Spider Racing.

Lord Devon's property was greatly impoverished by the twelfth earl, who squandered nearly all his fortune and terribly embarrassed the entailed property. He was addicted to a most peculiar form of gambling, namely, spider racing, which he played with the last Marquis of Hastings and the eighth Duke of Bedford. Each player selected a spider, which was placed on the table, and then the latter was gently heated from underneath. The warmth caused the insects to run, and the spider which got to the edge first won. But spiders are curious creatures, and it would frequently happen that a spider which was near the edge and looked like winning would double back, traverse the table in all di-rections and lose its backer the thousands of pounds so nearly won. Lord Devon, Lord Hastings and the Duke of Bedford each of them squandered enormous sums on this game, which contributed in no small degree to the ruin of the two former.—New York

Inn Names In Germany. Germany probably holds the record for out of the way signs and fantastic inn names. The most absurd results are usually obtained by the name of some animal with a more or less unsuitable object. The Comfortable Chicken and the Cold Frog, both of them in Berlin, are certainly left in the shade by the Angry Ant (Ort, in-Westphalia) and the Stiff Dog (Berlin). The Lame Louse is an inn in a suburb of Berlin, and not far from it is the Thirsty Pelican. The Dirty Parlor, the Bloody Bones, the Musical Cats, the Fourhundredweight Man, and the Boxers' Den are all in Berlin or the neighborhood, and the Old Straw Bag in Leipzig. The Open Banghole is in Stadtohen, in the Palatinate, and the Shoulder Blade in Jerichow. The Last Tear is a landlord's notion for the name of his inn, situated near a graveyard, visited by returning mourners, and is of frequent occurrence throughout the fatherland.

A Strange Colony.
The Colonia Cosme, on the Paraguay above Asuncion, is one of the most curious in the world. The members of the colony make or grow everything they want and import nothing. The workmen have seven hours' work a day and earn, not money, but time. Their wages are hours and half hours. These they sometimes save up till they have a week in hand and then go off on an excursion. If a man wants a chair or table he pays for it in hours of work, which are deducted from the balance to his credit. Three men went off up the river in a canoe for a three weeks' holiday. They sold their canoe at Asuncion for a pound and came home overland in ten days, lodged in the best houses in the villages on the way and yet had some money in hand at the end.-London Spectator.

Dogs In Ecclesiastical Decorations.

The stained glass representation of the "Peddler and His Dog" was removed from Lambeth church a quarter of a century ago owing to the alleged ina centrify ago owing to the angest in-congruity of introducing the figure of a dog in a church window. Quite re-cently Chancellor Prescott of Carlisle refused a faculty for a stained glass window in a Westmorland church because the design included a dog, and perhaps the only existing examples of dogs used for ecclesiastical decorations are to be found in Lord Brownlow's private chapel at Ashbridge. In this church one stained glass window depicts Tobias and Sara in bed and a dog sleeping on the quilt, while in an-other window Job is shown being mocked by three men, one of whom is holding a dog by a chain.-Westmin-

One of the most widely known geo-logical curiosities in the vicinity of Cork is a series of knobs or knots pro-jecting from the face of a cliff. There all together, all regularly set in the face of the cliff, one above the other, forming a series of such uniformity as to give it the general appearance of a stairway. Since time out of memory this queer ascent and its projecting have been known as the Gi-

How He Won.

A rich old man was asked how he made his money. "Simplest thing in the world," he said. "I always did the reverse of what everybody else was doing. If everybody bought, I sold-prices were high. If everybody sold, I bought-prices were low.'

Prepared For the Worst.

Husband Goodby, my dear. A pleas-ant voyage. I have taken every precaution in case of accident. Wife-What do you mean? Husband-Insur-ed your life in my favor.-Journal

Her Dear Friend.

"I have declined marriage proposals om five men," said the fair widow. "Have you?" her friend asked. didn't suppose your husband had been as heavily insured as that."—Chicago Record-Heraid.

A Jiffy.

Tommy (who has been told to go to bed)—Pa, how long is "a jiffy?"

Father—It's just about the length of time you've got to go to bed without a licking.—Boston Transcript.

The Last Dance. He—May I ask you for a dance? She—Certainly, the last one on the

He-But I'll not be here then. She-Neither will I.

Queered His Grandfather.

Peter Augustus had a foolish, fond old grandfather. The grandfather was boasting to a visitor one day, as grand-fathers will, about the family he had

"My daughter Martha is a fine young woman," he said, "and her little boy, Peter Augustus, is a fine lad. But the finest thing about that pair is the affection that exists between them. They never exchange a cross word.
They're more like two young lovers
than mother and son. It's beautiful
to see them together. Hold on a minute, and I'll call Peter Augustus in.
Then his mother will come down, and you can see their relations for your-

The old man rose and ambled heavily to the door. There was a beatific smile on his old face. Little Peter Augustus was playing with the cat in the gar-

"Peter Augustus!" he shouted. "Pe ter Augustus! Your mother wants you!"

The little boy dropped the cat and fixed a searching glance on his grand-

"Your mother wants you, Peter Augustus!" "Does she want to warm me?" Pe ter Augustus cautiously demanded.

Eben Pratt of Marshby had sent two sons to Boston and knew he had reason to be proud of them. One day a summer visitor lingering in Mr. Pratt's grocery, provision and dry goods es-tablishment mentioned some of the shining lights who had made themselves remembered in and near Boston and others still to be found there.

"We've had a good many smart men and women in and around our city," said the visitor, "and there are a num-ber of them left. We've got scientific men and writers and artists and musi-cians and"-

Mr. Pratt's dry voice broke in on the ist. "If ye call those folks smart," he said, "ye want to go down near the water to an address I'll give ye and see the way my boys, Ed and Sam, can open oysters! I guess that'll give ye something to go by when ye're talking of smartness."—Exchange.

Willing to Be Honest.
Phil May, the great English artist, earned his first fame in Australia. One day a broken down minister applied to him for charity, and May engaged him as a model. As a joke he also demanded that his eighty-year-old pensioner agree to leave him his skeleton when he died. When May left Australia he called his model in. "You've played me a dirty trick." said May. "by swindling me out of that skeleton. I could have bought one in sound order and condition for half the money you've cost me." The old fellow, conscious of his base ingratitude to his best and most patient friend, answered: "Don't be angry with me. Mr. May. It's no fault. I meant to keep my word. Stay in Sydney a few months longer and give me another chance to show you that I am a man of honor.'

Redhot Plays.

"It is a tremendous undertaking to get a new play accepted and produc-ed," once said the late Clyde Fitch to a friend. "So many are written, and so few ever see the light of day. An English playwright with a gift of humorous exaggeration illustrated this fact to me once. He told me how he submitted a play to a celebrated actor and how in the course of the con versation the actor remarked:

"'Don't you think it is growing chilly in this room?'

Yes; it is rather,' the young playwright admitted.
"Then the actor rang a bell, and a

"James,' said the actor, 'this room is rather cold. You may put three more manuscripts on the fire.' "-Lip-

A Competent Critic

A famous actor at an elaborate en-tertainment at a Fifth avenue millionaire's palace in New York rose to recite Mrs. Browning's "Dead Pan." As he announced his subject and prepared to begin he heard a lady near him say

"What is the next piece? Some thing funny, I hope. Oh, yes—"The Dead Pan!" Dear me, how odd! Of course it must be funny-something about bad cooking, I suppose."

Playing Her Cards.

Tommy-May I stay up a little long-er? Ethel-What do you want to stay up for? Tommy-I want to see you and Mr. Green playing cards. Mr. Green-But we are not going to play cards. Tommy-Oh, yes, you are, for I heard mamma saying to Ethel that everything depended on the way in which she played her cards tonight.

The young housekeeper was looking at some soft shell crabs squirming and wriggling in their bed of seaweed They're very nice," said the dealer.

"Shall I send you a dozen?"

"Yes," answered the innocent, "if
you are sure they are fresh."—New
York Journal.

Trials and Temptations.

Every man deems that he has pre-cisely the trials and temptations which are the hardest of all for him to bear. but they are so because they are the very ones he needs .- Richter

Fly Time.

Howell—What is the best time of day to go up in an airship? Powell—Well. I've aiways been a believer in early rising. New York Press.

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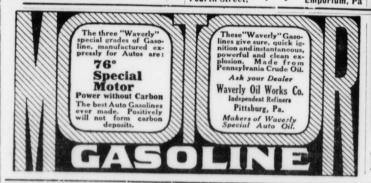
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