

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.

CONCERNING CHURCHMEN.

Dr. Glennon, of St. Louis, now traveling in England, is the youngest archbishop in the world, being only 42 years old. Dr. William M. Zaring, an Indianapolis 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.

FROM FOREIGN FIELDS.

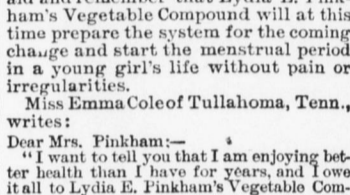
The River Moldau is to be made navigable up to the city of Prague, at a cost of over \$3,000,000. The British Peace society is protesting against the formation of rifle clubs, as "inciting the spirit of militarism."

DREAMER WAS A RIPPER.

Drygoods Salesman Tore Off Goods for Customers in His Sleep. When my uncle first started in business 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.

CRISIS OF GIRLHOOD

A TIME OF PAIN AND PERIL. Miss Emma Cole Says that Lydia E. 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!



Girls' modesty and oversensitiveness often puzzle their mothers and baffle physicians, because they withhold their confidence at this critical period. A mother should come to her child's aid and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will at this time prepare the system for the coming change and start the menstrual period in a young girl's life without pain or irregularities.

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-pencil 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."

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."

NUGGETS OF NONSENSE.

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

OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

In the England of Elizabeth traces of the middle ages lingered everywhere. Only 50 years before the date of Shakespeare's marriage an Italian occupied the see of Worcester. Vicars general meted out punishment for "sowing discord betwixt neighbors, working on festival days, playing football in prayer time, and playing the fiddle on Low Sunday;" and a man might be excommunicated for marrying in Advent.

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, handing it over.

BALD HEADS COVERED

With Luxuriant Hair and Scaly Scalps Cleansed and Purified by Cuticura Soap. Assisted by dressings of Cuticura, the great skin cure. This treatment at once stops falling hair, removes crusts, scales and dandruff, destroys hair parasites, soothes irritated, itching surfaces, stimulates the hair follicles, loosens the scalp skin, supplies the roots with energy and nourishment, and makes the hair grow upon a sweet, wholesome, healthy scalp, when all else fails.

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."

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! I swallowed the seeds in mine."

A BRAIN WORKER.

Must Have the Kind of Food that Nourishes Brain. "I am a literary man whose nervous energy is a great part of my stock in trade, and ordinarily I have little patience with breakfast foods and the extravagant claims made of them. But I cannot withhold my acknowledgment of the debt that I owe to Grape-Nuts food."

DETRIMENTAL.

To half do things. To be lax, indolent, indifferent. To live a half life when a whole life is possible. Not to be scrupulously clean in person and surroundings.

DETRIMENTAL.

To be ungrateful to friends and to those who have helped us. 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 poultry. "Because they don't know how, I suppose," replied the old gentleman. "Well," continued Ethel, "why don't they get the ducks to teach 'em?"

DETRIMENTAL.

The way to grow a statesman is to plant a politician. Then wait ten years. Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for colds, coughs, and W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

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Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE. Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES. PRICE, 25 Cts. TO CURE THE GRIP IN ONE DAY. ANTIGRIPINE. HAS NO EQUAL FOR HEADACHE.



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