A Successful Scheme—A Modern Accomplishment—Sorry He Spoke— Too Good — The Wrong Parrot.

"Won't you have another piece of pie Mr. Featherly?" asked Bobby, hospit His mother was entertaining a few friends at dinner and the desert was being discussed.

"Thanks, Bobby," Featherly replied, laughingly: "since you are so polite about it, I believe I will take a small ative hand; piece more.

"All right," said Bobby. "Now, ma, member your promise. You said if it remember your promise. You said if it was necessary to cut into the second pie I could have two pieces."-New York

Modern Accomplishments.

Father-'My dear, I am very much surprised at your receiving the attentions of that young man Jinks; he hasn't the least bit of education, and is a most il-

Daughter—"That is so, father, but he possesses the greatest of all modern accomplishments, and I am the envy of all the girls in town on account of his preference for my company."

Father-"What is this great modern accomplishment?" Daughter-"He is such a splendid roller skater."- Call.

At Fort Bayard for a long time there lay an old spiked cannon, which had been rendered useless for some reason or another. The Apache chief of that district fell in love with that cannon. He used to come every day and beg the commandant to give it to him. At length General Sherman was announced as coming, and the officer told the Apache that he must ask him for it. He The general looked at it, saw it was of no use, and presented it to

"I am afraid," said the general, with mild jocosity, "you want the cannon so that you can turn it on my soldiers and kill them."

"Umph! no. Cannon kill cowboys. Kill soldiers-club."

The general was sorry he spoke,-San Francisco Chronicle.

It was Too Good.

"Now, then," said Smith, as the last "Now, then," said Smith, as the last bakuk's visions give; load of furniture was dumped into the Next Zephaniah warns the Jews to turn, new house, and he grabbed his grip-sack to make for the train, to be gone a week, "I'll show you how the burglar alarm works. This is the main switch and this is the continuous ringer. When you go to bed to-night set them both, and then go down stairs and open the cellar door. That will start the ringing and keep it up all the time I'm gone.' But how can I sleep with the bell

ringing all the time?" 'You can't, and you are not expected What do you suppose a burglar alarm is for, but to keep people awake to be ready for burglars!" She stood it for thirty-six hours and

then telegraphed him: "I have stopped the ringing and hired four men with shot-guns in the place of it."-Detroit Free Press.

Woke Up the Wrong Parret.

Funeral fact and funeral fancy are subjects prolific of true stories, but we have rarely met with a better one than the following which is vouched for a story of fact. At a suburban funeral not long ago, the clergyman was dilating upon the many virtues of the dejustification for it, as the deceased was a man of large heart and many merits; yet the clergyman, 'probably feeling free to | The Revelation prophesies of that tremend let his fervor of language play unrestrained, almost outdid his theme. Not content with couching his praise in simple and straightforward words he in sounted to imagery and seemed to atolutiute angelic as well as human charac-nos stics. When at the climax of his elo-quence, his hearers charmed with the weet incense, the spell was broken by a shrill voice, which cried out:

"Facts, facts, give us facts!" The sensible comment came from a sage and venerable parrot which had been removed to an ante-room, and then it was remembered that prominent among the virtues of the deceased master was a sturdy dislike for flattery and is habit of sharply rebuking "highfalutin."

A Crushed Hore.

On a West-bound Michigan Central train the other day were a delicate appearing young woman and an intelligent looking young man, evidently husband and wife. Immediately behind the couple sat the man—to be found on every train-who would die if not permachine behind her greatly. At last he leaned forward and addressed her es-

"That gal's got a bad cough." "Yes.

"Ever try catnip tea?"

"She hasn't drank anything else for more than two hundred years. caught a severe cold in Jerusalem in 1568. I had fifty barrels of catnip tea put into the baggage car for her use between here and Chicago." Pause. "Lungs?"

"No, bunions. That's purely a bunion cough, you will notice, if you watch her

"Ain't the draught a leetle strong from that window?" after a longer

"No, she has to have it. It takes 15,-600 pounds of air to make her a respectcovers 17,000 acres of valuable land.

"Did you say she was your wife?" "No, I didn't say anything of the and when I get one of them I break things up terribly!

and a pair of twins before I could be got year to make it.

CHASING DULL CAREAWAY, under control. I feel very queer about

the head now. I-'I reckon I'll go into the smokin' car,"

said the bore, sidling out of the seat.
"I don't feel very well myself!"
"Don't hurry away!" shouted the young man, while a general titter ran through the car.—Louisville Courier-

The Books of the Bible.

Some versifier has been describing the contents of the various books in the Bible through the medium of rhyme, as fol-

ative hand; In Exodus the Hebrews marched to gain the promised land; Leviticus contains the law, holy and just and

Numbers records the tribes enrolled—all sons of Abraham's blood. Moses in Deuteronomy records God's mighty

deeds, Brave Joshua into Canaan's land, the host of Israel leads.

In Judges their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite.

But Ruth records the faith of one well pleas-

ing in His sight. In First and Second Samuel of Jesse's son we Ten tribes in First and Second Kings revolted from his seed.
The First and Second Chronicles see Judah

captive made;
But Ezra leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid. The city walls of Zion Nehemiah builds again, While Esther saves her people from the plots

of wicked men.

In Job we read how faith will live beneath affiction's rod.

And David's Psalms are precious songs to every child of God.

The Proverbs like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear, Ecclesiastes teaches man how vain all things

are here. The mystic Song of Solomon exalts sweet Sharon's rose; Whilst Christ—the Saviour and the King the "rapt Isaiah" shows.

The warning Jeremiah apostate Israel scores;
His plaintive Lamentations then their awful downfall mourns.

Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling while kings and empires yet to come Daniel in vision sees.
Of judgment and of mercy Hosea loves to

Joel describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell. Among Tekoa's herdsmen Amos received his While Obediah prophesies of Edom's final

Jonah enshrines a wondrous type of Christ, our risen Lord; Micah pronounces Judah lost—lost, but again restored. Nahum declares on Nineveh just gjudgment shall be poured.

A view of Chaldea's coming doom Hab-

repent and live. Haggai wrote to those who saw the Temple built again, And Zachariah prophesied of Christ's tri-

umphant reign.

Malachi was the last who touched the high, prophetic cord; Its final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.
Mathew, and Mark and Luke and John the

Holy Ghost wrote,
Describing how the Savior died—his life, and all he taught.
Acts prove how God the Apostles owned with signs in every place.
St. Paul in Romans teaches us how man is

saved by grace. Apostle, in Corinthians, instructs, exhorts, reproves. Galatians show that faith in Christ alone the

Father loves, Ephesians and Philippians tell what Christians ought to be; Collossians bids us live to God and for Eternity. In Thessalonians we are taught the Lord will

come from Heaven. In Timothy and Titus a bishop's rule is given Philemon marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know.

Hebrews reveals the Gospel prefigured by the

James teaches without holiness, faith is but vain and dead; St. Peter points the narrow way in which the saints are led.

parted. As it happened there was much John, in his three epistles on love, delights to St. Jude gives awful warning of judgment, wrath and heli.

ous day When Christ—and Christ alone—shall be the trembling sinner's stay.

A Specimen American Boy.

About four years ago, says a Washing-ton correspondent, I was much impressed by a young fellow named George McClellan, who was the brightest of pages. He worked hard all day, did extra jobs for Congressmen and at-tended night school. He was the sole support of his parents and sisters, and never did a good, smart, ambitious lad more willingly and unselfishly undertake that labor of love and duty. He attracted the attention of the warmhearted, eccentric Gabriel Bouck, then a member from Wisconsin, who offered to take him to Oshkosh and train him to the law. The other day I met George McClellan, now a handsome, bright-eyed, intelligent man, who had come to Washington, not to seek office, but to remove his family to a Western home, which he had earned for them. God has blessed and will continue to mitted to hear the sound of his own bless this noble youth who, in honorvoice at all times and in all places. The ing his father and mother, has honored young lady had a troublesome cough, a him. Great men are molded out of fact which seemed to bother the talking such boys, and if life be spared to me ten years longer, I expect to read soms of the speeches of Hon. George Me-Clellan, of Wisconsin, who, the then Congressional Directory will state, rose from poverty to deserved wealth and distinction. Such young men are the real hope of the republic.

The First Watch.

At first the watch was about the size of a dessert plate. It had weights, and was used as a "pocket clock." The carliest known use of the modern name occurs in in the record of 1552, which nentions that Edward VI. had "one larum or watch of Iron, the case being likewise of iron gilt, with two plummets of lead." The first watches may readily be supposed to have been of rude execu-tion. The first great improvement, the able breath! We have a patent breath substitution of springs for weights, was incubator which she uses at home. It in 1540. The earliest springs were not coiled, but only straight pieces of steel. Early watches had only one hand, and being wound up twice a day, they could to England to blow up the queen. The twelve hours. The dials were of silver only trouble is that I'm subject to fits, and when I get one of them I have four or five inches in diameter. A plain "What brings them on to you?" watch cost the equivalent of one thous-Talking! Why, it was only yester-day that I killed three men, a woman and after one was ordered, it took a

pecies of living animals.

The new application of electricity is for electric lining of hats to neurish the brain.

"One of the customs of the Thibetans is to pull their cheeks in order to show surprise."

from rat skins, and many from lamb skins, comparatively few being made of

The old testament contains thirty-nine books, the new testament twenty-seven books. The old testament has 929 chapters, the new testament 260. The old testament has 23,214 verses, the new ,959. The old testament 592,439 words, the new testament 181,253. The old testament has 2,728,110 letters, the new testament has 838,380. The word Jehovah or Lord occurs in the old testament 6,858 times.

The chivalric custom of ransom undoubtedly mitigated to a great degree the horrors of war in the middle ages. The knights were punctilious to the last degree in keeping the pledges made to their captors. Thus the duke of Gueldres is said to have been captured by a squire of low degree and carried to his stronghold. The force of the duke approaching, the squire made him promise that he would come to him wherever he night be on a fixed day, and remain his prisoner until ransom was paid. The duke was immediately liberated by his comrades, but held himself bound by his pledge, and after months of delay and against many remonstrances penetrated the enemy's lines and delivered himself to his captor, from whom he was subsequently ransomed.

As at Teb and Tamai, the wounded Arabs refused to be made prisoners, and great caution had to be exercised in moving about the field, not only to avoid the covert stabs dealt by the bleeding Arabs, but the rushes and cuts of the fanatics who shammed death in order that they might the more surely get a chance of burying their weapons in one

Exploring along this wady a party of our men came upon six dead and four wounded Arabs lying under a bushy dwarf mimosa tree. The soldiers had an interpreter with them, and the Arabs were called upon to surrender and come out, That they said they could not do: would the soldiers therefore come and take them. The four wounded men still held their spears in their hands. "Very good," said our soldiers, "put down your spears, and we will see you are well treated, and do all we can to cure your wounds."

flerce and concise; "Put down our spears, infidel dogs! By God and the

The third prisoner I assisted to bring in, but he was hardly a capture, for the ington and over 100 rounds of ammunione of the Berber-Egyptian garrison, and since the fall of that place had been forced into the Mahdi's army. He was prisoner!-London Telegraph.

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