A Senate Page's Joke-

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joke. Senator Dawes brought on the up, and the curtain descended. floor of the Senate the other day a very dignified old gentleman of portly demeanor, gray hair, and a pleasant in the lower hall, where pieces of the face. They sat down together on one wedding cake were given to the visi-

Dawes returned to his seat to finish a eight months ago, leaving an infant. letter, leaving his stately friend all The present Mrs. Huzza, or (on the alone on the sofa. One of the bright- handbills) Mrs. Major Littlefinger, is est of the pages, a smart little Alaba- a native of Hartford, and was formerma boy, hearing the distinguished ly a member of the church there of looking old gentleman's name, got out which the Rev. Mr. Pentacost was a sheet of office paper and wrote out pastor. The major met her in that a neat note addressed to the Massa. church, and she quoted poetry to him chusetts Senator's friend, in which he until, to use his own expression he was remarked that one of the Senate rules required all visitors to the floor to the question after a week's acquainmake three profound bows to the pre- tance. She asked for time to reflect siding officer out of respect to the He came to New York and they bebody.

on the red sofa, handed it to him as to win her. He diligently studied the pages who were in the secret go off in perfect master of love phrases. Two a corner and awaited results. The weeks ago the young lady yielded. read the little note through. He at her husband's side. seemed puzzled, and for a moment hesitated. Then he solemnly and slowly arose, and with great dignity made three low bows toward the dais where the Vice-President sits.

Old Isaac Bassett, the Doorkeeper of the Senate and grand custodian of the sole surviving Senatorial snuff-box, as well as one of the few men in the United States who know how every variety of princes, potentates, principalities and powers should be treated, was simply horrified when he learned the cause of the page's glee. His long, white hair threatened to stand erect as he hastened around to apologize to the distinguished visitor. The latter was mortified when he realized how completely he had been taken in, but his good nature prompted him to beg Bassett not to be too hard on the bright little page.

A LILLIPUTIAN WEDDING.

Maj. Littlefinger Married to a Midget. Mr. Bunnell, Manager Starr and all the curiosities were seated on the stage in Bunnell's Brooklyn museum when the curtain was rung up at the close of the variety exhibition Wednesday afternoon. It was known to the throng that remained in the seats and aisles that Miss Ida Hosmer and Mr. Robert H. Huzza, popularly known as Major Littlefinger, were to be married. They advertised on the show bills as the Midgets. The major 25 years old, weighs 45 pounds, and is

drawn "O-o-h!" of admiration escapand the groom appeared pleased. She thread lace. Orange blossoms were from her head to the floor, partly concealing unconfined tresses of shining

THE NUPTIAL CEREMONY.

The groom wore black. When the they stopped and stood together, fac- tub .- St. Louis Republican. ing the audience. The Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost then walked out from the right wing. He read the Baptist marriage, and when the major was asked, thy wedded wife?" he answered with such readiness and decision "I will" woman made her responses modestly. When the minister said, "Let us pray," el one another precipitately, accom- has at last closed.

panying the action with a resounding kiss. The audience laughed again. Even the stately Irish giant joined in the contest to be early with congratulutions. The fat woman looked over her corpulency into the midgets' joyous faces and, by a great effort, found The pages of the Senate and House their little hands and shook them hearare handsomer and brighter than those tily. The Italian midgets, the tattooed of the Congressional Record. They man, and the Indian sqaw also wished are, like all bright boys, fond of a them joy. The orchestra then struck

THE MAJOR'S VENTURE.

The bride and groom held a recepof the red leather sofas near the wall. tors. This is the major's second mat-After they had talked a while, rimonial venture. His first wife died gan correspondence, in which she ex-He signed a fictitious name, sealed hibited such a poetical inclination, the note in an official envelope marked | that the major declared, in the presence "United States Senate," and hurrying of his bosom friend, the Irish giant, up to the fine-looking old gentleman that he was more than ever determined

to his nose, and slowly and solemnly exhibition, but she will henceforth be No one ever went to his home, a little

A Valuable Cargo.

Old Coin Found in the Hull of a Mississippi

machinist, had a curious windfall yesterday, and it is to be hoped none of his friends will fail to call on him to-day, as he will doubtless open a few baskets of champagne to celebrate the event. About a year ago Mr. Manion bought from Huse, Loomis & Co. the old steamboat Red Wing, which for a number of years did duty for the Northern line on the Upper River. He sent it down to the docks and not long since the work of dismantling her and converting her into an immense barge was entered upon. Yesterday morning two of the workmen were engaged in ripping off the inner sheeting or planks of the hull, down in the hold, when, on pulling away one of the lower planks, they heard the ring of loose metal. They felt around in the dark space between the inner and outer shells of the hole and drew out a number of silver coins. This excited their cupidity and curiosity, and soon another plank was torn off and a light brought to bear. They discovered an old cloth or sack, which was portly and very heavy, and it took but a moment to discover that it was filled with silver or gold. It was taken out, and soon the news spread all over the docks that Captain Kidd's longis 24 years old, 31 feet in height and hidden treasures had been found and weighs 54 pounds. Miss Hosmer is stowed away in the old Red Wing. Crowds flocked on the ancient hull a curious gaze. 4 inches smaller than her companion. and feasted their eyes on the ducats, on a charge of disturbing the peace, Mr. La Roche suggested jokingly. "Is The orchestra played. The little but a guard was placed over the pack- and I am willing to submit my case. I this my only invention? No. I have bride, reaching up with one hand to age and the curiosity of the visitors am dying of consumption, Judge, and I made a great many burglar alarms. Just the arm of her comparatively big was not gratified. How the money brother Charles, appeared from the got into its strange depository is a right wing. Simultaneously the groom great mystery, and there is probably emerged from the left wing. accompa. some ugly story connected with it. nied by Miss M. Kingsland. A long Possibly it is the spoils of some big robbery, placed there for safe keeping ed the spectators. The bride smiled by the thief, whose career was cut short before he could find an opportuwore nun's veiling trimmed with nity to return and remove it. More likely it is the reserve fund of some of in her hair and a tulle veil reached the heavy gamblers who used to run the river. At all events, it belongs to Mr. Manion now, no matter under what circumstances it was placed there. He bought the boat and all that was

'very little in the record to which the Republican majority can point with ty-seventh Congress will not figure in the bride and groom and all the curi- the Forty-eighth. Robeson, Hubbell osities reverently bowed their heads. and a few more of their stamp will After the prayer the midgets embrac- not be there, and the career of Keifer

A Healthy Beverage.

The New York Herald says that according to actual analysis and common report there have been found in the alleged tea of commerce nutgalls, currant leaves, iron fillings, filbert husks, sulphate of copper, oak bark, hornets' nests and wasps' nests shredded and colored, acetic acid, aloes, common green paint, lead in various forms, desiccated doormats, peach leaves, tarred rope that had been ground to powder and soaked in sea swered: 'I know not those who disobey water, manilla paper, bamboo leaves, my commandments.' I turned away sweepings and many other things too sin. I rushed madly into vice. numerous and disgusting to mention. Now that adulterated teas are to be excluded from American ports, it re mains to be seen whether there will be any improvement in the cup that cheers but not inebriates.

His Last Court.

A Case of Father and Daughter Appealed from Arkansas to a Higher Tribunal.

Old Judge Grepson, a justice of the peace, was never known to smile. He which occured a couple of weeks ago trate. The lawyers who practised in er walked in and, lightly springing up his court never joked with him, because to a seat on the counter, proceeded to man never engaged in levity. Every the stranger for a while, apparently siz room of Prof. White, as he and his fami morning, no matter how bad the ing him up, and mentally reflecting on ly were at tes. weather might be, the old man took his the size of a stranger's cheek who would Davis himself. Then he and the other Win a Lady's Heart," until he was a own hands, he had made, and every his books and went home. No one ever engaged him in private conversaold gentleman put his gold eye-glasses Miss Hosmer has never appeared on tion, because he would talk to no one. cottage among the trees in the city's outskirts, because he had never shown a disposition to make welcome the visits of those who even lived in the immediate vicinity. His office was not given Mr. P. P. Manion, the steamboat him through the influence of "electioneering," because he never asked any man for his vote. He was first elected because, having once been summoned in a case of arbitration, he exhibited the executive side of such a legal mind that the people nominated and elected him. He soon gained the name of the "hard justice," and every lawyer in Ar kansas referred to his decision. His rulings were never reversed by the higher courts. He showed no sentiment in decision. He stood upon the platform of a law which he made a study, and no man disputed him.

Several days ago a woman charged with misdemeanor was arraigned before him. "The old man seems more than ever unsteady," remarked a lawyer as the magistrate took his seat. "I don't been startling Germantown with some see how a man so old can stand the vexations of a court much longer.

"I am not well to-day," said the Judge, turning to the lawyers, "and any cases that you may have you will please despatch them to the best, and, let me add, quickest of your ability.'

Every one saw that the old man was unusually feeble and no one thought of a scheme to prolong a discussion, for al the lawyers had learned to almost rever

"Is this the woman?" asked the

Judge. "Who is defending her?" "I have no defense, Your Honor," the that I need any, for I am here to con. action and the visitor will enter with: fess my guilt. No man can defend me," out taking his hands from his pockets. and she looked at the magistrate with can have but little effect on me;" and agine that it is midnight; that those and drew around her an old black shawl are diamond rings and watches; that face of the magistrate remained un broken inchanged, but his eyelids dropped and he did not raise them when the woman continued: "As I say, no man can defend me. I am too near that awful approach to pass which we know is everlasting death to soul and body. Years ago I was a child of brightest promise case." Saying this he went to a little I lived with my parents in Kentucky. Wayward and light-hearted, I was the touching one, exclaimed: "Now, grasp admired of all the gay society known in the case." The reporter did so and reour neighborhood. A man came and ceived a light shock. Mr. La Roche in her, and he proposes to fasten on to professed his love for me. I don't say explained that the current could be couple reached the middle of the stage everything that is found in the old this, Judge, to excite your sympathy. made strong enough to knock an in-THE New York Herald can see spoke of my past life." She coughed inevitably touch. He next produced again and caught a flow of blood on a an apparatus bearing a resemblance to handkerchief which she pressed to her an old-time spinning wheel, which, he lips. "I speak of it now because I said, was the opening step towards an "Robert, wilt thou have this woman as pride." There is much in it deserving know that this is the last court on earth automatic electric organ. of popular condemnation. The peo- before which I will be arraigned. I was ple have at least the satisfaction of fifteen years old when I fell in love with not to talk about yet. that the audience laughed. The little knowing that many of the members the man. My father said he was bad, responsible for the failures of the For- but I loved him. He came again and

again come to his home-my home, the to a city of fifteen thousand people, havhome of my youth and happiness. How ing in its immediate neighborhood more I longed to see him. How I yearned to than seven thousand hands engaged in put my head on his breast. My husband became addicted to drink. He abused me. I wrote to my father, asking him to let me come home, but the answer that came was 'I do not know you!' My husband died-yes, cursed God and died! Homeless and wretched, and with my little boy, I went out into the world. My child died and I bowed down and wept over a pauper's grave. I wrote to my father again, but he anvernal grass, ammonia, arsenic, stable from that letter hardened. I embraced spurned my teachings. I was time and time again arrested. Now I am here.

Several lawyers rushed forward. A crimson tide flowed from her lips. They leaned her lifeless head back against the chair. The old magistrate had not raised his eyes. "Great God!" said a lawyer, "he is dead." The woman was his daughter.

Measuring Men by their Clothes.

We are told of a funny little incident redeem its fortunes." came to Arkansas years ago, before the the Clarmount store on Lake Concordia. 'carpet-baggers' began their reckless The story goes in this way: The clerk sway, and year after year, by the will of was very busy waiting on his numerous the voters, he held his place as magis- customers, when a rough-looking stranglicense proceed to make himself so fahere! This is no place for loafers; get off the counter." The stranger obeyed reckless student, and he brought his the command. Apologizing for the lib- mathematical knowledge into play. erty taken, he then proceeded to intro- Knowing the breadth of the room he duce himself in the politest manner measured the distance from his house to possible. "My name." the stranger re- the West Divinity Building, and knowdeville." It appears that it was Lord computed the height from which the Mandeville, who was on a visit to his shot was fired, and fixed upon the very wife's father, Mr Yznaga del Valle. He window from which the bullet must was out on a hunting expedition, and have come. joined, was indulged in. Quite a friend- they finally admitted their guilt. Mandeville and the clerk

A Shocking Man.

How a Germantown Amateur Electrician Employs his Clever Inventive Faculties.

An electrician who puts his knowledge to most ingenious uses has lately unique electric burglar alarms, sneak thief killers and property protectors in general. His name is La Roche and his workshop adjoins the Main street depot. His reputation is so extensive that dozens of young men visit his place and request to be "shocked" by one of the numerous currents which the network of wires inside the house carry.

A Times reporter called upon him yesterday. He was engaged in completing a machine which will cause his store door to fly open as soon as anyone reaches the front steps. The pressure of a foot on the step will move a spring, woman replied. "In fact I do not think an electric current will be brought into "Very handy when a fellow forgets his "I have been arrested night key or can't find the keyhole. know that any ruling made by the law look at that show case a moment. Imshe coughed a hollow, vacant cough, cases of cigarettes and tobacco plugs that she wore. The expression on the this is a jewelry store and that you have

"I won't chime in with any such hypothesis,' the reporter remonstrated. "Pardon me. I should not have indulged in that kind of imagination. Anyhow, I can with a battery keep people at a respectful distance from the aggregation of stops and handles, and I have many and many a time been truder down. It charged the metal drawn before courts, but I never before work on the cases which a burglar would

Several other inventions he prefers

THE New Orleans Times Democrat pubagain, and when my father said he lishes an elaborate review of the resourshould come no more I ran away and ces of Borthwestern Alabama and its married him. My father said I should | wonderful development since the year never come home again. I had always 1871, when the town of Birmingham been his pride and had loved him so was laid out. Within the last twelve \$66 at free. Address H. HAELETT & CO., Port years that town has sprung from nothing

the production of coal and iron alone, The population is steadily increasing at the rate of five thousand or six thousand a year. Of coal, this region yields one million five hundred thousand tons annually, or more than one-third in value of the total cotton crop of Alabama, Alabama coal and iron that ten years ago were unknown are now in demand everywhere, and the nearness of the iron ores and coal to each other, and their short distance from the surface, render the mining and working of them easy, cheap and profitable. Tim and gold are also found in Alabama. Talladegs, Tuscaloosa, Selma, Colera and An' niston are other flourishing towns in this rich mineral country. The agricultural and horticultural resources of this region have also been recognized, and with most satisfactory results. The development of this part of the country has been indeed rapid and wonderful, and more forcibly than language can express " teaches, " as the Times Damocraf says, "the south where it can

Knowledge is Power.

HOW PROFESSOR WHITE TRACED A BULLET

For some time the reckless use of firearms on and about Yale campus has India caused considerable comment. About Pr every one soon learned that the old make himself at home. The clerk eyed a week ago a shot entered the dining

This gentleman is Professor of Mathethough it had been sent by old David "Art of Letter Writing" "How to place behind the bar, which, with his go into a store, and, without leave or matics and has made the study of curves a specialty. From the direction of the evening, just at a certain time he closed miliar. The store-man could stand it shot he knew it came from the Divinity no longer, and going up to the rough Building, but on account of the darklooking chap, remarked to him: "Look | ness he could not see the place of firing

He was determined to find out the remarked, "is Mandeville-Lord Man. ing the curve which a bullet takes, he

had gone to the shop to take a rest and The next day two students were great eat his lunch. Of course it was then ly surprised by a call from the Professor, the clerk's turn to apologize, which he who accused them of firing the shot did in the profusest manner, and a hear- they denied it, and the Professor gave ty laugh all around, in which the lord his proof. The proof was so strong that ship has now sprung up between Lord terday they were told to vacate their rooms. They will receive no other pun ishment.

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