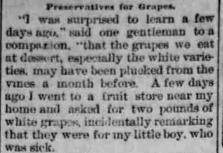
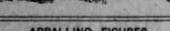
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"'Why don't you take one of these 5-pound baskets? asked the dealer. 'They are somewhat cheaper when bought in such quantities, and besides I will put a preservative on the grapes that, while it will not impair their appearance or taste and is not in the least injurious to the stomach, will keep them for two or three weeks. Taste one of those grapes, and he pointed to a big basket of fine



APPALLING FIGURES.

Mr. McSwat Has an Argument with His Better Half.

Mrs. McSwat-Billiger, how often do you get shaved? Mr. McSwat—About four times a week

on an average

"How much time does it usually require?

"About half an hour."

'Half an hour four times a week! That's two hours a week, four and onethird days in a year, and nearly a month and a half in ten years. Think of it, Billiger. If you should let your beard grow you would save time enough in ten

"But look here, Lobelia! Great Scott! I don't want to let it grow. Did you ever see me with a full set of whiskers?"

heartfelt joy and gratitude you ever ex-perienced, Lobelia, that you never did! With a full beard, madam, I look like a cocoanut in a fit of delirium tremens. 1 tried it once years ago. Dogs barked at me on the street, children fied from me in terror, footpads who caught a glimpse of me by moonlight or the pale, flickering rays of a street lamp, dropped their sandbags and slunk tremblingly up the alleys, and 1 was offered sixty dollars a week and all expenses by a dime museum man for a year's engage-ment. My portrait was hawked all over

liger, and I'm sure"-Don't interrupt me, madam. My

beard grows straight out, up, down, sideways, every bristle for itself, like the spines on the fretful chestnut burr, and it grows in every shade and color, from brindle to vermilion and back again. If you could see me once with a hedge fence all over my face you

"But think of the time you lose

"The time I lose! Look here! How often do you fix your hair?"

"Every day of my life, of course, but that's different.

"That's different, is it, hey! How long does it take you to fix it?"

Think of it! Half an hour a day, hours and a half a week, nearly eight days in a year, an entire month in

THE SAD TALE OF A PROTEGE. Touthful Artist Finds That She Doe

Nerved by Absinthe to the Point of In-jecting the Fatal Drug. Not Have a Rosy Path to Travel. As to the question of the suicidal She came to see me the other day, tendencies of absinthe drinking, there ooking tired and miserable, and while is a striking instance in one of Edgar she rested in my biggest and coziest Saltus' novels-"Mr. Incoul's Misadchair I pressed her to tell me what was

venture." At least the musings and "Well," she said finally, "I will tell soliloquy during which suicide was rou. It all comes from being Mrs. determined upon was accompanied Blank's latest fad. You are surprised, by a free indulgence in the dangerbut it's quite true. You know, Mrs. ous beverage. Lennox Leigh is the Blank, having nothing else to occupy young man who takes his own life her mind, is always a slave to some fad or other. Once it was Browning, later of cheating at eards, of which he is on it was athletics and finally changed innocent, but which he cannot reto china painting, and now I am her

fute. The charge is made by his vinparticular fad. You see, she met me dictive enemy, Mr. Incoul. The viv-id portrayal of the condition of mind when the china painting craze was on her, and as I have some little skill and produced by the absinthe is remarkreputation as a china decorator she came to see me frequently about her able. "On reaching his room," says the author, "he put his purchases work. At last she veered around from china painting to me. When Mrs. Blank table, poured out a glass of absinthe, first "took me up" it was a matter of considerable rejoicing, not only to my fellow artists, but to myself. lighted a cigarette and threw himself down on a lounge. For awhile "Mrs. Blank is a woman of wealth and his thoughts roamed among the epi-

A S' CIDE'S LAST MOMENTS.

prominence, and naturally any person whom she favored with her friendship sodes of the day, but gradually they drifted into less personal currents. and patronage would soon become well known and gain considerable custom. "He began to think of the early legions: of Charon, the god, renound Well, I've had a few orders-not many. ing his immortality; of the Hyper-You see, Mrs. Blank's friends are so well aware of her habit of going daft about something or other at recurrent interaware of her habit of going daft about vals that they don't put much faith in | threw themselves into the sea; of her recommendations. However, it's Juno bringing death to Biton and quite as well, for I shouldn't have time Cleobis as the highest recompense of

phonius praying Apollo for what a chance to execute the orders I did reever gift he deemed most advanta-"Why not? Why simply because she monopolizes all my time. Do I get set-tled down to a good day's work in my studio, along comes Mrs. Blank and geous, and in answer to the prayer receiving eternal sleep. He remem-

happiest people in the world the work. blessedness of ceaseless sleep; how "'Now you must come up to So-andthe Buddha, teaching that life was so's with me. It's an opportunity you can't afford to neglect. You'll get lots of new ideas. Got something to do? Oh, nonsense! Come along and do that afterward. Ideas are the thing-not lathrough kalpas of time.

and turn with it into an opalescent | are. Five years ago he conceived an milk. The soliloquy was renewed: idea. He knew that there were sevknow I do not shine in conversation and name. I might go to Brazil or Aus newsstand for a small daily remuner-And yet life is pleasant; ill spent as on their papers,' as they express it. mine has been, many times have I He picked out two honest boys and found it grateful. After all, it is not entered into a contract with them.

"I used to be spoken of as 'Miss Smith, that goes, as mine seems to have day to take care of small corner "I used to be spoken of as 'Miss Smith, Mrs. a promising young china painter.' Now I'm alluded to as 'Miss Smith, Mrs. Blank's young protege.' Blank's young protege.'

WHY GO The case

It is Easy Enough, Says the Philo pher, to Make a Living.

"No man has any license to be broke in New York." The speaker was a well dressed, keen eyed youth of eighteen. fruit. "The grapes were sound and of fine flavor. Those grapes you have "You can earn the undying gratitude of thousands in this city alone

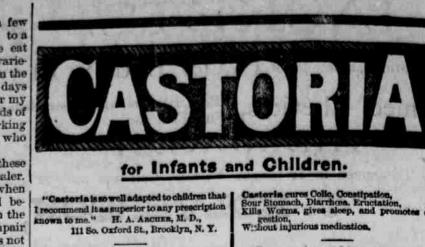
if you will tell them how to escape eaten,' he said, 'have been kept in the discomforts, not of simple pover ty, but of downright want." said a stock two months, and I can probably keep them as much longer. I bystander. do not know what the preservativ is composed of. I get it from a b

"what is your recipe?" inquired another listener.

firm of chemists down town, an "You will all grant me," said the they guarantee there is nothing i young man, "that even the poorest jurious in it. I have never tried bum' or most incorrigible gamin on any kind of fruit except grape that runs the streets can get a 'stake,' say twenty-five cents, with out much trouble. All right. On New York Advertiser. that foundation any boy of six or a (morphine intended for suicide) on a man of sixty can earn enough to house and keep him comfortably. How? Let him invest that sum in morning or evening newspapers, and keep turning over a fair percentage of his profits every day.

"Even the largest of Park row newsboys seldom earn less than fifty cents a day on a smaller original investment than the one I have used for the sake of argument. I know what I am talking about, because five years ago I was hustling around in bare feet the same as the rest of them are now, and I could make my to do anything anyhow. I haven't had their piety: of Agamedes and Tro living expenses and have a little to spare at the end of every week. Show me a man, woman or child in this city who is a beggar and I will show you an individual who is too bered how Plato had preached to the lazy to do even the lightest kind of

> After these sententious remarks the youth turned and walked up but a right to suffer, had found for Newspaper row. "There is a youngthe recalcitrant no greater menace ster who will be worth a big fortune than that of an existence renewed in time," said a bystander. "I knew him well several years ago when he 'He mixed himself another glass of was regarded by the other newsboys absinthe, holding the caraffe high in as a hustler. His clothes were nearthe air, watching the thin stream of | ly as ragged and his face and hands water coalesce with the green drug as dirty as the street gamin's usually After what has happened there is eral of his companions in the street nothing left. I might change my who would rather stand behind a tralia, but with what object? I ation than hustle around the streets could not get away from myself. and take chances of getting 'stuck life that is short; it is youth. When He agreed to pay them forty cents a



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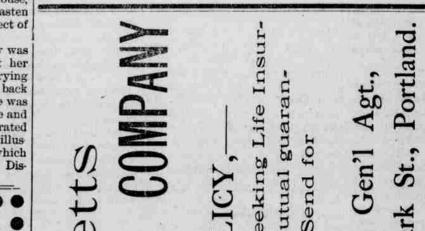
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but I guess it would prove just efficacious on peaches or plums." Fossils in Maine. The Rev. M. R. Keep, who is o the best informed geologists Maine, says that a very rare fossil

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Keep, is at Square Lake, near Fo Kent. Here geologists of variou of these lilies. The blooms and buds Oregon everbearing

A few days since a well known lady of Huguenot Springs missed from her pantry a pitcher of milk under circumstances most perplexing to account for. The empty pitcher being found near the house, suspicion of course began to fasten itself on some two legged subject of natural history.

This solution of the mystery was dispelled when the owner met her 6-months-old setter puppy carrying carefully by the handle into her back ward a pitcher of milk, which he was seen to tilt at the proper angle and drink. This statement, corroborated by the lady herself, presents an illus tration of canine sagacity which "takes the cake."-Richmond Disnatch



found in the limestone of Aroostoo county. The most wonderful depos of fossils in the world, says M

countries have found between for and fifty different species of tril bites. The encrinite or water li of the Silurian age is frequent found at Square Lake, large mass of rock being composed of the sten are seldom found, although a full blown head of the encrinite has been discovered at the lake. The fossil resembles a medium sized rose.

-New York Sun. The Dog and the Milk Pitcher.

Salem.

years and over two years in a century! Lobelia, you'd better go and look after the baby."-Chicago Tribune.

Beautiful Hair.

The present bishop of Trinidad was once curate of St. John's, Chatham. England, and he had a beautiful head of ruddy hair. One day he went into Garthwaite's to have his hair cut in the usual

And Garthwaite admired the parson's hair as he passed his hands over it, and said that it was very beautiful. Whereupon the curate was well pleased, and Garthwaite passed his hand over the ruddy locks again, and murmured more approval. "Many a lady would give a great deal

to have such a head of hair as yours,

"Indeed," said the barber's victim, now quite interested; "why so?" "Ah, sir, it would take the dye so well!"

replied Garthwaite. And the conversation dropped .- Bos-

ton Globe.

Ingenious

"The practice of smoking is so preva-lent in Holland," once remarked a traveler, "that when you are in an alchouse, where everybody smokes, you cannot possibly recognize the person sitting next to you."

"Then how does the waiter manage to distinguish the customers?"

"Oh, easily enough. He always carries a pair of bellows about with him to blow away the smoke until he discovers the person who summoned him."-Tit-

Part Mourning.

"Mary Dasher's uncle is dead. Did he leave anything?" "Nothing."

Then she will not go into mourning for him?

"Yes, part mourning. She is going to wear black suspenders."-Exchange.

A Matter of Names



med your boy John after yourself.

No, Mrs. Temaon. We have name nes after a prolonged family "-Harper's Bazar.

He Wanted to Know. A. (somewhat illiterate)—I read some-ing in a paper about idiots. Are they man beings?

B.-Certainly, they are human beinge to yourself .- Turns Siftings.

Not Surpris

-How time does fly! stople there are trying to kill

says:

protege business, be assured of that. It's hard lines being somebody's fad. To be sure, as a rule it is something that don't last long, but it's wearing while it does last."-New York Recorder.

bor.' Or she sends me a note to come

to luncheon, as she wants to see me par-

ticularly, and then she keeps me there

all day. What does she want? Nothing,

except to talk to me. That's why she

likes me. She likes to talk. Now you

I can listen till the heavens fall. Well,

she sits by the hour and pours into my

ears the tale of her emotions, her ideas,

her experiences, her views, her aspira-

tions and her opinions of her neighbors.

And I am weak enough to let her do it,

all because people say, 'How lucky for you that Mrs. Blank is so interested in

Directions in England.

Speaking of "up" and "down" in England reminds me of a friend's experience. On his arrival in Liverpool he wished to visit a hat store without delay. He was convoyed by a fellow passenger to a large establishment, where hats were only one of a dozen things that were sold.

"Where is the hat department?" inquired the newcomer.

"Clear up to the top, sir, as far as you can go," was the answer of the clerk addressed, whose accompanying gesture showed that he did not mean the highest story of the building, but the extreme end of the shop.

The next day my friend was in Ches-ter cathedral. It was Sunday and at the hour of service, and the place was still the languor continued, sweeter pretty full. Looking about for a seat, even, and more enveloping, till from old one at that, is he?" interrogated he was accosted by a verger, who in-formed him that "You can't get any seat, sir, unless you go clear down to the bottom." What the man meant by the "bottom" was the portion of the edifice nearest the altar.

Londoners also speak of the "top" and "bottom" of a street, where New York-ers say "head" and "foot."-Cor. New York Tribune.

How It Was Made Plain to Him. London 'Arrys are apt to be loud, cheap and vulgar, but they are uncon-sciously amusing. Two of them were seated in a pothouse during the election excitement, when one noticed a glaring poster on the wall representing Mr. Gladstone shaking hands with Britannia and John Bull, and the army and navy in raptures at the spectacle. Beneath the picture was the legend, "One Man; One Vote."

"I say, old man," asked 'Arry First, "wotever does this 'ere mean-this 'ere man and vowt thing?"

"W'y," said 'Arry Second, "cawn't ye ee for yerself wot it means? One man, the feelings of the rest a few of the ne vowt. And there you are.' "Well, I down't see it."

"Now look 'ere. It's heasy enough. One bloody man, one bloody vowt." "W'y, yes! Great man, Gladstun!"--New York Sun.

aloof from the flock .- London Spec-The Smoke from the Sunset Gun Next to the sunsets and the daily de-parture of the white fleet of sound steamers, nothing that is seen from the span of the Brooklyn bridge is better tator. worth seeing than the firing of the evening gun at Castle William on Governor's island. The flash is of startling brilliancy, and in calm weather it leaps nearly 500 feet from the mouth of the cannon. Even at that distance, how-ever, it can be seen that it is not a sheet of flame, but a rocketlike shower of fire flakes-slow burning powder and wad-ding.-Exchange.

She Liked It. He (tenderly)—And what do you think of the engagement ring I sent you, Ger-

She (delightedly)-Oh, it is beautiful-in fact the handsomest one I ever had given me.-Exchange.

hence, what matters it?'

"He poured out more absinthe and week.

inge and with it two little instrulights turned pale and glowed less vividly, as though veils were being

sweetness it was almost pain. The room grew darker, the colors waned, the lights behind the falling veils

sank thin, fading one by one; a single spark lingered; it wavered a moment and vanished into night." Leigh had ended his life by his own act in a condition to which large quantities of absinthe contrib uted. -- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

How Monkeys Treat a Sick One.

Monkeys, with some notable exceptions, are some degrees worse than savage men in their treatment of the sick. On the new Jumna canal at Delhi monkeys swarm in the trees on the banks and treat their sick comrades in true monkey fashion. The colony by the canal being overcrowded and as a consequence unhealthy, did, and probably loes still, suffer from various unoleasant diseases. When one monkey is so obviously unwell as to offend

larger monkeys watch it and taking a favorable opportunity knock it into the canal. If it is not drowned at once the sick monkey is pitched in again after it regains the trees, and either drowned or forced to keep

Cleared by Opening a Grave. A gentleman who had lived for a considerable time out of the country died apparently a few days after his return. It was alleged that his decease had followed suspiciously near the eating of a pudding prepared by his stepmother. She was hence arrested and charged with his murder. The grave was opened for the purpose of making an analysis of the contents of the man's stomach. It was then discovered that the man

had turned completely over in his coffin and was lying on his face. Ho had been buried alive. This evi-dence of the cause of death was of dence of the chase of the woman course conclusive, and the woman and -Yankee B

"Oh, I tell you there's nothing in this protege business, be assured of that. It's and impenetrable that nature has devised? And whether that isola-tion came to me tonight or decades away clear at the end of the first week.

> had thirteen boys at stands and ments. One of these he adjusted in eleven around the ferry entrances the projecting tube and with his fin- working for him. Today his staff is ger felt carefully the point. He fifty strong at least. He owns two threw off his coat and rolled up his big stands under elevated stations sleeve. From the phial he filled the where traffic is heaviest. The boy syringe and with the point pricked must be worth at least \$12,000 today the bare arm and sent the liquid if he is worth a cent. Last Christspurting into the flesh. Three times | mas he bought a house in Jersey for he did this. He reached for the ab- his widowed mother, and I undersinthe and left it untasted. The stand he owns some property in Yonkers that has greatly increased in value lately.

"He is the pioneer of his business in New York, and he isn't a very the boy's historian .- New York Advertiser.

Charles II's Ready Cash.

Lord Ailesbury thinks that just before Charles died his affairs were prosperous. "I will have no more parliaments," he said, "for, God be praised, my affairs are in so good a posture that I have no occasion to ask for supplies. A king of England that is not a slave to 500 kings is great enough." "His heart was set to live at ease, and that his subjects might live under their own vine and fig tree." "I will have by me 100,000 guineas in my strongbox," the king used to say, and Lord Ailesbury heard that "there was found there

at his death about £60,000." Concerning this Burnet says: "He left behind him about 90,000 guineas, which he had gathered either out of the privy purse or out of the money which was sent him from France, or by other methods, and which he had kept so secretly that no person whatsoever knew anything of it."-Black wood's Magazine.

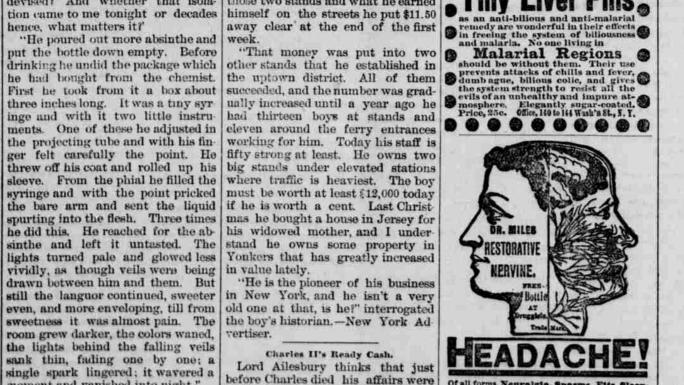
He Stopped.

A nervous little man sat on one side of the cross seats on the top of an omnibus the other day, back to back with a young woman of the "sweet girl graduate" species. The little man felt a piece of cloth tickle his neck, and thinking the ends of his cravat were sticking out he began to stuff the cloth down between the collar and waistcoat.

He was nearly scared out of his LATEST PATENTS seat a minute later by hearing the girl exclaim in a loud voice: "Now, BEST IMPROVEMENTS. yoù stop! Leave my hair ribbon alone

The small man apologized and got off at once.-Boston Globe.

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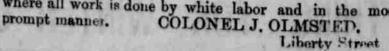
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