

It is estimated, from the census of 1890, that the insect posts cost the

fruit growers of the United States about \$4,000,000 a year. The financial crisis in Spain has ac-

tiously reduced railroad traffic, so that nearly all lines are badly crippled, and some have been forced to offer new issucs of bonds on the market.

One of the scientific sharps has announced, notes the Detroit Free Press, that if the funny little bean from which castor oil is squeezed be grown around the windows and doors of dwellings, instead of hop vines, hollyhocks, burdocks, found or sunflowers, flies will keep so far away that you can't hear one buzz. The small boy will easily believe this.

The Rev. Thomas Craven, who has been a Methodist missionary for nearly twenty years in India, is visiting Chicago. He says, reports the New York Tribune, that almost the only news cabled from this country to India during the last few months has been that relating to silver. "Even such important matters as the election of Cleveland," he says, "might reasonably have been expected to be have been ignored in the telegraphic dispatches to India. These dispatches did not even let us know whether Cleveland was elected or not. But, on the other hand, every little motion or resolution and every interview with well-known public men on the silver question was at once telegraphed to us. This showed the keenness with which we were observing the action of this country on the silver question."

The Government of Japan has in hand plans for the construction of fourteen new railway lines. At present the railway mileage of the empire reaches some 1500, of which 894 belongs to various companies. These, it is said, will be taken over by the State. Formerly the lines were built by British contractors, with material supplied by the United Kingdom, and were operated by foreign engineers, but now the State and private companies have their own Japanese engineers, and a great part of the railway material and rolling stock can be furnished from the National shops at Shinbasi, although there is still room for considerable foreign importation in this line.

Foreigners are wont to classify Austria among the German countries. As

the most carefully cultivated agricultural country in Europe. More than half of the marriages in Kansas last year were of colored peo-ple, although this race constitutes only one-twentieth of the population.

Count Tolstoi, the Russian philosophor, declares that he entertains a great dislike to all poetry, because it prevents one from giving a "clear, intelligent and comprehensive expression to one's thoughts and ideas." He says that verses are generally the production of "literary wantonness, literary frivolity and literary insolence.'

At a meeting of railway employes in Chicago recently Eugene V. Debs, long connected with labor movements, said that out of 1,000,000 railway employes in the United States but 150,000, less than one-sixth of the entire number, were members of the various existing unions of railway employes. Probably this is about the proportion of union and nonunion men in other trades and employments, suggests Public Opinion.

Says the New York Independent on the subject of irrigation : The earliest agriculture of Europe, Asia and Africa began in arid lands. Turning to America it is discovered that this fundamental art began everywhere under like conditions of great aridity, on sandy plains and hot deserts. In the southwestern portion of the United States, the very last district of the country to be settled by white men, in some portions of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and California, where natural vegetation is so rare that it scarcely gives character to the landscape, where sandstorms drive over the country, where naked plains spread under a lurid sky, and where the landscape is often one of naked rock, and where adamantine forms stand in groves, and the trees are fossils buried in the rocks, the most ancient agriculture is found. For in the country thus described, the Indian tribes in centuries lost to history cultivated the soil by artificial irrigation, and developed corn, cotton, potatoes, and other vegetables useful to man, while the rich valleys to the north and east were yet untouched by agricultural labor.

The Southern States Magazine observes: "There appears to be an impression among those who have seen but little of the South, particularly during the past two years, that the Southern planter or farmer is so absoutely dependent upon cotton that if that single crop fails, ruin and desolation to the entire farming community will follow. While it is true that a certain number of cotton planters still hold to the time-honored plan of planting nothing but cotton, the time when this could be called a universal condition in the South has happily passed, and a new and broader farming industry has taken its place. In 1892 the cotton crop of the South was valued at about \$315,000,000. The corn erop was valued at \$248,000,000, wheat over \$40,000,000 and oatsabout \$25,000,000 These three products then were of equal value with the cotton crop. Adding to them the value of tobacco raised, over \$22,000,000; of rice, about \$10,-000,000; Florida oranges, about \$3,-500,000, and of garden truck, fruit and vegetables shipped North, between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000, the total value of the products named amounts to about \$40,000,000. It was only in the years immediately following the war that cotton was raised almost to the exclusion of other products. This was because the people were almost penniless and cotton was the one crop upon which advances could be secured. The condition of things has been steadily improving, and within the past two years the lesson taught by planting too much cotton has been so impressed upon every one engaged in it that there has been a general effort to raise more foodstuffs, and particularly to provide the food needed on each plantation or farm. The Southern farmer to-day is not solely dependent upon his cotton crop for a living. In western Tennesberth see, Arkanana, Mississippi, Louisians and Texas, while some few are following the old plan of purchasing food and planting cotton, the vast majority are raising diversified crops, and each succeeding year will see this plan carried ont in a greater degree. In Georgia and the Carolinas cotton-raising will soon hold second place, as to value, among the agricultural products of the States, not necessarily because less will be raised, but because of the mcrease in the production of cereals, fruits and vegetables. Through the western part of the cotton belt such a condition will not be likely to exist. but cotton will never again he raised

Twas the sunny Syrian sea Off the coast of Tripolt And the ironelads of England were a play i While their mimle thunder rent With its roar the firmament. As they tacked and they maneuvrod in the For our navy is the pride

Of that sea without a tide. And our home is on the deep amid the STRAY.

Something terribly amiss In a moment ! That or this, Man or mechanism? Well, I do not know On the gallant flagship came, Quick as stroke of lightning flame Or the giant rush of tempest, such a blow That, her harness rent, she bowed ; And a mighty iron shroud, With her Admiral and crew she sank

below! Do you doom they should have died On a floree and reddened tide, In the fury and the glory of the fight? With the ensign shot to rags, And with striking of the fings Of the formen on the left and on the

right : With brave rescue from the wreck. And wild cheering on the deck, That Britannia had not parted with he might?

Be such glory what it may, Yet I venture still to say That these shall not lose their guerdon or their fame, Though they died without a blow Weil, the Highest-died Haso:

And our land shall shrine their memory and their name : For the man who, in the host,

Is death stricken at his post, "It is finished" may triumphantly exclaim There is grief for me and you, But for Tyron and his crew Happy future as was honor in the past ; Though the Admiral no more May hear wind or water roar.

Though his sailors cannot battle with the blast. For, the Pilot of all seas, He will welcome souls like these. And shall guide them to fair haven-land Love mo-marry me. at last !

-London Athenseum. A MAN WITH A BABY FACE.

BY WILLIAM A. M'CLEAN, - IMMY ELLIS is indeed a funny

boy," laughed Julia Costello to a friend. "They say he

They tell me you have completely be- month. witched the boy," rejoined the friend. "I must confess he seems to act very lily said. foolishly. No matter what I do or say, or ignore him, I can't scere him away. I have never done the slightest thing to encourage him," Julia coberly re-

the farms than his father had been be- to grow in strength. It was not until fore him. He gave them his constant that time that James fully realized attention. There was no part of the that a great change had taken place. work on the farm he could not do. "Jimmy" with the baby face was Those under him knew what would be thing of the past. There was an ugly expected from them. James Ellis not sear on the forehead, another on the only knew how to manage the farms chin and one on the cheek. better than his father, but knew how were red patches where he had been to live and enjoy life and that which burned. He was no longer pretty, he made, better. He was ugly, yet not repulsively so There was not a better library in the no uglier than many other men. With town than his; he had collected it him- the fover had also gone the woman's

self. He was a lover of art, James voice. It was now like that of other Ellis was a talented man. His large men. hunting-dog heard many a soliloquy that for originality and brightness. February that he decided to venture would have rivaled the mental calibre out. He waited until it was duck of by far the greater number of his Then he made his way to the home of Julia. He was ashered into the parlor, fellow-townsmen.

James Ellis's life had been, however, where a half-light burned. In a moa failure, as he looked at it-an un- ment Julia came, coming quickly to happy failure-a miserable existence, see her "Jimmy"-the much-talked of

was his love for Julia Costello. He claimed was not content unless near her. He life. hood, and had always loved her. He The man was surprised into formal-loved her because he could not conout her. Because he believed that it mean? with woman-the best gift to man-this woman, could he alone reach the the events of the past months. As he he had failed to awaken the chords of She liked him, respected him, but he was only "Jimmy," her boy play-

mate. tween Julia and her friend, James Ellis succeeded in gaining a long-looked-

he said, in his squeaky voice: in hi "Julia, darling, I love you, I love you. This love is the sweetest, the only thing on earth that makes life

Julia could not help seeing the ridiculous in the voice, in the face, and

interrupted him several times as he spoke, saying : "Oh, don't, Jimmy ! Don't, Jimmy !" Silence ensued. He began again :

Can't you love me?" Oh, don't ! Oh, don't, Jimmy !" Julia

James Ellis urged.

"Pll wait the month," the man read-

"Make it two months." "Well, let it be two, then."

"Make it, dear, just as you will.

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HOW THE WEATHER BUREAU WARNS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

The Methods Used to Announce the Recent Terrible Storm in Iowa There Taken as an Example.

THE signal schievement of the Government Weather Bureau

in predicting the recent disastrons tornadoes in Iowa twenty-four hours in advance of their

awful visitations has brought into new prominence the remarkable accuracy with which in these days of advanced cience a weather forecast can be made The prediction of the Iowa tornado offers a noteworthy example of the

value of the Government Bureau, and illustrates the perfection of the system it employs, but the forecast in point of

bureau has reached a high grade of

If an English or a French weather

sharp were assigned to our bureau he would probably be as confused as the

average man on seeing a three-ring

circus for the first time. It is not an

uncommon circumstance for the

Weather Bureau to chase half a dozen

different varieties of storms over the

country in a day. It may be hailing

in North Dakota, a tornado may be

making sad havoc in the Western

farming belt, a windstorm may be bowling along the Atlantic cosst, im-

perilling shipping, and four or five

thunder-storms may be creating alarm

With all these complications, a

short, thick-set man, with gray eye-

over the maps which are made on the

reports of one of the Government ob-

5, paused for a moment, and then, to

Major Dunwoody was the officer

aditions, and their reports, when re-

"This looks like a tornado.

in as many different sections.

necuracy is duplicated daily. It isn't every day that a tornado starts on a wild stampede, but the weather sharps are expected to keep the cities and

towns of the country posted in advance in regard to the weather. The daily forecast has become an all-important element in all calculations, whether of pleasure or of business, and could no more be dispensed with than the tele-

efficiency.

graph or any of the other agencies which have revolutionized affairs. so much depends upon these predic-

great blessings of existence-home, spoke in that low, tender, pleasing, love, happiness. He was miserable manly voice, Julia listened enraptured because he had been and was no more There were chords in her being that to Julia than "Jimmy." He felt that, with his baby face and woman's voice, had never done before. There was love, to sound the depths of her heart. to the man-the sacred hero. At last, in low, passionate tones he pleaded : "Julia, darling, I have come for the

have come now to know whether dare hope for happiness. I'm disfigfor opportunity. Taking Julia's hand ured now-ugly, but I love you-love you, if possible, more than I ever have. Can you love me?'

tenderly caressing the scars with the tips of her fingers, whispered :

"These don't disfigure you, dear. brows and gray mustache, calmly looks You are not ugly to me."-Frank Leslie's Weekly.

servers throughout the country, and figures out just the kind of weather

Imitation American Physicians, that may be expected in every State and section. This short, thick-set American medical missionaries are ow very popular in China. They are man, with gray eyebrows and gray verywhere welcome, more especially mustache, is the official who, on excause they offer medical advice and medicine gratis, prefaced with re-ligious exercises. The Chinese apamining the maps on the night of July ligious exercises. The Chinese ap-pear to appreciate this kind of practithe surprise of his assistants, murmured: cal religion. In a recent letter to the Missionary Herald, Doctor Chapin who read the signs aright. The Govtells of his missionary successes in the ernment observers at Sioux City, Des vicinity of Fang Chuang, and says: "On this trip I learned for the first Moines, Ia., Keokuk and Omaha, had all reported threatening atmospheric time that there are in this part of Chins a number of 'counterfeit' forduced to tracings on the maps, showed that the centre of the atmospheric disigners. I was myself taken to be one of that class because of an ability to make myself understood in Chinese. turbances was at Cheyonne, with the winds racing from all four points of the compass toward the Wyoming capital. Major Dunwoody has had It seems that one or more enterpris ing celestials have gone into the work

of dispensing medicines after the manan intimate acquaintance with storms I ner of the American physician. Usu-ally two or three men go together. for years, and this tornado didn't fool

In consequence

passes for a foreign language.

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On afternoons, when baby boy has had a' splendid nap. And sits, like any monarch on his throne, in

nurse's lap, In some such wise my handkerchief I hold

before my Inco. And cautiously and quietly I move about the

Then, with a cry, I suddenly expose my faces

to view, And you should hear him laugh and crow

when I say "Boob !"

Sometimes that rascal tries to make believe that he is seared,

And, really, when I first began he stared and stared and stared :

And then his under lip came out and farther out it came. Till mamma and the nurse agreed it was a

"cruel shume" But now what does that same wee todling,

lisping baby do But laugh and kick his little heels when I

my "Booh ! He laughs and kicks his little heels in rap-

turons glee, and then In shrill, despotic treble bids me "do it all

nden I And I-of course I do it : for, as his progenftor.

It is such protty, pleasant play as this that I am for !

And it is, ob, such fun 1 and I am sure that I shall rue tions it is not surprising that the

The time when we are both too old to play the game of "booh"

-Eugene Field, in Chicago Becord

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A tes party-An old maid. - Truth." The time to burn a letter is before is mailed.-Galveston News,

Every man has his price, except those that are worth buying .- Puck. The difference between marbles and billiards is about ten years in the ago of the play. - Puck.

A deaf man cannot be legally convieted. It is unlawful to convict a man without a hearing. -Siftings.

Father in-law "I am ruined; all is ost." Son-in-law--"Ahem! Then I married for love, after all !"-Tit-Bits. If there were no great fools in the world, we wouldn't be nearly so well satisfied with ourselves as we are .--Pack.

"She never told her love." But if he didn't get wind of it, it was no fault of the busy-bodies.-Boston Transcript.

A minister who was given a match sealed in an envelope for a wedding fee made light of the imposition. -Philadelphia Record.

"Did Bilkem leave anything when he died?" "Yes: his creditors. They're the worst left lot you ever saw."-Buffalo Courier.

The fool seeketh to pluck the fly from the mule's hind leg, but the wise man letteth the job to the lowest bidder.-Memphis Appeal.

Applicant-"Will there be a chance to get up in the world?" Proprietor "At half-past three in the morning." -Kato Field's Washingto

worth the living to me. Be mine.

"Won't you give me your answer?

again pleaded. "Can I hope? Tell me scmething,"

"I hardly know what to say," Julia is head over heels answered. "I have never thought of in love with you such a thing as you have spoken of. follows you, is It seems funny. You seem but the boy to be found some- I played with yet. I hardly know where near you whether to bid you to hope or not to most of his time, hope. I might enswer better in a

"Four months might be better yet."

caused by a baby face and a woman's and admired hero of the night of the fire-and to congratulate him on his His greatest happiness, and at the recovery. She rushed up to him, and same time his greatest unhappiness, taking his outstretched hand, ex-"Oh, Jim-" stopping, startled as worshiped her. It was the love of a she looked in his face, then stammer strong man; the only love of a lonely ing, continued: "Beg-pardon-Mr. He had known her from child- Ellis-I'm so glad to see you!"

ceive how life could be complete with- addressed him thus before. What did

something in her being that went out

answer promised, that can make life Shortly after the conversation be- the sweetest thing on earth to me.

As he held her in his arms, Julia,

a matter of fact her German speaking population is but limited, and annually losing ground. The increase in population among the German inhabitants of Austria is but 5.17 per thousand per year ; the increase with the Italians in Austria is 5.92, and with the Slavonic races 7.93. Of 100 marriageable women in the German districts of Austria, forty-one find husbands; among the Slavonic races the percentage is fifty two. One of the reasons for this showing is that in the German districts of Austria the economic management of affairs is almost prohibitory to marringe among the younger sons and daughters of the peasants. The homestead goes to the eldest son, whose brothers and sisters become his servants. Among the Slave the family property is equally divided among all children after the death of the father. and each one is allowed to begin house keeping on his own hook.

The trials of the rainmaker are, indeed, numerous, remarks the Washington Star. For a long time it has been asserted that a rainmaker is a myth. People may think they produce rain, and they may make other people think so; but, according to the doubters, it is a case of imagination purely. Under conditions like these the rainmaker might comfort himself with the thought that genius very seldom secures prompt appreciation and go his way, feeling sure that posterity would see his vindication. But now comes a grief of an entirely opposite character. A Kansas rainmaker boasted that's cloudburst, which came quite unpredicted, was the result of his professional endeavors. Thereupon a Kansas farmer arose with a claim for damages because the cloudburst had destroyed his crops, and the wife of a man who was killed in a washout wants liberal damages. The dilemma is a painful one. The rainmaker must either repudiate his science and declare that his assertions were empty boasts, or else he must assume the moral and financial responsibility for this devastating storm. It is an interesting problem, too, for the courts to handle, and the public will wait with interest for light which the judicial mind may throw on the question of to what extent it is possible for a raluin place of food products, as has been maker to be responsible for rain. dono in the past."

"What's the matter with the boy, then, that he hangs around you so much?" the friend asked.

"I don't know," Julia slowly said, and added in a wistful manner, "I man-will ever look like a man. "He'sa pretty boy, anyhow," laughed the friend.

"Pretty as a baby," said Julia, joining in the laugh.

The subject of this conversation was not a boy, but a man of thirty years. A man of full stature, yet with the ex-pressionless face of a baby. It was manhood and strength. He feared the round and full. The skin was of a soft pink color, with a tinge of darker color in the cheeks. The eyes were large and of a light blue, and opened in an ings that he could detect. innocent surprise when their owner was spoken to. He had a little chubby nose and a small mouth. There were no lines or shadows on his face He was a pretty man; so pretty that was a country town in which every his face was repulsive to man and to womankind. There was nothing

about the face to counteract the seem ingly expressionless vacuity there. Strangers continually asked, "Who is the man with the baby face?" The reply was always "Jimmy Ellis." The man James Ellis was swallowed up in the boy Jimmy.

the effects of his boyishness. His voice of the fire, could be seen a woman. was pitched an octave higher than is usual in men. He spoke in a light, chattering tone that went off into a screech. He talked and laughed like at the woman. Who would make a All his male associates as he became older grew away from him, deriding the man with a baby face and a woman's voice. Womankind seemed over to be making sport of him.

James Ellis was extremely sensitive helped her to the ladder that had been in respect to these characteristics. He was conscious of the fun and sport raised. others were having at his expense. In while he did so, he hated there was a fall of heavy timber into consequence he gave humanity a wide that big baby face of his. It made the house; a column of sparks went life misersole to him. It angered him upward. at times to hear his own voice. He

had in vain tried to coax a growth of Ellis had not appeared. At last anxiad given up any further attempts in knocked down by the falling timber. this direction

Notwithstanding these outward where he was lying. signs, Jamos Ellis was a man of true. honest, and honorable instincts and aspirations. He delighted in the pleasures of a robust menhood. He was an all- face, cutting and tearing great gashes round athiete. There was not a better the whole length. The hot embers of horseback-rider in the town in which the wood had burned great red blotches he lived. His mother had died when along the wound. he was a child. His father died when he reached his majority, leaving him a keeper over the home.

am content if only in the end you will One of these dresses in foreign cosbe mine." tume and talks a gibberish which is So it was decided that at the end of not understood by the natives, and so

four months she would give her answer, yes or no, to his suit, or whether he might hope or whether it was hopewonder whether Jimmy will ever be a less. This was February-June might that fraternity, the bogus representawitness the making of one life or it tive of America is quite willing to remight not.

prive contributions of grain to feed the While James Ellis was content to animal which helps convey him from wait, he was not hopeful. He was only "Jimmy" to Julia. Jimmy, the boy-erain nears in upon grain pours in upon him by the quanthe playmate with the pretty face and a woman's voice. Julia wished a man tity. This is disposed of by a confed erate at the nearest fair, and then Ah for her husband, representative of Sin departs for 'fresh fields and pastures new." decision. The time crept on fast; weeks had flown, a month passed. There was no change in Julia's feel-

The Great Game of the Chinese, Weichi is the greatest game of the

It was in the latter part of March Chinese, especially with the literary that, in the dead of night, a fire-alarm class, and is ranked by them superior was sounded. Men sprang from their to chess. Like chess, this game is of a general military and mathematical beds, jumped into their clothes. It character, but is on a much more ex. man and many women were needed to tended scale, the board containing 261 fight the dread flend. It was soon dis places and employing nearly 200 men covered that a weather-boarded dwellon a side. All of the men, however, have the same value and powers. The object is to command as many places top of it was wrapped in flames. James on the board as possible. This may Ellis was among the first on the ground. be done by inclosing empty spaces, or close calculation is always essential in Another characteristic heightened In the second story room, by the blaze order that a loss in one region may be met by gains in another, thus employ ing skillful stragey when the contest ants are evenly matched. The game has come down from great antiquity, being first mentioned in Chinese writing move to save her? Like a flash James about 625 B. C. It was in all proba-Ellis rushed toward the house, kicked bility introduced by the Babylonian open the door, disappeared, fought his astronomers, who were at that time inway through the smoke and heat in structors of all the East -- Chicago the second story until he reached the Herald. woman. He dashed out a window and

Au Educated Snake,

As the crowd watched James Ellis ly, a farmer living two miles south of Sharpsburg, was observed to stop and bellow regularly at a large tree in the lane, while the cattle were being driver Seconds passed. The fire from the field. Some boys watched James her one day and observed a large black snake approach and milk the cow. whiskers to hide the face. A tuft of ous watchers crept into the house and Driving her home they told Philip vellow hair here and there was all that came upon the body of Ellis lying at Lumm, who works on the farm, wh made its appearance. In despair he the bottom of the stairs. He had been got into the tree with a gun and waited for results. When the cows came from The fire had not reached the place the field this particular cow stopped at the tree and bellowed, when the snake appeared and was shot by Lumm -

Roosters vs. Weasel,

A weasel sneaked out of his lair near Stroudsburg Wednesday and gobbled It was only after weeks of erreful up one of Mrs. Joseph Frymire's little nursing by the faithful aunt that chickens. Two bantam roosters were home in the Pennsylvania town of B- James Ellis was pronounced well. He near by and they set upon the thievand two farms lying near the village. had recovered from the wound to fall ing beast with such vigor that both his An aunt had becu installed as house- lato a fever. It was June when the eyes were picked out, and ha died soon doctor told him he had done all he afterward -- Philadelphia Record.

him by pretending to rende The Major is an old army Chevenne officer, who understands all about flank mevements, and he began to In figure out where the main attack might imitation of American physicians, all be expected. medicine is given away, but, unlike

He was sitting on a high stool in the forecasting room at the Weather Bureau, calculating on the tornado's probable evolution. 'The Major read the report of the storm sentinels at Sioux City and Des Moines over again, and then drew a circle, with the centre at Cheyenne and the circumference to wards the East, touching Davenport. The Major's experience taught him that the most trouble might be expected in the southeast segment of the circle, and before 9 o'clock that night all the observers who furnished the alarming reports were instructed by wire to send out warnings to cities and towns on the respective sections, and orders were also given to employ every means

to inform the country districts of the impending peril.

Hours before the storm broke with its terrible fury express trains running through the isolated communities had carried the bureau's intelligence, and those who lived far from the railroad station were warned by whistles, which were blown according to an established and well-understood code.

How quickly all this was accomplished illustrates the efficiency of the dovernment system, as directed by Chief Harrington. At 8 o'clock on the night of the 5th the observations were made, and an hour later Major Dunwoody, with quick judgment, based on long experience, had located the storm, and had sent out a forecast to the threatened community, telling of the dangers to be feared. How much greater might have been the damage to property, and how much greater the oss of life, but for the warnings! The Weather Bureau did not an-

ounce that a tornado might be exected, as tornado predictions went out of favor with the young army lieutenants. The warning, as sent oul, was to the effect that severe local thunder storms were threatened, and the farmers knew full well what was meant. As interpreted by them, it signified that a ground cellar would be a good place in which to spend July 6.-New York World.

One Hundred Years Old, Still in Practice

Doctor DeBossy, of Havre, France, has passed his hundroith year. He is still in active practice, and at a dinner given in honor of his hundredth birthday, he made a speech in which he stated that his father had lived a hundred and seven, and he intended to do the same

English farmers furnished the United States last year \$1,000,000 worth of pickles,

She-"I wonder why they call these angel sleeves?" He-"What class could they be called when you wear them?"-Indianapolis Journal.

No one can appreciate the value of a match as can the smoker who lives in a house that is lighted by electric light and heated by steam. -- Life.

She-"Am I the first girl you ever proposed to, darling?' He (sincerely) - "No; but you are the only girl who ever accepted me."-Brooklyn Life.

Friend-"You don't take any outing in the summer, I suppose?' Iceman-"Well, no: that's when I have my innings, you know."-Detroit Tri-

"I have a notion to poke you in the face," said the boy to the banana. 'What face?" asked the banana. "My face," said the boy. - Indiauapolis Sentinel.

Philosophers go about saying this is woman's age. According to her own account woman denies it-denies having any age; she is always young .---Flaming Sword.

"How do you like your new lady help, Mrs. Todgers." "I should like her a good deal more, Mrs. Bodgers, if she was a little less the lady and a little more of a help,"-Tid-Bits.

Novelist - "I'd like to have my heroine do something absolutely unique!" Friend-"Yes? Why don't you have her faint when there's no one looking."-Detroit Tribune.

Tramp-"Can you assist me along the road, mum?" Lady of the House "Personally, I cannot ; but I will unchain my dog, and I know he will be most pleased to do so."-Tit-Bits.

"Aren't you in the grave-robbing business?" asked the lawyor. profession, sir," responded the witness, with dignity, "is that of exhum-atorial artist."-Indianapolis Journal. Mrs. Flockton-"I wonder is it true? People say that you sometimes go to

sloop over your sermons." Farson Dunleigh-"People, I suspect, judge me by themselves."-Boston Transcript

"Then you think I can never learn to dive. I don't see why?" Professor -"My dear young lady, you must remember that you would have to keep your mouth shut."-Chicago Inter-Jetenati.

First Traveler-"What is your besiiess?" Second Traveler (haughtily) "I am a gentleman, siz." First Travelor-"Indeed! How long have you been out of work?"-New York Horald.

'I suppose it is quite cool in the Scotch Highlands, even in summer," said a Pittsburger to a friend who had been in Scotland. "Yes," the latter roplied, "the hills wear their furze all the time."-Pittsburg Chronicle.

was making headway rapidly. He was tenderly picked up, carried out of the house and to his home. The Antietam Valley (Cal.) Record. falling timber had struck him in the

A cow belonging to John II. Snave-

ing-house had taken fire at the roof When the crowd reached the house the It was thought that every soul had left surrounding the enemy's men. the house. There was a terrible scream. The blood froze in the men's faces as they looked at the awful scene. They looked at each other, then back