Famous Flags.

There are only a few Old Glories in the Annapolis collection of 173 historic flags, but each is connected with some incident that gives it the honor of its present position. There is the thirty-one starred flag that flew beside the saurise flag of Japan when the close shut doors of that island kingdom were pried open for American commerce. The old flag that Lieutenant Charles Haywood defended so gallantly in 1847 at San Jose, Lower Can fornia, is there to recall the story of how he and his tiny garrison held an old mission house for over three months against an overwhelming Mexican force. Here, too, are a few reminders of our history's saddest war. Side by side in the one case are draped the ensign of the Union man-of-war Kearsage and the stars and bars of the ensign of the Confederate cruiser Albemarie. Another treasure is the ensign of the battleship Maine, which was recovered fourteen years after tions. the catastrophe in Havana harbor .-Christian Herald.

Diamonds and Wealth.

A famous French scientist estimates that all the diamonds recovered in the history of the world could be packed in a box three feet wide, six feet high and eight feet long and would weigh less than thirty tons.

It seems almost beyond the power of mind to grasp the fact that a treasure gold could be contained in so small a space. The high value of the gems is still more strikingly illustrated by the nant employer. fact that gold to the value of a billion dollars would weigh more than 4,000,-000 pounds. Diamonds as a measure of money occupy a large place in civiligation. But when one takes into consideration how far diamonds are from constituting the real wealth of nations or a measure of brains, of true social standing or worth while success in life the enormous expenditure of human energy represented by the pile of gems valued at a billion dollars is an appalling waste.-Chicago Herald.

The Poison In Poison Ivy.

Poison ivy has long been a mystery both to scientists and laymen. Why and in what manner it causes the peculiar rash and irritating inflammation have puzzled both botanists and physicians. But Dr. Minande of Paris says his study of the plant shows that poison ivy contains prussic acid. This is found principally in the young leaves and buds. In older leaves there is very little of it.

In three and one-half ounces of young leaves there is about a quarter of a

grain of the acid. As with other plants in which prus this world.—Thomas Carlyle. sic acid is found, the poisonous substance does not exist in its perfect form, but develops as soon as the leaves are bruised, a chemical action being set up through the union of an enzyme with a glucosid.

They Don't Want Strangers.

In the northwestern part of Switzerland, far from the tourist's path, is a little town, Selzach, where for more than 250 years watchmaking has been the chief industry. "There are no machines in the place for the production of watch parts-the men work as did their fathers and grandfathers," says the Berlin Post. "A feature of the place is the Passion play, produced every summer by the watchmakers and the members of their families. These simple people have succeeded in maintaining for their play a modest dignity and have not allowed it to become commercial. The few notices of the Saturday performances which one sees in the neighboring places contain the information that the town 'cannot accommodate many strangers."

. Careful John.

A rural storekeeper was greatly bothered by rats which infested his building, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Also he possessed a valuable watchdog which guarded the premises at night. One night, just before he locked up, he scattered poison around the place and left a note on the counter for the clerk who opened the store in the morning.

The clerk found the note as was in tended. But he nearly dropped through the floor when he read: "Jerry-You take the poison in the

morning so the dog won't get it. There is some in the cellar too. John."

The Signal.

"How do you endure listening to Bliggins' funny stories? He spoils them by laughing at them himself." "That's what I like about him. You don't have to listen in order to laugh at the right time. All you have to do is to wait till he gives the signal."-Washington Star.

Amended.

An English official once said to Father Healy, the famous Irish wit: "Healy, I've got a crow to pick with

"Make it a turkey." said Father Healy, as quick as a wink, "and I'll join you at 6 sharp."

Prints Full Editions. "Has Jack ever kissed you?"

"I know that. Jack isn't given to taking single kisses."-Boston Tran-

High Praise. "Marie, you certainly are a fright!" "I knew you would like this gown. Isn't it too hideously fashionable for words?"-Kansas City Journal.

Illicit Gold Buying. Most people have heard of I. D. B. (illicit diamond buying), a crime which in South Africa is punished with penal

servitude on the breakwater at Cape The Rand, however, has the lesser known offense of I. G. B. (illicit gold buying). Considering that in the Rand mines only a few pennyweights of gold go to a ton of quartz, it is obvious that the miner does not get much chance of stealing the precious metal. When

does the gold thief get his opportunity? The pieces of quartz are ground into dust by powerful hammers known as "stamps." Water then washes the dust over inclined plates coated with amalgam. The gold instantly combines with the mercury in the amalgam, afterward being easily separated by chemical process.

It is of this gold laden amalgam that the donest employee will scrape off portions which, though small, will mount up to a good bit of gold in time. -Pearson's Weekly.

The drapery magnate was bombarding the applicant with the usual ques-

"Speak French?"

"Yes." "Good salesman?"

"Yes.

"Can you tell a good lie?" "Oh, yes!"

"Well. I'll give you a start." The young man got on famously for a few weeks, until one fine morning a dainty Parisian damsel approached him and sweetly stated her requirements in the native tongue. The poor worth more than a billion dollars in young man was flabbergasted, not comprehending a single word. Five minutes later he was facing his indig-

"This is scandalous, sir. When I employed you did you not tell me that ou could speak French?"

"True." mildly replied the culprit: "but did you not also ask me if I could tell a good lie?"-London Tit-Bits.

Significance of Small Duties.

Don't object that your duties are so insignificant. They are to be reckoned of infinite significance and alone important to you. Were it but the more perfect regulation of your apartments. the sorting away of your clothes and trinkents, the arranging of your papers "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do. do it with all thy might" and all thy worth and constancy Much more, if your duties are of evidently higher. wider scope; if you have brothers, sisters, a father, a mother, weigh earnestly what claim does lie upon you on behalf of each and consider it as the one thing needful to pay them more and more honestly and nobly what you owe. What matter how miserable one is if one can do that? That is the sure and steady disconnection and extinction of whatsoever miseries one has in

Henri Rochefort went to court oftener, it is said, as plaintiff, defendant or witness than any other man in Paris. Partly this was because of his articles, partly because of his continual dealings with the picture dealers, with whom he often disagreed. In his later years, moreover, he was often called as a "witness" by parties in political suits, not because he had any pertinent testimony to present, but because he had a happy faculty when on the witness stand of making the government. the police and all that set appear a set of fools or scoundrels The French code of procedure allows a witness much more latitude in "telling his own story" than does ours And Roche fort's stories, whether relevant or not, were sure to have a sting in them for the folk in authority.-New York Sun

It has been said of Dr. Hans von Bulow and Rubinstein that, if every note of music worth preserving had been destroyed, they could between them have reproduced every line of it. Von Bulow once gave a series of twen ty piano recitals without a line of music and striking approximately 1.250. 000 notes, each of which had to be retained in its exact position in his memory; and Verdi once, for a wager, played faultlessly an entire opera, drawn by lot, which he had composed four teen years earlier and of which he was not allowed to see a note.

Nice For the Cows.

Retired Haberdasher (late of Lon don)-Now, then, 'Enry, I'm goin' to have a large party 'ere next week, and I shall expect an unlimited quantity of milk, cream and butter. After that the cows can 'ave a rest till me and Mrs. P. returns from the contenong .-London Punch.

London Juries.

England has been investigating its jury system and finds that charges of unfairness against juries are no new thing. One old bishop remarked. "Lon don juries are so prejudiced that they would find Abel guilty of murdering

Vindictive.

Ethel-Yes, I know Billy is very wild, but I'm going to marry him to reform him Kate-I told that boy a dreadful punishment would overtake him.-New Haven Register.

He Got On.

Millyuns-When I married your mother I was earning \$10 a week. Two years later I bought out my employer. Daughter-And put in a cash register!-Town Topics

Of all work producing results, ninetenths must be drudgery. - Bishop

Aged Preachers In Germany. The shamefully inadequate provision made for the support of the aged ministers of the gospel of most denominations in this country is in marked contrast to the superb provision made for them in Germany. There, it is stated. the young minister gets a minimum salary, usually \$500 and a parsonage. This salary is increased every few years until at sixty-five the minister. even if he has changed his parish, receives \$2.500, the largest compensation permissible, to which is to be added the use of the parsonage and certain cian. - Chicago Tribune. fees given him. At sixty-five the minister can withdraw on a pension if he shall so elect or if the parish shall so desire, or he can continue by general consent five years longer. On withdrawing he receives as a pension for the rest of his life two-thirds of his last and highest salary. On his death his widow receives an adequate pension for the remainder of her days and also each of her children until their sixteenth or eighteenth year.-Christian Herald.

The Idea of Suggestion. powerful d amatic effect.

many a good deed. About ninety years ago a thirsty man walked up Wall drains, irregularity and female weakness. street-I understand the habit of get. It always helps. It almost always cures ting a thirst no longer prevails there. or maybe it is only the manner of al laying it-and pumped a tin cup full of water from his own well. "Not so good as I used to get from my father's well," or something to that effect he remarked to his wife. "A pretty idea for a song," said she, and so he sat down and in an hour wrote "The Old Oaken Bucket."-Philadelphia Ledger

Votaries of Church Bells. The church bell has its votaries

Tennyson sang of "the mellow lin-lanlone of the evening bells." And do you remember that experience of "Henry Ryecroft?" "I once passed a CITIZEN'S EXPERIENCE. you remember that experience of night in a little market town where had arrived tired and went to bed early. I slept forthwith, but was presently awakened by I knew not what In the darkness there sounded a sort of music, and, as my brain cleared, I was aware of the soft chiming of church bells Why, what hour could it be? I struck a light and looked at my watch. Midnight. Then a glow came over me. 'We have heard the chimes at midnight, Master Shallow!' Never till then had I heard them. And the town in which I slept was Evesham, but a few miles from Stratford-on-Avon. What if those midnight bells had been to me but as any other and I had reviled them for breaking my sleep?"-London Chronicle.

Joke of a Sultan.

The sultan of Turkey once played a joke at the expense of some medica experts at Constantinople. When th plague broke out in his capital the sultan asked if anything was known as to the cause. On being informed that it was to be found in the state of the drinking water, he called at once for six empty bottles, which he had filled in his presence, all from the same one of the palace wells, placed his own seal upon them, and then. without divulging their community of origin, handed all six to a prominent analyst. To his amazement the report sent in was that four of the sam ples contained plague microbes The fifth was merely putrid water, and the sixth was quite pure Abdul Hamid calmly shrugged his shoulders and kept his thoughts to himself.

Would Fill the Bill.

Some who have attended councils and associations can appreciate this story of the late Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod of Edinburgh. Going into a room in which was a cage containing a large owl, he surveyed it for a long time. The owl sat unmoved, placid and erect. His mien was dignified, his horns impressive, his eyes cold and observant, his countenance sagacious and critical. At length Norman broke silence, "Man. ye wad mak' a splendid moderawtor!"-Christian Register.

Sentimentalism.

"Here's a very good definition of a sentimentalist." "Let's hear it." "'A sentimentalist is a person who

weeps over a fallen column, but is too lazy to help set it up again."-Birmingham Age-Herald.

Gifted. "I am convinced," said Mrs. Meek ton, "that women are especially quali-

fied for the duties of statesmanship."

"Why?" "Because most of the women I have known were natural born lecturers."- Olewines Hardware Washington Star.

His Undertaking. Young Timeseed-This term I am

going to undertake the study of Latin and Greek. Old Hardfax - H'm! suppose them dead languages does need an undertaker.-Chicago News.

A Realist.

"If there were four flies on the table and I should kill one, how many would be left?" inquired the teacher. "One," answered a bright little girl -"the dead one!"-London Tit-Bits.

Model Husband.

She-My husband has never spoken a harsh word to me in his life. He-Too considerate, eh? She-Oh, no Too cautious.-London Opinion.

Scothing.

"Then you refuse to eat my first bis-

cuit?" "I don't refuse to eat it, my dear. I don't want to eat it. I wish to have your monogram engraved on it and then hang it upon my watch chain."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Defining It. Instructor (at night school)-Give a sentence with the word "metaphysieian" in it. Shaggy Haired Pupil-On his way home Mr Jones metaphysi-

Confidence imparts a wonderful in piration to its possessor - John Milton.

Technical Retirement. "Is your child in bed by 8 every

evening?" "Technically, yes. We begin arguing about that time"-Philadelphia Ledger.

The modesty of women naturally makes them shrink from the indelicate questions, the obnoxious examinations and unpleasant local treatments, which Richard Mansfield once said that treatment of diseases of women. Yet, if some physicians consider essential in the when he was a lad in London he often help can be had, it is better to submit to nearly starved. There was a certain this ordeal than let the disease grow and bakeshop where he would go and feast spread. The trouble is that so often the upon the odors coming from the door That boyhood notion gave him the idea shame for nothing. Thousands of womof putting those lines in his play, "Beau

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Favorite Prescription write in apprecia-Brummel," about "dining on the names tion of the cure which dispenses with of things"-a suggestion he used with the examinations and local treatments There is no other medicine so sure and This idea of suggestion has done safe for delicate women as "Favorite many a good deed. About ninety years Prescription." It cures debilitating

Medical.

Judge for Yourself

Something new is an experiment.
Must be proved to be as represented.
The statement of a manufacturer is not sonvincing proof of merit.
But the endorsement of friends is.
Now supposing you had a bad back,
A lame, weak, or aching one,
Would you experiment on it?
You will read of many so-called cures.
Endorsed by strangers from faraway laces.

laces.
It's different when the endorsement comes from home.

It's different when the endorsement comes from home.
Easy to prove local testimony.
Read this Bellefonte case.

Jame H. Rine, 239 W. High St., Bellefonte, Pa., says: Doan's Kidney Pills are certainly a wonderful kidney remedy. Ten years ago I first used them and at that time I told in a public statement of the benefit they brought. That statement still holds good. I have often urged my friends to try Doan's Kidney Pills and in every instance where my advice has been followed, relief has been had from kidney trouble. Whenever I hear anyone complaining of kidney disorders, I advise a trial of Doan's Kidney Pills, knowing that they will have a good effect."

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