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Nebraska Populist papers want department stores abolished.

Paris florists are already setting out plants so they may sell flowers from the grave of Lafayette to patriotic Americans during the exposition of

Says the Montgomery (Ala.) Advartiser: In the last twenty years the Southern States have expended \$80,-000,000 for colored schools. Nearly every dollar was furnished by the white people.

A writer on beauty says that to obtain a perfect ideal of the female form divine one should study Greek models for the head, English for the complexion, Irith for the hands, American for finger-nails, Hindostance for the feet and Spanish for the carriage.

The notion that the inhabitants of the South Sea islands are everywhere dying out is not borne out in Nauru, where the German residents made a census of the natives on September 3, 1890, and found 1317, while in 1893 the number had increased to 1377.

The State of Massachusetts has alone and unaided fought the gypsy moth, and has thus far prevented it from spreading beyond its limits. It has within the past four years expended \$450,000, with the result of keeping the pest from spreading and eradicating it in a few localities,

Ontario farm lands have taken a big drop in value during the past twelve years. The total value in 1883 was placed at 8654,793,000; in 1895 the valuation was reduced to 3572,938,000. The bringing of new wheat districts into competition with the Ontario fields is given as the cause of the rapid

One historical authority states that the earliest discovery of iron within the present limits of this country was the mountain range of western North of his kindness until he gets back from Carolina, and the first effort to manu- his tour of the world. What I shall facture it into merchantable form was made in the State of Virginia in 1619. | that does not concern Branton. The foundry was destroyed by the Inlians in 1622.

The County Court Judge of Oldham, England, has recently decided that a onk is "a quasi-domestic animal," and that its owner is not responsible for its actions. In the course of his decision, the judge said the feline's "intellect is not so extensive as to render it able to distinguish between chickens and small birds,"

A Philadelphia paper gathers a cer. tain amount of comfort from the fact that the "scrapple" of the Quaker City and the baked beans of Boston are to be found on the menu cards of the New York restaurants. It argues from this gastronomic fact that the above alimentary tit-bits have put the three cities on a more friendly foot

An impressive instance of patriotic service is presented in the case of President Britlin, of the New Orleans City Council, who has directed the Committee on Budget and Assessment to transfer the amount of his salary, \$6000, to the contingent fund, as he does not intend to accept any money consideration for his official services. It is not believed that this sort of thing will ever become chronic.

Japan is a country already beginning to suffer from the "disease of civilization," although but a few years have elapsed since it emerged from primitive and comparatively innocent conditions. According to Mr. Saito Wokofu, a stalistician of note, snioides have been extraordinarily frequent during the past ten years and are steadily on the increase, especially among women. The Japanese statis - necessary that some one attend at the tician, pursuing his investigations further, finds that about one-half the small stock of remaining money, Bransuicides are persons of unsound mind; ance. He knew no one in town and and among men the most frequent causes of insanity is financial trouble. The people seem to be getting only what is worst in Nineteenth Century civilization.

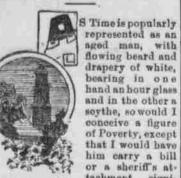
The French Minister of Agriculture has instituted an extra parliamentary commission for the purpose of studying certain proposals for the improvement of agriculture. France contains about 15,000,000 acres of uncultivated land, and for some years there have been discussions as to the best mode of utilizing it. The proposals were reafforesting, irrigation, water supply and restocking with fish the ponds and streams. The area of land uncultivated is as follows: Moor and heather, 9,722,500 acres; rocky and marshy land, 4,895,000; bogs and swamps, 820,000, and peat land, 115,000. These figures show that out of every instead of a struggling young man nine acres of land in France nearly with no occupation and but four dol-tice," cried Miss Mell. "I do like hair of any other color than white are one is in an uncultivated condition. | lars and thirty-two cents in the world. | New York men-"

A SMILE AND A FROWN,

Only a frown! yet it pressed a sting Into the day which had been so glad; The red rose turned to a senseless thing, The bird song esseed with discordant ring And a beart was beavy and sad.

Only a smile! yet it cast a spell Over the sky which had been so gray; The rain made music wherever it fell, The wind sung the song of a marriage-And a heart was light and gay. -Emma C. Dowd.

#### A BACHELOR'S DINNER.



tachment, signifying that it was not his province to cut me off at one merciful stroke, but to worry and bore me to death by continually ringing my doorbell and thrusting the awful document before my bloodshot eyes. Branton is of a different mind.

"It is a misconception -- a gross misconception," he declared the other night, resting his feet on the handsome brass fender and gazing medita-tively into the fire that glowed on the hearth of his library. "Poverty should be represented as carrying in one hand a heart, and in the other, perhaps, a dart.

"Or a fat purse," I said to myself. But my friend's case is an unusual one. His kindly conception of what should be a grim, repulsive figure had its origin, and not without reason, in his own experience. With me it is My financial condition has changed but little since the day we received my aunt's burried note annonneing that she had run down from Newport with my cousin Lyvia, who, by the way, has not yet been introduced to society, and a charming girl of the globe. from San Francisco. To be frank, I "I almost am still living in Holwood's pleasant apartment overlooking the avenue, and

do then I dare not contemplate. But

When the note of my aunt's ar-rived my fortunes were at their lowest For weeks I had been doing my own cooking, and Branton's arrival from the West, where, through no fault of his own, he had lost the small fortune that had fallen to his possession on the death of his father, an English country gentleman who had left a large number of sons to divide a lucky fellow, Miss Mell?" a moderate estate, added an additional burden to my thin pocketbook. Just did not explain further than that cira fair way to rise when he suddenly compelled to accept my poor hospitality. For four days he had been fall; few people were in town; her house was closed and she thought it would be jolly for Lyvis and a charming friend of hers to spend an evening sudden notice and expect them at 7 up with a wink, but he simply would o'clock sharp? At the time pardon not be winked at. was not granted, but I had to make the best of circumstances. Even had I known just where to address my kind relative, I could hardly have dared asked her to excuse me, partieustraits, for, bred as she has been in and boiled or stewed, or something the lap of luxury, poverty is a thing like that.

Fortunately I had still remaining \$10 from the last remittance of my father, which came enclosed in an given me the best possible education, fitted me to battle with the world, and thought that thereafter I had better do for myself. With this money we simple dinner, and I despatched a note one. to Carter asking him to join us. Then arose the question of service. We had no servant, and naturally it was

table. As I was ruefully eyeing my was going to sail for home just as soon as he could afford it. With his clean shaven face he would pass for a mest respectable butler. Of course I demurred, but he insisted, and eventually won his point. To this little via tory can be traced his kindly concep-

tion of an artistic figure of poverty. Holwood's silver service presented a stunning appearance when we arranged it on the table that evening. The soup as it steamed on the back of oven, the few simply cooked vegetables in the pots all ready for serving looked excellent, and Branton made the most imposing butler I have ever set eyes on, for he always was a handsome fellow. So it was with a feeling akin to satisfaction that I threw my- Rosa. self into a chair in the study when the menial labor was over and awaited the failed to make an impression, a deep coming of my guests. Already Bran-ton was aping a well bred lackey, and observed Carter, gallantly. "Do yo ton was aping a well bred lackey, and observed Carter, gallantly. "Do you so inimitably did he play his part that think she has failed, Vandergust?" I almost imagined myself the proprietor of a well appointed establishment,

At length the bell rang and my butler opened the door. It was Carter. as a certain person you met on your He passed through the opening in the ranch," interrupted my cousin. portieres that the obsequious Branton had made for him and was seated beside me. After the usual compliments

"Yes," I replied, enveloping my-self in cigarette smoke to hide the Lyvis. "But really, Mr. Carter, it's high coloring of my face. "I got him true.

"Hum!" he exclaimed. "Made a

ten-strike at last, ch?"
He referred to my getting a tenstrike and a good servant on the same day, and I thanked him, but before I door and a confusion of soft voices.

A moment later I had affectionately greeted my aunt and cousin, made my

"A cowboy with a Vandyke! Hum; greeted my aunt and cousin, made my obeisance to Miss Rosa Mell and ushered my guests to the room set apart for them, for my butler had suddenly disappeared and left this last duty to

When I saw Rosa Mell in the full glare of the study lights I forgot the occurred the idea that a cowboy in a inconvenience to which I had been Van Dyke was suspicious. The thing showered on my aunt for the honor of her coming. She was a beautiful girl, deep black hair and eyes, and a face ever?'

"Now, Frank, dear, mind your ps and qs," she whispered. "She's as rich as Mrs. Crossus, and the charmingest-it's the best word-girl I

"Thank you for your kindly interest, a stage whisper said:

"And who wouldn't be in such a wood had gathered from every quarter

"I almost long to be a bachelor-" gressed, for as she was speaking her eyes fell upon the butler standing behind my chair. She flushed, then the color left her face and she stared at him, unconsciously. Her confusion was but momentary. She recovered herself and with the greatest composure added: "Yes, it must be jolly to be a bachelor and live like this."

"Vandergust is certainly an extremely lucky fellow," cried Carter. "Are you married?" inquired my

"Dear me, no! Never!" my friend exclaimed. "Now don't you think he's

She thought that I was, poor girl, but I did not have an opportunity for why my friend had left the West he learning her reason, for he engaged her attention with an extended accumstances had reduced him to a men- count of his idea of my luck. My aunt ial position on a ranch, and he was in | flowed off into a long recital concernmade up his mind to go home, and which my cousin frequently interlanded in New York, penniless and rupted with expressions of dissent or eyes opened and rested on hers. approval. I responded with ohs, ahs and indeeds, and furtively watched seeking work in vain when I heard Branton as he served the oysters. His from my aunt. It was early in the usually ruddy face was as pale as my Poverty's, his hands trembled as he moved about at his duties, and he of the room. seemed studiously to avoid the glances friend of hers to spend an evening of the whole company. I wanted to bachelor hall. Would I pardon the smile at him and if possible cheer him

"What a lovely butler you have!" exclaimed Lyvia, as he left the room for the third course, the roast he had taken so much pains over, the potstoes I had cut my hands in peeling, larly on the ground of my financial the peas we had purchased in a can

beyond her understanding. To her it is a crime. She cannot imagine that is a crime. She cannot imagine that came," Carter said. "I think he was came," Carter said. "I think he was mmon sense should be afflicted lucky to get him. Don't you think he was lucky, Miss Mell?"

Her reply was inaudible. Branton's return necessitated a new line of conversation. So that he might have affectionate epistle saying that he had a little fun out of it, I spoke of the by this firm in royalties to the Gov-

procured the necessary supplies for a about a cook. I can't get a good

"I think he or she does very well indeed," said my aunt.

"But good ones won't stay." "A matter of days out I suppose?" "Perhaps you don't pay them,"ven-

tured Carter, facetiously I laughed at this, and succeeded in bestowing a wink on the butler, whereupon he immediately dropped the precious dish of potatoes, so that they went tracking over Holwood's fine old Turkish rug. The miscreant servant, in a moment of confusion and forgetfulness, fell upon his knees and tried to sweep them back into the dish with his arms, as he would have gathered in an abnormally large stack of chips. My gueste and I assumed an air of complete obliviousness to the incident, and by the time he had arisen the range, the roast as it sizzled in the from the floor, with bair disheveled and burning face, and escaped from They say they have no time to rest. the room, we were talking of the

> "You know, Frank," laughed my aunt, "you Eastern men have absolutely failed to make an impression on

"I'm certain Miss Mell has not

"A cowboy !" asked Carter, anddenly becoming intensely interested. side me. After the usual compliments of the day had been exchanged by laughed the fair girl, "with a reglanced furtively toward the hall, volver, a red shirt, and all the appro-then whispered: "A new man?" priate settings."

> "Nonsense, Lyvia," Miss Mell exclaimed, with the most charming

possible frown. "Don't deny it," said I, for I was really getting just a bit anxious. can imagine him myself-a tall, had an opportunity to go into particu- bronzed chap, with flowing black lars, for it was evident that he was locks, piercing eyes, a noble brow-"curious, I heard Branton open the "And a beard-a lovely Vandyke;

> Dangerous!" exclaimed Carter. "Don't you think it's dangerous, Vandergust?"

I admit that Carter has not a great mind, but at that instant it ran in the same channel as mine, for to me had put, that to keep up appearances I savored of the gentleman; perhaps had been driven to deception, and I one of those fellows down on his luck was really honest in the thanks I that I read of, or even like Branton.

My aunt smiled complacently. Miss Mell leaved back in her chair with a tall, finely proportioned figure; and sighed, "Oh, Lyvia, why did you

no feature of which was perfect, but which as a whole, was most attractive. To be frank again, Miss Mell's charms sible cousin. "And what do you were further increased for me by are-mark my aunt made as I led her out to impart to my ears alone a secret of vast import.

"I don't think," I answered. simply wait."

"Ly-vi-a!" My cousin passed unheeded this gentle, plaintive remonstrance, and in aunt," I replied in an undertone. In one day shedding crocodile tears over a louder voice I added, "I am well his photograph—a horrible looking contented with my bachelor condi-tion." thing, with fringy edges, you know, and a gilt border, and a-"

The burst of laughter that interjolly place," cried my cousin, as we rupted this disclosure was drowned by were seated, and her eyes scanned the walls, covered with curios that Hol- hid the door of the butler's pantry, a thud as of a heavy body falling, a moan. I sprang from the table and tossed aside the screen. Disclosed to That was as far as Miss Mell pro- our view, prostrate on the floor, his head resting in a mass of broken dishes, lay my friend and butler.
"Branton!" I cried, falling down at

He made no reply for he was uncon-Carter and I picked him up and laid

him in the heavily cushioned window seat. "What a clumsy butler! Ring for the servants!" cried my aunt, who in the general confusion reemed to think

that she alone was calm, and by virtue of that calmness in duty bound to take command. "He's not my butler!" I exclaimed. forgetting appearances, "It's Branton

-Jim Branton, the best fellow-" "Water! Water!" screamed Lyvia. I dashed to the table and seized a glass, and when I turned again to my injured friend, Rosa Mell was on her

ing the dulness of life at Newport, knees at his side, wiping his forehead with her handkerchief. Suddenly his "Rosa! Rosa!" he muttered, and he

suddenly reached out his arm and draw her head down toward him I glanced at the other and pointed to the door. Silently we passed out

"Well, I never !" my aunt exclaimed, as the portieres closed behind us. "I thought the cowboy was a joke, but a butler-"

"Sh!" whispered Lyvia. And through the heavy curtains came : "Why did you run away from the

"Why-why-because a poor chap like me had no right even to hope."-New York Sun.

### Amber and Its Production,

An enormous amount of amber omes from Prussia, where it is mined by what is practically a monopoly. The company controlling the greater part of the output pay to the Government over \$160,000 a year for the privilege of control. It is said that over \$5,000,000 has already been paid ernment. The beach in East Prussia, "If you will pardon my burdening you with my housekeeping woes," I ventured, "I will ask your advice comes up in the seaweed that is often comes up in the seaweed that is often piled up to the height of three or four feet along the shore. After a storm men, women and ch.idren swarm over the beach, gathering amber and finding most profitable employment there-From a hundred to a hundred and fifty tons of raw amber are worked up every year in one city. The greater part of it is melted to make varnish and lac. Beads are made of many of the best pieces, and these are in demand all over the world.

Wearing Out Needlessly. Many people wear themselves out needlessly; their conscience is a tyrant. An exaggerated sense of duty eads a person to anxious, ceaseless activity, to be constantly doing something, over-punctual, never idle a second of time, scorn to rest; such are in unconscious nerve tension. they have so much to do, not thinking they are rapidly unfitting themselve for probably what would have been their best and greatest work in after years,-The Ledger.

### Snow-White Cattle.

The breed of snow-white cattle which were used in the sacrifices in Athena and Rome from 2000 to 2500 ago, is still in existence in Calabria. "I'm competent to speak for but Italy. Great pains are taken to maintwo," I replied, "but I will say..." tain the strain of blood in all its "Mrs. Vandergust doce me an injusat once separated from the herd,

## "But none are quite so farcinating THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

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

Depths of Humiliation-Equipped-He Had It-Nice to Teach-Hope Springs Eternal, Etc.

The inconsistency of man
Is not a joke, but real;
The more you sell a fellow for,
The cheaper he will feel.

Judge.

NICE TO TEACH. Madge-"I wonder why Dolly gets taken out skating so much?" Majorie-"It's because she doesn't know how to skate."-Judge.

"One of your wife's lungs is gone, "That doesn't do me any good, doe tor; the one she has left is a star."-

EVIDENTLY HIS OWN, Smithers-"Do you think Charley Litewate's jokes are all original?"

Nubbins-"Yes; they are too stupid to be borrowed from anybody else."-Twinkles. HE HAD IT.

Conductor-"Did I get your fare, Passenger-"You must have. You didn't ring it up for the company."-Town Topica.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL. Jones-"I hear that Simpson is hopelessly in debt." Smith-"I guess not. He struck me for ten yesterday, and seemed to think he was going to get it,"-Puck.

AN IMPOSTANT MATTER. "Just had a talk with Brainard, the nventor. He has a big problem on

hand now. "What is he trying to do?" "Trying to make both ends meet."

UTILIZING HIS MISPORTUNE.

"No," said the doctor; "your finger will never be in good shape again. "Well," said the base ball pitcher, "if I can pitch at all with that finger, I ought to be able to rend in some dandy new curves."-Puck.

HIS STATUS.

"Whew! That fellow knows a great deal, doesn't he?" commented Poots when Gassaway had departed. "Yes," replied Grimshaw. "He knows entirely too much for one man; he ought to be incorporated."

## JAY'S IDEA.

Josh Medders-"How does that nephew of Judge Tophill's, that is visitin' him, look?" Jay Green-"Wa-al, he's so crosseyed that I guess he has to lay on his back to look down the well."-Judge.

AN IMITATOR. conceivable way. He dresses like me, talks like me, acts like me and in fact, does everything like me." "Well, Tomlinson always was a little bit inclined to make an ass of him-

## self."-New York Journal. "Don't you want to get into this

National Encyclopedia of Prominent People-cost you only \$25?" "No sir; don't like the way it run-look at George Washington and John Quincy Adams getting in for

uothing."-Chicago Record, A NEW METHOD. "Maria," said Silas Wintersmith,

looking toward the parlor-door, "Be linda an' her beau are keepin' mighty

"Mebbe they're courtin'." replied his wife, "by mind-readin' or that hypnertism plau I read about last

### ONE ON THE HUMOREST.

"I have brought you a bag of peanuts, thinking you would appreciate a change," said young Mr. Pompon to Snickers, the humorist. "A change?" replied the humorist, thoughtfully.

"Yes, a change from chestnuts, you know."- Life.

### THE FLY IN THE CONTMENT.

Visitor (in Ruralville)-"This is very pleasant and home-like place, and cannot understand why so many families should have moved away from it during the past few months, as you

Native-"You haven't heard our young ladies' brass band yet.

### ANNOUNCED.

Priscilla -"Jack is the oddest fe'-He took me driving yesterday, and when we were seven miles from home he said, if I wouldn't promise to marry him ha'd make me get out and walk back."

Penelope—"Did you walk back?" Priscilla—"No, indeed; but the

### THE PROBABILITY.

"Does your wife worry about burg-"Not much," answered Mr. Meek-

"I wonder what she'd say if she found one in the house?" "I don't know. But I have an idea that she'd ask him how he dared come in the house without wiping his shoes on the mat."—Washington Star.

On a conservative estimate the apple crop of the United States this season amounts to two barrels for every man, woman and child.

#### SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL,

Professor Huxley says that an oyster is a far more complicated piece of machinery than the finest Swiss watch. Tokio, Japan, has adopted the arch

railroad which it has been decided to build there at a cost of \$2,000,000. Health Commissioner Starkloff, of St. Louis, Mo., will at the next meeting of the Board of Health recommend that preliminary tuberculosis be de-

system for the two miles of elevated

Celery is said to be excellent for the nervous system and is a fine remedy for rheumatism and neuralgia. It may be taken in the natural state, or in salads, soups and in tea.

clared infectious

A horseless sleigh is one of the latest inventions. Gasoline furnishes the motive power, and a sharp-toothed wheel under the centre of the sleigh applies it to the frozen earth and

pushes the sleigh along. a In North Carolina the long pine needles of certain species of pine are treated with a solution of soda to secure the fiber, which is woven into coarse blankets, cloths and mats. This product is also made in Germany and Sweden.

A complete series of photographs of the recent Chinese-Japanese war, taken on the spot, forms a feature of the international photographic exhibition now being held at Berliu. The collection has excited much interest as the most comprehensive photographic

record of war yet shown. A product called "wire-glass" which, it is asserted, presents an effective barrier against fire, consists simply of a mesh-work of wire embedded in a glass plate. Even when licked by flames and raised to a red heat it does not fall to pieces, and it not only resists the heat of fire, but also the shattering effects of cold water poured

over it while it is yet glowing hot. At a Bargerton (Ohio) match factory recently 177,926,400 matches were made in a day. At that rate that factory can produce in a year 64,943,-136,000 matches, which meens 927 matchesa year, or nearly three matches a day for each one of the 79,009,000 inhabitants of the country. All this work is done by automatic machinery,

that is without its equal in the work. A double-deek tunnel is the project of the Metropolitan District Railway, of London, for facilitating traffic on its underground line in that city. The present underground line has a double track and it is proposed to build two single track tunnels at some distance below this line, to be used for express trains, there being only one station between the terminus and the point where the low level line will rise to

#### the grade of the existing line. Should One Sleep Alter Eating?

We would not now revert to this oft-discussed question to give anyone's theoretical views or personal belief in the matter, or to bring forward the familiar argument, that because animals sleep just after they have eaten, hence the human animal should do the same, says the Medical Record. Doc tor Schule, of Fribourg, has, however, approached the subject from the chemico-experimental side, and his results are worthy of record. Having analyzed the stomach's contents in two normal subjects a few hours after meals, some of which were followed by sleep and others not, he finds that sleep has for its constant effect the weakening of the stomach's motility, and at the same time there is an in crease in the acidity of the gastric juice. On the other hand, simple repose in the horizontal position stimulates the motive function of the stomach, but does not increase the acidity of gastric juice. The conclusion is hence reached that, while one should stretch himself out for a rest in the horizontal decubitus after a hearty meal, he should resist the tempting Morpheus, especially if there be present a dilated state of the stomach or if its juices be hyperacid.

#### Power of Pedaling. A series of experiments have been

made by M. Bonny, of Paris, says Engineering, to determine the power exerted in propelling a bicycle at different speeds. The method adopted was to take an antographic record of the total force exerted on the pedal through complete revolution. An examination of the records showed, in the first place, that there was no absolute dead point such as occurs with an ordinary connecting rod and crank motion; and, secondly, that there is always some pressure on the pedal during the rise, and this, of course, tends slightly to reduce the speed. For a speed of ten miles an hour nineteen footpounds of work was done per semirevolution, and for a speed of twenty miles an hour the work done was sixty seven foot-pounds. These figures show that the average pressure of the foot required on the pedal increased very apidly with the speed, treble the work being needed in order to double the velocity. The bioyele was run on a wooden racing track, and the results would probably differ considerable if the trials were made on a rough road.

### Copper Coins for Russia,

The Birmingham (England) Mint Judy. has just received a huge order from the Russian Government for copper coins. The total number of coins required is over 70,000,000. The coins, which consist of three, two, one, half and quarter kopeck pieces, are already being struck off.

### A Good Judge of Art.

Queen Victoria's judgment of pletures has been remarkably accurate, and pictures for which she gave a com paratively small sum a few years ago would now fetch big figures. The value of her pictures by Landseer alone is over \$200,000.

RATES OF ADVERTISING

"They say"-ah! well, suppose they dr But can they prove the story true? Suspicion may arise for naught, But malice, eavy, want of thought. Why count yourself among the "they"

"They say." But why the tale rehearso And help to make the matter worse? No good can possibly accrue From telling what may be untrue; And is it not a noble plan

"They say." Well, if it should be so Why need you tell the tale of wow? Will it the bitter wrong redress, Or make one pang of sorrow less? Will it the erring one restore,

"They say"-Oh! pause and look within; See how your heart inclines to sin, Watch! lest in dark temptations hour You, too, should sink beneath its power Pity the frail, weep o'er their fall But speak of good, "or not at all."

Mamma-"Now, take this, Johnny. You like sugar, you know." Johnny-"Yes, but pills spoil it."-Puck.

school?" New Boy-"Me. Didn't you know I could whistle?"-London Fi-

-"Be stranger still if it were dry with such heavy rains,"-Comic Home Journal.

He-"Miss Belle is easily deceived." She-"How's that? "He-"She thinks

"You can't break any records with me."-Town Topics. Beautiful Heiress (after the ball): "Mary, go back to the hall and see if

His Father-"Now you can see what your course of living has brought you to." The Spendthrift-"Yes, indeed! I can't borrow another cent."-Pack. "The man brought a ton of coal yes

Detroit Tribune. Prison Inspectors-"That man over there seems to positively enjoy the treadmill." Warder-"Yes, sir. 'E's

he was courting you?" Mrs. Laight—
"Pretty much. He keeps me in the
dark."—Yonkers Statesman.

"I wonder what got Bluebeard starting to cutting off his wives' heads? Very the likely the idea occurred to him while he was at the theatre behind a big hat."-Indianapolis Journal.

"Has your husband the button-

paid. At a scholastic meeting some one proposed the toast: "Long live our school teachers." What on?" rising in his seat. - Tit-bits.

twenty years younger since he shave off his whiskers." - Cleveland Leader. Mrs. Tamblin (tearfully): "They brought my husband home in a hack from the banquet last night. How did

land Leader. Medium (to party at sitting) - "The spirit of your deceased husband desires to converse with you." Wife-"Huh! if he ain't got no more spirit now than he had when he died, he ain't worth troubling about."-New

He-"I have often wished, dearest, that we lived in the old days of shivalry, so I could do some brave act to prove my devotion to you." She-'I have wished so myself, Edwin; but still, you haven't asked papa's consent yet."-Lark.

Magistrate-"The gamekeeper says that he saw you taking this pheasant. What have you to say to that?" Prisoner-"I only took it for a lark." Magistrate-"Six months for making such an ornithological error. Consult your natural history in future."

Speaker's eye?" asked the first lady member of Parliament. "Have 1?" rejoined the second M. P. "Well, cather; I wore my navy blue bengaline with the heliotrope sleeves, and the speaker couldn't keep his eyes offme."

—Pearson's Weekly.

The Doctor-"Mrs, Briggs has sent for me to go and see her boy, and I nust go at once." "What is the mat-ler with the boy?" The Doctor-"I ion't know; but Mrs. Briggs has a book on 'What to do Before the Doctor Comes," and I must harry up before she does it."-Collier's Weekly.

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-New Haven Register.

#### HUMOR OF THE DAY,

Teacher-"Who is that whistling in

She-"Strange how wet it is." He

she's mad because I kissed her .-He-"May I kiss you? I have never kissed a girl before." She-

perhaps there are any more lieutenants kneeling about."-Fliegende Blaetter.

terday, and now it's gone. It must have been stolen." 'Don't be hasty. Perhaps you mislaid it yourself."-

used to the haction. 'E was a bicycle thief."-Household Words. Mrs. Knight-"Does your husband treat you the same now as he did when

"Look here, Gerald! Your father and Captain Armstrong are giving Ella a lesson on the bicycle." "Yes, Ella a lesson on the bicycle." Mummie; but why does Ella always fall off on Captain Armstrong's side?" -Punch.

sollecting fad?" inquired the caller. Well," replied young Mrs. Torkins loubtfully; "he usually helps take ap the contribution in our church."-Washington Star. In Russia teachers are none too well

asked a cadaverous-looking specimen, Cholly-"I wonder if your fatherwould fly into a passion if I were to ask him for you?" Adelaide - "Not if you tell him first that he looks

yours get home?" Mrs. Sanderson-"1 don't know, but I suspect that he was carried along by his breath."-Cleve-

York World.

"How matrimony does change a man!" "Huh! It changes a woman, When we were engaged my wife-to-be was always trying to make me save money. Now she doesn't gimme a chance to save a cent."-Chicago Enquirer.

"Have you been able to catch the