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A cockney had been to a fire, and he story winder an leans out an yells. Save me, save me!" "We looks up at him, an we yells,

'Jump, yer bloomin idiot!' "But he wouldn't jump. He just hangs there a-yellin, 'Save me, save me!' "Dem we calls to him again:

"'Jump, jump, yer bloomin galoot! We've got a blanket." "Den he jumped. An I thought we'd die a-laughin. We didn't have no blan-ket."—Boston Budget.



Anna Matilda (who has just made a purchase)—If it likes cocoanut candy an smells it in my pocket, I am lost.-Brooklyn Life.

A Benefactor of His Species.

During the recent drought I sat in the train opposite a gentleman who seemed to be haunted by a fixed idea. He never tired of repeating how great a blessing it would be for humanity if artificial rain could be produced. "You see," he excitedly remarked, "I have already tried everything. The plan of going up in a balloon and sending down a shower with a watering can failed, because we have no means of transport to lift sufficient quantities of water into the air. Further, a fountain, rising at least 300 there are no clouds about"-

"Excuse me," I interrupted. "You wish to become a benefactor of the human race, and more especially the agricultural population. You are a landed proprietor, I presume?"
"No," he replied, "an umbrella mak-

er!"-Buntes Allerlei.

Strictly Business.

"I-I hardly know what to say, Mr. Browncliff," said the agitated young woman who acted as assistant postmaster and grocer's clerk at the little village of Peaville. "I-I wasn't expecting any thing of this kind."

"That's all right, Miss Frankie," responded Mr. Browncliff, traveling salesman for Pullem & Gummit's candy factory. "That's all right. You can just house and lot, \$2,000 in the bank, I'm getting a handsome salary, I am a good to marry. I've got just five minutes to make my train, Miss Frankie," he added where it would grow. He liked Mr. Curjudge of girls, and you're the one I want hurriedly, looking at his watch, "and I'll be round again in exactly 30 days for your answer with a full line of samples. Save your orders for me and think over what I've said, and I haven't another second to spare. Goodby, dear!"-Chicago Tribune.

In Doubt. Down into the senate restaurant the other morning a couple of visitors

"Th take a bottle of Apollinaris," said

"Yes, sir," said the negro waiter. "I'll take an absinthe frappe," said the "Sir?" said the waiter.

"I said that I would take an absinthe "Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Hot or

old?"-Washington Post. His Sense of Duty.

ever? "It's dis way, ma'am. I'm under or-

commandin officer says forward march, per's Bazar.

His Scruples.

"Can you lend me \$5?" "I'd like to," answered the careful man, "but I haven't anything less than \$20 bill."

"Can't you break it?" "You see a \$20 bill simply amounts to promise to pay by the government."

"And I hate to break a promise,"-American Industry.

Sympathetic. "What are you reading, Johnny?" in-quired the boy's father. "A sea story about a man who was

wrecked on a cape."

"Read it alond, Johnny. I can sympathize with him. I have just been wrecked on a sealskin cape myself."—

"It is jealousy. I suppose he"— "No. She does all the taiking."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Marriage Would Cure Him. Mr. Gumpps—That boy will never be good for anything until he marries. Mrs. Gumpps—I suppose not.
Mr. Gumpps—No. He's got to get
over the habit of hanging around the
bouse.—New York Weekly. A New Use For Photography.

Photography played an important part in a suit now on trial in the United States district court at Cincinnati. The "Oh, dat was a daisy fire, and right in lands. It is based on a deed made nearly that purpose it was taken to Washington and submitted to an expert photographer of that city.

The original deed, discolored and yel-

low with age, showed traces of four signatures and a space where there might have been a fifth, but no traces of it. ing signature, and when it was enlarged as when first written. The court pronounced the evidence conclusive, and the result will be the reversal of a former decision and a change in the ownership of the land,-Indianapolis Journal.

Gone Into Trade.

There was a rush of dudes the other day to see how Rawlie Cottenet looked selling flowers over a counter. Had Mrs. Paran Stevens set up a shop for have been more excited than to hear that a nephew of Mrs. William Astor had actually gone into retail trade on a fashionable thoroughfare. And when the dudes got there, what did they see but a very earnest, quiet and self possessed young man ready to sell them flowers at reasonable prices for cash down on the nail.

It is not so long ago that Klunder had violets in town. He was a confiding litkite, and all his assets were some \$50,000 ing when I woke up I called for the of uncollectable bills from the belles and garcon and asked him for my troubeaux of New York. If Cottenet goes in for anything like a

credit system, his shop will be closed by Christmas. Let him ask and expect cash from his swell friends. He wants their money more than he does their custom -Cholly Knickerbocker in New York

The Romance of a Tramp. Two years ago Mr. Tramp called at the residence of Mr. Joseph Curtis and asked for a dinner. It was given to him, and he was set at work hoeing in the field that afternoon. When he finished, he hired out with Mr. Curtis for the summer, and in the fall left and went on his

Nothing was heard from him again until the first of this summer, when he for the chief of police. made his appearance at the farm and take for it. The gentleman, thinking of trousers and a ticket, apologizing the fellow in jest, told him \$3,000. He for all that trouble." Mr. Chirdwick consider it a square offer. I have a good nearly fell over when the ex-tramp pulled out a big wad of bills and counted

out his money.

The man said he had drawn \$5,000 in tis' farm very much and wanted to own it. He insisted that Mr. Curtis should take the money and live on the farm till next spring, when he would come and take it. He didn't want any papers, as he was satisfied that Mr. Curtis was perfecily honest. There must be a good bottom to that fellow. A tramp with an ambition to farm is really not a tramp, are bound to lose in the end." -Bangor Commercial.

Carlisie's Expensive Lunch.

It seems a big price to pay \$500 for a cup of tea and a macaroon, but those articles are what Secretary Carliale got at his reception last summer by the board of lady managers of the World's I really am. fair, and \$500 is the amount he was required to pay for them. The ladies' finances were in a muddle, and the tradesmen who supplied the tea and the macaroon, besides a little luncheon and corsage bouquets for the ceremonies committee, refused to wait any longer "But why don't you settle down? for their pay. With characteristic want why do you tramp, tramp for of consideration for their fair patronesses and in accordance with the vulgar notions of propriety, the caterers sent ders. In de battle of Antietam my their accounts to the secretary, and the latter gallantly footed the bills out of an we started. Den he an all de officers his private exchequer. The ladies meant was killed, an no one's ever commanded to be "awfully nice" to the secretary, as to halt. I marches on, on forever, and in a measure they were successful ma'am, from a sense o' duty."—Har- At any rate, they have made themselves very dear to him-financially at least .-Philadelphia Record.

Cooking Inferior Steak.

To cook an inferior steak, such as spoonful of snet, lard, olive oil or rendered butter. Plump in the steak and quickly turn over and over till the outside is well seared, then add a small cupful of boiling water, slice an onion over the top, put on a snug lid and let simmer very gently for half an hour longer if meat is still tough. This makes a most savory dish and goes finely with mashe potatoes. I prefer to use suct in cooking steaks, as it imparts the finest flavor.-

A Grand Army Exchange. and warrant shavers. Colonel James, a national bank president, sent \$100,000 in cash to the mission on check day and veterans called there and got their money without deduction or expense. General Swayne, General Alexander Webb, Colonel Kiliian Van Renselner, Colonel Hoadley and others made themselves responsible for any less that may befall the bank in the handling of the money.-New York News.

Rank and Rations. Two distinct military organizations

were at first created in the south, re-A cockney had been to a fire, and he proceeds to tell another cockney about it: the title to 1,500 acres of valuable farm the provisional or volunteer army. The former belonged to the general de midst of it a chap came to the third 75 years ago by the owners of the land, or state government. The latter was and turns on the point whether the deed had five signatures or only four. In or- intended to be permanent. The exder to test this question it was decided istence of the other depended on the to have the deed photographed, and the duration of the war. In a measure, clerk of the court was ordered to give however, the regular army was the matter his personal supervision. For merged in the provisional organization, and its officers, who were generally graduates of West Point and other military schools, were transferred to the volunteers and pro-

moted to high grades. The men were not unlike those in The photographing was done in the presence of the clerk of the court, who refused to let the deed go out of his sight.

The negative revealed traces of the missing the regular service in all civilized nations and were restrained by the same rigid discipline. On the other hand, the volunteers were a free and hand, the volunteers were a free and easy lot, who fraternized with their 10 times the entire name became as plain officers, and until the severer lessons of the war were taught maintained an equal footing with them.

One day an altercation took place between a captain and a private. In the course of the dispute the subordinate made an irritating remark, when the officer exclaimed, "If you repeat that again, I will lay down my rank and fight you." "Lay down your rank!" was the indignant re lollypops or McAllister opened an "art sponse. "That won't make you a gengallery" on Fifth avenue society couldn't tleman. A coward ought to fight with straps on his shoulders, but it takes a gentleman to fight for \$11 a month."—Blue and Gray.

Chirdwick and His Trousers, W. R. Chirdwick tells the following story: "Once traveling through France I reached Grenoble, where I all the fashionable trade for roses and found out I was almost penniless. I managed to go up to Thonon, a few tle German, who was fairly dazzled by miles from Geneva, and on my way the brilliancy of the dudes and the splen- there I thought a great deal of how dor of the carriages that stopped at his to reach Geneva. I passed the night door. In time he "bust" as high as a at the Lion d'Or, and the next mornsers. It is the custom in French hotels, you know, to put outside of your room your shoes and clothes so that the following day you find everything clean.

"After some search he told me he could not find them. I insisted and had the landlord called up. 'I am sorry, he said, but no one can tell where your trousers are. Well, I said, 'I want a pair of trousers and a ticket to Geneva I had in my pocket.' The landlord was at a loss. He had the house searched over and over ngain, but no trousers. 'Well,' said I, 'I shall not go out of here without my trousers and my ticket. Send

"Two hours later the landlord enwanted to know what Mr. Curtis would tered my room, bringing a new pair of trousers and a ticket, apologizing was asked where his trousers were, to which he replied: "I had none. I had pawned them to pay my fare to

She Was Getting Unpopular. How strangely people are constituted!

A pretty and vivacious fin de siecle woman said to me recently: "I'm going to give up playing poker."

"Oh, I don't give it up because I she replied, "but because I lose," win."

"Explain the paradox," I said. "Well," was her reply, "I am so lucky that I am getting unpopular.

"You know that I play in the same little club and with the same people once a week.

Well, my luck is remarkable. "Do as I will-draw four cards. draw to an interior, draw a whole hand-I generally win.

"And I know that my friends there are beginning to hate me, especially my women friends. 'I'm nearly always taking their money, and as I value their good

feeling more than I do the game I'm going to stop playing."-Polly Pry in New York Recorder. Our idea of a rash, foolhardy man is

one who will dare to read out loud in the presence of a schoolteacher.-Atch-Different Ways of Putting It.

This is a scientific way: "If a man back cuts of the rump or round, or chuck falls asleep in the sitting posture with steaks, rub the mest lightly with salt his mouth open, his jaw drops; the and pepper, dredge well with flour, put- tongue not being in contact with the ting it on with the hands. Then have hard palate, the succotorial space is your thick iron pan very hot with a obliterated; the soft palate no longer adheres to the roof of the tongue, and if respiration be earried on through the mouth the muscular curtain begins to vibrate." And this is the popular form, "If a man doesn't keep his mouth shut when asleep, he will snore."-London Tit-Bits.



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