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There has been a steadily increasing smand for American horses in England. This may have arisen largely from the greatly reduced

American fisher Indians used to live n the proportion of 100 to twentyer square miles, whereas in India 000 persons are found on the age of twenty-four square miles 1 in Europe 15,000

nevor William is stility of recallwhom he loaned to Reverament for the purinstructing the Mongolian riors in the arts of civilized war-

The 150 families near Duluth, Minn., start for Georgia, are only the adrance gfard of a bost of immigrants who, announces the Atlanta Journal, will come from the Northwest to Georgia dering the next twelve

h physician is said to have al a means of injecting physteal courage into a man by means of a hypodermic syringe. A little of the liquid would not be a bad addendum to the kir of certain alleged cycle racing men, who always want to quit after they have ridden a lap or two. For Izefighters of the modern type, it uld, however, be dangerous, It night cause them to fight.

Iron has been called the thermomeof train and perhaps it does fura butter test of general commerutions than any other one It is therefore gratifying to sta Journal to observe a very al tone in the periodicals in this which are devoted to the varipartments of the iron trade. exception they declare that been a remarkable improve. in business and that the indicawre that this improvement will

man Palace Car Company insurance policy time a passenger At least, that is what a courts have held in the it against the company by McGaffigan, a ten merchant John, New Brunswick. He to ticket in Boston, but when at on board found all the berths and occupied, and he had to acon seat in the car. During the ht the beat was shut off and he conal a severe cold. He asked \$20 .-

In B gore Sun says that Julius rations, is to establish the beet-sugar by in South Carolina. He has otly returned from Germany. ere be spent some time among the rimers in the interest of his project. He will bring over 500 families from Bixony within the next two years. He has secured 18,000 acres of land in South Carolina, and will divide it into farms of twenty-five, fifty and one undred acres. The average size of beet-sugar farm will be about fifty . It is not proposed to plant the le of this land in the single crop, o devote a third to beets and put rost in the usual crops of the

What are wasps good for? Professor Meldola explains in Nature: "We found hundreds of wings scattered about the window-ledge inside the room, and we were at first at a loss to explain the depredation. While watching, the mystery was solved. The upper part of the window had been left open a few inches, and a asp came through, caught a fly on he glass pane, instantly clipped off te wings, and flew out of the open opper part of the window with the body. Other wasps followed and reeated the process. For about an bour we observed the continuous arrival of wasps, every one of which coured a fly before departing."

Juige Parker, of Arkansas, has just lad, leaving behind the unique disnction of having imposed the death agaity on more men than any other nrist in the United States. This may seem a sort of gruesome bouquet to lay upon a dead man's grave, remarks the New York Times, but when we consider the increasing number of homicides in the United States, and the small number of executions (less than the lynchings), it is not such a mean tribute after all. It would be interesting to know how Judge Parker managed to get juries that would convict. It would also be worth while to inquire how many of his centences were set aside by Appellate Courts or defeated by pardons from the Governor. At all events, a few more Judges like Parker are needed in Arkanias - and several other States,

A RUMAN BOUL

A wise man walked by the river, And the water spirit's sight.
As she rearmed for a sout, it moved him, And he amproved thus her cry

"Clan you smile when your heart is aching Remember when others forget? Laugh lightly, while hope is taking Its final farowell of your yet Must the world, and strive on to the ending Of life, be it ever so dread; Firm in faith, without falter, unbending With never a sigh or a tear?" "All this I can do," said sho,

"Can you face your life if left lonely, While another has gained his rest, And you have the memory only Of one who was truest and best! For ever to you the world's brightness Then passes away for aye; The sun will grow cold, and no lightness

'Can you pause to do deeds of kindness In the midst of your deepest woe? For grief, it must not bring blindness To the trials of others below. You must ever strive on, and your sorrow, Though heavy and sore to bear, Remains till the dawn of that morrow When pain it is no more there." "All this I can do," said she,

Can plerce through that darkest day."

"All this I can do," said she,

Made answer the wise man slowly, "If this be so, and thou Canst bear grief, yet help the suffering, Thou hast a soul even now." -F. Peacock, in Chambers's Journal,

A PAIR OF EAR DROPS.



HE queerest things that happen never

known as "society."

A lady of title, Lady Barmouth, requested me to call on her one morning about the beginning of June, the London season being them at its height.

"I want your heip, Mr. Lowe," she began, and then atopped awkwardly. "Perhaps you are not aware that at several balls and dinner parties this season there have been jewels and ornaments stolen. It has, of course, caused a great deal of unpleasantness, in several cases trinkets have been With what was, I presume, an applogy caused a great deal of unpleasantness. appeared to be looking for something. young. But the animal is striped like in several cases trinkets have been With what was, I presume, an apology a zebra, and is as ravenous and fierce

having been missed at fashionable got no information, but presently a mammals in Australasia. gatherings, and there was some spec- girl who was passing, leaning on a sible for them to help. There could be no doubt that the thief was a person who mixed in society as an equal; the girl closely.

probably a women, who had allowed As soon as she left the drawing room

"I presume, then, that the-er thief is a guest-a person in society?"

I said inquiringly. "I am afraid so. Two or three things were missed at a dance which I gave last week. Now, I am giving another dance next Thursday, and I not occur again, at any rate in my house. I thought I would engage treated as a guest.

I made arrangements about terms, and it was agreed that I should be introduced as an American, by name lieve I have solved the mystery. Captain Burke.

"I suppose, Lady Barmonth," I said carelessly, "you don't suspect anybody in particular?"
"Oh, no," she said, but I noticed

what I thought was a look of anxiety on her face, and made a mental note

As I was leaving, Lady Barmouth constaid: "Of course, Mr. Lowe, you quite ing. understand, there must be no expose. If you make any discoveries, they must be treated as secrets. I can't have a scene of any kind. It must be hushed ur.

I returned to the office impressed have disappeared.' with two ideas. First, that my task was one of those delicate cases that require all your tact and yield very little eredit; secondly, that Lady Bar-

Thursday evening arrived, and I went to Merion House. Practically, me."
my duty was to mingle with the guests, "Which is Lord Barmouth?" enjoy myself, and keep my eyes wide Nothing seemed to be more improbable than that there should be was conducted in the most sumptuous and luxurious style, a Hungarian band music, and the guests were among the minute.

highest in the laud. For a long while nothing occurred of the smallest significance. But at vinaigrette-who had followed Miss about 2 o'clock in the morning, while Dainton into the conservatory. In a I was sitting in a snug corner of the conservatory, where eigerette smoking | maniac was permitted, I noticed a couple take up a position in the opposite corner. They were both young, and evidently very much in love with one another. The girl was handsomely dressed, and his eyes shifted nervously about the wore some valuable jewels. In particular I noticed a pair of diamond ear drops, which had just some into kily, "Is anything wrong?" fashion age to. Without being a connoisseur of the stones, I under-

them were very valuable indeed, and peared," I added. For a moment I THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. pounds.

These two young people were sitting out during a dance, and they flirted all through a set of lancers, without any impat'ence at their length.

At last they got up and went into the ball room again. On the chair advice and give them up to me at where the girl had been sitting, lay once." something shining. I strolled across and examined it. It was her vinaigrette, which she had probably left there by accident. I replaced it, thinking it might serve as a trap for our fashionable thief, if he were in the neighborhood, and withdraw to my corner, where I was almost invis-ible.

Presently an old gentleman strolled out to smoke a cigarette. He was a tall, handsome, intellectlooking man, with the air of the true aristocrat. His name I trouble in her eyes. didn't know, but I had noticed him "Lord Barmouth chatting with the guests. Hewas evi- plied. "Here are the ear drops." dently known to every one, and was a man of social importance.

lessly round the conservatory, to see if he were observed, and picked it up. He now had his back to me. I was on the point of stepping up to him, when he turned round, and replaced the vinaigrette and walked quietly away.

It was lucky I had not moved. I should have looked rather foolish. Same curious instinct balle me cross the conservatory, and look at the vinaigrette again. Without thinking about it I put it to my nose.

The next thing I remember is, that I found myself sitting in a chair. Gradually, things became clearer.
The vinaigrette lay by my side. It was drugged. For a few minutes I had lost consciousness. I still felt his dressing room he was, as I feared, find their way into dizzy and sick, but knowing that on the point of committing suicide. the newspapers. It everything depended on my being She saved him. A number of trinking difficult to see prompt and acute, I managed with an ets, some of great value, were found wby; perhaps it is effort to pull myself together.

stance, I doubt it to the man who had tampered with you have ever heard the vinaigrette? A mcm ent's thought ments, as he is a very wealthy man, of a certain strange showed me that that would be worse pened only a season or two ago in that select section of the fashionable world known as "society."

than useless. I had no proof of anything. The situation must be allowed to develop itself before I interfered. After some little reflection, I decid-

tle, and who was chatting with some of the people standing about, watched

her love of jewelry to tempt her to he broke off his conversation, and strolled quietly toward the conservatory. As he passed through the curto see if he were being followed.

That settled it: I had found my Barmouth was standing near the Remembering her injunction am, of course, most anxious it should | that there was not, under any circumstances, to be an expose or a scene, it was necessary to proceed with caution' your services for the evening, to see I caught her eye without much diffiyou could detect anything sus- oulty. She understood at once that I picions. Of course, you would be had something to say, and disengaged herself from her friends.

"Will you come with me to the con servatory?" I said quietly. "I be-She turned pale. "Very well," she "Give me your arm. Be care-"you don't suspect ful what you do, Mr. Lowe, she added,

in a troubled voice; "it must be hushed up." When we reached the conservatory we found, just as I expected, the young lady lying back in a chair un-conscious. Her ear drops were miss-

"Miss Dainton has fainted," said Lady Barmouth. "One moment," I said; "there is no

cause for alarm. Do you see what has happened? Her diamond ear drops "Do you know who it is?" she whispered.

"Yes. Her vinsignette has been drugged-not sufficiently to do her mouth knew more, or at any rate, any harm. I saw it done."
guessed more, than she cared to tell. "What shall I do? Fetch Lord Bermouth, will you? He must advise

She came to the curtains, and pointed

him out to me. "Very well," said 1. "Chafe Miss thief among the brilliant throng Dainton's hands, and try to bring her that crowded the rooms. Everything round, but don't send for any help at

I don't think I ever felt so reluctant discoursed the sweetest of dance to proceed with a case as I did at that The man whom Lady Darmout had pointed out as her husband was the man who had drugged the word, Lord Barmouth was a klepto

> "Will you some with me into the conservatory, Lord Barmouth?" I said. As I spoke I looked him sternly in the He turned deadly white, and

"What's the matter?" he said, hus-

"Oh," he marmured, with relief, "And her ear drops have disap-

thought he was going to drop down.

I put my arm through his, and led him toward the conservatory. He was

trembling like a teaf. When we got well into the shadow of the curtains I stopped. "Lord Barmouth." I said quietly, "take my

"What do you mean?" he said hoarsely. "The ear drops. It will prevent a

scone. He put a trembling hand into the breast pocket of his dress cost and gave me the car drops. He did it like a man in a dream, and I really believe that for the time being he was unconscious. Then he turned away and left

Ho the drawing room hurriedly.
"Will he not come?" said Lady Barmouth, with an awful look of "Lord Barmouth is not well," I re-

The poor woman went scarlet. She knew what I meant and I was deeply Presently his eye caught the little grieved for her. From the first she jewelled vinaigrette. He looked caremust have had a faint suspicion of the truth, and was anxious to save him from public disgrace and scandal. She was thoroughly unnerved. Miss Dainton showed signs of return-

ing consciousness.
"Now," I said, "put the ear stops back into her ears. She won't know what has happened."

Lady Barmouth replaced them with trembling fingers. "Send some one to look after this girl; I'll stop with her till help comes. But you must go and find your hus-band. Make haste," I added, signifi-

cantly, "or you will be too late." in his safe. There is, of course, only because they are too Then arose the obstion. What one explanation. On that one point queer. For in-should I do next? Should I go straight Lord Barmouth was mad. There was ments, as he is a very waalthy man,

and had not put them to any use. There was not much difficulty in finding their respective owners. I returned them myself, asking each one as a matter of courtesy, to make no inquiries as to how they fell into my possession.—London Tit-Bits.

## The Tasmanian Zebra-Wolf.

The Tasmanian zebra-wolf, or native tiger, is not related to either zebra, wolf or tiger, but belongs to the same tamily as the kancarpo, the wombat and the opossum-those animals which At last, after one of the dances, she have ponches wherein to carry their actually taken from the wearers, with- to her partner, she skipped across the in its nature as wolf or tiger. He is out their knowing how it was done, room to a group of girls. Evidently or who did it."

I heard several wild tales of articles her viniagrette. For some time she largest and most dreaded of all the

The zebra-wolf has a dog-like face, a ulation as to who was the culprit. The man's arm, turned round and made wolf's short and erect ears, eyes like articles were not, as a rule, of im- some remark, pointing with her fan to an owl, stripes like a zebra and pouch mense value, and they always disapthe conservatory door. The owner of like a kangaroo. He is a night peared singly, consequently no public the viniagratte gave a little nod of prowler. The light of day blinds him notice had been directed to the matter. In one or two cases the police All this time I observed that the by hunger, he emerges during the had been consulted, but it was impos- man who had drugged the scent bot- daytime from his lair, his movements are slow and he is easily slain.

The eyes, which are large, are furnished with a nictitating membrane. This is almost continually moving in the daytime, as the pupils are exposed to the light.

The general color of the short, tains I noticed that he glanced round woolly fur is grayish brown, inclined to vellowish. Across this ground color the black bands show up sharp man, and must act promptly. Lady and clear. These stripes are usually fourteen in number, beginning just back of the shoulders, where they are narrowest, and growing broader and longer back to the haunches. The skins are in demand for laprobes and

It is not unlikely that in the course of a few years the zebra-wolf will have become entirely exterminated.

Long Voyage in a Small Craft. Yesterday's Australian mail brings news of the arrival at Sidney of Captain Slocum, an adventurous American mariner, who had voyaged alone from Boston in a little craft of thirteen tons called the Spray. He left Boston on April 24, 1895, and reached the Australian cost on September 29, 1896. Asked what sort of a passage he had, the captain, who is described as a tall, thin, wiry-looking Yankee, with a bald head and a pair of bright blue eyes, philosophically replied: "It was not fine by any means. A voyage in alcraft like this, without a single companion, involves many hardships; but the sea is my proper element and I managed to pull through all right. You see, I have faith in the Almighty and great faith in myself, consequently everything turns up correct.' captain killed time by reading novels and he slept just whenever he liked. He called at Somoa, where he saw Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson. He also called at Juan Fernandez and he had

# Organ and Bell Buet.

A duet by a chime of bells and a ipe organ was tried at St. Paul's Episcopul Church, Des Moines, Iowa. It was the first time such a thing has ever been accomplished. By means of a telephonic connection established between the bells and the organist, the latter heard the chimes while at his position at the organ by a funnel attachment to an ordinary telephone apparatus, -Chicago Inter-Ocean.

There are about 1,000,000 Italians in the United States. One-third of them settled in the principal cities. Half of these are laborers. Fifty per cont. are illiterate, They are hard and steady workers, very saving, and anxious to improve themselves, - Pittsburg Dispatch.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS

Her High Notes-Its Usefulness Explained-A Definition-Some Surfer-How He Refrained, Etc.

Strong in the upper register
Is the voice of neighbor Suc;
I live in the flat above her, and
It comes right up the flue.

A DEFINITION. Little Jean-"Mamma, what is a se-

Mrs. Talkington-"Something you tell, dear."-Puck.

ITS USEFULNESS EXPLAINED. "What's a dictionary, Chris?" "Oh, it's a book where you look up the words that other people don't know the meaning of."

SOME SUPPER. "Does your husband suffer from asthma, Mrs. Widdleby?"

"Well, he has it; but he makes the est of us do the suffering."-Chicago Becord. NO JEALOUSY.

Friend-"I suppose the baby is very much attached to his papa." Mamma-"Extremely. let anyone else walk the floor with him at night."-Puck. SHE HAD.

"I may not be a red-hot success as a

business woman, but I usually manage to have several irons in the fire.' The fair young dameel blissfully resumed the task of curling her "gold-ing" tresses. — New York Journal.

HOW HE REPRAINED.

He-"I hope you ladies appreciate the great self control I am exhibit-One of the Girls-"Self control?

In what way?' "I have said nothing about a thorn between two roses."-Truth.

TWO VIEWS.

He-"Mrs. Brown is a remarkably candid woman. She-"Why do you think so?" He-"She admits that her baby is

not as pretty as ours."
She—"I call that insincerity. A woman who could bring herself to say anything like that is not to be trusted."-Puck.

HE WANTED TO KNOW,

Little Clarence-"Pa?" Mr. Callipers-"There, my son; stop ight where you are! I do not know tho Cain's wife was, nor why Monday does not come on Friday, nor why some people can wiggle their ears and others cannot, nor anything of the kind."

Little Clarence—"Oh, pshaw, pa! I wasn't going to ask any snch foolish questions. I just wanted to know why people always write finis without the

REASONABLE. Lawyer-'I am very sorry, Miss Passay, but the Court of Appeals has reversed the decision in your breach-

of promise suit " Client-"Goodness! Then I won't get the ten thousand dollars damages, after all?"

Lawyer-"Well, we must try the ease again." Client-"Then I just think you ought to get me five thousand more

Pack. DURING THE ENGAGEMENT. Aunt Susan-"What, sitting up

for this new shock to my feelings."-

writing at this hour?" Carrie-"Yes, auntie, it's only little note to Harry."
Aunt Susan-"Why, Harry left you only five minutes ago. Carrie-"Yes; but there is something I forgot to ask him, and it's very

Aunt Susan-"Yes?" Carrie-"I asked him if he loved me, and he said yes, but I forgot to ask him if he would love me always." -Boston Transcript.

important.

TAUGUT BY EXPERIENCE. The wedding will occur very soon,

and she was telling her mother about her plans for a home. "When Harold is out late at night," she said, "I shall not scold him. shall try to be reasonable about it. think I shall go so far as to keep a light burning for him to make it seem

cherry when he returns. Her mother was silent. "Don't you think it would be a good idea to keep the light barning for him?"

the daughter persisted. "Well, it might do very well for the first month or so. But after Harold has paid a few gas bills you will probconclude that it will be just as well to put the matches where he can cape Horn.—London Chronicle, well to put the matches where he can find them easily and turn the light out," was the reply.

To Render Shoes Waterproof.

Mix, over a slow fire, a pint of drying oil, two onness of yellow wax, two ounces of turpentine and half an ounce of Burgundy pitch. Lay the mixture, while hot, on the boots or shoes, with a sponge. When they are dry, apply it again and again, until the leather is finally saturated. Then put them away and do not wear them until they have become clastic again. -New York Journal.

# Too Fast for a Swallow,

A swallow is considered one of the fastest of flying birds, and it was thought until recently that no insect could escape it. A naturalist tells of an exciting chase he saw between a swallow and a dragon fly, which is among the swiftest of insects, the latter finally escaping.

## SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

A scientist says that the entire sup-ply of coal will be exhausted in 7350

In the myxine we have an eye in which the optic nerve has entirely disappeared. Wind power is derived from the un-

equal heating of various portions of the earth by the sun's rays. There is a scheme on foot to furnish electric power to the City of Mexico from peat beds nine miles distant,

owned by Boston men. Acid phosphate or super phosphate is the phosphate rock extensively mined in South Carolina, Flordia and Tennessee, dissolved in sulphuric acid. It averages 14 per cent, phosphoric acid, and sells in car lots at \$12 to \$16

per ton. The health of the European army serving in India was in 1894, on the the whole, less satisfactory than in the previous year; the death rate rose from 12,61 to 16.07, and the total loss by death and invaliding was 42 per 1000, being an increase of 4 per 1000

on the previous year. In due time it is likely that an ex-planation will reach us of the great prevalence of smallpox in Marseilles. In the seven months preceding July 30 there had been 468 deaths in that city from variola; and at this day people expect some explanation of the reason why so many preventable deaths

have occurred. On the French State railways it is stated that a number of passenger cars in which all the parts were formerly manufactured from brass, copper and iron, with the exception of axles, wheels, bearings and springs, brake beams and couplings, are to be con-structed of aluminum. The weight of a car provided with aluminum fittings is one and a half tons less than that o the old coaches. As an ordinary train in France consists of twenty vehicles. the weight of the train would thus be reduced by thirty tons.

The Palm's Records. Marvelous things are claimed of palmistry, not only by those who practice it as a profession, but by many who have seen the prophecies o palmists come true in actual life. Telling the past by the lines of the hands is, however, almost a new art. There is a man in town who believes he can do it, at least so far as marriages are concorned. Still further, he claims that the lines of the hand show whether a marriage in the past ended in divorce and which party it was that obtained the divorce.

"It is also possible," he said the other day, "to find in the palms the records of the number of one's marriages, a hiut of the experiences of courtship and whether married life proved smooth or otherwise. I saved one young woman from a bigamist once. He was engaged to her, and they came together to me. married already,' I said, after looking at his palm. He only laughed. but the young woman investigated and found it was true.

"On another occasion I saw in the hand of a hotel keeper the record of two marriages-one at twenty-four years, and the other at fifty. When I told him he was simply amazed.

was married once at twenty-four," he said, 'and again at forty-eight. "The hands are the records of the It is amuzing what all is writ

# ten there."-New York Herald.

A Curious Freak of a Storm, There are still evidences of the recent flood along the route of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways. Near the narrow-gauge road, about fourteen miles from Seattle, is a small house, about twelve by fourteen feet, perched on the top of a large cedar stump. How the house holds its place in its exposed position is a mystery, for it sways to and fro in the wind, and, though it has been blowing very stiff the last few days,

the cabin still holds on. Much damage has been done to farm property slong the banks of the rivers, and many hundred miles of fences have been swept away. Many hop ranchers have lost their poles, and several of the hopvards in the White River valley are almost ruined, as a thick coating of saud, brought down by the river, has settled on the land, covering it in many cases to the depth of several inches. The majority of the ranches, being on the bottom lands, have suffered a great loss in domestic fowls and the price of fresh eggs has gone to thirty-five cents a dozen. -Portland Oregonian.

# Use Blast Former Gas.

An interesting plant is being put down in the iron works at Hoerde, in Germany, says the London Electrician. The gas from the blast furnace, which resembles Dowson gas, is to be utilized in large gas engines, which will be coupled to three phase dynamos, generating currents at a high voltage. The initial experiments have given good results. Should the system prove practicable it will pave the way to the extended use of electric transmission of power in iron works.

The use of blast furnace gases in gas engines has been attempted before both in England and Germany, but no cheap and suitable method of cleansing the gas has yet been devised, and a great deal of eleansing is neces sary before the gas can be used in the gas engine.

# A Court Painter Bead,

M. Boguloboff, the Russian court painter, who painted the picture of the Russian flort at Toulon, presented by Alexander III to the Paris Circle Militaire, has just died at the age of seventy-two years. He caught cold white making sketches of the arrival of the Czar at Cherbourg for a picture which Nicholas II had ordered.

## THE MITTEN

The night was frosty, bright and clear, And Bessie, cosy as a kitten, Was snuggled at my side, her dear Small hand held in mine, for fear

It might chill through her mitten. The sleigh bells jingled, I, absurd, With Bessie's charms was deeply smitten. The mare skimmed onward like a bird; Of love I uttered not a word, But still clasped hand and mitten

"Tis love that makes the world go round," No truer words were ever written. My tongue, and Bessle's lips I found; And when we parted, on the ground I found her tiny mitten.

I have it yet. It's contraband. My wife don't know how I was bitten, 'Twas long ago, you understand, Some other fellow got her hand, And I-I got the mitten.

-Chicago Record.

## HUMOR OF THE DAY,

When a woman is deceived some man is avenged. - Life.

Every man thinks he understands women perfectly, until he falls in love with one, -Life. Adolphus-"I've half a mind-"

Kate-"There, Dolly, don't exagger-ate."-Boston Transcript. "Is Wheelbed a man of his word?" "I fear not. He says he has a bicycle

lamp that never goes out,"-New York

Evening Journal. Smith-"So you were married on election day, were you? You didn't vote, then." Brown—"No, I was paired."—Somerville Journal.

"Well, now that you are back, you can tell us 'how much it costs to go to Europe." "All you've got and all you san borrow over there."—Judge. "What is a 'coign of vantage,' "Something American girls use in catching foreign husbands, my

Maud-"Why did Mabel give up Clarence Sprocket?" Maydie-"Oh, he got a new wheel and she objected to the make."-New York Commercial

son."-Cincinnati Commercial Tri-

Advertiser. Benedict—"That adage 'Marry in haste and repent'at leisure' is all bosh!" Singleton-"Why?" Benedict-"Because married men have no leisure."-Boston Traveler.

"My dear," expostulated his wife,

why will you eat such a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning? You know you are almost sure to have a nightmare in church."-Detroit Tribune. Puffy-"Just saved a man's life." Guffy-"How was that?" "Met a fellow on the street. Said he'd

my watch. Gave him the watch."-Not Necessarily Mutual: Mother-"My dear, there can be no domestic happiness unless there are mutual concessions." Married Daughter-"Nonsense, mother. We could get along very well if Charles would make concessions."—Puck.

blow my brains out if I didn't give him

Apprehensive: "I'm really worried about the baby," said young Mrs. Torkins. "Charley's worried about her, too," "Is her health failing?" "Oh, "Charley's worried about her, It's her future that bothers us. We found her the other day trying to put her foot in her mouth, and we're afraid she's going to grow up to be a

## bailet dancer."-Washington Star. Where They Never Stamp Letters,

The letters that the Sikh police, in Singapore, send their kindred in India, and those that they receive in return, are almost invariably minus any postage stamps. One of their Europeau officers noticing this, asked one of the men the reason for this universal omission, and it was explained that the native postman's ideas of honor concerning the delivery of native letters are restricted to towns. Should the epistle be addressed to a man in the village some miles from the office, the postman duly takes the letter and starts, but after going a little way slips into the nearest patch of jungle and throws it away, thus saving himself any further trouble in the matter. It is curious to note that letters are seldom rifled. The trouble of walking so far for a mere letter seems to worry the native mind, and no curi-

osity is aroused as to the contents. If the letter, however, is unstamped, the unhappy postman must deliver it at its destination, as he is bound to produce on his return a receipt for the fine imposed for the omitted

They bear no ill will to the postman-probably they would do the same in his place; but they know the length of his tether and take steps to frustrate his methods accordingly.

# Giant Turtles.

The most gigantic turtles that existed during the geological ages appear to have inhabited the foothills of the Himalsya Mountains. The shells and bones of these extinct creatures, which occasionally wash out of the ravines where they have been buried for untold ages, prove that they were more than twice as large as any specimen of the tortoise family which now exists. A specimen of the shell of one of these old-time monsters which may be seen in the National Museum at Calcutta is 64 inches thick, twelve feet and a fraction in length, 81 feet broad and more than five feet in height when standing upside down like an inverted saucer.

# Resorting to Spectacles,

As a result of the examination of 4000 eyes, Dr. Miles, of Bridgeport, Conn., found that sixty five per cent. required glasses. The women and girls far exceed the men and boys. The period during which the people have the most trouble with their eyes is between twenty and thirty.