This is the mansion that quaintly looks ing store, no do Like a crazy collection of crannies and all. And what Like a crazy collection of crannies and nooks. While the red painted roof in contrast is

seen
With the walls of decidedly bilious green,
And shady verandas, all darkly complected,
Which surrounded the new villa which Jack
erected.

This is the massive and finely carved door; And the hall with its rich India rug on the Which you see as you enter the cottage that looks

Like a crazy collection of crannies and nooks, etc. This is the brilliant electric light, Which plainly reveals to our curious sight. The carvings upon the massive door, And the hall with its rich India rug on the

floor, Which you see as you enter the cottage that Like a crazy collection of crannies and nooks, etc.

This is the furniture, quaint and rare, With a monogram carved on each stately chair.

chair,
Which is seen in the brilliant light,
Which also reveals to our curious sight
The carvings upon the massive door,
And the hall with its rich India rug on the Which you see as you enter the cottage that

looks
Like a crazy collection of crannies and nooks, etc. This is the fireplace, famous for miles,

For its exquisite frame of painted tiles, Which lights up the furniture, quaint and rare, With a monogram carved on each stately chair, etc.

These are the polished brazen "dogs."
Which support the crackling beeckwood logs
Inclosed by the fireplace, famous for miles,
For its sequisite frame of painted tiles,
Which lights up the furniture quaint and

With a monogram carved on each stately chair,
Which is seen in the brilliant electric light,
Which also reveals to our curious sight,
The carvings upon the massive door,
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seen
With the walls of decidedly billious green,
And the shady verandas, all darkly complected, Which surrounded the new villa which Jack

This is the charming youthful bride,
Who over this beautiful home will preside,
Who will gayly lead a luxurious life,
As the rich old widower's second wife,
Very unlike the maiden forlorn,
Who milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
And worked on the farm from morn till
night

While she sewed for the priest by candle In the first little house that Jack built. -[Portland (Me.) Transcript.

AN ORIGINAL SKETCH OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Mark Twain has been writing an account of the American "Printer, Patriot, and Philosopher." As will be seen, it varies very considerably from previous estimates of his char-

Benjamin Franklin was one of those persons whom they call philosophers. He was twins, being born simultaneously in two different houses in the city of Boston. These houses remain until this day, and have signs upon them worded in accordance with the facts. The signs are considered well enough to have, though not necessary. because the inhabitants point out the two birth places to the stranger anyhow, and sometimes as often as several times in the same day. The subject of this memoir was of a vicious disposition, and early prostituted his talents to the invention of maxims and aphorisms calculated to inflict suffering upon the rising generation of all subsequent ages. His simplest acts, also, were contrived with a view to their being held up for.

THE EMULATION OF BOYS

spirit that he became the son of a just as Franklin did, in the solemn soap boiler, and probably for no other reason than that the efforts of all some day. And here I am. future boys who tried to be anything might be looked upon with suspicion unless they were the sons of soap boilers. With a malevolence which is without paralle! in history, he fire, so that all other boys might have

PERNICIOUS BIOGRAPHY. His maxims were full of animosity toward boys. Nowadays a boy can-not follow out a single natural instinet without tumbling over some of those everlasting aphorisms and hearing from Franklin on the spot. If he buys two cents' worth of peanuts, his father says, "Remember what Franklin has said, my son--'A groat a day's penny a year;" and the comfort's all gone out of those peanuts. If he wants to spin his top when he is done work, his father quotes. "Procrastination is the thief of time." If he does a virtuous action, he never gets anything for it, because "Virtue is its own reward." And that boy is hounded to death and robbed of his natural rest because Franklin said once, in one of his inspired flights of malignity-

Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy and wealthy and
wise."

tbey had let me take my natural rest, where would I have been now? Keeping store, no doubt, and respected by

AN ADROIT OLD ADVENTURE the subject of this memoir was! In order to get a chance to fly his kite on Sunday he used to hang a key on the string and let on to be fishing for lightning. And a guileless public would go home chirping about the "wisdom" and the "genius" of the hoary Sabbath-breaker. If anybody caught him playing "mumble-peg" by himself, after the age of sixty, he always ready. If a body, during his old age, happened on him unexpectmaking mud pies, or sliding on a cellar door, he would immediately look wise, and rip out a maxim, and walk off with his nose in the air and his cap turned wrong side before, trying to appear absent minded and eccentric. He was a hard lot. He your head off in four hours by the clock. One can see the almost devilish satisfaction he took in it by giving it his name. He was always proud of telling how he entered Philadelphia for the first time, with

NOTHING IN THE WORLD

whether it could be used with acignore that or cover it up. No; the his late places of employment. worked up with a great show of

ORIGINALITY OUT OF TRUISMS

that had become wearisome platitudes as early as the dispersion from Babel; and also to snub his stove, and his military inspirations, his unseemly endeavor to make himself conspicuous when he entered Philadelphia, and his flying his kite and fooling away his time in all sorts of such ways when he ought to have been foraging for soap-fat, or con-structing candles. I merely desire to do away with somewhat of the prevalent calamitous idea among heads of families that Franklin acquired his great genius by working for nothing, studying by moonlight and getting up in the night, instead of waiting till morning like a Christian; and that this programme, rigidly inflicted, will make a Frank lin of every father's fool. It is time these gentlemen were finding out

EXECRABLE ECCENTRICITIES

of justinet and conduct are only the evidences of genius, not the creators of it. I wish I had been the father of my parents long enough to make them comprehend this truth, and thus prepare them to let their son have an easier time of it. When I was a child I had to boil soap, notstanding my father was wealthy. and I had to get up early and study for ever-boys who might otherwise geometry at breakfast, and peddle have been happy. It was in this my own poetry, and do everything

HORSE-RIDING.

Horse riding is much better exerwould work all day, and then sit up cise than walking. The muscles of nights, and let on to be studying the arms and chest are exercised in algebra by the light of a smuldering guiding the horse, those of the back are called into play in keeping the to do that also, or else have Benjamin | balance, and those of the lower limbs Franklin thrown up to them. Not in springing from the saddle. The satisfied with these proceedings, he mind, too, is diverted from thought had a fashion of living wholly on both by the necessity for ordering bread and water, and studying astro- the animals movements and by the nomy at meal time—a thing which rapid passage of objects on the road has brought affliction to millions of In fact, no mode of exercise is so de-In fact, no mode of exercise is so deboys since, whose fathers had read lightful as horse-riding, and Fannie Franklin's Kemble "had reason" in always speaking of a woman on horseback as 'a happy woman.' " It is not easy, however, for the majority of middle class people to employ this method of improving their health and spirits. The principal objection," as Oliver Wendell Holmes says, "is of a financial character. Riding is good for those that are born with a silvermounted bridle in their hand, and you in spite of your ignorance." can ride as much and as often as they like, without thinking all the time they hear that steady grinding with calm, lateral movements, of the to the Order of the Barefooted Clares. bank bills and promises to pay, upon there are eighteen of these nuns, which it is notorious that the profigate animal in question feeds day years of age. The reason of this, and night." A horse, indeed, is rather a tyrannical servant. He will by Baron Palet, is that the rule of catch cold, if you keep him standing too long, and like Goldsmith's nearly all the inmates die young.

"Lovely Woman," will bring repent- They go barefoot on the cold stone BOYISH GENEROSITY. — "No. ance to his master, and wring his flooring; they never warm themselves wise."

bosom by dying off. He has his at a fire, even the kitchen fire being As if it were any object to a boy to be liver, and his little tempers, and all placed beyond their access; they eat healthy and wealthy and wise on the rest of it, just as much as your meat only on Christmas Day; they of a lad who has performed an act such terms. The sorrrw that that self. The best of horses, like the sleep on a narrow board, they must that deserved to shine in a dark maxim has cost me through my best of husbands, is not perfect, and spend ten hours every day upon their world. parents' experimenting on me with is trying at times. Finally, he wants knees, and they are only allowed to it, tongue cannot tell. The legitimate saddling, and he wants dressing for; speak to one another on rare occasions. result is my present state of general and if you can only snatch half an The abbess, through a grating, asdebility, indigence, and mental aber-hour at a time for exercise, these are sured the baron that more than one ration. My parents used to have me undoubted obstacles to horse-riding of her nuns, through cuitivation of up before nine o'clock in the morning, as the means of taking it.—[London lost the grace of silence, had actually sometimes, when I was a boy. If Society.

THE TRAVELING TYPE SETTER. He walked silently in. We knew

him the minute we raised our eyes

fact, we had been expecting him; he

and saw him standing there.

nearly always comes when we are in just such a strait and needing him. He always wears the same style of clothes-coat of one kind and pants of another; he hasn't any vest; his shoes are worn out and run down at the heels and his hat is battered and of this hiding away of cash forty dry. dusty. There are spots of ink about his shirt, which hangs over his waistband, and his new paper collar is the as if it was any of his business. My grandfather knew him well, and he says Franklin was always for his business. had never known regular hours, either for eating or sleeping, and he edly when he was catching flies, or must have come thousands of miles, and been coming ever since he was a boy. His starting point was so far away, and so long ago, that he has almost forgotten when or where it was; but we have an idea that it must have been when his mother buttoned his little blue shirtband invented a stove that would smoke around his white, boyish throat, put on his little white hat, and sent him to work in the printing office. How proud he was when he went home that first night and showed his new ticket to the circus next week, and the editor gave him a big piece of wedding cake, a part of which he had but two shillings in his pocket and brought home for the baby, and if he But really, when you come to ex-amine it critically, it was nothing. Yes, somewhere about there was the Anybody could have done it To commencement of his long journey, the subject of this memoir belongs and here he is now, perhaps two- to look?' 'Nowhere in particular; the honor of recommending the army thirds on the way. He asks: "What's out of the window generally.' 'Toward this way.' I followed the large that the subject of this memoir belongs and here he is now, perhaps two- out of the window generally.' 'Toward this way.' I followed the subject of this memoir belongs and here he is now, perhaps two- out of the window generally.' 'Toward the subject of this memoir belongs and here he is now, perhaps two- out of the window generally.' 'Toward the subject of this memoir belongs' in particular; and, as we need his work, we go down curacy at long range. Benjamin with him and order some breakfast Franklin did a great many notable for him at the nearest restaurant. things for his country, and made her When he comes back he looks hapyoung name to be honored in many pier and better able to work. In the lands as the mother of such a son. evening, when he goes to distributing It is not the idea of this memoir to his case, he recounts the history of simple idea of it is to snub those knows the circulation and amount of pretentious maxims of his, which he business of every paper in the State, and just why the Dispatch suspended and why the Advocate sold out to the Courier. He is well acquainted with the unknown editor of the Thunderer, country. By and by he whistles low and more every day; he has read tional and State, than the best lawyer in the city; he is well acquainted with the life of every eminent person of his age, and is a perfect encyclopedia of current events. But we cannot afford to keep him any longer, so we pay him off, and again he starts on that long road that leads-not to home, for he has none; not to the society of intelligent people like himself, for outside of the printing office he is unknown; maybe back to night work on some city daily; or, if too worn and old for that, a rapid descent from one country office another, with whisky and laudanum for companions, to an unmarked grave by some lonely wayside .-Palestine (Texas) Advocate.

**** LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

rather deficient in though he lacked the requisite prep aration.

"Do you know what fraud is in the the examining attorney. "I don't-I hardly think I do,"

was the stammering reply.
"Well, fraud exists when a man

takes advantage of his superior knowledge to injure an ignorant person. So, that's it, is it? Then if you take advantage of your superior knowledge of law to ask me questions I can't answer, owing to my ignorance, and, in consequence thereby, I am refused a license, I will be injured, and you will be guilty of fraud. Won't you, judge?"

The lawyer was very thoughtful for a few moments, and then added, reflectively:

"My young friend, I perceive you have great natural qualifications for He turned the hods over carefully, the bar, and I shall recommend that a large, handsomely engrossed and there rolled at last the \$32,000 worth richly engraved license be granted of bonds. The paralytic had fallen over the hod, and the money had Texas Siftings. dropped into it among his waste

THE BAREFOOTED CLARES.—Attenound, as the horse's jaws triturate tion has been called anew in Paris according to a statement just made

HIDDEN WEALTH.

The Curious Places Where Money has gle been Found When Hidden or Lost--Strange Frenks.

"I have been sent for very often in my time," said an elderly detective. snit. "to search for money concealed by eccentric people. There was more years ago than there is now, owing probably to the doubtful character of some of the old savings banks. "Some fifteen years ago I went up for money. The deceased had had eight."

no striking characteristics for my purpose, and, after trying several lines of search for three days, I grew doubtful. His riding saddle had been ripped open, his bootheels knocked off for diamonds, his shoes split up and his upholstery pulled to piece Bricks had been taken out, the hearth torn up, and the wainscotings pulled down. Even the backboards of picture frames had been taken out, and the boy had dug around the roots of every tree in the orchard, but still no money had been found. The reward brass rule, and tells mother he had learned all the boxes, and has a free nearly at my wits' end. Finally the thought came like a flash: was the old gentleman in the habit of sitting?' I asked. 'Oh, he almost always sat by that window,' said the four rolls of bread under his arm. sets up a column in one day next brother; but we've pulled everything to pieces around there.' 'Sit down just as he did.' The man sat down. In which direction was he most apt to look?' 'Nowhere in particular; place of bayonets and muskets. He case, and by and by he says he feels lowed the look; it was in the line of observed, with his customary force, that the bayonet was very well under some circumstances, but he doubted some circumstances, but he doubted fast yet. We know his weakness, made a bee line for the pond? These answers had a certain significance. Men like to have the place of concealment in sight, and it is well known that they will often walk over money they have buried to see that the sod is usdisturbed. I had the poor town people. Here, John, tell He pump taken up and excavations made no money. The pump was replaced. I entered the room once A Kentu more and stood by the window. Sud- case of live rattle-snakes from a denly I saw a faint but peculiar wrigging Pennsylvania locality. He looking mark on the sill; it was a says, that if whiskey is to be pro-surveyor's point. I 'lined' it up to hibited, except for snake bites, he atmosphere of brick walls and and has friends on the editorial force the pump, measured out to the exact means to have his locality well suport all the leading journals of the center of the line, and the digging plied. began. A two-inch steam pipe was country. By and by he whistles low began. A two-inch steam pipe was an air from the Italian opera, and in struck at a depth of four feet. The luck, I ordered that lawn mower, to reply to a question answers with a end was plugged; I took home a \$500 Latin quotation. He stays with us a bill that night."

week, and we grow to like him more A GOOD PIECE OF DETECTIVE ANALYSIS. mine, and drat me if they didn't "I had a curious case two years ago. everything from Shakespeare and Ruskin to Mark Twain and Bill Arp; with partial paralysis, and his speech and the greater part of his memory had left him. He wrote out the question, 'Where did I put my money?' most anything move along in this The amount was large, \$32,000 in bonds, which he had been about to behind it. take to a safe deposit building. The heirs were wild. I stopped all the the doctor of an aged Austin Israelite. tearing up and cushion pricking "I vash seventy-two years old," was business, for the man was not a conther reply. "You may live to be eighty cealer,' though it was supposed by the doctors that he had felt the attack coming on and had put the money in "vy should the Lord vant to take me some out of the way-place. Just how or in what spot in his library he had seventy-two?" fallen, could not be made out. After a day's reflection my partner and I had to conclude that he had been robbed. Two courses were open to was still considered a brave man, be- arise from the river side--form us; we could make sudden arrests without any real evidence, always a hateful course for a good detective to mother-in-law would torment the life bound sentinels that seem to pend of unconquerable strengh! To mother-in-law would torment the life bound sentinels that seem to pend of unconquerable strengh! e, or we must and the exact spot where the man fell, and 'line' up from fight. Not long since an Austin lawyer that. The doctors helped us here: was appointed by the district judge 'You had better examine the gentle to examine a candidate for admission man's body,' they said. We did so, and urging the use of the divided to the bar. The young man was and found a long horizontal mark on skirt. As this will enable a woman Blackstone and the hip, and blue marks on the knee to find her pocket in less than ten Greenleaf. It looked very much as and elbow. He had fallen sidewise minutes, it seems like a very sensible over an object not over sixteen inches idea. high, and having a narrow, rounded edge of metal, for an iron mark was judicial sense of the word?" inquired found on the clothing. Every piece of furniture in the house was inspected, but to no purpose. The heirs apparent were in despair. We took all night to think the matter over. Then my partner said: 'How about the cellar? That's where the household metal is.' They all laughed. 'He hasn't been there in a year,' they said. We went down. My partner glanced quickly around, and then gave me a look that I can almost feel running through my nerves to this day. He had discovered some common household articles which had not been used since the family had been searching the fireplaces. He was, in fact, looking over a lot of coal hods. There is our metallic edge,' he said. and from out a mass of waste paper

> precisely the same thing. My part-ner and I divided \$5,000 between us BOYISH GENEROSITY. - "No, Bob," said Willie, generously; "that's the largest piece; keep it yourself," and he pushed it back with the expression

BORROWED WIT

A sea-serpent is known by it wrig-

The plumber's favorite fruit-Plums The publisher's popular tool-Adze. The lawyer's usual garment-long

The mind is like a sponge-It should never be allowed to get too

Silence is golden, but talkativeness

is only nickle plated. There were no watermelons in the Garden of Eden.

"Be jabers?" exclaimed an Irish to a farm house in Orange County, man, "I've slept sixteen hours. I at the request of the heirs, to look went to bed at eight and got up at

"I wouldn't mind going up so high," said the hotel guest, "if the bill was not made out in the same

Wiggins is discounted already by a Brooklyn husband. He can always tell when a storm is coming by looking in his wife's face. · A girl at the sea beach, who can swallow a bushel basket of flattery on

the pizza, screams if she ships three drops of salt water when in the waves.

you doing at that ventilator?" James recting an airer.' Many people in New York who

have moved into new quarters are afflicted with rheumatism, but they call it spare room-atism, If your colleges would make it a

rule not to receive male students, but that girls should be embraced in their s, it looks as though there class would be a more satisfactory attend-

churches, and a pulpit which can be made over into a summer-house is not safe unless bolted down 3 "Ninty-five in the shade in the

city," murmured the seaside landlord. revolving paddle-wheels churnel Gracious, but how I do pity those the head clerk to advance the rates A Kentucky man has ordered a

run early in the morning, to rouse the snuffing out of that neighbor of send one of the new noiseless kind.

John Shrine, of Wisconsin, started new religion at seven o'clock the other morning, and before sundown he had 126 believers. You can make

"How old are you, Jacob?" asked the reply. "You may live to be eighty years of age." I vash afraid not, Mishter Doctor," replied Jacob.

A German editor who was chal-A German editor who was challenged to fight a duel refused, and tions they are! High and solid out of him for being fool enough to ally guard the beautiful r

Several papers are agitating the

It is said, that the right arms of most men are from one to an inch and most abundantly to this description a half longer than their left arms. business. Young man, take my Reaching up on the top of the closet vice; destroy that letter; kill to

Senator Vance, in his lecture on the people want to read is news, and the Scattered Nations," said, the "Jew is three inches shorter than the American." It may be so, but there make yourself ridiculous by fall are a great many more "short" Ame- to do what Washington Irving ricans than Jews in this country all already done so well. The description

"Oh yes," explained Mrs. Suddenriches, 'our aunt's sisters were Knickerbockers all through; and they used to give balls and parties in they used to give balls and parties in while I take a second excus the old cologne days which for swellom and style beat the Dutch."

whole of the House of Commons, or any of the hotels of England," says Joseph Cook. No wonder Americans ing the wreck of so much gran return to their country, and say quence—the overthrow of such there's no place like home.

papers. Before the general search was made, all 'rubbish' had been taken to the cellar. Our friends had popular, indeed; but I shall discharge sought too deeply for what they him. He always turns his back on supposed to be concealed money, a customer when the latter's pouring and had grossly neglected the science out a drink, when a look of surprise of the obvious. Some detectives do will stop a man when the glass is

Bald headed men intend holding a convention this year with the aim of adopting some stratagem for circumventing the fly. One of the measures proposed is that each member shall wear a banana peel on his crown, insuring a slip-up and a broken neck for each depredating insect.

In Boston they are so cultured that he sat down to dinner he put "Willie," said Bob, casting a peculiar look at his companion from between the half-closed lids of his left eye, "I know what's the matter."

"What?" asked Willie, serenely.

"Why, this watermelon ain't ripe."

[Brooklyn Eagle.

In Boston they are so cultured that the sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke," and the only vacant space is in the pallery, the managers hang out a placard on which is printed "Apothesis only," by which is meant that visitors can still be placed among the gods.

In Boston they are so cultured that he sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke," and waited, expecting she would be in the sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke, and waited, expecting she would be in the sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke, and waited, expecting she would be in the sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke, and waited, expecting she would be in the sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke, and waited, expecting she would be in the sat down to dinner he put is question, "Why am I like a donke, and waited, expecting she would be in the sat down to dinner he put is and the sat down

LETTER WRITE

A Complete Guide to All the Woo Fine Phrases Generally Spr the Public.

He had an austere face, steel hair and a dictatorial voice body rested comfortably in an chair upon the upper deck of steamer. The time was morning the boat was discovering to the cursionists the beauties of the

"Yes, sir, I assert it, he exclaim "emphatically assert it. The description tive letter writer is either a crar a simpleton."

"Are you not a little hard on the innocent people?" "No, sir; not a bit too hard

never yet saw one of these ver lunatics in print but that I pray fifty ton pile-driver might strike vocabulary and knock every adject in it into the unrecoverable And still, with all this, I wouldn't surprised to learn that you are go to inflict a little article on some pa paper and deliver the patient el of what Christianity he has Professor—"Here, James, what are ou doing at that ventilator?" James say? I thought so. Just a s stand. Well, I suppose you will gin by saying that at half-past a o'clock you boarded the swift

commodious steamer."

"That was my intention; why me "Cortainly, certainly; swift a commodious, of course. Never a steamboat yet that was not an and commodious. If you had bean Noah's ark you would undoubted have telegraphed that she was se Down in Louisiana they have got to stealing the corner-stones of sharehard and applied which can be always ring in the placid, even of Hudson, and swiftly plowing its through the gentle waves, while watery wastes into foaming spray white as the sugary crest of a m

ding cake. Great heavens! man, those

my very words."
"Indeed! I thought so. Ofcome you said something about your garness to get away from the safe once more breathe the pure and adulterated air of the river and mountain.

"Of course I did." "Certainly; I knew it. You marked, too, that the day was ca and bright. You would have a the same thing if it had been as dr as the record of one of your Egis Ward politicians. Then, again, you letter had not proceeded very far fore the indescribable beauties of Hudson began to unfold themsel

You said the excursionists stoods bound at the entrancing graden the view, when, in fact, half the per you see are either reading the more ing papers, fast asleep, or atterly concerned whether the entrancing cetera is on exhibition or not need not dwell upon the details your letter, but you worked up you adjective vocabulary through grand to the sublime, and then; saw the Palisades. Ah! the Palis glistens below like a placid slab deep-tined turquoise. Tremen in their-

Stop! Stop! I say! I demand know, sir, how you got hold of manuscript? Anybody who would "Be calm, my young friend, calm. I never saw your note by

but twenty-five years of editorial perience has enabled me to catch hunting for the tobacco box or the whiskey bottle is probably the cause. Hudson drown these adjectives. We writer must go. Public morality mands his extermination; theeditor through that Saratoga trunk for bottle of smelling salts, or a paper "There is not a cuspidor in the pins, or whatever else she may of me to find."

The oracle was gone. I sat moun gorgeously decorated word-case built out of high sounding phra collected from quotation books, sa mer resort puffs and religious w lies, all in vain-destroyed by a shi witted cynic. Love's labor was tainly lost. | Baltimore American

A friend of Juggins' the other asked him the conundrum "Why I you like a donkey?" Juggins' is impulse was to ask him to step arou to the back yard, but on see thought he "gave it up." "Because thought he "gave it up." said his friend, "your better half stubbornness itself." "Ab, ab, a bad," quoth Juggins. "I'll have it missus on when I get home." Busy Bee.