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nospitanty in Mexico is humorously yet gratefully described by Mrs. Tweedie, who relates her experiences in "Mexico as I Saw It." For hours the train had been pounding along between huge Texan ranches, a dusty and uninteresting journey since leaving Sac Antonio. Suddenly a man in uniform appeared before the traveler. "Are you Mrs. Alec Tweedie?"

asked. "I am," I answered, with an outward show of courage, although inwardly wondering what offense I had commit-

"I have come to help you at the frontier with your luggage.'

I sighed with relief, thanked him and after his departure tried to go on with my work of manuscript reading. We passed another junction and an-

other man stood before me. "Are you Mrs. Alec Tweedie?" he asked.

"I am," I replied, trembling again. "I come," said he, "from the International railway to bid you welcome to

Mexico.' I asked him to sit down, and we chatted, although not for long, because in a

Tweedie?" asked a third man. At that I laughed outright. "I come from Mr. Cloete's ranch." he explained, "to look after and welcome

We began chatting about my recent adventures, when a fourth man presented himself.

"Are you Mrs. Alec Tweedie?" he asked. Convulsed with laughter, I could only

nod assent. "Mr. Barrett of Sonora asked me to meet you at the frontier and see you safely to Sabinas," was his explana-

So, duly escorted, I went on.

He Got His Tip.

you in his name."

He was a tiny little fellow, surely not more than five years old, and as he called for his afternoon papers at the corner of Twelfth and Market streets many people gazed at him with mingled amusement and pity. He had long brown curls, wet with the drenching rain, and his shrill little voice had a the right side journals down before baby lisp. A very stout, elderly woman, apparently weighing close to 200 pounds, paused at the south side of Market street and looked askance at the miniature river of water and at the passing procession of wagons and trol-

The little newsboy was quick to size up the situation. Running up to her, he exclaimed: "Don't be afraid, lady. I'll help you across." Reaching up his tiny little hand, he clutched her by the arm, Two ladies were looking at a picture and together the ridiculous pair threadby Mr. Faed in the Royal academy en- ed their way to the opposite curb. Then titled "His Only Pair." The artist has the stout woman opened her purse, depicted a poor boy sitting up in bed gravely handed the little fellow a coin while his hardworking mother mends and disappeared into the Reading ter-

In Abyssinia political offenders and obstructionists are arrested, chained ture with searching gaze and then reand placed on the small tableland of marked to her companion: "'His Only Abba Salama, a high, rocky and precipitous mountain about thirty miles from Adowa. So sheer and steep are its sides that the prisoners are drawn up by ropes. Their chance of escaping is impossible, unless they run the with monsters and all distant seas with risk of dashing themselves into eternity on the rocks below. On this lonely height there is soil on which they may grow grain, and there are wells with good water. There is no speaker to keep order, and they may, if they of which the sea serpent is today perchoose, abuse the prime ministers and haps a survival. The unknown oceans crowned heads to their hearts' content, were filled with whirlpools that sucked but they return no more to the ways of

> Roman Candles. In making Roman candles a cylindrical case is taken and packed with a lot of stars. At the bottom of the case they put some of the composition they put in rockets, and on top of each star is some more of it. By mixing certain chemicals green and red lights are proin death scenes on the stage at the

and mythical animals. Fishes and tur- theater are made by mixing a great quantity of nitrate of barytes with small quantities of sulphur, chlorate of potash, charcoal pulverized and ar-An Ancient French Custom. Anciently in many parts of France resent the god "Meke-Meke," the great

when a sale of land took place it was the custom to have twelve adult witnesses accompanied by twelve little boys, and when the price of the land was paid and its surrender took place the ears of the boys were pulled, and they were beaten severely, so that the pain thus inflicted should make an impression upon their memory, and, if required afterward, they might bear Although worth it doesn't lack, yet such witness to the sale.

> "What is heredity, mamma?" asked the little girl. spelling the word out through her falling tears and waiting to write down the meaning.

"Have you got anything that will cure rheumatism?" inquired the cus- Oh," said the mother, "something you get from your father or me."

> "It must be hard to be working on literary stuff all the time." remarked

> "No," rejoined Scribbler; "it's easy. It's working off the stuff that's hard." -Philadelphia Record.

> Customer-Is this good country butter? Grocer-Yes ma'am that was made in America, the best country in all the

world.-Indianapolis News.

Penaps no word of six letters concentrate so much human satisfaction as the word "garden." Not accidentally indeed did the inspired writer make paradise a garden, and still today, when a man has found all the rest of the world vanity, he retires into his garden. When man needs just one word to express in rich and poignant symbol his sense of accumulated beauty and blessedness, his first thought is of a garden. The saint speaks of "the garden of God." "A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse!" cries the lover, or "There is a garden in her face!" he sings, and the soldier's stern dream is of a "garden of swords." The word "heaven" itself is hardly more univer-

Au Old Garden

Small One.

sally expressive of human happiness than the word "garden." And you have only to possess even quite a small garden to know why-a small old garden. So long as it be old it hardly matters how small it is, but old it must be, for a new garden is obviously not a garden at all. And most keenly to relish the joy which an old garden can give you should perhaps have been born in a city and dreamed all your life of some day owning a garfew minutes, "Are you Mrs. Alec den. No form of good fortune can, I am sure, give one a deeper thrill of happy ownership than that with which one thus city bred at last enters into possession of an old country garden .-Julius Noregard in March Harper's.

A Disastrous Dream.

This story is told by a man from Harlem: He dreamed one night that there was concealed about the flat in which he lived a quantity of silver. The next night he dreamed the same dream and told it to his wife.

After a consultation they decided that there must be "something in it" and began to sound the walls for it. At one place in the dining room they came upon a space which sounded hollow. The wall there was of brick, but the husband got a pick, and the next night, with great stealthiness and care, they managed to make an opening, when they came upon an array of silver spoons and forks, cake baskets. teapots and other valuables.

These they arranged upon the dining room table and were gloating over when there came a furious ring at the doorbell, and an irate man who lived in the next flat came in to know "why in thunder they had broken into his dining room cupboard."-New York

A Friendly Tip.

During his term as congressman Major William A. Smith, ex-president of the North Carolina Central railroad, made a visit to New York and stopped at one of the American plan hotels. Upon seating himself at dinner he was obsequiously handed a bill of fare by the waiter. Tossing it aside, he passed the waiter a dollar, with the remark,

"Bring me a good dinner." The dinner proving satisfactory, the congressman pursued this practice during his entire stay. As the last tip was changing hands be mentioned that he was about to return to Washington. "Well, sir." said the waiter, "when you or any of your friends that can't read the bill of fare come to New

Times. Stuttering and Stammering. Stuttering and stammering are terms that are confounded. They are not synonymous by any means. Stammering is an inability to properly enunciate certain elementary speech words; stuttering is a vicious utterance, manifested by frequent repetitions of initial or other elementary sounds. Both are caused by improperly acting mus cles of the vocal chords, soft palate,

tongue, cheeks, lips, etc. Some of these muscles are under easy control of the will. Over the muscles of the pharynx, the soft palate and at the base of the tongue, which move its root upward and downward, our power is not so complete, and this causes the affliction.

When Snow Is Smoke. When Professor James Dewar inserted a small jet of flaming hydrogen into a vessel of liquid oxygen, the hydrogen continued to burn, giving off snow instead of smoke. The snow was formed by the instantaneous freezing of the water created by the combination of the burning hydrogen with the oxygen inclosing it. When he cooled liquid air until it became semisolid, he found he could draw the oxygen out of the mass with a magnet, leaving a jelly of pure nitrogen.

"Are you a married man?" inquired the inquisitive stranger.

"No, sir," replied the other sadly. "Oh," said the first, "I trust you will pardon me for referring to your bereavement. I should not have opened such a touching subject."

"Touching describes it beautifully," murmured the other. "It is hard to pay \$15 a week alimony."-Ohio State

The Reason.

"Then, when you have finished your lecture." said the professor of elocution and deportment to young Dulle, "bow gracefully and leave the platform on tiptoe." "Why on tiptoe?" queried Dulle.

"So as not to wake the audience," replied the professor. A Child's Phrase.

He was only four and convalescent from the grip. Leaning his little head on his mother's arm, he said wearily, "Oh, mamma, I feel like a broken toy!"-Boston Herald.

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Seemed Reasonable. Johnny had written a composition in

submitting it to the teacher. "Here's a sentence that will not do Johnny," she said as she read it: "'When the man found that he had called at the wrong door, he politely explained himself away.' A man can explain a thing away, my dear, but not himself."

"I don't see why," contended Johnny. "A man can bow himself out, can't

"Certainly." "Then why can't be explain himself away?"

Mutuality of Destination. A listless looking woman came into a car and, dropping languidly into a seat by the side of an acquaintance, drawled out lazily:

"La, Het, is this you?" "Why, Mag, how are you?" was the equally languid reply.

"Where you goin', Het?" "Nowhars." Where you goin'?"

"Well, then, I guess I'll just drag along with you."-Lippincott's Maga-

Early English Umbrellas.

Two centuries ago the umbrella was known and used as a sunshade. Ben Jonson and Beaumont and Fletcher alluded to it. In 1712 it was used as a rain protector. Gay in his "Trivia" speaks of the "umbrella's oily shed," which was recorded as a kind of sou'wester material more serviceable than gingham or silk, which was used in its construction at that period.

Out Before His Time. "There's one of my faults that I'm free to admit," said the convict who always managed to break jail. "What's that?"

"I have never lived up to my convictions."-Philadelphia Press.

Self Praise. Bizzer-Gasser tells me that he is honest in thought, word and action. Buzzer-I'm sorry you told me. I'll be suspicious of him after this.-Ohio State Journal

The Older the Easier. Ella—That fellow is a soft mark. Stella-Yes, men are like shoes-the older they get the easier they are .-New York Herald.

A Doctor's BAD PLIGHT. -"Two years ago, at a result of a serious cold. I lost my York, just ask for Sam."-New York writes Dr. M. L. Scarbrough, of Hebron, Ohio, "then began an obstinate cough. Every remedy known to me as a practicing physician for 35 years, failed, and I daily grew worse. Being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, I found quick relief, and for the last ten days have felt better than for two years." Positively guaranteed for throat and lung troubles by Green's Pharmacy. 50c and \$1.0. Trial bottles

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Right Side Wears Out First. "The journals in street car trucks always wear out on the right side first," said an expert in traction mechanics the other day. "That's because the majority of people are right handed. This sounds funny, but it's a fact. Right handed people involuntarily choose a seat on the right hand side of the car, and most people standing up reach for a strap on the right. Any conductor will tell you that the right hand seats always fill up before the seats on the left, and if you make it a point to count the number of persons occupying seats in a crowded car you'll almost invariably find that there are more people squeezed into the right hand seats than in the left. This, with the majority of standing passengers holding on to the right hand straps, throws most of the weight on the right

those on the left are much worn."

wheels, and the extra friction grinds

A Matter of Spelling. Those who love to study human nature often derive as much pleasure from watching the people who visit ley cars. picture galleries as they receive from the pictures themselves. It is not every day, however, which produces so amusing an incident as one which an English paper reports:

his only pair of trousers. The boy, minal.—Philadelphia Record. although obliged to stay in bed while the repairs are under way, is contentedly eating an orange. One of the visitors looked at the pic-

Pair! I don't call that a pear at all! It's an orange that he is eating." Ancient Superstitions. The ancients peopled all distant lands horrors. Unknown and distant countries were, to their superstition, peopled with "gorgons, hydras and chimeras dire." The distant seas were filled with monstrous dragons and serpents.

in mariners who were sacrilegious enough to approach them to an awful Perhaps these superstitions, as much as any one thing, kept the world for so

many centuries an unexplored and un-

known waste. Carvings on Easter Island. The hard volcanic rock of Easter island is covered with carvings intended duced. Green lights like those used to represent human faces, birds, fishes tles appear common among these sculptures, but the most common figure is a mythical animal, half human in form, with bowed back and long, clawlike legs and arms. According to the natives, this symbol was intended to rep-

spirit of the sea.

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cago Tribune

Atchison Globe.

Life.

Doing Him Justice. The Heiress-You seem to have no objection to him, papa, except that he has no money.

Every one thinks that he is not gos-

siping; that he is simply talking .-

Papa-No; and I'll even admit that he's trying hard to get some.-Brooklyn

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