she with her head upon his my business." shoulder. Then he bent his face to hers, and the two good old ladies turn- be, Reggie." ed away astounded.

"S'phia, did you see that?"

"Now, ain't this 1 pretty turn?" continued Mrs. Riggs. "I don't care so much for the dishes an' things. But to think that them two, who are no den, Germany, one of the largest longmore suited for each other than a rab- distance heating plants in Europe. This the West End. He wanted to see the Right under our eyes, too, an' we can't left bank of the River Elbe, including raise a hand to prevent it. How the the theater, museum, castle, royal kitchen. A young girl, apparently water does soak up, don't it? You'll kitchen, the custom house, etc. The about 12 years of age, was busying have to come home with me, and we'll greatest distance from the central staheat some soapstones and make some tion over which the heat is transmitted sage tea. There's no knowin' how far is three-quarters of a mile. The total they'll go, now. And maybe that dear heat consumption per hour is 5,200,000 little Fay Alden will be unhappy for heat units. The usual steam pressure life on account of it. Well, it's her is two atmospheres. Ten of a total of ago.

she concluded with a sigh. tet returned from the spring, and En- that the loss of heat in transmission is sibility attending household duties." gle and Bradley, after placing the from 4 to 41/2 per cent. The largest girls at a safe distance, succeeded in pipes have a diameter of eight and onedriving the intruder away from the half inches. The pipes are protected scene of his triumph. Mrs. Riggs and by two layers of tin, the inner layer Mrs. Van Norden waddled slowly to being perforated and the outer one cov-

When Somers and Blanche came back, after their boat had drifted no were somewhat slower in getting ashore at the narrows, something had happened. Anybody could see that, was once examining a class in geogthe hand and a napkin in the other. Bradley drew Joe aside and ascertain-Norden, she succeeded in rescuing a and Mrs. Riggs and Mrs. Van Norden tude, proceeded to ask for a definition solitary banana. Together they rushed were forced to make the best of of latitude. There was a slight pause

could do nothing but watch her and

## "BUSINESS IS BUSINESS."

Significance of Strikes.

horn. Another was in a near-by tree. "most assuredly, if they are called in The tablecloth was wrapped about his an impartial and unbiased manner, but fore feet and evidently annoyed him, I tell you it's mighty aggravating to cal, ignorant, selfish. There is much for he was treading on the dishes in a have three men on bases in the minth to detract from the ideal city, but deinging, two men out, with one run nec-"He'll go away by and by," shouted essary to win, and then have some Somers, to the discomfited lady. They blooming one-eyed astigmatized umplein sympathy with the visiting team call dle of the little bay. Mrs. Riggs turn- the batter out on strikes when he hasn't even-"

"Why, Reginald Parvo, "what are you "What do you think I am talking

"Griddlecakes," replied Mrs. Parvo; An' all that current jell bein' ground "they're the only thing I know of that require a batter. Why, I can't follow Mrs. Van Norden could only look pit- you at all, Reginald. I always supeously at her companion, dabbling her posed that it was the labor unions that fingers in the water absent-mindedly. called strikes. I never even heard of Taurus had become weary of his sport a one-eyed umpire before. What does

"With what?"

"With the carpenter's strike." "Oh, the devil! I thought you were She opened her basket and examined reading the baseball column, but 111 its contents. There were some spoons, stick to what I said just the same.

"Reggie, dear!"

"Yes, love" "Is the carpenters' strike that kind of

strike?" "I'm waiting to see which side wins

"You're just as shrewd as you can

"Well, I know a thing or two, I guess," said Mr. Parvo, proudly, draford Times.

Long Distance Heating.

There has been completed at Dresball of yarn, shaking his head and belown fault. We done what we could," fourteen boilers are used and to guard against accidents two main lines of Help came at last. The belated quar- pipes have been provided. It is stated as possible before taking the respon-

# ered with silk.

A national school inspector in Ireland

### WILD BEASTS IN A POCKET.

Corralled by Ranchmen in Arizona and For several months past the moun- HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DO-

tain lions, bears and wolves that abound in some parts of Arizona have been playing sad havoc with the stock on the ranch of Colin Campbell in Cochise county. With 10,000 cattle on the range, the heavy losses in calves and yearlings by the ravages of the wild animals have cut down the dividends of the stock company which owns the range.

over Arizona as a hunter and who was to double its natural size." chief of scouts under General Crook "Can't use it in my business," reduring the trouble with the Apaches, plied the prospective customer. "What was engaged to exterminate the ani- I want is a case that will seemingly mals which have been raiding the reduce the actual size of its contents herds. Montgomery engaged 100 men fully one-half." of the Pina tribe and held a big round | "What is your line?" asked the dealup of the "varmints."

Early in the morning his Indians and "My specialty is ladies' shoes," rea score of cowboys surrounded a dis- plied the other, with a half-suppressed trict five miles square in the foothills of grin.-Chicago News. the Chiricahua range and gradually closed in toward the center, with 200 dogs in the rodeo. As they reached the misanthrope over yonder? center of the circle catamounts, black bears, coyotes and an occasional griz- celebrated lecturer of "Sunshine, or zly bear tried to break through the line, How to Enjoy Life." but were met by a shower of bullets. Dozens of animals perished in the attempt to escape, but 200 others were finally cornered in a box canyon, while redskins and cowpunchers picked them off from the rocks above.

There were scores of close conflicts with the enraged and frightened brutes. and in one melee four Indians were fearfully mangled by a grizzly before their shots finally finished the bear. One of the reds, Antonio Hermo, a former chief of the tribe, received fatal wounds from the claws of a big fellow. The dogs closed in on the victims and dozens of them were killed before the slaughter was complete. The final count showed nineteen dead mountain lions, five grizzlies, two lynxes and ever 100 coyotes-doubtless the biggest round-up of wild animals that has ever occurred in Arizona.

#### THE HOLY CITY.

Jerusalem Still Resembles a Great Fortress of the Middle Ages.

Jerusalem is literally "builded upon its own heap." Below the houses, courts and paved streets of the present unkempt city are the distinguishable remains of eight older cities-those of Solomon, Nehemiah, Herod, Hadrian. Constantine, Omar, Godfrey, Saladin, Suleman, writes Walter Williams from the "Holy City" to his paper in Columbia, Mo. Jerusalem has been besleged twenty-seven times, a record of lery of the mind. The city itself has News. Mr. Parvo Explains to His Wife the narrow, dirty streets-the water supply for its 70,000 people comes in a The two ladies looked toward the shore. There were the oars lying peace "Reginald," said Mrs. Parvo, glancing place of my mission four-inch place of the bank while the hull was up from the evening paper, "do you be the conversation turned upon the difficulty of the conversation turned upon the difficulty o fully on the bank, while the bull was up from the evening paper, "do you be- and smail, the houses are bunched together with no regard for room or er has been so bad I haven't dared cleanliness. Some houses are under- venture, ground and others on top of the high inclosing walls. The people are fanatispite all this and more Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives is the same in its essential details, the same in the framework of its setting, the same in fascinating suggestion, as the Jerusalem of which David sang, and over which Jesus wept.

Crabs that Hunt Rabbits.

Catching rabbits with a crab is a favorite pastime of the country boys in the lands lying on the English coast. One would think a mouse trap and a bit of cheese would be a saner method, but it isn't. The way they work it is this:

A large, lively crab is caught on the shore and pressed into service. From a lighted candle hot grease is dropped on the back of the crustacean and the caudle stuck upright in this way on the shell. As soon as the grease holding the candle has hardened firmly the crab is placed in one end of a rabbit burrow, at the other end of which there is a net. The rabbits, seeing the strange looking creature coming toward them sideways with a lighted candle on its back become terrified and bolt out to be caught in the net of the hunters. In due time the crab before I commit myself," whispered also emerges and is caught and placed thwart, he with his arm about her Mr. Parvo, "so as not to interfere with in the mouth of another burrow to scare out other rabbits. This continues until the boys have bagged all the rabbits they want. If the crab proves himself lively and works hard in their behalf the hunters generally restore "Dear me!" exclaimed Mrs. Van Nor- ing in two full breaths at once.—Hart- him to the sea after the night's sport girl? That s the girl you used to rave

is over. That Settled the Officer. Recently a Duluth minion of the law had occasion to visit a family living in bit and a turtle, should be makin' love! is used on many public buildings on the man of the house, but, as he was not in, he sat down and waited in the herself kneading bread.

The officer watched the proceeding for some time, when he remarked; 'Don't you go to school?"

"No. I stopped school some time "I should think that a girl your age would want to get as much education

"Yes, maybe." "But why don't you go to school,

morning hanging from the head of his "Well," she stammered, "because my husband thinks I had better stay at bed." Then the officer looked out of the win- post." dow, and the conversation came to an

for worse?" asked the parson of the Mr. Westside-Is Briggs still paying widow who was taking unto herself attention to your sister? Eastside-Naw-they've been married this two No. 3.

It is too bad that when anything is perience. "I can't give you the inforas good as peas there is only one mation asked for until I have had aim known way of cooking them.

### OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

INGS HERE AND THERE.

Jokes and Jokelets that Are Supposed to Have Been Recently Born-Sayings and Doings that Are Old, Curious and Laughable-The Weck's Humor.

"Now here is a show case," said the dealer, "that is bound to become popu-"Charley" Montgomery, famous all lar. It magnifies everything put in it patience."

Knew Who He Was. Spatts-Who is that gloomy-looking

Bloobumper-That is Spowter, the



Teacher-Now, Johnnie, in this senence, "John Shoes the Horse," what does horse stand for?

Johnnie-Horse is a noun, masculine gender and stands for John. Teacher-Nonsense! How could that

Johnnie-So dat John can shoe it, of

A Comparison. Grandpa-I had a fellow out walking yesterday, and-well, I guess, I tuckered him out. But then he is old. Bobbie-Why, grandpa, you are 82 yourself. "Well, maybe I am, but this fellow

was at least a year older."

"I'm in court," reads a sign on the vicissitude unparalleled in the history lawyer's door; "At the hospital," apof the world's cities. It has been burn- pears on the doctor's slate; "Be back ed, sacked, razed to the ground, its in- in an hour," say several more, while habitants of every faith put to the others invite one to "Sit down and sword, all the woes uttered by its own wait." "Gone to the bank" is the prophets against it have come to pass, broker's sign; "Back soon" is found on yet Jerusalem still resembles a great the ice dealer's hook; "Out collecting" fortress of the middle ages. Seen from says a dealer; "Sick in bed" is the the Mount of Olives, its massive gray dentist's so says his book. 'Twas walls, its flat-roofed houses, its everywhere thus, so, with nothing to mosques and churches with their con- do, I hied me away to the base-ball spicuous towers and minarets, present ground; and there, strange to say, yet a marvelous picture, beautiful, sub- none the less true, each of the above lime, unfading, from the picture gal- in the grand stand I found.-Chicago

Better Consult an Anrist. She-Tell your mother I'm so sorry the distance is so great and the weath-

They Were.

You will be held thirty days to keep

Prisoner-Sure, your honor, Oi lost

Between Friends

Maude-So you are really engaged?

Maude-That's good. Is be wealthy?

Albert-Why, don't you recollect that

Edward-By Jove! so it is! I never

Summer Renters-You haven't any

Owner of the Furnished House-No

but that girl next door plays all the

new rag-time from morning till night.

Ought to Be.

"Did you notice Miss Sprightly's su-

perb teeth? By George, old man.

"They ought to be. You can buy a

"I hear Jones was found dead this

"Well, he always said he'd die at als

Wisdom of Experience.

"Do you take this man for better or

"Only time can tell," replied the fe

male whose wisdom was born of ex-

pretty good gem for what they cost

-Detroit Free Press.

her."-Baltimore News.

they're gems!"

could commit a "poem" to memory .-

Maude-Is he handsome?

Maude-That's better.

the peace and-

Clara-Yes.

Clara-Yes.

Clara-Yes.

and all that.

th' plece.

a husband and he has a wife.

and he didn't laugh." He-That's all right. Don't mention "So I said, 'See the point?" "What did he say then?" " 'Next.' "-Detroit Free Press.

The First Case ou Record. Muggins-See how attentive he is to Smythe-Higgins has a queer kind of her. I don't believe they are husband a hired girl. Browne-How so? Buggins-Oh, yes, they are. She has

en't we meat to-day?

had broken something, instead of say moment he sees or hears an enemy he ing that it came right apart when she

Was He?

"Told the barber a joke the other day,

picked it up .- Somerville Journal. A Matrimonial Recommendation. Mr. Mack-If I find an eligible young man, what shall I tell him about you,

Miss Amy? Miss Amy-Oh, tell him I'm very

accomplished and agreeable—tell him you saw me running the lawn mower.

"How clean and fresh the landscape looks to-day," said Mrs. Hiland to her husband.

"I read something in the paper about detectives scouring the country," explained Mr. Hiland .- Pittsburg Chroncle Telegraph.

Favorite Left at Post. Slobbs-What! She refused you? Why, I thought you were the favorite, Blobbs-Yes, but the favorite didn't

He Had the General Idea. "What is the first law of nature! asked the teacher.

"Knockin' the other feller down be fore he gets his coat off," answered lit- at last. tle Edward.-Chicago Record-Herald.

Much Easier. Miss Minx-There are some words coal, some experiments with peat now for instance, how do you pronounce Mephistopheles? Binks-I don't. I always mention

his home address. Columbia's Little Sister. Miss Columbia has a little sister now Who looks as if inclined to be afraid; The curls are dark that hang about her

brow.

maid.

And the Lord has heard a prayer that she has made,

She is ragged and her little feet are bare. But there's music in her soft tones when And when she smiles her little face is

Oh, little Cuba, cease to be afraid, The road o'er which you've come is rough and steep, But a fair way lies before you, little

Where flowers bloom and happy fountains leap.

A little hand is on Columbia's arm, Let him beware who seeks to do her

And God protect the Leader and the

S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record Herald. and undertakers.

#### SHE WAS A PARAGON.

She Loved Him. Single Man (to himself)—I am sure

Similar but Different.

"But that is my sole ambition," re-

Land of Promise.

Setting Him Right.

Apace with the Times.

"Yes." said the landlord of the pic-

"In what way?" queried the tourist.

"Why, I am going to uut up: 'Accom-

Looking for Luxuries.

A False Alarm.

want to be the only one who has been

Carrying Reform Too Far.

make your will, for the lawyer.

so dangerous, doctor?

your bread winner for life."

me all her troubles.

foined the young man.

of the north pole.

Long-Because why?

The Dentist-So I do.

method.

Beast' sign."

Chicago News.

The Victim-It is false.

itors to call again to-morrow.

that darling little angel loves me. She So Her Fellow-Passenegrs Held Until takes me into her confidence, and tells She Displayed Her Colossal Nerve. A group at the Hoffman House in Same Man (some years later)-Con- New York was talking about the cheek sarn it all! From morning till night, which some persons exhibit, when and night till mornin, when I'm at James Akins, a commercial traveler home. I hear nothing but tales about from Kansas City, related the followthe servants, the butcher, the butler, ing:

the baker, the candlestick maker and "The greatest exhibition of nerve I all the rest of 'em.-New York Weekly. ever witnessed was given by one of the most attractive women I have ever seen. It was on a Pullman car between "Don't be too ambitious at the start St. Louis and Chicago. The woman was my boy," said the old doctor to the accompanied by seven children, whose youthful graduate. "You must have ages, I judge, ranged between 4 and 16. years. She was the mother of all of them, as we learned afterward, but it seemed scarcely credible that she "What is?" queried the old pillmaker. should have such a family. She must "To have patients," answered the have been under 40, and was so remarkably well preserved that she did not look over 35. Stylish of carriage, hand-Short-I wish I lived in the vicinity some, and with an expression of wianing sweetness, her children were unusually attractive, and the affection Short-Because the nights are six that existed between them and their months long there, and it would be mother was a delight to witness. The some satisfaction to request one's cred- family occupied two sections in the sleeper. All of the other sections were occupied by from one to two persons. mostly men. I was with a couple of The Victim-Wow! I thought you adtraveling men who were friends, and vertised to extract teeth without pain? we became very much interested in the attractive mother and her children, and The Dentist-That's right. It is false we all agreed that she was a paragon

teeth that I extract by the painless of a woman. "The train was not more than ten miles out of East St. Louis when to lady called the porter and whispered some instructions to him. A few minuresque old tavern, "I am going to utes later the porter began to make up alter my 'Accommodation for Man and berths. It was then a little after 8 o'clock in the evening. The porter's operations soon began to discommode the passengers. Reaching us, he said:

modation for Man and Automobile."-" 'Gentlemen, you will have to move, as I will have to make up this berth.' "We protested, and inquired what he "Mabel, love," said young Mr. Tenmeant by making up so many berths

spot, by way of proposal, "let me be at such an early hour. "The lady with the seven children But the girl, with her eye on the caholds the ticket for this lower berth. pacity of the Beef Trust, answered: and she wants it made up,' he said.

"I want some one who can win me "'Oh, all right,' I said. 'We will adsome beefsteak."-Detroit Free Press. journ to the smoking-room.' When we reached the smoking-room we found it Doctor (who has been sent for at 2 crowded by men who had already been a. m.)-Madam, pray send at once for froced out of their seats by the bedthe clergyman, and, if you want to making process. We learned from them that the lady whom we had so much ad-Madam (horrified) -Good gracious; Is mired also held the tickets for the lower berths of the sections in which they

Doctor-Not a bit of it; but I don't had been seated. "'I will inquire about this,' I said, disturbed in his sleep for nothing .- Tid. and went back to speak to the porter. "'How many lower berths has that lady?' I asked of the colored attendant. 'She has eight,' he replied.

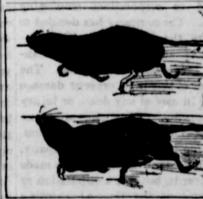
" 'Well, you go back to her and ask her if she intends to inconvenience everybody in the car,' I said. "The porter went back to where the lady was, and explainend to her my complaint. With one of her most be-

witching smiles I overheard her say, -s she evidently intended I should, although she did not look my way: " Tell the gentleman that my bables nlways go to bed before 8 o'clock, and

as it is after 8 o'clock they are going to bed now.' Chorus of Hungry Boarders-Hav-"I went back to the smoking room," concluded Mr. Akins, according to the Landlady-No, gentlemen; I've join-New York Times, where eight or more solved hot to buy meat until the price men were crowded together, and when

#### culty of judging woman's character." HOW A WATER RAT SWIMS.

In Germany a close study is being made of the manner in which various animals swim, and pictures have been made to show how the water rat swims, both when he is at his ease and when an enemy is pursuing him. While he is looking for prey and scents no Smythe-Why, she came and told danger, this wily little animal goes Mrs. Higgins the other day that she through the water leisurely, but the



changes his attitude and darts away, breasting the water at a great rate. Moreover, it is a singular fact that not only water rats, but all other rats and mice which live near the water, are splendid swimmers, and, thanks to their skill, are frequently enabled to escape from their enemies. It was not easy to obtain good photographs of swimming rats, but they were obtained

Peatlas Fuel. In view of the advancing price of

over which I always stumble. Now, being conducted in the mechanical engineering laboratory of the Michigan University are of interest. Professors and assistants are at work on a new peat-drying process. There are millions of acres of peat bogs in this country, and the chief difficulty in utilizing peat for fuel has been the cost of getting rid of the water. A pound of dry peat gives out the same amount of heat as three-quarters of a pound of hard coal. It burns nicely and there are no clinkers or stones. By the new process it is expected that the cost of manufacturing peat fuel will be so reduced that it will prove a cheap and acceptable substitute for coal. About eighty per cent of the peat taken from bogs is water. Under the new process the peat will run through rollers, and one-half of the water will be eliminated. The peat will then be passed upon trays kept at a high heat, and blasts of hot air will be driven through the pulp. Ail the water will thus be evaporated. The peat will then be pressed into bricks weighing from five to ten pounds, and of the density of bituminous coal. Those conducting the experiments be-A little maid looks anxiously ahead; lieve that successful results are to be obtained, and applications have been made for patents on the machinery.

Jokes are plentiful on bridegrooms