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ing that the search has been made, and nothing is ever by any remotest chance said to the departing guest. She is sent cheerily on her way re-joicing and is usually perplexed out of all reason to account for the fact that the towels and pillow cases that she knows well she put into her trunk have mysteriously disappeared. Do you suppose for a moment that

It is very gently removed and check-

ed up on the housemaid's list, and the

trunk is carefully repacked and re-

locked. Nothing is left to give warn-

this is an extreme case nor even a rare one? It happens on an average once a day in every large hotel in New York and with almost as astounding frequency in Boston. Philadelphia and Chicago And in the case of silverware the matter is almost as simple, though remedying these thefts requires taking into your confidence at least the man who pays the bill, for every waiter has had his eve trained to count up the silverware while he is placing the finger bowls, and if so much as one small spoon is not where it should be it is unostentatiously placed upon the bill. The hotel graciously leaves it to the discretion of the escort as to whether or not the culprit shall be told. But at least it does not permit him to be enlightened only by the belated method of a lenky sleeve

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BOTH WERE STUBBORN.

Lots of Good Will Power Was In Mere Obstinacy. How much perfectly good, serviceable will power people waste in mere obstinacy! Martha Mhlone, after working three years for Mrs. Bixby, appeared one morning at Mrs. Wilson's back door and applied for a place. "Why," said the surprised Mrs. Wilson, "I thought you were working for Mrs. Bixby!"

"I was, mum. But I've quit." "Is that so?" Mrs. Wilson could not conceal her surprise. "I thought you

liked her.' "Indeed I do, mum." "And I'm sure she liked you."

"I believe she did, mum. Lenstwise she always seemed to."

"Well"- Mrs. Wilson was still wondering what the trouble had been. "Well," said Martha, seeing that some explanation was expected. "you see, it was like this, mum. I always put the blue china plates on the right hand side of the cupboard, and this morning the missus comes along and moves 'em and says, 'Martha, every mornin' for three years you've put the plates on the wrong side and I've had to come along and move them, and I can't stand it any longer.' "And," said Martha, "I says to her,

'Mrs. Bixby, every mornin' for three years I've put them plates in the right place and you've come and moved them, and then I had to come along and move them back, and I can't stand it any longer either.' "And so I quit." - Youth's Compan-

QUEER TRAP FOR LIONS.

Fly Paper Caught and Held the Monster Man Eaters Helpless.

You know what a ferocious, powerful beast the lion is. You can imagine what strong chains it would take to hold him fast. So can you even imagine a lion captured with fly paper? Well, not so very long ago four huge man eating llons were taken in that manner at the village of Gwallor, in India

It happened that the headman of the village was able to shut the four lions up in a hut into which they had ventured in search of prey. He kept them thus barricaded for nearly two weeks, no one being willing to attempt to capture them. Finally he thought of a scheme that proved as successful as it was original.

He had thousands of sheets of fly paper spread on the ground before the entrance to the hut. Then suddenly the barricades were lifted and the four lions came bounding out-into the fly paper. Of course it stuck to their paws, and of course when they tried to lick it off it stuck fast to their faces and heads. The lions promptly forgot all about human beings and in their wild endeavors to get rid of the fly paper rolled over and over on the ground, roaring and fighting for breath.

Then the headman and his follow ers rushed forward with long ropes lassoed the plunging lions and tied them up-fly paper and all!-London Tit-Bits.

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If So Call At The

The concerted action of the house detectives of all the large hotels in America has carefully extracted the points from two erstwhile excellent stories, the first, ascribed to Adele Ritchie. who, when asked once if she had ever been in Kansas City, replied, "I can't just remember, but I will look among my towels and see," and the second the more pathetic narrative of the young man who was obliged to break off his engagement because as he left the dining room of a large botel with his finncee a number of forks and spoous fell from the sleeves of her gown, for the house detectives have devised a "system" whereby the man or woman who wants to take a souvenir from a big hotel finds her path beset with almost insurmountable difficulties

The matter is carried on with the greatest artfulness. There are no hurt feelings," no bones broken, no arrests made.

The house detectives simply extract the unrightfully attached articles as palnlessly as they extract the points from old stories, and in the great majority of cases the frustrated "borrower" never knows at all what happened to him.

First the detective is provided with a complete list of everything which is owned by the hotel-every particle of linen, sliver, soap, etc. Then he delegates the responsibility for the care of them to various head waiters, waiters, housekeepers and chambermaids.

Then he gets a list each day of new arrivals and of those who having remained a few days are preparing to leave. From these lists of occupied rooms the detective calculates the areas where trouble might possibly brew and into these he goes with his subdivided lists and a checking up book.

The chambermaid is required to give an exact accounting of every piece of linen she has supplied to the man or woman who is about to leave. This is in turn taken to the landries, where a balance is made of those sheets, towels, etc., which have come out of each room. If there is a precise balance the matter ends there, but woe to the woman who believes that the towels she placed carefully in her locked trunk will not be "missed."

Her trunks and bags on their way downstairs are simply carried to the basement floor as if by chance, and there the house detective, with the aid of a skeleton key, goes through them in search of lost hotel linen.

Again, the head waiter will assure you that this happens, not once or twice, but ceaselessly

"Many a woman that thinks she's got away with it would be surprised to know that it is down in black and white on her escort's check and that both he and the hotel know just how many spoons and forks she is taking

home with her." said one genial head waiter, who viewed the business with considerable indulgence. - New York Times

French Fairy Tales.

French nursery literature if poor in rhymes is singularly rich in fairy tales. Three of the world's greatest fairy tale writers were French-La Fontaine, Charles Perrault, the Countess D'Aulnoy. Of these three the greatest in this particular line was undoubtedly Charles Perrault, to whom we owe "Cinderella," "Puss In Boots" and "Rhuebeard." But the Countess D'Aulnoy gave as the "Yellow Dwarf" and "Beauty and the Beast." To Antoine Galland, another Frenchman, we have to render thanks for the first European translation of the "Arabian Nights."-London Chronicle.

Every right action and true thought sets the seal of its beauty on the person and the face.-John Ruskin.

Ribbons

The original spelling of ribbon was ribband, for it was a band that went round the waist, inclosing or binding the ribs. The hair ribbon is thus a very odd verbal paradox.

Size of Queensland.

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To give some idea of the size of Australla. Queeusland alone is half as big again as Gegmany. Austria and Hungary put together. Its area is 668,497 square miles

One of the most successful disan pearances on record was of William Howe. Howe was a successful tradesman in Jermyn street, and one morn ing in 1706 he left his wife, telling her that he had business in the city. He never came back, and after some years an act of parliament was specially passed to enable Mrs. Howe to administer her husband's estate. Then one evening in 1723 the "widow" received a letter requesting an interview. Mrs. Howe duly kept the appointment-and discovered her husband. He had been living in disguise in the same neighborhood all the time, he explained, and keeping a close eye upon the move ments of his wife. It is said that the reunited couple lived happily ever afterward.-London Standard.

The Only Cure.

Mrs. Keepup made it her private and particular business to have whatever her neighbor had, whether it was a question of chickens or diseases, so when Mrs. Gotthere complained to her one day of insomnia Mrs. Keepup was ready for her. "I have it, too, very badly at times." "What do you do for it, Mrs. Keepup?" "Why, I have never found anything that did me any real good except to go to bed and sleep it off.'

Very Strange.

Mr. Fuss (furiously) - It is mighty strange you can't look after things a little better. Here I want to shave, and there isn't a drop of hot water here. Mrs. Fuss (icily)-It is strange. Why, that's the one thing I've never been out of since I married you!-Ex change

Danger Not Imminent.

"Better go home, Jimmy. Your mother is looking for you." "Has she got the hairbrush with her?" "No."

"Then I guess I'll play awhile longer."-Pittsburgh Post.

One Mind.

"Henry," called Mrs. R. over the partition in the voting booth, "how are you going to vote on amendment No. 5? He-l am going to vote "yes." She-No, you're not; you're going to vote "no." I have changed my mind. -Life

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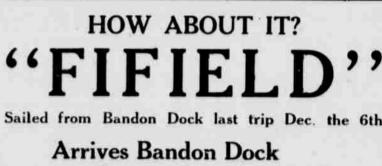
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