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cerous affection that, despite shill and

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Japan's two principal articles of export-silk and tea-are produced chiefly by women.

England's heart is with Greece, according to London advices, but her guns and fleets are with Turkey.

The fearful possibility of having to thrive by internal industry instead of living off tribute seems to have reduced Spain to the border of nervous prostration.

The city of Liverpool, England, is about to copy Glasgow, Scotland, and take over the whole of the street railroads. The price to be paid is about

The country editor picked up one of his metropolitan exchanges and read: "The charming little soubrette, Eva Hollis-Whopper, has just purchased a new buildog." "It is blame funny," said he to himself and the cat, "that city papers publish that sort of stuff and then make fun of me for mentioning that Squire Jim Brown has painted his barn."

What is probably the lowest rate made by any railroad in the world is credited to the Boston and Maine system. Between Boston and Sherbrooke, Quebec, a distance of 290 miles, commuters can get non-transferable tickets for \$90 for 158 rides, or fifty-seven cents a single ride. That is a rate of 1.9 mills per mile. The -regular fare between these points is

> The magnitude of the great feat of modern engineering which is contemplated in the proposed Chicago sewage canal may be more fully appreciated by a glance at the latest published estimates of the work required. The canal is to be twenty-eight miles long. and so designed as to allow the waters of Lake Michigan to flow through it at the rate of 10,000 cubic feet a second. This velocity of current is expected to dilute the sewage so thoroughly as to purify the canal stream before it shall reach the cities on the banks of the Illinois river. The width of the alluvial bottom of the canal will be 202 feet, and much of the excavation must be through solid rock. Of this there is estimated to be 12,000,-000 cubic yards; of wet soil, 4,500,-000 cubic yards, and of alluvial and hard soil, 23,000,000 cubic yards-a grand total of 40,000,000 cubic yards for removal.

> The geographical position of Greece is both its peril and its promise. be considered that at the very entrance of the tornado is sometimes found perfect peace. Though surrounded by enemies, none of whom wish it good, Greece may find consolation in the fact of the undoubted, if uñacknowledged enmity of its foes one toward another. The condition of this little realm is similar to that of a bone thrown among a group of hungry dogs. The bone knows that despite anything that itself may do any one of these dogs has power to snatch it. But the bone also finds strength in the consciousness that as soon as any one dog starts to appropriate it another canine will spring angrily forward to try conclusions with that dog. It is a kind of a negative satisfaction, this confidence that the bone has, but it has an element of comfort.

Scientific inquiry diligently pursued has discovered a hitherto unsuspected source of peril to the pupils of the public schools, observes the New York Mail and Express. In seeking the causes of recurrent indigestion, colie, dyspepsia, drowsiness and nervous irritability among the children attending those institutions, it has been ascertained that the burden of responsibility is chargeable to pie and the devastating effects of the pie habit. The Board of Education has therefore been called upon to abolish pie from the school curriculum and from the lunch baskets of school children. It is seriously represented that pie is an obstruction to the progress of education, and that until it is totally eliminated the schools can never fully perform the important work for which they are designed. This revolutionary movement involves no reflection upon the moral integrity of the modern pie. 'It concerns itself entirely with the baneful effects of the pie habit upon the physical and mental condition of those of its juvenile victims who go to school. It is proposed to rescue these innocents from the withering embrace of the great pie spectre, to banish indigestion and doubt from their fair young lives, and to make sure that all their ways may be free from sorrow and biliousnessall of which, it is profoundly believed, can be most directly accomplished by a formal rule forbidding them to indulge in pie during school hours.

THE BEST FOR THE CHUNTRY.

Let's hope for the best for the country, whatever the powers may be: The birds still will sing in the blossoms-the rivers dash on to the sea; The storm feel the flush of the rainbow, however the thunders may fal's The same sun is shining in splendor-the same God is over us all !

Let's hope for the best for the country; there is joy for the night and the day; The ringing of bells in the cities and della-sweet-singing our sorrows away: There are stars for the gloom of the midnight, however the shadows may full; The same skies are bending above us the same God is over us all !

Let's hope for the best for the country; here's spring with her banners unfurle !--The breath of the showering blossoms that are blown by the winds o'er the world; The send that climbs high to the harvest, and musical voices that call; The world's in the light of the glory of the Go1 that is over us all!

-Atlanta Constitut'on,

colorless one in its place.

"Can this be Amy? How ugly you

The words were ungracious, the tone

loss of her childish beauty, and while

and valuly tried by every art of dress

to recall the lost charms, she yet felt

Sometimes she sat and thought of

donna. Mrs. Grantley made dress a

fine art, and Amy's toilettes were per-

But her greatest triumph was not in

society. No praise there, no love of-

fered her by the many who sought her,

Leonard Gresham, a man of whos

sought her for his wife, and when she

gently refused his suit she was far

prouder of the adopted mother's pleas-

ure than of the offer of one of society's

"My darling, I cannot spare you

in her heart long after they were

spoken, with an emphasis that proved

There were times when Amy won-

It was a revelation to Mrs. Grantley

allowed Amy to manifest her love. It

shrank from forcing her affection

daily duties, and the loving heart soon

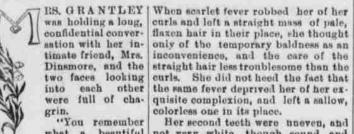
Grantley's life overflow with new hap-

"My darling!"

power to win love. .

MRS. GRANTLEY'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

..... BY ANNA SHEILDS.



was holding a loug, curls and left a straight mass of pale, confidential conver- flaxen hair in their place, she thought sation with her in- only of the temporary baldness as an two faces looking curls. She did not heed the fact that each other the same fever deprived her of her exwere full of cha- quisite complexion, and left a sallow,

"You remember Her second teeth were uneven, and what a beautiful not very white, though sound and child Amy was?" Mrs. Grantley said, useful. She was graceful in figure,

"the preftiest of all we saw, and we were—how long, making a selection?"

"Dear me! I cannot recollect," action, but Mrs. Grantley's first exsaid Mrs. Dinsmore. "We visited claimation was: every orphan asylum and 'home' we heard of, I know. Yes, Amy was a have grown?"

The words w

'And I was so careful in my direc- still more so, and the sensitive, loving tion at every school where I have heart felt as if a heavy hand had placed her that she should be watched | crushed all sweetness out of life. The and prevented from getting freckled co'd kiss, the few forced words of wel-or spoiling her complexion in any come, added to her pain, and, lifting She has been most faithfully streaming eyes, she faltered: cared for, and now, my dear, when I come home, expecting to find a lovely good!" like a grieved child, harshly given me, even although I knew that girl to introduce to society, I am reproved for a fault. She did try to my loss of beauty was one of the bitfairly stunned! Amy is positively atone for that involutary crime, the

"It is too dreadful!" said Mrs. Grantley mourned over it, spoke Dinsmore, with a sympathetic shud-often of her bitter disappointment,

"Of course, I must do my duty by her," continued Mrs. Grantley, plain-tively, "after giving her the best edu-cation money could procure and all the tastes and accomplishments of a lady. I cannot turn the child away pointment!"

schemes, keeping open house for balls, loving, so anxious to please me, that I Herald. parties, private theatricals and festivi- believe I shall end by loving her as sort of fashion all summer. A child- she is positively homely!" handsome, highly educated and re- in his opinion. To Mrs. Grantley's one genuine dollar house, a new interest to her life, by highly cultivated voice that was al-

adopting a child. ite in her eyes was beauty; the next | that could touch higher topics than | it is good stuff to be chased. intellect, and with these she also re- dress or the merits of the latest prima quired a child who was absolutely friendless-one who would have no unpleasant relations claiming acquaintance at some future date, however remote. It was not easy to meet brow, the sweetness of her smile, all these con litions, but the child was atoned in a great measure for the want found at last; she was very fair, with of beauty in face and complexion. a bloom like a peach blossom upon each delicate cheek; she had fair, soft hair that curled naturally, blue eyes full of sweetness and delicate features; her feet and hands were of aristocratic proportions, and her figure slender and graceful. A street waif, she knew of no home seyond the asylum where love any woman might be proud, Mrs. Grantley found her, and had no relative of whom she had ever heard. There was no difficulty about the matter, and Mrs. Grantley adopted the child, calling her Amy Grantley, and delighting to exhibit her in the daintiest of costumes to her admiring yet!" were words that echoed gladly

When Amy was twelve years old, having proved herself an apt scholar they came from the heart. with a good nursery governess, Mrs. Grantley decided to go to Europe. dered if the pain the rejection of She left her adopted child in a good Leonard Gresham left in her heart school, and corresponded with her was not caused by a deeper love than regularly, seeing with delight that the she had realized she felt when she gave child's mind and heart expanded and it, but the girl's whole mind was bent showed cultivation and sweet, maiden upon proving her gratitude to her ly beauty as her education advanced. | adopted mother. For seven years Amy remained at school, a conscientious student, de- to find in so many ways her comfort lighting in music, and showing always and happiness increased after she once

gentle, lovable disposition. In her heart there was one shrine was a long time before this was accomwhere, next her God, was one object plished, for the girl's sensitive nature of absolute worship-Mrs. Grantley. e had never been deceived regard- where it was not needed. But, little ing her own position, knowing that to by little, the humble offers of service her adopted mother she owed every dictated by intense gratitude became pleasure and every advantage she enjoyed. Every action of her life was found new avenues of devotion. Wellinfluenced by her gratitude. Loving trained servants took every menial study for its own sake, she threw fresh care, but no servant could make Mrs. energy into every accomplishment to please her friend, her kind adopted mother; she made music an absorbing pursuit, because Mrs. Grantley loved with joy the first time Mrs. Grantley nusic, and her teachers assured her drew her to her heart, kissed her lips her strong, pure voice must give pless- and said, fervently :

ure to any true lover of singing. Year after year the strong hope of her life was that Mrs. Grantley would moment of purer, more rapturous desoon return, and she might in some light than Amy experienced in that day the summons came to her to meet on in a pleasant stream. Society be-Mrs. Grantley in what was to be her came secondary to home. future home, the child was almost ill mamma" became a familiar title upon ith excitement.

Educated by a lady who considered more fondly loved than Mrs. (irantley with excitement.

it a duty to check any vanity in her by her "darling." pupils, Amy had never given much rought to her personal appearance. Mrs. Grantley was attacked by a can-, records dating 975.

care, became an incurable di-cay loathsome to the sufferer and to the nurse. No hired care could ever have been as tender as that given by Amy's love; no paid nurse could have fought fatigue or disgust, All day, al night, the most watchful care en olded the patient. Every amusement her state could bear-music, reading, chatting, were given with such love aproved them an offering from the heart, and when the suffering was too great to bear any recreation, Amy was devoted in nursing an I soothing the sufferer. Her touch, firm and yet gentle, never added to the pain, and while she was slender, she had the strength of perfect health. Mrs Grantley insisted upon having trained nurse to assist Amy, but it was to her adopted daughter she looked ! the many attentions that alleviate and fering.

It was Amy who read precious words of comfort from the Holy Writ, to long neglected in a life of frivality and fashion. It was Amy who lifted bet voice in simple childlike words of prayer daily and nightly.

Not many hours before the last struggle life makes, Mrs. Grantley timate friend, Mrs. inconvenience, and the care of the was with Mrs. Dinsmore, and the straight hair less troublesome than the ber hand feebly to meet Amy's, she whispered:

"How little I knew the treasure I was taking to my home and heart when I tried to find a pretty child to introduce to society! God has been very good to me in giving me such love and care in my hours of pain." And Amy knew then that she was no

longer in Mrs. Grantley's eyes what she had often heard herself called-"Mrs. Grantley's great disappointment. It was not until two years after the

death of her benefactress that once more Leonard Gresham asked her to be his wife, and she gladly consented. "I loved you," she told him, frankly, "when I sent you from me, but I had given my life to my adopted mother, and it was my one aim and duty to repay her for what she had terest disappointments of her heart." "It is not always beauty that wins

love," Leonard said, tenderly. "No, for without it I have won her heart and yours."-New York Ledger.

Dog That Can Test Metals.

No bank teller, crook or expert in Iowa has a truer instinct for real, genuine cart-wheel silver dollars than has a Rock Rapids dog called for what is really no fault of her own. Amy with a wondering admiration, as Of course she would be a beauty if of some strange specimen of humanity she could! But it is a bitter disaptor that had never before crossed her path. This two years of life he has been the "She is like a flower," she thought, property of Landlord Barber, of the that gives out its sweetest fragrance Lyon Hotel, at Rock Rapids, but it is And it was. Mrs. Grantley was a woman of society, bound up in the requirements of fashion, lady manager for a dozen or so of popular chari- and she is humbly conscious of my nature of metals has become known to ties, patroness for many benevolent chagrin, and yet she is so tenderly his owner, says the Chicago Times-

The way Tip manifests his power, as ties of all kinds all winter, and lead- well as if she were beautiful. Leonard his owner puts its, is as follows: If ing society in a great measure at Gresham says she is the loveliest wo- one takes a pile of coins the size of an Saratoga, Newport and some other re- man in society this winter! And yet American dollar-say, a trade dollar, a Mexican dollar, a five-franc piece less widow, with a large income, very And Leonard Gresham was not alone and some counterfeit dollars—and put piece in the centre fined, she was a very queen in her own amazement, Amy was the centre of a of the pile. Tip will rummage around Then, feeling circle in society that looked beyond among them for an instant and then that her own beauty was waning, she beauty to find attraction. A circle snatch the good coin and proceed to resolved to give a new charm to her that hung entranced upon the pure, to an accompaniment of growls and ways at the service of friends; a circle bites. Or if one rolls a coin along the The first, the most essential, requis- that found a charm in conversation floor Tip can tell every time whether

Tip never makes a mistake, and there isn't a bit of doubt about his powers. He has been tested by fection, while the intellect visible in Chicago business men and by commit her large blue eyes and low, broad tees of Iowa scientists. He gets no human help in his work. The good coin is not marked in any peculiar way for his benefit, nor is it scented. Any one can use his own coin in the experiment. Nor does Tip's powers epend on signs from his master. The made her heart thrill as did Mrs. latter leaves the room without de-Grantley's gradual admissions of her tracting from the dog's ability in the

Mr. Barber has refused all offers for the purchase of Tip.

The Lead Worker.

It is said that lead working disfigares the human body more than any other kind of work.

In this industry it is inevitable that, sooner or later, the workers must succumb to lead-poisoning, and there would appear to be no part of the body that the poisonous fumes and floating particles which permeate the atmosthere of the workshops do not affect. The complexion takes on a ghastly, corpse-like pallor, the gums turn blue, the teeth decay rapidly and fall out, the eyelids are hideously inflamed. scratch or an abrasion of the skin be

omes an unhealable sore. Later on, when nerves and muscles become affected by the poison in the blood, the eyeballs are drawn into oblique positions, and take on a dim and bleared appearance. The joints, especially the knee and the wrist, be come semi-paralyzed, and the whole form is gradually bent and contorted. -New York Journal.

The Irony of Fate.

Edward Whymper, the noted mountain climber, who is well known on this coast, has carried the alpenstock piness as Amy's devotion soon did, for more than thirty years, and has scaled the Chimborazo and the Mat It seemed as if her heart would break terhorn, besides hundreds of lesser peaks, and, although he has had num perless thrilling adventures, including a fall of 600 feet, he never fractured a No lover ever gave his beloved a limb or sustained any serious injury He did, however, tumble down a flight of stairs in England recently and way repay what she owed her. The hour. For two years after life flowed fractured his collar bone. -- San Francisco Chroniele.

Oldest University,

The oldest university in the world is El Azhar, meaning "the splendid," aituated at Cairo. It is the greatest Then sorrow came in ghastly shape. Mohammedan school, and has clear

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESA

Toast-Assurance-In a Barber Shop-An Offensive Request-A Woman's Reason, Etc.

Dinstrious Greece! Here's health to you, Who dates the Turk to brave, While greater Powers to keep the peace Would leave poor Crete a slave

Let lose the dogs or was,
The battle's din shall cease,
Here's hoping Europe's map will show
A larger spot of Greece,
—Charles S. Carter. Let lose the dogs of war, and whon

A WOMAN'S BEASON.

"Why does Mrs. Van Meter hate Mrs. McMasters so cordially?" "Somebody told her they looked enough slike to be sisters."-Chicago

AN OFFENSIVE REQUEST. "What was the nature of the trouble you had with your last nurse girl?"
"She didn't like it because I asked

her to stay at home with the children."-Judge. IN A BARBER SHOP.

Barber (putting on finishing touches)-"What'll you have on your head?" Customer - "A little more hair, please."-Judge.

ASSURANCE. He-"Will you come to my wedding?"

She-"Whom are you going to Ho-"You."-Tit-Bits.

The Happy Man-"I tell you, old fellow, a man doesn't know what real happiness is until he's married."

Cynical Friend-"Then he finds that it consists in being single.-Brooklyn Life.

A CHRONIC WEAKNESS,

Mr. Backpedal (tenderly, to Miss Breaker, as they wheel down the Boulevard)—"Are you tired, Miss Miss Breaker-"No; but my wheel

is."-Judge. CONFESSION.

Mrs. Talkerly-"So you are going to marry Colonel Landly, my dear. And I hear you love the ground he walks

Miss Sharpleigh-"Yes; it belongs to him."-Tit-Bits.

HOW HE FOUND OUT. Con Vivial-"Doctor, my wife suf-

fers greatly from insomnis. Physician - "Insomnia? How do con know?" Con Vivial-"Wby, every time I some home at two or three o'clock in

wake!"-Puck. SAVING TROUBLE.

the morning I always find her wide-

"I guess I'll propose to Herrietta, said the young man, thoughtfully. "I had supposed you admired Matilda most.

"Oh, I do admire her ever so much. But I've got some poetry addressed to 'Marietta'-a young woman who married last month, and, I'm afraid it would be a good deal of work to go through it and make it rhyme with Matilda."-Washington Star.

MATRIMONIAL PROGNOSTICATIONS.

"So you wish to leave to get married. Mary? I hope you have given the matter a serious consideration?" "Oh, I have, sir," was the reply. "I've been to two fortune-tellers and a clairvoyant, and looked in a signbook, and dreamed on a lock of his hair, and been to one of those astero logers, and to a meejum, and they all tell me to go shead, sir. I sin't one to marry reckless like, sir."-House-

FEMININE FINANCE,

Mrs. Blockley-"John, do you know that Royal Worcester vase I bought yesterday for twenty dollars? Well, hey reduced them to ten dollars this

Mr. Blockley-"Then you are ten dollars out by not waiting until this

Mrs. Blockley - "No; only five. went down to-day and bought another one for ten, making two of them averaging fifteen dollars each."-

HE KNEW THE KEY. A young man leaned up against the counter of a branch telegraphic office where two pretty young ladies are employed as telegraphers. He had been chatting with them for about an hour, but had forgotten to say that at one period of his life he himself had been an operator. During a luli in the conversation one of the young ladies "opened" her key and said to the "What do you think of his nibs at

the counter?" "Den't think much of him," was the reply.

"Ob, he makes me tired-he talks like a parrot." "He makes me tired, too-wish he would sneak."

The young man broke in at this juncture and said: "Ladies, I thank you for the compliments you have bestowed upon me, and as you are tired of my company, I'll sneak."

The numerous colors of the rain-bow would not be sufficient to describe the changes that took place in the young ladies' faces. There is a moral attached to this tale and young ladies in branch offices and elsewhere would do well to take heed."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

Electric light is being introduced in all the cars of the Swiss Jura-Simplon railway.

It has been computed that between 6,000,000 and 37,000,000 babies ar-

rive each year. Paris policemen are now supplied with electric dark lanterns with which they can see at a distance of 150 feet.

Rotary snow plows are being used with some success in throwing water off the railway tracks in South Dakota, The Canadian Government has arranged a system of cold storage or railways, at ports and on steamers,

for the preservation of perishable goods, The railway metals between London and Edinburgh, a distance of 400 miles, are 210 yards longer in summer than they are in winter, owing to the expansion caused by the extra heat.

Scientists say that the atmosphere surrounding the globe is gradually diminishing and that in the course of e few thousand, or perhaps a few hundreds of thousands of years the supply will be exhausted.

A new steering device for ships controls the rudder by pneumatic pressure, the air being forced into a cylinder on either side of the rudder post by means of the steering wheel

in the pilot house. We need nearly 3000 cubic feet of fresh air per hour for breathing purposes, but we can do with as little as 2500. Children need less, and there are now building schools to give the

children 1800 cubic feet an hour. A method of photographing the sounds of the heart has been communicated to the Academy of Science by M. de Holowinski. The sounds are transmitted by a sensitive microphone to an optical telephone, the disphragm of which produces Newton's rings, which are then photographed.

The latest in the electrical world is the proposal to harness the Nile cataracts. The Egyptian council of ministers has recently approved the appointment of Professor Forbes, the eminent electrician, to make a report with this end in view, and he will commence his studies in the autumn. It is expected that the results will be of high importance to Upper Egypt and the Soudan.

Nature Makes Soap Bubbles,

About half a mile above Franklin, Penn., on the Erie road, is to be seen one of the most eurious sights in the country, which is thus described by a writer in the Pittsburg Post: "Approaching a small, sluggish stream, we were suprised to see rising from the surface of the water a number of bubbles, which glistened in the sun like glass. It was a beautiful sight, The iridescent spheres revolving swiftly after the manner of soap bubbles, floated rapidly upward, some breaking at a height of ten or twenty feet, others soaring away above the tree tops and out of sight, resembling, more than anything else, gorgeous toy balloons. These bubbles were all sizes, from an inch in diameter to more than a foot. They were apparently much stronger and a great deal more brilliant than ordinary soap bubbles.

"A gas line and an oil line had passed under the run at this point, in each pipe was a small leak. The digging and refilling of the trenches had made a dam which held a few barrels of stagnant water. There was some alkali in the muddy bottom, which, in combination with the oil, formed saponule, a kind of soap. This, while not being a perfect soap, was sufficiently saponaceous and cohesive to make beautiful bubbles when

churned by the escaping gas. The fact that the bubbles were full of caused them to ascend more swiftly, and the presence of the oil made them more brilliant, many colored and unusually beautiful. The bubbles are rising constantly and can be seen by any one who desires to take a walk out to where they are. The strength of these bubbles may be imagined from the fact that small twigs, leaves, etc., had been floating on the surface of the water and were carried up in the large

A Sixtieth Year Coin.

There has just been issued a coin which for a few thousand years to come will be considered one of the most prized of Queen's Victoria's silver currency. It is a crown piece bearing the head of her majesty as used for a few years past, with the or dinary inscription, but carrying on the rim "Anno Regni LX. Decus et Tutamen," the first time that such an nscription has appeared upon any British coin, probably upon any coin whatsover, for the few monarchs of former times who attained their sixieth year upon the throne did not record it upon their coins. For some un known reason the jubilee crowns, is sued ten years ago, have outy a milled edge, and nothing upon them to show for what particular purpose they were struck. There is the date 1887 o course, but it is not every one who can connect it with the interesting event i really records.

To Clean Books,

Grease may be taken out by laying the page between two sheets of blot ting paper, and passing a hot from gently over it. To remove grease from the covers, scrape pipe-clay or French chalk over the spot and iron with a warm iron (act a hot one) Vellum covers may often be cleaned by means of soap and water, but if much soiled should be washed with a weak solution of salts of lemon. To take out ink stains, place the leaves for two minutes in a solution of oxalic acid, then in clean cold water for a few hours. To restore the consistency of the paper afterwards, use a bath of "size" and water.—The Housewife.

each insertion.

Marriages and death notices gratis.

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One Square, one inch, three months. \$ 500
Two Square, one inch, one year. \$ 1600
Quarter Column, one year. \$ 5000
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Legal advertisements ton cents per line each insertion.

UNFINISHED. So small a life-so short a life, And yet so much to do! Brief days with aching sorrows rife,

Strong men cry out for time, for time, Only the time to build, To see their structures grow sublime,

Brief years to struggle through!

To see their dreams fulfilled; With passionate hearts, with willing hands They strive in sun and rain, Till threads are twisted into strands,

Till wall and girder strain; But douth is faster far than they, Far faster than desire; The turrets that should greet the day

Shall never brave its fire. George E. Montgomery, in Independent.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Does your poetry pay?" "Well, it just keeps the wolf from the door." "I suppose you read it to him?"-Tit-

"What was the name of Hawkin's racht?" "The Waldermere." "Oh! thought it was the Mal de-mer." --Harper's Bazar.

Gobang-"Contentment is better than wealth, my boy." My Boy-"It ought to be. It is a mighty sight harder to get."—Truth.

One Little Girl-"My father belongs to one of the first families." The Other Little Girl-"My paw always sees the first bluebird every spring." -Indianapolis Journal.

Lady Shopper-"I want to get omething suitable for a boy of ten years," Salesman-"Slipper counter down the second aisle, turn to your right?"-Boston Transcript.

As Reported by the Papers—"Is that a good hen, Uncle Josh?" "A good hen?" said Uncle Josh. "Why, that 'ar hen lays eggs as big as hailstun's."-Detroit Free Press. "Sir, allow me to shake hands with

you, just by the way of showing that I know somebody here." "With pleasure, sir, as I am in precisely the same boat as yourself."-Clips. The Professor-"As a matter of sot, there are different dislects in

different parts of Scotland." Friend -"Great Scott! Are there more countries to hear from?"-Truth. "I noticed you at the opera last night, Mrs. Budd. Wasn't that a de-lightful aria by Du Mond?" "So sorry I missed that, but I was just giving

Mrs. Upton my famous receipt for hard sauce."—Harper's Bazar. "What's a fishing rod?" "It's a andsome jointed arrangement your father holds out over the water."
"What's a fishing pole?" "It's a long

wooden stick your Uncle Bill catches āsh with."-Chicago Record. He-"Do you believe in palmistry -that you can tell anything by the aand?" She-"Certainly; now, for example, if I had a certain kind of ring on a certain finger of my left hand, people would know that I was engaged."—Truth.

Author-"Mary, I've made a mistake in my calling-I'm not an author, but a born chemist." Author's Wife "What makes you think that, Horace?" Author-"Well every book I write becomes a drug on the mar-

ket."-Tit-Bits. "I must have money, Plunger," said passed under the run at this point, within a few inches of each other, and in each pipe was a small leak. The san't," replied Plunger; "but I'il tell you what to do. My credit is not exhausted. You go to Cashly and borts row a hundred dollars for me and I'll pay you the amount."—Philadelphia North American.

Ginnts Not So Blg After All.

It may be a surprise to some to be told that even Buffon's minimum fig-ure of nine feet is not now regarded by the best authorities as a possibility. Quetelet, a learned writer on the subject, believes that the largest man who ever lived was Frederick the Great's Scottish giant, who was a trifle short of 8 feet 3 inches. Probably this opinion cuts down the possibilities a little too far. Pliny says that an Arabian named Gabbaras was 9 feet 54 inches tall, while Posio and Secundilla were each six inches taller. Pliny is no longer believed when he speaks of such things. As another example of old-time exaggeration, it may be remarked in passing that certain voyagers-a class of persons always anxious to make impressions on their friends at home-declared that the neight of the Patagonians is really 5 feet 11 inches .- New York Tribune.

The Art of Vawning.

Children used to be taught that yawning was a breach of good behavor, but now if certain medical testimony may be credited, it is incumbent upon parents to see that the youthful members of their flock not only yawn when nature so disposes them, but even practice what may be called the art of yawning. According to the results of late investigations, yawning is the most natural form of respirator; exercise, bringing into action all the respiratory muscles of the chest and neck. There is no objection, however, to placing the hand over the mouth "to keep the devil out" during the

To Be Dedicated to Labor,

A party of nine capitalists, led by John Mechan, is planning to erect a large building in New York to be used exclusively by labor organizations and to be known as the headquarters for trades unions. The building is to post \$125,000, or more if necessary.

Mr. Mechan says that all of the men oncorned are friendly to organized abor, and they will consult the various odies to learn what would be necessary in a building devoted to such a purpose. There will be a ballroom, a large meeting hall, with a stage, and a number of smaller meeting-rooms to be used by various lodges.