"Won't you come in Reginald?"

"No, I guess not, Amy." "I'd like to have you ever so much. Mother is away. Aunt Neil has gone to bed and father is laid up with the gout, and it's dreadful lonesome."

"Your father has got the gout?" "Yes, Reginald in both legs."

"In both legs, Amy?"

"Yes, in both legs." "Sure he has got it in both leg?"

"Yes, sure."

"All right, I'll come in then."

A Young lady was wheeling her married sister's twin babies along the street, and a close observer could have noticed her halt for a second, appear embarassed, while a crimson flush mounted her cheeks. She saw comshe had not seen for two years as he ner. had been away. Of course, the fellow naturally supposed his sweetheart had -been married during his absence, so glating himself on the fate he had es- you hear?" caped. It is useless to attempt to describe the feelings of the young lady.

PATERFAMILIAS, who is perusing the morning paper at breakfast, meets with an item that excites his utmost surprise. He says to materfamilias ;

"My dear, only think of it! 10,-000,000,000,000 of eggs are consumed in this country annually; where, in mercy's name, can they all come from ?"

Materfamilias, not without something of a tone of reproachful sarcasm:

"Chiefly from hens, I would sup-

The head of the house resumes his reading with a mental objurgation at the literalness of some people.

WILL HAVEN sernaded his girl last night, and when he had got through singing the first song a female Irish voice was heard at a front upper story window, as to wit:

'Is that you, Bill,' 'Yes; where's Mamie?'

'Faith an' she hain't got home from the ice-cream saloon yit wid Mr. Archer. Give us another song Bill; the old folks are out, too. Give us Swate Violet.'

EVERY young lady should learn to make her own dresses. There may come a time after marriage when she will need to make doll babies' dresses, and then her former experience wil come into good service.

'I HAVE a bright prospect before me,' said the loafer.

'You always will have;' remarked hands. Fogg:

'I don't think you will ever catch up to it.'

IF there is any girl who doesn't like to pop the question, even if it is leap her young man if he'd be willing to fill in his name on her marriage certificate.

How do you pronounce stingy?" class. The boy replied; 'It depends a ed. great deal whether the word refers to a person or bee.'

WE heard of a man the other day who was said to be mean enough to steal a coat of paint. But he can't then, and he made her promise not to equal the party who tried to steal a get mad. dog's pants.

THE proper question to ask a young woman wno is about to elope, is :-'Does your mother know your route?'

THE great events in the life of Chicago man are his first pants' his first love, his first wife, his first baby and his first divorce.

'YES, my boy,' said Mr. Maloprop to his son, 'animals that eat meat are cabe niforous, while those like ourselves that eat both flesh and vegetables, are amphibious?

WHEE a maiden becomes a fisher of men she should use genuine bait. Men are shy of a hook that is "too fly," as the English say.

THIS is the time of the year when the pretty picnic girl with the trim ankle and neat boots calls out "snakes!"

### A Lost Chance.

"Not five minutes before that elecand as the stars were keeping their si- tric light tower fell the other evening," lent vigil the lover hung upon the said one citizen to another, yesterday, wrong.' "I passed it with my wife. A little later one or both of us would have them.' been killed."

"I see. It was too bad."

"How-why?" "Probably only one would have been

killed, and the survivor would have received at least \$5,000." The first speaker is still looking up

the street at the spot where the second

disappeared. COLONEL McLEOD, although not a bad man at heart, uses very rough language in his intercourse with his family. On returning to his home

from his place of business a few days ago he found his wife very much excited over the outrageous conduct of a tramp, who being dissatisfied with the food given him by Mrs. McLeod, had ing up the street her old beau whom abused her in a most outrageous man-

"Johnny," said Colonel McLeod to his ten-year-old son, "when you heard saw a yoke of oxen go by the house, that cowardly scoundrel abusing your and said : he began grinning as he drew near, mother why didn't you run to the tipped his hat and passed on, congrat- store quick and let me know? Didn't drink of milk from those cows!'

"Yes, pa. I was out in the stable and heard what he said about the victuals ma gave him, and how he abused her, but-"

"But what?" "I thought it was you scolding ma He used the same words you do when the dinner don't suit you. I didn't think anybody else would dare talk to dy? ma that way."

A TRAVELER just from the south reports the following: On one of the southern railroads there is a station called "Sawyer." Lately a newly married couple boarded the train and was very loving indeed. The brakes. father's side.' man noticed the gushing groom kiss the bride about 200 times, but maintained a serene quiet. Finally the station in question was reached, and just after the whistle was sounded the groom gave the bride a rousing smack on the lips, the brakesman opened the door and shouted:

"Sawyer! Sawyer!"

"What's that?" responded the groom, looking over his shoulders at the brakesman.

"Sawyer! Sawyer!"

"Well, I don't care a darn if you did; she's my wife.

"I would like to ask you to take some ice cream, dear," he said looking hesitatingly in the windows of a saloop "but after that disasterous affair in Brooklyn a few days ago, I am afraid to," and he made an attempt to forge

"What affair was that George ?" she asked, holding him with both

"Why, over one hundred and fi people were poisoned from a sing!

George, dear, there is a possibility of crop?' our escaping with our lives, and if we year, she can get around it by asking do die."-here the heroic girl gave field mice, field mice destroy the larvæ him a look of love unutterable-"we will die together."

A YOUNG gentleman from Higbee, while calling on his girl asked her for as the teacher of the dunce of the her hand and heart and was accept-

> He told her that he had something on his mind for a long time, but he was afraid she would get mad.

She wanted to know what it was

Savs he:

"I have two brothers in the penitentiary."

"That's nothing," replied she; "I have two brothers in the Arkansaw Legislature."

'What is your doggie's name

'Damn.'

'Why, you wicked child, where did you hear that word?"

'Why, Marion, that's what my Uncle George says-'Damn the

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Sweet innocence-'Ma, is it wrong

'There now, that's just what I told

'Told whom?'

'Why Dick and Jack, and Tom should have been?' and Charlie, and Arthur and Will, and Bob and Al, and Sam and Gus,

But ma had fainted.

FIRST schoolgirl with sudden inter-

'Oh, I forgot to tell you that I was engaged.'

'Oh, yes, and I'm so happy I don't know what to do.'

'That's just the way I felt, but after you have been engaged thirteen or fourteen times you won't give it a second thought. Indeed, you'll have to stop to think of his name.'

A Young lady from New York, who is visiting friends in Wethersfield,

'Oh, how I would like a good, fresh

She is morally afraid of cows, and coming on one suddenly one day she was too frightened to run; so, poking her parasol at the beast she stuttered

Lie down, sir! Lie down!"

'I HEAR that Blaine will get some of the Irish vote. How is that Pad-

'He'll not get moine. I'd niver vote fur a mon that wint back on a Mulligan.'

'Are you a Republican or a Demo-

'I'm an Oirishman, au' the Mulligans is me mayternal cuzzens on me

'I say, Jimmy, yer at wery hard luck, an' I feel sorry for yer,' said a small boy to a companion.

'Wot's the matter? I hain't got no hard luck.' 'Do yer mean ter say yer don't

know wot's going on up at yer house?" 'No, I ain't heerd nothin'. What is

'Dere's a man unloading cord wood

in der lane."

They were sitting on a stoop and as he patted her on her little cheek, he asked:

'Claribel, what's the reason that AT THE your cheeks are so warm?"

'I don't know,' she answered, 'unless it is because I haven't had any icecream this evening.' And then they both looked out on

he lake and watched the play of the pale unon on the silent waters.

'The clover crop depends upon old maids,' observed a scientist to a Sun

'Bosh and nonsense. What have "It must have been terrible. Still old maids got to do with the clover 'Why, old maids keeps cats, cats eat

> of the bumble bee, and the bumble bee is the only insect that fertilize and sutain the clover.' 'Yes,' said a New York man with a

sigh, 'times are harder than they ever were before in this country.'

'Nonsense,' said a neighbor. "The country is prosperous; money is plenti-

'Money plentiful!' exclaimed the other, 'why, I don't believe there is a dollar in New York city. Nobody seems to have a cent.'

'What makes you think so?' 'I have been soliciting subscriptions or the Barthholdi Pedestal Fund.'

'Hi! Mikey! let's play broker. You give me your cigar; that'll be the capital, and I'll blow you the smoke; that'll be the interest.'

Mikey-But you'll use up all the What's the matter with yer; ain't

that ther way ther brokers do? THE cruelty of women's criticism sometimes goes beyond life. 'Did you ever see a more natural corpse than Mrs. Podson?' asked a lady

'Contented smile!' said a friend; 'it was all put on.'

'SIXTEEN feet make a rod,' says the old arithmetics. But then the Chic ago girl did not figure so largely in literature then as she does now.

An Austin boy kept on throwing to kiss a man you are not engaged his cap into the air and catching it after his father had told him to keep Ma - Certainly, my dear, very his cap on his head. Finally his father lost patience. After a brief, but pain. 1 ful interview the parent threw the strap and asked:

'Now do you know where your cap

'Yes, sir,' sobbed the boy, rubbing should have been under my clothes."

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