BY JAMES S. SULLIVAN.

One dusk, long summers gone, v : whitecheeked moon

Beheld this valley reel with war. But now, Where you still hamlet's windows redly

At eve, the bousewives gossip, or else croon Soft lullabies Through the long afternoon The children gambol in the vale below. The lustrous lilies at their moorings blow, The movers move with scythes in merry tune. Chime faintly far from out the white church

spire Those evening bells; slow move the creaking wains

Down purple glens ablaze with sunset fire, And low-necked kine trudge home through thick-leafed lanes.

Sweet vale, the only sword now there that's seen

Is the moon's scimiter in skies serene. Marlboro, Mass.

# A GOVERNMENT CLERK.

BY GAILLARD HUNT.

of the peculiar conditions of Washington life. Although he is a Government clerk he is not of the plain, plodding type that one sees and hears so little of after the denly?"

Forrest, when you started off so sudsight of the day was to see Hamilton and Lockwood smiling good-humoredly hour when the departments close; on the contrary, his real life begins at four o'clock in the afternoon. There are few more percalar men in Washington. Wellwelcome in every drawing room worth next week." That he is poor and has no prospects in life are facts which nobody which he moves as the evident fact that encounter of Greek with Greek. he is a most invitable man.

Legation, and it was there that Marie the ladies said they were picturesque. Forrest first made her appearance in society in Washington. Hamilton had known and admired her two years before, Forrest, and she wore upon her breast the water, and the torrent was running just before she went to Europe, and two ribbon bows-one of violet and blue swift. She looked behind her for an inand he chose to make it his business to and Hamilton saw each other's colors with cavaliers making toward her; then, lightsee that her first Washington party was considerable chagrin a success. He introduced all the men to

His face was heated, and he looked length, tired; his collar tottered to its fall, and the german, I do not envy him his umph. thoughts as he sat in solitude.

the time of life when they should study ready to fall with exhaustion and excitea profession, accept the tempting offer of ment, he stood upon the weighing a Government clerkship. When he be- scales a few moments later. Among the ha!" howled Hamilton. came a clerk the spirit of enjoyment was throng around him, again he noticed strong in him, his gifts were brilliant in Miss Forrest; and he was pleased to see society, and the holiday city of Wash- that Lockwood's colors had been re- the man, ington offered him a fine field for pleas- moved and were no longer to be seen. sufficient for his needs, and, almost be- race, Hamilton saw Miss Forrest again. fore he knew it, he found himself too old "I told you I could beat that fellow." to begin life over again. The taint which he said. falls upon a Government emple-a fastmore and more a miserable and futile ef- beating. I was so frightened." fort at self-forgetfulness-by a persistent

mingling in society. Legation, it was only natural that Hamil- getting serious. anticipations of future parties or recol- do you think of him?" lections of past ones. She awoke in him a desire to show her his best side, would do him good.' and he was a man of more than usual information and intelligence, for his hours | that it? in reading and in labors which were of as officers of the pay corps of the army.' no value to the Government, but were a superiority to his contemporaries. She don't take any credit to myself because his stand beside her. found him a trifler, it is true, often cyn- of my occupation." him and some even to love him

have been naturally a flirt; for she took I see.' to it as a bird does to flying, with slight fluttering and very little preliminary shall some day; but, really, what does training. There was little Polonisi, the it matter? I am alone in the world, Lockwood, a gallant officer in the pay self.' corps of the Army; Jones and Smith, poverished French nobleman, attache of her head turned toward him. the Legation. All were her constant atsometimes on duty together and some-

times by turns. Major Lockwood was the most perintellect; but he expended it all in the yourself?" perfection of his gentility. Although he ance of much thought in his trousers, and his cravats showed considerable power of mental concentration. He was It is not infrequently the case, too, that went home to think. a person with a stupendously good opinion of himself succeeds in communicating a part of this opinion to others. There was such a voluminous self-esteem origin in some spark of genuine merit.

pretty girl who is not averse to being est. If she could, Miss Forrest saw

THE VALLEY OF THE GETTYS- her when she is addicted to perfect hats avoidable that she should see them at the the Forrests would spend the season in with her when the air is balmy and the cise is apt to be fatal. Through the generosity of a rich aunt, Hamilton was Forrest was willing, the two used to take long rides in the beautiful country around Washington. On these occasions they would cast all conventionalities to the winds; sometimes singing together, laughing from very exuberance of spirits, sunshine and the sympathy of each other's company.

"Mr. Hamilton," said the lady, on one of these rides, "do you really think that your horse can beat Major Lockwood's?" "I don't know anything about it," he replied bluntly; "I only know that I do adore you.

"What!" she said, half laughing, but thoroughly pleased. "What do you say, Mr. Hamilton?"

"I think I am in love with you." She clicked to her horse and dashed horse was no match for his; but it was impossible to manage the horse and pursue the subject of conversation.

"It is a great advantage of a horseback conversation," she said, pleasant-Henry Hamilton is a natural product ly, "that you can interrupt it so nicely." "The interruption is not without con-

answered.

"I was saying that I thought my nag mannered, cultivated, good-looking, of be supremely happy if you would wear her. It was an edifying sight to see. exceptionally good antecedents, he is violet and white when we have our race First went Marie jumping from rock to

earnest. He was so accust omed to being soon got well out toward the middle of cares about; that he is, perhaps, throw- a trifler that he seldom was in earnest, ing a life away that might have had But Miss Forrest was becoming more of ling heavily along, his arms outstretched some achievements in another sphere is a flirt every day, and it was interesting to to balance himself, rather ridiculous and not nearly so important in the circle in observe what would be the result of this out of place, and looking anything but

Besides all this he is a born leader-of to see the race between Hamilton and slender build and light on his feet from the german. Last year, early in the sea- Lockwood. Both men looked like much dancing, but serious as though his son, he led the german at the Japanese ruffians in their jockey costumes, but life depended upon each step. Marie soon

several favored individuals was Marie gerous one; a slip might send her into when she had not yet made her debut; and the other of crimson. Lockwood stant, and laughed to see the two hearty

The steeplechase course at Ivy City is, her; and he bade the younger ones, his I suppose, no worse than most courses; imitators and slaves, take her out and but it is a villainous run, nevertheless, give her favors. She had a "perfectly and bears the imprint of the combined face with his hands and knees-a ludilovely time;" and she went home with ingenuity of the surgeon and undertaker. crous picture of a paymaster in distress. her arms full of favors, and gave the It was more good fortune than anything In an instant Hamilton had leaped past leader a sweet bow and smile as she else that prevented an accident befalling him, and stood upon the further rock by Hamilton or Lockwood in their race; but Marie's side. There was just room for As for him, he saw himself in the glass it was owing entirely to the superiority the two. Even if Lockwood had been as he entered his room after the party. of his horse that Hamilton won by half a able to make the leap, he was that it Proverbs at 50.

his coat was covered with tinsel decora- | judge's eye and receive the gesture assur- | splashing, he made his way back to the tions, as though he was a much honored ing him of his victory, he remarked that rest of the party, and awkwardly atforeign prince, and, although he was so Marie had taken his colors from her tempted to laugh the matter off. The

Covered with dirt, the perspiration tage, because of the thundering roar of Rest" at 34. He is one of the class of men who, at streaming down his face, panting and

ure; the Government paid him a salary At a reception the evening after the

"Oh, it was glorious!" said the girl ened upon him, and he became , > : and | "dear Suzette acquitted herself grandly. are. As he grew older his life became water leap together, my heart stopped

"For which of us did it cease to beat, MissForest? I noticed with much pleasure | canal was "very restful." As the season in Washington began your impartial wearing of colors." He about the time of the ball at the Japanese spoke a little scornfully. Was the trifler day was not the first that Hamilton had 31.

Hamilton winced a little. "You are necessary. most improving to him. It was inevit- severe," he said. "It is true I am only

ical, sometimes even bitter and misan- "And why are you only a Government days—an eternity, in fact." thropical, but he had a charming, frank clerk?" she said, her manner changing "I am sorry. I wished t boyishness of nature and a generosity of suddenly. "Really, your are worthy of a I have become accustomed to seeing heart which caused most people to like better career than that. Why don't you you." She looked up at him for an indo something? You are clever enough. stant softly. As for Miss Forrest, I think she must You are very different from the other men

"Well," he said, lazily, "perhaps I Secretary of the Italian Legation; Major and my indolence hurts no one but my-

He was leaning back on the divan, luxyoung fellows, clerks in the State De- uriating amid a soft nest of sofa pillows, partment; old Count de la Rose, an im- and she was bending forward slightly with

"Mr. Hamilton," she said, "suppose tendants and formed her bodyguard, there were some one whom your indolence and wastel life hurt seriously, and who would be very, very glad if you would exert yourself and show the world guished family. He was not without such a one-a woman-would you rouse

He started up. "Yes, oh, yes; may I clothed his handsome person in sober tints, there was, nevertheless, an appear-person?"

"Who knows?" she said: "perhaps I may. She turned her face away from him as not a bad fellow, however; and Miss she spoke, and immediately Lockwood Forest liked him, because he was good and her other vassals came dutifully about looking and a fine specimen of a "swell." her; and Hamilton, yielding up his place,

When he called at her house the next evening he saw only Mrs. Forrest, her daughter being indisposed; but before he left the maid handed him a little emanating from Major Lockwood that bunch of violets which, she said, Miss most people concluded it must have its | Marie bad charged her to deliver to him.

To sit in a parlor, lete-a-tete with a Lockwood was beginning to excite inter- on her way to Newport. made love to is dangerous; to walk . with | them separately; but when it was un-

is still more so; but to ride horseback same time, she kept them on tolerably New York, but it was not without a pang good terms. It was a great convenience that he received the news later that Miss blood is warm with the delightful exer- to her that the paymaster had more leis- Forrest was engaged to Maturin Delano. ure than the clerk; she could spend an He did not know Delano, save by repuhour or two with the former early in the tation, as a man of large estates and the fortunate possessor of a fine horse; afternoon, and later she could meet small intellect. He was certainly not as and when the weather permitted and Miss | Hamilton. As for him, what had begun interesting to Marie as Hamilton had as a mere liking had ripened into an infatuation, and was now fast mellow ing into a genuine passion. To the friends who watched him closely a certain brooding somberness of character ding was made out, Delano, in looking became evident. Receptions and balls it over, asked: like a couple of children, happy in the and dianers-his world, in fact-he appeared to enjoy only if Marie were name you have at the head of the list, there; and, indeed, he was never volun- | Marie? tarily out of her presence. He was in 'I knew him quite well in Washingcapable of sustained energy; but he was | ton," she answered "He is only a Govevidently seriously in love with her.

And thus this little drama went on. Lent came and it still continued, and the balmy days of spring were upon us, and no one could guess what the closing act would be.

It was on a beautiful warm day early in April that Mrs. Forrest gave a picnic at the Great Falls on the Potomac; and along the road. He kept at her side, her that she was a woman of resources was at 41. evidenced by the success she was able to make of an all-day excursion. She carried at 45. plenty of servants with her and the arrangements for luncheon were quite com- at 45. plete. When time appeared to pass slowly, a new salad, or a delicious inven-

tion in sandwiches was sure to be forthsequences. What was I saying, Miss coming. But perhaps the pleasantest "I am sure I don't remember," she at each other. They were thus emnswered. Dioyed when Miss Forrest passed by on her way to a further investigacould beat Lockwood's, and that I would tion of the rocks, and they followed rock as lightly as a chamois, the water In truth, Hamilton was not yet fully in dashing and boiling around her, for she the stream; next came Lockwood, stridhappy. Behind him Hamilton skipped Everybody who was invited went out along, pretty gracefully, for he was of paused for an instant between two uneven Conspicuous on the judge's stand with rocks. Her position was really a danly as a gazelle, she bounded on. But when Lockwood reached the rock which she had just vacated, he crouched there helplessly, holding on to the rugged surcould not be done now. With great As he rode up to the stand to catch the straining of muscle, and not without some between 43 and 47. popular and had been much petted at breast and held them in the air in tri- conversation between Hamilton and Marie Bede" was printed. on the rock was carried on at a disadvan-

> "Isn't this glorious?" shricked Marie, "What's become of Lockwood? Ha!

"What?" yelled the lady. "I can't hear a word you say," bellowed

But I dare say it was a satisfaction to him to be near her. I hope so, at any rate; for it was the only satisfaction he received from her that day. For some capricious reason or other she chose to snub him vigorously on the homeward journey; and he was forced to attach dependent as Government clerks usually Do you know, when you rose for the himself to a girl who was engaged and spoke to him very little, merely remarking, truthfully enough, that the gentle 47. movement of the boat on the placid

The snubbing administered on this experienced from Miss Forrest, but it ton and Miss Forrest should be thrown | She laughed. "I knew you would was the most keenly felt; and he retogether pretty constantly, and their notice it; but Major Lockwood was in a solved that he would stay away from her meetings were manifestly agreeable to fury. He was almost rude, and said he in future, and he actually did not see 30 both. She was a girl not altogether friv- believed I was trifling with you. He is her for five whole days, nor had he any olous, and she had enthusiasm beyond a funny man, Major Lockwood-what reason for supposing that he would meet her when he went out to tea on Sunday "I think if you trifled with him, it night. But she was there more radiant than ever, and the glance that she shot "But I must not trifle with you, is across the table at him was charged with Mr. Henry Hamilton is not to beseeching sadness. Fortunately, the at his office were not infrequently spent be ranked with men of such inferiority guests were numerous enough to make general conversation after supper un-

"I have not seen you for a long time, able that Miss Forrest should see in him a Government clerk; but then, you see, I Mr. Hamilton," said Marie, when he took

"Yes," he said, gloomily; "five whole "I am sorry. I wished to see you, I-

"Shall we ride together to-morrow?"

the revulsion of his feeling's, he wanted at 36. to go down on his knees and grovel before her-to do anything such was his adoration of her. "Yes," she said, in a low, caressing at 47.

voice, "if you care to go with me." What did he remember of his snubbing now? He had the ride the next day, and everything was heavenly; but on the following day, as he was about to walk up the Forrests' steps to pay the visit which he knew was expected of him, he saw Time" was issued from the press, Major Lockwood coming out with such a sistent. He came of an old and distin- what you really are; suppose there were that Hamilton changed his mind and smile of happiness upon his countenance his attention to scientific fiction in "Five walked away. Yet it was entirely an accident. Miss Forrest had calculated

> When Hamilton saw her at a party in the evening she asked him why he had

clock was fifteen minutes slow, and Lock-

not come. "I was afraid you might be fatigued from the visit that Major Lockwood had been paying you," he answered shortly, "Oh, no; Major Lockwood doesn't fatigue me. There are others who do, though Brazil, they made great fun of the nabecause her plans had miscarried.

Hamilton heard, early last winter, that | with his mouth shut?"--[Argenaut.

been, but he was obliging and goodnatured, and she liked him very well.

When the list of people in Washington whom she intended asking to her wed-"Who is Henry Hamilton, whose

## IN MIDDLE LIFE.

ernment clerk."- Independent.

Ages at Which Some of the Great Works of the World Were Written. Mohammed began the koran at 35.

Lord Bacon wrote the Novum Organon Sterne published "Tristam Shandy"

Machiavelli completed "The Prince"

Goldsmith finished "The Deserted Village" at 42.

Tennyson was 41 when "In Memoriam" came from the press. Mill's "Logic" appeared at 37, his Principles of Political Economy" at 42.

Spenser published the "Faerie Queene" Persius is thought to have written his

satires at 45. Goethe wrote "Wilheim Meister" at 46 and "Faust" at 56.

The first volume of the Waverly series appeared when Scott was 43. According to tradition Buddha began

his revelations at 35. Maria Edgeworth wrote her story 'Castle Rackrent" at 34. Isaac Newton wrote the last of the 'Natural Philosophy" when he was 46. Bulwer-Lytton was 29 when he printed

'The Last Days of Pompeii." Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote the 'Autocrat of the Breafast Table" at 48. Cicero is thought to have written "De Officiis" after he had passed 40. Ariosto began the "Orlando Furioso"

at 32 and finished it ten years later. Tacitus finished the first part of his history at 50. Livy is said to have finished his "An-

nals" at 50. Lamartine's poems appeared when the poet was 39. Thackeray was 36 when "Vanity Fair"

Dante finished the "Divina Commedia" at about 51 Samuel Johnson published "London"

when he was 29. Solomon is said to have collected the The Bucolics of Virgil were written

John Bunyan finished the "Pilgrim's Progress" at 50. George Eliot was 39 when "Adam

Baxter wrote the "Saint's Everlasting Carlye published "Sarter Resartus," at

38, and the "French Revolution" at 42. Miss Sedgwick wrote her first novel, 'The New England Tale," at the age of Robert Burton published the "Ana-

tomy of Melancholy" at 45. It was written to relieve the strain of a mind bordering on insanity. Swift wrote the "Tale of a Tub" at 37.

Senaca wrote "De Beneficiis" after Richardson published "Pamela" at 51.

Racine wrote the "Andromache" at Paley wrote the "Horae Paulina," at

Coleridge published "Christabel" at Pliny finished the "German War" at

Poe wrote "The Raven" in his 36th Confucius began his religious works at

Owen Meredith published "Lucile" at The first volume of Indian tales from the pen of Cooper appeared when the

author was 30, Jewish writers say that Isaiah wrote the famous ode on the fall of the king of Babylon at 52. Gray published his "Elegy" at 34. It s said to have occupied his time for

seven years. Macaulay was 47 when he began the brilliant fragment known as the "History of England." The "Marco Bozzaris," the poem by

which Halleck is best known, appeared when he was 37. Buckle brought out the first volume of the "History of Civilization" at 36.

De Quincey published "The Confes-He was afraid to say anything more. In sions of An English Opium Eater," The "History of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain" came out when Pres-

cott was 41, his "Conquest of Mexico" Cooper wrote to relieve the misery of ever-impending insanity, and was 53

when the "Task" came from the press. Wilkie Collins' first novel, "Antonina," came out when he was 36. Pollock was 29 when the "Course of

Jules Verne was 35 before he turned Weeks in a Balloon.' Rousseau wrote the "Emile" at 50.

after sending five of his own children to correctly, but, unfortunately, her parlor | the foundling asylum. Mrs. Somerville was 51 when her wood had, as a consequence, overstayed "Mechanism of the Heavens" appeared

from the Cambridge press. At the age of 41 Milton issued the "Paradise Lost," which had been in preparation for twenty years.

## Making Sport of a Language. When the Portuguese first explored

-with their suspicions." She was vexed tives of that country, because they had in ecause her plans had miscarried. their alphabet no f, r, or l; a people, the Henry Hamilton bowed to her and left. invaders declared, without fe, ley, or Inrie bad charged her to deliver to him.

But Marie Forrest rejected Major rey—without faith, law, or king. The Lockwood when he proposed, which he Mohawks, again, have no labials, and did the day before she went to New York ries tried to teach them to pronounce p and b; "for who," said they, "can speak

# THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN at the present time? OF THE PRESS.

In the Background-Why Not?-Possibly They Are-She Had An Advantage-Where the Hitch Came In, Etc., Etc.

### IN THE BACKGROUND.

"I hear you are going to marry Miss Bullion. I should think you would marry Goldie Sterling; she is just as rich and much younger." "Yes, my dear boy, but Miss Bullion's

papa is much older. WHY NOT.

Cawker--What is this pair of spectacles worth? Jeweler--Three dollars.

Cawker-Can't you knock off half because I'm blind in one eye?

POSSIBLY THEY ARE.

"Two heads are better than one," said the wife as she attempted to set her husband right and didn't do it. "Yes, in a barrel of flour," he responded tartly and she left him to his own de-

vices.

SHE HAD AN ADVANTAGE. Elderly Lady (wishing to ingratiate Mr. Smiff, I knew your late father when you advise me to fight for that? you was a very little boy.

my father died before I was born. - [Pick-Me-Up.

WHERE THE HITCH CAME IN. "She is awfuily homely." "Yes, but she has got plenty of money." "True, but you've got to marry her to

'Yes, I've got to marry her; that's where the hitch comes in.'

HE KNEW HIS RIGHTS.

Dead Beat (humbly, to swell, old-time friend of his)-Lend me a dollar. Swell (handing it over)-Now, old man, for goodness sake don't go and to the laundry.

spend it in drink. Dead Beat (haughtily, pocketing the two half-dollars) -- What right have you, sir, to dictate to me how I should spend my own money?

A DISTINCTION. "Johnny, are you teaching that parrot

to use naughty words?" "No'm. I'm just telling it what it mustn't sav. AN UNSATISFACTORY PURCHASE,

Lord A -Don't you think you ought to call me, "dear?" His American Wife-Yes, at any price.

A FUTURE GREAT MERCHANT. Tommy-Can we play at keeping a store in here, mamma? Mamma (who has a headache)-Certainly, but you must be very quiet.

Tommy-Well, we'll pretend we don't advertise.

WHAT SHE WANTED WITH IT. Wife-I want a new dress, George, Husband (curtly)-And what do you Democrat,

want with a new dress? Wife (pleasantly)-I want to wear it. George. Did you think I wanted it to wave in the atmosphere to scare the Lucy Locket in to dinner? hawks away from the chickens?-[De-

### troit Free Press. HE WAS BUSINESS.

One day during the hot spell an optician on Woodward avenue had a number of thermometers hanging around his front door. Various persons consulted them, and finally a solemn-appearing old gent stopped and between mops of his patient? He looks so happy. streaming face he took a look at each in-

strument. "Are these for sale?" he inquired of the proprietor. "Certainly, sir," responded that gen-

tleman with an eye to business. "Do you want to buy one?" "Um-er-well, no," he said with a half smile: "I guess not to-day; they're hullup; you'll run over that policeman. too high. I'll see you when they are

lower," and he moved on quietly and it's only a feller in a blue suit. G'lang. cheerfully .- Detroit Free Press.

Bilkins-Jimson must have built that fine house of his under a mortgage, cheerful on this hot day?" didn't he?

Wilkins-Yes. How did you know? Bilkins-I notice his shoulders are be- summers when it was twice as hot as ginning to look like a Mansard roof. - | this."- New York Press. New York Weekly.

A LONG-FELT WANT.

machine a cigawette will come out, doncher know. and a cigarette will go out .- [Puck.

Sappy-By dropping a nickel in a new

WELL EQUIPPED.

any church choir.

Maud-I don't doubt; besides you've it .- New York Herald. A HEAVY SHOWER.

you fall overboard?

overboard or not. HE DIDN'T CATCH ANYTHING.

to go fishing yesterday?

Employe-Yes, sir.

Employer-Catch anything? Employe-Nothing, sir. Employer (making a powerful effort to appear calm)—Come up to my house this original place, while the other half was evening. I want to have a talk with you carried to the town square.

[New York Press. KIND AND CONSIDERATE.

"My wife is a kind and considerate

woman, "I am glad to hear it." "She never calls me a fool, as some wives call their husbands."

"No?" "No, she never goes further than to say, 'John, I believe you're half a fool.' - New York Press,

THE DEAR GIRLS.

Sue-Would you believe I have no fewer than five young men on my hands Blanche (glancing at Sue's hands)— Yes, dear, I can readily believe it.

### DISTANCES LEND, ETC.

-[Exchange.

"Don't you like to hear some one singing on the water far away?" she asked. "Yes," he murmured, "far away." -[Life.

## BEFORE AND AFTER.

Citizen-You were named after George Washington, weren't you, Mr. Johnson? George Washington Johnson-Yes, sah. Yo' didn't 'spect I was named befo' him, did yo'?- [Judge.

# ONLY IN FUN. BUT-.

He wrote her name upon the sand, And then, with gentle laughter, She added on a hyphen small And put his name right after.

—[New York Herald.

FORGOT HIMSELF. She (indignantly)-You forget your-

self, sir! He (rising to the occasion)-I cannot help it. In your presence none but a confirmed egotist could avoid forgetting himself.

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT. Dedude-That man called me a 'ir, a herself with a popular author)-Ah, dear a cad, a scoundrel and a puppy. Would Old Gent-By all means. There's Popular Author-Indeed, madam! nothing nobler in this world, young

# There you have the advantage of me, for man, than fighting for the truth.

UNDIGESTED. "Aren't you the same tramp I gave apiece of pie to last year?" asked the

"Yes, ma'am," returned the tramp, putting his hand on his stomach. have it yet."- [Judge. HIS HELPMEET.

farmer's wife

sidered well.

Mr. Troomer-Where on earth is my new silk hat? I've looked everywhere His Bride (sweetly)-You said you wanted it ironed, dear, so I sent it out

## PARTIAL ODSERVATION.

Bilkins-Did you ever notice how much money butchers have in their pockets when they are picking out your change? Wilkins-No-o, but I've often noticed how little I've had in my pockets

after I got my change. DUE CONSIDERATION. Mabel, this question of marriage is a scrious one that I hope you have con-

worried myself sick already about my trousseau .- [Chicago Inter-Ce an.

Mabel-Oh, dear, ves, auntic, I have

ONE OF THE LAZIEST. The laziest man existing within the borders of the Empire State lives along the shore of Third Lake, Fulton Chain, and spends his time fishing. He reclines on the bank in the s. ade, ties the pole to the dog's tail, and when he sees the bobber disappear he kicks the dog, and the animal lands the fish .- [Herkimer

# HOSPITALITY.

Little Ethel-Mamma, may I invite Mamma-Why to-day? Little Ethel-Cause I wants her to come whe I can be real hospitable, an'

I can to-day. We is goin' to have a dessert 'at I don't like .- [Good News. TOO GREAT TO BEAR. Visitor-What is the history of that

#### Warden (of insane asylum)-He is. That man, madam, succeeded in getting a white vest that fitted him around the

-[Clothier and furnisher. NO ACCOUNT. First Man (on big wagon)-Hullup, Second Man-That ain't no policeman;

COOLED HIM OFF.

"How is it that you look so cool and

neck, and it made him insane with joy.

#### "Well, I have just had a talk with the oldest inhabitant and he remembers

- New York Weekly.

Plymouth Rock's Journeys. Plymouth is a busy factory village, Miss Flypp-What I want to see is a We are sent for landmarks of the past machine that you can drop a nickel into to Plymouth Rock, the cemetery on Burial Hill, and the museum in Pilgrim Hall. No spot is quite so famous as Plymouth Rock. The stranger is sur-Ethel-My vocal instructor says a voice prised to find it so small, but it is a like mine is worth five hundred a year in veritable rock, where rocks are not plentiful. It is protected by a stone inclosure with iron gates, through which got a genuine soprano temper to go with we pass and step on the granite of dark gray color. The hardness of the stone makes it almost impossible for relic hunters to carry off pieces, but a French Mother-How did you get so wet? Did traveler said he saw bits of Plymouth Rock in many States of the Union. One Little Dick-Dunno. It rained so hard large fragment is built into the wall of out there I couldn't tell whether I was the Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, New York.

The original rock is in two halves, each about four feet in diameter, the Employer-You took a day off under part somewhat larger than the upper. At the time of the revolution it was taken up to be carried to the cente of the town to make a rallying point for patriots. The rock was broken in two

In 1834 the rock took another journey about taking you into partnership .to the lawn in front of Pilgrim Hall and was inclosed by an iron railing, on which are inscribed the names of forty-one who signed the compact on board the Mayflower. A third journey, however, has restored it to its original position. The descendants of Mary Chilton and John Alden claim for their respective ancestors the honor of having stepped on it first. The poet Longfellow calls John Alden his maternal ancestor .- [Peter-