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I have seen a pure, white Hly

Rear its strinty, queenly acad. In a close, sectuled corner,

I have noticed 'twas surrounded

But they did not man its bounty,

No: Its purity and freshness

As it bloomed away the hours.

By the contrast was increased; To remember the great lesson

As that his through the summer.

Almost hidden from the sunshine,

Casting, yet, its sweet perfume,

That their own pure thoughts have

Though the song they sing may never

Loves that unknown soul the same

On the broad white serull of fame

'AN IMPORTANT CATCH.'

The Clever Ruse of Three Shrewd

Swindlers.

Opposite the Bank of England and

about five minutes' walk from the Man-

sion House, the residence of the Lord

Mayor of London, there was in Leaden-

hall street, in 1879, the shop of a wealthy

One dreary November morning a man

entered his shop whose loud dress and

londer manner impressed the jeweler

disagreeably. He looked at the swag-

gering fellow, sized him up in a jiffy,

and tipping his clerks the wink to be

extra careful, stopped forward and

said in his sharpest tone: "Well, sir?"

"Aw," he said, in an unmistakable

ow eockney voice. "ye 'ave been very

'ighly recommended to me-factis, I want

to get about a thousan' puns' worth of

watches from you. I am going to the

West Indies by to-morrow's steamer,

and I want to make this little hinvest-

ment on me own haccount. Now, re-

member, me good friend," he added,

laughingly, "my name is cash-cash,

ye know. So I want no fancy prices,

"Just £992, 15s," said the jeweler.

"Very well, 'ere's a thousand puns.

is safe, "but I can't change this note,

n an undersone he added, "Just find

ut if the bill is good. Don't coch it; I

have plenty of change here." The

ranger calmly scated himself and

metly conversed with the jeweler.

"The note is perfectly good," he said

softly to his employer. The merchant

was puzzled. Was it possible that he

sould be mistaken? However, there

was nothing else to be done. So he

handed the man his change and the

package of watches. He was about to its-

going to leave, when the door opened

and another more loudly dressed indi-

vidual walked in. He looked at the

first fellow, and, without minding the

eweler, who watched him narrowly,

the shoulders and cried out:

you buy watches for?"

"The Jamaica."

going to hinvest?"

he muttered:

you doing 'ere?"

steamer?

he slapped him a thundering whack on

"Hullo, Jack, what in goodness are

"Hullo, Joe! where do you come

"The dickens ye did! I am 'ere just

"By the holy poker, so am I! What

"Deuce take it all, so am I. Well,

now, me good fellow, just stay here t.!!

I'm done. I don't want to carry the

"Of course I will. 'Ow much are you

"Well, about a thousan puns." The

jeweler by this time had become thor-

oughly awake. He felt sure the coun

watchfulness. With due care he dis-

played his goods, and the two fellows

had soon selected another one thousand

pounds sterling worth of watches.

Like number one, a one thousand pound

sterling note was offered in payment

for number two. This time the jew-

"I have just told your friend," said he,

"that I haven't change enough in my

safe. It is annoying, but if you'll kind-

ly wait a moment I'll send the boy over

to the bank with the note. Just make

yourselves comfortable, gentlemen; the

boy will be back in an instant." In a

few minutes the boy returned, and again

"The note is perfectly good." The

eweler was more astounded than ever.

After all he had been mistaken in these

two suspicious-looking characters and

his sharpness was at fault. He could

scarcely believe it. His well-known

shrewdness, his knowledge of human

hensible! He handed the man his

change and package and was still con-

versing with the two when suddenly

the door was pushed open and a big,

burly policeman bounced in. He laid

his strong hands on both men. "Jack

Halloran," he said, "and Joe Winter-

bottom, I arrest you in the name of the

Queen! Steady now, my men, and no

fuss, if you please. The game is up! I

have plenty of help outside. So just let

me put these little ornaments on your

wrists, and the quicker you are about it

The jeweler chuckled. After all he

had been right, and these fellows were

sharpers. He nodded his head com-

placently as he looked on. The fellows

were remarkably good-natured, though

thoroughly crestfallen. They did not

"Mighty hard luck, Joe," said John

Halloran, "and just when we was off for the West Indies, too. Well, say,

officer, you ain't a-going to drag us

"Not by a jugful," answered the po-

through the streets like this, are ye?"

offer the slightest resistance.

the better all around.

nature, needed correction. Incompre-

eler felt sure that the note was a for-

was now coming and he doubled his

same stuff you do. Just 'clp me select."

on the same herrand. And what did

from? I bought some watches 'ere!"

"I am going to the West Indies."

in a few minutes the boy returned.

The fellow was not a bit abashed.

watch-maker.

rates."

watches:

hange, will ye?"

-Clara M. Snunders. in American Spectator.

By the world at large be neard,

In some heart, toll-worn and weary, Good impulses may be stirred.

As the one whose name is written

So may lives refined and noble

Often flourish in the stade,

That it taught, I have not ccased

Where no ray of light was shed

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BED-TIME FANCIES.

I will get in my little white couch and drive

I have four black horses that Night has lent, I call the same of my coachman Sleep; And the little white coach is cory and soft. As I nestie down in its cushions deep. Heigho: we are off. The horses go slow

his twilight place is the Valley of Drenins, Where all the wonderful dream things are, nd the balsam groves and the poppy fields That stretch on ever and ever so far.

And the white dream ships from the narbor Away to the dim horizon line.

Its sights are fading on either hand forces the border still and dark, And enter the real Slumberland. -Virginia C. Gardner, in N. Y. Independent.

was ready to shoot "Hello, Billy," while outhern habit of adding that title to conductors' names.

ee rend was a branch?

No telegraph line ran along the manch, and the trains were run in the wood old way upon the single track hat is, sidings were placed a few miles part, and when a train scheduled to ass another at a given point did no nd the other at the switch it simply vaited until the belated train did come, rafter an hour or two started on its

nning in front. In the morning the trains passed at lonely siding in the woods, but in the ternoon the meeting point was directin front of Bob Yocum's plantation nd as the farm-house, with its shady orch, stood near the railroad, the rainmen had long ago struck up an accaintance with the owner and daily esorted to the cool garden to while sway the time until the opposing train rrived. Sometimes one train reached ie point first, sometimes the other could be in ahead. The engineers had signals to hold them back, and very ten the farm would be reached half an hour ahead of time. The schedule was slow even for the old-style engines, and unless there was something unsual to detain them or the wood was ery wet the crews could generally anage to spend about twenty minute t Yogum's, tranquilly smoking or rompg with Sallie, the planter's daughter. ow it was this same Sallie who caused o much disturbance in the breasts of Hly and Jack. Each strove to cut a invorable figure in her sight, and he was the loadstone which drew them daily to the garden. Luckily for them each had an engineer as wild and reels less as the most ardent lover could desire, and when the conductors told the man at the lever to "let her go," he did let her go until some faint-hearted pas-

Only a reckless man would dare to ride one of the rattle-trap old engines over the uneven road at the rate of forty miles an hour, which speed was occasionally reached in sudden bursts. Forty miles an hour over old-style "U" rails, laid on rotten ties five feet apart and joined with fish-plates is equal to sixty miles an hour on a smooth track, so far as sensation goes. To the observer the Santee railroad was hardly visible, high grass growing between the rails, but where the track could be seen it seemed to be laid upon the ground without any preparatory grading. Up hill, down hill, tilting to the right, tilting to the left, it pursued its devious way, and the shaking and creaking of trains and track were enough to alarm any one not preoccupied in endeavoring to regain his seat. The engines burned wood, and when running at night resembled volcanoes in active eruption. If the reader has ever traveled behind one of these fiery machines he will remember how the sparks and pieces of wood flew when the engine got into good working order. He will also have a very vivid recollection of the long and frequent stoppages when all hands heaved cordwood into the tender until it could hold no more. These were the characteristics of the line over which Billy and Jack made daily trips. There were wood stations on each side of Yocum's, and the trains in the afternoon were

while each felt that the other had no advantage neither could make any headway. At last the two friends decided to put matters to a test, and together they sought Bob Yocum, and explaining their desires asked that he and Sallie choose which, if either, should be the favored suitor. Sallie with blushing face declared she could not decide, al-

settle the question by racing their trains for the next three days, the one getting to the switch twice ahead of the other to be the winner. The proposition was eagerly grasped by the conductors and acceded to by Sallie. All agreed upon secreey, except that the conductors should make confidants of their engi-

Anxiously the father and daughter awaited the coming of the trains the next afternoon. Fully twenty minutes before schedule time the familiar whistle rang out, and Billy's engine came to a standstill just as Jack's train ame around the bend. Billy was exaltantly happy. The next day, however, Jack was sitting upon the porch talking erenely to the prize when Billy's enrine came into view. The following day would decide it,

and the morrow found four eager hearts wondering what the result would be. About ten o'elock, however, a stendy rain set in, which apparently settled the question of fast time being made that day. As Billy passed down the line and saw the soaking woodpiles he felt exceedingly blue, but while pondering a great thought came into his brain, and his countenance cleared in an instant. When he got to the end of the run he took the engineer aside and explained something, which caused a broad grin to overspread the features of that worthy. Billy was next seen in provision store, and ere the train dearted an odd-looking barrel marked Sugar Cured" was put aboard the enrine. His train made glorious time that afternoon, and when the passengers asked how the engineer managed to teep up steam Billy smiled, but said nothing. He felt no forebodings of defeat now. Poor old Jack must be a dozen miles down the road, and right around the curve was Yocum's. "Hurrah," Billy said to himself. "Hur-"

the siding, or had his senses deserted him? A wild screech of triumph from the waiting engine made him realize it was indeed true. His rival had won the third heat. Jack, taking warning from his defeat the first day, had wisely bargained with the wood-station man for a special supply of dry pine-knots, and these were supplemented on the rainy day

he did not finish. From the car plat-

form he saw something that made him

rub his eyes in astonishment. Was it

Jack's train lying there so quietly on

with a barrel of pine tar. Billy danced at the wedding, but the sight of a ham has filled him with disgust ever since,-Chicago Journal.

THE HOMING PIGEON.

Its Utility and the High Rate of Speed to

The homing pigeon is the one kind of his race that has a distinctly willitarian existence. During the Franco-Prussian war they were the only means of communication Paris had with the optside world when all the ingencity of man had failed. Since that period the French and German war departments have established extensive Government lofts for the breeding and training of these truly remarkable birds. A proposition has also recently been made to supply our outgoing European steamers with trained homing pigeons, to be used at a distance of not exceeding 5/2 to 800 miles from New York; so, should any thing happen within this distance, almost instantaneous word could be brought to land; so far, however, the matter has not taken definite shape. In build the "homer" somewhat resembles the English carrier, but has not such heavy wattles, and a much smaller and more curved bill; he is not so long in the body, and is much broader across the back. The eye is particularly large and brilliant, and the bird has an alertness of manner and intelligence of look that is wanting in other varieties. In color they are a light blue, with two heavy black bars across each wing, the throat and breast being of an iridescent blue and green mixed. There is also the black, bluechecker, red-checker, red, silver and white. The interest in these birds in this country is very great, and the anual races excite much attention, valtable prizes being offered for competiion, the Homing Pigeon Association also holding a show of its own every year. The bird was originally develped in Antwerp, and from thence imorted into this country. Our fanciers ere have, however, outstripped their European rivals in the matter of speed and endurance, as our American-bred oirds have demolished all foreign records for long-distance flying. The average speed of the "homer" is about a nile a minute—243 miles in 232 minutes ing the best on record. The average ght for twenty-four hours of these oming pigeons is over 500 miles. Montmery flew 1,051 miles, but took thirty dd days to get home; naturally much of this time he was lost somewhere, deayed by storms or head-winds, and may have actually flown twice that distance, but he was never heard of from the hour he was liberated until he returned to the home loft a month afterward.-Harper's Weekly.

INDUSTRIAL ADVANCEMENT.

DULUTH is talking about a \$3,000,000 hip canal. THE pneumatic line between New York and Philadelphia is now considered an assured fact. It is expected that it will transport large packages ctween the two cities in less than wenty minutes.

OFFICIAL returns of the Canadian seal shery show that 39,547 seals were aken the past season, an increase of 000 over last year Of this number 383 were taken off the coast of British olumbia and 18.165 in Behring Sea. he largest in the world, and since their

THE mineral fields of Idaho are among discovery have produced \$157,830.662. The yield last year was as follows: Gold, 204 500; silver, \$7.657,500; lead, \$6,-000, copper, \$85,000. THERE is a prune orchard of forty trees at Grangerville, Cal., which bore

this year 28 200 pounds of fruit, an average of 705 pounds to the tree. One tree among the number produced 1.140 pounds The fruit has sold in that locally this season for 9% cents a pound THERE is a project to construct a ship canal across New Jersey from the Delaware river to the Atlantic. The scheme was first suggested by merchants of Philadelphia, who desire a shorter water

route to New York and an abbreviation of the journey of hundreds of miles down the bay and around Cape May to strike the ocean paths to Europe.

message. In view of the circumstances the manager of the telegraph office consented to lend it to me. My wife was pretty well satisfied, but I wanted to convince her absolutely. After this I shall endeavor to write plainer and I shall certainly avoid the use of slang

words."

this afternoon." you this afternoon."

> near by during his absence. The third ball, meet me at Wichita to-night Bill got me at Wichita to-night." Her instant and very natural con-

> wife. The vigilance committee de

A gentleman in San Francisco learned that an estimable lady in Los Angeles had suddenly lost all her property and was in a condition of actual want. He telegraphed to a friend, a lawyer of Los Angeles: "Assist Mrs. -- immediately." 'The word "assist" was changed to "arrest," and the poor woman's misery was increased by a night in a prison cell.

"Send me tenderloins," said a message received by a New York sporting man from a friend in Philadelphia. It should have read: "Send me ten dollars." The New York man replied: 'What do you mean?" and the Philaship was severed for nearly a year.

No. 900 D." It should have been: "Your eggs are no good." The delivery dedepartment of the New Orleans West-It turned out to be 80 Cannon street. .

Prince Bismarck has a strong superstition concerning the number three, which he considers has always played an important part in his life. The arms of his family bear over the motto. "In Trinitate Robur," three trefoil leaves and three oak leaves; all caricatures of him represent him with three hairs on his head, he has three children, Herbert, pened, and I began to laugh. I couldn't Wilhelm and Marie; he has three eshelp it. 'Why,' I said, 'this message tates, Friedrichsruhe, Varzin and Schonhausen; he has fought in three wars and signed three treaties of peace; he arranged the meeting of the three Emperors and established the triple alliance. Finally he has under him three political parties, the conservatives, the nafrom Europe. Will be late. Don't | tional liberals and the ultramontanes, wait for me.' Those infernal operators | and he has served three German Emperors.

too well. We shall have all the tyle you want, boys. I have a growler right outside the door, and ye shall be driven to the Mansion House, And now, sir," he said, turning to the jew-

Advertising Trates.

The lirecand relace election of trestanting a frequency consideration of averages whose favir will be interested at the following law rates:

"Bought one thousand pounds sterl-

"Hold on! hold on!" cried the officer,

"Well, I'll tell you what I will do, sir," the two regues and the pretended po-

SIGHTS IN EUROPE.

liceman falled to materialize. - Jew-

How many people realize that Amercan tourists leave in this country from welve to twenty million sterling at east per annum? Such is the fact. Does anybody imagine that they come here to look at our buildings and streets? No. Upon reflection, nobody can fall to see that the nucle reason why the bulk of them visit un is to see the places made memorable by Shukespeare, Johnson, Scott and Burns, Dickns and Thackeray, George Eilet and Charlotte Bronte, Binelimore and Black. The indebtedness of Gradgrind to romance is therefore, by no means inconsiderable, particularly when it is

ninple, Rochester, a town which unites secollections of the great dramatist and of Dickens. Near Gud's Hill stands an inn on the very spot that Shake-speare doubtless bad in his mind when writing that scene in Henry IV., where abstail meets with the "man in backma." Remail about, as swery-body quire by what steamer his customer was knows, are many buildings and districts made famous by the erestor of the Pickwick Clab. To this neighborhood American effection come in shoals, either before going or after having gone around such bit of Dickens' London as still remain. Scott, even while living, enriched whole districts. When "St. Ronan's Well" was published the notables of the little town honored in the romance "voted by acclamation," says Lockhart, "that the old name of Innerleithen should be, as far as possible, dropped thenceforth, and that of St. Roman's adopted. Nor were they mistaken in their auguries. An unheard-of influx of water bibbers ag-houses soon arose to disturb woewho profited by these invasions of the

forthwith crowned their hopes; and spruce hottles and huge, staring lodgfully every association that had induced Sir Walter to make Innerleithen the scene of a romance. Nor were they genius loci at all sparing in their demonstrations of gratitude. The traveler reads on the corner of every new erection there 'Abbottsford Place,' Waverley Row,' 'The Marmion Hotel,' or some inscription of the like coinage." Such was one case in point. The interest in the works of the Northern Magician has since his death, scarcely, if at all, diminished Abbottsford itself is still so popular a resort that the fees paid by visitors amount to about £000 a year; and tourists go about in as great numbers as of yore, the "Lady of the Lake," "Marmion," or one of the "Scotch novels" in hand looking up the places they have long pictured in imagination. - Cassell's Saturday Journal.

FITS FOR MONEY.

Faith of the Charitable.

The Parisians are not slow in reses to raise money. Sympathetic spectatora gathered the other day around a young man who fell down in front of the Louvre, in Paris, in what appeared to be an opileptic seizure. One of the bystanders stepped forward and proposed to carry the invalid to a chemist's ahop not far off, and another offered to assist. Thone who spoke first took up the epileptic's hat and throwing appence into it, said to the crowd: "I am a poor man myself, but if each one of you did like me this unfortunate creature would have semething to help to relieve his

sufferings." Impelled by this generous example, the crowd showered corpora and small silver into the bat until over Great was their astonishment whon two constables walked up and spilled both the benevolent originatur of the alms collection and the epileptic sufferer. The latter, as soon as he opened his eyes and saw the policeman, torgot that he was an invalid and attempted to. escape. They were both taken to the

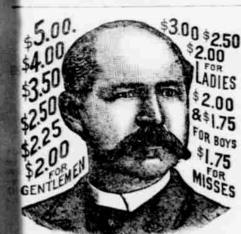
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

reaching the passing siding.

gaining which characterizes Southerners her father at once suggested that they

Out from the corners and over the floor Come flecking and flecking the shadow band; ogh the Valley of Dreams into Slumber-

At first, then fast and faster still, With silent hoof beats speeding on,

Down to the foot of the Drowsy Hill.

The dream forests rustle their secrets out, The lights of the dream towns twinkle and

Ah! the sounds of the Valley are growing

RACING FOR A BRIDE.

Three Lively Railroad Races for a

Farmer's Daughter. Along the line of the Santee railroad no trainmen were better known than Billy Perkins and Jack Smith, the only passenger conductors the road found it necessary to employ. Every man and hoy along the route watched for the familiar trains, and when the mail passed east in the morning each station lounger they never missed greeting Jack in the same manner an hour or two later, when ie passed in the opposite direction. In the evening when the trains returned the genial ticket-punchers again received ovations at each stopping place. Even the passengers were apparently ill acquainted with the conductors, for is they went their rounds each traveler yould have some remark to make or some sly inquiry about Bob Yocum's beeks of the officials. To a Northern tranger it sounded ludierous to hear he uniformed youths (neither was re than twenty-three) addressed as aptain Billy or Captain Jack, even though accustomed to the universal

The total length of the Santee railroad was only forty miles, but the satives regarded the conductors with but awe and admiration which country olk always feel for railroad men. Bid not Billy run every day to Carthage. the junction of the main line, and know all the prominent officials of the reat through route of which the San-

ourney at a snail's pace, a flagman

enger protested at being bumped into

required to get a supply of fuel before The conductors pressed their suit with the fair Sallie for many a day, but

though she felt she could be happy with either. With that keen instinct for

TELEGRAPHIC ERRORS.

They Have Caused Fun, Sorrow and Loss of Money.

Thousands of errors have been made in telegraphic messages, says the New York Times. In fact, a day rarely passes without a good many of them occurring. Some of them have caused much amusement, some have caused tears and some have caused serious financial loss. They are not always due to inexpert operators. It is a remarkable fact that during the prevalence of bad weather, or what are known as "electrical storms," which are thorns in the side of every chief operator-for while they continue wires become as unreliable as a fickle woman -dots and dashes have been so shifted as to cause a receiver to put down a word totally different from the one transmitted by the sender. That, how-

ever, does not occur often. The faulty penmanship of hurried business men and others who use the telegraph is also responsible for many of the errors. Operators are compelled to rigidly "follow copy," and if a word is indistinct they send whatever it seems to them to look like, no matter how blind their reading may make the context. Besides, some messages pass

through a number of hands. The telegraph companies persistently print at the top of their message blanks warning that they are not responside for mistakes in transmission, and they also proffer, in very small type, the advice that "to guard against mistakes or delays the sender of a message should order it repeated; that is, telereplied back to the originating office r comparison," at an additional charge of one-half the regular rate. The no-tice has steadily adorned the blanks in spite of court decisions that the compunies are responsible for errors, whether the messages are repeated or not, and in spate of the additional fact that it is rarely read, or, if it is, the interest excited is only casual. Nobody ever seems to accept the advice regarding repetition. An operator, speaking of the old notice recently, said that in an experience of fifteen years he had never seen but one message, bearing the order to repeat, and it was regarded as at euriosity. This message feliletted to excessive caution. It was bound from New York to San Francisco. It contained but one word, the little word "Yes." It was religiously repeated back from every relay station between the Atlantic and Pacific, but

by some misfortune, due to a second of

abstraction on the part of an operator

or to a timely but unfortunate "flip" of

the instrument, the word was changed

to "No." A big row ensued and an opcrator in New York nearly lost his po-The financial losses that have been caused by telegraph blunders have been due mostly to the changing around of amounts. There have been instances where an order to buy has been changed in transmission late an order to sell But generally, if there is a mi-take, it s in the figures. To make the likelibood of error as slight as possible, amounts expressed in figures by the original writer of a message are usually spelled out and expressed in words by the operators. Even this precaution does not always avail, however. It is comparatively easy for poor handwriting and careless transmission to change fifteen to fifty, or twenty to thirty, or ifty to sixty. There was a mistake of this character perpetrated in Washington some time ago. It caused no loss, but that was because of good luck. A grocery firm in the capital city sent an order to a wholesale house in Baltimore for fifteen barrels of "A" sugar. The next morning the grocery firm received

a shipping bill which contained the in-formation that slaty barrals of "A" sugar had been shipped to them "as per order." As the saverer was by that time in Washington the firm, having investigated and a scovered that the mistake was not the irs, notified the manager of the telegrada office that the company must take the extra thirty-five barre off their hands. The manager told th perator who sent the message about he notice. While the responsibility or the blunder, as between the sender Washington and the receiver in Balmore-it was undoubtedly the fault of latter-had not been settled, the shington operator, who was of a peculative disposition, requested the anager to delay his answer. Then he an around to find a friend who was in sugar business, and inquired as to

future of sugar prices. He learned at there was a strong probability of immediate and material advance. e informed the manager that he relled that the mistake was his, and hat he was prepared to pay the penalty or it by taking the sugar. The firm urned over the thirty-five barrels to the operator. Two hours later they too, heard that sugar was going up. They sent the operator word that they would relieve him of his load if he wished. He replied that he was very much obliged to them, but they needn't trouble themselves. The next morning he sold his sugar at a good profit, took the money to the races and lost it. The wifely reproaches which a gay young New York lawyer encountered on reaching his home late one night were undoubtedly due in the main to

less operator was also responsible for them. He related the experience the next day. "It was two o'clock when I reached home," he said. "My wife met me at the door. I saw at once that she was very angry. She handed me a telegram and asked freezingly: 'What is the meaning of this?' I said: 'Why, my dear, what's wrong? That's prob ably the message I sent you in the afternoon.' 'It is,' she answered. 'Please read it and explain.' I read it. To my astonishment it read: 'Shall dine with Kitty Smith, an old gal of mine, Will be late. Don't wail for me.'

began to cry. "I realized at once what had haphas been botched. I wrote no such stuff as that, 'What did you write, then?' she demanded. Then I told her that what I had really written was: Shall dine with Billy Smith, an old pal of mine, who has just returned had butchered it. I've got the original

The explanation in this case is that

the B in "Billy" and the p in "pal" were probably badly written. But the substitution of "itty" for "illy" and of an I for a t in "wait" was undoubtedly the fault of the operators. There is a similarity between the Morse characters which stand for the letters I and t, and they are frequently confused by young operators. L is represented by a long dash and t by a short one, and double t or double 1, when sent too close together, make the letter m, so that it was quite possible for the lawyer's wife to have been informed, or, rather misinformed, that her husband intended to dine with an individual of the peculiar name of "Bimy" Smith or "Kimy" Smith, or even "Bitty" Smith or

explanation necessary from a New York newspaper man recently. He was ing assisted in the search by a young trothed. Upon leaving his office one

across the East river and a meaning of so much importance was given to it that the Brooklyn operator rushed it out, the message boy arriving at the house at about four a. m. The husband of the lady got out of bed to answer the bell. By a further mistake of the delivery department the envelope was addressed to the husband. He opened it and was astonished to read: "Mrs. - Will be over to marry

When a man is awakened from a sound sleep and informed that his wife is to be married to a young man who, he has had every reason to believe, was to be married to a young lady in the West, he is apt to conclude that he isn't awake after all. No one who has not experienced it can realize how very startling it is. It was the first his wife had heard of it. They racked their brains for a solution of the puzzle. It wasn't solved, however, until the young newspaper man arrived.

A synching was nearly precipitated by the error of a Kansas operator some time ago. It was only averted by the discovery that there was no one to lynch. A young former was called away from home for a few days. His wife went to visit her brother in a town day her husband telegraphed her; "Big There was to be a dance and he wanted his wife to attend. This was a splendid opportunity for the imp of mischief who causes telegraphic "bulls," He tampered with the message so that when he farmer's wife read it, it said: "Big

clusion was that her husband had either been captured or shot, or both, by a desperado named "Big Vill." Her brothers agreed with her, and the whole family and a number of neighbors, all envily armed, took the first train for Wichita to rescue the husband and hang "Big Bill." The husband was waiting calmly at the station for his manded "Big Bill," and were not at all satisfied with the husband for standing there free and uninjured. The brothers criticised him severely because he wasn't kiduaped, and announced that n their opinion he was guilty of rank ception. A fight was prevented by his wife's intervention and an explana-

lelphia man was so indigment at such a response to his request that the friend-A gentleman with the dignified name of Cyras T. Nixon was shocked to have a message handed to him addressed "Circus T. Nixon." A wholesale produce merchant received a message from a retail customer, saying: "Your 8990 are

ern Union office was mystifled by a message addressed to Blyannon street. Absolute accuracy will probably never come. It certainly will not as ong as telegraphers have debts, love affairs, good intentions, base-ball, horse races and countless other subjects to occupy their minds while they are receiving or sending dispatches in the contents of which they can have no pos-

Blamarck's Superstition

his own poor handwriting, but a care-

"'I wouldn't wail for the best man that ever lived,' said my wife, and she

"Killy"Smith, instead of "Kitty" Smith. Such palpable errors are, of course, only made by very green operators. An experienced man, unless his wits were off wool-gathering, would make some inquiries of the sender, which would probably result in a correction. Two callow young operators made an

to be married in the West. Pafore leaving town he devoted several days to searching over Brooklyn for a flat, bemarried woman, the friend of his bemorning about two o'clock he sent the Brooklyn lady a telegram, which he expected would be delivered to her about 8:30 or nine o'clock in the morning. The dispatch was worded apologetically: "Will be over to worry you

The message was "bulled" on its way

sible interest.

eler, "what have these fellows been doing here?"

ing worth of watches each of them, and paid me each with a one thousand pound sterling note." pulling out his pocketbook and hastily

opening it. "Number fourteen thou sand three hundred and three, ain't it?" "Yes, yes," nodded the jeweler.

"And number seventy-three thousand christ hundred and nine?"

"To be some," chucklen the merchant. "Both stolen from the Farl of Aberdeen. You'll remember that big burnlary a few weeks ago, sir? It was the talk of all London, and them's the fel-lows that did it." The jeweler's eyes danced with vanity and gratified pride. He would come in as a witness in that selebrated case. All London would all: about him and his sharpness. entimed the officer. "Just hand me them two one thousand-nound sterling iotes, and let your young man go out with me and take the watches to the ab. We shall need all this as corpus

Wheth, as the barristers say, sir. And ou, yourself, must come in half an our to the Lord Mayor's office; we shall require your testimony, sar. Here," scribbling a few words, "here is the name of the case, sir, and that's me own name and number. Don't inil to come. This is a very important catch and will reflect credit on you, sir." The men were marched down-stairs by the policeman, the clerk with the wo packages brought up the rear. The men were bundled into the exb. The policeman seated himself opposite to them, taking the watches on his lan, and all three were driven off estensibly to the Mansion House, Haif an hour ater the jeweler presented himself full f pride at the Lord Mayor's onice, but

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Fletlon but every thing first-class and bottom The jeweler, keeping a sharp lookout all the while, showed him his various styles, and in a very short time the fellow selected about £1.000 worth of Just wrap up the swag and gi' me the "You must excuse me," said the jewler, after fumbling a little while at not sit down a few minutes and I'll and the how over to the lamic libra, ohn, take this to the basis." And then siderable sum yearly in the name direc-

his name is associated. Not to neution

Bogus Sick Men in Paris Who Strain the

noon. more stomach than head.