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The paying outlook in the Klondike ocean transportation business is that the steamships will catch about as many coming out of the country as they take in.

Ought a schoolmistress to go to ber school on a bicycle? This is the question the Paris Municipal Council has had to decide, and its decision is in the negative.

Washington society has decided that it is good form to be patriotic, and is really making a fad of the sentiment, according to W. E. Curtis, in the Chicago Record.

An Austrian engineer claims to have discovered that sea water can be made drinkable by forcing it through a tree trunk. This being the case, all that thirsty shipwrecked seafarers need to do is to make for the first forest and strain the brine through the trees.

Day by day it appears more probable, announces the New York Tribune, that the richest Yukon gold fields will be found on the Alaska side of the boundary line. But that is only another argument for definitely marking that line at the earliest possible date.

It is gratifying to the American Cultivator to note that none of the South American republics side with Spain in her attempts to crush Cuba. They are Spaniards in origin, but all remember too well the oppressions to which their countries were subjected while still colonies of Spain.

The following, from the Lendon Daily News, is, in the opinion of the St. Louis Star, a true indication of the estimation in which Spain is held by all civilized nations. "Spain can expect no support, moral or otherwise, from England against the United States. She has ruined Cuba, as she has ruined or lost every other colony, by the grossest corruption, cruelty and maladministration; and she must be left to settle the account for it with those whom it may concern, without any aid or sympathy on our part."

In answer to an inquiry W. E. Curtis, the well-known Washington correspondent, states that the purchase of Alaska is supposed to have been an acknowledgment of Federal obligations to Russia for placing a fleet at the disposal of President Lincoln during the dark period of the Civil War, although there is no official record of that fact. The late Secretary Seward made such an intimation a great many times, and all of the other statesmen of the country who were familiar with the inside affairs of the Government at that date occur in the opinion.

Instances are multiplying of the survival of human beings after injuries to vital organs which hitherto were considered fatal. The latest case of this kind is reported from Binghamton, N. Y., where a chicken thief shot himself in the head. The man remained unconscious for a week, and the surgeons said his death was a matter of time only. Finally, his right eye bulged out, and it was removed by an operation. With the eye came a thirty-two-calibre bullet, which had been in the man's brain for six weeks. He is on the way to recovery.

Warfare has become an exact science. It is no longer a question of brute force. A thousand men with modern arms and projectiles could resist 100,-000 such as fought the battle of Waterloo. The big coast guns are handled like telescopes, and require a mathematical calculation before they are discharged as complicated as that which determines the altitude of a star; and while there are millions of farmer boys and clerks in country stores who would willingly offer their lives in defence of their country, they would be helpless until trained in a modern fortification or upon a battle-

Since his return from abroad Genera; Miles has made some changes in his full-dress uniform which make it handsomer and more conspicuous. About the sleeves and collar of the coat a conventional design of oak leaves is embroidered in gold, and this design again appears upon the belt, which is of Russian leather piped with gold bullion. The epaulettes have been laid aside for the flat and more modern shoulder-knots characteristic of the Russian uniforms. They bear the coat-of-arms of the United States and two stars indicative of the rank of a major-general. A scarf of gold is worn draped from the right shoulder to the left side, and no handsomer or more soldierly figure passed in review before the President at the first official reception of the

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A SONG IN THE STRIFE.

Far out through the mists of the Now, in the lily-loved regions of Then, Are the hills of the After Awhile; Are the hills of the After Awhile;
The lights and the shadows lie soft as sleep in the overworked eyes of men—
On the hills of the After Awhile.

The day is as denthless as truth and love; unheard is the sound of no more
The music of lutes ring out, responding to joy's encore—
Now full on the ears entranced, now faint on the tropical shore,
And the hills of the After Awhile,
The hills of the After Awhile.

God fashioned them out of the loss of the pleasures of Paradise—
The hills of the After Awhile—
gladen the spirit that tires of the world—the world and its tear-laden sighs—
The tears of the After Awhile.

O, fresh as the smile of a friend, when the patlence of hearts seems vain;
As bright as a steadfast splendor aglow in despite of the rain;
As dear as the eyes we have loved, come back in a dream again—
Are the hills of the After Awhile,
The hills of the After Awhile.
—Will T. Hall, in the Chicago Times-Herall.

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By HELEN BEEKMAN.

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"On my honor, as a gentleman

and she will be there, she whom he

he will have to lead me out before

this instant!" called out a sharp voice,

weak with age, and with a kiss thrown

"Fanchon! Fanchon!" passed from

"I have an engagement with Fan-

"With Fanchon?" the rest exclaimed.

"It is the evil eye," called one.

But in a moment Fritz had stepped

"Take it or touch her at your peril!"

But in their excitement they surged

But another defender now stepped

'My child," he said, addressing Fan-

your neck. I command you, show it

In silence, reverently she obeyed;

"It is my mother's prayer, which

In a moment each knee was bent,

each cap reverently doffed, as Fan-

chon held the sacred relic aloft; then

once more slipped it within her dress.

ly, "we will dance now."

"Come, Fanchon," Fritz said, kind-

"No," she answered sadly, "I will

fields back to the desolate but she

witch is dead!" was the startling news

then raising it so that all could see,

you yourself, M. Cure, have blessed."

before her, while with one hand he

he cried. "She is under my protec-

tion now, and you will have to answer

forward. "It is the evil eye.

"Come, let us take it!"

thrust her behind him.

approached unnoticed.

will have it."

"We don't dance with witches. Where

"Fanchon! Fanchon! Come to bed

them all, he-



never witnessed so Fanhon, you have my promise," and rare, so strange, a in another moment her light footsteps sight as that which were springing up the glade to the its own rays served spot where the foolish truant was to to produce. On a be found. desolate space of land, a short dis- she exclaimed, on her return. "Waittance from a for- ing for me, are you? I have my relorn hut, where it | venge now. To-morrow is the festival, cast its brightest and I am going, dressed in my best, beams, a young and-and"-bursts of laughter issuing girl of some fifteen from the red lips-"I shall make summers, the only Fritz dance with me. Me-Fanchon, figure in the solit a r y landscape, loves"—the laughter died now-"and waved aloft her arms as she dauced

merrily to and fro, singing atoud to her own shadow, now here, now there, now everywhere, tossing back the luxuriant hair, which at the shadow, who returned it, Fanfell in unkempt profusion over her chon disappeared as the moon retired, face, the moon revealing it, lit by a wonderingly behind a cloud. pair of large, dark eyes, almost elfish

in their brightness. "You're here again!" she said to the shadow, stopping suddenly in her song. "I'm so glad to see you. Are youths in their holiday costumes, the you going to the festival to-morrow? the moonlight? See, this is a new rose in their midst, as a strange little dance I have learned. Stop a minute; figure, dressed in a flower l gown, her don't do just what I do. Are you- dack eyes brilliantly flashing, her hair hist! What's that?" A sound of falling loosely over her shoulders, apweeping breaking upon her delicately peared among them. attuned ear, as turning quickly she discovered a lad some few years her mouth to mouth, "The witch's grandsenior seated on a stone, crying bit- child! How dare she come here?"

"Ab, it's you, Claude, and what's grew, as spying Fritz she walked the matter? What brings you to the boldly to his side, addressing him in old witch's cottage at this hour of the a tone so low only his ear could catch

swered, 'and I am cold and hungry for the May dance. I have chosen Fritz don't love me you. and unhappy. any more. He's in love with the lawyer's daughter, the belle of the vil- to a crimson flush-for a moment he lage, and he don't care any more for half turned away; but the scene of the

"He, ha, ha, ha!" laughed the girl, mockingly. "So your handsome twin bravely and took her hand. brother is in love, and you are so unhappy that you must needs wander off the witch's door. Take care, lawyer's daughter, who spoke. Claude. She'll look at you with the evil eye, or if she don't I will, and I'm chon for this dance," he answered her grandchild. I've inherited it."

'Don't Fanchon, don't!" the boy and scornful smile the young beauty answered. "Oh, dear, what shall I turned away.

"Do? Go home! My, what a time there'll be, the whole country search- did you get your frock, Fanchon? Out ing for you. That's the way, up over of the witch's cupboard! And what the bridge. You can't mistake it. I have you strung round your neck? will take you part of the road, and- Come, show us. Ah, you are afraid,' and-if you are very hungry"-draw- as one slender hand clung convulsiveing a piece of dry bread from her ly to pocket—"take this. I'm not hungry throat. at all. Oh, no; of course not, -(aside) -it's only my supper, shadow. don't want it; I never eat dry bread; oh, no; but, see here, Claude, in future leave my chickens alone.

'There, shadow, he's gone now. I've left him on the hill. It's well for him Granny didn't see him. She would beat me, shadow, if she knew I played to me. with you.

"Fanchon!" Her name caused her to start. It was Fritz, Claude's twin brother, the wealthy farmer's other son, who stood beside her.

"Well!" she answered, jeeringly. "I have come to see your grandmother, Fanchon, to ask her to help me. She hates my father, I well know, but gold is gold, and I hope this will tempt her to disclose for me my brother's hiding-place. He left home yesterday, foolishly jealous of me, and she spoke: we can find no trace of him. "So you come to the witch in your

need, do you? Perhaps, Mr. Fritz, you need not go so far!" "Fanchon, what do you mean? Can

you tell me where he is? But show me and I will do for you anything in the world."

"But with the world turned upside down, surely when the great man's son | go home, Fritz, and release you from is asking favors of the witch's grand- your promise; but you kept it, and I child, Fanchon the despised, Fanchon will not forget it!" And, turning whom even the village children laugh | quickly away, she fled lightly over the and jeer at: Fanchon-" but the voice a moment before so mocking held sound | called home. of tears, and there was suspicious moisture in the bright eyes as her hand dashed across them, and she once more began her grotesque dance in the moon-

"So your brother Claude has gone she continued, with regained possession, "and you want to know his whereabouts. Look for him, Mr. Fritz. Perhaps you'll find him. I felt as though her last friend had dedon't saink Granny will help you.' But you will, Fanchon, if you can.

Here, take this gold and tell me!" With imperious gesture, worthy a princess in her kingdom, she waved of these days-Fritz, who somehow the money back.

"Take your gold!" she said. "Even and taught her how to conquer it. gold, Fritz Glenroy, would not buy Books were natural enemies, but she Yes, I know where your brother clung to them bravely; bravely bore You said a moment ago you would the jeers and scoffs of the children at give me anything I asked. Give me the village school, until they forgot to your word to grant my first request, jeer in admiration. wherever made, and I will lead you to

edge dawned upon her, it but showed more plainly how apart her life was from others. Something of this she told Fritz, as they strolled forth one evening, the same moon so quietly looking upon them which and that night witnessed her strange dance. A moment's silence followed; then he took and clasped her hand within his

"Fanchon," he said, "you are not alone, as you suppose! Look!" as they stood beside a clear lake. "What does the shadow in the water tell you, dear? That you have grown beautiful? Can it not also tell you that, as once you asked of me to grant you one request, so now I ask in turn of you. But, darling, it is yourself; you who first taught me to be a man; who first showed me the path of honor. Fauchon, will you give yourself to me-will you be my wife?"

The dark eyes were raised bewilderingly to his, her heart beating so fast, so loud, she clasped her little hand convulsively upon it as she

"Your parents! What would they say? Ah, Fritz, they called my poor old grandmother a witch because she learned the secrets of the herbs, and sold them as medicines; but she left me only a legacy of shame." "Ah, shadow, you are here still!"

"They shall ask you, darling; they shall seek you. You shall enter no roof unwelcomed; but if they add their entreaties to mine. Fanchon, what will then be your answer.

"Oh, Fritz, I should die of too much happiness!" But joy rarely kills, and, even as Fritz had said, their boy's happiness

was nearest the parents' hearts. Even Claude forgot his jealousy and added his prayers. So, in the summer time, the village church was crowded with happy faces, as Fritz received from his own father's hands poor little Fanchon, rich at last. --New York Ledger.

The Demand For Horses.

This country in 1897 exported 39,-532 horses and 7473 mules, the total It was the May Dayfestival, and all the lads and lasses of the village were value of which was \$5,314,000, making gathered upon the village green, the a rather important item of foreign trade. The exports of horses have girls in their sweet, pure robes of Why do you always come to me in white, when suddenly a cry of derision increased over fivefold since 1893. There were lever as many as 5000 sent abroad prior to that year. The increase is due to the decline in the value of horses in this country resulting from their displacement by cables and electricity on street car lines, and the general depression in the country. There is, undoubtedly, a surplus of horses in the United States and prob-But on one face a sudden pallor ably this will continue, so that exports are likely to go on increasing, The agricultural department is doing the words, "Are you ready to make all it can to open foreign markets for "I have lost my way," the boy an- good your promise? I want a partner American horses. There is no doubt that horses can be raised in this country as cheaply as anywhere else in the world, and every country which needs For a moment the pallor gave way to import horses ought to get its chief supply from the United States. The average farm value of horses is barely night previous arose before him, his half what it was five years ago. It is manhood shamed him, and he turned rather strange that prices of horses have not advanced in the past six "Fritz!" cried a voice, "what are months, especially in Kansas, where you doing?" It was Miss Bell, the there certainly is a greater demand for them, and less disposition among farmers to sell them. The increased profits of farming ought to have the boldly, and with a toss of her head effect of greatly reducing the number of horses for sale. - Kansas City Star.

A New Life-Belt. Swimmers are generally very suspicious with regard to life-belts, for nuless these contrivances are well made and properly adjusted they are positively dangerous in use. Some are so bulky that they impede all action. ly to the black ribbon about the This defect certainly applies to the cork waistcoats adopted by the National Lifeboat Institution, and it will be remembered that in the recent fatal capsizing of a lifeboat at Margate the men had not donned their corks on this very ground. A new kind of belt -known as the Louiton float-is described and illustrated in a French journal; and it has the appearance of a conger eel with conical ends. Made of sheet rubber, it passes round the neck, across the chest and round the waist, and can be inflated in one minute by the mouth; and its weight is upon the scene—their cure, who had about one pound. The life-belt or float is flexible, light and easily placed in position. It can be worn without chon, "I know what you wear about inconvenience, and is designed, among other purposes, for the use of swimming schools.-Chambers's Journal.

Syrup For Sore Throat. A soothing preparation for an ordinary sore throat is a lemonade made without the addition of water. Grate the rind from one and squeeze the juice from two lemons over two heaping teaspoonfuls of sugar. Be very careful to grate only the yellow, as the white gives a bitter flavor. Add the juice and grated rind of an orange, a blood orange making it even more delicious. Let this stand ten to fifteen minutes and then strain through a cloth. This result is a syrup with a refreshing and delicious taste. More sugar can be used, but the sourer the mixture is the better it assuages the thirst or irritation in the throat. - New "The old witch is dead! The old York World.

Glass Umbrellas.

in the little French town, some six months later. Poor little Fanchon! It is rumored that before long glass She had received only crusts of bread. umbrellas will be in general useonly harsh words and blows all her that is, umbrellas covered with the life, but none the less when she folnew span glass cloth. These, of lowed, sole mourner, to the grave, she course, will afford no protection from the rays of the sun, but they will posparted. It was Fritz who came to sess one obvious advantage-namely, cheer and comfort her; who told her that they can be held in front of the of the money they had found, which face when meeting the wind and rain. would give her a handsome dowry one and at the same time the near will be able to see that he does not run into made her ashamed of her ignorance, unoffending individuals or lamp posts.

Buttons For New York Police The New York police, 7500 men, are to have new uniforms, and each one will require for his two uniforms and overcoat seventy-eight buttons. This But her life was very sad and very means 585,000 buttons, or four tons lonely, and as, little by little knowl- of brass.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE,

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

Spring Fishing-The Most Pleasant One-Financial Revenge-Softening the Blow -Hard to Please-Literally True-Both to Go It Alone-The Real Thing, Etc.

The angler soon will lie in wait To tempt the trout with flies.

Meanwhile, if he is up to date,
He'll eke revamp his ites.

—Philadelphia Record

That spring is here Doth not appear
To me by growing barn-yard cackle,
Its proofs I find
In that my mind
Unconscious turns to fishing tackle. The Most Pleasant One.

best route to the Klondike?"

Returning Klondiker (hoarsely)-"The one coming home!"-Puck, Softening the Blow. Madeline (indignantly)—"He said I was an old flame of his? The idea!"

Julia (soothingly)-"Oh! I don't think he meant that you were old at that time."-Puck.

Both to Go It Alone. "I should have thought that Bagley would get a tandem for himself and wife instead of two single wheels." "Oh, no; Bagley has been married sixteen years."-Judge.

Financial Revenge. "They say that war scares make

trade good. "Yes, when my wife gets mad at me she goes downtown and spends every cent she can lay her hands on."-Detroit Free Press.

Literally True. "Hello, old man," exclaimed his friend; "how's business?"

"Well," replied the poet, as he thought of the unbroken succession of rejected manuscripts, "just at present it's a case of small profits and quick returns,"-New York Journal.

Proof Positive. "Do you believe there is really any-

thing in phrenology?" "I do. I had my head examined by a phrenologist once, and the moment he came to my first bump he told me that my wife used an old-fashioned rolling-pin,"-Cleveland Leader.

Hard to Please. "I remember your wife as such a dainty and pretty little thing, Humly, and yet they tell me she has turned out a fine cook?"

"Turned out a fine cook? She has turned out half a dozen of them within the last three weeks."-Detroit

The Arizona Way. Stranger-"Do the officers of the law here strictly attend to their duties?"

Arizona Al-"They haf to. Suspended the Sheriff for letting a hoss thief escape.

Stranger-"From office?" Arizona Al-"No-frum a tree."-New York Journal.

The Real Thing.

Author-"How do you like my new Critic—"It's simply great. The robbery in the third act is the most realistic piece of work I ever saw go on the stage."

Author (pleased)-"Do you really think so? Critis-"Of course, I do. Why, even the words spoken by the thieves

are stolen."-Chicago Daily News. It was not to be.

The gods and she had determined otherwise. He was persistent. She was firm.

Yet kind. "And it is goodby?" he said. "Yes." "And we are to part?"

"Yes." "Forever?" She hesitated.

"No," she answered, slowly; "you may make it longer, if you wish."-

Making Business. The proprietor of the shoe shop sat on a packing case and looked enviously at the rival establishment across the way.

"I wonder why it is that he is getting all the business," he said. "He has gone over his entire stock," explained the clerk, who had taken the trouble to investigate the matter,

"and has renumbered the sizes. As a result a woman who ordinarily wears a No. 3 shoe can be fitted with a No. 2 in his store." Theu, of course, it was apparent

why nine out of every ten women in town absolutely refused to patronize any one else.-Chicago Post.

Internal Evidence. Lawyer Sharpsett found he would

be unable to go home in time for supper. His typewriter girl having quit for the afternoon, he sat down to the machine himself and succeeded, after half an hour's work, in evolving the following note, which he sent to his wife by a messenger boy:

attheOffice 5-30p.m! DEar miLLi e::: I shlal not be xxxxxxxxx athOme t his evnennenig untli until vrey veryxxxxxx late do not. wait fr for mEA a A clien t w ho Has Aclient with whoM i haev an apopointmen t is xxxxxxxxx is emoing to enosult consultme & it will take al al all eqenxxxxxxevening your lyoing

husgxxxxxhusbnd. j: hiraM@? "I know Hiram wrote it!" claimed Mrs. Sharpsett after she had read it. "Those x's are where he swore."-Chicago Tribune.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

A municipal council in France has ordered its proceedings to be reported by phonograph.

We cannot see the sun itself, we see only the cloud or vapor shell that covers it, like the mantle of a Wels-It is announced that Italian experi-

ments on vegetable life with Roentgen rays have shown that the effect is identical with that of sunlight. The Belgium Government is con-

templating the establishment of an overhead single-rail between Brussels and Antwerp. It is expected that a speed of about ninety miles an hour will be obtained. Professor Elmer Gates, of Washing-

ton, has recently improved the performance of the microscope, and it is now possible for the human eye to see Inquiring Friend-"Which is the an object magnified 3,000,000 times. Heretofore 10,000 has been the limit. Four of the Montana willows, with

one from the island of Unalaska, are the smallest shrubs of Salicaceae in the world. One of these growing often only half an inch high, is believed to be the smallest species of willow

If the land surface of the globe were divided and allotted in equal shares to each of its human inhabitants, it would be found that each would get a plot of twenty-three and one-hall acres, but much of it would not be worth having.

The sun consists of three parts, the central portion, or nucleus, which is gaseous, but rendered viscous under the enormous pressure and high temperature, the photosphere of incandescent metallic vapors, and the corona, which is only observable during the time of total eclipse.

Dr. George Ardin Stockwell says that the danger of rabies to any one human being is only as one in a million, and that in fifty-five years, during which he has examined every case reported as occurring in North America, as thoroughly as possible, he has not been able to find a single one that was not open to the gravest suspicion as to error.

M. Phisalix announced to the Academie des Sciences, Paris, some time ago, that cholesterine injected into the blood of animals made them resist the venom of vipers. Doubts were thrown on his results, because he had used cholesterine of animal origin. Since then he has rereated his experiments with crystallized cholesterine extracted from carrots, and found it as effective as that from animals. Moreover, he has obtained similar results with crystallized tyrosine extracted from the dahlia and even with the sap of the dablia.

A Fascinating Island. "Of all fascinating places under the

eled much, "the island of Tahiti, one of the Society Islands, is the most fascinating. In that country, a little earth lost in a vast ocean, nature has done everything to make indolent souls happy. The climate is temperate and even all the year round, the vegetation is luxuriant, the women beautiful, and the nights, full of perfume and mystical light, stir the most practical mind to love of meditation and dreaming. The influence of this dreamy, lazy life is very insidious. It is not necessary to work, as the island furnishes food without the labor of tillage. I know a number of Americans and French who have gone there for a visit, and have become so enraptured with the languorous existence that, like the visitors to lotus land, they lie down and forget friends, home, ambition and everything. remember how I used to feel the influence steal upon me. Many a time I wished earnestly to cast my lot with those languorous people. took back now and see myself as I lay one night against a cocoanut tree in a sort of eestacy of meditation. Coverhead was a sky bright with a million stars. Sounds came to me in a strange fashion, blending into a murmur. A short distance away a group of natives, girls and men, were shouting the rhythmic chant of the upuupa dance. I thought of myself on this little isle, with ocean on every side and New Orleans so many miles distant. Nothing seemed real to me but that spot in which one could hear indistinctly the chant of the singers and the sobbing of the waves; a mysterious charm possessed me." - Mexicar

Rossy Was Very Homesick.

Dr. J. A. Smith, a Wabash physician, reports a well-defined case of a homesick cow. The doctor two weeks ago bought a fine milker from a Wabash County farmer. She was brought in and placed in his stable, but from the first day refused to eat, and spent the days and nights in melancholy lowing. She the first day or two gave an abundance of milk, but soon afterward became "dry," and the doctor became fearful she would die. Day before yesterday he returned her to the farmer. She appeared overjoyed to get back to the old home, began to eat voraciously, and is again giving milk. The doctor attributes it all to homesickness,-Indianapolis News.

Great Britain's Blast Furnaces,

The number of blast furnaces built in the United Kingdom to December 31, 1897, was 669, of which 382 were in operation. On September 30th last there were 375 farnaces in blast out of 674 built; on June 30th, 380 out of 682; on March 31st, 379 out of 683, and on December 31, 1896, 372 in blast out of 685 built. The list, as usual, includes a number of old furnaces which will never be put in blast

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And his heart both brave and true,
O, when, my love, shall we e'er meet,
My lonely self and you!

"Ab, maid most dear," his lips reply, In the north land far away, "We ne'er shall meet till eternity Breaks through life's cloudy day; We ne'er may take love's lastladie Ere Death begins his flight.

But I, for ave, will still be true. And so, my love, good night."

—Johnson McClune Bellows, in the Ledger.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Were you born in a foreign coun-

try, Mr. Jones?" "No, I was born in my native land!" Teacher-"What can you tell me

about the rabbit?" Papil-"Its left hind-foot is lucky."-Puck. The early bird which has such excellent qualities is not the one you eat

at two o'clock in the morning. In almost every case of marriage one of the parties in time looks the rabbit to the other's wolf, "--Atchison

The Able Editor (ironically)-"Is this poetry?" Contributor-"Didn't I begin each line with a capital letter?"-Boston Traveler.

"Yes; there is plenty of room at the top, 'tis true," said the parental fish to its offspring; "but I'd advise you to stay down where you are.' Willie-- "Miss Dollie, you are look-

ing like a full-blown rose." Dollie Footlites - "Gowan! You're just blowing."-Cincinnati Inquirer. "Fannie has such a sweet new bon-

act." "Yes. Fannie has charming talent for making things over."-Browning, King & Co.'s Monthly. Old Mr. Surplice-"I hope you ob-

ject to daucing on religious grounds?" Young Miss Featherstitching-"Oh, no; only on unwaxed floors,"-Roxbury Gazette. "Poverty," said Uncle Eben, "am like riches in one respeck. Whethuh

it's any disgrace or not depends a heap on how you happens to git dar."-Washington Star. Miss Gushington-"I, too, Herr Slevewski, should like to become a great violinist. What is the first thing

to do?" Herr Slevewski-"Learn to play."-Harlem Life, Owing to the death of my wife, a seat on my tandem is vacant. Candidates for the seat may send in their names to Scorcher, in care of this

paper.-Fliegende Blaetter. Teacher-"What do you know about the early Christians?" Tommy-"Our girl is one of 'em. She gets up in the morning and goes to church before breakfast."-Indianapolis Jour-

"Will I have to be identified when I come here next time?" inquired Mr. sun," said a gentleman who has trav-Jagway. "Not unless you swear off in the meantime. I should know that nose again among a million,"-Chicago Tribune.

German Professor (in his lecture on water)-"And then, gentlemen, do Lot forget, if we had no water we could never learn to swim-and how many people would be drowned!"-Vienna Fremdenblatt.

Office Boy-"The editor wants the proof of his editorials." Proof Reader "What for?" Office Poy-"He wants to read 'em." Proof Reader-'Humph! No accounting for tastes." -New York Weekly,

"I don't think the members of your church would be willing to sell all they have and give to the poor." "Hardly. They might be persuaded to seil all they have and invest the proceeds in something else."-Puck. "Ef de average young man," said Uncle Eben, "ud be willin' ter go from as much hahdship ter git useful knowledge as he did learnin' smoke his fust eigar, dar wouldn't be nigh ez many regrets in dishere life."

Mike-"How old are you, Pat?" Pat - "Thirty-sivin next mont"," Mike-"Yez must be older than that, When were yez born?" Pat—"In 1861." Mike—"I have yez now. Sure, yez told me the same date tin years ago!"-Tit-Bits.

-Washington Star.

"Oh, oh!" mouned Mrs. Weeks, who was suffering from a decayed molar, 'why aren't people born without teeth, I'd like to know?" "Why, my dear," exclaimed the husband, you happen to know any one that wasn't?"-Chicago News.

"I'm sfeard," remarked Farmer Coratossel, "thet the period of usefulness for that politician is about to be drawed to a close." "What's the matter?"inquired his wife. "Isit a case of overwork?" "No," was the answer: "'tain't nothin' so onusual as overwork. It's a plain, old-fashioned case of overtalk."-Washington Star.

The garbage is collected every Monday on the street in which the D.'s live. One morning little Helen D. proposed discarding for good a rag doll of which she had grown tired. "I think, mamma," she said, "that I'll put it out for the garbage man to carry off. He can take it to the garbage woman, and she can fix it up for the little garbage children to play with."-Harper's Bazar.

Great Britain's Expenses.

The expenses of Great Britain are now about \$500,000,000 yearly, or nearly \$1000 per minute, but every tick of the clock represents an inflow of a little over \$10 into the British Treasury, thus leaving an annual surplus of about \$20,000,000.

Law to Prevent Overwork. In Holland women and persons of either sex under the age of sixteen are now forbidden to begin work earlier than 5 a. m., or to continue at work after 7 p. m., nor may their work exceed eleven hours a day in all,