EVERYDAY LIFE.

tures which Show That Truth is preached ever since. Stranger Than Fiction.

DR. PLAYFAIR, of London, recently received a fee of \$12,000 for attending a royal patient. . A Boston lady beat this. She once paid an English physician \$25,-000 for his services.

A DANISH author told Dr. Felix and make off with uncocked prunes, raw onions, or anything of the kind.

In splitting open a log at Middlesborough, Ky., workmen discovered a darkbrown spherical mass, which proved to be a toad. It was at first perfectly lifeless, but upon coming in contact with main.
the air showed signs of life and soon began to hop.

On a recent Sunday, for the first time in many years, the water of the Delaware frightens one of the characters, who Bay was nearly as fresh as the water of a mountain stream. This condition of troupe of educated dogs, which were affairs was brought about by a strong awaiting their turn to perform, became northeast wind that blew continuously during the week.

A HINDOO baby is named when it is twelve days old and u-ually by the mother. Sometimes the father wishes for another name than that selected by the mother. In that case two lamps are placed over the two names, and the name over which the lamp burns the brightest is the one given to the child.

THIRTY-FIVE years ago a rich farmer died at Ridgeway, Pa., first telling his heirs that they'd find \$35,000 in the attic. But they didn't, though they doubtless looked. Recently the house was sold to Andrew Benner, who found \$7,000 of the money and told about it. The farmer's daughter is still living, and brought suit to recover.

Ir is a Parisienne who has taken the cake at shoplifting. She was accompanied by a nurse carrying a baby-a very convenient baby that never cried, not even when its hollow pasteboard body was stuffed uncomfortably full of laces and jewels, acquired without money and without price, until the day came at last.

THE town of Hart, Ga., bossts a notable specimen of the albino negro. The man was once pure black, but for years his skin has been changing until now he is white all over with the exception of a few dark spots. Not only is he white but much whiter than most white men, his changed skin being a clear, milky whiteness. The transformation has been natural and unattended by any pain or inconvenience.

Among the Welsh "bidding wed-dings" were formerly the custom, the pets had a large gray bat. That bat bride and groom sending out notices to was permitted to enter the tomb and was all their friends announcing the wedding sealed up alive along with the corpse of and soliciting presents. All married his dead master. In 1856 the vault was persons to whom either made a present opened, and to the surprise of all the on the wedding occasion are expected to bat was alive and fat. On four differreturn an article of the same kind and ent occasions since the Chaplins have value, and the "bidding paper" promises looked after the welfare of their dead that new gifts shall be faithfully re- relative's pet, and each time it has been corded and scrupulously returned when reported that the bat was still in the the donors are themselves married.

THE latest instance of crime bringing its own punishment comes, on the authority of Dr. Leonard Guthrie, from An Italian woman had a husband, and the husband had the dropsy. But the dropsy did not work quickly enough. The woman put a toad into her husband's wine to peison him. But the poison which the toad's skin secretes has best possible remedy for dropsy pending on heart disease. So, instead of killing her husband, she restored him to health.

A curious example of how sharply the edge of a windstorm may be defined is reported by the captain of the bark Peter Tredell, which recently arrived at San Diego from London. When off Valparaiso, the captain says, a whirlwind came along and passed over the stern of the vessel. A great sea accompanied the wind, and every sail and movable thing on the after part of the ship was carried away. The forward part of the vessel was untouched by the storm, which passed away in the distance, leaving a train of foam in its

An interesting discussion has sprung up among the palmists in regard to the line of the hand known as the marriage line. One recognized authority says that when this line curves upward the possessor is not likely to marry at all. Other experts reply that they know many married and happy peo-ple with such a line. It is also alleged that the traverse line on the "hill of Mercury," which one party says is the marriage line, is not so considered by the Chirological Society. "Our opinion," says, the editor of the party organ, "is that these lines are signs of attachment, and there is scarcely a hand ever seen without at least one in the hand of either

married or unmarried people." Two shocking cases of miscarriage of justice are reported, one from France This was why the sick man preferred and the other from Germany. In France death to leaving the vessel. a woman has just been released after sixteen years' imprisonment on the discovery that she is entirely innocent of the food prepared by one of the crew, and death of her husband and of her brother- be permitted to leave, whether sick in-law, with the responsibility for which she had been charged; while in Germany Then he said the other sick man, who is a cashier of the ministry of finance, who was in the penitentiary for having em- Chirurgical hospital. Not another Lasbezzled a sum of 5,000 marks, has been liberated after twelve years' incarceration on it being brought to light that there had been no money stolen and that the boils it. Rice, tea, currie, and water apparent discrepancy had been due to a mistake on the part of the auditors. In neither case will the victim have any redress, as the law does not provide for any such judicial errors.

annually preached in the Church of St. and stipulate warmer clothing and Catherine, in the city of London, for plenty of it in cold climates. Little nearly three centuries, has just been | meat is eaten, for only those of a certain abolished. It owes its origin to an adventure which befell a mediaeval Lord cars on the Banark are Buddhists and

SOMEWHAT STRANGE. According to the legend, being attacked by a lion while traveling with a caravan in Arabia, he fell upon his knees and ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF vowed to devote his life to charity if spared from the lion's jaws. The animal is stated to have thereupon turned tail; and in pursuance of the vow thus made, Queer Facts and Thrilling Adven- the "Lion Sermon" has been regularly

An ancient ceremony was revived on the occasion of the procession of judges when the Michaelmas term was opened at the law courts in London. It was the carrying of an exquisitely chased silver oar, some three feet long, before the president of the Admiralty Court; and as soon as he had taken his seat on the Osward of the case of a relative, a klep- bench the oar was laid ou the table in tomaniac, who would steal from himself. | front of him, much in the same manner He used to tiptoe into his own pantry as the mace of the House of Commons is laid in front of the speaker. This silver oar dates back to the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when it was first used as a table ornament at the dinner given by the Middle Temple to Admiral Sir Francis Drake on his return from the Spanish

An amusing impromptu addition to the performances of the Royal Aquarium Theatre of London occurred the other night. In the play a ghost comes an and rushes wildly about calling for help. A so excited by the noise that they rushed on the stage, headed by the gallant disputed possession of the throne He Bruce. They immediately made for the took up his residence at Buluwayo, situastonished ghost, who jumped upon a table in the centre of the stage, and, there surrounded by the pack, implored somebody to call off the dogs. Never, probably, has a spectre so entirely lost hig dignity, while the audience was as convulsed that it was some time after the animals were removed before the per-

formance could proceed. A REPORT from Butte, Mont., says that when Mr. McConville, of that place, killed a chicken for dinner recently he found its crop and gizzard full of gold nuggets. He immediately killed all his other chickens and found in the thirty-one crops and gizzards \$387.55 worth of gold 18 karats fine, an average of \$12.50-1-6 per chicken. Mr. McConville is not willing to abate even the sixth of a cent from the story, as it amounts to a good deal from a number of chickens. He at once lought fifty more chickens and put them in his gold pasture, and in four days' time one of them showed as accumulation of \$2.80 worth of gold, or of reckoning that somehow never fails | 70 cents a day. Mr. McConville proposes to buy all the chickens he can find and set them to work, expecting soon to accumulate a large

A QUEER story, and one which readers would do well to thoroughly salt (give it more than the proverbial grain) before swallowing, comes with first-class recommendation all the way from England. Thirty-three years ago, in 1860, a member of the Chaplin family died at Blankney. Lincolnshire, and was laid in the family tomb. This particular Chaplin land of the living, although occupying quarters with the dead. He was last seen in 1892.

On November 17, Alexander Hockaday, residing in Spencer township, Harrison County, Ind., about twenty-five miles west of New Albany, celebrated the one hundred and fourteenth anniversary of his birth. He was born in Virginia, November 17, 1779, the date, it is an active principle-phrynin-which claimed, being authenticated by a record much resembles digitalis, which is the of a family Bible, now in the old man's possession. When quite young he came to Kentucky with his parents, but removed to Indiana when that State was a part of the great Northwestern Territory. Seventy years ago he removed to his farm in Harrison County, on which he now resides, and has lived there continuously since that time. His wife is still living, at the age of eighty-six years, and is sufficiently active to perform many of the household duties. Mr. Hockaday still retains his mental faculties ulmost unimpaired, and is wonderfully active for his years. He says that he has voted at every Presidential election since 1800, a period of ninety-three years. The old man seems to suffer no abatement of strength, and bids fair to live many years more.

THE British ship Lanark arrived in port two days ago, says the Philadelphia Press. Yesterday the physician from the British consulate went aboard to examine the crew. Three-fourths are Lascars, shipped in Bombay. The docto. found six suffering from heart affection and two from other diseases. The last two were in a serious condition. The doctor, through an interpreter, told one he must be removed to a hospital. The crew gathered around the physician and uttered furious protests. The sick mar. said he would die rather than leave the ship and his countrymen. A Lascar eats nothing but food prepared by a countryman; a Christian touching it would cause contamination, and anyone partaking of it after this defilement loses caste. sented to go only after the doctor had solemnly promised that he should have or well, when his ship cleared this port. an Egyptian, were taken to the Medicocar could be induced to leave the ship. They have their own cook, who mixes the food on a square stone, mashes and form the main part of their diet. Under an agreement between the Indian Steamship association and the British government better care is taken of the Indian than of the English sailors. The Lascars Among many quaint customs which are gradually disappearing is the so-called "Lion Sermon," which, after having been to have, permit to worship as they please.

LOBENGULA THE CORPULANT SOUTH AFRICA RULER.

He is Possessed of Great Force of Character, But is an Ezeessively Cruel

Lobengula, the Matabele King, whose trouble with the British troops in South land and the Mashona country. After where Lobengula was born. Maselikatze, more into the field if required. He was a king who knew how to rule his turbulent subjects; a splendid warrior himself, he took care that his troops should be so likewise.

He died in 1869, and at his death, after some dispute about who should be his successor, Lobengula was proclaimed King with great rejoicings. Warriors to the number of 10,000 assembled to do homage to their new King. From that time up to the present he has held unated some sixty miles south of Invatine, which he formed into a large military station, and where he has since resided. Lobengula is a man of great force of character; his will is law, and it would be death to any of his subjects to dispute his authority. It is by this iron will that he is able to rule his people. He is tall and well proportioned, but very corpulent. His royal wife died many years ago, leaving Lobengula a widower, with some forty or fifty wives to console him for his loss. There are no children living by his royal wife, although he has several daughters by his others. Some years ago he married a sister of Umzela, the King of Gaziland, which adjoins the Mashona country. Previously to this marriage his sister Nina ruled his household, and was devoted to her brother. Not unnaturally, perhaps, she became very jealous at her brother's marriage, a fact which displeased him. To get rid of the annoyance, therefore, Lobengula

had her smothered. His cruelty, indeed, knows no bounds. It is by his orders that the constant raids upon the Mashona people are made. Upon the slightest pretext he orders certain regiments to proceed to a particular kraal, where several indunas and some 600 or 800 Mashonas are living in supposed security. The regiments attack them in the night, killing all the men and women and the children over a cerbooty and cattle as they can lay their hands on. The King divides out the cattle to the regiments who have acted on the occasion, reserving a certain number for himself. The children are grow up are incorporated in the Matabele for the sign's outfit. Yet with all this ferocity in his nature, and a cruelty surpassing imagination, one would fancy, to see him sitting on the box in front of his wagon indulging in his lunch of fried bullock liver cut into immense pieces, that he was a fat but inoffensive old man. There is a certain look in his eyes, however, that is an unmistakable sign of the Lobengula is exceedingly clever, man. yet full of duplicity. He can read a man's character after a few minutes' conversation with him, and will detect instantly if a man is playing him false. I only know of one good quality pos-seased by him —he is fond of children. Lobengula himself took a burning piece of wood from the fire and destroyed the eves and nose of one of his men because he threw a stone at a child and knocked out its front teeth; this was witnessed by

one of the traders. A short time ago he ordered a young Kaffir to be killed for pulling a straw out of the thatch of one of his huts. No one is allowed to touch these on pain of death. There is no doubt about his ordering the deaths of Captain Patterson, Mr. Sargeant (sen of Sir W. Sargeant), and young Mr. Tuomas (son of the Rev. Mr. Thomas, of Shiloh), while on their way to the Victoria Falls. They were warned that foul play was intended, but they would not believe the report. Waen their death was reported to the King he said to some of the white traders, "Now Captain Patterson is dead the agreement goes for nothing." They had previously entered into some agreement with the King, which he afterwards regretted, and he disposed of the matter in the way we have just mentioned. No documents were found on the bodies. On another occasion, which will be last out of many more I could relate, a large impi went into the Mashona country, where they killed all the old people, making some of the women and big girls carry the plunder to the boundary, where they made them put the things down on the ground and then killed them, that they might not run away if brought into Matabeleland. The children, who soon forgot the land they had left, were pre-

# LIKE A HEART IN HIS LEG.

An Interesting Operation on a St.

Louis Patient. D. Marks, Superintendent of the City Hospital, cut a heart out of a man's leg the other day. Instead of being necessary to the patient's existence, as hearts usually are, this organ was a very dangerous possession and was likely to end his life at any moment. The heart was almost as large as the one usually found inside a man's ribs, and beat in very much the same manner. It was situated upon the inside of the right leg, four or five inches above the knee, and was more tender than the ball of the owner's

Charles Gentry, a laborer, was the owner of this very remarkable organ. To the surgeons the phenomenon is called a traumatic aneurism of the femoral artery. This artery is the big blood feeding pipe that runs from the heart down through the body and leg, furnishing life-to the different parts of the anatomy as it goes. About two months navy being very imperfect.—[London ago Gentry was struck upon the leg News.

THE MATABELE KING. just over the artery by a shaft of a pieces of machinery. The inner wall of the artery was burst, and the big pipe began to bulge out at this point. The outer wall, or coat of the artery, luckily stretched and held the blood, or Gentry would have bled to death in no time The artery kept on swelling with every pulsation of the patient's heart From the size of a hazelnut the bulge grew and grew until it was larger than a man's fist. How the artery managed to stand it without Africa has called general attention to bursting was a matter for wonder even that part of the world, is the son of the to the surgeons. The least touch given dreaded Maselikatze, the conqueror of to the skin over the swelling caused the natives who had long held possession | Gentry horrible pain, and he was obliged of the country now known as Matabele- to keep very still lest any sudden movement or contact would break and by the they had been subdued he took up his hemorrhage bring on death. The aneurresidence at Inyati and formed a large ism could be seen to beat to all intents military kraal now known as Iryatine, and purposes like any other heert. If one brought his ear close to it he could known also as Umselckatze, ruled his hear a constantly repeated flowing or people with a rod of iron and kept an breathing sound coming from beneath army of 8,000 warriors, and could bring the skin. This noise was caused by the vacant air space around the swollen artery where it had crowded the musctes aside.

The other day Dr. Marks, decided to operate in order to save Gentry's life. The aneurism was preceptibly growing, and was bound to burst soon. tient was laid upon the operating table and placed under the influence of chloroform. A sharp knife laid the tissues aside and exposed the femoral artery with its apple-shaped bulb. The artery was then tied, or "ligated," twenty-one inches above and two inches below the swelling, and the big bulb cut open. Nearly a pint of blood gushed forth and then there was no heart left. The slit artery was then sowed together with fine silk threads previously soaked in antiseptic solutions, and left to heal. The ligatures above and below were left to remain, however, until the artery is fully healed. Then they will be untied and the blood allowed to go down Gentry's leg as usual. In the mean time the patient's limb will receive blood from the smaller arteries, and will in all probability keep from dying .-St. Louis Globe Pemocrat.

### WASTE ABOARD BIG SHIPS.

Knives, Dishes, Table Linen & China Thrown Overboard.

A man came over on the big Cunarder Campania last trip who, being of an inquiring turn of mind, used his eyes and ears to good advantage all the way, and he expressed to a reporter the most unqualified amusement of the constant wholesale waste of valuable material.

I don't think so much of the stewards' selling saloon fare to the steerage, he said, "because the food would be thrown overboard anyway, and the stewards, or 'flunkies' as the seamen call them, may well make something off it if they can. Their pay is small, so the tain age and bringing the younger ones transaction results in substantial benefit back with them, toge her with such to them. A great many persons come over in the steerage because they don't care what their accommodations are so long as they get good food, and they are pretty sure of being able to buy that from the stewards. Of course, it isn't distributed among his people. They the square thing to do; but what I wonsoon forget their nationality and as they | dered the most at was the utter disregard

"For instance, a steward would take down to the steerage a dozen dishes and plates of choice food in a large bucket, carefully covered so the contents would not be seen. Of course the bucket coaained silver forks, spoons, knives and very often silver vegetable and dessert dishes and individual chocolate and coffee pots. When the food was eaten the china and silver went back to the bucket and the whole business was quietly dropped into the refuse chute and down into the sea! I've seen as many as ten buckets taken down by the same number of stewards three and four times a day throughout a trip, and in every case the crockery, silverware and bucket went overboard. You may take my word for it that anything a steward carries below never gets back to its proper quarters again, not only because of the risk of de-

tection but because of the trouble. "I doubt, though, if the risk is very great, for some of the officers are themselves exceedingly careless and destructive. I've seen large, brand new, handsome blankets taken into an officer's room for him to use as a rug while taking a bath. When he finished the blankets were rolled up and quietly dropped down the chute. And that happened a number of times during the voyage, too. No, I can't suggest a remedy, and the company wouldn't extend me a vote of thanks if I could, but it seems to me it would pay to have those things looked into a little and a responsible man placed in direct charge of affairs.

A steward's pay is very small, ranging from \$5 to \$30 a month, but never exceeding the latter sum. In many cases they get no pay at all, but, instead, not only work without a stipend but also pay the company for the privilege of serving it. - [St. Louis Post Dispatch].

# Materials of Paper.

Paper can be manufactured out of almost anything that can be pounded into pulp. Over fifty kinds of bark are said to be used, " banana skins, bean stalks, pea vines, cocoanut fibre, clover and timothy hay, straw, sea and fresh water weeds and many kinds of grass are applicable. It has also been made from hair, fur and wool, from asbestos, which furnishes an article indestructible by fire, from hop plants, from husks of any and every kind of grain. Leaves make a good strong paper, while the husks and stems of Indian corn have also been tried, and almost every kind of moss can be made into paper. There are patents for making paper from sawdust and shavings, from thistles and thistledown, from tobacco stalks and tanbark. It is said that there are over 2,000 patents in this country covering the manufacture of paper.

# The Chinese Navy Worthless.

It is stated at Shanghai, "on excellent authority," that the real reason why none of the Chinese squadron went to Bangkok, was that it was found there one of the squadron prepared for such a voyage without refitting, the internal condition of the ironclads and cruisers of China's

# THE JOKERS' BUDGET

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Deceptive - A Standing Literature-An Eye for Bargains-A Stomach Ache in Sight, Etc., Etc.

#### DECEPTIVE.

Visitor-Hark! That must be another railroad collision! Host-Oh, no. That's Charlie's college club in the barn practicing a new

A STANDING IN LITERATURE. "What can you show by way of evidence that you are an author?" "I've got the writer's cramp, and the

#### doctors all say so. AN RYE FOR BARGAINS.

Father-Is that young girl you are -[Chicago Record. going to marry economical? Son (enthusiastically(-I should say so! Why last year she spent \$2,500 in bargains. - [Chicago Record.

### A STOMACH ACHE IN SIGHT. "Tommy," said the teacher, "do

you know what the word 'foresight' means?"

"Yes'm." "Can you give me an illustration!"

"Yes'm."

"You may do so." "Last night my mamma told the doctor he might as well call around and see me Thanksgiving night."—[Washington

## ONE REPLACES THE THER.

Miss Manhattan (maliciously)-You must miss the dear old London fogs very

much. Lord Tuffnot (loftily) - I do. But I am partially compensated by your charming New York mud. - Vogue.

#### PROOF OF IT.

He (fervently)-Dearest, do you love me so much that you would rather be miserable with me, if you had to choose, than happy with any other man? She-Why, darling, haven't I said that

#### I would marry you?- Vogue. AND HOW THEY DO SPEAK!

The schools of oratory don't teach any eloquence that surpasses that of a couple of dumb and silent chairs sometimes, Somerville Journal.

#### CAPABLE SUBSTITUTES.

"You don't have monarchs in this have on?"-[Chicago Record. country," said the foreigner, musingly. "Not by that name," replied the native. "We have servant girls, however."-[Judge.

### NOT AN ADMIRER OF IT.

Park Rowe-What d'ye think of the suit? Election bet, you know! Hoffman Howes-That's too bad! How long do you have to wear it?

## FRUGAL.

"I am sorry to tell you," said the ditor' "that we cannot use your poem." 'Indeed?" 'To be candid with you, it is clumsy in sentiment and faulty in construction. The rhymes are all wrong, and altogether it is not even decent doggerel." Here the editor paused for breath and the poet said meekly: "Give it back to me, please." "I don't think you can do snything with it." "Oh, yes, I can. "I'll have it set to music and make a popular song of it."-[Washington Star.

# WASTED SOLICITUDE.

wife, "you will be careful not to get never cease till one or the other has disyour feet wet, won't you?" "Humph! replid the dyspeptic husband, "that's the way with you women. That shows just all, which only regard for historical acabout how much consideration you have curacy induces me to chronicle. As a for a man. I suppose you'd be satisfied faithful historian, however, I cannot to see me break my neck trying to walk you?"-Washington Star.

A COMPARATIVE ESTIMATE OF HIMSELF. father, "you couldn't earn your salt." "Oh, yes, I could, fathah," he replied, complacently, and, after some thought, he added, "but I might have to fall back

### on you foh the peppah."-[Washington MARRIAGE WITHOUT MOTIVE.

you to go away?

# a soldier!-[Paris Gaulois.

Citizen - Call a policeman! Good heavens! Your Honor, wasn't I thumped ing done he would go off an a long enough as it was !- New York Herald. | walk.

# AN EXCEPTION.

"Are you going to-to wear that big hat to the theatrel" the young man asked. "Yes, George." And after a silence,

che added, "But I am going to take it off when we get inside." And that is what confirmed George's suspicions that she is an angel.-Wash-

#### ington Star. WHAT HE RETAINED.

"I was in a railroad accident once," said the man in the smoker to a group of listeners, "and had both legs and both arms broken." your presence of mind?" inquired one of origin of starching in London. It was the listen rs. "No." "No! What in that year that Mistress Van der Plasse the listen rs. "No." 'No! What in that year that Mistress Van der Plasse did you do?" "I retained a lawyer and came with her husband from Flanders to LIMITATIONS OF MATRIMONY.

Little Boy-What is your papa? Little Girl-He's a literary man.

"What's that?" "He writes."

"What does he write?"

"Oh, he writes most everything 'cept checks."--[Good News.

"I think your figures are pretty high," said the lady who was pricing feather

#### SENIUS APPRECIATED.

"Say;" said the business man to the detective, "some fellow has been running around through the country representing himself as a collector of ours. He has been taking in more money thas any two of the men we have, and I want him collared as quick as you can." "All right. I'll have him in jail in less

than a week." "Great Scott, man! I don't want to put him in j il. I want to hire him.

# [Indianapolis Journal.

WON BY A PLANK MOVEMENT. "I'm not going to ask for money, mum," said Rhodeside, "nor for food, though I'm faint with hunger and I ain't eat anything for two days, but for the sake of a poor man who's in hard luck, won't you, please, mum, allow me the loan of a piece of soap and a towel for a

few minutes?" It was about one hour later that Rhode side finished a sumptuous meal and set forth with a fifty-cent piece in his hand.

#### MORE THAN HALF BACK.

Friend-Your son played football at college. I am told.

Fond Mamma-Yes. Friend-Quarterback? Fond Mamma-Oh, he's nearly all back.

He lost only an ear and a hand. - Puck. THIS WALL WOULDN'T TELL

"Sh-h-h!" said the tragedian, "the very walls have ears!"

"Sure, "answered the low comedian, glancing up hastily, "but this is a dead

And the orchestra burst forth with a chord in G .- Indianapolis Journal.

#### IN THE CONSULTING-ROOM.

Doctor-"You look rather excited. For some time to come you had better not exert yourself too much. For instance, you must not-what is your profession

Patient-"Aparchist." Doctor-"He must not threw bombs, do you hear?"-[Il Caffaro.

THE TEST OF EFFICACY. "I don't see how your medicines can be much good, doctor.'

#### "Why not, Freddy?" "They don't taste nearly so bad as Dr. Brown's used to."-[Judge. AN IMPORTANT ONE.

Professor in history (in the young ladies seminary)-"Having finished the when pagoes into the parlor the morning sad story of this episode in the life of after John has made an evening call .- Marie Antoinette, I should be glad to answer any questions you may feel in-

clined to ask. The class (in unison)-"What did she

### ONE CERTAINTY.

Tom-"Have you read 'Two Men and a Girl'? What do you think of it?" Kitty-"No: but I think the girl must have had a good time"- Puck.

## Fighting Moles.

If two male moles meet in attendance on the same lady of their choice, they soon pick a quarrel, with the quip gallant or the retort courteous, and proceed to fight it out with desperate resolution. Their duel is a outrance. Just at first, to be sure, they carry on the war underground; but as soon as they have begun to taste blood, they lose all control of themselves, and adjourn for further hostilities to the open meadow. Indeed, it is seldom that you can see them emerge from their subterranean "rup," except when seriously ill, or engaged in settling these little affairs of honor. Once arrived upon the battlefield, they "Now, dear," said the thoughtful go at it literally tooth and nail, and abled his adversary.

Then comes the most painful scene of conceal the fact that the victor male falls down to my office on my hands, wouldn't bodily in his triumph upon his fallen antagonist, tears him open on the spot, and drinks his warm blood as some consolation to his wounded feelings. The "Reginald," said the young man's sense of chivalry and of the decencies of war has been denied to these brave and otherwise respectable insectivores, -The Million.

# Sentiment and Chicken.

A man I knew kept fowls for the Mistress-So you are going to leave table-pure Dorkings. As they grew my service? Now, what motive impels plumper every day he would take a basket with food in it, scatter it among Servant -- It's no motive, madame; it's them and sigh deeply. After a few days of this, with a mournful countenance, he would give the orders for a couple to be placed in a fattening coop; then, when Judge-Why didn't you call a police- he had satisfied himself that they were man when the man assaulted you with a just right, he would send for a man to wring their necks, giving him a shilling for the job, and while the deed was be-

His wife and daughters were as tender-hearted as he was. It ran in the family. Yet the servants always noticed that, whatever they might eat or leave on the dinner-table, they invariably finished up the fowls. This was, possibly, on the same principle as actuated one of the kings of the Cannibal Islands, who ste his grandfather out of respect, -Macmillan's Magazine.

# The Origin of Starching.

The course of history carries us back "Did you retain no further than the year 1654 for the got \$10,000 damage."-{Detroit Free Press. starcher. The best housewives of the time were not long in discovering the excellent whiteness of the "Dutch linen," as it was called, and Mistress Plasse sook had plenty of good paying clients. Some of these began to send her ruffs of lawn to starch, which she did so excellently well that it became a saying that if any one sent her a ruff made of a spider's web she would be able to starch it. So greatly did her reputation grow that fashionable dames went to her to learn beds and pillows.

"Madam," said the clerk, with a scracely percepitible twinkle in his eye.
"all our best goods are marked down."—

start and mystery of starching, for which they gladly paid a premium of £4 to £5, and for the secret of seething starch they paid gladly a further sum of twenty shillings.