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Glasgow, Manchester and Birming. ham are still the forement industrial centers of Europe.

Out of the 400 young men graduated from Harvard College this year not a single one intends to take up the study , of theology.

Governor Black, of New York, said in Syracuse at a recent meeting of the representatives of institutions embraced in the University of the State of New York that if educators should enter politics there would be no harm to them, but polities would be much more clean and pures.

A genuine hearty laugh is an aid to digestion, a stimulus to the circulation of the blood and a positive beautifler. The whole system is benefited by a cheerful, merry laugh, and one's friends are attracted by the bright, wholesome nature that ripples out in sunny music like a happy woodland stream.

Says the Philadelphia Call: These evidences of wealth, particularly the irrenistible fascination of gold, have "started a tide of emigration to Alaska that will cover her barren wastes with the evidences of civilization. Cities and towns will spring up. Railroads and other means of transportation must follow, and Alaska will not be long in seeking admission to the Union.

The Florida Citizen says: A pretty girt of sweet sixteen in Pennsylvania reached for a flower and a anake on the bough bit her arm. She fainted and a young man found her, threw water in her face and was hysterically told she had been bitten by a rattle. snake. He drew away the poison with his lips, and now there is the foundation for a thrilling romance. But after they are married some crusty old fellow will tell her that a rattlesnake cannot climb a bush, and then she will know that the blacksnake is harmless. Will there be a divorce? But John has not told Bertha yet.

Statistics of the foreign trade of Germany have just been published showing that its exports and imports have both increased year by year, the latter having more than doubled in a decade, while the former have gone shead steadily, though in a less degree. Caprivi's commercial treaties with Russia and Austria have worked well and, notwithstanding much initial op-position, their good results are now The next Celestial left after a hasty

THE DAYS OF LONG AGO.

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In pensive mood I often alt through evening hours aglow And think of all the happy days that passed in years ago; I love in fancy to recall those joyons dreamsfor yore, To visit past remembered scenes and live them o'er and o'er. My eyes are growing dimmer with the years that roll away, My size is slow and feeble, and my locks, alsal are gray; Yot when in pensiveness I alt I feel again the glow Of youth that thrilled my happy heart in days of long ago.

In days of long ago, alast how joyous was my lot, Those dear old scenes and happy dreams shall never be forgot; The world was filled with music and with blossoms ever fair, And beamed a loving welcome ever courtoous and rare. A happy song of cheer rang forth from overy leafy tree, Till every mountain, every dell, was echoing with glee; One blest, sweet molody divine charmed all this earth below And rose afar to skies above in days of long ago.

The days of long ago-alasj how distant now they seem, The past is but a memory, a dear, remembered dream; The future brings us paised age and many bitter tears, All hopes and joys have long since passed through dim, recading years. And yet it does a mortal good to muse o'er youthful days, To tread in fance once again life's unforgotten ways; Aud that is why I often sit through evening hours aglow And dream again of happy days—the days of long ago! —Sidney Warren Mase, in Little Book Gazette.

THE HONORABLE ANNE. By EDITH ALLANDALE.

H GING'S wel- Cedric, but you carry it to an ex-

Cedric yielded, still holding to his the ranch was own opinion. "Keep her! Keep not the warmest. her!" he cried; "but remember, if The dusky adobe wall, throwing him into pictur-esque relief, he on the retiring, a vague sense of mystery pervading her, she proved in our

monotonous existence a source of inexhaustible interest. find out about her."

"She is so reticent-a contrast to Samantha,' "Teach her something. Learning unlocks a woman's tongue.

So Aune was instructed in more housewifely mysteries, and grew more communicative. But Cedric received

parlor-maid having a crest," he ejaculated. For a briefless barrister he had Many a torrid afternoon was whiled In its lack of excitement, ranch life away with descriptions of the Irish castle where the wedding took place, the beauty of the bride, the eccentrici-ties of the noble aunt. Cedric scoffed, still crying for more.

One languorous September day, en sonced in the veranda's shadiest nook,

Here Hiram Waite thought fit to

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kinder rough sight for a lady. You see, we're a posse over from Tulare, trying to find a man named Smith. "Why, she met the man only last night. 'Something will come of it, trust a His tracks, they seemed to p'int this oman's intuition.

"Thanks, no!" he retorted, with a cheerful grin. "No telling into what mare's nest I might be led. Never way. Ain't seen any stranger round here Intely?" "No, indeed."

mind, darling, you did your best. We can't all be born detectives." "No wood-chopper nor nothing?" "No, none. What has this man done? What does he look like?".

FOREST REPUBLICAN.

Cedric to the contrary, my prophecy came to pass, and our Honorable Anne was transformed into Mrs. Hiram "Beal nice and young and hind. Not more'n a boy. Murdered a man over there. Here's his description," Waite. At last accounts she was well and he handed me a coarsely printed "Reward." Well, boys, get a move on. We're on our way to La Huerts," a head." While we on the ranch are he added, "to horrow Waite's dogs. Well, good day, ma'am. Better not of Melligan and the Lady Emily Brown still wondering whether the Countess harbor any strangers." are myths .- The Argonaut.

A moment more and, left alone, I thought over the situation. Cedric gone, no neighbor near, and a murderer at large whose steps "p'inted this way." Suddenly it was borne in Jamaica is pointed out as the land of 400 and 500. upon me that Anne was the fugitive.

A firm believer in woman's intuitions, yet hoping desperately that mine was at fault, I unfolded the average size, during the five months it is in leaf every year, sucks from the earth about 123 tons of water. paper the sheriff gave me. It tallied well. Moroseness, agitation, all were The iridescence of the soap bubble explained.

Did Anne guess that her identity was known, my life, I feared, would pay the penalty. To ignore the situa-tion, live through the night if possible, and trust to someone turning up in the morning was all that could be done.

Milking-time brought fresh terrors. trunk. How guard one's self, with both hands

engaged letting down floods of warm, innocent milk? Dinner was eaten be artificially aged by cold is about to be applied commercially in a proposed hurriedly, with the same feeling of hurriedly, with the same feeling of uneasiness. Billikins tucked in his crib, Anne retired early, and, every sense on the alert, I was left alone to watch the nursery door. watch the nursery door. It fascinated me. Who would open it? Anne, to hide among the canons ture.

St. Etienne, near Lyons, France, has apparently solved the problem of till the posse had returned to its Tulare "I scent a romance?" Cedric de-bome? Or Henry Smith, to make an clared; "when Anne draws near, find end of me and flee? Truly, the rauch distributing electrical energy cheaply in private houses over a wide district. monotony was broken at last. Sol-emuly the clock ticked, slowly the hands went round, an hour passed. A service extending as far as thirty miles movement in the adjoining room, and from the central station. literally my blood ran cold. That had Results of a German Results of a German inquiry prove

hitherto seemed a mere figure of that overhead wires tend to reduce the speech. The sound ceased, and still I violence of thunderstorms and lessen "Glad you were so diplomatic, else he'd have left by the morning stage." (Papa" was a barrister. with more. I heard a sound which times as numerous in places without telephone systems as in those having Since Homer's time vast falls of or-

ground. ganic particles, as well as of meteoric dust, have been known at various times Slowly returned to consciousness, and places. Dr. T. S. Blair, of Harmy gaze fell on Cedric, the La Huerta risburg, Penn., argues that the organic sheriff, and Anne—Anne anxiously ap-plying restoratives! "Take him away," I gasped; he will germs may explain the sudden appearplying restoratives!

murder us." ance and rapid spread of many historie "You are raving!" cried Cedric; epidemics "that is Anne."

J. L. Hebrahn, the German archaeo-"No; Smith, the murderer. The logist, has just completed an explorablood-hounds tracked him to the very tion tour through the State of Chiapas, Mexico, where he reports having found another ancient buried city in the depths of a tropical forest, about sixty

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE

FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Ancient Habits-Good Riddance-Fron Frou-Defined-A Distinction-At the Dog Show-Not a Sensitive Plant-Academic Leisure-A Second Edition Academic Leisure-A Second Edition She's a graduate of Vassar And her knowledge is immense, And they knowledge is immense, And though beautiful and stylish, She is full of common sense; She can talk in French and German, She reads Homer in the Greek, And 'tis worth your while to listen When it pleases hor to spatk. She can read the hieroglyphics On the tombs along the Nile; She can hold discourse on physics In an interesting style; But, in spite of all her learning She steps backward from the car, And she always stops and wishes When she sees a shooting star. —Cleveland Leader

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

ferns, its species numbering between Fron Fron It has been estimated that an oak of Jeems-"The rustle of a skirt is the nost attractive sound to a man's cars." Deems-"Of course. There's always a woman in it."-Town Topics.

Defined.

arises from the fact that the bubble, "Papa, what is deduction?" being thin, reflects light from both the "It's that form of mathematics, my outer and inner surfaces of the film. boy, which takes nothing from noth An important discovery by M. Pfister, ing and obtains a stupendous result." an Austrian engineer, is that sea-water

-Judge. may be freed from salt and rendered Academic Leisure. potable by forcing through a tree-Cora-"College men seem very much inclined to take life easy." Pictet's discovery that liquors may Dora-"Yes; even when they grad-

uate they do it by degrees."-Brooklyn Life. Not a Sensitive Plant.

"What is a hardy rose bush?" "It is one that doesn't mind your wife pulling it up by the roots every few days to see if it has begun to grow yet."-Tid-Bits.

Good Riddance. Critic-"Where did you get the idea for that picture?"

Painter-"Out of my head." Critic-"You must be glad that it is out."-Fliegende Blætter.

At the Dog Show. Rover-"'My father took the first prize at the exhibition!"

Towser-"That's nothing. My mother's remains took a gold medal at the health food fair."-Life. A Distinction

Miss Outertown-"Isn't there a Mrs-Skinner in this village, who keeps poarders?"

Hi Hubbel-"She takes boarders, ma'am, but she don't keep 'em."-Puck.

How to Point.

She-"How would you punctuate the following: 'Bank of England notes of various values were blown along the street by the wind?' "

He-"I think I would make a dash after the notes,"-Household Words.

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HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"So your son has completed his edycation?" "Great Scott! No! Why, he's just out of college!"-Detroit News

"Has Bigmoney any poor rela-tives?" "He doesn't know. He isn't dead yet."-Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

"Do you think capital punishment a remedy for crime?" "Well, it might be if persisted in for several generations."—Judge.

She-"Talk about woman's idle curiosity! There's no such thing." He -"No. I should say it worked night and day."-Detroit Journal.

A proofreader has been discharged because a cowslip by the river's brim a simple cow's lip was to him, and nothing more.—Somerville Journal.

A cab-owner had the word "Excelsior" painted on the door-panel of all his vehicles. He explained that his motto was "Hire."—London Tit-Bits. "My wife cleans house eight times a year," said the applicant for divorce. "Decree granted," said the judge, in a voice that shivered.—Detroit Free Press

The Pretty Girl-"Miss Smuther was named after her Uncle George, wasn't she?" The Bright One—"I don't know. She looks as if she was named before him."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Wallace-"There is nothing like matrimony to make a man appreciate the value of money." Ferry—"That's so. A dollar a man gives to his wife does look bigger to him than any other dollar."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Typewriter-"I am rapid enough, and understand business forms all right, but I must admit that I cannot Business Man-"You won't spell." lo, then, even at the price. I can't spell, either."-Indianapolis Journal. Mrs. Manykyds-"There is one good thing about our girls; they are always self-possessed." Papa Many-kyds (grimly)--"Yes; they are too self-possessed. I wish they'd get some one else to possess them."-Puck.

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anda, his face full of suppressed ex-

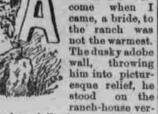
"You telle me," he mutfered, "who boss, now Mr. Allandale get mallied?" "All same as before," was my ready

The crafty features relaxed, and Ah Ging disappeared kitchenward, his pig-tail having struck the dominant note in my first impressions of Va-

quero Water. he'd have left by the morning stage. It's awfully unromantic, darling, but the drive has made me beastly hun-gry. Let's see what the old chap has for us."

We dined in a long, low room, hung with spurs and sporting prints, sou done singularly well, marrying a niece venirs of English days, the happiest of the celebrated Countess of Melligan. couple in California.

proved disappointing. Lynchings were unknown-bandits and desperadoes conspicuous by their absence. So life flowed on, smoothly, monot-onously, till after the birth of Billi-kins. Ab Ging then announced his de-



apparent to everybody. Since they went into effect three years ago the imports have increased 272,500,000 marks, and the exports 702,300,000 marks. The Agrarians fought the treaties at every step, but in the face of their prosperous effects they are now mute.

There are in this country, states the Newcastle (England) Chronicle, 180,-000 families dependent on the bicycle trade; and the trade is sure to increase. as people will come to look upon a bicycle as they now do a suit of clothes, not as if it were an obelisk designed to last forever. When this time comes, says a writer in a contemporary, a man will buy a new bicycle every two or three years and be happy. This year persons in the British Empire will spend about \$117,000,000 on bicycles, and if the steel required to make these hundreds of thousands of wheels were converted into war vessels, the result would be a fleet of ships sufficient in numbers and power to make any of the smaller Continental Powers feel distinctly uncomfortable. One cannot eat bicycles. But bread is the staple food of many people, and this year we shall spend more money for bicycles than for bread, and nearly as much as we shall spend for meat.

The failure of Decker, Howell & Co., prominent brokers of Wall street. New York City, occasioned by the rise in sugar, recalls the fact that this firm failed in the "Baring panie" of November 11th, 1890, with liabilities of \$12,-000,000. The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger furnishes the following interesting and condise history of that event; "The incident is notable in the history of the street as one of the cases of phenomenally rapid recovery of financial standing and for one of the biggest fees ever paid to a lawyer. Decker, Howell & Co. were Mr. Vi.lard's brokers. The paule swamped them. William Nelson Cromwell, their assignee, succeeded in straightening out their affairs, paying their creditors in full and getting them in condition for a new start in business in sixty days. The statutory fee received by the asaignee was \$250,000, and so pleased were the creditors with his work that they afterwards presented to him a set of silver plate, valued at \$50,000, as a testimonial. It remains to be seen whether so happy a result all around will follow the present complications.

glance at the kitchen wall. "Meflaid, he explained, pointing to a red hiero glyphic unfortunately unnoticed by us. "Ah Ging he write, 'Debbil in this house." "He meant the baby," suggested

Cedric. "He say debbil. Me go. No China

boy stay here. Heap scared of deb-"Try a girl," implored Cedric. "It's

no joke driving ten miles a day to the station."

We tried, in turn: Gretchen, who left within the week to "learn relig-ion;" Bridget, who declined working "Absurd! under an Englishman; the widow, whose tears, as she recounted her woes, sizzled over the stove; Dicie, who disliked low wages, though she ult with me, and Saman-objected to the lack of Useless to point out the McPherson what he thinks; he is comfound no fault with me, and Samantha, who objected to the lack of "scenery. Brush Hills' mellow charm, distant ing up the drive." mountains, oak-dotted meadows, Samantha remained obdurate. "It may suit you, Mrs. Allandale," she conified—opined that Annie had lied. He put it plainly: "Deceitful in speech. deceitful in deed. Better watch her, tinued, pityingly, "to see nothing but land. I like it like it was in Tulare. Mrs. Allendale."

There you kin see houses thick as peas in a pod an' people passin' all day. That's the scenery for me, so I guess I'll pack my freight." Which she proceeded to dp, and

had barely driven out of sight when young girl, tall, slim and neatly dressed, stepped on the veranda. "If you please, ma'am," she quiet-

ly said, "I heard that you wanted a girl; can I have the place?"

I heard her history, which was simple. The previous year she had come from England to join her brother on a claim, had fallen ill, had gone to the county hospital at La Huerta, had come thence to me. While hearing these details, Cedric returned. But one conclusion could be drawn jolly to see them." from his utter dejection. "No girl," was stamped on every feature. Sa-mantha had recommended me to Odessa Green, who, less exacting in cow? regard to scenery, was willing to leave the family pig-pen for a month's change, provided the washing was put out, Mrs. Allandale helped with the dishes, the afternoons were free, and a horse every Sunday was at her dis-I knew the type, ignorant, slatternly, familiar. Contrasting with it the new-comer, my resolution was taken. "No, Cedric, I have a servant

already. 'Where did she come from ?" "La Huerta, where she has been in

the hospital.' "Is she pretty?"

"That's an irrelevant question. Yes rather-blue eyes and short, curly, yellow hair." "You know nothing about her.

"But I know that Billikins has the whooping-cough. I must nurse him, and you can not cook. Help is needed, and behold Anne." drive.

"So that's her name?"

"Yes, Anne James." He still demurred.

ent means."

"And did not tell you that she goes

Frenchman." "True." "Why lady? What title has he?"

"None. I particularly asked Anne." He could not be 'Brown' or she 'lady,' unless, indeed, the title is in her own right. In that case your pearl of a haudmaiden is an honor able!' The Honorable Anne brings out the tray," he added, as she ap-Forgus McPherson-caution person

My suspicions were not excited. In California nothing is impossible. Had not a scion of a lordly house died on a neighboring ranch-a lonely, neglected sheep herder? No. It was the uneasy air and restless look increasing day by day. I heartily wished for some pretext whereby Cedric, dis-patched into La Huerta, might inquire

into the antecedents of the Honorable Anne. Chance favored me.

"MePherson has been telling me. egan my spouse, a few days later 'about some bloodhounds in town that belong to the sheriff. They are A1 at tracking criminals-borrow them all over the State. Beastly shame it's such a journey-it would be rather

"Why not go? A change would do you good." "Go! And who would milk the

"I, myself." "You? Nonsense!"

"Who is the sheriff?" I idly asked, neditating my next move the while. "Waite-Hiram Waite."

"Our Honorable," who had entered bearing that rauch stand-by, a smoking bowl of "much," started, growing visibly pale-fresh food for uneasiness. Clearly, to learn the art of milking was

imperative. The woman won, usual, and Cedric, before the week was over, started for La Huerts, with strict injunctions to interview both hospital uperintendent and sheriff.

In charge of the ranch were myself, Billikins, and the Honorable Anne. Uneventfully passed the first few days; but on Monday, from the veranda, I espied a band of men, who, leaving the | with them."

unty road, came slowly up the Anne, perceiving them, grew white sion. to the lips, and, bearing Billikins, pre-

cipitately fled.

"Gness I can straighten out this "She has a sister who lives in kink, Mrs. Allandale. You did hear He brought away with him a number France and is possessed of independ-ent means." he hounds, they're up at the barn now. Your husband, he heard at La will go to the United States and thence dark-blue eye. "You told me that last the country, so he lit out for home, an expedition for further researches in thinkin' you'd be scared. We caught Chiapas. our man hidin' by the 'Dobe Hill, and

by the name of the Lady Emily Brown." tired, so we made tracks for here. inability to decide whether it was a Sorry 'bout the dogs. Might ha' known they'd scare you." bird or beast, is a mammal with webbed feet and a duck's bill, and is remarka-

The Honorable Anne next day gave ble for laying eggs like a bird or repwarning. "If you please, ma'am, you and Mr. Allandale have been very tile. It was long thought harmles and without defense. Dr. A. Stuart kind, and I love Mr. Billikins like my has lately found, however, that a powown, but I can't stay where I've been erful spur of the male's hind leg, apso misjudged." parently connected with a glaud, may "More candor on your part would

inflict a hornet-like sting, which is have prevented your being missometimes fatal to dogs. judged. She blushed. "I often wanted to

tell you, ma'am-what I first said Artists are proverbially lacking in wasn't true. I came from England when I was a baby. I haven't any brother, and, I never went to La Huerta. "Ab!"

"The kinder you was, ma'am, the meaner I felt; and I was afraid Mr. Allandale would go to the hospital; WAB.

"Your stepfather?"

"Yes, ma'am, mother married Jim Waite the second time, and it was died from the effects of his fall. Among him that came with the posse and frightened me. He was such a bad. Iy end in this way were Munoz, Perez, cruel man that I couldn't stand it, so I Gabbians, Gambara, Coxcie, Bozzone, ran away.

"How did you happen to reach Vaquero Water?" "With some friends in one of those

big wagons they call 'prairie schoon-ers.' Tulare folks go to the coast every year; but they don't dare go

there straight, it's too much change. theatre fires with 10,000 fatalities, as-They always stop at the Iron Spring to cool off first.'

cording to Mr. Sach's "Fires and Public Entertainments," just pub-lished. Of these 462 took took place To cool off at ninety in the shade! "Soon as we came to the spring, I in the United States, 139 in Great heard about you, and thought I'd try Britain and 101 in Germany, France for the place.

having nearly the same number. Lou-"But how much better to have told me the truth.

"I knew Mr. Allandale was English, ma'am, and they are that particular I was afraid he'd send me home." Surely the story of Lady Emily Brown was unnecessary.

Anne's eyes flashed. "It's every word true, ma'am. Not that I ever saw her; she was by father's first marriage; but it's true. Why, they lived for any purpose, he rides alongside i in a beautiful house in St. John's and,

"And do you believe it, my dear?" asked Cedric on hearing the last ver-

"She believes in the family traditions. But she will care loss about to dismount and sit on its head, hold He still demurred. "Good evening," the leader began, "Pradence is an admirable virtue. as he lifted his sombrero. "We're a Waite."

McLubberty — "Begorra, Hogan wanted to whup me last noight." O'Hoggarty — "How do yez know he vanted to?

McLubberty-"Av he hodn't wanted to he wudn't hov done it, wud he?"-Puck.

Proudest Man on the Block. "Why does Mr. Birmingham hold his head so high and assume such a

haughty bearing?" "His thermometer registered three degrees higher yesterday than any others." - Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Delightful Dilemma

"To save me, I can't tell which Jones girl I want to marry." "What is the trouble?"

"One makes such delicious strawberry shortcake, but the other one looks so lovely on her wheel."-Detroit Free Press.

A Second Edition.

He had married a young widow and was in the first flush of his happi-

"Darling," he murmured, "will you ever forget your honeymoon?" "Which?" she queried, absent-

mindedly .- Pick-Me-Up. A Modern Scheherezade. "Mrs. Meeker," observed a friend of the family, "is a very superior She can converse intelligentroman. ly, I believe, on a thousand different

"Yes," sighed Mr. Meeker, "and she does."-Chicago Tribune.

A Recipe.

Dick-"One is so apt to lose sight of one's friends." Harry-"That's not necessary

Mine stick to me with touching fidelity.

Dick-"How do you manage it?" Harry- "Oh, I borrow money of them."-Pick-Me-Up. Since 1797 there have been 1100

His Downfall.

Kind Old Lady-"Poor man! You look as if you had seen better days. Mr. Willie Deadtired-"I have, madam. Once I dwelt in granite halls.

Kind Old Lady-"And why this loss of such a home? Mr. Willie Deadtired-"My term expired."-St. Louis Globe-Den o-

The Trials of Gentus.

Friend-"Why, what are you in such a fuss about? Anything happened?

Artist-"Oh, botheration, yes! Everything! I was just getting some of my latest pictures ready for framing, and that confounded housekeeper of mine has so mixed them up I'll in the wide world be able to tell the top from the bottom again."-Truth

Cocoa, like milk, is believed to have every element necessary to sustain the human system.

"How in the world did you get old Curmudgeon's consent to wed his daughter?" "Finesse, me boy, finesse. I told all around that he caught seven teen four-pound bass on that last fishng expedition of his."-Detroit Free

"You blamed old plug," said the farmer to his balky horse, "you actually ain't worth killin' - un-less," he added, after second thought, "unless I could manage to get you killed by the railroad."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Nurse-"Please, mum, you must send for the doctor quick for little Johnnie." Mother-"Oh, dear! What is the matter?" Nurse-"I don't know, mum; but he hasn't been up to any mischief for two hours."-London Tit-Bits.

Bobby had been studying his dear old grandfather's wrinkled face for a long time. "Well, Bob," said the old gentleman, "do you like my face?" "Yes, grandpa," said Bobbie, "it's an awfully nice face, but why don't you have it ironed?"—Standard.

Sprockett-"I was sorry not to keep my appointment with you; but, you see, my wheel broke down," Hudson-"Why didn't you come in on' the train?" Sprockett-"Heavens! And ride with those miserable non-bikers? Never!" - Philadelphia North American.

M. D. (to auxious mother) -- "Your non's case is very simple; we will take out his spine, lay his lungs and heart bare, inject his liver with an acid, and insert a silver wire at the base of his thorax. We will then sew him up neatly, and you'll be surprised at the change it'll make."-Truth,

"Dear," said the Senator's wife, "the papers are accusing you of letting the stock market influence your vote. "It is a lie," roared the statesman, as he pounded the table with his fist, "All I have done in that direction was to allow my vote to influence my dealings in the stock market."-Indianapolis Journal.

Little Harry-"You didn't preach last Sundsy, did you?" The Minis-ter-"No; I was ill and omitted my sormon." Little Harry-"I thought they was something happened, for when pa got home he said he wouldn't mind goin' to church every Sunday if they always had that kind of services. -Cleveland Leader.

They had been discussing the advancement of science. "I see it is claimed that they can get electricity direct from coal now," suggested the lawyer. "That won't do us any good, returned the railroad manager. "H we could get coal direct from electricity now we wouldn't have to worry about this strike."-Chicago Evening Post.

In a home tor sandwich men in Lon don there are said to be several university graduates and medical men, and a Scotchman who ran through \$250,000 in three years.

Wood, and the night before they went dead-run, stoops from his saddle,

don has had thirty-five fires and Paris twenty-eight. Ont of 343 theatres de stroyed by fire, one-half were burned within ten years after they were constructed, forty of them within the first

vear. Upsets the Bull by Twisting His Tail. When the Venezuelan cowboy wishes to catch a bull or cow for branding, or with horse and bovine on the

to Paris the Prince of Wales dined grasps the creature's tail, and, with a charp, peculiar twist sends the animal rolling on his back. From the force with which it falls, the creature's torns almost invariaby pin its head to the ground, giving the vaquero tim-

other painters who came to an untime-Cavedone and Stothard. Michael Angelo escaped with a broken log, and Frederigo Zucchero after a frightful fall recovered in surprisingly short Theatre Fires.

fallen in consequence, and frequently they have lost their lives in this manner. Lord Leighton, who died a year and, worst of all, my heart stood still or so ago, it has been stated recently, when he spoke of Mr. Waite. For he was saved from such a fate only by the and my stepfather are cousins, and I vigilance of his assistant. He almost was afraid he would guess who I stepped backward off the trestle work in front of one of his frescoes at South

Artists in Danger.

what people of coarser clay call horse Seldom does it occur to these sense. highly gifted persons to guard the scaffold on which they staud with a hand rail. Many times have artists

Kensington Museum. Murillo was less fortunate, for he