RATES OF ADVERTISING

Parisian policemen are being mounted on bicycles. The police officials are bound to get thieves on the run, comments the Hartford Journal.

In the opinion of an expert the substitution of the Italian for the Irishman and the German in laboring circles is the prime cause of the falling off in sunstroke.

There are about 68,000 postoffices in the United States. About 67,000 of them do not pay their running expenses. The profit of the New York postoffice is \$4,000,000 a year.

The Japanese are now making tennis rackets, and some of them, the New York Ledger learns, are imported to the United States. The workmanship is uncommonly fine, and all the materials look durable. Europeans in Japan have long played tennis, and the game originated a good deal nearer Japan than Europe. It was the Badminton brought to England by East Indian travelers.

The national guardsmen of New York will hereafter be presented by the State with a handsome medal for long service. These medals are to be presented for a service of thirty, twenty-five, twenty, fifteen and ten years, and are designed to be manufactured of eighteen karat solid gold, gold and silver, silver and bronze, and bronze, according to the increased years of service. There is no difference in the design, except that the medal for thirty years is set with brilliants.

Heat holidays have now been established by law in the public schools of Switzerland, and, in the opinion of the New York Tribune, our educational authorities might do worse than take a hint from this enterprising and progressive little republic, which for centuries has been famed for its enlightenment and common-sense. Recognizing the well known fact that the brain cannot work properly when the heat is excessive, the children are dismissed from their tasks whenever the thermometer goes above a certain point. Were this sensible regulation to be adopted in this country steps would have to be taken to safeguard the thermometers from being nefariously doctored by the enterprising American schoolboy.

Dr. Erwin F. Smith, of the department of agriculture, described to the American Association for the Advancement of Science the other day an important discovery that he has made of a post which has been giving great and increasing trouble to the watermelon raisers of the South. It is a fungus growth, which attacks the vines under the ground, speedily stopping up the minute water ducts of the plant, and causing it to wither away. He asserts that this year the South has lost many thousands of dollars' worth of melons through the ravages of this disease. Dr. Smith does not suggest any remedy for the disease, but he thinks that a good deal might be done for its extermination by burning the old vines. He thinks that many farmers are responsible for its spread, as they are accustomed to gather up the old vines, and allow them to rot on their compost heaps for manure.

The Russian thistle, that has created so much disturbance in the Dakotas as to cause a bill to be introduced in Congress appropriating money for its cradication, has made its appearance in Illinois, states the Chicago Record, and the farmers are called upon to do their utmost to eradicate the imported pest. The worst feature of the weed is the great rapidity with which its spreads over vast areas of territory, the seed being easily scattered by the wind. It is not a hard weed to dcal with if taken in time, for it is an aunual plant, and if out before seeding -- the last half of August--it is effectually destroyed. It is not so difficult a weed to deal with as the Canada thistle, which seems to thrive by repeated cutting. If the Russian thistle has secured a foothold in this State, it is very likely to spread fast and far. Once established in the highways and along railroad tracks, all attempts to distodge it will be of little avail. The country highway seems to be devoted to the propagation of noxions weeds, while the right of way of a railroad company is not kept with much idea of killing weeds. The Russian thistle is eagerly eaten by sheep, and, if cut when young, is liked by cattle. It is not a worse pest on a farm than the ox-cye daisy. But the farmers of Illinois have enough to contend with without the Russian thistle being added to their burdens, and self-interest should prompt them to a vigorous werfare against this newly arrived foreigner.

UP AND AWAY IN THE MORNING. Tide's at full ; the wave breaks white (Oh, up and away in the morning); Sine is the blown grass, red is the height; Washed with the sun the sail shines white (Ob, up and away in the morning),

Wide is the world in the laughing sun (Oh, up and away in the morning). Work's to be done and wealth's to be won Ere a man turn home with the homing sun (Oh, up and away in the morning).

Long is the heart's hope, long as the day (Oh, up and away in the morning). Heart hath its will and hand bath its way Till the world rolls over and ends the day

(Ob, up and away in the morning). It's home that we toll for all day long (Oh, up and away to the morning). Hand on the line and heart in the song, The labor of love will not seem long (Oh, up and away in the morning).

HOME, HOME IN THE EVENING. When the crows fly in from son (Oh, home, home in the evening), My love in his boat comes back to me, Over the tumbling leagues of sea-(Oh, home, home in the evening).

And when the sun drops over the hill (Oh, home, home in the evening), My happy eyes they take their fill Of watching my love as he climbs the hill

(Oh, home, home in the evening). And when the dew falls over the land (Ob, home, home in the evening), I bold in my hand his dearest hand, The happiest woman in all the land

(Ob, home, home in the evening), All day she sang by the cottage door (Oh, home, home in the evening);

At sundown came his boat to the shore-But he to the hearthside comes no more, Home, home in the evening.

-Charles G. D. Roberts, in the Century.

KITTY'S ADVENTURE.



OOD-BY, dear." "A safe journey and a pleasant The train began

to move. Kitty Belwhistle distributed a farewell series of nods and smiles. She felt quite at the invalid. ing them. They

were sorry to lose

their guest un-Their brother sorrowed also, but not

was, had not spent three weeks at This horrible pair were evidently bent Northwitch Grange for nothing. The upon improving the occasion. understanding between herself and Rosenbaum offered her a co the heir of the Northwich acres was per. Declined with thanks. pretty definite, that young gentleman flattered himself. They were almost, if not exactly, engaged.

Kitty had made the usual stipulawithin the space of twelve months from date, she met somebody else she liked better than dear Chubbington, all that had passed between the liquor with great good will. They

an idle dream. If on the other hand, she did not, then-Kitty pulled up the window and plies sank back into her comfortable corner K The first-class compartment contained no other passenger than the charming young lady in the sealskin coat and crimson-leathered toque who consulted her complexion in the strip of looking glass before she fell to

The journey was tedious, and would be certain to be a cold one upon this empty noise and bustle of a station keen, frosty January day. But Kitty, who always was distin-guished by admirable forethought in matters where her own well-being was

overhauling her bags and packages.

concerned, had got all her little comforts around her. "Eau de cologue? Yes, the house maid put it in. How stapid of Parker to catch bronchitis! Of course, I was obliged to leave her behind. If I had insisted on her traveling she would

have been sure to incur a fresh chill and die on me out of spite. "If anything in the shape of an adventure could possibly present itself in the course of the humdrum seven hours' railway journey between Nor-wich and Liverpool, I should be inclined to welcome it, unless it came in

"Let me just peop at the lanched wiches, hard-boiled eggs and anchovy ditto, a bottle of cold tea, half a pine Poor Chubby !"

And Kitty smiled a heartless little shaking hand. smile at the remembrance of Chubby's pink tinged nose and tearful eyes. Then she opened a brand new railway novel, "The Fang of the Adder," and immersed herself in the most thrilling | the traveling cap and wet his forechapter of that electrical work :

"Forked and lurid flushes of lightning "Forked and harid Rushes of Jiguinian sheenily played over the midnight azure. A low peal of thunder rumited overhead as Paulina gained the churchyard. She reached the lonely resting place of the man whom her heart had worshiped, the man whom her relentiess hand had guided to his doom.

"Did he but know it, Cherrington Chim was hitterly avenued."

was hitterly avenued.

"As sols thickened in his murderess's stranging throat and she sank forward amid the matted and tangled grasses—what "A hand touchot her on the shoulder. A

"Kimpton, Kimpton! Change 'ero for Carbury and Walsing, The train slowed and stopped, with

door. A dark-faced, mustached, fur-coated stranger got in hurriedly. He trampled on Miss Belwhistle's toes good their escape, leaving their helpand apologized floridly. His tone less dupe alone—alone with their offended her ears; the perfume which exhaled from his garments offended And at last the express slackened

a still more sensitive perception.

He trampled on Kitty's toes again Ely. bundle, the helpless figure of another man, and deposited it in a further miss? What do you say?" corner of the compartment, with evi-

of her vis-a-vis, resumed her perusal of "The Fang of the Adder."

individuals interchanged a sentence of the dead man? or two in an undertone and then settled down to their respective newspapers. The invalid lay back helpssly in his corner, swaying from side to side with the motion of the

and a long gray ulster. From under-neath the edge of the ulster peeped a pair of tiny little feet in patent-leather As much c. his profile as was visible

to Kitty's observation was perfectly ter. It bore this inscription; regular and of a waxen delicacy. The ungloved right hand, which rested stiffly on his knee, was small and dazzingly white. "Oh," exclaimed Miss Belwhistle

involuntarily as the express rounded a curve and the invalid lurched violently to the right. The mustached and scented strangers looked over their newspapers.

Kitty had half risen from her seat.

"I—I beg your pardon. I—I was afraid the—your friend was going to and the signor, gets out for a drink,

which lay sprawling on the floor. "The young lady thought Mr. Walker might be feeling ill, Sig. Denzo," remarked No. 2. "Tell him to" "Estremamente!" said Sig. Denzo. answer hisself if he's got any manners in him," the signor added, and looked

fond of the Chol-mondeleys, now in a queer, highly pitched voice, which seemed to come from under the seat which he occupied.

"I thank you, miss, for your kind inquiries and beg to say I am quite

Kitty began to regret the exclamaas one without hope. Business of a tion of alarm into which she had been pressing nature was likely to take him betrayed. She began to wonder how up to London in the course of a week long it would be before the next stopr so.

Kitty, experienced hand that she of exchanging to another carriage. Rosenbaum offered her a comic pa-

The signor produced a silver flask of cognac, which might have contained about a quart, and audaciously invited the young lady to test the quality of its contents. Declined with thanks.

Upon which both the signor and Mr. Rosenbaum applied themselves to them was henceforth to be regarded as produced huge packages of sandwiches and ate with gusto and without offering the invalid a share of their sup-

Kitty burned with indignation and was conscious of a yearning in the direction of her well filled luncheon basket, but dread of provoking the civilities of her companions staid her. She would change at the next station they stopped at, and then-

Thank goodness-an old town rising out of the snowy landscape! The eeding. She collected her luggage hastily; she peered anxiously out of the window scarching for a porter. "By your leave, miss," said the odi-

ous voice of Rosenbaum. He opened the door and jumped out upon the platform. The signor followed. They vanished, arm in arm, into the refresh-

"Porter," cried Miss Belwhistle, but no functionary responded to her call. She leaned out of the window. Sno waved her muff, She called to the porter again without success.

There was a dull crash, a sickening thud, behind her. She turned. invalid Mr. Walker had tambled out of his seat and lay prostrate on the floor. Before the affrighted girl could the form of a railway smash. Ugh! utter a scream for help the express moved on. Where, where were those callous companions of the sick man? Tongue and turkey sand | Doubtless Rosenbaum and the signor

had been left. She raised the head of the insensiand a bag of maccaroous. Perhaps ble man. He was lighter than she Chubby superintended the arrange- had expected and strangely, strangely stiffer. She opened his collar with a

> She got out the bottle of tea and endeavored to pour a little down his Useless. The rigid lips were throat. not to be forced apart. She removed head and temples with cau de cologne. He showed no signs of reviving. She wiped his face with her handkerchief and-oh, horror!

She looked at him more closely. The strange light blue eyes that maintained their horrible unwinking stare, the deadly color of the face and the icy coldness of its contact struck a shill to her. She felt at his heart, Not a beat! Mr. Walker was dead-

Had his murderers-they must be a jerk. Kitty shut the book and let his murderers -painted the dead face of a wreck which occurred there down the window. with the hues of life, deceived her nearly 2000 years ago. -The Athe-Something darkened the carriage eyes with ronge and powder as they nacum.

speed, jolted, stopped. They were at She might scream now, and she "What's here? Gentlemen ill,

Thus the guard.

"There has been murder here," she Another mustached, scented and said, looking out upon the throng of for-coated stranger followed and sat faces that surrounded the carriage himself down in the seat immediately | door. "Telegrah to the last stopping opposite Miss Belwhistle.

Kitty, in a state of freezing indifference to the admiring manifestations deed. Ah, there they are!"

Here they were in leed, the guilty wretches. Dared they brazen it out? The two mustached and fur-coated Did they mean to deny all knowledge of Health, who has been in Europe in-

"This is a serious charge, you know, gentlemen. I must trouble you to come along with me."

"With pleasure, Mr. Polizeman, said the signor, with horrible lightarriage.

He was small of stature and slight here first, with your kind obligement. of limb. He were a gray-flapped traveling cap, tied under the chin, and a long gray ulster. From under-you have better the English language. Please explain.

Rosenbaum drew a large poster from the bulging pocket of his fur cost. He gravely hauded it to the station-mas-

TO-NIGHT. At the Temple of Varieties, Ely. Herr Rosenbaum and Sig. Denso, The Marvelous Conjurors and Ventriloquists, in Taeir Unparalleled Entertainment, In which the ANIMATED DUMMY will also COME EARLY.

"This here jointed wooden figure with the wax face and hands," went on Roseubaum, "is the dummy, He usually travels in the guard's van, but "Anything wrong, miss?" inquired the guard couldn't guarantee his reaching Ely in condition to appear before the public, having a fox-terrier pup in charge as was given to worrying. So we took him in the carriage with us. faint," she breathed. To cover her confusion she stopped for her book, than we bargained for we whipped into a second-class compartment.

-Gentlewoman.

Mexican Skill With the Rope.

"The cowboys of New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona are all skilled in the art of using the lasso," said Louis Edwards, of Santa Fe. "I used to be in the ranching line myself, and once thought I could throw a rope as straight as any man living. But that was before I mixed to any extent with the Mexicans. As good as the American cowboys are, they can't hold a candle to a Greaser when it comes to the roping business. They can do things with hemp that no other mortals can ever hope to accomplish. As the Australian'stands out pre-eminently in throwing the boomerang, so does the ignorant son of the 'land of God and liberty' exceed all other men in this one accomplishment.

"A Mexican will chase a steer at full speed, and while he guides his bronco with one hand, whirl his rope with the other, and it isn't once in a thousand times that the noose will fail to catch just where the rider meant. favorite trick with them is to stick a lot of long-handled knives in the ground close together within the limits of a narrow circle, and bet with outsiders that they can ride past at racehorse speed and pick up any one of the knives designated with a rope. They are good marksmen with the ride, too, but in this regard the cowboys are fully their peers."-Washington

Englishmen Grow Taller.

Francis Galton has collected some interesting facts in regard to the effect of athletics and improved physical condition during the last forty years on the physique of the middle

Mr. Galton gives instructive evilence of the amelioration of the upper middle class. When he was an undergraduate at Cambridge, from 1849 to 1844, although but five feet nine and three-fourths inches in height, he was taller than the majority of his fellows. In addressing them he habituelly lowered his eyes, and if in a crowd he would readily see over the heads of

Writing in 1893 he states that he no longer possesses these advantages. Altered social conditions, in his opinion, have helped to improve the odily powers and address of his class; meh conditions, for instance, as more wholesome and abundant food, better cooking, warmer clothing, moderation in the use of alcohol, better ventilated sleeping rooms, more change through vacations, and, lastly, more healthy lives led by women in their girlhood. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Vase of Gold.

The Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, British Museum, has quite recently secured by purchase one of the choicest examples of ancient art in solid gold which even that great collection possesses. It is a vase of this metal in its purest condition, The faint color vanished from his without sculptures, measuring nearly cheeks, his lips turned pale. The eight inches in height, about four sick man had been painted. iches in diameter, and in shape most like a pelice when deprived of its handles. It is of Roman origin, perhandles. It is of Roman origin, per-haps of the period of Augustus. Au inscription on the bottom of the vessel indicates that its weight nearly corresponds to two pound troy of the modern scale. It was lately found by a sponge diver in the sea off the Island

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL,

A fly's egg will hatch in twelva Entomologists estimate that 10,000,

000 species of insects exist. There is harmony and discord in the combination of olors, as there is

Carriages propelled by electricity derived from a storage battery are common in Berlin.

Aluminum felloes in bicycles are expected soon as an improvement on wood in both lightness an l strongth. Willie Jones, of Girardville, Penn., having lost his shin bones by poisoning, has been supplied by a surgeon with new ones of india rubber.

vestigating Dr. Koch's new treatment for dphtheria, says that it is an absolute cure if applied in time. The phylloxera, or the vine pest, is making such ravages in the sherry wine districts of Spain that the Gov ernment has appropriated \$100,000

for the extermination of the disease. The utility of the mosquito is beyond question. It is born in the swamps, and feeds upon animal and vegetable matter, which, if allowed to decompose, would fill the air with

poisonous gases. The vital principle is preserved in seeds and eggs, fruits and vegetable during cold weather, because they have a heat of their own. The temperature of an egg or apple, down to the freezing point, is always savaral degrees above that of the surrounding

The Japanese are really a very prgressive people. The School of Science at Yokohama is remarkably thorough. One of the naval officials, Yamana, has succeeded in producing a new steel, at the Tanaka Government factory, which is proven to be a most remarkable metal. The Government has adopted it. -

A living specimen of the largest and most deadly snake known has been added to the Zoological Gardens of London. It grows twelve to fourteen feet in length, and is hooded like the cobra. It occurs in India, Burma and in the East Indian archipelago, living in forests and jungles and readily climbing trees.

The Icelanic scientist, Th. Thorolssen, is at present engaged in a very interesting series of geological observations on his native island, for which he has received generous Government support. The special object of his study is the sands and glaciers in the district of Austur-Skaptafell and the great glacier Vatnajokull, in the southeastern part of Iceland.

A French electrical journal, in reply to an offer of an award of \$10,000 by the French Government to the inventor of a simple and sure method of determining fraud in the production of alcoholic liquors, suggests that a knowledge of the tivity with that of the density might be a sufficient means, if the liquors be brought to the temperature of melt-

A Pencock's Little Game.

Sol. Stephan has made a discovery up at the Zoo. The big peacock has for several weeks made a practice of going every afternoon to the entrance gate and parading back and forth across the path for half an hour. This action occasioned no remark for a time, but after awhile it was noticed that the fowl came regularly at 4 o'clock and at no other hour, and always remained about half an hour, after which it would walk away and go about the lawns as usual till the following afternoon. For the past week a watch has been kept on it, and at last the secret is discovered. Near the gate is a glass door, leading to a cellar in the hillside, and about 4 o'clock the light falls on the door so that the peacock can see himself as in a mirror when he walks past. He evidently takes great delight in looking at himself. The strange part of the affair is that he should know just when to come, as the reflection is clear and distinct only about half an hour after 4 o'clock. - Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Street Car Hearse.

One of the San Francisco railway companies has constructed an electric funeral car for the San Mateo Cemetery. The car is named Cypress Lawn. thirty feet in length and is divided into two compartments, the forward twenty feet in length and the rear ten feet. The former is richly upholstered, tapestried and carpeted and twelve plush seats are arranged to seat twenty-four persons. In the rear, or funeral compartment, scats on each side, capable of senting twenty, are arranged for relatives and near friends, and in the centre is the bier on which the casket stands. As San Francisco has an extensive system of electric railways the car can be employed throughout the city, and will, to extent, it is expected, supersede the use of hearses and carriages for fanerals. The cost of building it was about \$2000. -- Philadelphia Record.

Cold Water is Best.

Ice water is said to be one of the deadliest foes of the American people, and its temptation in especially sidious in the days of summer. excellent substitute for real lead water, or water mails of icy temperature by containing ice, is a pitcher or caraffe of water which has stood for some hours in the refrigerator. The water is then cold enough to be very agreeable, more so than at the paralyzing temperature of ice itself; one has a pleasing consciousness of hygients virtue in drinking it and it has the added excellence of saving both trouble and ice in its preparation. - Rochester Post-Express.

MODERN COAST DEFENSE.

AN IMPREGNABLE SYSTEM OF SEABOARD FORTIFICATIONS

What Would Happen if a Hostile Fleet Should Attack New York-"Danger Areas" in the Harbor.

HAT with pneumatic dynamite gans, ten and twelve-inch steel rifles, twelve-inch steel mortars automatic gun-lifts that play with great fifty-two ton cannon as if they were toys, and all the other recent im provements in coast defense, the day is near when New York City will be protected from danger of invasion by sea by an impregnable system of forti-fications. When that day comes the Dr. Biggs, of the New York Board artilleryman's fun will be over, for promiscuous target practice is hardly possible with big guns whose life is less than fifty rounds, while each shot costs \$1000. And should an enemy's fleeet attack New York, he will have still less fun, for then he will be stuck away under a bomb-proof, where he won't know whether he scored a hit or a miss, because he won't see what he's

shooting at. Although not new, this will probaly seem to the public the most interesting phase of the development of modern ordnance. There is no exaggeration in it, either. When the pro posed system of fortifications is fin-ished, should there ever be an attack from the sea only a few dozen officers and men would be where they could see the attacking fleet at all. Almost all officers and men would be below bomb-proofs, in concrete, steel-lined gun-lifts or deep in vanited mortar

Down there, where nothing can be seen except the huge breech blocks of the great guns and the complicated machinery for moving them, the cannon wil be loaded, aimed, raised over the steel plated parapet and fired, and not a man will know what he fired at or whether the shot did any execution. The method by which this is accomplished is much more simple than would be expected from this state-

ment. It is this: The United States Engineer Corps has carefully plotted out on a map all the channels and deep-water basins and holes around New York, and then the map has been covered with little squares, each of which is numbered. Each square represents the "danger area" to a ship; that is, a shot fired anywhere in that square would hit a vessel stationed there. Now suppose all the different forts have their mortar batteries, gun-lifts, etc., which have been designed for them, and an invading fleet is sighted approaching Sandy Hook. At once every gun's company

is told off to its station. The officer in command of each gun has a table giving the numbers of the squares, and opposite each number telling him just what elevation and what lateral direction he must give his cannon in order to get the range. Each gun is connected by telegraph with an observation tower, in which are the officers commanding operations together with signalmen and other assistants. They are all provided with range-finders and glasses, and the map with the numbered squares is spread

out before them. As soon as the positions of the ships can be fixed, one of the officers begins to plot the course of the vessels on the chart. Finally, say one of the ships passes into square No. 27, and it is decided to fire at her when she gets into

square No. 28. 'Tick, tick," says the telegraph all the grim, hidden men behind the grim, hidden guns. Train guns on square No. 28. Around swing the guns, and the of-ficers elevate or depress them by aid

of level and azimuth. All is ready. The observers in the towers have seen the doomed ship steam into square 28. "Ready!" says the telegraph. Up goes the great twelve-inch guu on its disappearing carriage. Up flies the ten-inch rifle on its big gun lift. The dynamite guns and the mortars don't nove. They are already trained on the square because they fire at a great angle. The ship passes into the square. "Fire!" ticks the telegraph.

With a crash that shakes the earth flames burst from a dozen different points and the next instant a quarter of a hundred projectiles fall on the ship. The guns drop back behind parapets and the deafened, powder-blackened men clean them quickly and load again. They have nothing else to do. They cannot tell what effect their fire has had. They have seen nothing. They can hear nothing unless shells from the ships fall on their gun pits and tear up the earth above them, trying to get at

This is no mere theory. It has been proved in practice that with the accuracy now absolutely attained by the modern breech-loading, all-steel rifled canuon and the all-sieel, rifled mortars, shotafter shot can be droppe: into a space less than that occupied by a modern ocean steamship.

The mortars will be placed in batteries of sixteen, consisting of groups of four, and the aggregate weight of the shells, if the sixteen be fired at once, would be 10,000 pounds, besides being filled with explosive charges.

At a test at a range of five and a half miles, ten consecutive shots all fell within a space 195 1-3 yards long and 81 yards wide, about the same space as that occupied by an ocean teamship. Thus, if an entire mortar battery, a twelve-inch and a ten-inch gun, were all fired together (unturally not a likely circumstance) 11,800 pounds of steel would fall in one square. No battle-ship affoat would be able to withstand this terrific assault. - New York World.

Sceds 2000 years old have been known to sprout.

ADVERTISE RIGHT ALONG

When trade is flush, and with a rush Large orders to you come, "You'll find it wise to advertise,"

And keep things on the "hum." When trade is poor don't close the door; The rale is still the same : "You'll find it wise to advertise,"

And thereby win fresh fame. Indeed 'tis true whate'er; ou do, This is the safest plan, "You'll lin I it wise to advertise" For then you lead the van.

HUMOR OF THE DAY,

High society is often simply low sosiety in flue raiment, -Albany Argus, St. Louis now having a depot, trains will probably stop there for way pay-

-Henry Morrill Warren.

sengers.—Chicago Mail. Teacher-"What is discretion?" Bad Boy-"Gittin' over th' fence first when ye call 'nother feller names." ---

A soldier in summer camp making love to a pretty girl shows the pleas-anter side of a courtmartial. -- Philadelphia Times.

The Opposite: Jones (facetiously) "Got a wife at last, eh?" Smith (solemnly)—"No, my wife got a husband at last!"--Vogue.

Amy-"How can I influence Charlie to propose?" Mable-"Get some one to tell him you'd be sure to reject him."-Detroit Free Press.

"It's all up with me," groaned Sky-lite as he sank on the eighth stairway... endeavoring to reach his flat after a hard day's labor. -Boston Courier, Little drops of water Sprinkled into stocks

Leave the gentle lamblet Quite bereft of rocks. —Philadelphia Life. The reason why people who see what they think are ghosts never grapple with them is that they know it is dangerous to hug a delusion. - Boston

Transcript. Love for the sea is felt when one leans over the rail of a ship, looking out over the deep blue ocean, feeling ready to give up everything for it .-Texas Siftings.

"They say Sphoftley was badly hit by that handsome Miss Phlirtem the other night." "I'm not surprised. I saw her throw her eyes at him several times."-Buffalo Courier.

Van Pelt-"Are you a believer in the theory that one should marry a wife his opposite in temperament?" Enpec-"Don't bother about that; they 're all opposite enough."-Puck.

I rather think I'm getting old—
I feet it in my bones:
And girls who called me Uncle Bob
Now call me Mister Jones!
—Harper's Bazur.

A girl is perfectly justified in looking with suspicion on a young man who tries to convince her that diamond rings are no longer fashionable for engagement purposes .- Merchant Trav-

Judge-"You say your boy was kept in the house nights and read books. What books?" Father (of the youthful accused) -- "The Boy Ban-dits of Bombay series." -- Boston Transcript. "Conductor," said the weary com-

muter, "I wish you would open this "Oh, you do, do window for me.' you?" returned the conductor. you take me for a 'strong man?' "-Harper's Bazar. Mande-"Ob, he wrote me a lovely poem. It began, 'When you would

know why men go mad, go gaze into your mirror'" Bertha-"What bosh! You're not so ugly as all that."--Pearson's Weekly. Wife-"The doctor says I will gain ten or fifteen pounds if I go away for a month. Can't I go, dear?" Hus-band-"Not much! Why, not one of

your gowns would fit you then."-New York Herald. Wylie (talking over college days)-"And whatever became of Daller, the only fellow in the class who was always at the foot?" De Biggs-"Professional chiropolist, the last I heard." -Buffalo Courier.

growl because I don't work. All your first husband did was to whittle." Weary Wife-"Yes; but I always found enough shavings after he got through to build the fire in the morning."-Syracuse Post. "And what's your reason for increasing the servant's wages, pray?" her friend asked. "Because my husband

complained that my dress and millin-

Second Husband - "You needn't

cry bills equaled the household expenses, and I want to show they do not.".—Fliegende Blactter. "Did you divide your apples with Freddie?" Robbie - "No; I give 'em all to him." "Did mama's generous little boy enjoy seeing his friend eat them more than having them himself?" Robbio-"Yes; mobbe he'll get sick an' then I can borrow his bi-

A Record Breaking Turtle,

cycle."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A turtle weighing between 800 and 1000 pounds, seven feet long, six feet wide and two feet talek, was recently aught near Baltimore. The head was two feet in circumference, and a man could got his head in the turtle's month. Its flus were as long as a man's area and a foot wide. It was caught in a net, and had to be raised out of the net and on the shore with a block and tackle. It required fifteen minutes and a crowd of men to get the turtle on the bost. When the monster was taken off the steamer it required six men to turn it on a juries received in being heisted out of the seine. The Maryland Academy of Sciences will have the big shell mounted .- New York Advertiser.