It Is just as Much Fun and Less Trouble Than Real Glory.

It is a profound truth that reflected glory is far better worth having than real glory, as far as the actual fun of the thing is concerned. The man who after much struggling has won through to fame knows all the drawbacks to it and realizes that the game is hardly worth the candle. But the man whose only claim to glory lies in the fact that he is an acquaintance of the famous man has a splendid time, getting most of the kudos with none of the disadvantages. We see a great, good man, let us say Algernon Ashton, and we envy him. But we feel that his position must have its disadvantages. The strain of being universal letter provider to the papers of London must be enormous. Far better the lot of the man who merely knows Mr. Asnton and can call him Algy. Mr. Murphy, the orator, supports this view. "It is well," he says, "sometimes in speaking to treat great men's names familiarly. In bracketing yourself thus with the great men of the world reminds one of an eastern saying that there are only two creatures that can surmount the pyramids, the eagle and the snail." We know of scores of men who have acquired reputations through their friends. It is the simplest thing in the world. The wonder is that everybody does not do it, for it needs but little labor.-London Globe.

### THE ISLAND OF FIRE.

Java's Geological Eccentricity the Lake of Boiling Mud.

The greatest natural wonder in Java, if not in the entire world, is the justly celebrated Gheko Kamdha Gumko or home of the hot devils," known to the world as the "Island of fire." This geological eccentricity is really a lake of boiling mud, situated at about the cen ter of the plains of Grobogana, and is called an island because of the great emerald sea of vegetation which surrounds it and gives it that appearance.

The "island" is about two miles in circumference and is situated at a distance of almost exactly fifty miles from Solo. Near the center of this geological freak immense columns of soft hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling like great timbers thrust through the boiling substratum by giant hands and then quickly with

Besides the phenomenon of the boiling mud columns, there are scores of gigantic bubbles of hot slime that fill up like huge balloons and keep up a series of constant explosions, the intensity of the detonations varying with the size of the bubble. In times past, so the Javanese authorities say, there was a tall, spire-like columns of baked mud on the west edge of the lake, which constantly belched a pure stream of cold water, but this has long been obliterated, and everything is now a seething mass of bubbling mud and slime, a marvel to the visitors who come from long distances to see it.

Foundation of Japan.

Every Feb. 11 is celebrated in Japan the great annual festival of Kigensetsu, the anniversary of the foundation of the empire by the first emperor. Jimmu-tenno, B. C. 660. The Japa-nese reckon their present era as from this date, and it was on Feb. 11, 1889. that Mutsubito, the one hundred and twenty-first of the dynasty, promulgated the present constitution of the empire of Japan, the fundamental prinof which is clearly stated in its first article, "The empire of Japan shall be reigned over and governed by a line of emperors unbroken from ages eternal." The organization of a parliament took place in 1890, which in the Japanese reckoning would be 2550 from Jimmu's setting up his capital at Kashiwara, in the province of Yamato, which is regarded by Japanese historians as the beginning of the empire.

Nicolas, Chevalier d'Assas, a French captain in the Auvergne regiment, born at Vigan, in the Languedoc, while mak ing a reconnoissance during the night of Oct. 15, 1760, at Klostercamp, in Westphalia, met a column of the enemy which was advancing in silence to surprise the French army. He was ordered to keep silent or else they would kill him. D'Assas at once cried out, "A mol Auvergne-the enemy is He was killed on the spot .-Bouillet's Dictionary of History.

Near Glory.

"Most any of us," remarked Uncle Gilderoy Skite, "kin reach fur enough to touch the hem of the mantle of fame. Abraham Lincoln used to split ralls fur a man that a cousin of iniue only twict removed on the mother's side afterward stole a dog offen."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Misused Wife.

A lady complained to the Willesden magistrates the other day that her husband "wiped his feet on her and walked over her." It is a case of incompatibility of temperament. should have married a door mat .- London Globe

Lest He Forgets "I am afraid, darling, you will very

soon forget me." "How can you think so? See, I have tled two knots in my pecket handkerchief."-Meggendorfer Blatter.

Provided Already.

Beggar Kind sir, give me 2 sous for my three children. Kind Sir-That isn't dear, certainly, but I don't think I'll take them. I have four already at home.-Nos Loisirs.

However exalted our position, we should not despise the powers of the

### WOMEN OF HOLLAND.

Feminine Costumes Are Tor Butch

Complex For Words. The women's costume is a trifle too complex for verbal description, as feminine belongings usually are, but the white lace cap which covers the head from eyebrows to nape of neck and from ear to ear, curving out in unded wings on each side of her cheeks, is always a conspicuous and inevitable portion of a woman's attire. It may possibly be that on Sunday this cap is a trifle whiter or stiffer or daintier than on week days, but the difference is not very apparent.

The ladies assure us there is a vast difference in the quality of the net and the amount of handiwork employed. but the lens made no special note of that. In shape and outline the camera finds great distinction between these caps and those of Katwyk or Marken or Bois le Duc, but between Sunday and Monday caps in Volendam it records none whatever. For the rest of the costume feminine Holland asks above all things apparently a very flat, narrow chest surmounting enormous hips, and Volendam is no exception this fashion rule. The invariable black "best waist" of the elder women is usually brightened by a square yoke of lighter color and material, and the dark apron or overskirt is topped by six inches or more of gay plaid or bright colored band worn over an underskirt of dull blue striped or black material and uncountable petticoats. About the throat a collar formed of many rows of heavy dark red coral beads is fastened by huge silver clasps, and the number of rows, the size and quality of the beads are matters for feminine pride. Long hair is not the glory of women in Holland, save perhaps at Marken. It is usually hidden and at Volendam is cut quite close and entirely covered by a tight fitting thick black silk cap concealed beneath the snowy white lace. The younger girls, from the tinlest toddler to the young melsje, old enough to wed, wear dresses and caps the exact counterpart of their grave mothers, no less full of skirt or narrow of chest, but much gayer in color. A group of tiny maidens in a stiff breeze on the dike resembles nothing more than a swarm of butterflies.-Florence Craig Albrecht in

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

No small noise sounds as bad as that made by squeaky shoes.

Lift any little woman's thumb and you will find a man under it.

How few people are as polite to their friends as they are to strangers! People seem to begrudge a preacher everything he gets except his vacation.

The child that is ruled by love and the child that has its own way live at the same house. If you were a mind reader you would

learn a lot of unpleasant things which now you can only surmise. The man who prides himself on being

a "great observer of little things" can usually be relied upon for a few unpleasant remarks. Soon after a boy ceases to credit his

father with being the smartest man on earth he imagines his father should consult him on all doubtful issues .-Atchison Globe.

Inflection.

The wife of an army officer at a western post recently had occasion to visit a small neighboring town to do some shopping at what is called the general store. She was much entertained by the variety and antiquity of the stock of goods, and as she passed out her eyes were attracted by a pile of mottoes, elaborately lettered and ornately framed, the upper one being the Scriptural passage, "Walk in love."

As she paused the clerk, a dapper young man of more affability than advantages, stepped forward with the remark: "Them are the latest things in mottoes. This top one is swell to put over a young lady's door-'Walk in, love.' "-Lippincott's.

The Outdoor Boy.

Let the boy learn to hit the bright spot with a rifle, and if war comes he can hit the button on the coat of an enemy the first shot and does not have to be taught to shoot over again after he enlists. If he is familiar with guns, boats, water and the wild woods, he will be handy anywhere, and you can't lose him. Any boy who has got a father who won't do the right thing by him and give him a chance to love the woods and the water and the free, clean air that God serves free, when you get far enough away from man's city can come along with me some time, and I will show him how to have the time of his life.-Outer's Book,

He'll Get the Girl.

Tommy Rattles was turned down when he asked Elsie's father for his consent. The old man said that Tommy was a good boy, but lacked per-What is Tommy going to do about

He goes to the old man and asks him for his daughter three evenings every week.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His Reformation.

"Yes," said the reformed cannibal chief, "I used to eat every missionary that came out here." "That was before you got religion,

eh?" queried the new missionary. "No; before I got indigestion."-Catholle Standard and Times.

Learning. Soker-I won \$50 from Bings last night playing poker. Joker-Why, does Bings know how

to play poker? Soker-Not yet.-Lippincott's Mage

Legislative Annex of the Special Interests In Congress.

its membership is a curious study in the widely different.

Its meeting place is the lobby and committee rooms of the nation's capitol, the hotel rotunda, the lawyer's office, the street, the banquet room, the little back room, the bar, the road house, the home, the brothel-any where the legislator may be found and personally approached. That is the object of a lobby-personal contact with the people's representatives and the influence upon legislation worked

If legislators were perfect, there would be no lobby. If they were perfectly wise, there would be no occa sion for the lobbyist who desires "to inform" them; if perfectly honest, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires to "make it worth while;" if perfectly patriotic, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires for himself "a little personal favor"-at the people's expense The existence of a lobby is premised on human frailty. It is present to prey on human weakness, to warp the action of the legislative body by appeal to vanity, ignorance, cupidity or fear.-Gilson Gardner in Success Magazine

### HARDY FERNS.

About Forty Species Are Suited to Out

Among the hardy ferns are varieties greatly differing in size and form, from a hairlike creeping stem bearing a few simple mosslike leaves to the vigor ous growing plants with large leaves, attaining a height of two or three feet. Ferns are interesting and extremely beautiful, especially when grown as specimen plants or in combination with other plants. The varying conditions in which the different species suc ceed are remarkable. Many of them require a warm temperature, while others do well in cool and shady places Of the 4,000 or more species of ferns not more than about forty species are suited to outdoor culture in ordinary soils and situations. These species car be planted in beds, borders or rockeries or in the foreground of shrubbery As most of them require a somewhat shady place, they are especially useful for filling in places where grass and other light loving plants cannot grow. Perfect drainage is required. The soil should have leaf mold in it, or decayed

peat or well decayed sod will answer. Hardy ferns are best planted in the spring, but they can be planted in the summer if the fronds or leaves are cut back, making it easier for the plants to establish themselves before the winter sets in. From his florist the amateur gardener can obtain cuttings of varie ties most suitable for the soil and climate in his vicinity. In the winter the ferns should be given protection, with a covering of leaves, hay or straw. Washington Star.

Respected His Scruples.

In the mathematics class one day at Williams college Professor S., who was rarely made the subject of college jests, was excessively annoyed by some man "squeaking" a small rubber bladder. The noise seemed to com from near a certain Jack Hollis, and after querying each of his neighbors and receiving a negative answer Professor S. said sternly:

"Hollis, do you know who is making that unbearable noise?"

Hollis, who had been the guilty person all along, assumed an air of stoical bravery and said calmly, "I know, sir, but I prefer not to tell."

Professor S.'s angry face grew calm er, and with evident pleasure he re plied: "I respect your scruples, Hollis. They do you credit and should shame the guilty man, sir."

John Milton's Cottage.

One of the best preserved historic ountry houses in all England is John Milton's cottage at Chalfont St. Giles to which the blind and aging poet fled when the great plague swooped down on London. That was in July, 1665 and Milton had just finished "Paradise Lost" and received a five pound note for it, with a promise of three more five pound notes if the poem sold four editions of 1,300 copies each. The cottage stands at the top of the village and it is in practically the same condition as when Milton left it. Here the poet received his distinguished guests during the latter part of his life

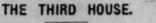
Zephyr, Cipher and Zero.
"Zephyr" and "cipher" and "zero" are words that come to the English from the Arabic "sifr," which meant literally "empty" and so "nothing" and the figure that represents nothing. In mediaeval Latin this figure was called both "clphra" and "zephyrum," the latter probably from association with "ze phyrus" or something even lighter than air; hence through the Italian "zefiro" there is the word "zero" as a doublet with "cipher."

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America?" asked the reporter. "I hope not," answered the mature star of the dramatic world. "But it's advertised as a 'farewell."

"Yes, a mere farewell. It's not a farewell farewell, you may notice."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Her "Alter Ego." First Gossip-I could tell you a pret ty tale about Frau Weber, but one ought not to speak evil of the absent. Second Ditto-Never mind. Go on. Her pet dog is here, you see.-Humor-



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