The trolley has invaded the land of the Pharaoha. Cairo, Egypt, is to have

Mr. Selous, the celebrated English traveler and hunter, says that the great curse of the British Empire in Africa is drink.

Steam street railways are more common in Italy than in any other country. There are now nearly 2000 miles of such lines.

Captain L. S. Hinde, of the Belgian service in Africa, writes that in spite of their slave trading propensities the Arabs, during their forty years' domination, have brought the Manyema and Malela country to a state of high prosperity, "the landscape seen from the high hills of Kassongo reminding one strongly of ordinary arable English country."

One of the proposed two-wheel or "breyele" railways from New York to Washington promises a speed of 120 miles an hour as a result of the use of electricity and the minimizing of friction. No doubt such speed is entirely within the range of what will soon be practicable, but it is still very questionable, declares the New York World, "whether same people will ever be willing to ride on any railroad willing to risk it."

The whole population of the United States could be concentrated in Texas, estimates the New York Sun, without bringing up the density of her population to that of Massachusetts. In fact if an area equal to that of Indiana were cut off from Texas the State would still hold the entire population of the United States without crowding us as the people of Massachusetts are crowded. Delaware would have more than room for us all could the whole population be crowded as are the inhabitants of New York City.

A plea is being made for the observance of a "bird day" in our schools, with the hope that it will create an enthusiasm and love for birds, and a love of nature which now has its beginning and ending in Arbor Day. If teachers are too busy to make that preparation necessary for a successful observance of such a day, why may not observance of such a day, why may not the women's clubs, as a writer in the doubt interesting to hear it. Now I ontlook suggests, shed their sweetness must not be interrupted, so settle while Rose was in attendance upon blankets in her arms. sionally, and end the hour or two devoted to the work by a simple afternoon tea to their little guests? This tale: surely would be a practical work, in the estimation of the New York Post, quite worthy their efforts, as well as of the Sunday-schools, and an occasional sermon from the ministers on an important chapter of human cou-

A number of prominent New York physicians were recently interviewed in regard to the use of hypnotism in their practice. They all admitted that they resorted to hypnosis when other means failed, and that by this means they often cured obstinate cases of insomnia and of dipsomania. The cure of the drink habit by hypnotism is no new thing, but it is a novelty to find leading physicians resorting to it. In the same way some famous surgeons hypnotize patients who object to anæsthetics, and in this way perform operations while the subject is unconscious of pain. The subject is a very interesting one, and despite the study made of it by many experts in medicine no one has yet been able to explain why one person is an easy subject and another a difficult one.

A curious case of dual brain action is described in Brain. Au insane patient varied considerably in his mental condition; in one state he was subject to chronic mania, spoke English, was fairly intelligent, and was right handed; in another state he was subject to dementia, was almost unintellible, but what could bounderstood was Welsh, and he was then left handed. In his English intervals he remembered clearly what had happened in previous English periods, but his memory was a blank to what occurred during the Welsh stages. He proferred to write with his right hand, and then wrote from left to right, but if asked to do so, would write with his left hand, and then the writing was from right to left. Mr. Bruce, who observed the case, infers from it that the cerebral hemispheres are capable of individual mental action, that the one mentally active at any time can control the motor functions, and that the patient lives two separate existences during the two stages through which he passes, the mental impressions in each existence being recorded in one cerebral hemisphere only.

DAY BY DAY.

Walking with patience where the way is

Resting in quiet when the storm is nigh, Knowing that love Divine is strong enough To bear me up, as weary days go by; Trusting that 'sorrow is but love's disgui-And all withholding, yet another way Of making richer by what love denies-

So grows the soul a little, day by day. -Mary C. Seward, in Independent,

GRANDMA'S HEROINE.

BY EDNA G. BOBBINS.



with one accord, they sought her room, tress. told their grievance and begged for a story, and, as a fitting compensation this queer present to her little daughfor the loss of Maum Penny's society ter. Hugh explained to her the cus-

ma," said Teddy.
"And not a Bible story, grandma," added Tom, "'cause they're for Sun-

cess," said Penelope.

"No," said Teddy, "don't tell a princess story. Tell us a heroine story. Did you ever know a heroine,

grandma? A real, live heroine?"

"Yes, Teddy. I believe I did,"
grandma answered gravely, then laughed as Teddy and Tom scrambled After a long cry over her disappoint-

of Joan of Arc.

my heroine story has something to do climb like a squirrel.

with a christening of long ago, it will "It did not take long for Penny to alone broke the silence. The minutes

own city of Charleston, there was a 'how yeh git in heah?' beautiful, old-time house on a vast Hall.' Mr. Porter was a young man baby. and an orphan with no brothers nor velvet and lace and her plume-laden hats would, I have been told, have graced the most royal of princesses, but Lillian was no heroine for all these, she was only a shy, spoilt child,

immediate attention at home. "They had then been in Europe more than a year, and they had a litwas really glad to return for he want- Dinah if her name was Penelope. ed to have the baby christened in the little stone church near his home fore him had been christened. But proudly, Lillian wept at the thought of returnrounded by strange beings of another race and color.

"Her husband laughed at her prejudice and told her she would learn myrtle, and against this rich backto love dear, old Maum, Dinah, who ground the tall, pale lillies leaned was black as ebony and almost as shiny, but with a heart of gold and her very tired and weak, and she

"The baby's nurse, a French girl, named Rose Pagnon, accompanied them on their return. Rose had formerly been Lillian's maid, and when they arrived at 'Porter's Hall,' Hugh advised his wife to reinstate her in her old office, and allow Maum Dinah to his heart misgave him, and he . . .

"But even Maum Dinah's kindly face, beaming with love for 'Massa Hugh' and his wife and baby failed to strong. So Lillian went to sleep con- the name of a member of the Reichremove Lillian's deep-seated repug- tented nance, and Rose reigned supreme in

went to sleep was Maum Dinah's only grandchild, "Maum" Penny a little orphan girl, twelve turned the other years old, the blackest, the children, Teddy, Tom and Penelope, colored girl that ever was seen, and out of the nursery that he might rest Dinah's, this little girl, Penny, was undisturbed. For sent as a present to the baby. undisturbed. For sent as a present to the baby.

a minute or so they stood at the hall portant and very happy, and pre-window feeling a tiny bit lonely and in her gray, red dress and white pina-Penelope thought of grandma, and, teeth shining, before her new mis-

and the freedom of the nursery, Ted-dy and Tom settled themselves com-fortably on a rug at grandma's feet, and wee Penelope nestled in herarms. fortably on a rug at grandma's feet, and wee Penelope nestled in herarms.

"Tell us a new story, please grand-Penny to the 'Quarters' and to keep her there-on no account to allow her to come into the house.

tle bit impatient, and all was so strange Tell us about a beautiful prin- to her, so Hugh seldom opposed her in any way, and poor Penny, her smiles gone and her eyes full of tears, was led away without even a glimpse of the baby she had thought and dreamed and talked so much about.

to their knees, and all the children ment, she left the little room at the her delirious from excitement when she looked at her in wonder and delight.

"Was she very, very beautiful and all dressed up in feathers and velvet and lace like the picture in Teddy's new book?" asked Penelope.

"Did you know her across the ocean, grandma, and did she run a boat and save people off wrecks?"

"Before he recovered Maum Dinah one of the windows with baby in her arms, the sight brought the grin back to her round, black face, True, she could see little more than a bundle of could see little more than a bundle of little, black figure, clad only in a little, black figure, clad only in a little, black figure, clad only in "Did they burn her, grandma—did you see them burn her?" asked Tom with a vivid remembrance of the fate on the same than a bundle of save the baby! And then they saw a little, black figure, clad only in a short, white gown, showing weirdly in Grandma smiled at the different to take note of the surroundings, and carefully along the slender limb be-

The children settled themselves "One evening while Maum Dinah arm, and nimbly and with cat-like fortably and graudma began sat with the baby laying in her lap, care she climbed out of the window her story like an old-fashioned fairy watching it lovingly and crooning to and settled herself astride the limb, it softly, Penny suddenly appeared then she slowly 'hitched' herself inch

sisters, so he found the big place too lonely to be pleasant, and, leaving it learned to love her, and the baby, who history; but children, I think she was to the care of his overseer and his had not inherited the mother's prejuslaves, he spent his time in New York | dice-, laughed and gurgled, kicked her | will mark for His own. City and in Europe. Finally he met, little pink toes and grabbed with her loved and married a very beautiful chuoby hands at Penny's kinky head. young lady of New York, named It had been decided that the baby was tening occurred on Easter morning Lillian Farley, and immediately after to be christened on Easter morning, the wedding they sailed for but it had not been decided what was Europe. With her soft, white skin, to be the baby's name. Hugh wished big blue eyes and curling, golden her called for his mother, but Lillian the old minister baptized her in her

Penelope is the name of that little whom she was named.

"They were walking on the lawn dainty, delicate and fragile as a China | when this discussion arose, and Penny, shepherdess. They wandered about who was hiding behind a tree near by, now in Spain, then in Italy, lingering she mused, wrinkling her black fore-Rome and feasting lazily about the thoughtfully, 'reekon Penel-o-pemue' they went to Switzerland, and they black monkey.' And all that day a grand old mountain when Hugh re- self the name Penelope, Penelope, adseived word that business required his miring the grand, long sound of it and

"When she paid her usual visit to tle blue-eyed baby daughter, so Hugh the baby that evening, she asked Maum

"Yes, chile, but who done tol' you so?' asked Maum Dinah; 'I name yeh where he and many, many Porters be- that mys'f fer ole Miss,' she added

"The day before Easter Lillian was ing. She dreaded the long ocean far from well, but she looked care-voyage, and more than all else, she fully after the decoration of the little dreaded living at 'Porter's Hall,' sur- ivy covered stone church.

pit the walls were almost hidden in

"Jean, you know, children, is the French for Joan,' explained Grandma. "Hugh sighed, but consented. Itis girl wife was looking so delicate that take charge of baby and the nursery. her that as soon as he could so ar- adopted by the city of Reichenbach.

"Hugh dropped into an uneasy the ex-Chancellor, - Chicago Times-slumber. The old clock on the stairs illeraid.

peaceful slumber on Maum Dinah's with smoke, and the lower story "Now in those days it was customary to the nursery and roused Rose. to give to a baby a black child to be the playmate of its childhood, and the attendant, maid or body-servant when the child grew up.

"Well, belonging to Hugh's uncle, who award the adjacing to the nursery and roused Rose. Wrapping the baby well up in blankets and giving her to Rose he bade her follow him. Returning to his room he carefully wrapped his wife in a blanket and, taking her in his arms, fought his way through the smoke and

"By that time all the black people from the 'Quarters' were huddled, an children crying and screaming. Old Maum Dinah came forward, and Hugh gave his half-fainting wife into her keeping, and though his face and hands were blackened and blistered, he started off to see if anything could be

done.
"'Attend to your mistress and the baby, Maum Dinah,' he had said, and with Lillian in her motherly arms, Maum Dinah called for the baby. "The baby! There was Rose, frightened, weeping creature, but no

"Lillian suddenly grown strong in her mother-love and anguish, rushed toward her and caught her by the shoulders. Where is my baby? Rose, where is my baby?' she cried.

"There, there,' cried the girl, pointing wildly toward the nursery windows. 'I was so fright-ened. O, mon Dieu! I laid her back in ze crib! "With a cry of awful agony Lillian

rushed toward the burning house, but before she could enter, her husband, knowing nothing of their baby's peril, caught and held her fast. He thought

"Firmly she held the baby in one "Once upon a time, a long time beside her.

ago—not in Europe—but here in South Carolina, and not far from our frum?" she cried under her breath; Porter's arms received both her and the beside her.

""Wy, chile! Web yeb come the body of the tree. There Hugh provided by the breath the body of the tree. the baby and bore them safely to the ground, and while the old house plantation. It was owned by Mr. answered Penny with a grin, dropping burned shout upon shout of thanks Hugh Porter, and was called 'Porter's upon her knees the better to see the giving arose to God. Penny, in her little night-gown, did not look much like the ideal heroines of romance, not those real ones made immortal by one of the heroines God knows and

"Notwithstanding the events of that night, the baby's chrisand Penny, proud and happy, carried her into the church and stood near among the tall, white lillies, while hair, my little Nell was beautiful declared that she would never, no never own name, Penelope, and prayed that should her gowns of call her baby Penelope! God might bless both the baby Penelope and her brave little rescuer for

> "Hugh moved his wife and baby to Charleston, and Maum Dinah and Penny, who refused to accept their proffered liberty, were given entire charge of the baby and the nursery. "Dear, faithful Penny! She it was

who, more friend than servant, cared among the beautiful, old rains of head and nodding her kinky head for her mistress tenderly all the years of her suffering life, for water streets of Venice. From Italy be me, 'cause missis allus calls me er never recovered from the effects of that terrible night-she it was who closed the tired, blue eyes at last, and some time, when God wills, she will close the eyes of the baby she so bravewishing it might really be the baby's ly saved, for Penny at seventy-two is hale and strong, while my race, as you see, is nearly run."

"Oh! Was it our Maun Penny?" asked Teddy, eagerly.
"Yes, dear, and the little baby-

"Was you, Grandma!" chronsed the children. -Sunbeams' Young People.

Measuring Cannon-Ball Velocity,

The velocity of a cannon-ball is now measured by firing it through two screens, each one of which has an electric apparatus connected with it. As the ball strikes the screen the circuit greenery, ferns and palms, tvy and is broken and the time at which is passed through each screen recorded on a clock connected with it by wire, their drooping heads. Night found so that the difference in the time at which it struck each screen is accurthe only mother his orphaned child- leaned ner fair head against his hood had ever known. breast and said coaxingly, 'Let's call then to work out the problem is to our baby Jean, Hugh, please; let's find how far apart the screens stand from each other. - New York World.

A Peculiar Bismarchian Celebration,

A peculiar method of calebrating Bismarck's recent birthday was range his business they would go The citizens built an enormous bou-North and remain till she graw fire of 163 logs, each sugraved with stag who voted against congratulating

FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS

The Latest Idol-Not in Stock-A Slur - A Champion Feat - Just Cause-Shorter, Etc., Etc. The statesman now becomes obscure.

His glory has gone hence;
The public's looking for the man
Who bats it o'er the fence.

—Kansas City Journal,

NOT IN STOCK. Customer (in hardware store)-"Do you sell the Golden Rule?" Clerk-"We don't even keep it."-

Philadelphia Record.

WHERE HE WASN'T. Cleverton-"Strange I didn't see ron at the theatre last night. I looked for you between the acts."

Dashaway-"Perhaps you looked in the theatre, old man."-Hariem Life. THAT WAS DIFFERENT. She (tenderly) - "Sometimes I wonder why you love me."

He (assentingly) - "So do I." She (indignantly)—"Sir!"
He (explanatorily)—"I mean why you love me."-Life.

Prospective Tenent (to agent)- "You say this house is just a stone's throw

"Well, all I have to say is I have a great admiration for the man who threw the stone."-Life.

"What perfect sympathy there is between Mrs. Plainface and her daugh-

"I should think so! How could sho help sympathizing with a daughter who looked like her."-Life,

A SLUE. "I never borrow trouble," said Bil-

"Well," replied the man who had once lent him money, "there's never any telling how bad a man's credit will get to be."-Washington Star.

Herdso-"Don't these Chicago peole beat the earth for being stuck on

their own town?"
Saidso-"Well, rather; the papers
there would print the story of the end of the world as local news."-I'nck.

SHORTER. She shook her head sadly. "My past is a sealed book," she answered with a sigh. "Say, rather," he implored, "say, rather, a sealed brochure. Tears of gratitude sprang to her

BROWN-STONE. He ... 'Wasn't Brown's wife named Stone before she was married?" She ... "Yes; and it was a very suita-

eyes. - Detroit Tribune.

ble name. He ... "What do you mean?" She... "Oh, nothing; only she threw herself at his head," ... Life.

A DAR TO COMPLETE ENJOYMENT. "I suppose you are looking forward to the baseball season with pleasure?" said Hobbes to his friend, the baseball

"I don't know," said the crank, pathetically. "You see, my vocal chords are in wretched condition."-

DISCIPLINE IN THE RANKS.

First Lieutenant--- By Jove, as we were going over the river on the plank bridge it gave way and the men fell Second Lieutenant--- "What did you

First Lieutenaut---"I ordered them to fall out, of course."---Pearson's

NO DISPUTE SO PAR.

"Well, old man, this is the first time I've seen you since your marriage. Allow me to congratulate you.' Thanks, dear fellow, thanks!

"Have you and your wife decided who is to be the speaker of the house?" "Well, no; we usually occupy the chair together."-Pittaburg Chronicle-

UNUTTERRABLE

"Do you not sometimes have soulful yearnings which you long to con-

sentimental girl.
"Yes, indeed," replied the young
man. "I was once dreadfully anxious. to send home for money and I didn't have the price of a telegram. "-Wash-

THE LADIES' TERROR.

"Why," thundered the King of Dahomey, lowering his field-glass, "is the left wing of the Amazons firing without orders, and breaking into re-

"Sire," answered the chief of staff, "a courier announces that a cow has appeared in front of the lines at that

THE LAST WORD,

"The estrich is a queer bird," said Mr. Blykins. "There's no excuse for its behaving in the way it does. When it sees an enemy coming it sticks its head into the sand instead of run-

"That's its nature," replied his "I know it. But just the same it isn't logical."

"Oh, yes it is, dear." "How do you make it out?"
"It's ornithological."—Washington SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The polar currents contain less salt than those from the equator.

The latest Vienna cane contains an electric light and storage battery. Sea water is said to contain all the soluble substances that exist in the

Among the latest germ theories is the one which avers that cedar-block pavements spread diphtheris.

During the last three years the average number of deaths from malaria in Italy has been forty-five per 100,-000 of the inhabitants.

Among the Armenians it is estimated that from sixty to seventy per cent. of the children die from the two diseases, typnoid fever and smallpox.

The difficulty of registering the temperature at the bottom of the ocean is due to the fact that at great depths the thermometers are crushed by the

Sergeant O'Keefe, who spent five years in the observatory on Pike's Peak, says that the lowest temperature observed was fifty degrees below zero; the highest, sixty-two degrees above.

The particles of sand, stones, shells and the like, brought up in the tallow with which the sounding lead is covered, frequently furnish indications of great value as to the position of the

A German has invented a chemical torch which ignites when wet. It is to be used on life buoys. When one is thrown to a man overboard at night he can thus see the light and find the

A great photographic camera for taking full length life size portraits has been made and used with much success by Werner & Son, Dublin, Ire-The camera takes a plate seven

feet high and five feet wide. The bacillus of diphtheria is onetwenty-five-thousandth of an inch long, and when fixed in the human throat it grows into a network with other bacilli produced from it, all operating together to produce a virulent poison, which, when taken into the blood, causes the fatal consequences so apt to follow from the disease.

As a result of a series of scientific experiments in nardening steel in a rotary furnace, the Engineering and Mining Journal concludes that the elementary principle of hardening is very simple, and that the only difficulties to be overcome are concerned with the equal heating and complete transformation of large masses of material.

About Ostriches. Those who assert that the ostrich lives on broken glass and iron nails are not quite right; but that it swallows pebbles to assist its digestion, as do many other birds on a lesser scale, when in a state of nature, and pieces of wood, metal or what not, when in a state of captivity, for the same pur-

pose, is most undoubted. The strength of the ostrich is quite a rapid rate of progression. The Africans often use it for riding purposes. Dr. Livingstone tells us that the legs of an ostrich running at full speed can no more be seen than the spokes in the

wheel of a vehicle drawn at a gallop. The ostrich can run thirty miles an hour, and the Arabs would never able to overtake them but for the strategems employed. They first follow them for a day or two without pressing too closely but sufficiently to prevent them from taking food. When they have tired out the hungry bird, they pursue it at full speed, and, taking advantage of a fact well known to them-that the ostrich always de scribes a curve in its course-them selves make a direct straight "short cut," and so gradually get within

Each adult bird produces about half pound of white and three pounds of Those from the male black feathers. bird are most highly esteemed, and all are in best condition when plucked from the living bird .- Atlanta Consti-

An Embryo Jay Gould.

The champion knife swapper lives in Gainesville, says Taggart's Times. He is a little boy, the son of a preacher, and this is his record, as given by his father :

"That boy, not many mouths since, worried me till I bought him a knife. Like a boy he left it out one night and it got rusty. Then he lost interest in it, and began at once to swap it off. Well, the little rascal has naturally a knack for trading, and, sir, he took that rusty knife and with a little work on it and a good deal of talking he succeeded in exchanging it for two good knives. These knives in turn he traded for three knives, worked considerably on them and got a cheap watch for the three. He kept trading till he had completed forty-seven dit ferent bargains, most of them in his favor. At the end of the forty-seventh trade he owned a shotgun, a hound puppy, two jack-knives and sixty-five ents in money, besides other smaller trinkets too numerous to mention.

An Amusing Tragely.

There's nothing like it.

Weiss, the opera singer, was a very handsome man, but so thin that he wore what on the stage is called a from neek to ankles, worn next the skin. One night he was playing in an opera in which he were flowing robe the course of the performance an appalling shrick astounded the players. and a coryphes rushed into the green basso had hanged himself. She had peoped into his dressing-room and seen the "shape" behind the door. — New Orlows Picayune. A SONO OF WEATHER,

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Never mind the weather—the country moves

And the mockingbirds are ready for th sweetest kind of song;

And the bluest skies are bending in the future, and the light Is beautiful-unending, where there's never

Never mind the weather-there are rainbows

in the sky And the stars chime all together, and God's heaven's not so high

But the wings of Faith can reach it, ere the stormy day is done, And behind the darkest shadows beams the

glory of the sun! Never mind the weather, for the ship will

ride the sea-Lo! the sailors sing together, for the lights are shining free,

And the heaven bright and tranquil o'er the dashing billow gleams And the stars shine o'er the harbor, where

we'll rest in love and dreams! HUMOR OF THE DAY.

You can easily fill the public eyes if you only have the dust .- Texas Sift-

In a Company of Artista: "What is there between laughter and tears?"
"The nose," dryly observed Vivier.—

Le Figuro. "I guess I know why they call idols fool," said Bobbie. "It's because they sit still all the time and do nothing."

-Harper's Bazar. Jones-Brown—"Why do you go into society?" Brown-Jones—"To find a wife. And you?" Jones-Brown

-"To get away from one."-Life. Jones-"How's Wheeler getting slong since he bought a bicycle? Brown-"On crutches, I believe."-Columbus (Ohio) City and Country.

Mack-"Was the girl Higheo married considered a good match?" Robbins—'I imagine so. She fires up at the least provocation."—Buffalo Life.

"Love is ever at Love's side."
Writes the poet. True! The elf
Often is so sorely tried
He must be beside himself.
—Harper's Bazar.

Highee-"Why do you ask me for information if you consider me such an ignoramus?" Mrs. Higbee—"I merely wish to prove it."—Harlem

Indignant Passenger-"You won't take this dime, hey? That's queer." Street Car Conductor—"Not so bad as that. It's Canadian. Fare, please!' -Chicago Tribune.

"Will you have the chicken dressed?" asked the poulterer. "No," replied young Mrs. Hunnimune; "you may send it to me--er--in the alto-gether."---Washington Star. On the Japanese' Warship: First

Officer..."There's a cruiser reported a little ahead." Second Officer..."Chin-First Officer ... "No, sir. She's headed this way."---Sing Sing Courier. "How many times are you going to pass by me before you bring me that

beefsteak?" asked an indignant guest waiter. "Count then yourself, sir; I'm too busy."--Texas Siftings.

Mrs. Kicksey-"I see by the head line in this paper that Spain has her hands full." Kicksey -"Yes, and if she fools with this country she'll have her whole anatomy full -- of holes."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Terrible Revenge: Gomez---"I say,

was it you who recommended that cook to my wife?" Perez---"I believe so." Gomez- "Then I should like you to come and have supper with us to-night."-La Gacela de Malaga. Harry ... "Don't you know, Carrie, it always seems to me that it must be

an awfully awkward thing for a lady to carry a muff." Carrie -- "Oh, it is not such a difficult thing when you get your hand in." -- Boston Transcript. Little Sister--- 'Most of the articles in your paper this month is awful poor." Little Brother [editor of amateur paper) -- "I know it ; but the boys that wrote 'em sent stamps for their return; an' I needed the stamps."---

Adam Dunn-"Good morning, Mr. Wunt; I have called to collect that little bill." Willy Wunt-"And so you are a collector, too! I have no doubt I have one of yours among my collection. What do you care to pay for it?"-Boston Transcript.

"My mother-in-law never under-

stands a joke," says a correspondent. "So I was surprised to received a lettor from her a few weeks after my little boy had swallowed a farthing, in which the last words were, 'Has Ernest got over his financial difficulties yet?' "If it be true that he laughs best who

aughs last," says a philosopher, "the Englishman must be the best laugher, for," the philospher adds, "experience teaches the observer that the Englishman does not begin to laugh at a joke until every one else has forgotten it." -Harper's Bazar. "The peculiar thing about this boa-

constrictor, ladies and gents, "said the keeper, "is that it requires a young chicken about once a week. It is not dangerous except when hungry. It is very particular about what it eats, adies and gents, and that young man that's smoking a cigarette can approach the eage with perfect impunity. It won't touch him,"-Chicago Tribane.

Diamond Mines of Brazil.

A writer in the Engineering and Mining Journal notes that the discorcries of the African diamond mines have pretty well killed diamon I mining in Brazil. Thirty years ago the Brazilian mines produced some 22,-500,000 worth of diamonis a year, and now the output does not amount to more than \$150,000. Brazilian diamonds are so inferior to those found in Africa that it does not pay to look

"Sometimes when Rose was in at- tolled out the hour of midnight. THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. tendance upon her mistress, Mann Dinah was permitted to take care of the baby, and the baby soon learned to know and love her. When baby had the colic, and all Rose's efforts to heard the sound of crackling flames. relieve her were in vain, Maum Dinah and a strange roar filled his ears. He was called, and very soon the cries sprang from his bed and opened the would cease and haby would lie in door into the hall. The hall was filled

who owned the adjoining plantation

"Lillian's ill-health made her a lit-

"'Why Hugh,' she exclaimed,

black monkey your uncle sent herewould you really name baby that?' from place to place, now in France, heard Lillian's remark. 'Humph! were in a little village at the foot of Penny repeated over and over to her-

Back of the chancel and the pul-

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE