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"A newsboy I knew," said a yachts-nan, "took to the sea. He became cabin boy on a tramp collier. He was

a good boy, but—
"Once, when our white squadron was at Newport, this collier steamed in her slow way shoreward with her ensign unside down, the signal of dis-tress-distress of the direst. Instantly a pretty sight was to be seen. Every warship in the fleet lowered a lifeboat, and all of those beautiful, snowy boats, manned by jackies in spotless white duck, raced for the grimy old collier at breakneck speed—a pretty sight indeed. The captain of the collier stood on the bridge. He waved his hat, and the crews pulled all the faster. As they drew close they heard the man's

he roared, dancing about wildly.
"'What's the matter, captain?' the

first officer to reach the collier asked breathlessly.

"'Why, nothing's the matter,' the captain answered in a surprised voice. 'Then why's your ensign upside

"The captain looked aloft, then

"'It's that boy Hank again,' said he 'And here I thought it was a regatta.' "

Light and Dark Cigars.

A striking example of the ordinary smoker's ignorance on the subject of smokes is the popular superstition that a dark looking cigar is stronger than a lighter colored one. Some strong cigars have dark wrappers, but the dark wrapper does not by any means indi-cate a strong cigar. Dark, gummy tobacco, if thoroughly cured, is the mild-est form. Of course if dark tobacco is not thoroughly cured it will be strong, but so will light tobacco, for that matter. Any cigar man will bet you that the dark color is usually, though not always, a sign of a ripe, well cured leaf, which is therefore milder nine times out of ten than the lighter hued leaf. But when it is known that every manufacturer makes both dark and light cigars and that he uses exactly the same blend of filler in both and that the wrapper only constitutes a small fractional part of the cigar it is clearly seen that the shade of the wrapper has little to do with the strength of the cigar. Ask the dealer for a strong eigar. He hands out a dark one, and the imagination does the rest.—Harper's Weekly.

How Spiders Undress. It is an interesting sight indeed to watch a spider change its skin and one that will well repay any one for the time taken up by waiting for the little known—generally speaking event to take place. When preparing for the change the spider stops eating for several days and makes his pre-liminary arrangements by fastening himself by a short thread of web to one of the main lines of his snare, this to hold him firmly while he proceeds undress. First the skin cracks all round the thorax, being held only by the fore part. Next the lower part of the body is uncovered, and then comes the struggle to free the legs. He works and kicks vigorously, seeming to have a very hard time of it. Fifteen minutes of continued persever unce, however, brings him out of his old dress, the struggle causing him to appear limp and lifeless for some time after it is finished.

Just Pleasantness.

Perhaps just pleasantness has not a very heroic sound, but the human heart that, knowing its own bitterness, can yet carry itself cheerfully is not without heroism. Indeed, if that human heart does no more than hold its tongue about its own aches and pains it has a certain moral value that the world cannot afford to lose. "Pleas-antness" does not sound as well as self sacrifice or wisdom or spirituality, but it may include all these great words. And certainly just to start one's husband out to his work cheerily, to make the hobbledehoy of a son feel a gentler and sweeter sentiment toward women because of his own mother's sound, sweet gayety and strength, to help one's servants to put good humor and friendliness into their services—these things make for righteousness in the world.-Margaret De-

It Didn't Work Out Just Right. I saw the best of intentions become a veritable boomerang on Broadway the other night. A policeman had arrested for some small disturbance two well dressed men who had evidently had too much, but were facing the inevitable trip to the station without any further fuss. A friend saw their plight and rushed up.

"Officer," he piped in a peculiarly effeminate voice, "I beg that you will not arrest these men. Why, they are no more drunk than I am."

"Oh, very well," said the cop. "I'll take you too."

And he did .- New York Telegraph.

Kitchen Talk.

"I suppose," said the Lemon to the Nutmeg, "that you were very much hurt when the cook announced that she did not intend to use you for flavor-

ing the pudding."
"On the contrary," retorted the Nut-"it was a grate relief."-Baltimore American.

Cabbage Leaves.

Wigg-What kind of cigars does Closefist smoke? Wagg-Well, when you light one of them you instinctively look around for the corned becf.—Exchange.

Strictly Business.

"Who presented the count to you?" asked the privileged friend. answered the heiress. bought him."-Lippincott's.

When Man Was a farine Animal.

It was M. Quintan, a French physiologist, who several years ago wrote a paper to show that the colorless fluid in which the red corpuscies of our blood float and which is called the "blood serum" is the same fluid as that which constituted the primeyal sea. The earliest forms of life which floated in the primeval sea were such that the cells and tissues of which they were constituted were always bathed by this primeval fluid. When silica became a constituent of the sea these animals may have conted themselves with silicious coverings, but many of their cells were still bathed by the fluid, and some of them as they passed from the sea to the land may have closed up their alimentary canals, so that a distinction arose between their internal organs and their outer superficies, but still, for the good of their cells, they still bathed them in the saline fluid. To do so more effectively they took the saline fluid ashore with them in the form of a blood serum and them in the form of a blood serum, and it is this blood serum which we carry about with us today, the most evident relic of the age when we were marine animals.

German Dialect In Wisconsin. It is two German women who are speaking in the presence of an Irish

woman.
"Th' tap o' th' mornin' t' ye, Mis'
Brettschneider. "Tis glad I am t' see
th' likes a ye. Iss yer daughther
Gretchen goin t' the Hill th' morrow?"
"Faith an' she is. Ven me bye Heinrich can get th' bay haarse away from th' plowin' I t'ink I'll go mesilf, be-dad."

This is not travesty. It is a report of German dialect. The manner of speech came about naturally enough. When the Germans arrived here in full force the country was already settled, large ly by Yankees and Irish, and the German had to buy his farm here or there. Thus a number of them found them-selves located in the town of Erin, where, of course, they learned the lan-guage of the country. And I leave it to my fellow citizens in Wisconsin whether a German cannot speak as broad and rich a brogue as any son of Erin.-Charles D. Stewart in Atlantic.

First Use of Iron. As a result of his interesting investigations, Dr. Ridgeway concludes that the smelting of iron originated in central Europe, and especially in the region known as Noricum, equivalent to modern Austria and Bavaria.

In Egypt it can be traced back to the

ninth century B. C., and in Libya to about 450 B. C. First mention of its use in China goes back to 400 B. C., while in Uganda it is said to have been in use only some five or six

The above date for the first use of iron in Egypt refers to the metal obtained by smelting. The use of native iron in the form of meteorites dates back to remote antiquity. The weapons made from these were obtained, like fiint implements, by chipping. And it is interesting to remem-ber that recent investigations have shown that the iron of many meteorites is a sort of natural steel.

Old English Fine.
In the past if one Englishman called another a liar there was something to pay. The seventeenth century mayor, sheriff and city grandees generally were keen on this point of etiquette The direct accusation cost 11s. 6d. (\$2.76); the subtle hint 6s. 8d. (\$1.60). And there was a reduction on repeti-

Swearing, too, was promptly suppressed. In 1650 a law was passed laying down the penalty for a first offense. The fines were graduated. That for a lord was 30 shillings (\$7.20), for an esquire 10 shillings (\$2.40), while all "inferior persons" could have a "few words" for 3s. 4d. (80 cents).

Bolivia is famous for its silver, but also possesses considerable quantities of gold, which, however, cannot be xtracted without great expense the seventeenth century an Indian near the town of La Paz found a mass of native gold, supposed to have been detached from the neighboring mountain by lightning. Bolivia is, on the whole, in a backward condition, political changes and internal conflicts having hindered the development of its natural wealth.

Not So Very Clever.
"Bilkins' wife found some poker chips in his pocket."

"Well, Bilkins told her they were cough lozenges."
"Clever of Bilkins, wasn't it?"

"Very. She swallowed two and very nearly died."

He Was. "Owen Flannagan! Are you Owen Flannagan?" said the clerk of the

'Yes, begorra," replied the prisoner, with a merry twinkle in his eye, owin' everybody!"—London Mail.

Hard Luck.

Old Lady-Poor man! What have you done to your hand? Unemployable-Broke my knuckles, mum, knockin' at people's doors askin' for work. London Scraps.

Keep Cool.

"Why worry about the children?" "I can't help it."
"But, my dear, you are hurting your
game of bridge."—Kansas City Jour-

A man is never appreciated in his home town, and he is usually to known in other places, and there you

are.-Atchison Globe.

Pimples, Blackheads, Eczema, Etc.

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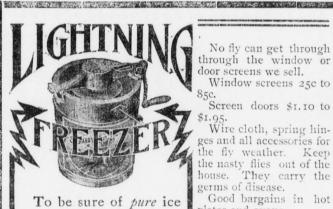
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