### Discouraging Kissing.

Under the old Roman law the man who kissed a girl was obliged to marry her, or forfeit half his wealth. The old her, or forfeit half his wealth. The old Romans, it is inferred — or rather the young tomans in old Rome—knew nothing of the osculatory delights of the picnie game called "copenhagen." If he did, he was obliged to marry about one hundred girls after returning from the picnic, or forfeit half his wealth one numbered times. A similar law enforced in this country would not be very hard on some of our fashionable young men. on some of our fashionable young men. If they objected to marrying the girl they could forfeit half their wealth without being more than twenty-five cents out

### A Cheating Fish Dealer.

They were standing in the old market-house back of the Central Station, watching the dealer sell out his last

"Good Heavens," said A to B, "what a cheat that fish-dealer is. I have been watching him for half an hour." "How s that? I didn't notice anything

peculiar."
"I on't you see that this man is charging for the scales every time he weighs a fish?"

The coronar his holding an inquest on B this morning. - Kansas City News.

### Gained on Her.

Two women met and were talking to-

"I declare, Mrs. O'Flaherty," exclaimed one, "it's parfietly dread ul how fasht you be grewin' old!"

"I'ts roight ye air," was the innocent reply; ", was tellen Timonly yister ay

that you are me was born in the same year, an now you give your areas thirty an' olce forty-loive. Oi ve gamed lineou

### Smoothing the Hard Places.

A very beshful man having succeeded in winning a wife, a lidy relative teas il him to tell her how he ever plucked up courage enough to propose.

"Now, tell me the truth, M-," said

she; "did not the lady have to do the courting for you?" "N-no," answered the gentleman, "but I own she smoothed over the hard places

And this seems to be the ladies' mission in courtship-to smooth over the har i places.

### Making a Name.

"So you are married?" said a traveling man to a friend.
"th. yes. Married over a year ago.

"Giv'n up all your ideas about fame and giory, and all that sort of thing?"
"No, sir. I always said I would make a name in the world."

"Well, I've done it." "Indeed ?"

"Yes. I superintended the christening of our baby last week."

### A Guy on Henry Guy.

They are telling a good story on the street about that amiable, errate and in-scrutable peripatetic Henry Guy Carle-ton, who resembles the late William E. Travers as well in the hesitancy of his ntterances as the cleverity of his wit. Carleton met Bill Nye the other day. "I s-s say, old I-f-I-f-fellow," muttered

he, "c-c-c-can't you c-c-c-come up to my rooms s-s s-some evening for a c-c-couple of hours? I w-w-want to t-t-t-talk to you for about f-f-fifteen minutes.'

### The Advertising that Doesn't Pay.

"It's all humbug to talk to me of the benefits of advertising," said the sourlooking man; "I spent \$175 last year in adverasing and I was closed out by the Sheriff in January. The money was wasted, sir, every cent of it. Advertising

"What papers did you advertise in?" inquired a sympathizing bystander.
"What papers? Thunder! I didn't use any papers, I had my a lvertisements painted on fence boards."

### A Gifted Woman,

"A woman in Indianapolis has a voice that can be heard for a mile." Despite its vociferousness, it is safe to wager that she will have to add several octaves to it before it can be heard when she calls her ten-year old son who is playing with some boys in the next block. If a spider was to get on the Indianapolis woman's neck, her voice would be increased in volume to such an extent that it could be heard in the next township, ten miles

### Aappy, though Wealthy.

A water says: "Rich men are not so happy as poor men, because they are constantly menaced by the fear of be-

constantly menaced by the lear of becoming poor."
Yes; and another thing: Poor men
are not constantly menaced by the fear
of becoming rich. They would be happier if they were. And there are none
of us who wouldn't prefer to be rich and
take the chances of being menaced.

### Oh, Wise Young Judge!

Little Mabel, 5 year old, is not so young but that she has picked up some knowledge of the ways of the world. She said to her mother the other day, after a fi of deep musing: "Say, mamma, who was papa before he married us, anyway?" "Who was papa? Why, he was the same man that he is now." "Yes; but what was he to you? Was he just a man that you mashed?"

### An Advocate of Consistency.

"More custard, and more apple tart and a great big more of water nelon, mamma," said a little one at the table. "No, my daughter can have no more. She has eaten very heartily—all that is good for her; and enough is as good as a feast," replied the careful parent.

Then, mamma, don't never ask me to sing 'reed me till I want no more,' if I can t have 'no more' when I want it."

### He Could Wait.

Six-year old Ned was enjoying the first ham and eggs of the scason, and as the horse radish bottle was passed around he would have some too. When he had re-covered somewhat from the burning and had settled down to his breakfast again, he explained the situation with: "I guess I'll wait until that gets cold 'fore I try it again."

### It Can Take a Hint.

A lamp has more sense than some people. If it is in a room where there are two souls with but a married thought it invariably goes out.

A fine show of bravery sometimes does com I service as the courage which s ron-crois of having practical defences at its back. A brave that of trumpets will often cause a citadel to capitulate, even in these troolern days.

even in these too lern days.

An American traveller, while returning ho se at nightfall through one of the squares of Paris, suddenly encountered a savage looking fellow who, stepping up

The American replied by clapping a peto, to his assailant s head and th n, as he man recoiled, seizing him by the shrout and shouting for help. A police-tian happening to be within he ring, the thief was secured, and brought up for examination the next morning.

Scarcely had he been sentenced when the magistrate turned sharply upon the American, asking, "Monsieur, have you a decuse to carry firearms?" No. I haven't."

"Then I must fine you for having that pistol in your possession."
"But is there any fine for carrying a pisto, which cannot be fired?"

"Well, then, I'm all right, for my pistol has no lock, and I intended that day to take it to a gunsmith for repair.

Here the thief broke out with a cry of fury and despair, at having been so easily leceived, and he probably always remembered the occasion as one on which his native wit had deserted him.

#### Punctillous.

A gentleman in a suburban town went to call upon a lady whose family occupied one-half of a double house. The front doors of the two parts opened upon the same stoop. At one of the doors the gentleman pulled the bell. The door was opened by a servant, who answered the inquiry for Mrs. S—by directing the caller to the other door.

The visitor then aurned to the bell pull

The visitor then turned to the bell-pull on the at acent door post, and in a few moments that door was opened by the same servant, who solemnly replied to

the second inquiry regarding Mrs. S-by saying that the lady was not at home.

This incident is matched by another that took place in Vienna—rather more than matched, in fact, for the person who played two parts in the comedy had a special mood and temper for each part. "My friend was in Vienna,' says a traveller, "He had taken from here a letter of credit on one of the best-known banks, and he wanted to draw on it. to he sought the agency of the bank in Vienna. He walked into an office which had a big barricade in front of a long desk and two small holes cut for the convenience of customers. He walked up to the first of them. A man came up. He handed the letter of credit to him. The man looked at it and said, very gruffy. 'Next window.'

"My friend went to the next window, a nan came up, took his letter of credit, ooked at it, smiled pleasantly, and said, 'lint's all right. How much do you wash to draw, sir?'
"It was the same man."

### The Growth of Gossip.

It takes a long conscientious life to and up a reputation, which may yet be injured for a time by a breath of gossip. For example, something like this may easly happen. Mrs, A says, in all innocence, to Mrs. B.—

That Mrs. Newcomer is so fond of her children. The other day when I called, she was blowing soap bubbles with them through a common clay pipe."

Mrs. C, retails the story, slightly altered. "That Mrs. Newcomer is so odd. Mrs. A saw her amusing the children with a

Mrs. C to Mrs. D,-"That Mrs. Newcomer uses a common

clay pipe. Mis. D to Mrs. E .-

"That Mrs. Newcomer smokes a horrid old pipe. I don't see how any woman in her sober senses could do that."

Mrs. E to Mrs. F,-"That Mrs. Newcomer smokes a pipe and drinks dreadfully."

cocial conversations are often like the game of "-candal." An innocent statement becomes so distorted, after many repetitions, that it would never be recognized at the source from which it started.

### On Time.

He had been married only three months, and the course of matrimony still flowed smoothly. Since the day he became a Benedict he had not been absent from his wife later than 9 P. M. The other night he was induced by a friend to visit the theater. The stage setting was very realistic. In the second at an old-fashioned upright clock marked the hour of midnight.

"It is twelve o'clock!" exclaimed the bride of a day, in a tone of alarm, "and Reginald has not yet come."

"Great Scott" exclaimed the young married man, jumping from his seat as if forced upward by a violent seismic con-vulsion. "Twelve o'clock, and I promised my wife to be home before ten!"

And he rushed home with his heart throbbing wildly, and when he entered the house he was greeted by his wife with:

"Why, William, you are home earlier han you promised, Didn't you like the

Then he looked at the clock and saw that it would strike nine in ten minutes.

### Not Exactly English, You Know.

An Englishman traveiling on the conti-nent had hired a smart servant, and on arriving at an inn in Austria one evening, arriving at an inn in Austria one evening, knowing well the stringency of the police regulations, he called for the usual register of travellers, that he might duly inscribe himself therein. His servant replied that he had anticipated his wishes, and had registered him in full form as an "English gentleman of independent proposts".

"But how have you put down my name? I have not told it to you."

"I can't exactly pronounce it, but I copied it from monsieur's portmanteau."
"But it is not there. Bring me the

What was his amazement at finding. nstead of a very plain English name of two syllables, the following portentous entry of himself: "Monsieur Warrantedolidieather."

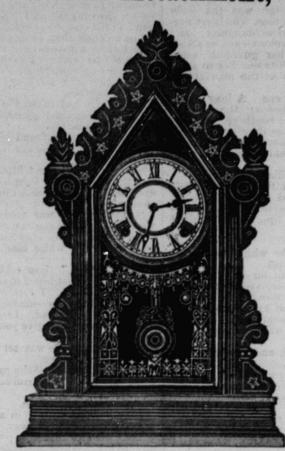
### Popular Science,

Susice - "Oh, mamma, I'll never disobey

Manrina- 'Why, Susie, what have you Susio- Well, I drank my milk at onch, and then ate—a pickle; and the onik said to the pickle, 'Get out;' and the pickle said, 'I won't;' and they are having an awini time!"

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