THE PEEVED BILL CLERK.

"We've got a new boarder at the house," said the bill clerk, as he dexterously trundled his stool into position and perched himself. "His name is Timothy Hayseed, and he's from Squash Center. He'd have stayed there, but the cows were always mistaking him for something to eat and he got bitten up quite badly."

"How interesting," remarked the cashier. "A very odd name, isn't it?" "Well, I won't say that's his sureenough name," the bill clerk kindly explained. "But it ought to be. He's the worst jay you ever saw. He's got freckles all over his nose and-here's

the joke: "At breakfast he asked the landlady for another plate of cakes. Honest! And when she asked him if he wouldn't like anything more—sarcastic, you know-he says, 'I believe I'll have another piece of steak, please.' Just that way. And he'd jabbed two pieces when the dish went around. He's looking for a job. I think we ought to make room for him here."

"Did the old lady throw the coffee pot at his head?" asked the cashier. "She ought to have," replied the bill clerk, with a grin. "It's a wonder she didn't."

"She didn't then?" "Of course, she didn't," said the bill

manded the cashier. "Surely not?"

"Of course, he did," answered the bill clerk. "Did you suppose she'd tell him he'd had all she could afford to give him? What kind of a joint do you think it is?"

"Well, well," said the cashier. "No doubt it would be rather remarkable If the good woman objected to supplying more food than this rustic person paid for."

"Oh, I guess he didn't get any more than he paid for, if you come to that," said the bill clerk.

"The strange thing was that the young man should ask for what he wanted then?" queried the cashier. "Is that it, Johnny?"

"If you knew the old lady, you'd think it was," said the bill clerk. "And he got the cakes-and the steak," said the cashier. "He certainly must be a blockhead. If he'd kept still he'd have had the pleasure

probability. "It's to be hoped he will learn; if he doesn't, it's hard to predict what will become of him.

"To begin with, he'll go around asking for a job, I suppose, and he'll that he hasn't any delicacy whatever. Think of a young man—with freckles on his nose, too!—asking busy people to give him work, just because he happens to want it. Shameful!"

"Well, if you think it's all right to put your feet in the trough, you can," muttered the bill clerk.

"I'm not sure that it isn't all right, ff you happen to be a hog and your associates are hoggish," said the cash-

"I'm not casting any reflections on your boarding house," he continued. "I merely want to call your attention to the fact that this is a cold, cruel world. It isn't enough to look hun-gry; you've got to holler for grub, and that in no uncertain tone. If you do that it's a hundred to one that

you'll get it." Your friend, Mr. Timothy Hayseed, is making a pretty good beginning, if lets. Each place card had a miniayou ask me. When he gets his job, ture bird in genuine feathers, the ar-he'll ask about anything he wants to know and then he'll ask for a raise of salary.

"That's all the good it would do him if he worked here," remarked the bill

"You can't ever until you try," said the cashier. "After he's got most of partnership, and he'll naturally get that.

"In course of time he'll ask the other members of the firm to retire, and they will gracefully skidoo. If they don't, he'll scoop in a majority of the stock and kick 'em out. "Having accomplished this, he'll ask

the principal firms in the same line of business to consolidate with him and allow him to direct their destinies, and they will do so.

"Then he will consider that his in-dustry is entitled to a little special legislation of the fostering order, and he will ask for it. If he can put up the right kind of an argument to the commission, he'll get what he asks

"'Put up' is good," commented the bill clerk. "So all you've got to do to be the head of a trust is to ask for another plate of buckwheat cakes when you are a young man. Is that

"You're putting it the wrong way, Johnny," answered the cashier. "Not every young man who asks for a sec-ond helping will arrive at the eminence that I speak of, but if you take notice you will find that there is no trust magnate who is congenitally bashful about asking for anything that he thinks he wants."

"I was under the impression that they took what they wanted without asking," said the bill clerk.

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Senders of Wireless Messages Readlly Recognized by Man at the Other End.

Amateur wireless operators who break in on regular calls by commercial companies and then sign with a fictitious name may find themselves quickly identified, according to wireless operators in Chicago. The reason is that the "hand" of an operator is as quickly recognized in wireless work as in ordinary telegraphy.

Telegraphers always recognize the "hand" of a man who transmits messages and some out-of-town men have reputations for "beautiful sending" among Chicago operators. Wireless men say that the mere fact that wires have been oblitedated in their business makes no difference to the man at the receiving end. He can tell at once who is sending the message if he has heard from the same man before.

"Only the other day I received a message from a station on the lake which came from a familiar hand," said a wireless operator. "I identified it at once as that of a friend I had known years before, but could not break in at that time without interrupting the message. As soon as he completed his work, however, I sent him a personal call. It turned out that

he was the man of my acquaintance. they can fool the wireless will find themselves in a peck of trouble some rington. "Not long after he had first day for interfering with messages. It occupied the cottage, he called upon is easy to become acquainted with me, saying that he was anxious to betheir 'hand' if they practice at all regularly. If they play any jokes on an operator and sign fictitious names they may find out after all that they can-"You don't mean to say that he got not disguise themselves. Their own his plate of cakes and his steak?" de- way of sending, which differs for every individual, betrays them."

SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUTH POLE

Science Will Welcome the Discovery So Long Looked For-

ward To. At least three branches of science, it is hoped, will derive important benefits from the conquest of the south pole -meteorology, geography, and seismography. More immediately important than any other result is to be, it is probable, the influence of of the discovery on meteorology. In no long time, as a consequence of the weather maps based upon the fuller knowledge of atmospheric currents in the Antarctic, doubtless brought by Scott and Amundsen, the prediction of the weather will be made a much more exact science. One of the results hoped for is the forecastof leaving the table hungry, in all ing of the conditions of the monsoons in India and averting thereby a vast amount of damage to property and loss of life.

To work out the many observations pertaining not only to meteorology out to the other sciences and to report keep on asking until he gets it, in- on the collections in detail must, as a stead of politely waiting for the job writer in the London Times points out, to come to him. It's quite evident be the work of years. It is already possible, however, to conjecture from the mass of expert information pubglobe of which only the fringe has heretofore been touched by the explorer.-Current Literature.

"Bluebird" Luncheon. Bluebird luncheons are one of the pretty fancies of the spring, and Mrs. Edward McLean recently extended such a courtesy to Mrs. Peter Goelet Gerry, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. Richard Townsend of Washington. Bluebirds of exquisite plumage fluttered about on wires which were gently swayed by an electric current, and many others were placed on the handle of a mammoth basket of viotistic work of the Mexicans, and the suggestion was further carried out by bread, milk, sugar and other characters in Maeterlinck's exquisite play, being decked in flowers and blue gauze and placed at intervals on the daintily spread board. Bluebird luncheons may be given on less expensive the knowledge regarding the busi-ness," he continued, "he'll ask for a and flowers of the spring, jonquils or lines by having birds of blue velvet tulips, and pretty place cards on which the symbolic bird of happiness is painted.-New York Press.

> Nations Brought Closer. We have already spoken of the new telephone cable which is laid across of the dilapidated class, and that each the channel, so as to connect France with England, this being designed on the Pupin system, so that speech is very clear and the various provinces of England can now have connection with Paris. Recent news states that connection can now be made from London to Switzerland in a practical way for the first time, so that conversations can be held between London and Geneva by way of Paris and Lyons and between London and Basel by the way of Paris and Belfort .-Scientific American.

Copying the Mississippi. The city of Seville, Spain, which is on the "banks of the sweet Guadalquiver," has been almost completely beleaguered recently by reason of the phenomenal rise of that river, which has abandoned its role of a meandering, sentimental stream and become raging torrent bearing death and destruction in its course.

Put Ban on High Heels. A Minneapolis manufacturer rec ly forbade the wearing of high heels on their shoes by the young women in his establishment.

CANNOT HIDE THEIR IDENTITY NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

The Edwin Booth That His Rector Knew.

Famous Actor was a Regular Attend ant at Church and Delighted in Sunday Afternoon Frolics with Children.

By E. J. EDWARDS. At the time of his retirement about the middle of the closing decade of the last century, the late Rev. B. M. Yarrington, for 62 years rector of the Episcopal church in Greenwich, Conn., was the oldest rector of his denomination in continuous service in one church. Many were the interesting reminiscences that he told me of his long service, during which he came to know well many prominent men and women; but none of his stories interested me so much as the one in which he told one of the Edwin Booth that the great actor's rector learned to

know "It was while Booth was playing Shakespearian characters in the Winter Garden in New York city in the early sixties—about 1863, I should say -that he built a cottage near the village of Greenwich, close to the mouth "Some of these amateurs who think of the Mianus river, and there spent the summer months," said Mr. Yarcome a member of my parish and that whenever he was at home he expected to attend church services.

"'Are you a communicant?' I asked

"'Yes,' was the reply, 'I was confirmed years ago, and have never failed, if I were anywhere within convenient reach of a church, to attend services and to communicate if I were present at the time of the administering of the sacrament.'

"Mr. Booth attended services regularly," continued Mr. Yarrington, "and frequently waited after the service until I had removed my vestments and then chatted with me, and I became deeply impressed by his deep religious sentiments. So, too, did many of the congregation, and nearly every Sunday Mr Booth was invited to spend part of the day in the home of some of them. I noticed that he always appeared particularly delighted when he was to visit where there were children, and one day I made bold to speak to him about this.

"'Ah, Mr. Yarrington,' he said, 'I am very fond of frolicking with children; I am especially fond of the Sunday afternoons I spend with the children here. I look forward to being with them, each week day; my association with them refreshes me. I am sure that it enables me to get a clearer insight into the meanings that are in Shakespeare's characters.' "He paused a moment, and then

went on: "'Prayer, meditation, the beautiful ticipating in the sacrament-all this uplifts me, gives me a deeper insight lished here and abroad regarding into the real meaning of religious life. Amundsen as well as Scott what are And then if I can only spend my Sunthe outlines of a great section of the day afternoons with the children, my cup of happiness is full. For I never pass an hour or two with these little ones without being more and more impressed with the profound and beautiful truths that are in the saying of our Lord: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.""

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Much Ado About Nothing. At a restaurant near the postoffice where every guest is his own waiter two n.en occupied adjoining chairs, and when they had finished their frugal meal each one took what he supposed to be his umbrella from behind his chair, paid the cashier and departed at doors at opposite ends of the place, says the New York Tribune. A few minutes later one reappeared and told the cashier that some one had swapped umbrellas with him. His was so much better he'd like to know who got it. While he was speaking another man made his appear ance. "Say, some one collared my umbrella and left this thing," he roared. The first man recognized his property and the men came into possession of their own. The peculiar thing about the incident, according to a man who witnessed the final exchange, was that both umbrellas were man confessed privately that if he had remembered the quality of his property he would have made no effort to get it back.

What Is Literature?

There has been of late in current books of fiction and in magazines of note a tendency to refer to newspaper writing in a sneering way. Is it

We do not think it is. In fact, we are convinced that, as Goldwin Smith, Charles A. Dana and the recent upholder of the purity of our language, Mr. Hazeltine, insisted, the men who write for American newspapers write in much better style, even if they do it hastily, than do the less energetic contributors to the cheaper maga-

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