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On the fourth morning after break-

learn how to play at billiards. O'Brien

was not in the room, and I seized the

"Is it quite necessary that Fortescue

should be whiskerless?" I asked

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Trip Lightly. Trip lightly over trouble Trip lightly over wrong; We only make a grief double By dwelling on it long. Why clasp woe's hand so tightly ? Why sing o'er blossoms dead ? Why cling to forms unsightly ? Why not seek joy instead?

Trip lightly over sorrow, Though all the ways be dark, The sun may shine to morrow And gaily sing the lark. Fair hopes have not departed, Though roses may have fled, Then never be down-hearted, But look for joy instead.

Trip lightly over sadness, Stop not to rail at doom. We've pearls to string of gladness On this side of the tomb; Whilst stars are nightly shining, And the heaven is overhead, Encourage not repining-But look for joy instead.

DELILAH.

Sir Thomas Winston was a widower, and his present family consisted of two daughters somewhere between eighteen and thirty and a son. There were several guests besides myself at Winton hall-Capt. Seymour, a brother officer of young Winton's, with a suspected desire of forming another fraternal connection with him; "Paddy" O'Brian, a sort of social Crichton, and others. Of the fairer visitors, I need only mention one, Ada Dart, for what her. Dangerously intoxicating were man of sound mind could notice any other girl when she was in the room? prolonged needlessly; indeed, I used Well, Capt, Seymour, could do so, but then he was infatuated and not of sound mind-suffering from younger our discussion a matrimonial flavor. Miss Winton on the brain in fact. It Heigh-ho! surprised me very much to see the beautiful Ada sail into the drawing-

of Penzance," followed by the farce room before dinner on the evening of of "Eyes and Nose," and the distribumy arrival. I had met her at a dintion of parts was a work for Job and ner party and three balls; I had attend-Solomon, most of the company at first ed her with grateful humility through-

My theatrical 'astes had never as yet | and satire for three days. And I got | led me to take a part in any performance, and, indeed, of the ladies and men forming the present company. Ada Dart and O'Brian were the only two who were not about to make their first appearance upon any stage. Of course, these experienced members took a prominent lead, besides being necessarily drawn together in a con fidential way which it was very unpleasant for me to witness. Jealousy and envy so stirred my bile that I was inclined to regret the good old days of duelling, when I might have picked a quarrel with my rival, and so had a chance of removing him from my path. But the way in which the odious Irishman knocked over pheasants and rabbits, and a particular snap-shot, fired from the hip, which was fatal to a woodcock, forced me to own that there was a deep truth in the ingenious assertion so constantly repeated in newspaper articles, that private

real service in case of a difficulty, I

was perpetually obliged to appeal to

those conferences, which, I confess, I

sometimes to get up a vexatious oppo-

sition to her wishes in order to give

The plays selected were "The Belle

that you would be Fortescue," and she. combat is a "cowardly practice." blushed slightly. The fine old hall of Winton park Those who are unacquainted with was to be our theater, and it was my particular province to take the best The Belle of Penzance" must be told that Fortescue is the lover of Maria, advantage of the many natural faciliand several half-romping, half-loving ties of the place; to arrange about the scenes are enacted between them. scenery; to find out what were the proper dresses for the plays we were "Hit your ow-own b-b-b-ball in the exact center, and rather high," I stamto perform, etc., and Ada Dart, being

faintly.

the only person whose counsel was of mered, "and you-you would not like O'Bri--that is, any other fellow to-to-to take that part, in fact." "I declare I won't answer you!" she cried. "Of course, I know you, and never saw most of the others before,

and such things make all the difference, you know. To be kissed, even in make-believe, by a man one has seen for the first time a week before, makes one feel nervous. But there!" (At this point I went down on one knee. "Get up: there's some one coming !"

It was Miss Winton and Captain Seymour, who came just in time to image rose before merather more than the simplest characters, and coming my bedroom, locked the door, opened

Curiosities of Statistics.

The Millheim Iournal

Let us observe what our farms'and First one and then another male farmers are annually producing for every man, woman and child of the country's population. The year 1880 produced for each person thirty bushels fast, Ada Dart expressed a wish to of corn, nine bushels of wheat, eight bushels of oats, one bushel of barley, two-fifths of a bushel of rye, one tenth of a bale of cotton, three pounds of wool,

"I am so sorry, Mr. Cheevers," said of hops, two pounds of rice, ten pounds she, "that you cannot take the part of of tobacco, three and a half bushels of Fortescue. You must change with Mr. O'Brian; that is the only way in sweet potatoes. which we can manage it, and even

Of animals there was one hog for every person, one horse "for every five persons, one mule for every twentyeight persons, one milch cow for every

four persons, and two sheep for every "Why, judge for yourself; how three persons. There were fifteen and would a powdered wig look witha half pounds of butter and a half them? The worst of it is," she added, pound of cheese made for each person, "that when I undertook the-the part and the cows averaged sixty-two and a of Maria it was with the supposition half pounds of butter each for the year. Although our farm products seem immense in amount it is an astonishing

fact that if every acre of Illinois was devoted to wheat for one year, and the

average vield should be the moderate amount of fifteen bushels to the acre, the crop would exceed in amount the

the presence at times of a peculiar difentire wheat crop of the country for the last year. If the state of Missouri was wholly planted with corn, and should give a moderate yield of forty

bushels to the acre, the aggregate would equal the entire corn crop of the country for the year 1880. The state of Kansas alone can raise beef enough to feed the present population of the country. When we have ten times the present population, and when all our lands are as well cultivated as the valley of the Nile, the aggremost winter nights. gates of the farm products will be ex-

pressed in figures difficult to comprehend. Agriculture is becoming chemistry, and husbandry is becoming French Anthropological society, in out the whole of a picnic, and her declaring their utter inability to take prevent a formal offer. I went off to mechanics, so that one good man to- which he seeks to establish that rightday can do as much work upon a farm

his nose out for a little fresh air. He SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS. was put in the box, and in less than M. Schlumberger recommends that a

him company .- American Field.

method to collieries liable to fire-damp. Tanks filled with ammonia, would, it is said, stop the combustion, as it could not continue in an ammoniacal atmos-

How do earth-worms increase the fertility of the soil? is a question which may well be asked, since it is plain that these creatures can add no new material to the soil. Herr Hensen has answed by proving that the worms greatly aid plant-growth by making itself to the plant by means of a trunk which is found between the fore feet and derives its nourishment from the sap. The male cochineal is like the female only during the larva period. It changes into chrysalis, and evenit through the various layers of the tually appears as red flies. The female Besides the conspicuous displays of aurora borealis so frequent in Arctic

regions, several observers have reported pearance of the young ones the parent dies. While the young are in their larva state their sex cannot be determined. They lose their skins several ting over the pupa state, is winged. are then rich in coloring matter.

neal insect, the Coccus acti, which is collected by brushing the branches of PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

A tailor's goose-the dude.

The gunner's style of hair-Bangs.

The lawyer's usual garment-Long

ways gets another that is much worse. Teacher: " Can you tell me which is the olfactory organ ?" Pupil frankly answers, "No, sir." Teacher: "Correct.' Pupil goes off in a brown study. Miss Edith Thomas inquires at the top of a poem, "Where Are the Springs of Long Ago?" No one can be quite . certain, but it is possible that they were put in the garret with the headboard and mattress.

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The Stranger.

AN EASTERN LEGEND. The sky was dark, and all the plain was bare.

He asked for bread; his strength was wellnich spent:

His haggard look implored the tenderest care. The food was brought. He sat with thankfy eves.

But spake no grace, nor bowed he toward the east.

Sate-sheltered here from dark and angry skies.

The bounteous table seemed a royal feast. ufactures is the body of the female But ere his hand had touched the tempting

fare. The Patriarch rose, and leaning on his rod. Stranger," he said, "dost thou not bow in praver?

Dost thou not fear, dost thou not worship, God ?"

He answered, "Nay." The Patriarch sadly said:

"Thou hast my pity. Go! eat not my bread."

Another came that wild and fearful night. The fierce winds raged, and darker grew the sky:

But all the tent was filled with wondrous light.

And Abraham knew the Lord his God was nich.

"Where is that aged man?" the Presence said.

"That asked for shelter from the driving blast? Who made thee master of thy Master's bread? What right hadst thou the wanderer forth to cast ?"

"Forgive me, Lord," the Patriarch answer made.

With downcast look, with bowed and trembling knee.

"Ab, me! the stranger might with me have staid.

But, Oh my God, he would not worship Thee." "I've borne him long," God said, "and still I wait:

Couldst thou not lodge him one night in thy gate ?"

- Wallace Bruce, in Harper's Magazine.

Beats all-the tramp.

suit. When a man loses his temper he al-

fused light after the total disappearance of daylight. The phenomenon was witnessed last winter by Prof. Lemstrom from his observatory in Lapland. He describes it as a phos-

phorescent shine or diffused luminosity, of a vellowish white color, rendering the night as light as when the moon shines

has an auroral nature, and that it is present in Northern Lapland during

municated an interesting paper to the They are killed by immersing them in boiling water, and this has to be done at once or they would lay their eggs, handedness is not an acquired habit, and thereby lose much of their value but is a natural attribute, characteris-There are many processes for prepartic of the superior races. Savage ing the carmine. The French process tribes, he states, and communities in may be taken as an example: one pound of the powdered cochineal insects is boiled for fifteen minutes in three gallons of water; one ounce of cream of tartar is then added, and the boiling continued ten minutes longer ; then one ounce and a half of powdered alum is thrown in, and the boiling continued for two minutes longer. The liquid is then poured off, and set aside for the carmine to settle down. In other processes, carbonate of soda or

potash is used.

an hour he had a dozen more to keep An aged man came late to Abraham's tent.

Why Cochineal and Carmine are so Costly.

The Ironmonger, of London, explains why the beautiful cochineal and car-

mine colors are so expensive. It says: One of the best and most powerful animal dyes used in the arts and man-

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cochineal insect, dried. This insect exists on a species of cactus, and when alive is about the size of a ladybird, or perhaps a trifle smaller. It is wingless, rather long, equally broad all over, and is marked behind with deep incisions and wrinkles. It has six feet, which, curiously enough, are only of use directly after birth, and secures

burrows through which the delicate roots reach the moist subsoil. They also draw into their burrows vegetable matter from the surface (where its fertilizing ingredients would be wasted) hasten its decomposition and distribute

> deposits some thousands of eggs. which she protects under her body unil they are hatched, and on the ap-

times, and while the female fixes herself on the plant, the male, after get-

Two or three months is the extent of the life of these little insects. They

are gathered before they lay eggs, and Carmine is prepared from the cochi-

through a thick hazy air. He is disposed to believe that the appearance

the cactus with the tail of a squirrel or Dr. Goetan Delaunay has just comother animal; this is very tedious work.

bottle of ammonia should be placed in each barrel of petroleum. On ignition, by accident or otherwise, the bottle would break and the ammoniacal vapors would at once extinguish the fire. Dr. Pietra Santa proposes to apply this

soil.

opportunity of offering my services, two-thirds of a ton of hay, half a pound phere. Irish potatoes, and half a bushel of

I liked.

I could not remain long by her side; the room was full of strangers, with many of whom I had now to form acquaintance for the first time, even the ladies of the house being unknown to me. I was eventually paired off with a companion, and dinner was spoiled by a perpetual dread of speaking with levity of things she reverenced.

The place I coveted at the side of Ada Dart was filled by Paddy O'Brian, who had a wonderful and enviable power of showing politeness and apparent attention to the general company while really attaching himself to one selected individual.

Before the evening was over I felt certain that I had no chance of "walking over" for the prize, and also, that she was worth winning; for Paddy was not the man to court undowered beauty. Indeed, he could not afford so romantic a proceeding.

When the ladies retired, most of the men repaired to the billiard room. where cigars were provided, but the majority were tired and went to bed. early, leaving O'Brian and myself to inish a game.

"Well," said he, as soon as we were alone, "I suppose that you and I have been asked down here for the same thing."

""Oh yes; the shooting, you mean," I replied.

"Shooting! That's the polite way of paying us. They want us to help them with their private theatricals."

"Oh, they're going to get up private theatricals, are they?"

"To be sure, or you would never have been asked to Winton hall, nor I either, faith! I got it out of Miss Dart."

"Who ill tell us what to do about scenery, dresses, and all the little details?" said Miss Winton, when the family took the stage fever badly last summer. "Don't you know some one. papa?"

"I have it," cried Sir Thomas. "On of my acquaintances is great on the •drama; at least he talks of nothing else, and though not a Solomon, that seems to be his specialty."

"But is he presentable?" asked Julia Winton-"Seymour's girl, you know." "Oh, yes," replied Sir Thomas; "he

has paid up on his shares, and he aspirates his h's, and he has really very fine whiskers!"

"Shut up, O'Brian!" said I. "Do not foist off your own impertenencies upon the innocent. And what were you asked here for ?"

mother's only son has done for me this his friends .-- Popular Science Monthly "To act, of course. If it had not The Young Man Was Cold. four men and ran the engine up to the Miss Winton. morning. Congratulate me, my boy!' been for my success in Sir Lucius "Good morning, John," said one of water tank, filled up the engine tank, A man asked for admission to a "I am sure Mr. Cheever's face would "Certainly," said I, feeling a little O'Trigger at Lady Sock's I might have the leading pastors in Scranton, Penn., and then ran down to call on the denilook better without them," added the show for half-price, as he had but one gone hang before ever I'd have been a sickly. "What on ?" Bloomington Eye. at a young friend whom he met on the zens of prairie dog park. The old eye. But the manager told him it other. "I am going to be married to the guest in this elegant establishment. street the first warm day of the season, pioneer was at his post as usual, but "Yes; there is a particularly fine would take him twice as long to see prettiest little angel that ever wore Two medical schools for women are Oh, there is no shirking the truth with contour, which is completely hidden "How does your father stand the disappeared like a flash when the enthe show as it would anybody else, boots, and has a nice little sum all at to be established in the province of me, my boy; nobody does anything for heat ?". The young man made no regine stopped opposite his door. I disat present," said O'Brian. her own disposition into the bargain. and charged him double. Ontario, one in Toronto and one in nothing in this world." ply, but went his way with a clouded connected the hose on the engine tank, "How do you know that, Paddy?" Kingston, and the Toronto Globe says There was undoubtedly a sentiment Whoop!" There are only five states in which no brow. And when the good pastor and the bucket brigade went at it live-It was too true; he had stolen a "Contour or not," said I, firmly, "if that in this respect the women of the of truth at the bottom of this frothy learned that the young man's father beer is brewed - Arkansas, Florida, ly. Dozens of buckets of water were march upon me. I left Winton two you cannot put up with a whiskered province will be better off than they cynicism of O'Brian's; for on the folhad died only a week before he under-Maine, Mississippi and Vermont. Last used, and the tank was getting low, Fortescue, some one else must take hours afterward. are in the matter of higher education lowing day the subject of private theatyear Alabama produced only eight stood why his cordial greeting was when at last the hole was filled to the the part." And to that resolution I At present my whiskers are in the ricals was quietly broached in my presin general. mouth, and shortly the old fellow put | barrels and North Carolina thirty-one. met so coldly. stuck in spite of flattery, persuasion | blacking-brush stage. erce by the Misses Winton.

round gradually to demanding the my dressing-case, took out scissors and

principal roles. At our first general razor, and finished the dreadful task. On my way down stairs. I met Sir meeting it really seemed doubtful Thomas, who stopped, stared, and asked whether it would be possible to cast my name. He did not recognize me. the mildest and lightest of pieces, Young Winton, who was always late. but at the end of a fortnight if was breakfasting when I entered the "Othello" could have been rewritten morning-room. He dropped a cup of with three Moors, four Desdemonas hot coffee over his knees, and nearly and two Iagos, our little company "had choked. Leaving him in his misery, 1 stomach for them all." encountered a young lady visitor, who I was cast for Fortescue, which was

too prominent a part for my taste; for beside that, on principle, I very much prefer that other people should amuse me to reversing that proceeding; I hated having so much to learn by heart.

> In a little time matters began to run smoothly and we had our first rehearsal. By recalling to mind the different actors I had seen in my part, and endeavoring to imitate them, I succeeded better than I had anticpated, and gained considerable applause. "But," said O'Brian, "you must shave,

you know. The idea of Fortescue with those whiskers is too absurd." Now, my whiskers were black, pendant, silky, and had cost me an infinity of trouble. It had taken five years of constant care and scientific training to bring them to their present state of

perfection. Any one without experilast the day of positive performance ence in the matter would scarcely credit the amount of time and labor. arrived. not to mention the mere money, that

I had expended upon them. Little soft brushes, delicate combs, bottles of a peculiar oil, more delicate than is ever used for the head, were appropriated to their service. When I visited my hair-cutter that artist would deliberate for at least five minutes before he

could come to a definite conclusion affair was voted a success. upon the important point whether he should take the "hends" off. When I took my walks abroad and the breeze fluttered them over my shoulders, scornful indeed was the beauty whose eves did not light up with admiration as she passed. Even envious men were unable to withhold their tribute of

praise. "Cheevers, my boy," observed Rivers, who has spent his own fortune and is looking out for a wife, "my figure is twenty thousand, but, by gad, if I had your face hair, I'd make it forty!"

You may judge my feelings, then, when it was seriously proposed that I should shave. I repudiated the notion with a shuddering earnestness which to a vocal accompaniment.

seemed to amuse some of the company, and they all set to work to argue me out of my objection to the sacrifice. "They will grow again," said one

as four men did tifty years ago.

Facial Characteristics.

In the practice of the art of palmistry some knowledge of physiognomy is of great advantage; indeed, the two ciences go hand in hand, one supplementing the other. This is why the shrewd gypsy fortune teller scans the face almost more closely than the hand of her patron. crammed her pocket-handkerchief in

And first of all, the soul dwells in her mouth and fled. But it would be the eye; and the ability to understand tedious to recount the effect I produced upon each individual member its language is inborn with most people without having to study it: but of the household. All, even the faithless Ada, laughed at my appearance. a few words in regard to it may not be amiss. Very quiet eyes that impress except O'Brian, who looked upon my

transformation from a purely dra- and embarrass one with their great matic point of view. Others were direpose signify self command, but also great complacency and conceit. Eyes vided as to whether I most resembled a plucked fowl or a recently shorn that rove hither and thither while sheep, but the veritable amateur said: their possessor speaks denote a deceitful, designing mind. Eyes in which "Sure, he will make an elegant For the white has a vellowish tinge, and is tescue," and stuck to that view of streaked with reddish veins denote the question. The company soon got used to the alteration, and the drastrong passions. Very blue eyes bematic business now went as smoothly speak a mind inclined to coquetry; grav eves signify intelligence; greenish, as a hand passed over my cheeks. I falsehood and a liking for scandal; had the intoxicating privilege, the tanblack eyes, a passionate, lively tempertalizing element in which was tempered by hope, of making second-hand ament; and brown, a kind, happy dislove to Ada in daily rehearsals, till at position.

Of the nose - A Roman nose denotes

an enterprising, business-like character; a long nose is a sign of good We all knew our parts, but whether sense; a perfectly straight nose indiwe acted them well or not it is difficult cates a noble soul, unless the eves conto judge: our audience was bound in tradict it; a nez retreusse signifies a common politeness to be pleased, and spirit of mischief, wit and dash; a the flattering applause and profuse large nose generally indicates good congratulations we received cannot be mind and heart; a very small nose, counted for much. At any rate, everygood nature but lack of energy. body seemed delighted, and the whole

Thick lips indicate either great genius or great stupidity; very thin On the morning following the performance, I awoke early with a firm lips cruelty and falsehood, particularly if they are habitually compressed. determination to turn mimic courtship into earnest, and force a plain Dimples in the cheek signify roguery; ves or no from her that very day. To in the chin, love and coquetry. A lean face is a indication of intelligence: a very sad. I have never seen her smile lie in bed with such a prickle in the pillow was quite impossible, so I got fat face shows a person inclined to more than good breeding would sugup. dressed and went for a walk. On falsehood.

passing through the garden on my way back to breakfast, I became aware erect posture, open nostrils, moist that some one else was also in high temples, displaying superficial veins, spirits, for a well-known voice behind which stand out and throb under the the shrubberry was singing "The Pigs least excitement, large unequal, illin the Morning," and on turning the ranged eyes, and equal use of both corner of a path which brought me hands.

into a little open dell, I came upon A good genius may be expected from O'Brian, with his hat stuck on the middle statue, blue or gray eyes, large back of his head, executing a pas seul prominent forehead, with temples a little hollow, a fixed, attractive look and habitual inclination of the head.

"Ah !" he cried, on seeing me, "sure you have caught me making a fool of -Belle C. Green. . myself. But it is a good thing my

an inferior state of civilization, show a much larger proportion of lefthandedness than highly-civilized people do. Idiots and epileptics offer a very large percentage of left-handed individuals, and there are more lefthanded women than men. His general conclusion is that in the evolution of the species there has been a steady tendency to the development of the right side of the body at the expense of the other, and that the examples of left-handedness still to be met with

in the superior race are mere "survivals."

Prince and Princess of Wales.

The London correspondent of the New York Commercial, having seen the Prince and Princess of Wales at the opera, draws this picture of the royal pair: "The Prince of Wales, who was looking uncommonly well, studied his libretto with his usual diligence. I have remarked this fact, that 'the royalty' scarcely take their eves from their books. The prince has probably seen 'Lohengrin' fifty times. I will venture to say that during as many evenings he has held a libretto in his hands from the commencement almost to the close of the performance. The Princess of Wales, by the way, usually-in fact, always-does the same. How much she is loved by everybody. Her eldest son sat beside ner, and she looked young enough to be his sister. She was dressed in a dinner gown of pale blue silk, high in the back, and trimmed with magnificent Valenciennes lace. Her hair was dressed high, and several diamond ornaments glittered among her tresses. She is to my mind the most distinguished and lovely woman in England. Her face is sweet beyond words, but

gest. Is it etiquette or melancholy Irascibility is accompanied by an which imposes such quietness upon the features of so charming a woman? I have often wondered."

Catching a Prairie Dog.

I was assured that I might as well try to dip the creek dry, as each dog had a passage from his residence to the level of the creek, that all the water that could be emptied in would not raise an inch above the river bed. I didn't take much stock in this water passage idea, however, so, after securing a box for the game and half a dozen water buckets, I took three or

Color-Hearing. Popular expressions are often very significant. "I saw three dozen lights

of all colors," or some similar expression, may frequently be heard from persons who have received violent blows on the head or face. Under the influence of shocks of this kind, the eye really seems to see infinite numbers of sparks. Shocks of a certain class impressed upon the nervous system seem to have the faculty of producing phenomena of light. This remark has been suggested by the facts which we are about to relate, which lead us to suppose that sonorous vibrations are susceptible in certain cases of provoking luminous sensations. There are, in fact, persons who are endowed with such sensibility that they cannot hear a sound without at the same time per ceiving colors. Each sound to them has its peculiar color; this word corresponds with red, and that one with green, one note is blue, and another is vellow. This phenomenon, "Colorhearing," as the English call it, has been hitherto little observed.

Dr. Nussbaumer, of Vienna, appears to have been the first person who took serious notice of it. While still a child. when playing one day with his brother, striking a fork against a glass to hear the ringing, he discovered that he saw colors at the same time that he perceived the sound : and so well did he discern the color that, when he stopped his ears, he could divine by it how loud a sound the fork had produced. His brother also had similar experiences. Dr. Nussbaumer was afterward able to add to his own observations nearly identical ones made by a medical student in Zurich. To this young man, musical notes were translated by certain fixed colors. The high notes induced clear colors, and the low notes dull ones. More recently, M. Pedrono, an ophthalmologist of Nantes, has observed the same peculiarities in one of

An observing pedestrian has made the startling discovery that the reason why women cannot succeed as well as man in walks of life, is because when she is on the walks one hand is usually employed in holding up her dress.

Even the "old watch-dog of the treasury," with the nation's millions behind him, could not assume the malignant expression of jealous vigilance which is worn by an old hen studiously sitting on a broken tumbler and two door-knobs.

A boaster in a hotel was telling of the many sections of the country that he had visited. A fellow at his elbow asked. "Have you ever been in Algebra ?" "Oh, yes," said the boaster, "I passed through there on the top of a stage coach about a year ago."

A proud father has been questioning his son, who has just returned from an expensive school, and says the boy answers four questions out of five correctly in every branch of his studies. To four questions out of the five the boy says, "I don't know," and this answer is always the true one. When he hazards any other it is apt to be wrong.

Power of Habit.

The power of habit, so-called second nature, is well illustrated in our every day's doings. It grows so strong and clings to us so like the ivy in its tenacity that it oft becomes a ruling passion strong in death. It is well illustrated by a little incident that occurred last Sunday in one of our leading churches. Our telephone exchange is very efficiently presided over by young ladies, one of whom was the innocent cause of the mirth at the church referred to in our remarks above. In her daily toil she shouts "Hello!" "Hello!" from the moment her duties begin until the close. On last Sabbath she nodded as even Homer did when the preaching was long. She was suddenly awakened by the silvery tinkling of bells, and raising up in her seat, and placing her praver book to her ear as she would an car-phone, she shouted "Hello" hello! Central office." The scene can better be imagined than described .--