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CAPRICE RATHER THAN RULE.

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The Way Names of Persons and Places Are Pronounced.

Names of places and persons are pro-nounced according to caprice rather than according to rule.

The people of Quincy, Mass., as well as the people of Massachusetts generally, say Quinzy, while western people say Quinsy.

In the same way the fellow-citizens of Emerson and Thoreau would have been amused if any one had pronoun ced the name of their town as every one pronounces the common word which is spelt in the same way. "We live in peace and concord with our neighbors," they might have said "but we and our neighbors live in Concud." In other words, the inhabitants of Concord. Mass., give the second o an obscure sound and omit the r altogother.

Thousands of Companion readers trave been taught at school to say Ar-kansas. Other thousands, no doubt, have been taught to say Arkansaw,

Which pronunciation is correct? This question was proposed to Representative Breckinridge some time ago, and was answered in favor of Arkansaw. The name was formedy spelled Arkanso and Arkanssa, he says. The final s was added by the French, but

In the State itself, Mr. Breckinridge adds, it is only visitors and new comers who say Arkansas. At the

same time it seems to be true that usage has not always been uniform. When Millard Fillmore was vice-president of the United States, Mr. Breckinridge says, the two Arkansas senators disagreed as to the pronun-ciation of the name. Each insisted that he was correct and Mr. Fillmore, ne president of the Senate, comprom-ised the matter by recording one as lsed the matter by recognizing one as "the gentleman from Arkansas," and the other as "the gentleman from Ar-kansaw."—Youth's Companion.

* Charged High for His Work. Every safe manufacturer has

tached to his force expert locksmiths whose duties consist in opening safes which have gotten out of order.

Many of the accidents to safes occur from the gross carelessness of their owners, and at times the honest safe crackers enjoy a quiet laugh at the expense of a group of bank officers or the proprietor of some important establishment.

Not long since a large manufacturer telegraphed to a New York safe maker, requesting that a man be sent at once to his place of business, a town about

fifty miles from the city. Upon reaching his destination the expert, with his kit of tools, repaired to the establishment, and was inform-ed that the vauit, an old-fashioned affair, which locked with a key and which contained the safe and books of the concern, could not be opened.

The man examined the lock and then the key, opened his kit, took out a bit of wire and began to dig a mass of dirt, dust and lint out of the key. Then he inserted it in the lock and, while the proprietor with a sickly smile look ed on, turned the implement and opened the door.

"What's your charge?" asked the manufacturer.

"Fifty dollars," replied the expert. "Does anyone know you are in town?

"No." "Well, then, here's sixty dollars," re-

marked the manufacturer. "I'll give you ten dollars extra if you'll take the first train back to New York without teffing anyone the price I've paid to have a man dig dirt out of a key for me."-New York Herald.

Ladies First.

'A class of boys in a boarding school were being examined in scripture. "What can you tell me about Moses?" asked the inspector. "What sort of a man was he?"

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Mrs. U. S. Grant has an annual income of \$24,000.

The mysterious velled lady with the Coxian army is said to be no other than Mrs. Lucy Parsons, widow of the Chicago Anarchist.

Governor Lewelling has the reputation of being, among other varieties, a baseball crank. And he has a babit of getting off his base.

Mr. Aubrey Beardsley, the artist whose fantastic drawings are just now a "fad" of English bookmakers, is not much over twenty years old.

Walter Besant is a chronic, dyed-inthe-wool optimist, and he is said to be more proud of the fact than he is over all his literary successes. President Harris, of the Maine State

college, is one of the youngest men in charge of a great educational institu-tion in the country, being only thirty years of age.

Mrs. Kate Douglass Wiggin, the authoress, is a Philadelephian by birth, who was educated in New England, transplanted to California, and then came back to New York.

Francis Murphy, the temperance re former, appears to be as popular and effective as ever. He is now conducting a most successful series of tem-perance meetings in Boston.

The trustees of the estate of Lady Henry Somerset, the leader of the Women's Christian Temperance move-ment in England, are petitioning the courts for an injunction to restrain her from closing all the saloons on her estate.

The late Gen. Early, whose pletur-esque profanity caused him to be known during the war as "Lee's Bad Old Man," was in his later years, ac-cording to the testimony of a Rich-mond friend, "a daily reader and thorough student of the Bible."

Mrs. Susan Stuart Frackleton, Milwaukee, who has attained dis-tinction as a potter, and is president of the National League of Mineral Painters, is author of a work that is used as a text book in the South Ken-sington Art Museum Library.

Abraham Lincoln's autograph, it is said, has been stolen by autograph hunters from every paper on file in the county courts of Illinois. The abstractions have been made, it is said, by connivance of the custodians of the papers in very many instances.

Only one man in the history of the Senate, Thomas H. Benton, of Mis-souri, served longer than Justin S. Morrill, of Vermout, who has been a member of that body nearly thirty years. Benton was elected October 2, 1820, and retired March 4, 1851.

Gail Hamilton regrets to see women engaged in an effort to secure the bal-lot for themselves. She looks upon it as a "movement backward toward men and mastodons, the miocene hipparion and eocene anchitherium," whatever that may signify.

Mr. Munro Ferguson, according to a Scotch newspaper, said that after prodding Mr. Gladstone on the sub-ject, the ex-premier said: "My dear sir, I might as well undertake to re-place the first man in the garden of Eden as to carry home rule for Scot-land." land.

Mrs. Waite, the wife of the gover nor of Colorado, is forty-eight yours of age, while her husband is sixtynine. She was a widow and he a widower when they maried. She is interested in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and thinks there is no one like her husband.

The paper on which letters to Queen Victoria are written must not be fold-No communication which bears ed. evidence of having been creased will ever and its way into her majesty's hands. The proper method is to write on thick, glossy white paper and to dispatch the missive in an envelope which fits it. The latest royal convert to cycling the king of the Belgians, who now takes an hour or two's exercise regutarly every morning on a tricycle in one of the avenues adjoining Lakeon palace. For some time past Leopold II. has suffered from lameness in one leg, for which massage and various other remedies have been tried in vain. van. Unity church, Cleveland, Ohio, is probably the oldest church in the world that has as pastors two wo-men. They are the Rev. Marion Mur-doch and the Rev. Florence Buck. They are highly-educated women, hav-ing finished their education at Oxford University, England. They are co-pastors of the church, and have been remarkably successful. remarkably successful. Bismarck has lost none of his oldbismarck has lost none of his old-time gallantry. It was arranged by the deputation of ladies who person-ally visited him to present the 40 bottles of finest Rhenish wines con-tributed from Baden, Hesse and the Palatinate that each of them should this he hand wood being resolution kiss his hand upon being presented, but the old soldier kissed them instead, and not upon their hands, either.

FLYING FUN

"Johnny," said the teacher, "Is a Jackass a biped or a quadruped?" "Please, sir," said Johnny, "that de-pends on the jackass."-Life.

"I've never had the courage to get married." "Haven't, eh? Wimt's your business?" "Oh, I'm only a lion-tam-er."-Philadelphia Record.

His mother-"You ought to feel ashamed of yourself, for fighting little Johnny Naybors." Tommy-"I do, mamma, he licked me."-Chicago Record.

He (exhibiting sketch)-"It's the best thing I ever did." She (sympathetic-ally)-"Oh, well, you musin't let that discourage you."-Boston Home Journal.

Wife-"Isn't H funny? Prof. Garner says the gorilla only speaks eight words." Husband-"Nothing strange, has five or six wives."-Cleveland Plaindealer.

First lady-"And the last thing that Henry did was to give me a kiss." Second lady-"Indeed; I should think that is about the last thing he would do."-Tit-Bits.

"At what time in life do you con-sider man in his prime?" "When he is neither young enough nor old enough to want to write poetry."-Washington Star

"What do the girls call that club of ours?" "The Analytical." "IFm. yours?" "The Analytical." "H'm. What do you analyze?" "Other peo-ple's reputations, mostly."-Washing-

"How many ladies have you invit-ed?" "Twenty-five." "But I thought you were going to invite fifty?" "But consider the fashion in cleeves."-New York Press.

Mrs. Winks-"Dame Fortune - hns been smilling on Neighbor Hicks, I hear." Mrs. Juks-"Oh, the horrid old wretch, and his poor dear wife not dead a month."-Chicago Inter-Ocean. "People don't die very often over here, do they?" inquired the smart New Yorker, "No, only once," replied the Philadelphian. And there was an intense silence,--Philadelphia Record. Maude-"Why don't Laura marry Dick Hobson' I thought she liked him." Clara-"She does, but she says it shall never be said of her that she was Hobson's choice."-New York World.

Mrs. Brown (nudging Mr. Brown, who snores with his mouth open)-"William, you'd make less noise if you'd keep your mouth shut." Mr. Brown (only half awake)-"So'd you."

"Mandy, did you read that notice on the counter, 'Your choice for fifteen cents?" Mandy-"Land sakes! yes; but it looks like an awful price to ask for them clerks."-Chicago Inter-Ocean. "Marriage," remarked the professor, "was a rite practised by the an-cients-" "And bachelorhood," inter-rupted a maiden of forty, "is a wrong practised by the moderns."-Harper's Bazar.

"Did your late boarder succeed in removing all his effects?" "I should say not," rejoined the landlady. "I don't suppose I can ever get the cigar-ette smell out of the curtains."-Chicago Tribune

"Is your daughter improving in her painting?" Mother-"Well, I should say so. Her last picture was so good that only three of the family failed to guess what it was."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

She (in affright)—"Oh, Tom, why do you make such awful faces at me?" He (contritely)—"I can't help it, dear. My eyeglasses are falling off and I want to let go of your hands.". Boston Home Journal.

"Billy Bliven asked Miss Parsigh how old she was," said one girl to an-other. "Did she get angry?" "No; she was flattered. She thought she must look very young or he'd never



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"Please, sir, he was a gentleman," piped forth a palefaced, bright-eyed ind of eleven or thereabout. "Gentleman!" repeated the inspector, with a look of surprise. "What do you

The little boy promptly replied: "Please, sir, when the daughters of Jethro went to the well to draw water the shepherds came and drove them away, and Moses helped the daughters of Jethro, and said to the shepherds, 'Ladies first, plense, gentlemen.'"--Good News.

Chinese Description of the Plano.

A Chinaman, lately returned from a trip to Europe, treated his country men to the following description of the

piano: "The Europeans keep a large four-legged beast, which they can make to sing at will. "A man, or more frequently a wo-

man, or even a feeble girl, sits down in front of the animal and steps on its tail, while at the same time striking its white teeth with his or her fingers, when the creature begins to sing.

"The singing, though much louder than a bird's, is pleasant to listen to. "The beast does not bite, nor does it move, though it is not tied up."-Das Neue Blatt.

Pathetic.

'A lady who had spent a great deal of time in trying to teach her servant girl to make a good drawn butter gravy, and who found no little scolding necessary to accomplish it, called Bridget into the dinner table one day, and said severely: "Bridget, this drawn butter gravy is

actually bitter!"

"Is that so, ma'am?" asked Bridget sorrowfully. "It is, Bridget. Now, how do you

account for it?" "I do' know, ma'am; but I do be thinking, ma'am, that I dhropped a tear intil it."-Youth's Companion.

He Wanted to Know.

"Wonderful country!" exclaimed the Kansas man. "Why, when I moved out here it was forty miles to Brown's my nearest neighbor. "And how far is it to Brown's now?" put in the eastern man.

Different Kinds.

Miss Pinkerly-Do you believe in spiritualism, Mr. Tutter? Tutter-Well, I don't know, Miss Clara. I don't think an occasional drink hurts any man.

Taking a Mean Advantage. "What do you do when your wife rets at you for coming home late?" saked the first deaf and dumb man. "Turn out the gas," responded the other.--TAfe.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador at Washington, has gone against the custom of generations, which prescribed that, as French is the language of diplomacy, the cards of all foreign representatives, no mat-ter of what nation, should be en-graved in the French language. His cards are inscribed simply, "Sir Julian Pauncefote, representative of her Brit-annic majesty."

E. A. Abbey, the well-known artist illustrator, makes his original black and white picture many times larger than the illustration of which it is the basis, but, unlike most illustrators, he is able to sell his originals at high prices in Great Britain. He is one of the few illustrators who always have their originals returned by the pub-lishers after the engraved copies have been prepared. The popularity of his originals has led him to paint less with reference to reproduction than to first effect.

WISE WORDS FOR WOMEN.

It is just as well that there is no marrying or given in marriage in heaven. There is no record of any divorce court there.

What the average woman most needs is more sleep, less hurry, fewer calls and quieter home life.

The miller moth is getting ready for her season's work. Get ready to head her off. She will do more damage in a month than you can repair in a your,

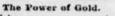
have dared."-Washington Star.

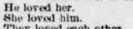
At the Chess Match .- Dr. Schweitzer -"Playing chess is like making lovethe knight tries to take the queen; you are mated by the bishop; then off to the castle-in the air-and, alas! every-thing is in pawn!"-Hello.

"Don't sit on this banch with me, George, please!" said Maud. "Why not?" asked George. "Because it is only strong enough for one," said Maud. "Then, I say, Maud. can't we be made one?" suggested George. -Harper's Bazar.

"Do you think that woman is fickle?" said Kiddins. "Certainly not," replied Kaddins. "You can always depend on her. She announces that she will do as she pleases, and keeps her word religiously."-Washington Star.

Banks-"What did her father say when you told him that you wanted to marry his daughter?" Rivers-"Well, he didn't absolutely refuse, but he imposed a very serious condition." Banks-"What was it?" Rivers-"He said he would see me hanged first."-Brooklyn Life.





1min They loved each other. But her father objected because the young man was almost a total stran-

ger. The time had come when the youth must ask the father for his daughter,

and he feared to go to him. He held a long conference with his beloved.

He told her he did not want to ask her father.

"George, dear," she asked in a trem-ulous whisper, "how much are you

worth?" "A million dollars, darling," he re-

sponded proudly. Her face shone in the twilight.

"Then you don't have to ask him," she said with a simple trust. "Let him know that and he will ask you." And George gave the old man a tip. --Detroit Pree Press.

don't you go over and play with Char

Little boy-Carry yer bundle, mister Traveler-What do you want for the

Little boy-Yer photigraph. Traveler-My photograph? Little boy-I want sumthin' ter righten me sister Ann.-Hallo.

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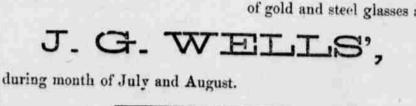
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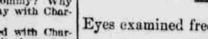
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	Sheep pelts	.60
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Tommy's Amiable Recreations.

His Mother-What are you moping around the house for Tommy? Why

ley Pinafore? Tommy-'Oause I played with Char-ley yesterday, and I don't s'pose he's well enough yet.-Ohtengo Record.

Uncomplimentary.