

Bellefonte, Pa., May 21, 1909.

Largest Family on Record. In the Harleian manuscript, Nos. 78 and 980, in the library of the British museum mention is made of the most extraordinary family that has ever been known in the world's history. The parties were a Scotch weaver and his wife (not wives), who were the father and mother of sixty-two children. The majority of the offspring of this prolific pair were boys-exactly how many is not known, for the record mentions the fact that forty-six of the male children lived to reach manhood's estate and only four of the daughters lived to be grownup women. Thirty-nine of the sons were still living in the year 1630, the majority of them then residing in and about Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is recorded in one of the old histories of Newcastle that "a certyne gentleman of large estaytes" rode "thirty and three miles London Queen. beyond the Tyne to prove this wonderful story." It is further related

Mascagni's Royal Critic.

that Sir J. Bowers adopted ten of the

sons and three other "landed gentle-

men" took ten each. The remaining

members of the extraordinary family

were brought up by the parents.

Mascagni, the famous composer, was once asked to entertain the royal court in Rome. He did so and delighted his audience. When he finished playing he started a conversation with a little princess who had stood near the piano during the recital and had shown every sign of deep interest. As a matter of fact, she had been instructed by her mother to say, if any question should be asked, that "Mas- the same way. There is a popular nocagni was the greatest musician in

The composer asked her which of the great living masters she liked best, and the proud mother turned toward the child to hear the pretty little speech which had been taught her. Instead of the compliment came the withering remark:

"There are no great masters living. They are all dead." The musician gave a little start and

"Your excellency, permit me to congratulate you. You are the most truthful critic in Europe."

Queer Cases of Jilt.

A well known novelist was once jilted by a girl who took exception to the inadequate punishment meted out to one of his fictitious villains. She declared that as he regarded vice with so lenient an eye he must himself be at heart a reprobate and unworthy of true love and that she must request | tice? Why don't you look at somethat their acquaintance cease.

days met with a similar mishap. The hat in this very car that cost only \$6. lady to whom he was engaged, chanc- The woman just behind us pointed it ing to hear that he had delivered a out a minute ago." most skillful though futile speech in defense of an arrant rogue, wrote, saying that she must decline to know one who could thus strive to speciously excuse crime. In return he pleaded the exigencies of the profession, but i... vain. The lady was obdurate and soon afterward, by the strange irony of fate, married a man who was ulti mately convicted of gross fraud, mainly through the forensic eloquence of her former lover.

Ominous.

When Julia, Mrs. Blank's maid of all work, came to her mistress and "gave notice" because she was going to be married, Mrs. Blank said: "You know, Julia, that marriage is a

pretty serious thing." "Yes'm," replied Julia, "but not git-

tin' married is a more serious thing | inent as a maker of the highest class sometimes, don't you think? Anyhow, of enameled glass, which has become it'll be as serious for him as it is for me if we don't git along all right. But | body, beautifully painted in enamel then, as you say, gittin' married i about the seriousest piece of bizness a body can ingage in, an' mebbe I am a fool an' mebbe he's a bigger one. There's no tellin'. It's a turrible solemn thing, as I reckon you've found out by this time. Like enough I'll sip sorrow, but so will he. That's one comfort."-Detroit Free Press.

Definitions.

Economy - A human eccentricity which will cause a woman to spend half a day . nd 10 cents street car fare in order to get a five cent spool of

thread for 4. Love-A tender passion which, however, does not preclude a man's scolding his wife if the coffee is too cold. Pride-A persistent and potent pe-

culiarity which will cause a man to put a silk tile on an empty head and to button a \$150 frock coat around an empty stomach.

Prejudice-A taste or distaste for something about which you know nothing.-Judge.

Doubtless.

Voice (in the house)-Bessie, what is keeping you out there on the porch so long? Bessle-I am looking for the comet, mamma. Voice-You'll take your death of cold. Bessie-Not at all, mamma. I'm-I'm well wrapped.-Chicago Tribune.

Her Weight of Sin. "Mother, I've a dreadful thing to confess to you. Last night when you told me to lie down in bed I lied down, but after you turned out the gas I grounded my teeth at you in the dark!"-Lon-

Most Anything.

don Punch.

Club Doctor (with view to diagnosis) -And now my man, what do you drink? Padent (cheerfully)-Oh-erwell, doctor, I'll leave that to you .- The Kaffeeklatsch.

The difference between a 5 o'clock tea and a German Kaffeeklatsch is as-you-please meeting, where we balance our teacups in hand perilously handicapped by our multitudinous possessions, augmented by the frail saucer on which a top heavy piece of cake finds an insecure resting place. We may enjoy a variety of creature com-

festive occasions. Not so the German Kaffeeklatsch. take sitting at tables. Coffee and savories mark the beginning of the meal, followed by numberless cakes which the Germans know so well how to make. This is followed by some creamy preparation or a beautiful device made in ice. This again is succeeded by the choicest fruits.

The Kaffeekanne is meanwhile still busily plying its trade. There is a well known German song which ends with the refrain, freely translated: "Thank you, thank you, hostess mine. I never drink more cups than nine."-

The Fairy Hounds. In some years stoats appear to be more numerous than in others, and they are seen not m ones and twos, but in dozens, hunting together in small packs. The late E. T. Booth of Brighton, when shooting in East Lothian one autumn, met a pack of stoats which attacked a terrier he had with him and would not be driven off until he and the dog between them had killed more than a dozen. Stoats will hunt together from scent and in full cry like a pack of hounds, one always keeping the line and followed closely by the others. This sight has been recorded by different observers, who have also seen weasels hunting in tion in the west of England that hares are hunted at night by packs of little | F YOU WISH TO BECOME. fairy hounds, locally called "dandy dogs," and these are said to be weasels, which the west country folks call "fairies." pronouncing the word "vairy" and "vair." Some of them declare that they have seen and watched the chase with awe.-London Graphic.

Poetic Justice.

A man whose soul had been tortured frequently by the remarks of his wife, who takes: flendish delight in setting a price on the handsome clothes worn by other women, one day found sweet

but it is cheap. It couldn't have cost a cent more than \$6."

"Why do you always pick out the FIRST SEMESTER begins Thursday, September 17th, 1908. most expensive clothes for especial nothing cheap once in awhile? There An eminent lawyer in his younger are cheap things worn. There is a

"Well," said his wife, "you are the last person on earth who ought to feel proud of it. It was me she was talking about."-New York Times.

Old English Flint Glass.

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From 1736 to about 1761 we have but few particulars. Then Michael Edkins, formerly a potter, became promvery scarce. It has an opaque white colors with figures, flowers, etc. In fact, it much resembles a glassy porcelain. It is getting scarce, too, and fine pieces are increasing in value.-London Opinion.

Porcine Geometry.

Seven-year-old William had become the proud owner of a pet pig and insisted upon having all the care of it himself. After a few weeks, as the pig did not seem to thrive, his father said to him:

"William, I'm afraid you are not feeding your pig enough. It does not seem to be fattening at all."

"I don't want him to fatten any yet," William replied knowingly. "I'm waiting until he gets to be as long as I want him, then I'll begin to widen him out."

After the Honeymoon. He (at a picture gallery)-I wonder what that painting represents? The youth and the maiden are in a tender attitude. She-Oh, don't you see? He has jusk asked her to marry him, and she is accepting him. He-Ah, how appropriate the title! She-I don't see it. He-Why, that card at the bot-

Her Reason. He-Do you know any good reason why women should vote? She-Yes, I do.

tom says "Sold."

"What is it?" "Well, because."-Yonkers States-

Mother-And when he proposed did you tell him to see me? Daughter-Yes, mamma, and he said he'd seen you several times, but he wanted to

Whosoever hath nobly yielded to necessity I hold him wise, and he knoweth the things of God.-Euripides.

marry me just the same.-Sphinx.

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