

Bellefonte, Pa., August 21. 1908.

Suggested by a Lady. "Let me have five two-cent stamps, please," said a lady to the polite young man behind the counter in the post-

"Yessum." he said, handing them

"Can't you let me have them in one piece?" she added.

"Certainly, ma'am," said the young "Can I send them home for

"Oh, no; I don't live far away, and

put you to the trouble " "No trouble at all." said the polite official. "I haven't very much to do Telegraph. today, and I could easily spare an hour.'

"Very much obliged," said the lady, smiling sweetly. "Dear me," she added, putting on a stamp, "what a bother it is to stamp letters! Why can't we send lesters and let the postoffice send in their bill once a month?"

"They might just as well," said the obliging young man sympathizingly. "I'll mention the fact in my next report to Washington."

"Will you? How nice! But you mustn't mention my name. Say the idea was suggested by a lady."

Catching a Bride.

Among certain Siberians the bridegroom is not permitted to have a wife until he can catch her. But they do not give him a fair race in the open. The bride, surrounded by her female friends, awaits him in a big tent. As soon as she sees him she runs off. He follows like Hippomenes after Atalanta. But instead of obstacles being thrown in the way of the bride they are thrown across the path of the bridegroom. The pursuing groom falls over old women, chairs, tables, stones and fishing rods or is tripped up by ropes. Only when it is feared he might give up and sulk and go away without the fleeting lady is he permitted to overtake her. Then as she falls into his outstretched arms it may be imagined she utters some equivalent of "This is so sudden!"

A Live Steak.

"It is a mistake." said the president of the New York Waiters' club, "to think that an Englishman always wants his beef excessively rare. As a matter of fact, the English like their beef better done than we do. I once saw a waiter," he continued, "serve an English duke with a cut of very, very rare sirioin. The duke looked closely at the slice of bright red meat. Then

"'Waiter, just send for the butcher. will you? " 'The butcher, sir?' the waiter stam-

Yes,' said the duke. 'This beef doesn't seem to be quite dead yet."

Charlotte Bronte's Last Tribute. "He will not separate us-we have been so happy!" These were the last words of Charlotte Bronte when, having become Mrs. Nicholls and baving lived with her husband only nine months, death came to snatch the cup of domestic felicity from the lips of the happy pair. A low, wandering de-lirium came on. Wakening for an instant from this stupor, she saw her husband's woe worn face and caught the sound of some murmured words of prayer that God would spare her. "Oh," she whispered, "I am not going to die, am I? He will not separate us -we have been so happy!"

The Words That Won.

In London one of the weekly papers offered a prize for the best list of strong words to number ten. The announcement specified that but ten words would be considered from any one person and a committee of literary men would select from the numbers offered the ten strongest words in the English language. These are the words that won: Hate,

blood, hungry, dawn, coming, gone, love, dead, alone, forever. Do you think of any stronger, fuller of suggestion?-Exchange.

Not Herself.

Farmer (to medical man)-If you get out my way any time, doctor, I wish you'd stop and see my wife. I think she ain't feelin' well. Doctor-What makes you think so? Farmer-Well, this mornin', after she had milked the cows, an' fed the pigs, an' got break-

fast for the men, an' washed the dishes, an' built a fire under the copper in the wash 'ouse, an' done a few odd jobs about the house, she complained o' feelin' tired-like. I fancy she needs a dose o' medicine.-London

Charity.

Clara - At Jennie's wedding last week, owing to a misunderstanding, she had to wait at the church thirty minutes for the bridegroom. Maud-Oh, well, thirty minutes isn't anything to a woman who has waited thirty years.

Professor Stone-To the geologist a thousand years or so are not counted as any time at all. Man In the Au-I am going straight home. I wouldn't dience-Great Scott! And to think I made a temporary loan of £2 to a man who holds such views!-London

> Progress Reported. "Did you have any luck fishing?"

"Yes." "How many did you catch?" "I didn't catch any. But I thought up some mighty good stories to tell the folks at home."—Washington Star.

Poker and Bridge.

Knicker-I was sitting up with a very sick friend last night. I tell you. Mrs. Knicker-Yes. I sat up with his sick wife all this afternoon.-Harper's

These Fabrics Come From Two En-

tirely Different Animals. "The other day I heard a couple of men arguing about mohair and alpaca, one of them gravely asserting that they were different names for the same fabric," said a New York importer.

"The assertion was very far out of the way. The cloth known as alpaca, if genuine, comes from the wool of the animal of the same name, which thrives only in the Andean regions of Peru and Chile in South America. The alpaca, or paco, which resembles the llama, looks a good deal like our domestic sheep and has a most beautiful fleece. Great flocks of them browse on the highest ranges of the Andes and are the property of the native Indians, who shear them once a year. Many efforts have been made to breed the alpaca in different parts of Europe and Australia, but without success. A cargo of them was brought to Baltimore some time in the middle of the last century, but the experiment of raising them in the United States was

likewise a failure. "The cloth known as mohair comes from the Angora goat, a very different animal from the alpaca. The angora is found in South Africa, but the largest flocks are found in Asia Minor."-Exchange.

PARIS AND LONDON.

Contrasts In People and Manners In the Two Great Capitals.

the streets French traffic all to the right; London coachmen drive always to the left. Parisians live together in large houses like barracks: Londoners have one family in a house. The Londoner has a latchkey, the Frenchman a concierge.

Paris has its cafes, London its clubs. Parisian beds are up in an alcove in the wall; Londoners sleep in the middle of the room. Londoners take three or four meals a day, Parisians two. Paris dines, London eats. Paris loaves are long, London loaves are

square. Paris drinks wine, London beer. Paris takes coffee, London tea. Frenchmen while dining talk to their neighbor and enjoy each other's society; Britons sit alone at table and don't say much, but enjoy their food.

London workmen work in their ordinary clothes, call each other "mate." smoke clay pipes and punch each other's heads occasionally; Parisian workmen do their business in blouses, call their friends "citizen" or "sir," smoke rigarettes, take their hats off to each other and do their fighting with their feet.-London Tit-Bits.

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Her Sunday Knitting.

"Years ago," said an Auburn woman eighty years young, "it was counted a sin among the good wives of the little Maine town where I was born to waste a single moment of time. I have heard my grandmother tell the story of one dame who much scandalized the church people on one never to be forgotten occasion. People who went early to church were surprised one Sabbath morning to see Aunt Betsy sitting away up in front, gray yarn stockings in her hands and her knitting needles clicking merrily away as she worked. The minister stopped in surprise as he passed her on his way to the pulpit, but the old lady was not one whit disturbed by his disapproving air. Smiling serenely, she said complacently: 'Thought I'd knit a stitch while the people are gathering. I never was one to waste a minute, elder.' And the good dame continued to click her needles, while the horrified minister hastened to his desk. Not till he began his sermon did Aunt Betsy lay aside her Sunday knitting work."-Kennebec Journal.

Carlyle Was a Terror.

The domestic infelicity of the Carlyles is common knowledge, but it is not inappropriate to give Mrs. Carlyle's view of her husband. "If he would only be satisfied!" she used to sometimes complain of Carlyle. "But have had to learn that when he does not find fault he is pleased, and that has to content me."

On one occasion when Carlyle was away from home Mrs. Carlyle busied herself to get all in perfect order for her husband's arrival, and when all was complete-his din er ready, his armchair in its usual position, his pipe and tobacco prepared, all looking as comfortable as possible-Mrs. C. sat down at last to rest and to expect him with a quiet mind. He arrived, and "after he had greeted me, what do you think he did? He walked to the win dow and shook it and asked, 'Where's the wedge of the window?' And until we had found that blessed wedge nothing would content him. He said the window would rattle and spoil all."

Hard and Soft.

"What," asked the teacher, "does an thracite mean?" "That's a kind of coal," said little

"Yes. Anthracite coal is what we call

hard coal. So 'anthracite' must mean 'hard.' Now, can you tell me what 'bituminous' means?" "That's coal, too," Willie replied.

"But it isn't the same kind of coal that anthracite is, is it? Bituminous coal is what we commonly refer to as soft coal. Now, Willie, let us see if you can form a sentence containing the words anthracite and bituminous.' Willie thought the matter over for a minute and then said:

"Here's one: 'This morning before pa started downtown ma wanted \$5 for

groceries and things, and she tried to get it by saying bituminous words, but pa gave her an anthracite look, and pa gave her an anthracite look, and when he disappeared around the corner J. C. MEYER—Attorney-at-Law, Rooms 20 & when he disappeared around the corner J. Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte, Pa. 49-44

she was weeping bituminously." She Investigated.

What Elsie's sister wanted to know was where Elsie got that beautiful silver mounted walking stick. But Elsie didn't want Elsie's sister to know, so Elsie's sister got Elsie's father to ask Elsie.

"I found it," Elsie poutingly informed her father, "floating like a schooner on the waves one day when I was bathing."

But two days later Elsie's sister said to Elsie: "Come-tell me! What is his name?"

"Name!" repeated Elsie blankly. 'What do you mean?" "I mean, dear," said Elsie's sister "that last night I tried to make that stick of yours float in the bath, andwell, darling, it sank!" - Pearson's

A Metaphor With a History.

To "know a hawk from a hernshaw" is a metaphor with a curious history. It is a comparison drawn from faiconry. "Hernshaw" is a corruption of "heronshaw," or young heron, a bird which was a common prey of the falcons. To know a hawk from a bernshaw is therefore to be able to distinguish the falcon from its prey. A further colloquial corruption crept into the phrase-"to know a hawk from a handsaw." a form used by Hamlet in one place. Possibly the distinction between a hawk and a hernshaw was found not to be strong enough for the purposes of the proverb.-Manchester Guardian.

Grouch .- The Rev. Mr. Smiley's scheme to pass around the cigars and let the men smoke during services has proved a failure. Blink—What was the trouble? Grouch— His wife bought the cigars.

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