Grinned Into Matrimony.

That grinning matches were an ac-1711. Addison gives a detailed account of one of these "controversies of was able to enter the second story of a faces," telling us that the audience building. Removing the cover, a stick been used to cut faces for many years together over his last."

His performance was something like this: "At the very first grin he cast every human feature out of his countenance, at the second he simulated the face of a spout, at the third that of a baboon, at the fourth the head of a bass viol and at the fifth a pair of nut crackers." Addison adds that a comely wench whom he had wooed in vain for more than five years was so charmed with his grins that she mar-ried him the following week, the cobbler using the prize as his wedding

Powerful Bulls.

During a debate upon the second reading of the Irish land bill in 1896 Lord Londonderry concluded a period with: "This is the keystone of the bill. Are you going to kill it?" Sir Frederick Milner, speaking on

the budget, said, "A cow may be drained dry, and if chancellors of the exchequer persist in meeting every deficiency that occurs by taxing the brewing and distilling industry they will inevitably kill the cow that lays the golden milk!"

Lord Curzon-"The interests of the employers and employed are the same nine times out of ten-I will even say ninety-nine times out of ten!"

Discussing Mr. Asquith's licensing bill at a meeting at Shoreditch, a member of parliament roused the audience to a frenzy of enthusiasm by declaring that "the time has come to strip to the waist and tuck up our shirt sleeves!"

What Is Electricity?
Many persons young and old often how the modern electric cars, trains and locomotives are operated and what electricity is. No one knows what electricity is. We know some of the things that it will do. We have to a certain extent learned how to control it and for want of a better name call it a fluid. We have discovered. too, that it is one of the most important forces, if not the most important force, of which we have any knowl-We are almost as ignorant of many other great forces of nature-as, for example, the attraction of gravitation. For the present we must be content to observe such forces in action and to devise the best methods to control them. In this knowledge mankind has progressed wonderfully within a and seventieth generation, and so the few years.-St. Nicholas.

Fishing Without Bait.
On the Nadoo creek, at Hukow, we

saw a novel way of fishing. Two small boats were moving parallel with each other about thirty feet apart. The ends of a line about sixty feet | following rules: long to which small unbaited hooks were attached about four inches apart to two sticks were held respectively by a man in each boat. As the boats moved slowly along first one man and then the other would give his stick a jerk. Immediately that the books struck anything the line was gradually hauled in and invariably with success. We saw fish struck four out of five times, many of them running apparently from half a pound to two or more pounds. It may be that China is the only place in the world where fish are caught with unbaited hooks.-North China News.

Custom House Humor. Luxembourg frontier declared to the customs officials: "We have with us three bottles of red wine each. How much is there to pay?"

Where is it?" was asked. "Well, inside us."

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The official gravely looked at his tariff book and read: "Wine in casks, 20 shillings; in bottles, 48 shillings; in donkeys' hides, free. Gentlemen," he added, looking up, "you can go."-Der Guttemplar.

Not on His Tombstone. "What did be die of?"

"A slight difference of opinion, as near as I can find out."

"Oh, a fight?"

"Not at all."

"What, then?" "Doctors disagreed, and he died before they settled it."-London Tit-Bits.

A Memorable Occasion. There should be order in all things For instance, on one occasion we discovered that the proper method is to hook her party gown first and fix the furnace afterward. Reversing the order cost us \$32.50 for a new gown and spoiled her whole evening besides.— Detroit Free Press.

"When a man dies, is an inquest al-

ways held?" "Oh, no! if a doctor has been in attendance the coroner is not supposed to have inquired into the cause of the death."-Toledo Blade.

Not Nowadays. "Polonius was a very wise man. Just

consider his advice to his son." "Reads well. But would a really wise man attempt to tell his son any-thing?"-Washington Herald.

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance.-Terence.

The Burglar's Umbrella.

cepted form of sport in early English by burglars when engaged in their nedays is shown by an advertisement farious calling is one particular conannouncing a gold ring to be grinned trivance that arouses great interest. for by men on Oct. 9 at the Swau. In appearance it resembles a large Coleshill heath, Warwickshire, which umbrella that has seen hard service. appeared in the Post-Boy of Sept. 17. It was formerly the property of a burunanimously bestowed the ring on a wound with ropes is revealed. The cobbler who "produced several new stick opens like a telescope or a jointgrins of his own invention, having ed fishing rod. Wound round it is a rope ladder made of strong material and about thirteen feet in length. The ladder is only wide enough for one foot to be placed on the rungs. The extending stick was used to raise one end of the ladder to the window through which the operator wished to enter, and on the upper end of the ladder are two books to be fastened to the sill. This imitation umbrella is regarded as one of the most ingenious affairs ever made use of by a thief .-London Standard.

Took the Shilling.

A recruiting sergeant one day met an ignorant youth idling, with his bands in his pockets and standing before a house on the front of which was a notice informing the public that the building was to be sold. The notice ran thus: "To Be Sold, by Private Treaty."

The sergeant approached the youth and asked him if he had ever thought of joining the army.

"Not me," was the reply. "You'd have nothing in the army worth talking about."

"Is that so?" said the other. "Well, how is it then Private Treaty has a house for sale and him only a private

The youth looked thoughtful and puzzled, and presently, over a pint of ale, the possibility of owning a house by joining the army grew into a certainty and the shilling changed hands. -London Tit-Bits.

Wonderful Animalculae.

Of all the minute creatures that inhabit this globe unseen by the naked eye there is none so astonishing, acording to the Scientific American, as the little living things that live in stagnant water. They are called slipper animalculae, or, as the scientist has it, the paramecium. These tiny, invisible things develop so rapidly that if they were able to live through 850 generations they would crowd every other living thing off the face of the earth and form a mass larger than the planet itself. Should they go on reproducing until the nine hundredth generation these little creatures would form a mass large enough to crowd the moon and stars and even the sun entirely out of space. Luckily for us this is not possible, according to na-ture's decree. The paramecium dies after it has attained the one hundred awful possibilities are checked of its multiplying to fill the universe.

The Medicine Bottle.

In order to avert the most serious thing of having a child take the wrong medicine, mothers should adhere to the

Never give medicine in the dark. Always read the label on the bottle. Never go by the color of the medi-

When the bottle is refilled see that the label reads clear. Keep poisons locked up.

Keep all bottles locked up in a drawer or medicine chest. Mistakes of giving children carbolic

acid and such like poisons in the nighttime make it imperative that mothers study and adhere to these rules, for sometimes such inadvertent mistakes bring about terrible conclusions.-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

In an English Hotel. Proprietor (addressing porter)-Was the American pleased with his room,

William-Now, I wouldn't bexactly s'y that, sir. 'E looked as if there might be something that wasn't just to 'is liking, but I gathered from 'is remarks that 'e found it hunusually com-

Proprietor-Well, what did he say William-'E said it was cowlder than 'ell, sir.-Judge.

Tommy-What is an acre, dad? "Four roods."

"What is a rood, dad?" "Forty square rods, poles or perches." What is a wiseacre, dad?"

"One who keeps a spare rod, pole or perch to apply to a boy who asks usess questions. Fetch me my cane!"-London Answers.

Off the Line. "What became of Buts' educated

"He had to dispose of it." "What was the trouble?"

"The neighbors thought the goat was learning too many human accomplishments, and there was a crisis when the animal began to take in washing."-

"Was your husband a bear in Wall

"I think so," replied young Mrs. Torkins. "He certainly acted like one when he got home."-Washington Star.

A Young Cynic.

Tom—They say that every woman is beautiful in some one's eyes. Do you believe it? Jack—Certainly, if you include her own.—Boston Tran-

Grandeur has a heavy tax to pay-

Two ancient kings were buried in secret. Attila, king of the Huns, after his siege of Rome, died in Hungary A. D. 453. His soldiers, desirous of giving their great leader a right royal burial, inclosed his body first in a casket of gold, this in one of silver and this in one of lead, and transported it into a desert. There slaves were selected, and under the direction of men who were sworn to secrecy they dug the grave of the dead monarch. When this was accomplished no traces of the spot were left. The slaves were all cruelly slain.

Alaric, king of the Goths, the celebrated conqueror of Rome, died when with his army at Cozenza, south Italy. His men turned the course of a river, interred the body of their sovereign, with much treasure, in its bed and restored the stream to its channel.

No man has ever lighted on the resting place of either of these kings, who in this respect resemble Moses, of whom it is written, "No man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day."

Died From Bad Writing

German handwriting attains a degree of illegibility unknown in Latin script. A tragic instance of this fact was afforded by the death of Johann Bacher, an Austrian musician of the last century. Bacher spent most of his leisure for fifteen years in compiling a history of the Viennese opera. When the manuscript was completed he submitted it to the Imperial academy, which had promised to publish it. In three months it was returned with a statement that no member of the academy could decipher it. Bacher then sought to have it copied, but no copyist capable of deciphering it was to be found. As a last resource he de-termined to dictate his work to an amanuensis only to discover that the greater part of the manuscript was illegible even to himself. The thought of his wasted years of labor unhinged his brain, and in a fit of depression he committed suicide.

Going Back a Long Way.

Pick up any peerage book and you will find it bristling with ancestral names whose presence is much more difficult to explain than that of the fly in the amber. And as you descend in the social scale the fictions multiplyfrom the pedigrees of the landed gentry to the family trees proudly cherished in hundreds of middle class homes. But these lineages, aspiring as they are, are of mushroom growth compared with many that are claimed with seeming honesty. At Mostyn hall you may see a vellum roll, seven yards long, headed by no less famous an ancestor than "Adam, son of God." Another pedigree at the college of heralds starts thus modestly with Adam and the garden of Eden, and Wales has many a family tree which traces descent with unerring hand from the same remote origin.

What Became of the Trousers.

Of Judge Parry's many stories of the Manchester county court that about the comedy of a man's Sunday trousers is one of the best. In the plaintiff's box was a woman, in the defendant's an elderly collier. The plaintiff stated her case: "I lent you mon's missis my mon's Sunday trousers to pay 'is rent fendant at first replied, "There's nowt in it at all." Pressed for a more definite reply, he scowled at the judge and protested, "Why, the 'ole street knows all about them trousers." But Judge Parry was not the "'ole street," and he patiently encouraged the defendant to talk until he got the explanation. "Why, you woman 'an my missis drank them Sunday trousers."-Westminster

Catching Cuttlefish.

Cuttlefish require deft handling. The balt, which consists of a rough chunk of fish fastened to a book or even tied to a string, is not dropped over the side to be swallowed, but to excite the gustatory organs of the cuttles and to be slowly pulled up until those mol-lusks have reached the surface in a vain attempt to embrace it with their long arms. Then in a moment a gaff is plunged into the leathery mantle of the would be diner, and the creature is unceremoniously flung into the boat.

His Qualifications.
Writing to the leader of a string orchestra, an aspirant for a position was requested to state his qualifications. Complying by mail, he said, among other things:

Yours rec'd. I can play the fiddle and some on tromboan, also slilyfoan. Have played floot at parties, but prefer pickleos. Respt. O. M. P. S.—Have taken twelve lessons on the gatar. Would be willing to teach myself the cornit. Terms, union raits. Respt., O. M. -New York Press.

A Double Barreled Grievance "What is Smith's grievance against the railway company?"

"He has two grievances. One of them is that some of the trains don't stop at his station and the other that after he gets in the trains they lose time by stopping at other stations!"-London Telegraph.

Helping the Diagnosis.

Doctor—Ry dear lady, you are in perfect health. I can't find a thing the matter with you. Patiest-I wish you'd try again, doctor. I do so want

Shopper-Can I hang this paper on myself? Salesman - Yes, sir, but it ould really look better on the wall .-Harper's Bazar,

to go away to recuperate.-Century.

Discretion of speech is more than stallions. eloquence.-Francis Bacen.

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