### Trip Lightly.

Trip lightly over trouble 'Trip lightly over wrong, Wo only make grief double By dwelling on it long. Wiy clasp Woe's hand so tightly? Why sigh o'er blossoms d Why cling to forms unsightly ? Why not seek joy instead

Trip lightly over sorrow Though all the days be dark, The sun may shine to-morrow And gayly sing the lark; Fair hope has not departed, Though roses may have fled; Then never be down-hearted But look for joy instead.

Trip lightly over sadness, Stand not to rail at goom: We've pearls to string of gladne On this side of the tomb. Whilst stars are nightly shining, And heaven is overhead. Encourage not repining, But look for joy instead. -Anon

# The Broken Engagement

When Mary Clarimont's engagement was proclaimed to the world there ensued a general expression of sur prise.

People generally are surprised at mat rimonial engagements. There is always some cogent reason why things should have been adjusted otherwise-why John should have married Joan and Peter should prefer Betsey. Nobody ever yet was married to suit everybody.

But in Mary Clarimont's case it did really seem as if the course of true love had interfered seriously with the current of common sense and prudence.

Miss Clarimont was only one-andtwenty, a tall, imperial beauty, with dewy black eyes, a skin as fresh as damask roses, and dark-brown hair, coiled in shining bands at the back of her head. Moreover, Miss Clarimont had a "career" before her. She had just graduated from Medfield Medical university and taken out her diploma as an M. D.

"And only to think of it," said Aunt Jo, bursting into tears of vexation and disappointment, "that she must needs go and ruin all her prospects by getting engaged to Harry Marlow, down in New York !'

"It does seem strange, Aunt Jo, when I sit down and think of it," said Doctor Mary, laughing and blushing. "Six months ago my profession was all the world to me. I neither wished nor cared for anything outside its limits. The future was all mapped out before me, without let or bindrance; and DOW-

"Humph !" growled Aunt Jo. " Any brainless idiot can get married and keep a man's house and mend his shirts for pleasantly. him, but you were made for something bigher and more dignified, Mary."

Mary's dew-bright eyes sparkled.

"Higher, Aunt Jo?" said she. " More dignified? There you are mistaken. There is no higher or more dignified lot in life than that of the true wife of noble husband."

"Fiddlesticks I" said Aunt Jo. "As if every poor fool who was dazzled by of." the glitter of a wedding-ring didn't say the same thing ! You've disappointed me, Mary Clarimont, and I'm ashamed of you, and that is the long and the short of it."

# Mary smiled.

"Dear Aunt Jo," said she, "I shall not let my sword and shield rust, believe me. Harry has only his own talents to advance him in the world, and it will be at least a year before we shall I get along, and if I'm sick or any-

terraced gardens, and an "east end," where people fought desperately and not always successfully to keep soul and body together on the merest pittance.

And a little way out of the village the almshouses, built and endowed by a certain smuggling sea captain, whose conscience had pricked him during his latter days, raised their gray-stone gables to the sky, and made a picturesque background to the landscape.

Doctor Mary Clarimont made some thing of a sensation at Aldenbury. Up to this time all the resident M. D.'s had been snuffy old gentlemen with wigs or pert young ones with eyeglasses.

A beautiful young lady who wrote prescriptions and compounded pills and potions, was a novelty'in the town, and by no means a disagreeable one. People rather liked the idea, once they had convinced themselves that the lady doctor thoroughly understood herself and her patients.

And the poor old people at the alms house grew to love Doctor Mary and listen with eager ears for the sound of her carriage wheels over the blue-gravel drive which led up to the portico.

It was a brilliant December day when the young physician stood in the neatly carpeted reception-room, drawing on her fur gloves previous to entering her neat phaeton once again, while she reiterated to the white-capped maid some directions respecting old Ann Mudgett's rheumatism, when the matron hurried in.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, Doctor Clarimont," said she, "but I clean forgot the new old woman ! "

"The new old woman," repeated Docior Mary, with a smile.

"That is," explained Mrs. Cunningham, "she only came last night-a q uiet old soul, half blind and quite bad with the asthma. Perhaps you'd better just see her before you go. She brought a card of admission from Doctor Merton, the New York clergyman, who!is one of our directors, you know. And she seems a decent body enough.

So Doctor Mary went cheerfully into the little brick-paved room, with its white pallet-bed, cushioned rockingchair, and neatly-draped casement, where sat a poor, little shriveled-up woman, wrapped in a faded shawl.

She looked timidly up, as Doctor Mary came in, from under the borders of her cap.

"I'm a poor body, miss," said she, and I'm sensible I'm making a deal of trouble in the world. But the Lord don't always take us, miss, when we'd like to go."

"This is the doctor," said Mrs. Cunningham. The little woman would have risen

up to make a feeble courtesy, but Doctor Mary motioned her to keep her

seat. "What is your name?" said she,

"Louise Marlow, miss."

'Marlow ? That is an unusual name, isn't it ?" said Mary Clarimont, coloring in spite of herself.

"We're English, miss," said the old woman, struggling bravely with her asthma. "There ain't many of us in this country. I've a son, miss, in the law business, as any mother might be proud

" A son !" echoed Mrs. Cunningham ; "and you in the almshouse !"

"Not that it's his fault, ma'am," the old creature made haste to explain. "My son is to be married to a fine, proud young lady, as is fit for any prince in all the land, and of course he can't be expected to burden himself with a helpless old woman like me. He

says I'm to write and let him know how

But the old crone eyed her wistfully. "Perhaps you know the young lady ny son is to marry ?"

"Yes," said Dr. Mary, writing some thing in her prescription-book. " I have seen her."

"Perhaps, miss," faltered the old voman, you would give her my humble duty, and tell her I would just like to look at her for once and see what she is like. There's no fear of my troubling her, miss, for I mean to end my days here. But I would like to see her just once. And if it wouldn't be asking too much, miss, would you please write to my son, and tell where I am?-for I'm no scholar myself, and I'm his mother, after all." "I will write to him," said Doctor

Mary, quietly; and so she went away. "I never see a lady doctor afore, said old Mrs. Marlow, with a long sigh "But she's a pretty creetur, and it seems good to have her around. I hope she'll come again soop."

"You may be very sure of that," said the matron, brusquely. "Doctor Clarimont ain't one to neglect poor people ecause they are poor.

That evening Aunt Jo, frying crullers over the kitchen fire, was surprised by a visit from her niece, who came in, all wrapped in furs, with her cheeks crimsoned with the frosty winter air.

"Bless me! this ain't never you? said Aunt Jo, peering over the rims of her spectacles.

"I drove over to see you, Aunt Jo, said Mary, "to tell you that you were right. The metal was counterfeit."

"Eh?" said Aunt Jo, mechanically ladling out the brown, curly crullers, although she did not look at what she was doing.

"I have written to Harry Marlow, anceling our engagement," said Doctor Mary, calmly, albeit her voice faltered a little. "The man who will heartlessly let his old mother go into an almshouse, sooner than take the trouble to maintain her, can be no fit husband for any woman!"

And then she sat down by the fire and told Aunt Jo everything; for crabbed, crusty old Aunt Joe had been like a mother to her, and the girl's heart was full to overflowing.

When she had ceased speaking Aunt Jo nodded her head. "You have done well and wisely,

said she. Old Mrs. Marlow died that winter, in

Aldenbury almshouse, with her head on Doctor Mary Clarimont's arm, and never knew that her garrulous confessions had deprived her son of his of style in 1752. promised wife.

And Mary says quietly and resolutely that her profession must be husband and home to her henceforward.

"Just what it ought to be," says Aunt

Jo. "No woman every yet succeeded in doing two things at once."

### Expensive Horses.

The advance in the luxury and ex travagance of the age is shown by the purchase of \$60,000 pictures, \$15,000 sets of diamonds, as well as in houses that cost a quarter of a million. Why should not the same overweening wealth be displayed in a \$30,000 horse? These luxuries are all of a class, and their cost in each instance is a mere trifle to a man who can at any moment issue his check for a million. If the reader inquire how large a number is included in this class, I reply enough to keep up the market to its present fanciful quotation. Conversing with a leading man in this pecialty, I asked him the highest value set upon any horse in this country, Fifty thousand dollars," was the reply My informant then added that he referred to St. Julien, which at present is the property of Hickok & Morrow. CLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

When young lions mew like a cat. One ostrich egg makes a meal for three persons.

sea. Near it a tunnel 3,847 feet long The Egyptian physcians of old were is being bored through the peak of the paid by the state. mountain, 600 feet above the perpetual The invention of keys is ascribed to snow line.

Theodore of Samos, 730 B. C. Pliny says that four-wheeled carriages

were invented by the Phyrgians. The main facts of blood circulation

have only been known 250 years. Embalming was in use among the

Egyptians at least 3,000 years ago. It is said a mole can travel, when

frightened, as fast as a horse trots. Emperor Justinian introduced into Europe the silk worm from China. Drowning was a military punishment

nentioned in the charter of Richard I. only.

years in his bed, enduring the most ex-The oldest canal in England, from cruciating agony from rheumatism, the Trent to the Withan, is said to have unable to move any part of his bcdy been dug in 1134. except his lower jaw and to slightly

When a crocodile is sore pressed with nunger he swallows stones to relieve the uneasy sensation. Marggraf, an eminent Prussian

chemist, first drew the attention of the public to beet-root sugar in 1747. The African negro is remarkable for

his length of arm and leg; the Aymara Indian of Peru for his shortness.

A Canada town boasts two brothers 1881, but eight of the whole number who are practicing law in spite of the have served twenty successive years and upward, as follows : Thomas Newton. fact that they are both deaf mutes.

It was once believed that the halter Charles F. Mercer and Williams Mc-Cov. of Virginia, Louis Williams and that hung a criminal was a remedy for Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolinia, headache when tied around the head. Joshua R. Giddings, of Ohio, John

The fashion of carrying fans was brought from Italy in the time of Henry VIII., and young men used them in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The parliament which met in Febru

ry, 1426, was called the parliament of New York, an old -- fashioned dwelling bats, since the members, being ordered at which any one can stop, knock, to wear no swords, attended armed with enter, ask for cakes and ale and be clubs or bats.

served with them gratuitously. The At a bee and honey show in Manproperty was willed many years ago by chester, Engand, they tied a white an eccentric man to his daughter on wooly cotton thread around the waists condition of her furnishing cakes and of the queens, for the spectators to obale to any one that should ask for them. serve them and watch their movements. The heirs have kept strict watch to see as they wondered among the comif this should ever be refused, but munity. doubtless grew tired of it as for the

March was the first month of the year last five years no one has called. What mong the early Romans, and it cona procession of dead-beats there would tinued to be so in several countries till be if the fact should become generally a comparatively late pericd, the legal known ! year beginning, even in England, on the 26th of March, until the change

in Rosita, Colorado, by doing errands It was Henry VIII. who confirmed the charter of the college of surgeons. Up to this time a copartnership existed found ore in a mountain near by, and between barbers and surgeons. At the time of the charter there were only ten lionaire. Now he is respectfully men-

# How Canadians Fish Through the Ice.

shows : Mrs. Bassick was at Canon. It Winter fishing deserves a brief nowas noticed that she frequently walked As it is carried on only through tica out upon the hotel porch as if looking the ice it is almost confined to the frozen for some one. "Do you expect friends?" inlets of the south shore of the Georasked the obsequious boniface. "No, gian bay to Burlington bay and the indeedy," she replied, "I'm expecting Bay of Quinte. In winter a passenger my phantom." by the Great Western railway will nofor which she had paid \$3,000, afterice on the ice near Oakville and on Burward rolled around the corner. lington bay a large number of small wooden houses] about four feet square The vivisection of living animals by and just high enough to allow of a scientific men has not vet attracted the man standing upright. These houses attention of an anti-vivisection society have no windows. Under each of these here as it has in England, although square boxes is a hole through the ice. steps have been taken in this direction : This hole the fisherman sits and watches but it is practiced in the United States with all the eagerness displayed by a on a scale easily paralleled but not expolar bear watching a seal-hole. It is ceeded abroad. a cold operation, but sometimes a pot suspended above the ice and containing a fire affords a little warmth. The fishing through this hole is done either with hooks or fork-like spsars. On the Georgian bay inlets Indians and halfbreeds are the fishermen-not white men. The mode is primitive. The ly closed, conducted by the national little houses are not used, but the Indian, crouching down on the ice, covers his head and the hole with a blanket, so as to exclude as much as possible any light excepting that which comes through the ice. The amusement is a grim one, and brings but little return to "poor Lo." Sometimes, however, a small wigwam is pitched over the hole. and a little more comfort is enjoyed by the lonely fisherman .- Toronto Globe.

# TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The highest inhabited place of the

world is Galera, a railway station in

Peru, which is 15,635 feet above the

A writer in a London paper says that

the lowest percentage of insanity is

among men and women engaged as

anthors, editors, journalists, reporters,

translators, and in other literary work.

Of 140,000 such persons twelve only

are returned as lunatics. They see so

much of it ouside their business that

they continue to keep out of it them-

Ben Hillard, of Washington county,

Ga., is perhaps the greatest sufferer in

the world. He has been thirty-three

shrug his shoulders. For all those

long years of suffering his joints have

been as stiff as if grown together solid.

Of the nearly five thousand represen-

elections to the House of Representa-

tives from the organization of the

sachusetts, and John W. Taylor, of New

There is said to be on Broadway,

When he earned a miserable living

tioned as Mr. Bassick. There are

those, however, who sneer at the family's

ignorance, as the following anecdote

Her pretty phaeton,

selves.

York.

peared, prompt and efficient steps are ot taken to scamp it out. Boston has lately furnished the country an excellent example of the way in which the scourge should be confronted. It had gained considerable headway at the South End, and at one time was apparently on the verge of becoming epidemic. The neighborhood where it had made its appearance was thoroughly inspected by a household visitation, all cases discovered were at once removed to the hospital, the infected places were fumigated, general vaccination was dered, and all persons suspected of having been exposed to the disease were placed under strict surveillance. The result of these precautionary measures is that the threatened epidemic in the infected locality has been completely stamped out, and no further trouble is anticipated.

Charles Henkle, an aged German how had been afflicted with leprosy for several years, died recently in the charity hospital in New York city. He had in former years visited different parts of the world, including India and the West Indies, and it is probable that the disease was incurred in the course of these travels. This is one of a number of sporadic cases of leprosy that tatives who have been honored with have been reported from time to time in this country. We b lieve there have been more in San Francisco than in United States government to March 3, any other city. Leprosy is a most foul and loathsome disease, contagious from contact and in its advanced stage well-nigh if not absolutely incurable. In countries where it is most prevalent the mode of treatment embraces complete isolation of the sufferers from the rest of the community. In China hospitals are Read and John Quincy Adams, of Masprovided that stand surrounded by large areas of ground, and no communication with the outside world is permitted. In the Sandwich islands one of the group, widely separated from other islands, is set apart for the residence of leprous patients, who, once removed thither, are never permitted to leave. This testifies to the fear inspired by the dread complaint. The origin of the occasional cases occurring in the United States can undoubtedly be traced to foreign sources. The government should exercise its unquestionable right to strictly prohibit the landing on the shores of this country of any one affected in the least degree by leprosy.

### Ancient Mining.

The methods in vogue among the ancients for"the deve lopment of mines were in many respects far different from for a stableman, he was called Old Man those in use at the present time. In Bassick, and his wife and daughter the country to the south of us the worked at the washtub. One day he descent and ascent of shalts were made by means of notched legs. These were within the year has become a half mil- from twenty to thirty feet long, extending from level to level. The logs or ladders were climbed by the sure-footed miners, the Aztecs and more recently by the Indians, who were engaged in the dislodgment of the precious mineral. The ore was placed in rawhide bags containing about half a bushel, this same being rested upon the back while it was held in position by straps extending across the shoulders, united in front and fastened through its own weight upon the forehead.

If a mine were overflowing with water the troublesome fluid was removed in these bags in the same manner as the ore, by the miners, who tediously climbed the not hed poles, and whose notches answered the place of wider steps. The ore was removed in a manner almost as tedious. Fires were built against the walls of the mine, and A single scientific as their surface became calcined the work, Doctor Wormley's "Micro-Chem- incinerated portions were dislodged by istry of Poisons," is said to have cost stone hammers. The melting was the lives of 3,000 cats, who died under equally as cumbersome, being effected with charcoal and bellows. Yet mining was profitable under these crude methode. It is not surprising, therefore, that wonderful reports continue to reach us of the richness of the abanboard of health into the drinking doned old mines of Sonora, which, with the introduction of modern machinery, worked by energetic and experienced Americans, will soon astonish the world with their rich productions In the early days of the Comstock we have seen these notched poles in use in the Mexican mine in this city ; also the rawhide sacks. However, they used picks and shovels and blasted out the ore instead of burning it out. The ore was worked in arastras and by the patio process -- indeed the patio process was in use here for some years, and not alone by Mexicans. Horses were used for treading these patios to stir up the pulp, and in a short time the poor beasts presented a pitiable appearance. The bluestone in the pulp took all the hair off their legs and covered them with sores, while the quicksilver salivated and poisoned them. It was said that the horses became so charged with mercury that it oozed from their ever -Arizona Star.

# surgeons who confined themselves en-

tirely to the practice of surgery.

be ready to marry. In the meantime I shall accept the post of visiting physi- pets until the asthma got hold of me, cian to the Aldenbury almshouse and practice my profession in Aldenbury, just the same as if there were no engagement."

"I wish to goodness there wasn't,' said Aunt Jo. "I tell you what, Mary, I don't fancy that smiling, smooth tongued young man of yours, and I never shall."

Still Doctor Mary Clarimont kept her temper.

"I am sorry, Aunt Jo," she said, pleasantly. "But I hope that you will eventually change your mind."

"I used to keep a thread-and-needle store when I was a young woman," re marked Aunt Jo, dryly, "and I always could tell the ring of a counterfeit half. dollar when a customer laid it on the counter. I could then, and I can nowand I tell you what, Mary, there's base metal about Harry Mariow !"

Doctor Mary bit her lip.

Perhaps. We will not discuss the subject further, Aunt Jo," she said, with quiet dignity, and the old lady said no more.

"Aunt Jo is wrong!" persisted the pretty young M. D. to herself.

"Mary is making a fool of herself!" thought Aunt Jo.

Aldenbury was a pretty manufacturing village, with a main street shaded by umbrageous maples, a "west end," wiene perpie wo had made their fortunes lived comfortably in roomy old houses, surrounded by velvet lawns and

thing he'll try to see me. I sewed carand supported myself comfortably. But of course I couldn't lay up anything for a rainy day-who could? And Henry couldn't help me, for he's getting ready

to be married, poor lad! So I went to Dector Merton and asked him did he know of any decent place where an old woman like me could end her days in peace. And he gave me a card to come here and some money to pay my traveling expenses-God bless him !-

and here I am !"

Mary Clarimont had listened quietly to the garrulous tale, but the color had varied in her cheek more than once as she stood there.

" Is your son'sname Harry Marlow?" she said, slowly and thoughtfully.

" Yes, miss, at your service," said the old woman, with a duck of her whitecapped head, which was meant to do duty in place of the impossible court-65.7

"Is he like this ?" said Doctor Mary, taking photograph from her pocket. The old woman, with trembling hands, fitted on her iron-bowed spectacles, and looked at the picture, uttering a little cry of recognition.

"Stree, miss, it's his own self," she cried. "You're acquainted with him, then ?"

" Somewhat," said Doctor Mary, composedly, as she returned the photograph to its place. "And now I will leave you something to relieve this difficulty in breathing."

Santa Claus, owned by William Cole, is valued at \$25,000. Foster Dewey, who was at one time private secretary of the notorious ring, values his Richard at \$10.000 Mand S., the property of William H. Vanderbilt, is valued by its owner at \$50,000, and, reader, should you tender your check for that amount you might be disappointed by a refusal. Maud S. is at present kept at Cincinnati, being still under training. Her time is 2:10 1-4, which may be mentioned as the best made on the American turf. The enormous value of such

> animals is found on the race course. where immense sums are won by some and lost by others. Daniel Mace, who has a training stable in Twenty-ninth street, is a very successful trainer, and has also driven in some important trials of speed. To drive successfully on a race course requires great nerve, and at least three years' practice. The fee is sometimes \$500, to which is occasionally added ten per cent, on the winnings, Such are some facts in connection with racing-a custom which has been on the increase for several years, notwithstanding its demoralizing tendency .- New York Letter.

> > Couriship With a Vengeauce. He-May I call you Revenge? She-Wby?

He-Because "Revenge is sweet." She-Certainly you may; provided, hough, you let me call you Vengeance. He-And why would you call me Vengeance?

She-- Because " Vengeance is mine?"

### A Western Yarn.

hen upon thirteen eggs. A few days afterward, looking into the nest, she was surprised to find the hen missing and the eggs gone and in their stead a huge rattlesnake comfortably coiled up. Noticing the swelled condition of his snakeship she procured a spade and pinned his head to the ground. Then, with a rake, the tail was drawn out and fastened down to prevent wiggling. A pen-knife soon split the reptile from head to tail and the eggs taken out. Being ca sifuliy washed they were placed under the same hen and even ually every one hatched out and the chickens grew and thrived. We regret that a strict regard for truth compels us to

say that the hen was not swallowed nor

ns, their loss bre no unmixed loss - a genuine cat famine in the learned author's home. Columbus, O. An investigation, only recentwaters of various cities, has needed the services of some 1,200 rabbits, who were inoculated with presumably germ-laden waters, and a share of whom died of fever in the cause of science.

Here are certain facts which may eem dry to the unskillful but which are really full of interest and instruction to the judicious. The foreign commerce of this country during the last fiscal year was larger than that of any previous year in our history. It amounted to the immense sum \$1,675,024,218. These figures represent a vast industry on both sides of the ocean. They would represent, for instance, the wages of 1,675,000 men at \$1,000 a year. They really represent much more than that, but even that approximate illustration will suffice to give an idea of this great trade. To other countries during this year we sold \$902,377,346 worth of our products, and we brought from them \$642,-064,628 worth of their products. So they had to pay us, or will have to pay us when the accounts come to be settled, the very handsome sum of \$259,-712,618.

Smallpox is prevalent in many com munities and may be expected to be come epidemic wherever, having ap-

# Didn't Care to Learn.

"Boy, I'll teach you to tear your pants," said an irate Austin parent, swinging a strap, "1'll teach you."

"Don't hit me, pa, I know how already. Just look at 'em."-Texas Siftings.

were the chicks marked with a snake. -St. Paul Pioneer.

A certain lady in this county set a