Outrespondence solicited from all parts of the country. No netice will be taken of anonymous

According to the last census there are 23,163 lawyers in the United States.

Improved roads furnish one of the snost direct aids to agricultural develop-

New York City has not furnished a United States Senator in more than fifty years. Nathan Sanford, elected in 1831,

A student in a Western college proposes to deliver a lecture on commencement day on "The Relation of the Wheelbarrow to American Elections."

The Indiana courts have a curious problem, relates the Washington Star. A man who was fined for profanity appealed on the ground that he was on his own premises when he spoke, and had a right to use any kind of language that be pleased.

Reports still come in, states the New York World, of the electrical impostor who appears in various localities with inventions greater than the Bell telephone or the Edison light, sells a little stock and then disappears. England is now infected with him, together with other and older electric frauds heretofore well known in this country.

Mrs. M. A. Dorchester, special agent for the Indian School Service, in her annual report refers to improvements in the school buildings in reference to comfort, safety, healthfulness and general respectability. She says that there has been a great improvement in the variety and quality of tood furnished; the table service is more attractive, and there is a marked change for the better in the moral and social atmosphere of the

The use of rubber tires on private carriages has become quite common in New York City, says the Scientific American. For invalida and nervous persons our physicians recommend their use. But the rubber tire is not only expensive, but lasts only a little while, owing to our rough pavements and street railway tracks. Why will not some one inventa cheaper substance than rubber, which will be more enduring, cost less, and be sufficiently elastic to most the require-

One of the late Jay Gould's sons has ordered from a -press-clipping bureau "all the comments and accounts about" his father which have appeared, or will appear, in "all the newspapers of the world." It will be a costly collection beyond the mere clippings, as it will require the employment of numerous translators to write out in our language the extracts from Chinese, Japanese, Egyptian, Russian, Turkisis, Spanish, Italian, French, German and numerous other publications.

Says the San Francisco Examiner: The microscope recently revealed to a Rhode Island expert that certain bloodstains were of human origin, and certain hairs found in conjunction with the stains were from the blond whiskers of a man. Detectives sourcied hither and thither. They traced all clues faithfully, and ascertained that they centered in the limp carcass of a yellow dog, slain with a brick. The strides of science are often marvelous, none the less so perhaps because not always in the right direction.

The Japanese, if they believe in omens, will reject any more applications from French builders of war vessels, predicts the San Francisco Chronicle. The second French vessel accepted for the Japanese Navy has been lost in the inland sea, but this time survivors remain to tell the story of the disaster. The other vessel lost was the Unebikan, of which no word was ever received. It was assumed that she struck on a rock and foundered, but her fate is one of those mysteries that will never be explained until the sea gives up its dead.

The Atlanta Constitution remarks: **Is has long been admitted that the bus-Toess of the postoffice is a good test of the country's progress. Measured by this standard, the South is in the lead. According to the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, there has been a net increase of 2793 postoffices in the United States over the year ending June 30, 1891. This showing surpasses all former records, and the most interesting feature is the fact that more than one-fourth of the new offices were established in the six States of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi and Texas, an unmistakable proof of our ing population, swelling volume of

and general advancement. ther we take the assessed value of property, the number of new enterprises. the increase of population, the per capita increase in wealth, or these postal figures as a test, the fact looms up that the new South is forging ahead | more satisfactorily than any other section of the country."

THREE KISSES OF FAREWEL!

Three, only three, My Darling, Not like the swift and joyous ones

We used to know When we kinsed because we loved each

But as the kiss whose hearts are wrung

Simply, to taste love's sweets, And lavished our kisses as summer Lavishes heats;

When hope and fear are spent, And nothing is left to give, except A sacrament! First of the three, My Darling,

Is sacred unto pain; We have hurt each other often, We shall again;

Vhen we pine because we miss each other, And do not understand How the written words are so much colder Than eye and band.

kiss thee, dear, for all such pain Which we may give or take; Buried, forgiven, before it comes, For our love's sake.

The second kiss, My Darling, Is full of joy's sweet thrill; We have blessed each other always, Woalwayk will.

We shall reach until we find each other Past all time and space; We shall listen till we hear each other In every place.

The earth is full of messengers Which love sends to and fro; I kiss thee, Darling, for all joy Which we shall know.

The last kiss, OMy Darling, My love-I cannot s Through my tears as I remember What it may be. We may die and never see each other.

Die with no time to give Any sign that our hearts are faithful To die, as live.

Token of what they will not see Who see our parting breath, This one last kiss, My Darling, Seals the seal of death

A QUAKER IDYL. BY W. BEHT FOSTER.



I was a white painted elm shaded farmhouse standing back from the road. The well kept gravel walks led from the gates between rows of prim hollyhocks to the door stonesthese latter scrubbed as clean and white as the kitchen floors of the neighboring domicles. Cleanli-

ness was Sister Hedbzibah's greatest fault-for cleanliness can be carried to that extent. Even solemn voiced, methodical Stephen this failing on his wife's part.

On all sides of the comfortable house part us like thisgoodly homesteads in that Quaker com- went on, firmly; "and if that's so, no her father in surprise, though not withused their substance rightfully, however. | py for life." No breath of suspicion ever rested on their dealings with their neighbors or whispered Ruth, softly, clinging to the associates. For fifty years and more strong arm of her lover. their lives had been blameless in the eyes "That makes it all

strapping fellow of eight and twenty, uch like his father-grave, sedate,

methodical. Benjamin carefully followed in the footsteps of his parents, too, and was a Quaker of the strickest sect. In his staid, undemonstrative fashion he was paying attentions to one of the neigh-bors' daughters, as demure a little friend as one could wish. Yes, Stephen and Hephzibah were entirely satisfied with their son; but their daughters, Marion

and Ruth, were somewhat disappointing The elder of these had showed plainly her indifference to the teachings and traditions of the Friends in her childhood; but until recently Rath had always bowed with becoming docility to her parents' will. Ruth was twenty, a daintily formed creature with transparent skin, beneath which the blood flushed warmly. She was a dreamy, diffident girl, much unlike her older

Marion early showed traits offindependence which had been quite unknown among the women of the Carew family in former generations. She was a plain girl, a good foil for Ruth's delicate but Marion's was much the stronger face. Although plainly indifferent to the beliefs and services of the Friends, she had never openly autagonized her parents by refusing to attend their place of worship when at home. She was four years older than Ruth, and for three years past had been teaching school in a neighboring town.

Within the past twenty years many families who were not of the sect of the Friends had taken up their residence in the community, and among comparatively new comers were Darius Harley was three years old when his parents moved into the place, and the Harley farm being nearest to Stephen Carews, Darius and the children were playmates all through their school days. Benjamin's school days were over some years before the other children's and he quickly grew out of his intimacy with Darius, who was of the "world's people," and assoclated with the young men of his own Both the girls, however, and Ruth especially, continued the friend-

From the time that he and Ruth had, hand in hand, chased the butterflies and gathered daisies and buttercups in Stephen Carew's great meadow, Darius

had always felt a soft spot in his boyish fresh interest in life, but after the first both mind and body?" he asked more 'A BIG FORTUNE IN BONE. books to and from the village school and in winter dragged her over the frozen merrymakings that Stephen and his wife

When Ruth was fourteen she was sent they were teaching.
Once a month the sisters went home to the Friends school in a neighboring finishing her education. The Harleys wish was granted. I am afraid he caused the world's people.
the teachers no end of trouble, and One of these Sabbaths Darius was at

came more deeply interesting and took ing at them, was close by on somewhat of a darker coloring. Darius went home in a the great majority of parents who have afraid the old man deserved them all. the same question to face, Stephen denied One thing Darius was determined on. Darius entrance to his house. Thus He had been patient, hoping for some any strategic movements being made and any strategic movements being made and his wife, but patience on old Stephen's part. It was Darius had ceased to be a virtue. He

who resorted to strategy.

At first the young man's only consolation was to go to the Friends' meeting cruelty. on Sabbath days and sit with eyes steadily fixed on a certain gray gowned and and wrote two letters, one to bonneted figure far down on the other the other to Stephen Carew. side of the house. After a few weeks this inaction became maddening, and Darius acquired a habit of taking early morning walks past the Carew home stead in the hope of seeing Ruth.

He was not disappointed. One morning he found her alone by the hedge corner, well out of sight of the house. Then for the first time he saw how wan and pale she looked-so different from the light hearted girl who had come back with him from school.

"Oh, Ruth!" he exclaimed, bounding lightly over the low wall that separated he Carew premises from the road. "Have you been ill?" was his first question, as he seized her two trembling little hands.

She shook her head, not daring to trust her voice, and trying to smile brightly into the eyes that gazed so anxtously down into hers. But the smile was a poor attempt, and ended in a sob. Darius drew her unresistingly to his

"It's an eternal shame!" he burst Carew was at times vaguely conscious of forth. "What if I am of a different re--and it shall not, -the richest, the most productive of the | do, and I know that you love me.," he munity. Stephen and Hephzibah always unjust opposition shall make us unhap- out satisfaction. It was as follows:

"Father thinks he is right, Dare,"

"That makes it all the harder-for

"Yes, Dare," "Then," said the young man, bravely, we will find some way to overcome their opposition. I've been offered a clerkship in my cousin Henderson's store in the city, with a chance to be partner if I like the business. I'll go to-morrow, and as soon as I'm on my feet I shall come and ask for you."

But Ruth only sobbed softly and clung to his arm.

Stephen Carew beard of young Harley's departure with a feeling of relief. With the cause removed, he thought, with the blindness of his masculine mind, that Ruth would soon become her old self again. Sister Hephzibah might have told him differently, but it had never been Stephen's way to ask advice from that quarter, nor did his wife expect to give any. She lived in a little world by herself-a world of cooking, cleaning, and mending-and her great disappointment had always that neither of her girls had shown the same love for baking and brewing that made her a kitchen

drudge through all her married life. With aching heart she saw Ruth's slowly waning health and her lack of interest in the events of their every day life. Stephen, too, could not help noticing the change which had come over his daughter; yet neither thought of bending their will a hair's breadth to Ruth's wish. Their duty demanded that their children should be joined to none but those of their own sect, not to the world's people. Still the girl's si-lent suffering caused lines of care to show more deeply on Hephzibah's face, and Stephen's grizzled hair grew whiter

Months went by each of which saw Ruth a little paler and more silent than before. Marion came home for her summer vacation, and with startled eyes saw the change which had taken place in her sister's appearance. She likewise expressed her opinion on the state of perhaps this had something to do with Staphen's allowing Ruth to go away with her sister to teach in the fall. On one point the father was firm, however. Ruth must promise not to allow Darius Harley to call upon her, and not to communicate with her.

At first Marion thought that work and new surroundings had given her sister a

heart for pretty Ruth. As they grew few weeks Ruth seemed much the same older it was Darius who carried her as ever. The only time when she appeared brighter was when she received a letter from Darius. He wrote regularly, snow drifts on his sled. At the few and although Ruth's promise prevented her from answering his letters, Marion would allow their young people to attend, Darius Harley was always at Ruth's informed as to her sister's health and their life in the country town where

city, from which Benjamin had already to spend the Sabbath, and more plainly graduated, and where Marion was then than ever did Stephen Carew and his wife see the change that had come over were well to do people, and the school Ruth. But their supposed duty was was of the best, though conducted with still master, and a hard one it proved. extreme strictness; so when Dari is ex- They blamed themselves now for ever pressed a desire to attend it, his letting their children mingle at all with

gained but little knowledge himself; but home, too, and attended the Friends' he was near Ruth, and that seemed to meeting. All through the long service he watched the figure of Ruth in her When their schooldays were over, and modest gown, but not until they met Darius had returned home to work on face to face on the meeting house porch the farm while he was making up his did he realize how terribly she had mind what business he should pursue in changed. Only a moment they stood life, this little drama, which has been acted so often since the world began, beStephen, with his hard, stern eyes glar-

Darius went home in a daze. Could Stephen and his good wife quickly saw | that be Ruth Carew, that pale, quiet girl, that their youngest daughter was tread- whose mouth had such a sorrowful droop ing on dangerous ground—in fact that when in repose? Why, she had been there was danger of what more fashior- the life of all their school day merryable parents would have termed a mesal- makings! He thought some very bitter liance. Therefore with the obtuseness of thoughts of Stephen Carew, and I am

One thing Darius was determined on. open warfare was at once declared without obange of feeling to come over Stephen would stand idly by no longer and see Ruth die by inches under her parents' cruelty. With this determination he went back to the city the following day and wrote two letters, one to Ruth and

Several days after returning to her school Ruth received a letter addressed in a handwriting she knew at once. She waited until she was alone in her room with Marion before opening the missive. She had hardly glanced at its contents. however, when Marion was startled by hearing her sister shrick, and turned to see her gazing, pale and horrified, at the open lette.

"What is it?" demanded the practical Marion, grasping the bottle of smelling salts and hurrying to her sister's side. "Oh, read that!" cried Ruth, begin-

ning to weep. "What has he done? That is a letter to father. Dare must have written to both father and me, and inclosed the letters in the wrong envel-What will happen to us now?"

Marion took the letter from her sister's unresisting hand and read it. She fully realized what an effect it would probably have upon her father if Darius and made the blunder Ruth suggested. Stephen Carew had been totally ignorant of the one-sided correspondence the young man had kept up, and if Darius ligious belief from you? It shouldn't had written to Ruth in his usual strain, in all probability their father would be swept the broad acres of Stephen's farm either, Ruth. I love you, you know I furiously angry upon reading the letter.

Marion read the letter intended for

STEPHEN CAREW, ESQUIRE:
Sir—I have never had an opportunity to
tell you of my attachment for your daughter Ruth, but you have known it, and also
cannot fail to know that she in turn loves their lives had been blameless in the eyes of their Quaker brethren.

For six generations the Carews had held the great farm, and Stephen often thought with almost carnal pride how blessed he was in having a son with whom he could trust the property when he should be gathered to his fathers. The son, Benjamin by name, a great, strapping fellow of eight and twenty,

"That makes it all the harder—for us," responded Darius, "I've been waiting to see you, dear, before. I go away, for I wanted to hear from your own lips that you love due and that you own, that we be allowed to become engaged, out you appear to be as greatly own lips that you love due and that you own, that we be allowed to become engaged, out you appear to be as greatly on the would wait until I could earn a home for you."

"Father and mother will never give their consent."

"Father and mother will never give their consent."

"But you love me, Ruth?" nor do I propose to. I am able to support her, and in a few weeks she will be legally of age. If you still withhold your consent I shall use every argument and all the in-fluence in my power to gain her consent to a marriage without your sanction. a marriage without your sandy Yours, very respectfully, Danius Hanley.

"What shall we do? I never shall dare to go home again," cried Ruth, bysterically, when Marion had finished

reading the letter. "Then go and marry Dare and stay away for good," exclaimed Marion, des-

perately. Then she throwher arms around her younger sister, and together the two girls had a "good cry" in all the femin-

ne meaning of the term. Before the week was over Ruth was fairly ill with appreheusion, and it was only because of Marion's stronger will power that she decided to go home on Saturday. The older girl plainly saw that the best way would be to have it over at once. Nothing less than a terribly severe lecture, and a stern refusal to listen for a moment to Darius Harley's plea, was what both expected on Stephen Carew's part. But, strange to relate,

nothing of the kind occurred. Stephen had received the letter intended for Ruth, as they had supposed, and had had ample time to think over the whole matter. In the letter Darius had written very much as he had in the other epistle. The old Quaker could not help seeing the sincerity of the young man's attachment. Something beside duty to his religious belief softened his heart toward Ruth, and his greeting to her was very different from the one which she had fearfully expected.

not, Ruth?" asked Stephen gravely. With trembling hand the girl handed him the epistle.

"Thee will find thy own in thy room,

was his only comment as he walked slowly away toward the barn. His daughters looked at each other in glad surprise, though with much uncertainty as to what would be the outcome affairs with her usual independence; and of the affair. Stephen said nothing further until after the evening meal. Then he called Ruth into the pleasant sitting room through whose windows shone the giory of the setting sun. "Ruth, would thee consent to be mar-

ried away from thy own fireside!" "If it must be," she coplied bravely. wI cannot live this way.

"Yes, father." Old Stephen was silent a moment or

"Thee must not be married away from thy home, Ruth. Thee can tell the young man that I say so," he said finally .-Munsey's Magazine.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Most sheep die before they are a year

A vast mine of superior fire-clay has been discovered in Vincennes, Ind. A method of compressing wood, so that it becomes as hard as iron, has been

discovered. An eminent authority has it that the death rate of the world is calculated to be sixty-seven per minute.

In England, France, Germany and Relgium the number of births per thousand of population is steadily falling. Drops of water falling continuously upon a two-inch plank would wear a hole through it in about thirty-five

It has been observed that the children of very young parents rarely attain vigor of mind or body, while the children of aged parents are usually old-fashioned

According to a paper recently read before the Statistical Society in Paris, there are in use in France 78,600 steam engines, having a total of 5,360,000

horse-power. Dr. Morris Gibbs contributes to Science an interesting paper on the food of humming birds both old and young, but has never found anything to con-

vince him the birds live on insects. The professor of chemistry at Rouen, France, M. Bidard, has brought forward a new theory regarding storage batteries, which is said to make an im-

portant advance in electrical science. A remarkable surgical operation has ecently been performed in Berlin. A patient suffering from chronic neuralgia has been cured by the removal of the diseased nerve from the interior coating

of the skull. It has been found by Dr. Riley that the larvæ of both the bean and the pea weevil when hatched have thoracic feet and other structures which admirably serve their needs of locomotion until they enter the bean or pea, when with a cast of the skin they are discarded, and the grubs assume the ordinary footless shape of larval weevils.

The report of a commission appointed at the instance of the Massachusetts Railroad Commission for the determination of the best form of fender for use on electric cars contains a recommendation of the invention of a master mechanic of the Boston West End Railway. Two hundred and eleven fenders were submitted to the Commission.

Electric heaters are found to be excellent for use in conservatories on account of the absence of all unwholesome gases or vapors which might injure the plants, simplicity of construction in the parts conveying the energy, perfect safety as regards heat, which can be venience and rapidity in starting and ex-

tinction. The increasing value of effective insulators in electrical work causes importance to be attached to the statement that india rubber will soon be made commercially. The discovery made by Dr. H. A. Tildin, some months ago, that isoprene, which can be prepared from turpentine, under certain conditions changes into what appears to be genuine rubber, has been followed up by experiments, the result of which points to an early utilization of the new pro-

Moorish Slavery.

It would do those good who write passionate articles on Moorish slavery to see the well-fed, lazy slave of Wazan ounging in the sun, kiff pipe in mouth, and scarcely doing a stroke of work from week's end to week's end. The most ordinary Euglish kitchenmaid would accomplish is a couple of hours what a Wazan slave does in a week. All are free to come and go as they please, but none avail themselves of this free dom. The reason is not far to seek. In Wazan they are fed and clothed by the hereefs, and on holidays and feast days receive presents of money.

Thus all the necessities of life are ound them without their having to work for them, which otherwise they would be obliged to do. Nor is it only the necessities of life that are thus supplied to them free, but they are given each his room to live in and married at the expense of the shcreefs to slave wones. Their children, by law slaves, are not necessarily so, and are often apprenticed to workmen to learn some or if they wish are free to seek their forunes in other lands, -Blackwood's

The Potomato.

"Potomato" is the name given a cuous manufactured vegetable which owes its origin to Dr. B. C. Culner, of Atchson, Kan. For more than twenty years the Doctor has been experimenting with a view of crossing the potato and "Thee has a letter for me, has thee has at last been accomplished and that a species of vine has been thus literally manufactured, and that it will produce both potatoes and tomatoes, both of which grow in their natural elements .-St. Louis Republic.

A Lake in an Extinct Volcano.

A large lake has been found, it is said, on the ridge of the Olympic Mountains, in Washington, between the Duckabush and Snohomish Rivers. It is situated in a deep basin of the mountains, at altitude of about five thousand feet, and the basin is claimed to be, in all probability, the crater of an extinct volcano. It is further stated to be two miles long and half a mile wide, with depth unknown, as the "And is it this that makes thee it of water on all sides. - Boston Transcript.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT NEAR BAN FRANCISCO

Whales' Teeth Guarded Like Diamonds-Surrounded by Stone Walls and Watched Constantly,

LIT I'LE brick and stone structure on the Petrero shore of the bay contains a million dollars' worth of whalebone stored and guarded as jealously as if it were so many twenty-dollar gold pieces or its weight in precious stones. It is the property of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company and came off the whaling backs Beluga, Mary D. Hume, Agenor and Amer'ca, lately in from the Arctic.

The building is a perfect vault with brick and stone sides, fron roof and fron doors. All around the top runs a perforated pipe by means of which the whole interior could be flooded if a fire should by any possibility break out. Rats are thick on the water front and can do a great deal of damage to a cargo of whalebone, so small iron doors have been put in to answer as barricades when the big ones are opened to air the place. Oil skins such as the fire patrol use are spread over the cargo as the final additional precaution that human ingenuity

can suggest. The uninitiated on first stepping into the cold, cheerless place, with its damp cement floor, are apt to wonder why it has all been done. The long black stalks don't look like much piled against the walls, and to hear their immens value set forth is enough to take the breath away. But the place does not niways contain a \$1,000,000 stock. The season just closing was a most profitable one and in consequence the warehouse is

nearly full "The lady purchasing a few sticks of whalebone on her shopping tour scarcely realizes the immense risk and the great amount of labor necessary to place it on the counters," said W. R. Wand, one of the representatives of the whaling com-"There is a big risk even here. We can take no chances. In the rough, after a simple polishing, the bone is worth \$5 a pound and we have at least 200,000 pounds on hand now. When the vessel docks at the wharf yonder we pitch in and work day and night until the cargo is housed in here and then we try to get it off on the railroad as soon as possible. While it is here this little structure is guarded day and night. A million dollars is something of a responsibility I can assure you.

"Where does most of the bone go?" was asked.

"A great deal of it goes to New York." replied Mr. Wand, "but most of the cutting is done in Paris and Bremen. A little is done in London. We polish it off here, get the color, assort it out and put it up in bundles. Then it is forced through to its destination as rapidly as possible. You see the bone with a light or pearl shade is worth more than the black, and we have to separate it.

Several of the bundles bore the mark M. D. H. in a diamond. "That," said Mr. Wands, "is the name of the vessel from which the bone was taken: in this instance the Mary D. Hume, a vessel which brought the most valuable cargo ever received from the Arctic seas. One or two of these bundles are marked 'cut,' you observe. That is to guide the buyer when the bone is offered for sale. signifies that the bone is knicked on some portion of it. The value is greatly reduced, and we must therefore handle the cargo like eggs. If roughly handled, a cargo of whalebone can be well night ruined. The slightest cut in a stalk

brings it down in value about one half, "The bone you know is the teeth of the whale, and a fair sized front molar is worth about \$50. In every whale's jaw there are 473 teeth, and one good sized head is worth a good deal of money. On the last trip the men on the Jessie D. Freeman brought one big fellow alongside, the head of which produced 3000 pounds of bone. The mouth of the whale is simply a huge suction pump. The monster travels along with his mouth wide open on the surface, The only food he will take is a little red bit of animal life that floats on the northern seas. He sucks in enough to make a good mouthful and then ejects the water. The food is sifted down through the soft teeth, and is filtered like a lot

of sawdust would be in a sieve." "This black hair that fringes the bone has a separate value. It is cut from the teeth and is used for making fine furniture. It has become so valuable, however, that is cannot be used to

any great extent." 'Ever troubled by thieves?"

"No," was the laughing response, The bone is a trifle too heavy to run away with and the place is too well guarded. Fire is the greatest danger, and you can see how that has been against."- San Francisco Chronicle.

Hair Spaces or Worms. There is nothing very mysterious about

he common hair-snake or worm to those who know something of its history and habits. They are not transformed hairs, but true nematode worms, and are hatched from eggs, and the minute grabs attach themselves, whenever an opportunity presents, to the larger insects, such as crickets, grassl oppers and ground beetles, and through openings at the joints crawl into their bodies and remain there feeding until fully grown, then escape, crawling into shallow ponds and water troughs, where they are often found in great numbers, hence the ide. that they are transformed horse bairs. intomologists, when collecting insects late in summer, often find specimens containing these hair worms, which will try to escape when the insects are thrown into alcohol or other liquids. Of course it is rather difficult to convince those who know nothing of the lower orders of animals that hairs cannot be transformed into worms, and all is mystery until the facts are known, then mystery gives place to simple knowledge. - New

COURTSHIP UP TO DATE.

Marriages and death notices gratis.
All bills for yearly advertisements collected quarterly. Temporary advertisements must be paid in advance.
Job work—cash on delivery.

They were sitting close together In a pleasant, shady nook; They looked at the another With a loving, longing look; Than Elwin broke the stlence, And with emotion shook,

As he softly, softly whispered,

"Angelina, can you cook?" His anxious face grew tranquil, Angelina whispered "Yes; His thoughts tof well cooked dinners No language could express; His hand sought Angelius's

In a lingering cares; Then she said, "Oh, Angelina, Did you make or buy that dress!" Edwin's heart grew, oh! so joyful, For she always made her frocks;

And lightly strayed his fingers Over Angelina's locks, While they gazed upon the roses, The pinks and hollyhoeks; Then again be summoned courage, "Could you-knit a pair of socks?"

Poor Cupid near them hovered, And he listened in dismay; Sighed he, "I'm out of fastsion, I am only in the way: Out of print's the old, old story, Self holds universal way I' Then he wept, as Edwin whispered, "Angelina, name the day." -Boston Courier.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A curling iron-The corkscrew. Plain sailing-The route of the prairie chooner. - Puck.

The man rowing a boat is always backward in coming forward. Kissing goes by favor, but it often

comes by stealth.-Puck. We may not like pawabrokers, but we have to put up with them .- Truth.

Traveling dresses are now made with estibule trains, -Berkshire Courier. What the college freshman doesn't know he talks about .- Elmira Gazette. Woman's face may be a poem; but

she is always careful to conceal the lines The man who fails in attaining other

perfections can easily make a perfect fool of himself.—Puck. The man who didn't fulfill the promise of his youth claimed that the notes of

minors were not binding. The only man on earth who thinks twice before he speaks once is the man who stutters .- Atchison Globe.

All women are "beautiful" in the newspapers until it comes to the printing of their photographs. - Puck. The Indians started for a whoop,

The Indians started for a But soon their faces fell.

Some students, they, who passed that way, And they gave a college yell.

—Washington Star. Take your hard luck as you would a pill. If you grind your teeth over it, you will find it nastier than ever .-

The man who objected to hiding his light under a bushel succeeded in displaying his darkness to the whole world.

"The football game broke up in a fight, didn't it?" "Yes. It was the tamest affair I ever saw."-Indianapolis "It's a little weigh of mine," re-

marked a clerk in a Main street grocery as he gave his customer fourteen ounces for the pound .- Buffalo Quips. "I understand that all you bagged on

your hunting trip was a pair of trousers. Well, they were duck trousers, anyway."--Indianapolis Journal. "I wish you would not take advantage of the relationship seemingly implied in

hen to the hatchet .- Washington Star. The boy stood on the burning deck-But who could blame him, please, The price of coal had gore so high
It was either this or freez:

—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

your name to be so familiar," said the

The making of a joke is a good deal like the making of a salad. we have struck a good thing, although it may only agree with our own personal "How do I look," said the turkey as he expanded his gorgeous array of feathers. "Fit to kill," replied the sar-

donic old rooster who is so tough that he can't be eaten .- Washington Star. "Why didn't you keep the horse, Ber-Bertie-"The howid creature had the impudence to tell me that the horse was bwoken, and I sent

him back for a whole one,"-Inter-Friend-"I suppose your wife often burns the midnight oil!" "Yes, I guess she does now and then; but you must remember that she hasn't much experience in cooking yet."-In-

ter-Ocean. Wife-"Charley, dear, these are grabam gems that I made all alone. Now tell me what you think of them." Charley-"Any one who tried to eat them could tell they were precious

stones."-Chicago Inter-Ocean. Papa sat reading his evening paper when Tommy came up and leaned on his knee. "Pa," said Tommy, "may I ask you a question?" "Certainly, my boy." "Then tell me, pa, where the wind is when it doesn't blow."—Hartford Journal.

Popular Similes.

As wet as a fish—as dry as a bone, As live as a bird—as dead as a stone; As plump as a partiridge—as poor as a rat, As strong as a horse—as weak as a cat; As hird as a first—as soft as a mole, As white as a lily—as black as a cost. As plain as a pikestaff—as rough as a As tight as a drum—os free as the air; As heavy as lead—as light as a leather As stonly as time—uncertain as weather, As hot as an oven—as cold as a frog. As gay as a inch—as sion as a dog;
As slow as a tortoise—as swift as the wind,
As thus as the Gospel—as false as manacinit;
As thus as a horring—as (a) as a pic,
As proud as a posicion—as blittle as a grig;

RATES OF ADVERTISING One Square, one inch, one insertion. One Square, one inch, one month... One Square, one inch, three months... I wo Square, one inch, one year... I wo Squares, one year... I guarter Column, one year... Ball Column, one year... One Column, one year... Logal advartisemants ten cents per each insertion.