Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

They Dion't Like it.

"Of course," said Mr. Brown, a real estate agent, "curious things happen in my business, just as in every other. Now, I fully expected to reat that top saite of rooms in the Perpendicular building to a society that wanted to hire some clubrooms, but it voted nut to take them."

"What was the trouble!" asked a listener. "There's no elevator in the building, and the members wouldn't climb the stairs."

"What did you say the name of the society weat!" some one saked.

The real estate agent looked pensively at a letter which be held in his hand and read, "The Eastern Massachusetts Branch of the American Pedestrian and Mountain filmbing association."—Youth's Companion.

Too High Living. .



around here where I can get a plateful of aything besides chicken and asparrow-prast? For the last week I've had nothin att asparrowgrass an chicken, chicken an aparrowgrass. If you could only tell me there I could strike a plate of good, old shioned best, or even a simple salad, I'd loss you!—Life. Little girl, is there any

Hard to Please.

A San Francisco man had been in bed for several months with a malasty that made him very nervous and irritable. His wife and daughter ministered to him assiduced, but were sometimes at their wita' end in trying to satisfy his capricious desires. As the young lady said once, her father was "so unreasonable that he would asold if an angel were waiting on him." One night when the mother and daughter were both thoroughly tired out a young man, a friend of the family, was called in to watch with the sick man for air hours after midnight. The invalid's wife instructed him about the medicines and especially cautioned him to be careful about disturbing the patient.

"He is very irritable," she said. "Don't speak to him except when he speaks to you, and if he is askep when, the time comes for him to take his medicine don't disturb him."

"And by the way," she added as she was

him."

"And by the way," she added as she was about lesving the room, "you may like something to read. Here is Mark Twain's Roughing It." It will amuse you, but you mustn't laugh while reading it, for Mr. J.—will fancy you are isughing at him and will be very much amoyed."

The young man performed his duties to the best of his ability, but on going away in the morning was thanked rather curtly by the invalid. As soon as he was gone Mr. J.—broke out:

"See here mother," said he, "don't ever omd that aumakull to watch with me again."

was, the stientive! He didn't go to sheep, did he?"
"No, no, no. But I was awake for two hours, and I watched him reading Mark Twain's book all that time, and"
"But, father," interposed Mrs. J.—,"I gave him that book to occupy his time. He"—

"Ob. 7cs, yos. That's all right, but that of sat there for two hours reading that ok and never smiled once."—Sen France seo Call.

n who had lost his way in a track-est came suddenly upon the signs of

Avilization.

Many lights blazed, and sounds of revely must upon his car.

He was very glad.

Advancing toward the festive scene, he was presently robted to the spot.

"Marciful beavens, this"—

There was much of angulais in his tone and manner.

"is no plads for a man,"

In the garish filesm of the flaring lights he had read that a summer hotel was before him.

Tenant-See igher fife Landlord, the peo-ple on the floor above dance and jump around all night, and we can't get any sleep. Inn't there anything that can be

one! Landlord—Certainly there in Either ske the flat above them or dance and ump around all night yourselves and keep as people below awake.—Harper's Bozar.

Sumcient Grounds.
"I'm going to let h divorce."
"On what grounds?"
"Bigmay. After I married him I learned he was wedded to his money."—Brooklyn

A Simple Request.
Editor Always write your jokes on the
junest paper you can get.
Young Humoris-Why?
"lie I can use through them."—Truth.

Pretty Cold Weather.

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Two boatmen on the Ohio river were talking about cold weather and of a certain severe winter. "It was just awful," said one of them. "At Cincinnati the river was from tight, and the thermometer went down to 20 degrees below Cairo."

"Below which?" asked his puzzled

companion.
"Below Cairo, you blubberhead! You see, when it freezes at Cairo it must be pretty cold, so they say so many degrees below (Lairo." Cairo.

But light was bursting in upon the ther. "No, they do not," he exclaimed eagerly. "You've got it all wrong. It's so many degrees below Nero. I do not know what it means, but that's what they say when it's dreadful cold."—Har-per's Young People.

Rational Dress Reform.

At a recent meeting of the Rational Dress Reform society in London, Lady Haberton, the high priestess of the order, wore a coat bodice and divided skirt, reaching half way between her knee and ankie, of dark, rough homespun. Thick, taced boots and high gaiters were another feature of her attire, with a rather incongruous finishing touch in the shape of a large velvet hat with nodding plumes. The secretary wore a costume comprising Turkish trousers and a zounve jacket.—Londor Letter.

What a Woman's Club Has Done.
The Woman's Charity cinb of Boston started less than two years ago a surgical hospital with but forty cents in its treasury. It has since then bought and furnished its present quarters, supported a staff of nurses and doctors, paid \$85,000 for land on which to erect new buildings, has \$18,000 at interest for hospital purposes, and is now examining plans for a new \$55,000 building soon to be erected. The club has \$50 members.

—Boston Letter

The Pope's Frugal Life.

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The pope, according to Dr. Ceccarelli, leads a very regular and frugal life. He rises at 6 o'clock, says uses at 7, and is present afterward at the prayers of thanks giving. Between 8 and 9 be takes coffee, milk and eggs. Then he gives private receptions. At 2 o'clock in the aftermon he makes a slight dinner, soup, a little fish and very little meat, after which he takes a little walk in the garden. In the sevening one of his chaplains says the rosary in the papal chapel in presence of the pope. Toward 10 o'clock in the evening his loilness eats soup or broth of some kind and at 11 goes to bed.—London Newa.

Two Strange Meetings.

At table d'hote in a New York hotel two strangers met about a year since. An interesting conversation ended by hearty piedges of mutual friendship. Precisely six months later to the day recessive ar months later to the day and almost to the hour they sgain met, without the slightest prevision or preur-rangement, at the same hotel and the same table. During the interval each had traveled around the world, one eastid, the other westward.-Exchange.

Chokes, Not Jokes.

"Don't send the horse reporter to any more hangings," said the proprietor of a Texas paper to the managing editor.

Managing Editor—Why not?

Proprietor—In this report of the double tanging he has it that the two entries came in neck and neck. In reporting executions levity is out of place.—Texas Siftings. Siftings.

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A man answered an advertisement of "Man wanted for the life saving service." "What has been your business?" was the

what has been your manness? was ine first question.

"I have been a doctor," was the reply.

"You won't do at all, str.," was the reply.
"We want a man who has had some experi-ence in saving life."—Texas Siftings.

Famous Scientist (excitedly)—Something must be done to stop the spread of the spinin babit among women.

Great Editor (calmiy)—Very well, sir, I'll puting paragraph saying that a hankering for optum is a sign of old age.—New York Weekly.

An Exception.
Johnnie-Mamma, this book says knowledges bower.
Mamma-And it is, my child.
"No, mamma, it isn't. I know there is a ple in the pantry, but I can't get it."—
Yankee Blauc.

A Question of Shortness

Dinkle—It's a strange thing to me how a short men always wants a tail girl.

Punkle—Humph! It's a strange thing to me how a short man wantsariy girl. I'm blamel if I do when I'm short—Buffalo Courier.

A Fayment He Preferred.

Himker-1 asked old Mr. Munn if I stight pay my addresses to his daughten.
Scotts-Winz did he say?
Hunker-He augrented that 1 pay my debts first.—Detroit Free Free.

OUR HOME.

Beloved) when we pass away
From this familiar spot.
I wonder who will come and may
In the deserted cot.
Beneath those clin trees who selli-stand
And think that home is sweet.
When we have gone into that land
Where parted howscholds meet?

Oh, who will walk beside the stream.
Or sit beneath the pine.
To dream again life's little fream, When 'its not yours, nor mine'
Will some one fell my favorite tree,
Pall down the mossy walk.
The things so done to you and ma.
Will they destroy them all!

Whose name will be on yonder door?
Whose pictures deck the walks!
Whose feet press roughtly on the floor
Where your dear footscip fails?
And when the years to centuries awing
Till all we love are dead.
Will any eclob backward lating
The words that we have easi?

I hope the brook down there will miss An old familiar time.

When in a happier home that this We talk with all our own,
For ab, this little home is sweet,
Each corner is so dear;
Can Heaven without it be complete? I would that Heaven were here.

I aimon think that from the sities.
If I this home can see,
If a lail watch those with so vious eyes
Who live here after me.
"Hushi hushi weshall not care," you say
Dear heart It may be true;
We shall not then, but oh, lodgy
My life is here, with you.
—Julia II. May in tiood Housekseping.

Woman and Cabe

Of all the ways in which women are "pound foolish" there is none to equal their way of not taking cabs when they know they should. It is charged against them that they will lose a train, catch their "death o' cold" or be late at a funeral rather than hall a cabby, as men universally do. One especial woman got a lesson on the subject the day be-fore Christmas, when the mud was of a peculiarly clinging sort. There were about a hundred tiresome little errands must do down town about noon, had vainly tried to elude all her family on leaving home, but it had been,
"Oh, you'll be near the buzaar; do get
the candles for the tree, and the Ger-man mottoes, and "Ah, please post this
in the postofice and then it will get
there today."

The mud began to stick immediately The mud began to stick immediately, and she thought of taking a cab to go about in, but they are so dear, and it was only a "step of a way." Soon the fast accumulating bundles in her arms prevented her lifting her skirts, and the fur binding on its edge dragged it down on the slimy pavements. Higher and higher grew the border of mud. She saw the useers by beginning to glance saw the useers by beginning to glance nigher graw the tortier of mid. She saw the passers by beginning to glance sadly at that beamirched gown, as if in corrow rather than anger, and then would gladly have paid one dollar, aye, or ten dollars, for a vehicle wherein to hide, only she was too agonizingly dirty to dare to enter anything cleaner than a cable car. cable car.

cable car.

The maxt day, in the season of penitence spent in brushing her gown, she struck a balance. Her skirt from navy blue had turned a vivid azure wherever the mud had stained it. That meant spending two dollars for a braid border, the damage to her boots was at least two dollars more, and having to spend a half hour of Christmas day in cleaning that horrible skirt would need lifty dollars to indemnify one. The cab she did not get indemnify one. The cab she did not get would have cost her one dollar. Balance of fifty-three dollars in favor of the cab. -Chicago Post

A Clever Southern Business Woman. In the death of Mrs. D. P. Faulds

Kentucky's leading business woman is carried away. Mrs. Faulds was born in Bourbon county, and was a daughter of Willoughby Scott. She was married twice. Her first husband was R. R. Bolling, at one time clerk of the court of appeals. It was during the latter years of his life that Mrs. Faulds entered the china business, in which she gained a reputation of being a remark gained a regulation of being a remark-able connoisseur of all pertaining to her line. Two years after the death of her-first husband she married Faulds. He was involved in debt at the time, and she was able to pledge herself for \$50,000 of the amount. All but a very small portion of this has been paid from the profits of her business.—Louisville Cor. St. Louis Republic.

Cordney for English Bridesmaids' Go

Cording has figured as the material for bridesmaids gowns at several re-cent weddings. At one the eight at-tendants of the bride wore yellow cor-durey, with hate of yellow felt, trimmed

plumes."

At a third the single bridesmaid, who was maid of honor as well, wore white cordurey, slightly on train, trimined with gold passementerie. Her but was of white felt, with May white cetrich tips, and she carried a broughet of rure bronze and yellow chrysanthemmus.—London Letter.

Rev. Mr. Highys—Lodid not see you smoon the congregation resterday, Mrs. Au Fait.

Mrs. Au Fait—No. I was III. but I—sent my card by the coachman—Tit-litta.

"He is very and," and the \$20 bill, "but since that stuckup collabere has been to Europe and come back it positively refuses to recognize me as an equal."—Indianapoles Journal.

Famous "Hittes."

box. D. D. John Gilpin's Ride: William Cowper. Charlotte Churchman's Ride; A. A.

Preston. Collins Grave's Ride; John Boyle D'Reilly

Erl King's Ride; Wilhelm von Goethe Ichabod Crane's Ride: Washington

Fring.
King of Demark's Ride; C. E. Norton.
Kit Carson's Ride; Joaquin Miller.
Lady Godiva's Ride; Alfred Tenny-

Mary Butler's Ride; B. F. Taylor Parson Allen's Ride: Wallace Bruce. Paul Revere's Ride: H. W. Longfel-

Ride to Aix: Robert Browning. Skipper Ireson's Ride; J. G. Whittier. The Radical Ride; A. J. Walker. Warren's Ride; E. H. Weston.

Young Lochinvar's Ride:

To the above may be added Grayson To the above may be aided Graysos McArthur's Ride, Larael Putnan's Ride, Wilhelm's Ride with Lenore, John Sullivan's March, Don Quixote's Parole, Mazeppa's Circus Feat, News from Flodden Field, Pythias' Homeward Raco, Ride of the Light Brigade, Ride of Commendatore, The Ride for Life and Dick Turpin's Ride. -St. Louis Republic

The Average Steeping Room

Look into the sleeping room of the laborer, the clerk, the mechanic, where laborer, the clerk, the mechanic, where they spend from seven to nine hours of the twenty-four. Generally they are the smallest and most inconvenient rooms in the house, on the shady side, with one window, precluding any thorough ventilation. Even this one window may be so arranged that the wind will blow directly on the sleeper's head if left open at night. Perhaps there is a small closet where, for want of other room, soiled clothing, book, shoes and other belongings are kept. Oftentimes a row of hooks on the wall is the only apology for a closet, and the clothing hung on them adds to the general stuffiness of the room. of the room

In this small, ill ventilated room two grown persons sleep, with a baby or small child added — sometimes both. What wonder that the children are cross and have no appetite in the morning? How can the parents be fitted for their daily labor, after eleeping in such a room? The boarding houses are no bet-ter, especially among the cheaper class. many sleeping rooms being hardly larger than a closet.—Good Housekeep-

Queer Theory About Insantity.

There is something in the atmos pheric conditions that develops mannity and murderous impulses," said a student of human nature. "That is my theory. It is like the grip and other diseases that prevail at certain times and under certain conditions. There are all sorts of diseases and impulses in people, and it only needs the conditions to develop them. Inanity is a peculiar disease, and to a greater or less degree exists in

pretty large proportion of mankind.
"In most cases it is shown in a harm less idiosyncracy and excites no more comment than mild ridicule, but in many cases it has a homicidal tendency that is suddenly and unexpectedly de-veloped. Can this be through natural and general causes or is it imitation that and general cames or is it imitation that produces these mind waves? I believe it is the former—that general cames similar to the conditions that produce the grip wave, the cholera wave, the horse dis-temper wave or any other disease of a season also tend to unbalance the badly balanced mind. "—New York Herald.

Princes Who Cannot Horre

In regard to the Prussian royal family there is an excellent law, which, had it existed here, would have saved as much money. No royal prince is allowed to borrow, and no one is allowed to lend money to him. If any one does lend he cannot recover. Acting on this law, Frederick the Great never repaid any Prussian who had lent him money when he was heir to the throne, for he deemed that such a person had not only violated the law, but ought to lose his money for having done an improper action. Were durcy, with hate of yellow felt, trimmed with yellow ribbons and yellow and the house of commons would follow the maids had Georgian costumes of "gray cordurcy, with white waistcoats and black three cornered hats with white plumes."

At a third the simple had.

Pengic and Their "H's."

Guest-Why is it, waiter, that Englishmen give h's to words that have no right to them and drop them off others to which they belong?

Waiter-Hedusted Hinglishmen 'ardiy waiter-Hedusted Hinglishmen 'ardiy

hever do hit, sir. Honly the hignorent hand hilliterate talk that way.—New York Times

The following collections of poetry and prose on famous rides, although still incomplete, the writer believes to be the largest yet brought together: Shershank Ride; Thomas B. Read. Tam O'Shanter's Ride; Robert Burns. Black Valley R. R. Ride; I. N. Tar-bank D. R.

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