The first really valuable census of agriculture in the United States was taken in 1850, of the crops of 1849. The next enumeration of agriculture will be taken in June, 1900, of the products of 1899.

Instead of recording several farms on one schedule in the Twelfth census, as heretofore, each farm will be accorded a separate blank, the entries on which will not be known to any save sworn officers of the department. No names will be published in connection with information secured from the people.

Tax assessors, collectors, and equalizers cannot serve as enumerators, or have access to the census returns, or to the information therein contained. There are more than 5,000,000 farms.

plantations, ranches, stock ranges, and market gardens in the United States. all of which, for census purposes, will be designated as "farms."

A "farm" is all the land cultivated or held for agricultural purposes under one management, whether in a single body or separate parcels. The enumerator will ask for the size

and value of each farm, the value of buildings, and the aggregate value of all machinery, implements, vehicles, harnesses, etc., use1 thereon; and the amount of land owned and leased, respectively, by said occupant.

He will also ask for acreage and value of each crop, and the acreage of improved, unimproved and irrigated

The designation "each crop" insugar cane, sugar beets, sorghum, hay, clover, wild grasses, gathered forage, in 1896. flax, hemp, hops, peanuts, tobacco, seeds, nuts, tropical fruits, small fruits, orchard fruits, nursery and greenhouse stock, broom corn, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and yams, all vegetables, including the product of all family, truck, and market gardens, etc.; also new or unusual crops, when found.

The enumerator will ask for the number and value of the live stock on the farm June 1, 1900, which will be reported under a number of heads, such as horses, colts, mules, asses, cows, heifers, steers, calves, bulls, ewes, rams, lambs, swine, goats, chickens (including guinea fowl), turkeys, geese, ducks, bees, etc.

He will also ask for the quantity and value of milk, cream, butter, cheese, raisins, prunes, molasses, sirup, sugar, eggs, beeswax, honey, wool, wine, cider, vinegar, dried and evaporated fruits, forest products, poultry and meat products, and generally, all articles made at home, or for the home, from farm materials in 1899.

If a person who moves from a farm between the end of the crop year 1899 and June 1, 1900, will leave a written record of the products and crops of that farm for 1899 where it will reach the appropriate enumerator, the statisties for his operations for that year will not be lost. He will be required to give the enumerator of the district in which he lives on June 1, 1900, the acreage, value, buildings, machinery, implements, and live stock of the farm he then occupies.

If every farmer will begin at once to prepare a careful record of all the facts which the enumerator will be instucted to record in June, 1900, he will save time for himself and the officer, and insure more accurate returns to the government.

The twentieth century will begin on January, 1, 1901. Therefore, the pending census will afford to future generations a measure of the strength and condition of the United States at the threshold of the new hundred year cycle. For that reason everyone should take an active interest in making it as nearly perfect as possible. If each farmer will make his own report perfect, the aggregated report for every community, and for the nation, will ton.

Spokane is to send a formal invitation to President McKinley to visit the town in October, when, it is said, he will come to the Pacific coast.

North Yakima merchants are not worried because a mild winter has left heavy stocks of woolen goods on their hands; the price on woolens has advanced 25 per cent in the past three

Thursday 100 horses were shipped from Walla Walla to Vancouver, says dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per the Walla Walla Union. The animals, pound. together with a number of other horses. will be transported to the Philippines for cavalry use. No more horses will be purchased for the government in Walla Walla at the present time.

Blanche Dewey, a 15-year-old girl of Snohomish county, made complaint against her father, charging him with criminal assault upon her, and on the witness stand swore that the complaint was false and that there was no ground for it. Then she was arrested for perjury, and, it is said, will be sent to the reform school.

George Gross, at Junction City, has a hog that weighs 525 pounds.

C. R. Hunt is about to build a new barn on his Tillamook dairy ranch, for 7% e per pound. which 45,000 feet of lumber will be required.

Telegraph, telephone and electric companies have appealed to the authorities of Pendleton to protect them from the tin sign tackers, who persist in defacing their property by tacking their advertisements on the poles in the

George and John Dunsan, of Wilbur, near Meacham station, are in jail at Pendleton, charged with the larceny of two saddles from Ed Lisner's barn, and 17c. a horse belonging to George Adams, of Pendleton.

The burglars who entered Harriet & Lawrence's grocery, in Salem, Friday night, smashed an old empty cash drawer in their efforts to find money, but entirely overlooked the regular till,

which contained \$16. Residents of the Arcadia settlement, in Malheur county, are signing a petition to the Oregon Short Line to establish a railway station there.

The gambling ordinance of the city of Pendleton was amended at the last meeting of the city council so as to prohibit the operating of nickel-in-the- inal; Persian dates, 6@6) c per though froned on a flat board, is froned slot machines.

### BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

favorable Increase of Trade as Compared to Last Year.

Bradstreet's says: Satisfactory advices as to expanding trade in dry goods and kindred lines come from number of markets. That the aggregate business of the country is of good volume otherwise is, however, indicated by detailed reports of increases in trade, as compared with last year, confirmed by satisfactory railroad earnings reports, by fair gains in bank clearings and by reports of better demands for money in commercial channels. A year ago, it may be recalled, extremely stormy weather was experienced, and some effects, notably those on winter sown crops, were very unfavorable. This year opposite conditions have ruled and though some talk of lack of snow in grain-growing regions is heard no widespread damage from cold weather is yet noted. In fact, unseasonably mild weather has been an appreciable effect on several industries, notably those engaged in the manufacture of footwear, in discouraging sales of the same actually causing the shut down of some rubber manufactories. and also in the lumber and ice by ness. The scarcity of snow in t. Northwest will unquestionably affect the log cutting season, and a firmer tone as to values is already perceptible,

notwithstanding talk of labor troubles affecting the building trades. The foreign demand for iron and tant effect upon prices of the domestic product. It is conceded that any important recession in value would be

Failures for the week in the United States number 199, as compared with cludes all grains, cotton, corn, rice, 231 last week, 160 in this week a year ago, 269 in 1898, 325 in 1897 and 276

#### PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Sentile Markets. Onions, new, \$2.25@2.50 per sack. Lettuce, hot house, 40c per doz. Potatoes, new, \$18@20. Beets, per sack, 75@85c. Turnips, per sack, 60c. Carrots, per sack, 50c.

Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c. Cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per dozen. Cabbage, native and California, \$1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds. Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box. Pears, \$1.00@1.25 per box.

Prunes, 60c per box. Butter-Creamery, 31c per pound; lairy, 17@22c; ranch, 20c per pound. Eggs-20c. Cheese-Native, 16c.

Poultry-13@14c; dressed, 14@15c. Hay-Puget Sound timothy, \$12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$18.00@19.00 Corn-Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23.

Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$21; whole, \$22. Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.25; blended straights, \$3.00; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; graham, per barrel, \$3.80; whole wheat flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00.

shorts, per ton, \$16.00. Feed—Chopped feed, \$20.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$20; oil cake meal, per ton, \$30.00.

Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef steers, 71/2@8c; cows, 7c;mutton 8c; pork, 714c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 816@

Hams-Large, 13c; small, 131/2; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; dry salt sides,

## Portland Market.

Flour-Best grades, \$3.00; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.10 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 35@36c; choice

gray, 34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$14@15.00; brewing, \$17.00@18.00 per ton.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$13 per ton; middlings, \$19; shorts, \$15; chop, \$14 per Mrs. Hazen crossed the room to make Hay-Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$7@

7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter-Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 42 1/2 @45c; dairy, 30 @37 1/2c; store, 25 1/2 @ 32 1/2 c.

Eggs-14 % @16c per dozen. Cheese-Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@ 4.00 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs, \$2.50@3.50; geese, \$7.00@8.00 for old; \$4.50@6.50; ducks, \$5.00@6.00 per

Potatoes-55@90c per sack; sweets, 2@21/c per pound. Vegetables-Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c; per sack; garlie, 7c per pound; cab-

bage, 1160 per pound; parsnips, \$1; onions, \$1.50@2.00; carrots, \$1. Hops-7@8c per pound Wool-Valley, 12@13c per pound;

Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@ 30c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4 %; dressed mutton, 7@ 7 %c per pound; lambs, 7 %c per pound.

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$4.00@4.50;

cows, \$3.50@4.00; dressed beef, 636@ Veal-Large, 7@8c; small, 814@ 9 %c per pound.

# San Francisco Market. ley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c.

Hops-1899 crop, 11@13c Butter-Fancy creamery 23 (g 24c; do seconds, 22@221/c; fancy dairy, 20

@21c; do seconds, 18@19c per pound. | the most expert of laundry work. The

Millstuffs - Middlings, \$17.50 @ 20.00; bran, \$12.50@13.50.

Hay-Wheat \$6.50@9.50; wheat and straw, 30@ 45c per bale.

banks, 50@75c; Salinas Burbanks, found to be straight, but to meet true 80c@1.10 per sack.

do choice \$1.75@2.00 per bex.



In sentencing a prisoner to be hang-

ed for the murder of a soldier, Lord Eskgrove dilated upon the crime as follows: "And not only did you murder him, whereby he was bereaved of his life, but you did thrust, or push, or pierce, or project, or propel the lethal weapon through the bellyband of his regimental breeches, which were his majesty's!"

A story illustrating the reticence of A train was at a station, when a porter put his head into a carriage and called out: "Any one for Doun? Change for Doun! Any one for Doun?" No one moved, and in a few minutes the train was speeding along, not to stop again for nearly an hour. Then an old Scotswoman turned to a lady sitting near her and said: "I'm for Doun, but I'd no tell that man so."

"What is the price of this pin?" asked a young man in a Paris shop, handling a small silver brooch of exquisite workmanship. "Twenty francs, monsieur," said the clerk. "That's altogether too much," said the young American; "it's steel seems likely to have a most impor- for a present to my sister; I'll give you five francs for it." "Zen it would be I zat gave ze present to your sister," said the Frenchman, with a deprecamet by a heavy enlarged export move- tory shrug, "and I do not know the young mademoiselle?"

The homeliest man in Congress is Eddy of Minnesota. He rather glories in the distinction of ugliness, especially as all his other characteristics are enviable. During his last campaign the enemies of Mr. Eddy charged him with in a manner that disarmed all criticism. "Great heavens," said Mr. Edif I had two faces, I would wear the one I am showing you now?"

Buckle attributes the great success of Scottish men of science to their pref-

grazing cow, and fulls came up just in time to see it disappear into the bovine's mouth. When his opponent had made his stroke. Tufts untethered the cow and, with many sounding thwacks of his club, drove the beast to the third hole. There he made her disgorge the ball, and neatly holing it, announced that he had made the hole in two Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$14.00; strokes. His opponent calmly finished the hole in seven and claimed the hole "But I made it in two," protested Tufts, gleefully. "No, you didn't," declared the other; "you made it in thirty-nine. You hit that cow thirty-seven times, for I counted every stroke," and Tufts conceded the hole.

Gen. Hazen, the first head of the Weather Bureau in Washington, found It almost impossible to persuade the members of Congress to vote for him the necessary funds with which to car-Wheat-Walla Walla, 53@541/2c; ry out his plans. One spring, when Valley, 53c; Bluestem, 57c per bushel. the appropriation had been shamefully cut down by the economy loving chairman of the committee, Mrs. Hazen was a guest at an afternoon reception at the house of one of the cabinet members, where the most detestable and unendurable weather, untimely and unlooked-for, was the topic of the moment. As her adieus, she was waylald by the arriving chairman of the offending committee, who accosted her thus: "Well, Mrs. Hazen, and is this the best your husband can do for us in the way of weather?" Mrs. Hazen looked at him with a sudden flash in her eyes, then answered, clearly and sweetly: "Yes, Mr. Blank, the very best-for the appropriation." The discomfited man fled, in the midst of the hardly concealed smiles of the surrounding guests.

## EXPERTS IN SHIRT IRONING.

Laundries that Make a Specialty of New Shirts-Other Specialties,

Among the great number of laundries in the city there are about half a dozen devoted to the laundrying of new shirts. It is harder work to iron a new shirt than It is to iron one that has been worn, and it takes more time, the new cloth is stiffer, and it doesn't take starch so well as it does after two or three washings, when the shirt works easier in all the stages of its laundrying. But though the shirt is hardest to iron the first time, it must then be ironed its very best; the new shirt as it is laid down upon the counter for inspection, or, if custom made, as it is delivered, must be simply perfect, and it is.

It costs more to have a new shirt laundried than one that has been worn; ironers get more pay for ironing Wool-Spring-Nevada, 12@15c per them, and, though it takes more time, pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Val- they earn more money at it than in ironing old ones. Both men and women are employed in new shirt ironing, the women very likely on the finest

custom shirts. The ironing of new shirts calls for Eggs-Store, 13@15 2c; fancy ranch, collar and cuffs are brought out exactly in accordance with the design. The two parts of the shirt front are made to match perfectly, with the stud holes, or the eyelets, in one part exoat \$6.50@9.00; best barley \$5.00@ actly over those in the other. In pique 7.00; alfalfa, \$6.00@7.50 per ton; shirt bosoms the lines of the pattern if vertical will be found to be drawn Potatoes-Early Rose, 90@90c; Ore- absolutely straight; and if the lines gon Burbanks, 75c@1.10; river Bur- run crosswise, not only will they be at the middle. The same may be said Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia, of fine colored shirts with patterns \$2,75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@ showing vertical or horizontal lines; if .00; California lemons 75c@\$1.50; vertical lines, they are perfectly true; if horizontal, they are not only per-Tropical Fruits-Bananas, \$1.50@ feetly true, but perfectly matched at 2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nom- the center; and the entire bosom, into a slightly concave shield-like form | railway time-table.

that is graceful in shape and a model of uniformity. The perfectly laundried new shirt is something that must command the admiration of everybody that likes good work, and the ironing of it is the top-notch of laundry work. -Chicago Inter Ocean.

# BEATS THE HORSE RACES.

Lucky Check that Always Wins Out for the Owner of It.

Two young men were lunching together one day last week, and one took out his pocketbook to find a certain memorandum. It did not come to hand readily, and finally be emptied the contents on the table. In looking over the pile he came to a solled and worn- to him by Gen. Shafter to withdraw out piece of paper. Without looking at his troops from El Caney, a proceeding the inside of it, he pushed it over to his which would have been disastrous to a \$2,000 house. See? the Scots is credited to Ian Maclaren. friend and remarked: "Take a look at our forces, but I have never seen the that.

\$50, drawn by the man himself, made months before.

"What on earth have you been carrying this around for?" he asked of the man with the pocketbook.

"I thought you'd ask," replied the matter if it's Beautiful Bill to beat been told, Yellow Tall, it wins, I always get back the check and a wad of currency from the bookmaker. I've bet that check at least a dozen times in the last six months, and I wouldn't take three times its face value for it."

"What makes you wait till you go broke before you bet it?' asked his friend. "Why don't you start in with being double-faced. He met the charge | the check and keep it up till you've got a bank roll?"

"Humph!" replied the man with the dy to his audience, "do you think that check. "I guess you don't know much about the horse racing game."

#### RIGID CENSORSHIP IN AUSTRIA.

ewspapers in Francis Joseph's Domain Must Not Speak Too Freely.

"he editor of a small provincial par in Austria was in great difficulty find a fit subject for his leading arle, having been too intent upon othbusiness or upon pleasure to pro-'e one. The last moment had come I the editor was in despair. He tored his brain in vain, when he sudily was inspired by a happy thought I dashed off the lines: 'After carefully perusing the leading

y one of the ablest of our contributhat it may be misinterpreted by the authorities and regarded as an attack upon the government. We ourselves ny-come-lately," was walking down the consider it to be perfectly innocent, street, and having a high sense of his but, as we are unwilling, for our read- own importance, tapped the General ers' sake, as well as for our own, to on the shoulder, taking him for a nonhave our newspaper confiscated, we commissioned officer. As the General have very unwillingly, though, as we turned around he was addressed thus think, prudently, resolved to withdraw by the young officer: the article. This must serve as the apology to our readers for the blank

space in our present issue." The journal was published in the evening, and the sly editor, after performing this little piece of stratagem, rupt and flippant an air that the anger left the office in high humor. As soon of the lieutenant was aroused, and he as he arrived in the office the next further asked: morning a clerk came up to him, with a doleful expression, and said, "Herr Redaktor, the paper is confiscated by the astonished editor. "For malicious Henry W. Lawton. What's your ridicule of the institutions of the Aus- name?" leaving the lieutenant cresttrian empire by the omission of the fallen and stammering out some lame leading article," replied the man .- apology. New York Press.

# Distribution of Prize Money.

The dispute as to the amounts of prize money to which Admiral Dewey and his men are entitled for the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila bay has led to an inquiry as to the scope of the law applying in such matters. It has been learned that the revised statutes provide that if a prize vessel was of a superior or equal force to the captor, all the prize money goes to the captor; if it was inferior, half only goes to the captor and half to the Government. The money is divided thus: To the fleet or squadron commander, one-twentieth; to the second in command, one-fiftieth, this to be taken from the Government's share, if there his share as commander of a ship making a capture. To the fleet captain, 1 often reeled about as if intoxicated; per cent,, except when the vessel on which he is actually makes the capture; in that case he shares as the other officers. To the commander of a single tached to a fleet or three-twentieths if corded in which persons became deit was operating alone. All the rest is lirious and died through a short exdistributed among the officers and men posure to intense cold. in proportion to their pay. For a naval victory the Government gives a bounty of \$100 for each officer and man on every vessel of an inferior force that is captured or sunk; if the force was superior the bounty is \$200 a head, and the total amount is divided as the prize money is.

## Wu Ting Fang's Clever Little Son. playfellows, and they were discussing And Harry was relected. the Sunday school. One boy was indignant over a text his teacher had given him to explain.

"It's a Chinese puzzle, anyway," said ing \$61 a foot, or a total of \$10,813,440. the boy to the minister's son. "In that case," said the little Ori-

it. What is the question, anyway?" of a naval officer, looked at the little outlay fully \$1,000,000 has been spent Chinaman and answered: the Bible question, 'In my Father's snow.

house there are many mansions?"

The naval officer's son felt confident that he had "stumped" the minister's son. But he reckoned without his host. The little Chinaman looked with contempt at the American. "Why, don't you know what that means? In my Father's house there

are many mansions. That is an apartment house."-Washington Post. "Twenty minutes for dinner" is one

ANECDOTES OF GEN. LAWTON.

New Version of the Charge by Which El Caney Was Captured. Some National Guard officers who served in the Spanish-American war were discussing Gen. Lawton's death and his services in Cuba. One of them told the following stories concerning his conduct at El Caney, where he wore the white belmet which was the cause of his death:

"On the morning of July 1 Gen. Law ton was sent with a force of about 5,000 men to take El Caney, while the rest of the troops were to be engaged at San Juan.

"I have seen some mention since the death of Gen. Lawton of the order sent, did you manage it? statement given to me by the same His friend found it to be a check for staff officer. He told me that as Gen. Lawton stood directing the troops an payable to currency, and dated several aid from the staff of Gen. Shafter rode

up and said: " 'Gen. Lawton, Gen. Shafter directs

you to withdraw your troops.' "At first Gen, Lawton was non plussed; then, turning to the aid, he other. "Well, that's my lucky check said: 'This is too serious an order to You know, I'm fond of the 'bang-tails,' be received verbally, and I shall reand every few days I drop into a pool quire it in writing from Gen. Shafter.' room and make a bet or two. Some- He well knew that Gen. Shafter, was times I win, but more often I lose. But eight miles in the rear, and that a writthis check never goes back on me. ten order from him could not be receiv-When I run out of currency I get down ed before the charge was ordered. This on any old thing of a horse with the much is a matter of history, but 1 do check. That's all I have to do. No not believe that the whole story has

"Gen, Lawton, knowing that the aid would soon reduce the order to writing, immediately sent order to his officers to charge. The aid returned in about twenty minutes with the written order, having only retired a short distance to write, and he delivered it to Gen. Lawton just as the whole American force stormed across the field in that last desperate, successful attempt to take El Caney. When he handed the written order to the General, Lawton pointed to the charging troops and said: 'As you see, the troops have already commenced to charge. Tell Gen. Shafter that God Almighty himself could not stop them now.'

"Thus the capture of El Caney was due to Gen. Lawton's perseverance un-

der difficulties." The following story of Gen. Lawton was told by a sergeant in the regular army, who served under Lawton in Cuba, and afterward went to Manila, being now the oldest enlisted man in the Eighth army corps: After the surrender of Santiago the General was standing in the main street of the city looking into the windows of a shop, his tall, massive form making him even more conspicuous than usual. He wore ticle written for the present number a blue shirt and campaign hat, and was without any indications of his rs, we have arrived at the conclusion rank. A young second lieutenant just from West Point, and so belonging to the class known in the army as "John-

> "Sergeant, are you a soldie "Yes, sir," replied the General.

"Then why don't you salute an offier when you see him?" The General saluted, but with so ab-

"Sergeant, what's your name?" "Well," replied the General, assuming a slight drawl that was sometimes the police!" "For what reason?" asked | characteristic, "my name is Maj. Gen.

## Intense Cold.

The usual results of exposure to extreme cold are loss of energy, both physical and mental, followed by drowsiness and disinclination to move; the mental faculties become torpid and the senses numbed, while the victim is selzed with an irresistible desire to lie down and sleep. If this desire is yielded to the lethargy passes into stupor and death follows. Occasionally these symptoms are preceded by others which resemble those of intoxication. and are due to a peculiar condition of the blood, which at a very low temperature takes up an insufficient quantity of oxygen, and so has an injurious effect on the nervous system. It was observed during the retreat of the is such a share, and to be additional to French from Moscow that those who were most severely affected by the cold they also complained of giddiness and indistinctness of vision, and sank gradually into a state of lethargic stupor, from which it was impossible to vessel, one-tenth if the vessel was at- arouse them. Other instances are re-

Henry Clay and the Hunter. When Henry Clay was stumping Kentucky for re-election, at one of his mass meetings an old hunter of wide political influence said: "Well, Harry, I've always been for you, but because of that vote (which he named) I'm goin' agin you." "Let me see your rifle," sald Clay. It was handed to him, "Is The Chinese minister to the United she a good rifle?" "Yes." "Did she States, Wu Ting Fang, has a little son ever miss fire?" "Well, yes, once." who evinces a wonderful interest in the "Why didn't you throw her away?" deeper subjects of life. Not long ago The old hunter thought a moment and he was talking to some of his little then said: "Harry, I'll try you agin."

#### Millions for Snowsheds. Thirty-two miles of snowsheds, cost-

represents the price one transcontinental rallway had to pay before it ental, "I guess I can tell you all about could run its trains over the Rocky Mountain division of its road. That The Sunday school student, the son was merely the first cost; since that annually in keeping the sheds in re-"This is it. What's the meaning of jair and the exposed tracks free from

#### His New Graft. Wickwire-Look here. This is the

ourth time this morning you have been n here asking for the price of a meal. Dismal Dawson-Yes. I am the absent-minded beggar, don't ye know .-Indianapolis Press.

It is a good sign when a young girl eats potatoes, bread and meat, instead of candy, pickles, and that sort of

# SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

Hixon-You are the only man I ever heard of who started out to build a house for \$4,000 and actually succeeded in finishing it within the limit. How

Dixon-Oh, that was an easy matter. I had my architect draw up plans for

How He Won Her. She-Is it true that all men run after

beauty? He-I think not. If they did you would have a crowd around you all the

Woes of Wedlock. "We might just as well come to an

understanding right now," said the angry husband. "It's hard for you to hear the truth, especially from me, "Indeed it is," interrupted the patient

wife. "I hear it so seldom." Wasted Opportunities.

Slowboy-Then you regard me only in the light of a friend. Miss Swift-Well, it isn't my fault if you don't know enough to turn the

light down.

Such Is Fame. Mrs. Parvenu (at the reception)-You are an artist, I believe?

Literary lion-Well, not exactly, madam. I am what you might properly term a word painter. Mrs. Parvenu-Oh, now I understand You paint signs for a living.

Feminine Strategy.

Mrs. Jones-Mrs. Brown seems qu cold toward her husband of late. Mrs. Smith-Yes, I've noticed h wonder why it is. Mrs. Jones-I don't know, unless

a hint that she expects a new seal sacque before the week's out. Family History. Little Willie-Say, pa, did you

have another wife besides ma? Pa-No, Willie. But why do Little Willie-The family record the Bible says you married a

Domini 1877.



"If I was your wife, I'd give you dose of poison." "Begor, av ye wuz, I'd take it!"

Knew He Was a Good Catch, She-And now, Elfred, dear, would better go and ask papa. He-No, darling, it isn't necess He and I fixed that all up beforeha It's business before pleasure, you kno -Philadelphia Bulletin.

She Meant Business. Maude-Did Jack kiss you when accepted him?

Clara-Certainly. I wouldn't con er any but sealed proposals.-Chle

### CHALLENGED.



Judge-You're privileged to challenge any member of the jury now bein impanelled. Defendant-Well, thin, yer honor, O'll foight that small mon

A Friendly Tip. Hicks-Huh! I don't see anything very hard about learning to skate. Wicks-Suppose you try it once. You

wid one eye.

may not see it, but you'll probably feel Diplomacy. She-Must you really go so soon? He-My dear girl, I've been 'gone

ever since I met you. Death-Dealing Instruments. Soapless Sam-I see dey's been anudder drowned in a bath tub, Petey. Perambulating Pete-Yep; say, dem t'ings is as dangerous as trolleys .-Philadelphia North American.

According to Rudyard. Larry-Be gosh, it's a wonder th' British proivates don't git mixed. Denny-Phoy shud they? Larry-For th' raison that ivery mon



"Back among the old folks once again."

A Long-Felt Want. Borem (an amateur photographer)understand they have discovered a method of photographing sound. Miss Cutting (yawning)-Well, I'm glad to know it. Perhaps some people will now be able to take a hint when they hear it.

The Professional Shake. Mrs. Stubb-John, I do believe that friend you brought up to dinner is a gambler.

Mr. Stubb-Why so, Maria? Mrs. Stubb-Because he shook the pepper cruet like it had been a dice-

In Favor. Pearl-I almost love Harry. Ruby-But he is such a slow fellow. Pearl-That's just it. He actually took fifteen minutes to put on my skates last night.

A Real Sinecure. Tired Tompkins-There's one job wouldn't mind havin', Horace. Hungry Horace (in amazement)-What's that? "Lineman fer er wireless telegraph comp'ny."-Life.

A Long, Long Time. Bingo-Let's see; when did your sis ter visit us last?

Mrs. Bingo-How do you expect was here the last time you took me to as sound as the day the tree was the the theater-Detroit Free Press.

Irish Advice. "Never be critical upon the ladie was the maxim of an old Irish pe remarkable for his homage to the s "The only way that a true gentlem ever will attempt to look at the faul of a pretty woman is to shut his eye

-Collier's Weekly. The Usual Way. Watchmaker-All that alls p watch is that the hands are caugh

The big one seems to be holding thel tle one. Miss Gay (demurely)-Isn't that the right way?-Jewelers' Weekly.

Watts-Don't you think a lawyer quires a better education than a phy cian? Potts-To be sure. It takes a go deal more skill to separate a man fro his money than from his life.-India

Professional Requirements.

apolis Press. Where Sense Comes In. "Laura is foolishly in love with the man."

"Is he so handsome?" "No; but she says he can poke a fi with more discernment than any ma she ever saw in her life."-Indianapo Quite a Different Thing.

Mr. Doe-I am surprised that you p up with your son's extravagance. Mr. Roxe-Oh, I don't. I merely p up for it.-New York Journal. Diplomacy. Miss Wunder-Why do you alway

ask Miss Singer to play her own accor paniment? Miss Gabby-Why, she always play loud enough to drown her voice,—Bit more American.

To Advertise.

Friend-Who bought your "Fis Row" picture? Artist-A hair-restorer concern. A Pertinent Inquiry.

He (at the plano)-Do you know dreamt I dwelt in marble halls?" She-No; what did you have for su per? Old Hudson Bay Receipts.

Among some curious records of the Hudson Bay Company are recely which read as follows: "Received p" Lapwing, Jane Goody, as per involve in good condition." "Received per 0" prey, Matilda Timbins. Returned P Lapwing, as not being in accordant with description contained in invoice. These belong to ploneer times, when white men who settled in new parts of

the country were either obliged to re main bachelors, marry squaws or sent east for wives, trusting to the jude ment of the company to select thes and send them out. Shingles Made from Stumps.

A new industry has sprung up in the cut-over pine lands near Sandstone Minn. A Michigan shingle manufac turer has located east of town with machinery suitable to transform the thousands of large stumps into ship gles. These stumps now stand for to remember so far back as that? She two to four feet above ground and are

-Minneapolis Times.