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Correspondence soficial from all parts of the country. No notice will be taken of anonymous communications. The whaling industry, which is declining fast enough naturally, has received another hard blow by the many fatalities which have happened

to the ships of the fleet this year in

Arctic waters.

In the old colonial times there were only seventy-five postoffices in America. Ten years later there were 900 offices; in 1880, 42,000; in 1883, 67,000, and to-day about seventy thousand have regular postmasters, receive and deliver mail matter and empley 2,000,000 employes, men and women.

One thing which both surprises and exasperates the British troops who are operating in India is the discovery that the bostile tribesmen are thoroughly armed with modern rifles of English martufacture. It appears that the English gunmakers are so eager for business that they have been ready to supply arms to the enemies of their own Government.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale is having a rather unpleasant time of it these days owing to a ridiculous report sent out from Boston to the effect that he advocated the study of the Indian language in the schools. The doctor writes that all he asked of the public school was that New England boys should "know the meaning of the words Massachusetts, Connecticut, Shawmut, Winnisimet and other words which come into their local life as one ought to know why the Tuileries were so called if he lived in Paris." The doctor also denies that he repeated the Lord's, prayer in Indian. He used the two first words of the prayer to illustrate the formation of Indian words, and adds: "In fact, the two first words of it are all that I know, except the amen at the end," By the time Dr. Hale's little talk had filtered through several sources until it reached the newspapers it had become a lecture in which the most extraordinary position was taken, which surprised his admirers everywhere.

Contrary to the popular opinion one would make money by backing labor all the year around, maintains the New York Press. The following figures, furnished by the Board of Trade of England, give proof of this, They relate to the year ending August 31, and may, therefore, be trusted to show the actual and present relations of the two great parties. Daring the twelve months a total of 850 disputes were settled. In 358 the men carried the day; in 265 the masters were victorious, and in 194 the men were partially successful, which means that some sort of compromise was arranged, while thirty-three disputes are classed as indefinite. Of the total of 821,800 men whose wages were increased or diminished, only 55,200 had embarked on actual strikes, while in the case of 766,500 the change arose from the automatic working of sliding scales, together with negotiation, the action of conciliation boards and the voluntary concession of employers, Putting it in the form of a percentage, we have in the case of each 100 workers 851 receiving as advance and 141 suffering a decrease.

The Boston Herald observes: "The law that has been passed in Switzerland rendering compulsory insurance against illness on the part of all the citizens of the republic who cannot show that they have reserved means of support in case of physical or mental disability is only a symptom of the tendency all over the world toward securing social well-being by means of legal enactments. As the State is called upon in the last resort to care for those who are both physically and financially incapable of supporting themselves, the State has the right to demand that those who may at any time become burdens upon the public shall in the days of their strength, health, and activity supply themselves with the means of meeting the ills of life. It is presumable that the State itself might undertake to carry on an insurance business of this kind and exact its premiums in the form of a tax. It could doubtless do the business on a large scale at a much lower cost than if the same service was performed by one or more corporations. Another form of insurance of the social kind is that provided for in New Zealand, this coming out of the annual taxes. Under the New Zealand system every one over sixty-five years of age who has lived twenty years in the country is entitled to draw a pension. The maximum amount is fixed at \$2.50 a week, and the minimum amount at \$1.25. This is not a large sum, but on an average payment of, say, \$100 a year, there are a great many poor men and poor women of over sixty-five years of age who would find life much ensier as the result of this official con-

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the boat against the dock.

and off we sendded.

When fortune treats you slightingly And everything goes wrong,
Bemember that you still are free
To labor and be strong.
To him who bravely does his part,
Misfortune is no crime;
Just hold your grip and keep up heart
And learn to bide your time.

The surest road to greatness lies
Through hard and patient work.
The glorious name that never dies
Comes not unto the shirk.
Fame sits upon an eminence,
A pinnacle sublime;
He who would win must seek her thence,
Strive on and bide his time.

The man of hope and energy.
Who keeps one goal in sight,
Who goes his way with constant.
Will some time win the fight.
The man whose life a glory bends
To every age and clime,
Is he whose purpose never bends,
Who works and bids his time.

Go onward. O'er the future's hills, The dawn fails cool and sweet.
Go onward. He can win who wills
And bows not to defeat.
Go onward, though your path may illo
Through calumny and slime.
The way will brighten bye and bye;
Go on and bide your time.

And when the fight at last is o'er, The toll at last is done; When standing on lise's farther shore, Boyend the tetting san; Beyond the future's unbarred gate, The bells of heaven chime;
And justice, love and glory wait
For him who bldes his time.

—J. A. Edgarton, in Atlanta Constitution.

A Story of Great South Bay. A Story of Great South Bay.

Miriam, leaning forward so that his glaws. both hands he boat. grasped the short stem of his cherry pipe and his one

eye gazed seaward across the smoking bowl. The tiller flapped listlessly in the light breeze,

"Ye know that young Mr. Archer that's stayin' at the hotel?" The Captain shifted his one eye inquir"Cap'n, kin you ru ingly in my direction.

that scarcely ruffled the surface of the

I raised my hand in warning and calls, whispered: "Sah!" The Captain acceded to my request in silence, and a moment later another fine fish joined its fellows that were flopping about a box in the cockpit.

A faint splash and the treacherons bait

"Now, Captain, what were you remarking?" I asked, glancing up from the water.

"I was about to remark that it was right off here that me an' that senty- an' I ups with me anchor an' sail. mental Mr. Archer was one day last week when he says to me. 'Cap'n,' he an' of a sudden her canvas filled an'

carp?" I interrupted.

ried a pipe and pouch of tobacco in all companionship and his distraught

In fact, I had last seen him sitting alone in a quiet nook on the hotel veranda, striking match after match in an attempt to light an empty pipe, and accompanying each failure with violent language, softly spoken. I mentioned this to Levi Skullcarp.

"Soocide was the word he used," my skipper said when he had stoked his pipe, as he called the operation, the Captain was fond of using what he deemed nautical expressions. though he had never ventured to poke his nose ten miles off shore. It was a failing of Levi to talk a great deal about the deep sea, and at times he even dropped mysterious hints that he had circled the globe as commander of a trim clipper, though in common with the other Great South Bay captains he derived his title from ownership of a small catboat and the six aluminum buttons that adorned

'You might commit soocide here, Mr. Archer, I says," continued he "'providin' you dove over head first an' then doubled up, or else walked

two miles out t' the channel.' "He looks at me kind o' solemn, then sighed and went on crabbin' The day was jist like this here, only there was a dead ca'm, an' over yander toward Fire Islan' the clouds was beginnin' to rise. I mention them tired floppin' 'round in the sun while he lay there on the gunwale, sometimes readin', sometimes crabbin', an most o' the time jist watchin' the water. That kind o' thing's all right fer a man that never done nothin' an' don't have to, but fer a feller like me ez has been used to sailin' thoo life in a twenty-knot breeze, topsails up, an' every inch of canvas set, studdinsails have made our boat at a distance preincluded, to have t' flop 'roun' in two feet of water like a steam dredge, with the sun blisterin' me paint-why, sir,

Levi was shaking his pipe vigorously, and I deemed it wise to assuage his anger by exclaiming with an ominous wag of the head: "Oh, you old bar-

This had a soothing effect on the Captain, for in a milder tone he continued: "We'd been that way bout four hour when I seen another boat to submission edgin' down our way. Her sail was Hardly had haugin' like clothes on a line, but she dock when Levi Skullcarp was ashore, | flopping about in the water, so it was | was a leetle furder out an' caught the and after giving me a hurried admo- an easy matter for me to obey his in happening to kill a snake, the King

APTAIN LEVI Archer he seen 'em, too, an' watched Skullearp sat on fer a long time. Then he turns to me the gunwale of the an' says, 'Cap'n, the glaws.'

"That's just what he called it, the elbows rested on ""A trim little craft, Cap'n, says his knees. With he. To do im credit he knows a good

> "'I don't like the lines o' her body, sir,' I wentures.
> "At that he kind o' smiles an' says:

I means the lady. "He was right, there, too, far trim enough craft she looked, with ly.

creaked idly to and ther white duck suit an' sailor hat, fro and the sail though I couldn't see her face. I was just gittin' me eye fixed on that part o' her hull when Mr. Archer jumps

"'Cap'n, kin you run a leetle nearer that oraft? I know her,' he "In this win'?' I asks.

" Pole,' he yells. "I could pole, I says, 'hed I a

pole, but I hain't.' "He give a long ground an' set down on top o' the cabin yander an' fellow that he was, Archer was was scurrying away in search of new kep' pippin his eye throo the glass at fully competent to handle the boat,

> a breeze comin'.' "'I've been watchin' it, sir,' says I.

"It caught the other feller first, says, 'do you s'pose a man could commit soocide here?' He was lookin' beat up the bay. I had the tiller mighty melumcholy au' ——" she begin to cut throo the water on a said Archer, after a pause. "So I should judge," sa

'em. I wanted to put back, but Mr. and I came down here to sulk.' Archer he wouldn't have it, an' kep' runnin' up an' donw, pipin' his eye this way an' that way an' usin' bad est. language till it come dark an' the himself down in the cockpit an' lit his

pipe an' says, 'Home, Cap'n!' That was all-jist 'Home, Cap'n. Levi Skullcarp's account of the sentimental man had awakened my interest, chasing. and when he had finished his recital I had turned my back on the water, my he called to me.

feet were dangling in the cockpit and my eyes were fixed on the bayman. "Didn't be explain why he was so anxious to see her?" I asked after a

silence of some minutes. against the end of the tiller, fixed the two occupants plainly. One was a long glass to his eye. I followed his man, a regulation small-boat man, atgaze to where it rested on a small tired in a combination of golf and

bay about a mile away. "I'll be blowed!" he cried. There

This exclamation was accompanied by a loud rattle as he closed the glass, "Git to win'ard, quick!" he yelled.

The boom swung around, allowing no just time to dodge it, and before clouds because I was a-hopin' they'd I had fully recovered from my surprise bring a breeze with 'em, for I was we were moving through the water under the fast freshening breeze. "Where are you going, Captain?"

asked in a tone of remonstrance. He gave the sheet a few turns about a cleat, tucked the tiller comfortably under one leg, filled and lighted his pipe, and when the smoke was rising in great volume from the bowl and trailing astern in clouds that must when he motioned me to him. sent the appearance of a small steam-

Then I arose in my wrath and, supporting myself by grasping the centerboard and facing the obdurate mariner, "See here, Captain, I was un-

eraft, and-

rolling down the level stretch of road | turn. that led from the village. Preceding it was a man on a bicycle. It was On the next day I returned to town, Archer. He reached the dock, sprang and I heard no more of the sentimen-

the approaching cloud, in the centre me. I heard a voice call, "Kemp!" It was Archer, and as I took his outof which I knew the redoubtable marstretched hand he turned to the protty "Plague on the Captain," growled

Archer. Then he added, more softly: 'Get to windward, piease. "But there he is now," I expostu-

Archer looked around, Standing on the stringpiece of the wharf, violently waving one hand above his head, while with the other he pointed sea-ward, was Levi Skullcarp. The sen-timental man at the catboat's helm waved a hand to imply that he saw the speck of a sail to which he was pointing, and turned to the business of navigation. Away we went in pur-

When the Miriam had at length settled down to work and was with clocklike regularity sticking her nose into the solid green waves, and then saucily throwing it up in the air again and sending the water skirting along the rail or flying over me, my new companion broke the silence by appearing for the first time to recognize that I

'Mister-r-r?" "Kemp," I answered, bowing stiff-

"My name is Archer." "I think I have seen you about the hotel.

"This must seem a strange proceedup, run for'a'd to the mast an' stood ing to you," he said, laughing. Evithere like he was sightin' land after dently the peculiarity had just dawned

"Rather," I replied, thawing just nough to smile. "And perhaps an explanation is due," said he.

"Not as long as you can sail," I an-

swered.

On that score I confess I felt no uneasiness, for I soon saw that, sturdy the other boat that was foolin' around for all the power there was in the breeze he got out of it, and though time and again the Miriam keeled over till her lee rail was well awash and my heart was in my mouth, she always swung back again without swerving an inch from her course. "There is a girl in that boat that I

am most auxious to see, Mr. Kemp,

"So I should judge," said L. "Do you mean the quiet young man with a black beard, who has the second table from mine at the hotel, Skullla'nch. The clouds had brought a sailed for home about two months ago The Captain 'lowed that he had reg'lar hurricane an' was pilin' up and ostensibly by accident but really I've been acting as general pew-opener never eaten at the hotel and consecutive aloft an' roarin' fall o' thunder. You by intention I came over on the same to the congregation for the last half quently could not locate Mr. Archer otter 'a' seen Mr. Archer then. He steamship. By the fourth day out at his dinner, but he admitted that kep' runnin' from bow to stern an' from Queenstown we had fixed everythe sentimental young man did back, forever askin' whether I thought thing up nicely. Then I happened to have a short, black beard, usually car-we was gainin'. Now, I'm proud o' remember another engagement—sort we was gainin'. Now, I'm proud o' remember another engagement-sort this here Miriam o' mine. I'll back of a marriage of convenience-and the starboard pocket, and a few books her agin anything on the bay but like a fool I told her. She shut heral will part friends after being dragged and magazines in the one to port. The bay but like a fool I told her. She shut heral will part friends after being dragged and magazines in the one to port. The bay but like a fool I told her. She shut heral will part friends after being dragged into the wedding group to be photo-Having completed the identification, I craft slipped throo the water like she the voyage and cut me dead at the graphed. was not surprised at the suggestion of was illed. We kep' up pretty well, pier. I humbly followed her to her Wonder if I've forgotten to invite was not surprised at the suggestion of suicide, for my attention had been at though, an' might o' caught her if the home in San Francisco. She fied tracted to Archer by his avoidance of rain hadn't come an' us lost sight o' back East. All trace of her was lost

"Do you think we'll catch 'em?" asked with suddenly awakened inter-

"Thank you," he replied. This simstorm had passed. Then he th'owed ple acknowledgement of his gratitude for my own evident sympathy in his crambled to the mast with a reckless I had thrown aside my lines, for ness that surprised me, that I might

get the bearings of the craft we were "How far off do you make them?"

"About two miles." "They are beating along the bay, he cried, "and I think if we hold this

course we'll just cross their bow. The man's judgment was superb, for In reply the Captain clambered into fifteen minutes later we were so close the cockpit and, bracing himself to the other boat that I could see its white sail that was moving across the yachting clothes. The second was a girl. I felt that were she as interest ing as she appeared as she sat there was a pause and then he muttered, on the windward rail, fearless of dan-"Small jib, white duck dress, spooney ger, her face aglow with the excitebow, white hull, black hair-I'm ment of what she evidently realized was a race. Archer was excusable for forgetting his other engagement. I was meditating on this when my com-panion, who had been hidden from aer view by the rail, exclaimed:

> "We're all right," said I. "We'll catch them and you can go on board." "That's just it," he growled. can't go on board. Why, she would cut me dead or toss me over.'

As he was best posted as to the young woman's character, silence on my part seemed befitting. He did not speak again until we had drawn within hailing distance of the other boat,

'We'll run right across their bow.' he whispered. "Don't you mind me. ship, he exclaimed again: "I'll be I can see bottom here. Keep right on and they will have to take me in. Now, look out!

We swept across the bow of the other craft, and by a seemingly clumsy manouvre went about; the boor der the impression I had hired this swung around and an instant later Archer was floundering in the bay. I "I'm goin' fer Mr. Archer; yan's grasped the tiller and the Miriam he said in a firm, solemn tone scudded away before the wind. Poor that brooked no triffing and forced me sailor as I am, had necessity demanded it I doubt if I could have navigated | molest snakes; they call them fathers, Hardly had the Miriam touched the the boat back to where Archer was tide. A man was sittin' in the stern nition to be all ready to push off on his junctions and sail away oblivious to his gave orders that all the swine should an 'a lady on the gunwale. Mr. return, he clambered into a rickety cries, which mingled with those of the

vehicle and soon disappeared in a girl in the tiny sloop. Only twice cloud of dust. For some ten minutes did I look back. The first time was I struggled with the rising wind and to see my erstwhile companion being sea that kept incessantly pounding dragged by main force into the other the boat against the dock. At length boat, the second to see two men and I was relieved to spy a cloud of dust a girl gesticulating wildly to me to re-But I smiled grimly and point-

from his wheel and tossed it against a tal man until late in November. post, jumped into the Miriam, and was walking up Thirty-ninth street without a word to me pushed her away, seized the tiller and the sheet, the office when my attention was atad off we scudded.
"The Captain!" I cried, pointing at that swerved into the curb close by

> young woman who had just emerged from the carriage and said: "Kemp, my wife."-New York Sun.

> > WISE WORDS.

Fools rush in where angels fear to read. - Pope.

Not education, but character, is nan's greatest safeguard. - Spencer. God has never ceased to be the one true aim of all right human aspirations,-Vinet.

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. - Franklin.

Fire and sword are slow engines of destruction in comparison with the babbler.-Steele.

Blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds, and though a late, a sure reward succeeds, -Congreve. If you wish to be held in esteem,

you must associate only with those who are estimable. - Bruyere. One of the God-like things of this

world is the veneration done to human worth by the hearts of men, - Carlyle. There is no dispute managed without a passion, and yet there is scarce a dispute worth a passion.—Sherlock.

The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be .-Socrates. This is the law of benefits between

men-the one ought to forget at once what he has given, and the other ought never to forget what he has received. - Seneca.

Wonders at Weddings. Wonder if it is going to be a fine

Wonder if I can manage to put in one more quiet smoke after breakfast. Wonder if the best man will miss his train, get married to the bride or mixed up with the bridesmaids, offer me a cigarette instead of the ring at the critical moment, put my hat in the

pulpit or some other inappropriate place, or what he will be up to. Wonder why I've got such a tremendous appetite at lunch. I've been eating

before her father turns up with her.

Wonder if my old serge suit is really too shabby to go away in. Wonder if we, and the blood relations, and the company generally,

any of my third-cousins-twice-removed, and how many people will scratch at the last moment

Wonder if I have got everything packed. Wonder if all the luggage has gone

Wonder if we shall catch the train -Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Deer-Hunt in Town.

An exciting scene took place in Thorpe, Wis., recently. A. O. Rhea noticed about noon a splendid large deer in his pasture, near the high school. He went to his house, procured his gun, and sent a charge of shot into the buck. The deer jumped the fence and ran into the main street. It had been so long since a deer has been seen roaming about the town that the people were so taken by surprise that they forgot all about guns and stood gazing at the splendid animal as it ran and turned north at the Forest Queen house corner, crossed the railroad track into a mill-yard, where Charles Case happened to be practis ing at a mark with a rifle. third shot Mr. Case succeeded in hitting the deer and killing it. It weighed when dressed 225 pounds. - Milwaukce

Dr. H. B. Ree, of Milford, Penn., has a cat that has a munia for hunting This fact was not known until a fev days ago, when the doctor's son, How ard, went out upon a hunting expedi-

tion in the woods near their farm

When he started in the morning the cat followed, and try as he might be could not send it back. Howard had not proceeded far in the woods before the cat ' Jushed" a woodcock. hunter said it was a beautiful "point, more graceful than that made by the most accomplished bird dog. Several other birds were "lashed" by the eline pointer, and Howard returned with two woodcock and a partridge,-

Animal Worship.

New York Press

Swine were adored in Crete, weas els at Thebes, rats and mice in Troas, porcupines in Persia, the lapwing in New Zealand, bulls in Benares, pents in Greece and many of the African countries. The Hindoos never brothers, friends and other endearing On the coast of Guinea a honames.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

The Flickering Jet-A Criterion-Never Changed-Easily Explained-May Have

Gas low, Brave-fair-

Years pass, Dream's o'er; Low gas Once more.

A Criterion.

Juno—"Is she very homely?"
Jane—"Well, she had to learn skating by herself."—New York Journal.

"Advance and give the counter sign!" "\$4.99, reduced from \$5."
"Correct! Pass on!"—New York

Eastly Explained "Dr. Bogus is a self-made man."

"I don't understand you." "He inherited his money from a wealthy aunt whom he treated."-

"He told me to get off the earth. What do you suppose he meant?' 'He seemed to think that you needed a bath, evidently."-Louisville Courier-

How He Loved Them. ond of pets as Bobby is.

kitten and two pups in the last two months."—Golden Days. A Stayer From Wayback.

"Yes; when a man comes in and says he wants to talk to me only three minutes I see to it that he doesn't get a chance to sit down."-Detroit Free

A Sweet Reflection.

Miss Chalkplate-"What's that?" Miss Peachblow-"A mirror."-New York Journal.

At the Skating Rink. Van Slidee-"Well, I've learned one thing about skating this winter, any-

Miss Graceleigh-"What's that?" Van Slide (regaining his feet dazed-(y)-"The ice is just as hard this on as it was last."-New York

A Matter of Pride. Mrs. Greener-"Mercy! What are

Mrs. Pneumony-"I know, but it is well enough to give people to understand that we are possessed of ample means."- Boston Transcript.

who plays the piano by ear, "is a

"Is it possible!" exclaimed his ac-"Couldn't you recognize it?"

pression was that it was of age long Anxious to Please.

uneasily and rubbed his eyes. something just as good. Afterward he slept more peace-

fully .- Puck . In a Fair Way of Settlement. "Well," said the Congressman from Owattamy, "I guess the Indian problem has been solved at last. We'll soon be rid of the red men

"How so?" asked one of his constituents. "They've taken up football."-

Cleveland Leader. More Home Eule.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world!" Wederly-"I don't know about its ruling the world, but I know the hand that rocks our cradle rules the house,

Delay Would Be Dangerous. "According to this cablegram they wore married in Paris yesterday," he

We must send our congratulations "By mail or cable?" he asked.

reach them."-Chicago Post,

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Job work—east on del very.

Two little feet upon the stairs, Two little arms were open wide, Two little hands would but the way Trying to reach from side to side. With smiling glaness, two brown eyes
Look up to mine in the softened light,
The sweat child voice in answer tells
Why I must own her playful right,

"Dis is a love-bridge, papa says,
Dis is the gate, my arms so wide,
Div me a kiss as you go through,
I'll div it back on the other side."

I bend to give my kiss, and think
Of the "love-bridge" across life's sen,
Where the gate is a father's arms,
Willing to open wide for me,
When the treasures swept from my sight,
When tossed and turned by whol and tide
Have passed the gate, and he will give
Them back to me the other side.

—Boston Globo,

HUMOR OF THE DAY,

He—"Darling, was there ever love like ours?" She—"Well, not in my experience, at last."—Cincinnati En

The man who is entirely absorbed in himself is not the only sponge in the apothecary's shop.—Stillwater (Minn.) Prison Mirror.

She-"I suppose you have had some narrow escapes in playing football?" He-"I have had some inirbreadth cacapes."-Puck.

Miss Spokes-"What shall we have for our club colors?" Mr. Pedalman-"I guess black and blue will be all right."-Judge,

"Do the police suspect anybody of the murder?" "Yes," "Whom do they suspect?" "Oh! they don't know."-Roxbury Gazette,

When we discover the faults of our friends we are happy; when we discover the faults of our friends without being happy we are great.—Puck.

"She seems to be lacking in selfonfidence." "She is, shockingly so! Why, she doesn't believe she can plan house better than an architect."-

"After all your boasts, Mrs. Dash, you did not fire off your pistol at that burglar?" "How could I? He was standing right in front of my new stained-glass window."-Judge. Miss Caustic-"Don't you think

monkeys are cute?" Blowdust-"No; they remind me too much of some people." Miss Caustie-"Oh, you shouldn't be so sensitive."-Standard. "Are you one of the strikers?" asked the woman at the door. Yes, mum. I'se a pioneer in the movement.

I struck thirty years ago, and I've uever give in yet."-London House-"What is your idea of fame?"
"Fame? Well, in the finest phase, I think it is the incredulous surprise which a man's home folk exhibit when he does anything noteworthy."-De-

troit Free Press. She-"Do you remember, Frank, the night you proposed to me, I hung my head and said nothing?" He-'Do I remember? Well, I should rather say I did! It was the last time

I saw you act so!" Haus-"And what do you think of the origin of man? Don't you believe man is descended from the monkey?' Elizabeth-"Oh, yes, I think man is; but what puzzles me is where woman

came from."-Standard. Biggs-"When I was in Chicage last August, I went skating on the Chicago River," Boggs-"You don't mean to say the river was frozen over at that time?" Biggs-"Oh, no. We used roller skates."-Life.

Tommy-"Mother, what is an ngel?" Mother-"An augel is a being that flies." Tommy-"But, mam ma, papa calis my governess an angel. Mother-"Then, my dear, she is going to fly immediately."-Standard. Mr. Blinks-"The romance of Me

though he has been married five years. Mrs. Jinks-"How do you know?" Mr. Blinks-"He jokes with his wife about her millinery bills."-Tid-Bits. "Has your Shakespeare Society started in yet, Miss Jones?" We met at Mrs. Wiggles's yestorday. Miss Matilda Robinson read a most delightful paper on the 'Influence of

Bride's honeymoon lingers still, al-

Rosalind on Dress Reform. 1 -- Harper's Bazar. "I won't submit to being turned away," said the disappointed arrival at the hotel. "See here, I'm finsh," And he displayed a roll of bills, know," responded the clerk; "but I've got a full house."—Philadelphia

North American. Hunston-"I'd like to go shooting to-morrow, if I could only get a dog that was well trained." Ethel-"Oh, I'll let you take Dottie, then? She can stand on her head, and shake hands, and play dead, and say her prayers, and do lots of things!"—

First Thespian-"When I was play ing Hamlet in Omaha and getting my liftya night, I — " Second Thespian — "Hold on there, Jack! make that live." First Thespiau-"No, Tom, pon me honor, fifty a night regular, Eggs are cheap out there."-Harper's

Mr. Woodware-"That young fellow you have in your office is the most conceited puppy I ever ran across."
Mr. Queensware—"Yes, I know; but
you must remember he is young yet, and his character is not fully formed. He has never been tried by fire." Woodware-"Then you'd better fire him."-New York Weekly.

It Was a Riondike Then.

discoveries of gold in California. There is a plan on foot to celebrate the anniversary. Fifty years ago, according to the geographics of that time, California was a damp, forgy, miasmatic wilderness, in which Indians, ferocious wild animals and fevers beset the adventurer. It is to day one of the greatest and richest States of the Union .- Savannah News.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE

Meant That-Flat Life-A Slayer From Wayback-How He Loved Them. Etc.

(An old, old story.)

You know, Been there.

Long sighs-

O mise!
—Cleverand Loader.

May Have Meant That.

Mrs. Ferry-"I never saw a boy so Mrs. Wallace-"Really?" Mrs. Ferry-"Yes; he's worn out a

"Have you any special rule of conduct in your office?"

Miss Peachblow—"Well, I'm not nuch of an optimist, but there's one thing I can always see something good

you doing? Putting a ten-cent stamp on the letter when a two-cent stamp will carry it?"

"That piece," said the young man

"Oh, yes; I recognized it. My im-

"Is there no balm in Gilead?" cried the preacher. The druggist in the front pew moved "All out of it, at present," he murmured, gently; "but I can give you

Singerly-"What would we do with-ut woman! You know the old maxim,

and we pay her \$4 a week for doing it."-Chicago News.

"From what I know of both of them," she replied, "we ought to send them by cable if we wish to be sure that they will be acceptable when they

of diamonds have been unearthed in last eighteen years. These represent a total value of \$280,000,000.

It is fifty years since the sensational