Arbitrating arbitration is a new feature in connection with industrial disputes.

As a genuine fisherman Mr. Cleveland believes in speaking easy and carrying a long pole,

Booker Washington might circumvent the Amalgamated Union of Chamber Ladies by carrying a cot with him.

Some men have about as much chance to become president as they have to earn the fifty thousand a year in any other way.

Dr. Rainsford, of New York, wants the churches to combine. What does he expect the preachers to do when the consolidation is affected?

A Chicago man had an otherwise fatal bullet stopped by a roll of bills in his pocket. A roll of bills is one of the best life protectors there is.

Within the last twenty years at least sixteen J. Wilkes Booths have told their secret to the world and died, usually in some distant and unobserved spot.

There is a certain prominent politician or statesman, he should be name less here, who is palpably suffering from foot and mouth disease, the former being entangled in the latter.

And now they say pigskin is better than rubber for automobile tires. There is also a certain fitness in its use by those automobilists who take the whole street and want more.

The minister who wants women to solve the servant girl problem by doing the housework themselves must be one of those unfortunate people who never have had a chance to know many women well.

Miss M. E. Braddon has just published her sixty-fourth novel. It is almost terrifying to think what might have happened if Miss Braddon had tlement. been the wife of Cyrus Townsend Brady.

King Edward planted a tree in the grounds of the British embassy while on his recent visit to Paris. May the tree live forever, and the new friendly feeling between France and England be equally lasting!

One of the lady doctors says men are more emotional than women. But perhaps she has merely drawn her conclusions from the actions of mothers and fathers over the arrival of twins and triplets.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale has been collecting opinions on the question, "Should boys fight?" Most of his corthe other boy should be served with an injunction to restrain him from age which the president in knocking off the chip.

It is proposed in Stockholm to tax 125 pounds because fat is an evidence of good living consequent upon pros perity. And yet we have seen millionaires whose dyspepsia kept them as thin as Job's turkey. But what a demand there would be for anti-fat nostrums under such a tax!

Wireless telegraphy will have to compete with ocean cables for some time to come. A company has recent ly been organized to lay a cable from Seattle to Valdez, Alaska, and thence to Vladivostok. The cable will bring Asiatic Russia and the gold-fields of Alaska into close communication with the markets of the United States, and expand the interest of Americans in

Some people will be astonished to bear that the ordnance department of the army has been obliged to contract with the Erhardt company of Dusseldorf, Germany, to build fifty of the new three-inch field guns for the United States army, for the reason that the ordnance manufacturing establishments of this country are overcrowded. These guns with carriages cost over \$40,000 each and the total amount of money to be spent abroad on this contract is over \$2,000,000.

The London Lancet says that athle tics in England have developed too much into gladiatorial displays by picked competitors struggling to win prizes or to earn wages before huge crowds of spectators, and can hardly be regarded as effective agents in the development of the physical strength and physical activity of the people. There is the same tendency in this country, but the fact merely serves to make more imperative the need of supporting and extending such systems of physical training as have for their chief aim strength and not fame.

There is too little elbow room on modern United States warships, especially in the general mess, and this is one reason for the discontent which causes many recruits to desert. Desertions during the last month numbered more than 300. The general mess system has resulted in a very well cooked and pientiful ration of considerable variety, but the space for the mess tables is so small that the men have to sit very close together and all their food is placed on the table before mess call is sounded. This detracts from the neatness which could be obtained by more roomy mess quarters. The extremely large batteries now being placed on shipboard necessitate larger complements on battleships and cruis ers, while large amounts of auxiliary machinery take up a great deal of deck

Our friends, the Reformed Episcopalians, have decided that, while they expect to go on reforming to the end of time, they will leave the marriage service intact for the present. There acknowledgment for an encore.

obey" from the bride's response, presumably on the theory that it is a dead letter and should be transferred to the masculine part of the ceremony, out it was finally agreed that it might be left untouched, inasmuch as women consider it a matter of no importance. and they "needn't mean it, you know. As Dr. Bishop says: "What's the odds as long as we do the Lord's will?" By which is meant that woman, as an excellent judge of the Lord's will, may be relied on to obey according to the impressions received from on high, a very sensible and convincing view of the case.

America, being a big country and a rich one, is able to spend on its pleasures sums which reach enormous totals each year. There are plenty of amusements which have a place on the country's balance sheet in the hundred million class, but most of them are of a kind in which all or nearly all of the people participate to a great extent. One form of pleasure, however, which comparatively few people can enjoy, and which yet ranks high in the total amount spent on it, is foreign travel. An expert in the navigation business has been recently making an estimate of what our tourists will spend abroad this year, and he places the amount at \$100,000,000. From the port of New York there will be sixty-seven sailings of first-class steamships for Europe each month. They will carry approximately 21,500 cabin passengers a month, or 86,000 in the four months of the season. Enough tourists will sail earlier or later, it is estimated, to bring the total to 125,-000. For their passage this army of travel will pay \$31,000,000, and for their living and other expenses a good \$70,000,000 more, or a total of at least \$100,000,000. As the steamship lines are owned almost entirely by foreigners, it is near the truth to say that this sum goes into foreign pockets, where it becomes an important factor in the settlement of the balances of year goods to the value of \$400,000,000 or \$500,000,000 more than the value of nations have, therefore, just this large a balance to settle for in some other helps them out materially in the set-

It is a critical period in a boy's life when he reaches the age when he considers it manly to call his mother "the old woman." All boys may feel proud when they can prove by the almanac enough to guide themselves. They may well rejoice when they have outgrown the maternal petticoat. We can forgive the premature youth who exultantly exclaims, "I'm my own boss." It is the spirit of 1776 come home again, and we admire independence in all its phases. But there is no excuse for the boy who belittles his chair and the convict in without everlasting remorse. Time may all adult persons weighing more than have strewn snow flakes in her hair, may have plowed furrows in her brow, but she is sweet and pretty to-day. The marks of time which have sunken her lips should sink into your memory how those lips kissed many a hot tear from a childish cheek. Though perhaps dimmed with age, the same devoted eyes are sending forth rays of love. The weight of many years may have enfeebled her step, yet she will go further to carry you aid when needed than all others in the world. Infirm and crippled, yet her love has triumphed over age and there is no cloud dark enough to keep her from your side. With a love kindled at the cradle side her arms will follow you to the scaffold's awful brink. When the world forsakes you, and your fellowmen leave you at the roadside to die reviled and scorned your mother will find you. She will lift you up in tenderness, nurse you and comfort you till you forget the bitterness of life. The grandest religion on earth is to dishonor her.

Corn Breeding

was improved by seed selection, so that an enormous industry has been built up and a new source of sugar given to the world. This has been done with a plant which seeds once in two years. Corn produces a crop every year; a single seed producing a return of over a thousandfold. From this great number of offspring, varying in size, shape, color, and compo sition, a selection can be made which will develop any feature of the seed or plant. By continued selection, these valuable attributes can be fixed in the crop increased. To illustrate the them may be summarized in the one crease the length of the shank nearly of the enemy."

Missed the Curtain Lecture "What did your wife say when you

came home so late?" "I really don't know. I can tust emember that I woke up three times and she was still talking."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Too many people mistake a polite



OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

About Appendicitis.

PPENDICITIS is no new disease. An examination of an Egyptian mummy over 2,000 years old, showed that death must have been caused by that illness. But although the disease occurred thus early, it was probably never frequent until the latest decades. Three of the London hospital reports give the number of appendicitis cases treated in 1890 as 38, while in 1900 nearly 400 operations were performed. It is comforting to note that all but 10 of the patients recovered. Sir Frederick Treves, the most noted authority on the subject, has performed successfully more than 100 consecutive operations. It is said that appendicitis may be caused by imagination, but modern foods are probably responsible for most cases, according to Dr. H. C. Howard, of Champaign, Ill. Until the trade demanded an exceedingly white flour the disease was rare. Where coarse breads were used the disease was unknown, as in rural communities, where people secured their flour from small, old-fashioned mills. The mal ady did not increase until the smaller mills were crowded out by the larger ones and the farmers had to buy the fine flour. Southern negroes, as long as they are corn bread, were exempt. Germans had appendicitis little or not at all until they began to eat our new-process flour. Dr. Howardsays that prior to 1875, in twenty-five years' practice among the people of this section, he did not meet with more than forty cases. Now they are common. Very small children are sufferers. A boy had thirteen well-defined attacks, but came through all without an operation. After changing his food to corn bread and coarse breads in general, fruit, vegetables and vegy little meat, he had no further trouble .-Springfield Republican.

The Labor Problem. T will be strange if the many and powerful influences frequently far from his nonfe, where all assistance possible Bess smiled serenely; but the which are now so actively engaged in the solution of the labor problem upon an equitable basis should result in issues of the campaign.—New York World. failure. Some of the best minds of the country are now considering the question more seriously and earnestly than they have ever done. It will be commonly recognized that foreign trade. Latterly the United this activity is not only desirable, but necessary. The dis-States has been sending abroad each sensions of capital and labor are unusually numerous, and some of them are being fought out with both determination and bitterness. There are obvious causes for the existthe goods it buys abroad. Foreign ing conditions in the labor world. One is the conviction of labor that it is not receiving a fair share of the wealth which it contends it crewes. Another is that the cost of way than by sending us manufactures the necessaries of life has been so largely increased during in exchange. The \$100,000,000 worth the last three or four years as to render an advance of of services they give to our tourists wages essential to comfortable living. It is not bread, fuel and shelter alone that labor demands as its due; it asks that its children of tender age shall be sent to school, not to the factory or mine, to the end that they may have a chance to achieve such material success as education as- two vessels of the same size at an average speed of 19 knots sures or promises. Labor similarly demands that it shall an hour. At full speed her coal consumption was 26 tons be paid something over and above the price of comfortable living; it wants a wage from which a portion can be means that at full speed she would move 85 knots for each that they are old enough and wise put by for the proverbial ratny day and for old age, in which no man can work, but still must live.-Philadelphia the distance would be doubled for the same coal con-Ledger.

Jewish Immigration to Palestine.

EWISH immigration to Palestine continuous apace under the auspices of the Alliance Israelite, which alone spends 1,000,000 francs a year on the Hebrew colonies and schools in Turkey, and other philanthropic societies. The latest phase of this migration, known as the parents by calling them names which Zionist movement, has for its object to revive the Jewish 'smart boys" invent. Smoke cigaret- State by purchasing Palestine from Turkey. The movetes, stay out nights or swear like a ment, though condemned by some as Utoplan, and ridiculed teamster if you consider it manly, by others as sentimental in origin, possesses considerable standing how to be young is not difficult also, a question bly hot, and Bess pulled off her jacket "Should boys fight?" Most of his correspondents answer in the negative, but never fall to treat your mother interest for the unprejudiced observer of Eastern affairs. that will readily find an affirmative answer. It is the with a sense of injury. He needn't but they would probably admit that with the respect due her. Honor the No one who has watched its growth can doubt its practical

at no distant time, lead to a conclusion satisfactory to the "one of the most beautiful things in the world is an old slipped into the chubby hole of a room Sultan and the Zionists alike. This hope is strengthened by person who, made better by experience, more indulgent, adjoining the library; for the step that bers of the Hebrew community to important posts in the has become so sweet that its value is increased a hundred- by the sarcastic comment, "Don't let Turkish army, while he attached two more to his personal fold, and it seems almost to have a soul." This "adoring me disturb you. Take your own

Pullman section, picturing this homepute was sullied by one of the blood accusations periodically brought against the Jews by the Christians of the coming, and now that it was a deed East, and caused the local authorities to take steps to accomplished she could have cried as prove its groundlessness, thereby earning the thanks of the she hugged the hideous old marble lion Anglo-Jewish Association.

Perhaps it is to this increasing favor of the Jews in Perhaps it is to this increasing favor of the Jews in the eyes of the Sultan, and the consequent fear of opposition of the Jews in order; and from the abever I asked to come back be seen that her no, for me to stay and one the eyes of the Sultan, and the consequent fear of opposition to Russia's designs in Palestine, that we must attribute sence of lights it would seem that her no, for me to stay and enjoy myself.

A as though I could have tion to Russia's designs in Palestine, that we must attribute sence of lights it was dining out! Well! A as though I could have a good the a step lately taken by the Russian government. The Min later a step lately taken by the Russian government. The Min later a good to later of Finance is reported to have forbidden the sale of strug; a laugh; and she ran up the any place so well as at home we the Jewish Colonial Trust shares in the Czar's dominions, steps. a step which has created great perturbation in the camp of a step which has created great perturbation in the camp of Polish Zionists, the most deeply interested in the concern.—

The last time she had slid sent all my letters had been at leave; and then I found that you be stairned. Edinburgh Review.

The Age of Political Success.

F the members of the House of Representatives ap laughed aloud over her performance. proximately two-thirds had when first elected reached r passed the age of 40 years. What an amazing con- then a cough. "Master's out," an inrast is presented by the British House of Commons, visible some one remarked; and Bess where, according to the Springfield Republican, only two darted through the nearest door. The

members out of 670 were past 40 when elected! How does that contrast affect Mr. Cleveland's "key of not prepared to make explanations to success," as furnished by determination, persistence and new servants.

ourage? The typical success in American politics is won by a into the hair lit library. What right man who has shown himself in some degree possessed of had father to break into her plans this those qualities and who in business or in a profession has way by being out? What would he

ommanded attention. The typical British success is won by a bright young man not long out of an expensive university, who is rich -Aunt Annie-and Hardwick Holden, enough to sit in Parliament without pay. Sometimes be- for instance. Hardwick had no busicause of his ability, oftener because of family influence, he ness to think anything; she had not is selected by party leaders to "make the race" in a district come to see him! is given to enable him at least to seem to understand the renity changed. What afled the li-

Cost of Ocean Speed.

HAT it costs to increase the speed of a ship by one knot has lately been determined with great accuracy in the steam trials of the British armored cruiser Cape of Good Hope. On her fullpower trial this vessel, of 14,100 tons displacement, attained a mean speed of 23.05 knots an hour. By the speed curves plotted from the trial results, it appears that to go from half speed-11.05 knots-to full speed-23.05 knotsneeded, roughly, 26,000 additional horse power, of which the last knot alone absorbed 8,261 horse power. In other words, to increase the speed of this cruiser from 22 to 23 knots consumed as much power as was needed to propel her at 16 knots; or, to put it in still another way, the power required to propel her at full speed would have propelled per hour; et 19 knots it was about 11 tons per hour. This ton of coal burned under her boilers, while at 19 knots sumption. This illustrates very clearly the price paid for high speeds affoat. Applying the ratios thus established to steamers of the Atlantic merchant fleet, it will be readily understood why the "greyhounds" earn more applause than dividends.-New York Times.

As to Growing Old.

FOREIGN writer undertakes to answer the question er things, she had told him to mind as to whether it is sad to grow old, and treats the his own business; and the time that subject most felicitously. He says the art of grow- followed had not been a pleasant one. ing old is a difficult one, but he asks if the under- The room had become uncomfortasession of wealth. Do the rich know how have been so stupid as to write on to to be rich? Even as to health, the secret of graciously New York three months before and Although the Sultan is not prepared to grant all that bearing health is as difficult to acquire as that of carrying ask her to marry him. Dr. Herzl demanded, there is sufficient ground to believe, off gracefully illness. Yet nothing can be finer than a The next moment she was scrambwith Dr. Herzl, that the negotiations will most probably, placid and amiable old age. This writer remarks that ling her belongings together and had the Sultan's attitude toward the Jews, which in its benevo- more charitable, loves mankind in spite of its wretchedness had first sent her flying into the lilence contrasts curiously with the treatment meted out to and adores youth without the slightest tendency to mimic brary was abroad in the hall. his Christian subjects. Two years ago, he appointed mem- it. Such a person is like an old Stradivarius whose tone entourage. On another occasion his Majesty evinced a youth without the slightest tendency to mimic it" is a fine time." lively interest on behalf of the same race whose good re- touch indeed.-Boston Herald.

ORIGIN OF THE VICTORIA CROSS. ***************

Thursday, Jan. 29, is the anniversary

of the institution of the soldier's most precious decoration-perhaps the most precious decoration in the world-the Victoria cross, for it was instituted by her Majesty, the late Queen Victoria, on the 29th day of January, 1856, and so is not quite fifty years old. While it is most prized of all the decorations is the love for mother; the greatest sin is also the most democratic decoration and orders an Englishman can win, it in the world, for, although it is the official badge of an act of personal Corn breeding is a modification of courage and daring, it has no concern live-stock breeding, and follows the with rank, long service or wounds, and same general laws and principles. It it may be worn by one who has been is the application of principles of plant only a few months or weeks in the and animal breeding to the corn plant, army, while others who have spent The per cent of sugar in the sugar their lives in the service and gained beet has been increased from 3 per rank and other decorations may not cent to 16 per cent. The ordinary beet possess it. It may be worn by a private soldler or a field marshal, and on the roll of the heroes' names are to be found almost every rank in both the services, for the winning of the cross is possible to any one, as it was grantery or devotion to the country in the presence of the enemy," or as the inscription upon it records, "For Valor!

The Victoria cross had its birth during the Crimean war, when Queen Victoria felt that some recognition of the personal daring and heroism of her soldiers in that terrible struggle was needed. The royal warrant clearly lavs the characteristics of the plant, and down the conditions under which the in the usefulness and importance of cross may be won, but the whole of point, we have been able, by select sentence, "For conspicuous bravery or ing ears having long shanks to in devotion to the country in the presence

two feet in five years' selection. By There are not many who are unfaselecting ears with tall stalks, we have miliar with the appearance of the been able to increase the height of cross, but for the benefit of those who the stalk almost three feet in five have only seen it in photographs or years. By selecting ears from plants pictures, it may be said that it is about having wide leaves, we have been an inch and a half wide and has in the able to increase the average width of obverse center a crown illon, underthe leaf, and by selecting ears from neath which is an escroll bearing the stalks having narrow leaves, we have words, "For Valor." It is attached to been able to decrease the width of the a bar on which is a spray of laurel leaves and is suspended by a broad rib bon, which is blue for the naval set vice and dark red for the military Both the cross and the bar are made from bronze which formerly formed part of some of the Russian guns cap tured during the Crimean war, and complete with the ribbon and weighs just under an ounce, or 432 his charge he had not only the 3,500

ent, as well as the date on which he A building was being torn down on the man interrupted. won it, and as soon as this is done it Monroe street in Chicago. An old wois dispatched from the makers to the man came, with others, to gather up sovereign to bestow upon the hero.

It is strange to have to record that made up a buge bundle, so large that them up. "Look as though they might the first Victoria cross was won by a she could not lift it upon her head have been a sunbonnet once. Master'll sailor, for it has come to be looked to carry it away. upon as almost entirely a military dec- As she stood looking about for help, oration, yet such is the case—and it is a man, who from his dress seemed to still stranger that the deed which gain- be a prosperous merchant or lawyer, ed it was performed a year and seven came along and saw her difficulty. At months prior to the institution of the the same time a truckman saw it, and decoration. Another feature is that at descended from his seat. The two the time of winning it he was a boy men lifted the bundle, helped the old serving his time as a midshipman on woman to balance it, and then went board H. M. S. Hecla, and the story their ways while she went hers. of how Charles Davis Lucas, now an admiral, won the cross as a middy will always form one of the most glorious the search for the boy's lost pennice stories among the many in its history. It was at the bombardment of Bomarsund, in the Baltic, on June 21, 1854. that a live shell dropped in the midst of a group of men of whom young Lucas was in command. The fuse was almost burned away, and an explosion seemed imminent, but without a moment's hesitation the young midshipman sprang forward, grasped the sputtering shell in his hands and, rushing to the side of the vessel, hurled it overboard, where it exploded before it reached the water. Such an act as this displays the sublimest courage, for it combines intelligence and instantaneous action, and in a boy it was especially meritorious, and so young Lucas was chosen as the first recipient of the decoration eighteen months afterward. The winning of a cross, it may be explained, carries with it an annuity of £10, which may be increased to £50, payable quarterly, to all excepting ommissioned officers, but including those who have risen from the ranks. while for each clasp an extra annuity of #5 is awarded .- St. James Gazette.

A QUALITY TO CULTIVATE.

Characteristic Incidents Illustrating American Kindness.

A little boy went up Chestnut street in Philadelphia the other day, carrying a bag containing 3,500 pennies from a bank to his employer's office. The bag burst, the coppers were strewn about the street, and the boy set up a wall for help.

Traffic was suspended in that block. Scores of people stopped to belp the boy find the pennies, and motormen checked their cars to aid. many must have gone into their own pockets rather than search the pavement. When the boy finally delivered

mess you've made. Did these rags the broken and discarded lumber. She come out of that drawer?" He picked be mortal angry over this."

It was done as a matter of course

with no posing or professions, just as was undoubtedly conducted in Philadelphia. There was the need, and it was met by the first comers in the prompt and kindly American way.

Prince Henry of Prussia and other foreign observers, whose stations and duties have given them opportunities to note the conduct of street crowds in many nations, have said that the American crowd is the most good-humored and kindliest in the world. Such incidents as those recited above prove the accuracy of the observation

This kindness is a quality of which the American people may well be proud, and which we ought to cultivate even more. If it were deliberately extended there would be less seekling of employers by trade unions, less vituperation of unions by employers, fewer strikes and lockouts, less industrial strife-tionkqm' . . 66. . . . 6 . . 6 dustrial warfare, less danger to prosperity and more peace and profit for us all.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

Its Natural Gait.

"Walter!" called the impatient guest. "Yes, sir;" said the obsequious ser-

"Seems to me that soup I ordered is mighty long time getting to me."

butt of the riding whip I threw away two years ago on Pine Ridge and have antics, and with neck extended antics, and with neck extended to the riding whip I threw away two years ago on Pine Ridge and have a mighty long time getting to me." "Yes, sir." said the waiter with much begun on the letters——" she went respect; "but (deferentially) you will on with growing scorn; but he interpardon me. I trust, if I remind you rupted. that you ordered turtle soup."-Judge

As It Sounds.

Mrs. Newrich-Marie's trip abroad has given her quite a smattering of

Mr. Newrich (disgustedly)-Quite a sputtering, I should call it -Judge.

Knew Her Power. He-I'm sure if you accepted me I'd make you a good husband.

grains, to be exact. It is engraved with pennics with which he started, but I'd make you a good husband if I accepted you.—Philadelphia Press.

Hardwick walked over and kicked the andirons. Then he came back She That's impossible, but I'm sure

THE OTHER MAN'S HOUSE & THE OTHER MAN'S HOUSE &

last four days she had sat in her

Safely home! Yes; but explanations

The hall was unchanged; the same

down those banisters Hardwick Hol-

A step sounded on the upper stairs,

She laughed again as she tiptoed

alone? What would other people think

brary? Mother's picture had been

taken down, and the table-why, the

dear old library table was gone! She

had sat on that table when she was

a mite and played checkers with

father during the black, creepy hour

of 6 and 7. In later years she had

sat there and wept over her first

geometry problems, which father in

despair had tried to solve for her.

and couldn't: and life had been a

howling wilderness to them both un-

til Hardwick brought sage counsel

help her. That table would have to

all going to come back, too.

ome back; it shouldn't be pushed

Yes, everything would be perfect

now, Bess decided as she smoothed

back her hair; for Hardwick had so

much tact. Tact? Supposing Hard-

wick, with his superabundance of

tact, should consider it necessary to

keep out of the way! If he once

made up his mind to it, he could be-

come invisible, even if his great,

empty, lonely house were only across

the street. She knew that of old; it

had happened once when, among oth-

Ten minutes later Bess was roused

This must be a new butler. "Look

"Oh, I see. All right. A precious

"Young woman, more'n likely you'll

But just then a voice outside the door

interrupted - voice that was well

"Yes, I see. You can go, Roberts."

"Shall I go for the police?" Roberts

Roberts vanished. Then Hardwick

Holden came forward, hesitated, stop-

ped. Something in the girl's eyes for-

"If you were so terribly anxious to

get rid of these-these things"-her

"I have a latchkey, of course."

with an exclamation of dismay.

ocked," Hardwick said, uncertainly.

She laughed; but he came forward

"Bess, did you tear up that sun-

bonnet?" He snatched the pink tat-

"Bess, what right had you to

Where's father?" she burst out.

ng for them any longer."

things are mine."

"To save father the trouble of car-

"He has nothing to do with it. Thes

"Yes, and I burned up the collec-

"Please, sir, this young person-

Bess stamped her foot.

"What is it, Roberts?"

"No! Get out, will you?"

bade further approach.

here-

"Man!"

go to the lockup-

sked, hopefully.

ed. bewildered.

have the key to it?"

ters from the table.

that?"

known to her.

-" Bess began, sharply; but

"Did your father know you ren OME at last!
Grip and umbrella dropped from the girl's hands. For the Grip and umbrella dropped coming?

"No. I wanted to surprise him" "You haven't had any news from here lately, have you?"

"No-o. Why, Hardwick____ was beginning to be frightened. "Then why have you come?"

"I came to be with father. His is ters have been so queer. And when father." Bess dabbed her eyes fers staircase. The last time she had slid sent all my letters back, just because Here Bess suddenly collaps down those paintsters den had caught her as she bumped up and, sitting down, dropped her be against the post at the bottom, and on the desk. "I wish you would a

"Bess!" His voice was startist near. He must be bending close about "Why did you refuse to man her. voice was a strange one, and she was me?"

away; you've spoiled my whole hop

"I-I wouldn't have done it if pa hadn't asked me."

coming.

An interval of bewildered sleepe Then, "supposing I were to ask pa again?" he ventured. "But you sent back my letters and a think of her crossing the continent

lot of other things I didn't even know you had," came an injured voice for among the notepaper confusion of the desk. "I sent none of those things beck

but I can't explain until we are a gaged.'

She looked at the floor. Hardwick waited; then he pulled out

his watch and handkerchief. "I'll give you one minute more," he said, della erately. "If by that time you haven; sald you will, I shall consider it done Bess wheeled around and stared a the watch with fascinated eyes.

"Half a minute gone," he said. "I-I-oh, I-Hardwick, put up that watch!" she ordered desperately. "All right. Now I'm going to dry your eyes - oh, that's orthodor; e gaged people always do-and you an and arranged to come in evenings and not to be frightened at what I am p ing to say. You see, there really is m cause for worry; it's going to turn on aside; it stood for a big slice of home. all right. Why, in three years bell And the dear, old, beautiful times were pull out as good as new! But hg spring, what with stocks going down and the mines, things looked preny black. He's been up at the mines for the last six months-and, Bess, the

house had to go." "The house? This house?" "Yes, your father had to sell it You see, there was a mortgage on it and

enormous interest-"Oh, Hard-"But I bought it in-

"Oh-h!" "Because we couldn't have stranger living in the old home, could we, Bes!

And now-

"No." Bess shook herself free and pressed her hands to her cheeks. "Jos mean we're poor-I'm poor!"

"Don't laugh. I can't be engaged!

you now!" "But you are," he laughed. "But I refused you when I thought

was rich-"Sweetheart," he whispered, draw ing her close, "I thought you won

feel that way; that's why I wanted pu to promise before you knew." "What difference does it make There's only one thing - aren't put

sorry you pried into my things and tore up the pink sunbonnet?" was taking her over to Aunt Annie

Half an hour later, when Hardwist for the night, Bess confessed that is was .- New York News.

HORSE THAT SHOWED SORROW Repented the Cost of a Folly.

An incident which may serve ss illustration of "horse sense" was we nessed last winter by a number Brooklyn gentlemen who were their way to the railroad station. Whe within a few yards of the building the noticed a large gray horse belong to a brewer, whose stables are in the rear of the depot. It was plain the he had escaped from his stall, as it stableman was making vain efforts 2

catch him. He would not be caught. He h stolen a few moments to cut up prais in the snow; and with head up and mane flying, he was throwing the said into the air with his hind feet at snorting with delight.

voice was little more than a whisper He was not alone in his enjoyment as she pointed to the littered desk and A beautiful Scotch collie belong floor-"why couldn't you have sent the to the same man, and no doubt the letters to me when I was in New stable friend of the horse, joined York—instead of sending them back the fun, now jumping at the hors mane, and now at his tail. It look "Bess, how did you get in?" he ask-howildered for all the world like two schools overflowing with life and spirits si had escaped from an overheated de room and embraced the opportunity "And the desk? I thought it was "It's my desk. Don't you suppose I

frolic in the snow. But the dog's pleasure was brook to a sudden end. The iron-shed flew out and met an unintentional tim. It was pitiful to hear the de moans of pain, as he lay in the ten feet away. The stableman forward and carried him into the fice. Then came the display of

tion of dried flowers in the old eather sense." The old gray, when he heard pocketbook you used to carry; also the painful yelps, instantly stopped l butt of the riding whip I threw away nose almost touching the go never seen since-until to-night. I had walked after the man, and stood tionless while the dog was laid a blanket in the office; then be to ed toward the stall. His gait now as if he were drawing a bet load. He looked neither to the nor to the left, his head was love his steps were slow and heary. remained perfectly still while the er put on the harness for the Her eyes narrowed as she looked at toil. A more moving or picture of repentance would be bim. "Considering the fact that this to find. The men who watched rubbish was sent here to our house felt sure that he was saying " she began, flippantly; then, self: "What a fool I was to The few minutes of fun have been

means of injuring my poer

I'm sorry!"-Youth's Companies