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The political badge manufacturers have no reason to complain of bad | Heart, my heart! so foul to linger,

A Scottish Judge has decided that a bicycle is no more a vehicle than is a Conce what heavenly biles was thine, nnake. An English Judge has disagreed with him.

There is a grim humor about the army worm's ravages in New England. The greatest amount of destruction nt any one point is on the grounds of one of the agricultural colleges,

Mohammedan depositors in the postoffice savings banks are enriching the British Government, as their religion forbids them to receive interest. They insist on taking out no more than they put in.

Throughout Germany and Holland whenever girls can be employed to advantage they are taken in preference to young men. At Munich, Bavaria, the clerks and bookkeepers in thebanks are nearly all young and handsome girle.

A mar is swindling farmers in Penn sylvania by means of a double-end fountain pen, one end of which he uses in drawing up contracts for harvesting machinery and the others he presents for the farmers to use in putting their signatures to the doonments. The ink of the contract fades, and a promissory note is written in over the signature.

Colorado has a new millionaire in the person of a Mr. Stoiber, who has expectations of rivaling the famous Mr. Stratton, of the Independence mine. Mr. Stoiber is a mining engineer by profession and for a long time lived very humbly with his wife, who is his partner in business, in a little cabie near Silverton. He now has an income of \$800,000 a year and has one of the handsomest homes in Colorado.

The natives of Charleston who reside near the beach have frequently observed that when the tide goes out those who are at the point of death expire. A gentleman was asking whether or not the rising and the falling of the tide had this effect upon the dying in places removed from the seacoast, and, if so, how far inland the influence extended. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of those who live on the seacoast that life becomes extinct, especially in the case of old persons, when the tide has gone out.

Whether any scientific research has ever been made on this subject could be quite agreeable, when I choose, but more of the world, for you are very am not in the mood to night." not be ascertained. Every one, however, almost without exception, who was spoken to knew that it was a fact, and the very general impression seemed to be that it was caused by some electrical force controlled by the coming in and going out of the water.

Among the many international congresses which will be held in Paris during the exhibition in 1900, will be one which is to consider the advisability of making a complete change in the calendar. It is proposed to abandon altogether the present astronomical calendar, and to adopt one which will be framed from a strictly practical and commercial point of view. By the new institution, the year will have twelve months of exactly twentyeight days each and one of twentynine days, the latter to have thirty days in leap year. With this system, the days will come in each year always on the same date, January the 1st being on a Monday, as also will be the 8th, 15th, 22d, and so on. But if this is to be the same for each year, the week in which the twenty-ninth day of the thirteenth month falls will be obliged to have an extra day with a new name.

A society which exists in London might well find a counterpart here, suggests the New York Times. It is benevolent in its character and its object is to improve the cookery and general domestic science of the poor, This it does in various ways. One is the circulation of simple receipts for the preparation of food and brief tracts containing the elementary principles of sanitation. How to tell fresh meat and fish alone has proved of great benefit in more than one instance, for it is the alley and tenement housekeeper who are imposed upon in these matters. It also assists those who are anxious to become good cooks and offers prizes for excellence in cooking. In one way it resembles our kitchen garden schools, but its scope is rather more catholic, and, while it does not turn out such fin ished and competent workers as those admirable organizations, it spreads the gospel over a wider field. The society, called the "Universal Cookery and Food Association," fin ls funds for its own members, and has the patrounge of many titled persons, including the Bareness Burdett Coutts.

HEART, MY HEART!

Come away! Once with beekoning flager, Sweetly once she bade thee stay;

Once her love, and poured like wine ome, oh, come! make no delay! Here are those bright looks she gave thee,

Hera alone! What can lingering save thee? This sweet touch or that soft tone? Love no tearful claim can make: Hers to give and hers to take;

Yes, the kisses all her own. Dh, the wealth that back she closes! Lips divine!

Cheeks, my only roses; yes that Resperus outshine! All her sweetness takes she home; Back into my bosom come, Heart, my heart! for thou art mine.

Out, alas! I do remember; Hers thou art! Given some fond December, Never from her breast to part. Bitter, bitter is thy lot, To be hers that loves thee not, Mine no longer, breaking heart. -M. Ghose in the Academy.

IN SUPPORT OF A THEORY.



couple seated on the steps leading to the lawn were engaged in a quiet but bitter alterestion.

The girl's listless air was in striking contrast to the man's eagerness. "Your idea is an absurd one," he ex-

"Ob, fie!" she said, "to speak so rudely to a woman." "It is not rudeness, but truth."

"Then they are apparently synony-"I can't help it; it exasperates me

to hear an intelligent girl like you.—" only amusing yourselves."

"Now where," she broke in, "did you pick that up? I am not the least bit intelligent! If I were I would 'all there,' don't you know, that if he "What is it to me what my cousin should be a supplied to be a suppl know better than to argue with you; it is so perfectly hopoless"—sighing— "and you do get so excited."

"And who wouldn't?-listening to such impossible theories!"

"You don't have to! I never asked you to talk to me. I came out here it for granted that I will throw him to be by myself, and you deliberately followed me. Why didn't you slay Mr. Ainslie's face expressed the utwith the others? They are all pleas-anter than 1 am."
"Humility," he said, "is a cloak that fits badly on your shoulders."

"My sleeves are too large, perhaps! am not in the mood to-night."

"Then secording to your theory you nght to be most attractive." "What is your theory, Kate?" called

"One you have heard me express thousands of times before.' "Shall I tell him, Miss Donne?"

"Certainly." "She says that a man doctn't like to feel too confident of a woman's affect was dear, was taking a farewell stroll tion; that it is the element of uncertainty in love affairs that makes them | down a path when, catching sight of interesting; that he enjoys being puzzled and played with, and that a clever woman has only to appear indifferent to first pique and then at-

"Heresy?" exclaimed a party of manly voices. "Mr. Stewart has omitted an important clause," said Miss Doane. "I added that to do this the woman must

necessarily be good to look at and not lacking in this world's goods.' "Ob, Kate, Kate," sigued her mind. Uncle forwarded me my dress-cousin, "would you insinuate that the maker's bill this morning, with certain masculine fancy is influenced by

worldly advantages?" She shrugged her shoulders: "I have stated my case; you can make it able,' so the atmosphere is not rosy, what you choose." The hostess, who "Never mind about that. I will me had been listening idly, now put in a detain you long," and he pulled up a

"The trouble with you all is that without worrying over their possible seem to know what to say, and Miss

Miss Doane turned around: "Isn't sorts of impossible devices in the Madge charming?" she said amiably, sandy path. While looking the picture of careless mattention, she was she had never seen the inside of a in reality carious to know how long something in the air, probably."

laughter following her speach had died | most started. than usual," and she leaned her head need not weary you with repetitions,

rosy sky. "What an actress you are !" he said; "you are not the least bit indifferent, really, but it has amused you to pose to produce the effect she intended. as such so long that now it has almost

become second nature." tain amount of personal exertion." "Well, doubtless, you find it worth you.

"itave you noticed those two thoroughly heartless."

Ohio, died recently under peculiar cir clouds?" she said. "It is curious to "Did 1? Well, that only shows I cumstances. She was a bright girl watch how they keep floating first was a fool. I know you better now; read every line she could find, and af toward and then away from each and what is more, I understand you." ter the St. Louis cyclone was the vic cross purposes.

often before, and so-

"And so-apparently there was no need of listening to me. I had no idea was such a bore."

She looked at him, saying: "Now, you in spite of your coldness. It al-you see, you are augry again! Don't most looks as if there was something you think," leaning toward him confi-dentially, "you ought to do some Miss Doane gathered herself to-

christian feeling. 'Let dogs delight to lusion, bark and bite.'"

with any one, especially in this and simple goodness united as I find

"Of course not. Miss Doane only says the things that make other peo- scorched her.

"There goes a living denial of her theory," he thought. "She is kindness itself to Ainslie and he is kindness itself to Ainslie and he is kindness." were ness itself to Ainslie and he is devoelse, and there was gloomily off to the smoking room.

much laughter and talk, but suddenly on his oars, "I'm your consin and a silence fell, have a right to tell you when I think "Coutent!" she cried. "I was nev-Then it became patent to all that the you are doing wrong; so I say-do er so sorry in my life. It seems leave poor old Stewart alone !"

"Leave poor old Stewart alone!" you sindignantly, "I think you had better suggest his leaving me alone."

and myself, we're used to it—been tears. He stood irresolute, overcome broken in too long to protest—but by surprise; then he approached her, Stewart's another sort; he cares awfully about things."
"Oh, indeed, so he 'cares awfully,

and the rest of you I suppose, are

him out completely to have you throw him over." "So terribly 'all there'-what a himgraphic expression. Yet undeniably true in this case; but why do you take

don't know, but I thought, I somehow concluded-

"Why," a brilliant idea striking for some one else." young, Kate, in spite of your many

"Carl," said Miss Doane solemnly, you, but I am proud to claim you as a she said.

through the gardens. She was idling Stewart over the tops of the rose bushes, she ostentatiously put up her parasol and turned in the other direc-

But he was not to be so easily thrown off; with a curl of the lip (for he had recognized the manœuvre) he harried toward her.

"Miss Doane!" he cried, "will you spare me a few minutes?" She turned her head. "I am not in a pleasant frame of

mind. Uncle forwarded me my dresspungent comments of sended, and my best manuscripts has just been returned to me as 'unavail-"Never mind about that. I will not

you analyze too much," she said, silence, for now that he had gained "Why not take things as they come, the coveted interview Stewart did not causes? It is so much simpler and Donne, with the point of her parasol, sketched triangles and circles and all

drawing room. She falways gets like her companion intended to continue that when she comes to the country; staring ahead of him. When he finally did speak his remark was so different "And you?" said Stewart, when the from what she expected that she alaway; "has it no effect on you?"

"The country? Oh, yes, it makes beautiful," he said. "Doubtless your me-if that is possible-more indelent | mirror has told you that already, so I

against the pillar and looked not at but I feel sure that you do not realize him, but past him to the stretch of how absolutely charming you are." She looked at him wonderingly; it was a favorite method of here, usually worked well, but now it failed

'Don't look like that," he said, "or I shall think you are not sincere, and "To pose as anything involves a cer- I don't want to think that. I want to carry away the kindest thoughts of

"Well, doubtiess, you and while, if fyour audience is apprecia; "You have changed, say while, if fyour sually is, I fancy," days ago you told Mary Fair I was the heartless."

other, like people who are playing at A slight pause.

"I heard up at the house that you everything about the calamity. Dur

my posing. You have told me that me pain. Experience has taught me THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. that if a man saw much of you he generally cared for you, and you tried to ward me off. But you cannot keep the moth from the candle, and I loved

dentially, "you ought to do some-thing for your temper? It may get you into trouble some day. Not every-body is as amiable as I!"

Miss Doane gathered herself to-gether. Stewart did not know it, but she was summoning courage to tell him the truth about herself. She "Still wrangling?" asked Carl Ains- loved to be well thought of, and it lie, lounging down the steps. "My was a genuine sacrifice to speak, but dear young friends, it grieves me to she could not, in common houesty, the heart to see such a display of un-

"You must not think too well of "Blame Mr. Stewart, and not me," me," she began.
said the young girl; "you know, Carl, that I haven't the energy to quarrel rarely sees so much youth and beauty

Simple goodness! The words

"A chaming character you have given me; after that I think I will abandon the field to you. Come, Can't you understand? It voxed me Carl," with a quick change of man-ner, "let's go down to the lake for a row." to have you laugh at my theory, so I determined to make you an example of its truth. It was from no good Stewart watched them with wrath in motive-not to 'ward you off' or 'to his heart—the girl was talking gayly, save you pain,' but with the distinct

Stewart got slowly to his feet.
"And so," he said, "in support of s dawdling over ted to her. Indifference, indeed! I'd theory, for the sake of proving your-their coffee on the like to see the woman who could at-self in the right, you could play with tract me by that. As for Miss Doane, a man's heart and make havor of his It was a merry she is a heartless little flirt, and I don't life. Fool, fool, that I was, not to knew everybody intend to fret myself about her," and understand?" and he struck one palm knew everybody he climbed the steps and stalked sharply against the other. "Well," with sarcastic courtesy, "the point is gained, the poor dupe is at your feet.

strange I should care, doesn't it? As you say, I have gained my point-and

"Yes," he said, "and yet?" "Of course, now, you know very well what I mean. It's all right for you to trample on Herbert and Reade had seen that her eyes were full of "Don't cry like that," he said "You never meant to hurt me; it was a pretty bit of acting to you, and if I was stupid and overdid my part you

lets himself be hard hit it would knock | thinks?" Mr. Stewart started. "Pardon me, but I thought that being engaged to

"I am not engaged to him. Noth ing is further from my intention." A silence followed. Then Miss Doane rose to depart, but Stewart, whose mind had been adjusting itself most consternation. "Well, really, I to the changed situation, put out a dedon't know, but I thought, I somehow taining hand. "Kate," he said, "if you are not going to marry your cousin, perhaps there might be a chance

"Perhaps." He drew nearer. "I know I'm a perfect fool to rush on my fate, but hat's worth having is certainly worth She smiled, but her eyes were very "the bar has lost a shining mark in tender. "I believe you do love me,

"And if I marry you, I know I shall It was a fortnight later; the house be happy. You are so strong and party would disperse on the morrow, true, and have my confidence so utand Miss Doane, to whom Westwood terly, but I have been horrid to you, so rude and disagreeable that I don't see how you can stand me."

"Why, you are going back on your theory. "The girls will certainly laugh, and

Carl will never leave me alone about it, but I don't care," lifting her face resolutely, "I love you, and there's no use pretending I don't." A little while later she looked up

"I always said I would never care for anybody," she remarked, "what will this prove?" "That you are a woman," he said

the discovery, but I find from time

-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

About Opening Letters. Perhaps it is a little bit late to make

immemorial we have been directing all our letters on the wrong side. The stead of what is now called the front of the envelope. There would be much fewer mistakes about opening letters belonging to others if this were the case-in fact, it would be well nigh impossible for it to occur. Peo ple with a large amount of correspon dence frequently put all their letters face downward and then proceed to snip the envelopes; then they go through them again and take the let ters out, and sometimes find they have snipped an envelope belonging to some one else. All this might be avoided if we wrote the address on the side the envelope is fastened. It would also have another advantage, the stam; would be absolutely canceled by being torn across when the letter was This would effectually put opened. an end to the nefarious machinations of those people who are said to be able to remove the official obliteration in order that the stamps may be used again. I do not suppose my sugges tion will immediately change the user of a century, but I facey there are not a few of my readers who may be in clined to think that the idea is worth trying .- London Graphic.

Died Under Peculiar Circumstances A ten year-old girl of Zanesville, Ohio, died recently under peculiar eir tim of nervous prostration. She read "You were evidently not listening were engaged to your cousin, and ing a thunder-storm that prevailed as a word I was saying."

While the news could not but hurt me, Zancaville recently she said there was to a word I was saying."

"Oh, yes, I was. You were scolding me, but you generally are, you know, and you said something about while the news could not but hurt me, it was in one sense a relief, for I knew another tornado coming, and soon at once why you had avoided and almost ignored me. You wanted to save effects of which she died.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

A Human Peculiarity-Where the Pinches-Family Jars-Boarding House Joke, Etc., Etc. Each vows the spot whereon he dwells is quite the hottest on this sphere, And so each man in summer flies To sock a cooler atmosphere.

And that's why Jenkins of Pobick Has goue to Rocville by the sea, While Jones of Hoeville every year Lives at Pobick contentedly. Washington Star.

BOARDING HOUSE JOKE.

Star Boarder-"Why is a great singer like an old salt?" Cheerful Idiot-"Because she makes her money on the high C's."-Detroit

JUSTIFIABLE.

Daughtor-"Mamma, if I must write to Mr. Bray about his extortionate bill, should I say, 'Dear Mr. Bray?' " Mamma-"Certainly, under circumstances."—Chicago Post.

Dora-"Can't you ride a bicycle yet? Why, Mr. Silverspoon has been teach-

ing you for three weeks."

Cora—"I know it. But he hasn't proposed yet."—Louisville Times. WHERE THE SHOP PINCHES.

complain; every woman chooses her own husband, you know." Mr. Nipper-"Yes, the only trouble is she doesn't always get him."-

A BANK SKEPTIC. Spirit (at Lily Dale scance) - "Don't you know me? I am the spirit of your

Investigator-"You can't fool me. My mother-in-law always brought her trunk with her."-Buffalo Times.

PROBABLY. She-"I have often wondered what the wild waves are saying." He-"Judging from their roar, I should say they were joining in the general kick against the high prices at

this resort."-Pearson's Weekly.

WHAT PAPA SAID. Willie-"Mamma, have daisies got

Mamma-"No, Willie, why?" "I heard papa tell Mr. Gayboy that he saw a couple of them walking down Broad street last night."-Philadelphia

WHERE IGNORANCE IN BLISS,

Mr. Siimpurse-"What! Want to get a new maid for Fashion Beach? Why don't you take the one you

Mrs. Slimpurse-"She knows how we live when we're at home."--New York Weekly.

THE MODERN PALL, "You say that Deacon Smatters was not at church this morning? I wonder if it is possible that he can have

fallen from grace?" "No; I understand that he fell from his bievels and broke his nose."-Cleveland Leader.

FAMILY JABS. Augry Wife—"Seems to me we've been married about a hundred years. I can't even remember when or where Husband (emphatically)-"I can. It

was at a dinner party, and there were thirteen at table."-Tit-Bits. HOW IT HAPPENED,

"I understand that your side lost some men in an engagement with the The Spanish officer glared and said

"Bad generalship, ch?" "No. Typographical error."-Washington Star

HOW CHARLES SAVED HER. "That Charlie Spindles is a horrid fellow, isn't he?" "Yes, but he once saved me from a

"How was that?" "I saw Charlie coming and went through another field,"-Cleveland

UNREASONABLE,

"Really, Jane, dear, said Mr. Bobbeter to me wife, as they eat down in the theatre, "your hat is much too high. Take it off, and put it in your

"Well, I like that," snapped Mrs.

Wife; "if I put that hat in my lap, how am I going to see over it?"-Boston Transcript. AN UNEXPECTED REVELATION, Young Man -- "Ah! How do, Dick?

Little Dick-"Which sister? The homely one what's goin' to have all of pa's money, because she's likely to be an old maid, or the pretty one what ain't goin' to have suything?

Young Man - "Um -er-both of them." - New York Weekly. A SUPPLULENT REASON Dr. Paresis-"I think a European

Is your sister at home?"

trip would benefit that patient of Dr. Kallowmell-"I know it would." Dr. Paresia-"Why don't you recommend it? Are you afraid he can't

\$3250 toward the building of a German school in Athens, Greece

Dr. Kallowmeil-"That's not it. I'm afraid I can't afford it."-Judge. Emperor William has contributed out of his private fands the sum of

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Ninety-four per cent, of the street railroads in the State of New York are now operated by electricity.

The latest works on anthropology say that it cannot be proven that any race of giants ever peopled the globe. The only fur-covered, four-footed member of the animal kingdom which lays eggs like a fowl is the native beaver of Australia.

The human brain, according to Cuvier, is the one-twenty-eighth part of the body; that of the horse but the one-four-hundreth part.

Soil brought up from a depth of 326 feet in a vault in one of the Belgian mines is said to have grown weeds unknown to the botanists.

C. C. Parsons, Bessemer, Ala., says that it is impossible for a bee to carry and store poisoned honey. It would kill her before she got to the hive. Professor Metericht, the Paris meteorologist, calculates that a hot, bright day in midsummer sees not less

than 5,280,006,000 tons of water evap orated from the surface of the Mediterranean Sea. The pathological museum, for which Professor Virchow has been collecting material for the last forty years, is at last to be built in Berlin, the Govern-

ment having voted the necessary funns for the structure. It is said that Dr. Max Wolf, of Heidelberg, who has discovered a number of asteroids, has never direct-ly seen an asteroid. His discoveries

Miss Stinger-"Well, you needn't have been made from photographic plates, while stars are shown as points. There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the location of the coldest spot in the world. Dr. Myer says that at Hildje, Siberia, eighty-five degrees below the zero of Fahrenheit is

considered nothing out of the ordin-Drs. Brissaud and Marie, two French authorities on nervous dis-eases, cite Prince Bismarck as one of the few instances of very bright mind found in a very tall body. They say that the healthiest persons are rather under than above the middle height and that the children who come out

best at school examinations in France

are those whose bodies have grown slowly. W. H. Loyd, of Duluth, Minn,, an officer of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has invented a method of telegraphing diagrams and drawings which deserves notice. It consists in telegraphing by predetermined signs the positions of a series of points on a sheet of paper cross ruled into squares and then joining the points thus laid down on a similar sheet of paper at the distant station by lines, so as to

reproduce the original figure. An Incident of a Kentucky Flood.

Rousseau Johnson lives with his family in Hatton, through which Duteir Fork of Benson Creek passes. Mr. Johnson's little frame house sits on a gentle slope fifty yards from the About 3 o'clock Tuesday morning he was awakened by water creeping over the bed on which he, his wife and three small children slept. They all jumped out, Johnson and his wife grabbing the children. The water in the room was up to their waists. Mrs. Johnson held both the children, while her husband jumped through the kitchen window on the upper side of the house and then lifted them through. The rain was falling in torrents and they sought shelter in the woodshed. The water rose rapidly and they had to leave, going to the henhouse, ten feet distant, and further up the hillside. They remained there until 6 o'clock in the morning with the water up to their ankles, Mrs. Johnson holding a monthold baby in her arms all the time. As on as daylight came Johnson made his way to the house of a neighbor, where he received a horse and wagon and hauled his family away.-Louis-

This Fish Ate Roses.

A fish that eats roses as a regular diet is owned by a well-known piscatorialist. It is a Japanese fantail and lives in a small aquarium with miscellaneous specimens of the fluny tribe. The way this fish happened to begin its diet of roses was quite accidental The present owner was one day changing the water in the aquarium when a small ten rose fell from the lapel of his coat into the bowl, fantail was floating near the surface, and darted for the rose and began eat ing it. The owner did not interfere and the fish consumed nearly all the rose. He thought the matter odd and daily put a rose into the bowl. That was two summers ago. One of the owner's daily duties since that time has been to secure a rose for the fish. Last winter, when roses were not plentiful, he neglected this duty, and the fish would not go near the food

How to Eat Bananas.

put into the bowl for several days.

The banana yields more food to the sere than any other plant, and yet it disagrees with no end of Northern stomachs. This is because we cat i the wrong way. But the wifs of a missionary to the tropics tells the glad tidings from heathen shores of how to cat a banana. When you have stripped off the willing rind, just serape off the stringy and hairy coat that lies beneath the rind, and you my cut your banana without tasting it all the rest of the day .- St. Louis Star Savings.

Silver More Durable,

A gold coin passes from one to another 2,000,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it bemes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,250,-000,000 times before it becomes en-

THE PRIDE OF THE COUNTRY SIDE Oh! Phyllis is surpassing fair,

I know a maid that's fairer; Her beauty is beyond compare-

No beauty could be rarer; She seorneth fickle fashlon's guide. And russet is her gown-Yet she's the pride of the country side,

And the envy of the town! She is a queen we all declare, Though no crown she posses

Beyond a wealth of rich brown hair, That hangs in dainty tresses Her matchiess eyes have long outvied The gens in monarch's crown-

And she's the pride of the country side And the envy of the town! Her form is full of fairy grace, Her voice is music-meliow, And, oh! the bloom upon her face Is the red rose's fellow: And! he who wins her for his bride Wins more than wealth, renown-

HUMOR OF THE DAY,

For she's the pride of the country side

And the envy of the town!

When men are not regretting that life is so short they are doing some-thing to kill time.—Atchison Globe.

-F. J. Cox, in Chambers's Journal.

"Why does Stimson always earry his umbrella closed when it rains?" s afraid the owner may recognize it," -Detroit Free Press. Lord Nocount (proudly)-"I can

trace my descent from William the Conqueror." Cynicus-"You have been a long time on the downward path."—Truth. "Does your family sympathize with you when you have insomnia?" "Yes. When I can't sleep I sit up all night

and practice on my accordion. Chicago Record. "Alas! father, I have lost my heart," wailed the heroine. The villain scowled, "Careless girl!" he exclaimed between his clinched teeth.

-Philadelphia Record. For Beginners: Inventor-"I'm working on a cyclometer." Friend-"What is the special feature?" Inventor-"It registers the number of times you fall."-Puck.

"Have you read that article 'How to Tell a Bad Egg?' " "No, I haven't; but my advice would be if you have anything important to tell a bad egg. why, break it gently."--Household "This blackberry pie isn't nearly so good as those mother used to make."

'No; I told your mother this morn-

ing when she made it that you would be sure to find fault with it."-Chicago Miss Oldfriend-"I declare I begin to feel that I'm growing old. It's really unpleasant." Miss Becky Sharpe -"Yes, dear, it must be especially so for one who has been young so long!"

-Standard. At the Camping Party : The Crank -"This is the last time I'll ever camp out!" The Enthusiast-"Well, you shouldn't camp out, unless you can enjoy yourself without being comfortable, -Puck,

"Are you taking swimming lessons, Cadby?" "No, old fellow. It's too much bother. My valet is learning, and as I never go anywhere without him, if I fell in the watah he could rescue me."-Harper's Bazar. A contemporary asks: "How can a bloomer girl climb a tree when she

can do it "like a little man." That is one of the advantages of the homely bloomers. - Morristown Herald. She-"I thought you said the seaside never drew you to it?" He (impressively)-"It was not the seaside drew me here." She-"Of courseyou came by train, didn't you? It

sees a cross bull in her path?"

trated Bits. Precious Time : Mrs. Wheeler - "My husband and I decided not to go to Europe, because it takes too long to get there." Mrs. Jones-"Too long?" Mrs. Wheeler-"Yes; fancy being unable to use one's wheel for six or seven days!"-Puck.

was the engine drew you!"-Illus-

Tourist-"So that's the oldest inhabitant? One hundred and four years old! No wonder you are proud of him." Native -- "I dunno; he nin't done nothin' in this here place 'cept grow old, an' it's took a sight o' time to do that !"-Tit-Bits. Lost for Ever: "I was unfortunate

enough to leave my umbrella in a

street car yesterday," remarked Man-chester, "Whose umbrella was it?" asked Birmingham. "I don't know. I borrowed it from Snagga,"-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. Lost Heirloom: "There is no yout in Sir Percy's family, is there?" 'Not now; there was, formerly. was introduced into family by Sir Roland Highliver, but they have been so poor for the last two hundred years that they souldn't keep it up."-

Holen-"Oh, yes; he always thought the world of me. Before we were married he used to say that he was willing to die for me." Nellie-"But he didn't." Helen-"Of course not. He was so thoughtful, you know. He said that he did not dare do it, lest I should be unable to replace the loss." -Boston Transcript.

Queer English.

There is a siguboard above the gateway of the Eye Infirmary, Newcastleupon-Tyne, which tells as that "When this gate is closed urgent cases and accidents must ring the front door-

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