AMONG THE LITERATI.

One thousand four hundred and twenty-five characters are described in the 24 books written by Charles Dickens.

The rule followed by editors of both the Oxford and Cambridge Chronicles in the position of the letters A. M. and M. A., for the title master of arts, is that where the context is in Latin the form is A. M., and where it is English, M. A.

The real name of Gabrielle d'Annungio, the Italian novelist, is Rapagnetta. His father-in-law was Duc De Gallese, a Frenchman who received permission to take that title on marrying the widow of a former duke. The author is now trying to obtain a divorce. Once a year or so William Dean

Howells, the distinguished novelist, drops into the office of the Ashtabula (O.) Sentinel, rolls up his slowves and sets type for half an hour. Mr. Howells began his career as a printer's appren-tice in the Sentinel office, which was then owned by his father. His knowledge of typesetting has been of immense value to him in his literary career.

John Kendrick Bangs, the author, who for some years has been dividing his time between Yonkers and New York, is soon to become a countryman again. "I have blue-penciled city life," he said, recently. "My eye is on a farm in New England, where I hope before long to be able to provide an appreciative public with limited editions of squab-chickens, large paper turkeys and deckle-edged eggs. And," he added, slyly, "no item in either class will go out without my signature.'

Miss Alice French chose her pen name of Octave Thanet in curious fashion. Octave was the name of one of her schoolmates and was selected because it gives no hint as to whether the person who bears it is a man or a woman. Thanet was adopted from a passing railroad car that Miss French chanced to see and is pronounced with the accent on the second syllable. Born and educated in New England, the writer has lived most of her mature life in the west and in the south, which has made her familiar with widely varying phases of American civilization. Her first magazine story was written and accepted in 1878.

TICKLESOME TALES.

"Now, boys." said a Sunday-school teacher, addressing the juvenile class, "can either of you tell me anything about Good Friday?" "Yes, ma'am, I can," replied the boy at the foot of the class; "he was the fellow that done the housework for Robinson Crusoe.

A critic relates that he was once present in the cottage at Ecclefechan where Carlyle first saw the light. when an enthusiastic pilgrim asked in awe-struck tones: "And is this really the room in which Carlyle was born? " and received from the gude wife the answer: "Aye, an' oor Maggie was born here, too.'

Gilbert, the British comic opera librettist, was lunching at a country club when he found. himself surrounded by six or seven clergymen who had been on a motor tour of the country thereabouts. Pretty soon the author of the "Mikado" was drawn into conversation. When his identity was known, one of the clergymen asked Mr. Gilbert how he felt "in such grave and reverend company." "Like a lion In a den of Daniels," was the reply.

Dinner was a little late. A guest asked the hostess to play something. Seating herself at the piano she exe cuted a Chopin nocturne. There was still an interval of waiting to be In the grim silence she bridged. turned to an old gentleman on her right and said: "Would you like a Fight and said: "Would you like a sonata before dinner?" He gave a start of surprise and pleasure. "Why, yes, thanks!" he said. "I had a couple on my way here, but I think I could stand output and the said. stand another."

Emperor William has ordered that all his chauffeurs must be total abstainers.

A BRAIN WORKER.

CONCERNING CHURCHMEN.

Dr. Glennon, of St. Louis, now traveling in England, is the youngest archbishop in the world, being only 42 years bld

Dr. William M. Zaring, an Indianap olis clergyman, has completed 52 years of active service, in which period he has been out of his pulpit on account of illness but six times.

Rev. H. Olin Cady, now of Evanston, Ill., who has been connected with Methodist missions in West China for the last 19 years, has been retired with a pension by the board of managers of the missionary society.

Rev. G. G. Richards, vicar of St. Peter and Paul's, Teddington, England, has sued a general invitation to the men of his parish to call at the vicarage on Monday evenings throughout the winter for a "friendly pipe and a chat."

Last winter Rev. Dr. Halsey, of the Presbyterian foreign mission board, visited the missions in West Africa. Since his return he is denouncing Leopold of Belgium and the Congo Free State as "the most iniquitous monarch that ever sat on a throne."

Prof. Orr, of the United Free Church college, Glasgow, has obtained the Bross prize of \$6,000 for the best theological book entered in competition. The prize is awarded by the trustees of Lake Forest university Dr. Orr's book deals with the Old Testament problem.

During his visit to the West of England, Dr. Torrey, the evangelist, has learned that Capt. William Torrey, from whom he is descended, left Combe St. Nicholas, near Chard, Somersetshire, for America in the seventeenth century,

and founded Weymouth, Mass. Bishop Maes, of Covington, Ky., has purchased the Thomas Moberly homestead at Richmond, Ky., for the purpose of establishing a home for the band of missionaries connected with the Covingcon diocese. The house is a magnificent old colonial mansion, surrounded by 14 acres of blue grass farm land, and is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it was secured.

NUGGETS OF NONSENSE.

Marie-"Well, I shall make one man's life happy, anyway." Marianne-"Oh, You are not going to get mar-I see! ried.'

Patience-"What reason had she for marrying him?" Patrice-"Why, he had money." Patience-"That is not a reason; that is an excuse.'

"So that great inventor is dead and his wonderful secret is lost-"Not at all. He told it to his wife just before he "Yes, that's what I mean." died.'

"Why do you call young Featherbone 'Cholly?' His first name is 'Noah.'" "Yes, but that's so inappropriate. Noah

had sense enough to get in out of the rain.

Visitor-"Have you nothing better to do than sit on the fence and watch the train go by?" Native-"Wal, stranger, it's better'n to sit on the train and watch the fence go by.

"How's times drumming life insurance?' "Tough. But my brother writes me that he has an even harder job." "How can that be?" "He's trying to sell suede gloves in Norway.

The irritable employer turned to his typewriter with a sudden snarl. "Why lon't you write it just as I say it?" he "Because my typewriter demanded. hasn't the catarrh," she quietly responded

"I'm surprised that you should be so interested in watching those silly dudes." "Force of habit, I guess. I'm dudes. president of a real estate improvement company." "Well?" "Well, they're a vacant lot."

AMUSING ADVERTISEMENTS.

An advertiser in a British magazine says: "Old artificial teeth bought. Call. or if forwarded by post, utmost value per return. Messrs. Smith. manufacturing dentists, Oxford street, London. Established 100 years." From the London Morning Post:

FROM FOREIGN FIELDS.

The River Moldau is to be made navigable up to the city of Prague, at a cost of over \$3,000,000.

The British Peace society is protesting against the formation of rifle clubs, as "inciting the spirit of militarism." In the City of London Court a cred-

itor described whisky as a luxury. thought it was a medicine," said Judge Lumley Smith.

There were 1.800 guests at a marriage feast at Sevignac, near Morlaix, Brittany, and 200 servants waited on them in an open field.

A balloon is on its way, by steamship, from England to Calcutta, for the use of the prince of Wales, who expects to use for observation purposes during his Indian tour.

A soldier in charge of the canteen at barracks at Chester, England, is the under arrest. Fifteen barrels in his charge that should have contained beer were found to be full of water.

Dr. Eiger, of Warsaw, a Jewish doctor in the Russian army, who is at present a prisoner of war in Japan, has been elected an honorary member of a scientific section of the University of Tokio. The taxpayers of eastern London are complaining bitterly of the rigor of their ssessment. The case is cited of a man who had his assessment raised because he erected a cucumber frame in his back garden.

The inhabitants of the village of Castlemartyr, in County Cork, have bought the fee-simple interest in their dwellings and premises from the earl of Shannon on favorable terms. The population of Castlemartyr is about 600.

The new Italian postage stamps will not bear the monarch's head, but a varlety of different designs, such as the sea under the rising sun, an Alpine landscape, a ship at sea, a railway train. the Italian arms and a wireless telegraph station.

When a battalion of infantry was leaving England the other day for South Africa, a baboon, the regimental mascot, showed an amount of joy that was in striking contrast with the demeanor of most of his military friends 'He knows he's going back home," said a sergeant.

OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

In the England of Elizabeth traces of the middle ages lingered everywhere Only 50 years before the date of Shake speare's marriage an Italian occupied the see of Worcester. Vicars general meted out punishment for "sowing discord betwixt neighbors, working on fes-tival days, playing 'foteball' in prayer time, and playing the fiddle on Low Sunand a man might be excommuniday:" cated for marrying in Advent.

Historically, the most attractive city Mexico to the American student is Zacatecas, the Place of Grass. Here were the first bonanza mines in the new world, and here sprung up the first American millionaires. Not only that, but here was coined the money which permanently colonized the first corner of what is now the United States. In 1546 Joannes de Tolosa discovered the valley. Two years later he and his friends founded the city, and its charter was signed by Philip II. at San Lorenzo, July 20, 1588.

It was the great eclipse of August 21. 1560, that turned Tycho Brahe into an astronomer. He was in his fourteenth year at the time, a Danish boy of noble origin, and had been destined first for the army and then for the law. But the accuracy with which the eclipse was predicted impressed him with the belief that astronomy was a divine thing, and thenceforward he devoted his life to it The debt of astronomy to Tycho Brahe. not only for his own work but as the man who shaped the genius of Kepler, can scarcely be overestimated

On March 11, 1702, 203 years ago, was published the first British daily paper. It was called the Daily Courant and was devoted entirely to foreign news, the editor announcing that he should not presume to air his own views, supposing other people to have sense enough to make reflections for themselves. The office, "against the Ditch by Fleet Bridge," was probably close to Printing House square. Soon after its appear. ance it passed into the hands of Samuel Buckley, who became the printer of the

DREAMER WAS A RIPPER. **CRISIS OF GIRLHOOD** Drygoods Salesman Tore Off Goods A TIME OF PAIN AND PERIL for Customers in His

Sleep.

Tennessee Praise.

Sleep. When my uncle first started in busi-ness as a general merchant in a country town, it was in partnership with a young fellow of about his own age, relates a writer in Lippincott's. Both boys were very enthusiastic about their work, and after long days behind the counter they would go to their room above the store and continue to "talk shop" far into the night. My uncle's partner was particularly en-grossed in his work, and often his sleep was disturbed by dreams of customers and big sales. One night his nightmare reached the climax. Evidently the dreamer was just in the act of selling some cotton goods, for my uncle felt his nightshirt ga "r-i-i-ip," straight up the back, while his partner was calmly saying: "Two yards, madam"' Tennessee Praise. Miss Emma Cole Says that Lydia H Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has Saved Her Life and Made Her Well

How many lives of beautiful young girls have been sacrificed just as they were ripening into womanhood 1 How many irregularities or displacements have been developed at this important period, resulting in years of suffering !



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it all to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound. "When fourteen years of age I suffered al-most constant pain, and for two or three years I had soreness and pain in my side, headaches and was dizzy and nervous, and doctors all failed to help me. "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended, and after taking it my health began to improverapidly, and I think it saved my life. I sincerely hope my experi-ence will be a help to other grits who are pass-ing from girlhood to womanhood, for I know your Compound will do as much for them." If you know of any young girl who is

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IVER PILLS.

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"Well, sir," responded the gratified boy. "I'm going to take it home and I'm going to stuff it full of sugar. Then I'm going to put it on a plate, and," with a triumphant grin, "watch it ache."-N. Y. World.

Wanted to Get Even.

"I'd like that tooth, please," said the small boy after the dentist had extracted the torment. "Certainly, my little man, but why do you want it?" queried the dentist, hand-ing it norms.

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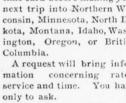
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> A notification appears in a Surrey (Eng.) newspaper from a Guildford chimney sweep to the effect that, owing to the increase in his business as sweep, he is "unable to accept musical engagements for public concerts, etc. A tailor in Boston, Lincolnshire, Eng land, has hit upon a novel advertise ment. He has painted a letter of his name on the back of each of ten toises and has placed the ten in the window of his shop. He offers a prize of ten dollars to the first person who sees the tortolses in a line, so arranged that the letters are in the order in which

they appear in his name.

Of eccentric advertisements the Lon-"Probably to don Chronicle remarks: the end of time respectable women will 'want washing,' though it is hard reconcile their respectability with their lack of personal cleanliness. Butchers to are prepared to 'kill anything' when in search of employment, are well matched by the dealer who, wanting a salesman, predicates that he must be alive when wanted.

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To half do things.

To be lax, indolent, indifferent

To live a half life when a whole life

Not to be scrupulously clean in person

To acknowledge a fault and make no effort to overcome it. To be ungrateful to friends and to

Spectator. In 1735 the Daily Courant was absorbed in the Daily Gazetteer.

TALES OF THE TOTS.

"One of you boys has been stealing raisins again; I have found the seeds on the floor. Which one of you was it?" Tommy-"It wasn't me. No, sir! swallowed the seeds in mine.

"Johnny, you're lazy!" "Aw, ma, l ain't neither." "Yes, you are. Do you know who it is that 'finds things for idle hands to do?' " "Yes'm. You do

"Oh. Johnny," said the Sunday schoo teacher, "you mustn't take money from the plate. Why did you try to do such a thing?" "I thought you said it was fer the heathen, and maw says I'm one.

"The race is not always to the swift. said the Sunday school teacher im pressively. "Car anyone tell me why?" Because sometimes their gasoline tank promptly replied the up-to explodes, date little boy

A lady recently engaged to a widower asked his son, a little fellow of seven years: "How would you like me for your stepmother?" "First rat as I'm concerned," he replied. "First rate, as far have to speak to papa about it, though

Small Ethel was spending a week in the country with her grandparents. 'Why can't chickens swim, grandpa? she asked, as she was feeding the poul "Because they don't know how, I try. suppose." replied the old "Well," continued Ethel, replied the old gentleman "why don't they get the ducks to teach 'em ?"