An Invincible Cat. Short-I thought you were going to drown that cat?

Long—Well, they say a cat has nine lives, but this one has 20, I think. Why, I actually put that cat in a tub of water and tied a brick round its neck, and what do you think?

Short-Goodness knows: Long-Well, this morning when I went to look at the tub, the cat had swallowed all the water and was sitting on the brick!

A Suggestion.

They were sitting together in the moonlight, and he was trying bard to think of something pleasant to say. All of a sudden she gave a slight shudder. "Are you cold, darling?" he asked anxiously. "I will put my coat around you if you like."

"Well, yes," she said shyly, with mother little shiver, "I am a little cold, I confess, but you needn't put your coat round me. One of the sleeves will do."—Exchange.

His Last Resort.

For years he'd sought to see her home,
For years had she declined;
Each time he brought some good excuse,
But she in ways that maidens use
Would some quick answer find.
Tonight he came as usual,
Without a thought of falling,

And said, "Tis now my privilege, For there's a man down on the bridge

A-leaning 'gainst the railing."

She listened quite attentively.
Then said in accents rare.
"Oh, thank you, John, for telling me.
He said he'd meet me there."
—Boston Courier.

Taking a New Start.

Rivers—How are you getting along with that little pamphlet of yours on "How to See the World's Fair In a Week?"

Banks (wiping the perspiration from his face)—I've thrown it aside, Rivers, and I'm working now on a big book entitled "How to Get a Glimpse of the World's Fair In Six Months."—Chicago Tribune.

I asked for a kiss when our love was new

And you coyly answered me "No."

I have kissed you often since then, 'tis true,
Yet I wanted that one kiss so! When I think of it, sweet, my heart grows

drear And is filled with a vain regret, For the sweetest of all your kisses, dear. Was the kiss that I didn't geti

The Retort Courteous. Married Man-Why don't you get mar-ried, Miss Perkins? You are getting to look like a "back number"-you will soon be an old maid.

Miss Perkins-If I were as easy to please as your wife was, I would have been mar-ried long ago.—Yankee Blade.

Inside Information. The morning of the hop he came,

And with the giddy girls that day He was in great demand.

Perhaps those girls would not have cared So much that day to flirt If they had known that case held but Two neckties and a shirt.

Horrible!

"Miss May-I-ah"-began the young man, when the fair girl fell forward in a

A minute clapsed, and she opened her eyes. "Tom," she whispered, "did I hear you say 'I are?' "—Harper's Bazar.

Nothing Unusual.

"There goes a real crack fisher, lill,"
Said Biggins to his neighbor Todd
As long the em'rald broidered kill
There passed a man with creel and ro

"There's nothing strange in that to me," Baid Todd, not even looking back
To view the man, "for you'll agree
That every fissure is a crack."

—Hoston Courier.

More to the Point Sufferer (to lady in front)-Madam, if you

were to remove your hat I could see the

Lady in front (with manifestation of sur-prise)—Yes, but you could not then see my new hat.—Boston Globe.

He bought himself a new silk hat, And to the street he flew, And then for weeks he walked and walked, But met no girl he knew.

-New York Herald.

Luck.

Brown-Going to housekeeping, eh? Jones—Yep. Brown—Awfully expensive. Jones-Won't be for us. Going to use my wife's temper for a furnace and her feet for a refrigerator.—Truth.

One Way to Get There.

She filled her new puff sleeves with gas, And when the wind was right Toward the World's fair she lit out And soon was out of sight.

—Detroit Free Press.

Just the Place.

Father-What would you advise me to do with my son? His pronunciation is per-fectly terrible. cher-Get him a position as porter at a railway station at once.-Tit-Bits.

The Oculist. "I'm slow to anger," he exclaimed, "And yet I'd have it understood,

When there are charges to be named I'm always in an eye-rate mood." —Washington Star.

He Mustn't Spoil Himself. Dick Hicks-You're not a self made man, are you, pop?

Hicks—Yes, my son. Why do you ask?

Dick Hicks—I didn't suppose a self made man would rip and tear.—Truth.

Small Need For a Card.

And ever as his new spring suit I scan,
Bechecked and striped in many a varied hue.
Apparel, oft, methinks, proclaims the man,
Proclaims him loudly too, -New York Herald. World's Fair Passes.

The number of free season passes to the World's fair issued by the exposition officials is estimated at 200,000. On each of these is the photograph of the holder, so as to prevent use by another. The pass is in the form of a book 21 by 31 inches, containing 181 admission coupons, or one for each day of the six months. They are issued to officials, employees, exhibitors, newspaper men, foreign commissioners, etc.—Pittsburg

Trials of a Kentucky Minister. In speaking of a well known minister

who was until not very long ago pastor of a large congregation in this city, a member of that church said yesterday: "Few people knew what he saffered. He was the nearest approach to Job that I ever saw. The newspapers might have had a great sensation out of one of his trials. Though one of the best known

preachers in Louisville, considering his stay here, his wife was a morphine eater. On one occasion when he had to go to thurch to mavry a young pair his wife locked him to his room. He faulty succoeded in climbing through the transom and arrived at the altar after lecping evrry one waiting for nearly half an hour. "She often locked him up to try to keep him from preaching, and her treatment of him was often too inhuman to be described. Yet with all that a complaint never left his lips, and he performed his religious dulies under a mental agony that few are called on to fear, She took an active part in the church societies, and not until about the time of their departure was her terrible habit known outside the family. Her children

were often beaten like animals. I know these things to be facts, and if the name were divulged it would thrill the city with astonishment."-Louisville Courier-Journal. Dyorak Awakeus the Musical World. Dr. Dvorak's bold declaration that the negro melodies of America are to be the foundation of a great national school of music ranging through every stage of

the art, from ballads to symphonies and oratorios, has aroused the musicians of Europe. The Commercial cable brings us an interview with Ernest Reyer, the distinguished French composer. He says that the negro melodies, even if they do not serve as the actual basis of the coming American school, will determine its character. The presence of the great Bohemian

master in this country is a blessing to art. And it is a remarkable thing that, at the very moment Rubinstein, Richter, Joachim and other famous musicians were discussing Dr. Dvorak's discovery with correspondents in Europe, the com-poser himself was writing the gratifying announcement that he had just finished a new symphony reflecting all through it the negro melodies of the western world. -New York Herald.

Sheep Shearing In New York.

They are shearing the sheep in Central park, and a good sized job it has turned out to be. There are about 80 ewes and as many lambs besides the two or three rams. All of the flock are Southdowns of the purest breed, and their wool, averaging from six to eight pounds a fleece, is very fine and of more value than that of the ordinary sheep.

Shepherd Conway and his sheep dog are attending the sheep and lambs on the green, while three or four professional sheep shearers are at work on the rest of the flock at the sheepfold. As fast as an animal has been shorn it is turned out to pasture with the lambs and rams, and the contrast between the thin, white appearance of the shorn sheep and the thick, brown fleeces of the rams and lambs is an interesting sight. - New York Letter.

Secretary Hoke Smith recently attended a semiprivate dinner in Washington and was called upon for a speech. Quite a number of newspaper men were present, and Mr. Smith concluded his remarks with an appeal to them to stand by the administration and stop criticising it. His remarks were pitched in a strong religious strain. When Mr. Smith sat down, the gentleman who was presiding at the dinner said with a perfectly grave face, "The choir will now sing 'I Want to Be an Angel."—Washington

Reduced Immigration.

The total immigration to the United States during the 10 months ended April 30, 1898, was 884,825-a decline of 119, 133 from the immigration of the corresponding 10 months of the previous year. Emigration from Russia and Poland shows the greatest decline in this period, having fallen from 94,099 to 83,978. There is a very slight decline in the arrivals from Great Britain and Ireland, but the tide of emigration from Italy shows no abatement .-Charleston News and Courier.

Hawthorne In a Bean Pot. The story goes that a few weeks ago an auctioneer near Lewiston, Me., put up an old bean pot, and having no bids knocked it down to himself for 10 cents. Inside he found a copy of Hawthorne's "Fanshawe," the original edition. He remembered seeing in a Boston paper that a copy of this book had recently been sold for \$131.50. He wrote to a Boston dealer, who offered him \$100 for his find, which he took. It is said he might have got more.—Philadelphia

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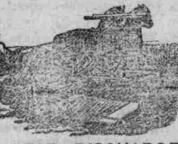
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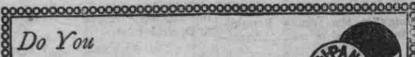
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