STORIES OF THIEVES.

INSTANCES OF INGENUITY AND COOLNESS.

Good Tales of Light Fingered Gents.

It has not been many years since a well-known jurist chanced to ask a same time that he had forgotten his all the while. watch at home. At the conclusion of his day's duties he returned home, and man who had come for it, representing that the jurist had sent him. The young man was a thief. He had heard delay the cunning rogue ran to the Judge's house and told the good lady of the house that her husband had sent him for the watch. It was a clever story, plausibly told, and it won the watch.

The proprietor of a large jewelry house in Cincinnati can scarcely have forgotten his experience with an expert knave. It was along toward noon one very hot day in the summer of 1875 when a ministerial-appearing fellow in a black suit, with a white tie, entered the store. He leisurely walked to the showcase and asked to see some diamond studs. After some hesitation he bought a small stone for \$35. He then wished to look at some ringsthought of making his wife a present. As he followed the clerk to the showcase containing the diamond rings he began to eat an apple. Several valuable gems were looked at with dissatishim, but was not just what he wanted. At length he saw one in the case he thought was just the thing. As the clerk reached to get it the parson-like customer pressed the \$500 ring deep into the apple he was eating and cleverly tossed it out of the door. The clerk didn't notice the move, but a fellow who was standing on the outside did, and hastily picked up the apple and departed. The diamond purchaser decided not to get his wife a present till another day. He was on the point of leaving when the clerk missed the ring.

"Wait a minute, please," called the clerk, who was nervously looking over the tray. "I cannot find that large diamond ring you were looking at.'

The sanctimonious gentleman in black at once returned and remarked that the clerk must be mistaken. The search continued, but it was fruitless. The proprietor was called, and in an austere and blunt way insinuated that it might be found in the folds of the ring-buyers garments.

"I am the Rev. Dr. G-n." said ge about thirty miles distant did not come here to be insulted."

Well, the proprietor became angry and called, a policeman, and the alleged clergyman was removed to a coming, and it was decided to search of bearing the queen's litter. the prisoner. He was forced to strip, ring was not found.

The telegram to the village, thirty Dr. G-n was one of the most reliwas amazed to find he had been duped. | very sickly time to this day." Detectives were at once put on the case, and in a few days arrested the bogus clergyman and his confederate

ship and unlocked the door. He car-Going in, he turned up the gas in the rear of the store and shook down the stove. He leisurely worked the comhalf an hour he had before him thou- (Penn.) furniture store. ands of dollars worth of costly jewels wint the night watchman came in.

"Good evening", said the cordial arglar, as he continued to remove aluables from the safe to his sample

"Come back to the fire and warm

yourself; it is very cold out to-night." The patrolman allowed that it was,

and sauntered back to the stove. "I'm packing up my samples," went on the thief, suavely. "Going out on the road in the morning, and thought i would get ready to-night. There! isn't that a beauty?" he asked, holding out an elegant Jurgensen for the watchman to examine.

In this way Forrester packed over friend the time of day as he entered \$9,000 worth of gems and walches inthe temple of justice, remarking at the to bis sample case, chatting cheerfully

As he was about to close his sample case he stopped suddenly as if struck when he asked his wife for his chro- by a happy thought, and then picked nometer was not a little surprised to up a very pretty ring. Turning to hear that she had given it to a young the watchman he asked him if he had a wife. The watchman had, and with a careless laugh Forrester tossed him the ring, saying; "Give her that, and the Judge remark that he had forgot- tell her it is a mark of appreciation ten his watch. Without a moment's for the faithful services rendered by her husband."

The brilliant guardian of other people's property was delighted, and was unusually wide awake all the night. It was not until the next morning that he became aware of the hoax that had been practised upon him. Forrester by that time was well out of the way, and his connection with the robberry was not discovered till a few days before his death, when he confessed it.

HISTORICAL.

The steamship Savannah made the first ocean voyage in July, 1819, sailing from New York to Liverpool in twenty-

The government of St. Domingo, which claims to have the only original bones of Columbus, is desirous of for use in 1893, provided they be given and twenty per cent. of receipts on public exhibition of the same.

The repeal of the embargo, which re-1, closed the long reign of President tined to remain true, that " never has there been any administration which in a state so deplorable and calamitous."

-In a secluded spot in Westminister Abbey, it careful keeping, are preserved some of the effigies of English kings and queens that, according to old custom, formed part of the pageantry of their state funerals. Some of the very oldest, perhaps of Plantagenet times, are stripped of their robes; but some others that are not much more than two hundred years old are still invested with the antique clothing with which they were made to represent the forms of the royal dead to their sor-

rowing lieges. -The bri'liant court life of the later Troor times was a new thing in Engthe customer, in tones of excited lish history. In earlier days it had not wrath, naming a clergyman who lived been the fashion for the great land ners to forsake their estates and live "and I'll give you to understand that I at Tower Hill or Shoe Lane with a following of 100 or 200 gentlemen in livery and white frieze, lined with crimson taffetas, and to spend two or three times their yearly income in a merry back room, protesting idnignantly at life of dicing, card-playing and huntthe treatment. A short consultation ing in Gray's Inn Fields, Islington was held, and a telegram was sent to and Highgate, and in buying dresses the address given by the prisoner, mak. fine enough to adorn court pageants ing inquiry as to his character and and processions, where the greatest whereabouts. The reply was slow in nobles of the land accepted the honor

A correspondent to the Pall Mall and every fold and crease in his clothes Gazette sends the following extract Sheepshead Bay. He made some was searched. It is needless to say the from Pepy's Diary, which is very illustrative of the dangers of a mild Winter. After recording in August, miles away, came, saying that the Rev. | 1661, "a sickly time both in the city and country everywhere (of a sort of able men in the town, and that he was fever) that never was heard of almost visiting friends in Cincinnati. Up to unless it was in the plague time," he this time the proprietor had been of makes on the 15th of January, 1662, opinion that the customer was a pious | the following remarkable entry: "15th fraud, but the telegram changed the January, 1662. . . . A fast day order-tune. He wanted to make amends ed by the Parliament, to pray for right away. The parson talked heavy more seasonable weather; it having damages and law, but was at length | hitherto been Summer weather, that it soothed into silence by four crisp \$100 is, both as to warmth and every other put up at auction they went their limit bills. In some way the story of the thing, just as if it were the middle of minister's insult leaked out. His May or June, which do threaten a friends heard it and asked him about plague (as all men think) to follow, it. In the end he called at the jewelry for so it was almost the last Winter; store to see about it, and the preprietor and the whole year after hath been a

Popular Books.

Charles McDonald-The book which trying to pawn the ring. They were had the greatest run in its day from the famous "Frenchy" La Mountain my counters was "Lorna Doone." I havn't had a call for it for months, but A night watchman who was employ- for a long time everybody who came ed to protect a jewelry store in Denver in the store wanted it, and I could not against the ravages of thieves, was begin to get enough to supply the deneatly outwitted by the notorious Billy mand. Of the old books, Dumas' Forrester some years before his death. "Monte Cristo," "The Three Guards-The firm carried an immense stock of men" and "The Mysteries of Paris have gems, and kept them in a large old-fashioned safe. Forrester had, by Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" every long years experience, become so fa- ten days regularly. Occasionally I miliar with safes of that pattern that have an order for some one of Gunhe could tell when to reverse and when ter's books, "Barnes of New York" beto turn the knob forward, by placing ing in the lead. I had a box of Stevenhis ear close to the door above the com- son's "Jekyll and Hyde" which I had bination, and in this way could open left over after the rage for Stevenson's the safe in a short time. By taking a books. I got this box out the other wax impression of the key-hole he day and put the books in front of the made a key for the front door. Hav- house, but people look at them and ing previously located the safe in the then laugh at me Poor Hugh Constore, he was now ready to begin. It way's books seemed to have dropped was a cold, snowy, stormy night, out of recollection. What a run they about 10 o'clock, and Forrester walked had! And there was John Habberton. up to the store with an air of owner- When his "Helen's Babies" came ou' people stood in a line in this store to ried a small sample-case ain his hand. buy them. I don't believe I could give one of them away now.

A mirror brought to this country in bination to the safe, and in less than | 1776 stands in the window of a Chester

and watches. At this very interesting length by 3020 miles that of all the remainder of the United States.

At the present day sacred pigs roam inviolate about the Buddhist monasterles of Canton and elsewhere in China. Electricity drives drills.

Apples as Medicine.

Chemically, the apple is composed of vegetable fibre, albumen, sugar, gum, chlorophyll, malic acid, gallic acid, lime and much water. Furthermore, the German analysts say that the apple contains a larger percentage of phosphorus than any other fruit or vegetable. This phosphorus is admirably adapted for renewing the essential nervous matter, lethicin, of the brain and spinal chord. It is, perhaps, for the same reason, rudely understood, that old Scandinavian traditions represent the apple as the food of the gods, who, when they felt themseves to be growing feeble and infirm, resorted to mind and body. Also, the acids of sluggish in action; those acids serving to eliminate from the body noxious make the brain heavy and dull, or bring about jaundice or skin eruptions and other allied troubles.

Some such an experience must have led to our custom of taking apple sauce with roa t pork, rich goose and like it, for the performance of certain rites. dishes. The malic acid of ripe apples either raw or cooked, will neutralize any excess of chalky matter engendered by eating too much meat. It is also the fact that such fresh meats as the apple, the pear and the plum, when | wall. taken ripe and without sugar, diminish acidity in the stomach rather than provoke it. Their vegetable salts and juices are converted into alkaline carbonates, which tend to counteract acid-

A good, ripe, raw apple is one of the easiest of vegetable substances for the stomach to deal with, the whole process forwarding them to the United States of its digestion being completed in eighty-five minutes. Gefrard found faction. One valued at \$500 pleased in return for them \$20,000 cash down, that the "pulpe of roasted apples mixed in a wine quart of faire water. and labored together until it comes to be as apples and ale, which we call ceived the President's signature March | lambes-wool, never faileth in certain diseases of the raines, which myself Jefferson; and with but one exception | hath often proved, and gained thereby the remark of John Randolph was des- both crownes and credit." "The paring of an apple cut somewhat thick, and the inside whereof is laid to hot, went out of office and left the nation burning or running eyes at night, when the party goes to bed and is tied or bound to the same, doth help the trouble very speedily and contrary to expectation, an excellent secret."

A poultice made of rotten apples is of very common use in Lincolnshire for the cure of rheumatic eyes. Likewise in the Hotel des Invalides at Paris, an apple poultice is used commonly for inflamed eyes, the apple being roasted, and its pulp applied over the eyes without an intervening substance. Long ago it was said apples do easily and speedily pass through the belly, therefore they do mollify the belly, and, for the same reason, a modern maxim teaches that: To eat an apple going to bed, the doctor then will beg his bread.—Hospital, London.

A Whim of Fortune. Probably the most striking illustration of the whim of fortune in connection with the turf is the story of living in the neighborhood are in a the Warnke family and their beautiful filly, Reclare. Henry Warnke was a switch-tender on one of the small roads that run to Coney Island at a salary that was little more than sufficient to keep himself and family. His eldest son was of small stature, and with the hope that he would make a good jockey the boy was sent to Jimmy Shields, at progress and rode in a few races, but nature soon clamored for her rights, and young Warnke found that he was much too big and heavy to ride any longer without weakening himself by reducing. About this time the father. who had put by a couple of hundred dollars, clubbed his savings with the earnings of his son, and set off for the as I've only been reading every other sale of Commodore Kittson's yearlings line, and"—the sweet girl had flounced at Erdenheim. A handsome black filly, by Reform out of imported Clara, caught their eyes, and when she was and secured her for \$425.

The filly was brought to Brighton Beach and a stable constructed for her near the little cottage where the switch-tender made his home. Reclare was the name bestowed upon the filly by guest flushed up and demanded to Mrs. Warnke, and, as the winter passed, know what the other meant. "There Mrs. Warnke, and, as the winter passed, the young miss improved in appearance, until she was the finest looking youngster around the Brighton Beach track. When Spring came and Reclare began to take her gallops, young Warnke, now trainer and exercise boy combined, found that the black filly had a world of speed, and visions of big winnings at Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay filled his mind. The first time Reclare ran was at Sheepshead you will receive letters from women Bay in a big field. She was a very long short in the betting, and every member of the Warnke family was there to see her debut. Johnny Reagan had the mount, and after the first | their little game. If they can catch | Reclare, the filly winning under a was the champion of her age and sex, suffering defeat but three - times, her earnings in stakes and purses alone footing up close to \$25,000. It is a the hotel papers which are published The relatives, rather than have the modest estimate to place Mr. Warnke's daily with complete lists of all the fortune at \$50,000, besides which he arrivals at the principal hotels." The mud, usually sent what money was still owns Reclare, and should she train on as a three-year-old and retain her form of last season he can with perfect safety write down his winnings at \$25,000-perhaps double that sum.

Arabian Babies.

Life has exceptional difficulties for the babies of Eastern nations, especially for those who are of sufficiently high rank to be brought up according to all the ancient customs of their race. The lady who tells her own story in the "Memoirs of an Arabian Princess," says that a royal baby's first toi- covered in British Columbia, let, in Arabia, consists in winding a

bandage about its body, after it has been bathed and perfumed. The little creature is then placed on its back, its arms and feet are straightened and the open.

entire body swathed to the shoulders. In this position it remains motionless for forty days, but the bandage is removed twice a day that the child may have a bath. The Arabs believe that this process will make the body straight for life. Under such circumstances it seems fortunate that babyhood is not a period which can be remembered in after years, for no one would choose to suffer such days of misery again, even in recollection.

day after her birth, holes, usually six this fruit for renewing their powers of in number, are pricked in her ears, and when she is two months old heavy gold the apple are of signal use for men of rings are attached to them, to be worn sedentary habits, whose livers are throughout her life-time, except during periods of mourning for relatives.

On the fortieth day the baby's head matters, which, if retained, would is shaved, a ceremony which could scarcely be performed in our own country, where thick hair is usually of | since last year. a latter growth. This operation is considered a very important one, and thirty or forty persons are witnesses of

> The disposal of the first hair is regarded as a very weighty matter; it must not be burned nor carelessly thrown away, but buried, thrown into tha sea, or hidden in some crevice of a

The fortieth day marks a turning point in the child's life. Heretofore it has only been seen by its parents, the slaves on duty, and a few intimate friends of the family; now, however, it may be seen by anybody, and is regarded as fairly launched on the tide of existence.

Several charms are attached to its body for protection against the "evil eye," boys wearing them to a certain age, and girls still longer. The favorite charm consists of a gold or silver price, \$30,000. locket worn on a chain.

The smallest children among the Arabians are strongly perfumed; everything they use, from their clothing to articles of the toilet, is covered at night with jessamine, and before it is used, fumigated with amber and musk, and sprinkled with attar of roses.

Ghosts on the Illinois Central.

There are ghosts hanging around the big bridge on the Illinois Central just East of the village of Hallsville. The trainmen on the night runs are willing to swear to it, and so are many citizens of Hallsville, Beacon and Midland City. Every night at 10 o'clock a train passes over the bridge, and every night at 10 o'clock three spectral figures take their stand in the middle of the bridge and wildly wave their hands as if to induce the engineer to stop. But as they do not appear until the engine is within a few yards of them there is no time to stop the train, and the figures on the bridge are hurled into the water below. This happeved every night for a week. Last night several men from Hallsville waited near the bridge till the three figures appeared and then fired several shots at them without effect. The people panic.-Chicago Tribune.

Slow to Understand Browning. Mr. Wagstaff has been reading

Browning aloud to Miss Wilder. Wagstaff-"And now what do you think of that particular poem? Do you think it worthy of Browning's repatation?"

Miss Wilder-"It's quite too perfectly lovely. Only Browning could have written it." Wagstaff-"You understand

fully?" Miss Wilder-"Perfectly. It is as clear as light to me."

Wagstaff-"Well, you see, I did not know but it might be a little obscure, from the room .- America.

Blackmailing in New York.

"You can send all letters addressed to me to my room," I heard a gentleman say at a prominent hotel yesterday. "Is not you wife with you?" quietly asked the clerk, whereupon the are no letters coming to me that my wife may not see, sir," was his somewhat indignant remark. "Oh, no offense and no insinuation, I assure you," said the clerk with perfect equanimity. "We are obliged to be careful about such things, because women sharks prey on the male guests of all the hotels. Before you have been forty-eight hours in New York claiming to be old acquaintances, ask-

ing for appointments, and so on. Of course you do not know them and never heard of them, but that is saint, but such letters destroy human return and expose him. confidence. How do they get addresses of guests? Easily enough, through guest's anger was appeased by the time asked, and then, after telling the this explanation was given, and be-fore he walked away I heard him say, "Well, I guess your rule is safest. I will get my letters in the office."-N.

It is not every boy that can make a bicycle for himself. Yet that is what a sixteen-year-old colored lad of Georgia, a blacksmith's apprentice, had done. He made the bicycle out of raw material picked up in the shop, and it rides as smoothly as a factory-made machine.

HORSE NOTES.

-The Latonia spring meetings are -Lady Bullion will be tried double

with Aubine. -The trotters will perform at Pitts-

burg. -Both local trotting meetings were successes financially.

-W. B. McDonald has a string of twelve horses at Buffalo. -Jockey Martin Bergen has signed

with David Gideon for the season. -There will probably be racing at the If the child be a girl, on the seventh Ivy City track, Washington, next fall. -Tenny incurs no penalty for the

Suburban by his win of the Brooklyn. -Tenny is entered for the St. James Hotel stakes at Gravesend, to be run. -- It is likely that Taral will ride Canvass in the Great American Stakes,

-The seating capacity at the Sheepshead Bay track has been nearly doubled

-Foxhall Keene will race Tournament under his own name and eventually use him in the stud.

-During the first four days of the Brooklyn meeting J. A. & A. H. Morris won seven races and \$18,185.

-Mose Addler, of Baltimore, was one of the most conspicuous figures on the track. He was always in sight.

-Jockeys Camp and Michael Bergen were set down for the remainder of the Brooklyn meeting.

-Hon. William L. Scott's horses, formerly raced as the Algeria Stable, now run as the Northampton Stable.

-C. F. Emery, of Cleveland, has two strings in training, but none of his

horses will start in his early circuits. -The western Bookmakers' Association has secured the betting privileges for the St. Louis meeting. Reported

-Henry Sanders recently sent Clingstone II, a mile in 2.26%, and the fast but erratic Guy has done quarters as fast as .321, a 2.10 gait.

-C. J. Hamlin, Buffalo, N. Y., has recently purchased the 7-year-old stallion, Play Boy, by Almont Jr., dam Play Girl, by Mambrine Patchen.

-The ch. g. Longview has run 789 riderless races with Miss Myrtal Peak and has never yet failed to return to the judges' stand after the race. -There will be a trotting and pacing

meeting at Beimont Course on June 30, July, 1, 2, and 3, the week preceeding the summer meeting at Point Bre ze. -Honest George won the seventh heat of the 2.22 class at Point Breeze

in 2.201, according to outside watches, but the time hung out was 2.221. -The stakes of the Pennsylvania Association of Trotting-Horse Breeders, which will be decided at the annual meeting at Washington, Pa., September

1 to 4, have filled well. -President Dwyer hopes to induce about a dozen of the starters in the Brooklyn Handicap to try conclusions it. at same weights and distance some day

next week, adding \$5000. -Joseph Thompson, the Australian strife. bookmaker, has sailed for England. His speculations on the turf in this country were not successful. He lost \$20,000 by half. on the Brooklyn handicap.

-William Hayward will not sign with any other stable than that of Hearst & alone. Co, this year. His agreement with them holds, and he will be able to get all the outside riding he wants.

-F. Gebhard's \$21,500 purchase, Canvass, was on card as a probable starter for the Hudson stake, but was scratched. Rumor had it that he had gone wrong in one of his fore legs.

An Adroit Swindler.

rle was a detective, yet there was nothing that indicated his calling. "I have had many fruitless hunts for criminals, said he modestly to a Boston | who is not prudent in the choice of his Globe reporter. "There is not a single company. detective but who, if he told the truth, would be compelled to admit the same.

"I remember one case where I was employed to hunt down a swindler who had victimized many wealthy people in England, but I failed. I think, however, I frightened him out of the business, for he stopped his

crooked work. "His name was Haven. He subscribed to a number of English, Scotch and Irish newspapers and purchased a copy of Burke's Peerage. When a notice of the decease of a nobleman or wealthy commoner appeared he would read the obituary notice, study up the family in the Peerage, or if it was not there he would do the best to find out what he could of the man, and having his true valuation, but he is careful done this he would dedicate a letter to the dead man, his confederate being a dence. very beautiful young woman.

"The latter purported to be from a woman whom the dead man had ruined and sent to America to live, and the letter would state that she had not refurlong there was nothing in it but one man in a hundred and weave him ceived her usual allowance for so long into their toils they are satisfied. Now, a time, and that as a consequence she double pull. Mutuel tickets costing \$5 such letters as those are best not and her child were suffering. At the yielded a dividend of \$195 on the handed up to a gentleman's room when closing she would say that if she did race. From that time forward Reclare his wife is with him. He may be a not hear from him very soon she would

"It was a cruel scheme, and in nine cases out of ten worked successfully. name of the deceased dragged in the woman that the gentleman was dead, would negotiate with her for a settlement.

"Haven secured many thousands of dollars in a couple of years. Only on two occasions did relatives cross to the States to investigate. On these occasions Haven's mistress acted the part of the wronged woman, borrowing a child to accompany her. She was clever, but on one of these occasions she slipped, and the young man from Europe, suspecting the conspiracy, employed me, but Haven had disap-Mica in large quantities has bean disFOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Never be dispirited. Right the day must win. Home is a perfect kingdom.

Prayer is religion in action. A man may be knowing, but not Love is blind, but it has its specta-

The first principle in politics is selfish-

Mankind are all hunters in various

The cheerful giver is a very lonesome man. Stinginess costs more than extrava-

gance. A man can quit loving easier than a

woman can, Whilst you seek new friendships, cultivate the old.

A noble gentleman; he stands in the face of honor.

After praying for goodness, don't forget to be good.

A man who attempts to flatter you takes you for a fool.

Men are like wines-age sours the bad and betters the good.

The only real giver in the world is the cheerful giver. The virtues and vices sometimes live

very close together. A wise man is always engaged in correcting his own faults.

When a woman gets cross she gets cross at everybody she meets. No man votes who is persuaded by an-

other how he shall vote. To enjoy a good reputation, give publicly, and steal privately.

Nine times out of ten, "absence of mind" is absence of brains.

Man, like the fire, is apt to torment women by going out at night.

Nothing but death can separate true frieads from each other.

A good name is a good thing to have, but a good heart is better. You can't tell much about a man's

generosity by reading his will. The man who tends the school of experience must pay his own bills.

There is a good deal of pure lazine ss that goes by the name of sickness. If men were wise in little things, the

world would be the better for it. You can teach a dog pride, but if he's not blooded he'll act like a cur.

To love is to admire with the heart, to admire is to love with the mind. If right made might in every fight, the world would be the better for it.

If hearts had fewer rusted strings, the world would be the better for it. Smile at some women, and they will tell you all the troubles they ever had.

A fool is always wishing time away, while the wise man is always enjoying He who mingles humor with his life,

has found a cushion for a world of He who knows not when to bend and laugh, has scarcely learned philosophy

The man with the most 'horse sense" is the one who lets horse-racing severely

Many men have ended by becoming scoundrels, who began by running in debt.

The hardest of all things to get a man to stop and look himself squarely in the face. People who never worry do a good

deal of missionary work that they don't get credit for. One of the hardest times to love an enemy is when he is prospering like a

green bay tree. No man can be provident of his time

Those people who have a great deal of perfect propriety don't have much of anything else.

It is not good for a man to think too much. He should work a little for rest and change. Reputation is the mean of life; some

men have to live up to it, others to live it down. To forgive when we have forgotten is easy; to forgive when we know we can never forget is noble.

If some men had the nine lives of a cat they would waste them all in folly and then have nine death bed repent-

Nearly every one rates himself at not to take the world into his confi-

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," but Despondency always pollutes the waters before our thirst 18 quenched.

The half thoughts of the foolish, put into words, are often the levers that move the wise to think in silence and

Our opinions are a good deal like the time of our clocks and watches, no two just alike, yet we all follow and keep

our own. It takes us years to learn what little we do know and twice as long to un-

learn the great deal that we think we know, but don't. If it is hard to forgive an enemy an intentional injury, how much more difficult must it be to pardon a friend

for the same offense. To yield love for service is too much like a commercial bargain, but to serve for love is a manopoly of souls, and selfishness can never break the combination.

The one who gives his mind and strength to a work for its own sake, does not need other stimulus; and though often bindered and cast down, is not daunted from still going on, with a determination to conquer.