

A gentleman had his boots blacked by one of two boys and gave the shiner a two-dollar bill to get changed. After waiting some time he said to the other boy, "Where's your partner ?" "Oh." said the youth with a grin, "he's bust up, and I'm his assignee." Travelers in Canada have not failed of noticing the number of shopkeepers, from chow-chow builders to undertakers, that are purveyors to the royal family; but it remained for a Dundas barber to fling to the breeze a gayly-bedizened banner with the awful device: "The Queen's Barber Shop." There are sixty-six thousand locomotives in the world. And yet, when you have waited for a train at some desolate way station for five hours you wouldn't believe there were half so many. Sixty-six thousand! And still a man can miss a train as easily as though there was only one engine on the whole continent. "Which is the deepest, the longest, among the tombs in a cemetery. which Miles Button is buried, for it is but a Button-hole."

Henry Cabot Lodge says in the Atlan-

tic Monthly: The universal preva-

It is neither safe, respectable, nor

ye goin' ter beef it?'

reefs, a few miles from the shore, and "Do ye see or hear anything o' that steer, consarn ye!' said he. 'An' can't ve see it's only a question whether I'm agoin' to beef that steer or whether it'll beef me? and the odds hez al Almost every year a new bed is been in favor o' the steer all day. The infernal critter gently boosted me onter this ridge pole at 10 o'clock this mornin', an' l've been ver freezin' an' yellin' fur help ever sense. My ole woman an' the young uns is locked in the cabin, an' I've seen em try twice to git out to the wood pile, but that steer has took good keer that they didn't, an' ez I haint heerd nothin' on em sence I. reckon they'm either freze to death or gone to bed to keep warm. That steer hez been havin' the properest kind of a Fourth o' July celebration all day. an' if some o' vou fellers can git away with him ye kin send for the cor'ner, fur I'll be froze stiffer'n a Chris'mas goose 'fore mornin.' " "So we hed to tackle the steer. By pluggin' it full o' pistol balls, an, poundin' it on the head with an ax the broadest and the smallest grave in for half an hour or so, we sp'ilt his this church-yard?" said a pedestrian little fun. Then we got Phil down to his companions, while meditating an' thawed him out. "Well, we had a high ole time at "Why," was the answer, "it is that in Phil's that night,' continued the ranger. "The ole 'ooman an' the Miles below the sod, Miles in length, young uns had gone to bed to keep Miles in breadth, and yet after all it is warm, sure enough, but we soon hed 'em in good shape. An' that beefin'

ly evaded his grasp, and while that fact alone offered brilliant suggestions for eloquent pictures, viz., "love in a cottage" and strong, devoted arms, it shrunk disagreeably when coupled with the knowledge that Miss Trente was an heiress.

He spent a large portion of the night dreaming on this situation reversed. How glorious to possess everything, and say, "All yours, my queen." But while there was a latent relief that she never know privation for him, the waking was bitter, and had his affection been one jota less, he had flung his letter into the fire, and his love as far as possible into Lethe. As it was, he wrote on, ending in an impetuous, heartful fashion, thus:

"If you send me away, let it be by silence; I cannot bear 'No' from your lips.'

Then he hastened to sign, seal and deliver to the corner post.

It was on a deserted corner, and a gray morning; so perhaps no one saw that he touched the letter to his lips -certainly no one knew that he breathed a prayer toward the tiny streak of silver that Aurora was pushing over the eastern chimneys.

Being a sensitive, reserved young man, he considered this ignorance on the part of humanity laudable; but if some kind busybody could have hinted another glance at the direction on that envelope, how doubly grateful he would have been!

II.

"Stand from under!" She was passing under the scaffold of an uninished building three days after the posting of Mr. Carlton's epistle, when this cry and an ominous crashing overhead plain." brought her to a standstill of terror.

She was still undecided which way to fly, when a figure stepped quickly from the door-way near and lifted her within.

When the crash was over and the dust clearing, she found her senses sufficiently to recognize Jack Carlton.

"This way, Miss Trente. I can insure you a safer return," said he, quietly, leading the way to the rear entrance of the house.

Miss Trente gave a shuddering glance at the still vibrating timbers. "They would have crushed me to

atoms," she murmured, fearfully. "I was very fortunate to be in time." Carlton said, after a brief pause. "The house is one of my uncle's, and I happened by with directions from him."

There was a kind of stern repression about him that Miss Trente noticed with surprise.

given the mollusk some excellent opporthink of it-7,000,000 pores to keep more sharply. "No," said Harris as to believe me unappreciative," she Jack, rather regretting his quixotism. decided influence of its own. Every dence went to show that she had tunities of doing so, but it declines to open through a whole lifetime! If quietly as before, "I am not." "Well, said, hesitatingly, as they reached the Then came the reflection. What did year more and more of the iron formerpitched forward upon the floor and digest even its own liver. As to the these tubes were put together end to then, what interest have you in the sidewalk. "I am very grateful, Mr. it matter? What was he to Hecuba, ly buried in the earth is spread upon driven her head into the saucepan so superior digestibility of raw oysters end there would be one long canal of case?" asked the clerk in the highor Hecuba to him? And he ground its surface, and it is surely reasonable Carlton, and ____" securely that she could not extricate it, over cooked, it was found that when about twenty-eight miles. How is keyed-George-Bliss tone. "Oh," not "And sorry, no doubt." Mr. Carlton his teeth together savagely, and forgot to assume that, electrically at least. and had consequently died of suffocaboiled for a short time, or roasted in that for a system of sewage?-Toledo much," said the senator blandly; "but interrupted, bitterly. "But compassion to take up any more passengers. some effect is produced; how far we tion. Since the dawn of creation the the shell, they were nearly if not quite Blade. the people down there sent me to the and gratitude are what I never desire A gentle touch upon his sleeve remay venture, as some seem now disas rapidly dissolved as the raw. king of terrors has wielded an infinite Senate, and as the claimant in this case from any woman-least of all from called him suddenly, and he stopped posed to do, to translate this into a mevariety of weapons, but probably Cooking, in fact, loosened the museuis my constituent I thought the best I The Edinburgh Medical Journal enyou, Miss Trente." the car without meeting her eyes. teororical agency is a problem for scinever before confronted his victim lar fibrils, thus allowing the peptic could do was to ask about it." For leavors to show that baldness is prob-The little hand that had started to- "I am visiting a friend here. Will ence to determine, with a saucepan. juices to penetrate. once the clerk wilted .- Troy Times. ably contagious.

"mighty dollar" had most pertinacious- culiarly handsome, but there was a light of steadfastness in his eyes, and lence of the colonial spirit is firmness of purpose in the curve of his shown most strongly mouth, that must win, soon or late. great exception, just as the flash Some said he had changed with his of lightning makes us realize the inchanging fortune. There was a certense darkness of a thunder storm at tain brightness wanting in his glance. night. In the midst of the provincial and somehow his read was less cheery, and barren waste of our intellectual but he was no less generous or brave, existence in the eighteenth century and only a fractious critic could have there stands out in sharp relief the found fault in him as he stood there, luminous genius of Franklin. It is facing the shower of snowflakes with strength and good-nature written un-

true that Franklin was cosmopolitan in thought, that his name and fame mistakably in face and figure, and a and achievements in science and literagleam of compassion in his eyes when ture belonged to mankind; but he was they rested on the tired horses or a all this because he was genuinely and thinly-clad passer-by. intensely American. His audacity, "How are all, Mike?" he began, behis fertility, his adaptability, are all

stowing a genial smile upon the driver. characteristic of America, and not of whose family history had become faan English colony. He moved with miliar to him in his rides to and from an easy and assured step, with a poise his office. and balance which nothing could

"Sure, the wife's worse, and two of shake, among the great men of the the childer have the masles, and there world; he stood before kings and was only one little creature, a wee princes and courtiers, unmoved and mite, sure, scarcely able to climb into unawed. He was strongly averse to a chair herself; left to nurse them, and breaking with England; but when the provisions were scarce, the doctor's war came he was the one man who charges terrible," etc., etc. The adcould go forth and represent to Europe denda were unusually serious and pathe new nationality without a touch of thetic to-day. Evidently Mike was the colonist about him. He met them "not aisy in his mind." all, great ministers and great sovereigns,

"Why, you ought to be with them." said Jack.

"Och, how could I be? I'd lose me nation for generations. His autobiogplace entirely, sir," said Mike, ruefully. raphy is the corner-stone, the first But Carlton's sympathy aroused; he great work of American literature never failed in possible service. The plain, direct style, almost worthy

"You know me as a friend of your of Swift, the homely, forcible language. employers. I will make it all right the humor, the observation, the knowwith them. Just step off here and go home," he commanded, peremptorily. "An' what'll become of the horses?" "I'll drive on to the depot and ex. date, its most extraordinary quality is

its perfect originality. It is Ameri-"Sure," cried Mike, enthusiastically, can in feeling, without any taint of "you're the foinest gentleman 1 iver English colonialism. Look at Franksee, and if you're not a gineral, ye oughter be."

"All right," Carlton laughed, slipping some coin into his admirer's hand. "Give it to the little ones, with my love."

That was how it happened that Miss Trente, taking a car in front of Browne & Co.'s, found herself face to face with Jack Carleton.

She stared incredulously as he flushed, lifted his hat, and then quietly turned the brake and started his horses.

"Mr. Carlton, is it possible?" He gave a silent glance toward the crowd looking on. The old look of wondering compassion, mingled with something else, gleamed on him for a moment, then she silently passed in-

not." "Are you his attorney?" still "A delightful position," thought "I hope my silence has not led you use that metal, must surely exercise a her son left her, and the medical evi-

wise to bring any youth to manhood without a regular .calling. Industry. by one like idleness, is a matter of habit. No idle boy will make an active, industrious and useful man.

Buying a Horse.

The Turf, Field and Farm says that in buying a horse first look at his head and eyes for signs of intelligence temper, courage and honesty. Unless a horse has brains you cannot teach him to do anything well. If bad qualities predominate in a horse, education only serves to enlarge and intensify them. The head is the indicator of disposition. A square muzzle, with large nostrils, evidences an ample breathing apparatus and lung power Next, see that he is well and clean cut under the jowl, with jawbones broad and wide apart under the throttle, Breadth and fullness between the ears and eyes are always desirable. The eyes should be full and hazel in color. ears small and thin and thrown well forward. The horse that turns his ears back every now and then is not to be trusted. He is either a biter or a divisions at a time, provision is made kicker, and is sure to be vicious in for an uninterrupted fishery.

other respects, and, being naturally vicious, can never be trained to anything well, and so a horse with a of yesterday had been an independent rounding nose, tapering forehead and a broad, full face below the eyes is always treacherous and not to be depended on. Avoid the long legged, stilted animal-always choosing one with a short, straight back and rump, withers high and shoulders sloping, well set back and with good depth of chest, fore legs short, hind legs straight, with low down hock, short pastern joints, and a round, mulish shaped foot. By observing the above directions a horse may be selected that is graceful in his movements, good natured and serviceable-one that will be a prize to the owner.

A few days before Congress adjourned Senator Harris, of Tennessee, a rather plain-looking old gentleman, went into the room of the Senate committee on claims to look up the case of a Tennessee friend. The clerk of a Senate committee is always a bigger man than the chairman, or the president of the Senate for that matter The clerk of this particular committee had never seen Harris before, and he did not like the somewhat imperative way in which Harris asked for information about his friend's claim. "Are you the claimant?" he finally asked sharply. "No," said Harris, "I am

at depths varying from one to a hundred fathoms. The greatest coral fisheries are those off Naples, Sicily, Sardinia and Algiers.

found somewhere along the Italian coast. A rush is then made to the spot and the bed is soon exhausted. The rush used to be so great, indeed, that it frequently took a man-of-war to keep the fishing fleet in order. Now, however all this is changed; for, by the new fisheries act, the discoverer of a new coral bank has the exclusive right to fish on it for two years. The value of these banks may be estimated at an average yearly rate of eight thousand tons of coral, rendering several millions of pounds sterling! The coral fisheries off Algiers are under the control of the French government, which exacts heavy duties for the right of fishing; and in order to prevent the exhaustion of this fishery the reefs are divided into ten portions, ten years being the time which the coral is supposed to take in order to reach its full growth; thus, by fishing only one of these

Medical Curiosities.

Dr. F. C. Valentine, who for several years practiced medicine in Central America, has written of the "medical curiosities" of the home practice in that country. Many of their resorts are curious and amusing, such as the administration of frog soup for all skin diseases, but several are worth follows:

Marshmallow leaves are largely used in poultices and for painful hemorrhoids.

A tea of chamomile flowers is conachic or uterine.

Three ounces of flaxseed in two quarts of water, reduced by boiling to one quart, with an ounce of manna and the juice of a sweet orange, pro-Health Monthly.

King Alcohol's Way.

A young man by the name of Murphy, living in London, went home the other night, and instead of finding a warm welcome and hot supper, he found his mother stone dead on the floor, with her head firmly wedged in a tin saucepan. She was in liquor when

The Iluman Skin.

bee closed the season."

If you could see a piece of your skin through a microscope you would see worth quoting because they are proba- long lines of ridges and hollows that bly useful suggestions for anyone, as look more like plowed ground than anything that I can think of. The ridges are divided into little conical elevations in which a nerve terminates or else passes around it; and here lies the sense of touch. In the hollows are sidered tonic and useful in indigestion, the pores that are the openand when hot in colic, whether stom- ings of the sweat ducts. What are these, do you ask? Well, they are minute tubes which, straightened out,

would be about a quarter of an inch long, that start in the tissue beneath the derma and wind spirally up through vides a drink in cases of dysentery, the skin until the upper surwhich Dr. V. holds fast to, having face is reached where its open end terproved it to be good -Dr. Foote's minates. The other end is twisted into a sort of knot which is contained in

a little sac, and this is surrounded by blood vessels.

The number of these little sweat ducts or glands is astonishing. It is estimated that in every square inch of a person of ordinary size there are 2500 square inches of surface, these

Troubled.

"Dearest, sweetest, what is it? Are you sick? What ails my precious pet?" and the young husband bent tenderly over the graceful form of his blushing bride.

"Oh, Adolphus Edward, its too dreadful for anything."

"Bad news from home?"

"Worse, worse! Oh, what shall I

"Tell your own darling hubby." "It's that awful Selina Tarbox, she's_"

"She's what, my precious?" "She's got a bonnet trimmed exactly like mine, and to-morrow's Sun-

Then the afflicted beauty buried her face in her husband's breast and trickled her pearly tears all over his threedollar shirt.-Chicago Eye.

The Oyster.

In a communication to the Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Journal. Dr. Charles L. Dana, of New York, points out some prevalent errors concerning skin there are at least 2800, and, as in oysters. It has been said that the oyster, on account of its hepatic diastase has the power of digesting itself. In

The Clerk Wilted.

sylvanian community; compare him and his genius with his surrounding. and you get a better idea of what the colonial spirit was in America in those days, and how thoroughly men were saturated with it, than in any other

lin in the midst of that excellent Penn-

on a common ground, as if the colonies

ledge of men, the worldly philosophy

of that remarkable book, are familiar

to all; but its best and, considering its

way. Influence of Iron. Does the increasing transfer of iron from the interior to the surface of the

earth, asks Knowledge, exercise any meteorological influence? Is it in any marked way influential on electric currents, and thence does it affect magnetic storms? This is a question which needs a little thought to answer safely. The development of railways, and the almost universal substitution of iron

for wood wherever it is practicable to side. glands count up 7,000,000. Only a series of experiments, Dr. Dana has