- The fellow who fights the fight alone, With never a word of cheer, With never a friend his help to lend, With never a comrade near, "Tis he has need of a stalwart hand And a heart not given to moan, He struggles for life and more than life—The fellow who fights alone!
- The fellow who fights the fight alone, The fellow who fights the fight alone,
  With never a father's smile,
  With never a mother's kindly tone
  His sorrowful hours to guile,
  Who joins the fray at the dawn of day,
  And battles till light is flown,
  Must needs be strong for the fight is flown,
  long—
  The fellow who fights alone!

  God bless the fellow who fights alone,
  Till safely out of the battle rout
  He conquering comes at length,
  Till far and near into every ear
  The fame of his fight is blown,
  Till friend and foe in the victor know
  The fellow who fights alone!
  —By Dennis A. BcCarthy.
- Ah, bitter ensugh the combat is,
  With every help at hand,
  With friends at need to bid Godspeed,
  With spirits that understand;
  But fiercer far is the fight to one
  Who struggles along unknown—
  Ah, brave and grim is the heart of him,
  The fellow who fights alone!

  - God bless the fellow who fights alone,

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act of the purest good nature he main with her for an hour and 16 minshould have been led into so awkward utes?" a complication. The Rev. Reginald had recently accepted the post of cur- To whom are you referring?" cried the ate at St. Matthew's church, Tootham, curate, in astonishment and indignaunder the Rev. Jeremy Priggleswade, tion. vicar of that parish, and a typical specimen of conventional plety and smug know very well," retorted the vicar. social rectitude.

fallen vacant by the resignation of self?" the rector. The vicar of St. Matof testimonials.

Mr. Jenkins, the patron of the liv- scarcely believe. ing, although given up to social life in London, had always shown a laudable disposition to fall in with the cultar circumstances-" he answered. wishes of the parishioners. At the time when his new curate, Mr. Bis- interposed the vicar, with biting sargood, arrived Mr. Priggleswade was casm. still awaiting the answer to his appli-

The new curate was strolling one morning down one of the residential more and more sarcastic. streets in the town when he saw a very small boy making heroic but vain hearing me out," rejoined the curate, attempts to reach the big brass handle his color rising. And he told the vicar

of a front door bell. "Hallo, my little fellow! Can't reach

A smile of huge gratification expand- your effrontery in telling it." ed the chubby face of the graceless he lisped. And he was off, leaving the ginning to grow hated. astonished cure alone upon the door-

mered, mentioning the first name that ting on the woman's name accidentalout of the embarrassing situation. her." But, to his amazement and dismay, the "Robinson is a common enough maid answered:

The curate stammered out his name; some plausible explanation of his vis- laugh. "You must have heard of so it. If the house had been in St. Mat- notorious a person," he said. "A womthew's parish, he might have pretended that he had called in the ordi- days by flashy acquaintances-mostly nary course of his professional minis- men-in motor cars, and who entertrations. But the house was in the tains them in the small hours with parish of St. Peter's.

ly pretty and attractive, though some- town. And you expect me to believe what over-dressed.

awkwardly.

She smiled and nodded.

"I'm the-the-new curate," he began," and I thought that as I was white heat of passion. passing-"

"Quite so. Pray be seated," interfirst clergyman who has been to see rage. me?"

rather susceptible young man himself, ly. he should certainly not have neglected backward.

"I don't know how it is," contin- better." ued Mrs. Robinson, candidly, "but I'm afraid I can't be exactly persona grata ate. in Tootham. Everybody seems to fight shy of me. I'm not aware of having that it was some days before he redone anything to offend the worthy covered his equanimity. However, an denizens of this highly respectable place. But such is the fact. I seem the living of St. Peter's, which the to be regarded as a sort of social vicar received on the third day after leper. However, we won't talk about the curate's departure, did much to that. Let's talk about something soothe his ruffled feelings. The letter pleasanter and more interesting."

And she at once led the conversation into impersonal channels. She living of Tootham has been sent on was a good talker and a very pretty woman, and the Rev. Reginald found from whom I purchased the advowson her society so agreeable that he pro- some months ago.

longed his visit for more than an hour. Mrs. Robinson had not escaped the time between 2 and 6 in the afternoon lynx-eyes of a highly respectable maiden lady who lived just over the way. This was Miss Letitia Partlett, a veritable dragon of propriety and self-constituted guardian of the morals of 19-." Tootham. Before the day was out she flew round to St. Matthew's vicarage, where she had a lnog private interview. When the curate went next as requested. He saw himself already morning for his day's instructions, he rector of Tootham. was greeted by his superior in the sternest and most frigid of tones.

"Come in here, if you please, Mr. Bisgood," said the vicar, leading the home. way to his study. "I have something very unpleasant to discuss with you."

The curate wondered. "Be good enough to explain to me,"

It was certainly rather rough on you were seen to go into the house of the Rev. Reginald Bisgood that by an that bad woman yesterday, and to re-

"Eh? What on earth do you mean?

"Don't pretend ignorance, sir. You witheringly. "Whom should I mean The vicar of St. Matthew's expected but that abandoned creature who calls to get to heaven by this means. Inci- herself Mrs. Robinson-a woman dentally, he also expected a more im- whose name is a by-word in the town, mediate reward. The very desirable and whose house no self-respecting living of St. Peter's, Tootham, the person would be seen to enter-much mother parish of the town, had just less a minister of the gospel, like your-

The curate looked much taken thew's had, in fact, long looked upon aback. Mrs. Robinson a bad charachimself as the future rector of Tooth- ter? Impossible! That she was vivaam, and he lost no time in forwarding clous had been obvious enough to him to the patron an application for the during their hour's agreeable tete-avacant living, accompanied by a sheaf tete. But that there was anything seriously amiss with her he could

"I did happen to go and see a Mrs. Robinson yesterday, under rather pe-"Very peculiar, I have no doubt,"

"My callng upon her, however, was the purest of accidents-"

"Oh! of course," said the vicar, "I beg you will do me the justice of

the exact circumstances. The vicar listened with offensive init, eh? Well, let me ring the bell for credulity. "A very pretty and ingeniyou." And he gave the handle a mighty ous story, Mr. Bisgood. I really don't tug, which set the bell clanging loud- know which to commend the moreyour ingenuity in concocting it, or

"Do you mean to say you don't beurchin. "Now, we must cut and run," lieve me?" demanded the curate, be-

The vicar laughed. "I wasn't born Mrs. Robinson live here?" he stam- story rather thin-especially your hitcame into his head, as the best way ly, without any previous knowledge of

name. And, likely, or not, it is pre-"Yes, sir. Will you please walk in, cisely what happened," answered the

curate. Again the vicar laughed his scoffing an who is constantly visited on Sunmusic and feasting and reveling. Why. The lady was youngish, and decided- sir, the goings on are the talk of the that you had never heard of her. No! "Mrs. Robinson?" he murmured, no! Mr. Bisgood. Try that story on somebody a few years younger than I

The curate was by this time in a

"You're the first man who has ever dared to call me a liar; and I've a posed the lady. "Very kind of you to good mind to thrash you for the incall, I'm sure. Do you know, I've been sult, you-you-smug Pharisee!" he here three months, and you are the cried, in a voice that trembled with

The vicar slipped hastily round to At this the Rev. Reginald expressed the other side of his study table. He much surprise. He felt it, too. A was not a warrior, except linguistical-

"You are not improving your posito call, with proper frequency, on so tion by insolence, Mr. Bisgood. Had fair a parishioner, and he wondered you been penitent and contrite, I why the other clergy had been so might have given you another chance. But the sooner you leave Tootham, the

"I'll go today," ejaculated the cur-

The plous vicar was so much upset encouraging letter from the patron of

ran as follows: "Dear Sir-Your application for the to me by Mr. Jenkins, the gentleman

"Will you, if possible, call on me Now, as it happened, his visit to here the day after tomorrow-any -and we can then discuss the matter. I am, yours faithfully.

> "M. de Bracey. "1001 Eaton square, S. W., Jan. 15,

The vicar lost no time in writing to say that he would, with pleasure, run up to London and see Mr. de Bracey,

When he arrived next afternoon at 1001 Eaton square, he asked the butler whether Mr. de Bracey was at

"Mrs. de Bracey, sir," the butler corrected him. "There is no Mr. de lie ought to be instructed in the early Bracey; my master has been dead signs of cancer, with a view to the some years. Yes, sir, the mistress is adoption of earlier diagnosis, and con-

think. Mr. Priggleswade, is it not: Will you walk in, please?"

The vicar started. He turned pale. In the pretty woman who stood confronting him he recognized that depraved person, Mrs. Robinson. "I-I-came to see Mrs. de Bracey,"

he stammered. "And I am Mrs. de Bracey," she smiled. "You are surprised eh?because you have known me in another name. Well, the fact is this: When I purchased the advowson of Tootham with the knowledge that the late rector contemplated resigning at an early date, the idea struck me that I would go down and live there awhile, in an assumed name, so that I might have a good opportunity of studying the local clergy, to see whether any were deserving to be appointed to the benefice, when it fell vacant."

She paused. The vicar looked rather blank. He wished now that he had not been quite so hasty in his judgment of Mrs. "Robinson's" character. Further, he hoped with all his heart, that she had not heard of that little row he had had with his curate in connection with the latter's visit to her house.

The lady went on:

"My rather Bohemian way of life appears to have shocked all the good people of Tootham immensely; and I won't deny that when I saw that I took a malicious pleasure in even going out of my way to shock them further. Still, I hardly think that they-least of all you clergy, who are supposed to be especially endowed with the virtue of Christian charityneed have jumped to the conclusion that I was a bad character."

"Oh, I never thought that-" began the vicar, in obsequious depreciation. "No?" she ejaculated, with a slight lift of her shapely shoulders. "Then I wonder why you dismissed that nice curate of yours for the iniquity of merely called to see me."

"Oh, that was a mistake-an unfortunate mistake-" "A very unfortunate mistake, Mr.

Priggleswade, as you are now to learn. Had you behaved differently, and as a minister of the gospel ought, I should probably have presented you to the benefice. But, as is it, I have decided to present your late curate, the Rev. Reginald Bisgood."-Londr

### QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A five hundred mile canal, projected to drain the great swamps of Florida, would reclaim 6,500,000 acres of land.

By ignoring fractional parts of a penny in paying dividends on government stocks the British government saves annually \$7500.

The pearl mentioned by Tavernier yesterday." he sail "and even of I had as belonging to the emperor of Per-"I-I-ahem! Does-does-Mrs.- been, I should still have thought your sia, was purchased of an Arab in 1633, and is valued at \$550,000

> Swedish railway waiting rooms are provided with couches, and porters come around and wake slumberers 10 minutes before the train is to start.

> Hat shops are opened on all the Hamburg-American liners. The stock will include all the best English. French, German and American makes.

> Three good washes are received by an Abyssinian during his career-at his birth, on his marriage morn and at his death. At all other times he shuns soap and water.

> Maurice Maeterlink, the Belgian author, has bought Wandrinne abbey. the old monastery on the banks of the Seine and, although it is 1300 years old, will try to restore it to a habitable condition.

> In the Neuchatel (Switzerland) courts the speeches of lawyers will in future be limited to 10 minutes, five minutes being allowed for cross-axeminations. An official time keeper will see that the regulation is observed.

> The smallest railroad in England is the Garstang and Knott End (Lancashire) railway, which in the last six months earned a net revenue of \$2380. The half-yearly meeting of proprietors was attended by one person, the secretary.

John Marshall's house in Richmond, Va., in which he lived for 40 years, has been bought by the city and is in danger of destruction. An effort to preserve it as a memorial of the great interpreter of the constitution has been suggested.

Mail Carrier Unable to Read or Write. Reno has a mail carrier who can neither read nor write, not because the Government desires this sort of clerk in the service, but because the postmaster cannot secure applicants for the position from the ranks of those who are making more money in other lines. The cost of living is so high in Reno that no one wishes to try his luck with the chance of promotion in the civil service. John Duvrey, recently over from France, has started to serve as mail carrier, and although he can neither read nor write he compares the numbers on the houses with the address and manages to hold down the job .- Reno correspondence San Francisco Chronicle.

## Painless Cancer.

There is a prevailing opinion that cancer is always painful from the beginning, whereas it is really painless in the majority of cases. It is desirable to ascertain how far the pubdemanded the vicar, "how it is that at home. She is expecting you, I sequently earlier operation .- Hospital.

## STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

ratrick J. Friel, a mine toreman at Buck Run Colliery, was the only one to successfully pass the recent examination for mine inspector held at Pottsville, and he is sure of a \$3,000 place.

Joseph Boner, residing in the Nippenose Valley, Clinton County, killed two of the largest black snakes ever seen in the valley. They measared six feet nine inches and seven feet six inches respectively.

Wilson Redheffer, of Springfield l'ownship, Delaware County, died in a hospital in Washington, D. C., from injuries received in being thrown to the ground while engaged in superintending the erection of a building for his father-in-law, J. Holcher, in Washington.

The York Lodge, No. 266, Free and Accepted Masons, have purchased two valuable properties on South George Street, near the central part of the city, and will erect handsome quarters costing approximately \$200,000.

The Wilkes-Barre Lace Mills on May 20 will give a ten per cent. inrease in wages to its 1100 employes.

The advance was unsolicited. A quantity of dynamite was found by Robert Drums, a 14-year-old boy. concealed in the brush in close proximity to the Lehigh Valley Railroad near Hazleton. Detectives believe the dynamite was stolen from one of the strippings, by tramps with the intention of blowing up the Valley

Mrs. Hugh Campbell has received word from Palsley, Scotland, that her brother John Taylor, who two months ago disappeared from his home in Chester and whom the po-lice all over the United States had been searching for, had arrived there. Taylor left Chester two months ago to go to Philadelphia to purchase some goods and nothing was heard from him until the letter came from Scotland.

The report of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania for 1906 shows that during that period the total graduation of anthracite coal in gross tons was 64,410,277. There were 557 fatal and 1212 non-fatal accidents; 1,614,083 kegs of powder and 7,980,733 pounds of dynamite were used. If the Howard bill, which passed the House but failed o get through the Senate, imposing 1 tax on anthrancite coal, had beome a law the annual revenue from his source would have been \$1,922,-108.31. The total production of biuminous coal was 129,532,989 tons. which would have produced a revetue of \$1,295,329.98 from the biuminous operators. There were 177 fatal and 1160 non-fatal acciients in this district in 1906, and 24,786 kegs of powder and 2,425,-173 pounds of dynamite were used.

Edwin, the 18-months-old child of Edwin Schaeffer, of Coplay, died n terrible agony as the result of sating several nerve tonic tablets which had been prescribed for Mrs. Schaeffer and which an older child 'ed to the baby, mistaking them for caudy.

William H. Walker wanted to shake hands with a bear in an animal show at Altoona, and extended his hand into the cage. This angered the bear and it struck at the hand, a claw tearing off the end of one of Walker's fingers.

In Northumberland the time-worn theme of a troublesome bull in china shop was given a unique illustration when farmers were driving the animal down main street. At Miss McVaugh's millinery shop the bull cast a glance toward the window and there spied ribbons and hats of varried and gaudy hues. among which red predominated. That sight was sufficient for with a bellowing charge he made for it full tilt. First he bucked and wrecked the window and then he bolted for the door. There he met his doom, as the jam was so narrow it held him fast, until backed out with

a pitchfork Nineteen-year-old John McCausand was instantly killed at Hicks Run, near Dubois. While standing on a pile of logs they started to roll and one of the big pieces of timber struck him on the head, crushing it.

The extensive forest fires which have been raging in President and Pine Grove Townships, Venango County, covering an area of ten square miles, since Sunday are believed to be under control. Gas and oil pumping stations in the path of the flames were saved by enveloping them in wet blankets.

The Natalie Colliery, of Shamokin idle for several years, will soon be

put in operation again, it is said. Engineer Harry M. Isenberg was caught in the wreck of his engine, which jumped the track near Alexandria, and was scalded so badly with the steam and boiling water that he died a few hours later.

Charged with forging the name of his father, J. C. Ervin, to several notes, Walter W. Ervin, of Furlong was committed to the county jail at Doylestown by Justice Wall in default of \$500 bail.

John Estes, age 19, and the only support of a widowed mother, fell from a freight train at Union City and was instantly killed. His head was severed.

The taxpayers of Upper Mt. Beihel Township are opposing a proposition to build a high school building that would cost \$16,000. The members of the School Board by a vote of 3 to 2 decided to erect such a structure at a point locally known to Al-

Dr. Jacob Swiler Zearing, aged 64, who has held office as poor director, twice as county commissioner, auditor and school director, died at his home in Middlesex. Dr. Zearing is survived by a son, Robert, of Middlesex, and a daughter.

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WISE WORDS.

Some men look as helpless as a

lost dog. The paperhanger expects pay for putting up at a hotel.

Anticipation is more fun than realization-sometimes. Everything in the way of trouble

comes to those who mate. Clothes do not make the man-es-

pecially the self-made man. A kiss on the cheek may not be as cheeky as a kiss on the lips. No. Cordelia, temperance drinks

are not in the dry goods class. Fools stumble around in the dark, but the wise man carries a lantern. Money may not purchase love aud

No. Alonzo, a man isn't necessarily simple because he leads the simple

Shortly after love begins to wag logical it proceeds to bump the

bumps. Money talks-and a few pennies make more noise than a hundred-dol-

she doesn't always travel in the right direction. A girl seldom falls in love with a man unless there is some reason why

Money makes the mare go-but

she shouldn't. And a wise man never tells a woman with a baby how pretty some other woman's baby is.

Nothing short of a full grown earthquake could jolt a political grafter loose from his job. A woman invariably tells a small

boy to hurry back when she sends him on an errand-but what's the use? No. Cordelia, a married woman isn't necessarily up to date because

her husband happens to be the latest thing out. It's an undisputed fact that some men do not have any more sense when they get married than they did when they were born .-- From "Point-

ed Paragraphs," in the Chicago News.

Thefts and "Specials." It's a shame that the following has

to appear without credit, but the editor who stole it last forgot where it came from: Editor's Son-"Papa, what's the

difference between a city paper and a

country paper?" Country Editor-"The difference. my son, is, that if a country paper takes an item from a city paper and runs it without crediting it, they call it stealing, while when a city paper takes the leading items from a country paper they head it 'special' and expect praise for their great news service."-Kansas City Journal.

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