The French press is fuming glori ously against the United States, and is furious against England, which has blocked, once for all, the chances of a European coalition against the United States.

The Swiss canton of Neuenburg has sanctioned a plan for a universal life insurance in which all the natives over eighteen years old may participate. In case of death, a sum varying from 1000 to 5000 francs is to be paid to the heirs.

The Hong Kong Press tells of a professional beggar who has built quite a fine three-story tea-house just outside the South Gate. As the only three-story building in the city, it is an object of great pride to the natives, whose charity helped so largely in its erection.

A Berlin paper has ascertained that intoxication by means of ether has become almost epidemie in Lithuania, owing to the fact that ether is cheaper than brandy and less of it is needed to get drunk on. Many families have been ruined by the habit, which has also found victims even among school

Fifty years ago there were few persons employed or gaining a livelihood by the utilization of electric energy. Now in Europe and America there are more than a million -very likely two millions in the world. In 1827 George Stephenson started his first railway train possibly with a dozen employes. Now in the United States there are nearly 800,000 railroad workers.

Amherst, Mass., with a population of 4800 has a public library of 70,000 volumes, which is open to all comers for thirteen hours every day. In addition, the citizens have also access to the college library, of 19,000 volumes, and to two other free libraries, containing 7600 and 2300 volumes respectively. Only ten towns in the State of Massachusetts are now without free public libraries.

Little John Victor Thompson was born under a whole constellation of lucky stars. His first piece of good fortune was in being born in Chicago. choice of a birthplace. His second morsel, or, rather, large mouthful, of good fortune came when he was adopted by the Thursday Club. Thirtynine young ladies, each, of whom has pin money to spare, were looking about for some charitable work to do. They saw young Thompson and adopted him. They will send him to school, perhaps to college, and start him on an honorable career. Thirtynine mothers! That is a privilege which very few boys enjoy, and John Victor knows it.

According to the Boston Traveler recent events point to the falling bekind of the Latin races in the march of civilization. Old abuses with them seem to linger, abuses which have been stamped out long since by their sturdier Saxon brethren. Frauce in the Zola trial has shown the world defects in her judicial and administration systems that the English trial by jury would not have permitted even two centuries ago. Spain, in attempting to crush Cuba, shows the same crude methods which disgraced Alva in the Netherlands. In the desire for better observance of international law and freedom of trade, too, our Latin brothers seem to be sadly lacking. If recent events count for anything, they seem to point to the future supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon.

There is a common notion that America is the only country in which there has been a rapid growth of cities. The Americans are so accustomed to consider that their country is in all respects vastly superior to all others that they give very little attention to what is done elsewhere. But the desire of human beings to crowd together in cities is one of the striking pecular ities of the present age, and, as a re. sult, there has been an enormous growth of cities in every country. Take, for instance, the city of Berlin. In 1858 it had about 440,000 population. In 1898 its population is 1,500,-000. In 1861 the population of Liverpool, including Birkenhead, on the opposite side of the river Mersey, was about 550,000. In 1889 it was 940,-000 and to-day is over one million souls. The city of London is another interesting example. In 1861 the population embraced in the registrar general's district was 2,000,000 and a little over. In the same district, in 1896, the census showed 4,411,000. It would be difficult, even in the United States, to find more rapid growth of the population of cities than that stated above; but it is more the rale than the exception

They are slaves who fear to speak For the fallen and the weak, They are slaves who will not choose Hatred, scoffing and abuse Hatred, scoming and abuse Rather than in silence shrink From the truth they need must think; They are slaves who dare not be In the right with two or three.

Is true freedon but to break Fetters for our own dear sake, And, with leathern hearts, forget That we owe mankind a debt? No! true freedom is to share All the chains our brothers wear, And with heart and hand to be Earnest to make others free.

—James Russeil Lowell.

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oughly confidential character.

and I must own that I did not act have anything to fear. quite upon what is called the square. In fact, I played a part—a negative dricks's wish I took Philip as articled kind of part—for I did nothing else clerk. but hold my tongue. If I had spoken, man's pocket and into a rogue's; so, somehow, I let my feelings get the better of my professional conscience, do you hear?"

lawyer, a family solicitor, who knows the value of property and how to manage it, for—in confidence, Dick, do you hear?"

About a month later I was with my

and I said not a word. I was old John Hendricks's solicitor, had known him when he was a strug- heir, but don't tell him." gling man and I was a young lawyer with none too much practice. Then me," I said. plodding along respectably, just holding my own and nothing more, when, you've grown." going into one of the city taverns for the same table for so many years that grimly. I had become one of the institutions

that I determined to look him down, fore he gets it. God bless him! he's and I gazed firmly into his eyes. "Why, it is!" he exclaimed. "Dick,

old boy, don't you know me?" "That's Jack Hendricks's voice," there, hand clasped in hand, and with harsh manner that I did not like. the tears in our eyes, looking very foolish and weak, I dare say, to the you leave his brother?" I said. other occupants of the room; but that

much to say to each other. grower, and Lad become a grower rest."

-to die.

"Well, old fellow," I said, "the first part's right enough, but as to the dyalone. It will be all settled for you. The only thing with respect to that, to leave, and then make the most of

"Have you made yours, Dick?" he

said sharply.
"I? No," I said laughing. "I've nothing to leave, Jack;" and then we stand that he had made a very large fortune in indigo, and spent very little

'Poor Jenny! I should have liked to father, and I can't help that, of course." see her again.

John Hendricks was fifteen years the closest of friends, for he seemed ion." to resume his old protective way over

every point. It was all done in a quiet, unostento smile on me. I had a great deal of to please my uncle, he would only detions among old indigo planters, I never forgotten her teachings. found them coming to me, right and very soon, in place of finding it hard he sent for me one day to take instrucwork to keep one clerk, I had very tions to make his will; but I could not his husky voice, and said quietly:

at my bank. But I am getting on too fast, Chelsea, and as we sat at dinner I ley. could not help thinking how kindly fortune was behaving to the young men to place them in the way of such | professional man.' expectations; and before I left it was plain enough to me which was the un-

ele's favorite. This was Philip, a frank-faced shares. young fellow of two or three-andtwenty, very gentlemanly in his ways, and decidedly good-looking, while he

my profession? seeming to be toadying, full of atten-Oh, yes, plenty. I tion to the old man, to the old man,

self when I find ened with the greatest deference.

For old John had grown terribly dogmatic. He had had the management cidents and workof hundreds of poor ryots for so many
ing them up into years that he felt quite a king in his
a better and truer-hearted fellow never stories; and then way, and would bully and snub every-I think of what one when his liver was a little worse plots I could have that usual-everyone, that is, except furnished if they me, for whenever he was out of temhad not been fam-ily secrets of a nod and shake his head, and smoke private and thor- his chillum till he felt more at ease.

I remember one plain fellow, with only one good feacase that, changing ture—or ought that to be two?—in the names, it will be his face, and that his eyes, which no particular breach of confidence to were, for a man, beautiful, and, best mention, and I tell it the more frankly of all, in their steady, honest look, because it is a little against myself, which never seemed to blanch or

"Let him be a lawyer," said my it would have been fifty thousand old friend; "not a barrister, but a I nodded.

"You may charge for it, if you and looked after his property, for I like; I mean to make that boy my

"I don't tell what my clients say to I lost sight of him for twenty years, at the end of which time I was still said, chuckling; "I never met with

"Well, if I had not, you wouldn't my regular daily chop, which I ate at have made me your solicitor," I said

exactly like poor Jenny.'

"And how about Sam?" I said in my gruff, repellent way.
"Let him stop where he is, and sell

"That I won't, Dick. He's my sis did not trouble us, for we had too ter's boy, but I don't like him. He's just found out what an old fool I am, John Hendricks told me that he had behaved badly to poor Jenny, and broke been in the north of India, close to her heart. He was a gambler, and

"Well, I don't know," I said. 'And now," he said, "I have come think you are misjudging Sam. I beto look after my dead sister's sons and lieve him to be a very frank, honest

low never shows me a bit of deference. He's rough and independent, and bulspeaking as a professional man, is to lies his brother just as that scoundrel, make your will, if you have anything his father, did my poor sister Jenny. I don't like him.

Now I, too, had studied character working life, he gave me to under- opinion I had already formed was

strengthened. "No, Mr. Brown," he said warmly, "I can't do it. I don't say but what "Mine's been too hard-working a if my uncle left me some money I life, Dick," he said, "for me to be should be glad of it, for-for I am and I was there, both as old friend much of a spender; but it will be a thinking of getting married, sir; but and solicitor, to meet the very small fine thing for Jenny's two boys if-if my uncle does not like me. He has I like them," he added sharply. And taken a prejudice against me because then, with a quiet, subdued look, he says I am exactly like my dead

"Thank you for that, Mr. Brown," sir. I never would toady to any one tatious way, but from the day of John | for the sake of the money trat might | Hendricks's return the world began come, and if I were to go there trying professional business to do for him, spise me for it. My poor mother and as he had most extensive connectaught me, Mr. Brown, and I have

I found before long that John Henwhole of his property, save some Before long I met the two nephews | trifling legacies to servants and others, at their uncle's quiet little house at to his younger nephew, Philip Hems-

"Now," I said, "is this fair?" "Sir," he said, "you are now my

"Adviser," I said, correcting him; 'and I advise you to do your duty by your nephews by leaving them equal

was that he let me put down two thou- | the rascal read out the document that, sand pounds for Sam; but the great as a lawyer, he had cleverly forged. property of a hundred and odd thou- I saw it all now. He had asked me sand pounds, well invested, was left if I had his uncle's will, and I had said

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and the will placed at the banker's; Samuel and Philip Hemsley. and though, during the next five years I sat and laughed to myself as I I tried hard to get the old man to make heard him read this piece of forgery, a fresh one, he grew more obstinate which was all in due form, clever from than ever, shutting his eyes blindly to the man's cunning in contenting himthe character of his nephews; and all I self with half, knowing that if the will could do was to let matters take their were otherwise it might have been dis-

It was a bad course for Philip Hemsley, who was, in a quiet, secretive way, a regular scamp-his father over again. He was very clever and shrewd as a lawyer, and got on well when he stuck to it, and this pleased the old man, to whom he was devotedly attentive; while poor Sam seemed to bemarried a pure, sweet little woman like an augel, who poured out tea for a grim old fellow.

I was often at his snug little home, and, after trying in vain to make things better for him with his rich uncle, I came to the conclusion that they would be no happier for the money, so I let matters slide.

"Two thousand will be a nice nestegg for them," I thought, "so per-

As I have said, Phil became shrewdish fellow in the law, and passed his examination pretty well, so that he knew what he was about in legal matters; and one day he proved the truth of his uncle's prophecy by saying to me suddenly.

'My uncle is far from well, Mr. Brown. Have you got his will?"

change, for it was evident that he was not much longer for this world.

He had sent for me, and I was in hopes that he meant to alter his will, and I was right. "What a while you have been com-

"I came on directly, old fellow," I

a little more easy." "Thank ye, Dick," he said, "but it's all over. That boy has killed me. Did he ask you if you had my will?"

been worrying me to let him make my will. Dick, old friend, I've made a big mistake, There, there, don't jump upon me. I-I confess it all. I was so like her; but-but he has his

"I am glad you have awakened to the truth," I said. "You should have advised me bet-

his father over again-the father who my dear boy. We have quarrelled found him out, in spite of his smooth tongue. He's a scamp, & villain-a has half killed me, Dick, and-

> at what must have been the rooting up of his most cherished belief in his sister's child had proved, in his weak state, to be more than he could bear.

> The doctor was sent for, and at the end of an hour John Hendricks was so far recovered that he whispered my name, and I, sitting down beside him, heard him in a whisper say,-

"I don't think he will ever recover sufficiently to sign," said the doctor, "He has driven it too late, Mr.

The funeral followed in due form,

no indecorous show of sorrow, while his brother sobbed aloud over the "But you might try to humor him a grave; but he had a good deal recovlittle, and let him see that you don't ered when we assembled afterward in my senior, but we became once more deserve his-I am sure-wrong opin- the dining-room of my old friend's March 31, 1867, Russia ceding all house, his few friends wondering whether he had remembered them in me, but trusting me most fully in he exclaimed, and his eyes looked soft his will, about which subject I heard a and subdued; 'but I could not do it, whisper going round that none had

been left. I suppose that it was from a feeling of importance, perhaps more from an unwillingness to wound poor Sam Hemsley and his young wife by letting them hear the unjust will, that I did not hurry myself to produce it, though I don't think they anticipated much. left, by his recommendation; so that dricks was thoroughly in earnest, for But all at once, to my utter astonishself later by declaiming: ment, Philip rose, coughed to clear

hard work for four, and a big balance help laying down my pen when I "I presume you all know how much I found that he intended to leave the have of late been in my uncle's confidence, so that you will not be surprised that, as I was by his wish a solicitor, he should have entrusted to me the making of his will.

him bring forth the document:

forged a will!" Fortunately for Sam, I recovered

no. He must have searched the old "Now, Dick," said the old fellow man's papers and found none, and, feelchuckling, "those boys will be sure to ing safe, Philip had forged a will in ask you if you have any will of mine, and his own favor, and artfully, too, mak-I want to humbug them; so we'll de- ing one about which there could be no posit this at the banker's, and then if dispute; for he provided legacies to they ask you if you have my will, you friends, and the residue, which proved to be over a hundred thousand pounds, Everything was done as he wished, in equal moieties to his nephews,

puted, when now it would be taken as perfection; and there, all the time, I sat with the genuine will in my pocket, from which he was cutting himself off by this act, while I rejoiced to think how the villain was being forced as it were by fate to do justice to his brother

What would you have done-given the scoundrel into custody as a forger, made a terrible upset, and caused no end of trouble about the property? Perhaps you would. I did not, for I went home, after satisfying myself that the false will was in due form, and destroyed the real one.

Yes, I know what you will say-that it was a felonious act, and that I ought to have been struck off the rolls. Perhaps I ought to have been, but I pondered on the fact that, instead of the whole hundred thousand pounds going to a villain who would stoop to forge, half of it went to a truly deserving man; so I left the punishment to higher powers than those of man, and kept my secret, which is a secret still. for I have only given fictitious names,

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A bar of soft metal is used on Dresden electric lines instead of the trolley wheel, and is claimed to wear the wire less and to be more convenient.

A remarkable object that "rather resembles some obscuring medium than a nebula," is the unique discovery in the constellation of Perseus lately made by Rev. T. E. Espin.

It has been discovered that the deposits of gilsonite-a species of asphalt -found in Utah will yield a substance which can be used to paint ships' bottoms, and which will protect them said, kindly. "Here, let me put you from corrosion, seaweed, and barnacles in a remarkable degree.

The Medical Department of the French War Office has just published some medical statistics of the army ber of admissions to infirmary and per 1000 efficients

German figures credit various woods with the following heating capacities: Linden, 1; fir, 0.99; elm and pine, maple and spruce, 0.96; black poplar, father's spirit and his ways to the very 0.95; alder and white birch, 0.94; oak, 0.92; locust and white beech, 0.91; and red beech, 0.90. Modern scientific research gives us another surprise in the showing that the soft woods have greater heating power than the hard.

The mud from coal washing is utilized by a Friedrichsthal engineer. He finds the mud to consist of two portions-one being chiefly clay and the other particles of coal-and he separates them by drving and sifting, the clay passing through as flue dust, while the fine coal is retained by the sieve. The coal contains little ash and is adapted for various purposes, while the separated dust has proven not wholly useless.

The new form of incandescent electric lamp recently devised by Professor Nernst, in which magnesium oxide is used instead of a carbon filament, requires that the conductor should first be heated by either a Bunsen flame or the spark from an induction coil. Professor Nernst proposes to embed a certain filament in the rod of magnesium oxide which will afford a path for the current when the rod is cold and communicate heat to the surrounding material so as to raise it to the conducting temperature at which

First Map to Bear "Alaska."

The map of James Cook, 1778, was the first to bear the name "Alaska, which was a corruption of the India Al-ak-shack, or "Endless Land." The United States began to treat with Russia for the acquisition of Alaska under Presidents Polk (1845 to 1849) and Buchauan (1857 to 1861), and the matter was opened again in 1866 by Seward, who was then Secretary of State, and closed the transaction on claim to Alaska for the consideration of \$7,200,000.

In a public school of Olympia, Wash., where pupils are asked occasionally for impromptu poetical recitations, one reluctant boy recently ordered to show his ability at rhym ing for the benefit of the School Board's visitors astounded all present, and secured punishment for him-

A Pupil's Impudent Impromptu.

God, O! God, supreme on high, Look down on this committee, Who chose such fools to teach our schools In this our capital city.

see a political friend on some very im-

Speaker Reed's Little Joke. Speaker Reed recently wished to

portant business and telegraphed him to come at once to Washington. The friend took the first train, but a washout on the road soon stopped him. Going to a telegraph office he sent this message: "Washout on the line; can't ' to which in due time he re-

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Preferably the Whole Thing - Insulted Dignity-Why She Disliked Him-Waterproof-Hopeless-When Woman Hates - Patriotic - Experimental, Etc I'll wed some meek, submissive man,

For reasons good, though few— I'd rather be the whole of one Than the better half of two.

"Is Gobang a patriotic man?" "I should say so. He has been urging his wife to enlist for three weeks."-New York World.

Insulted Diguity. "Hey, there! Are you the office Office nuttin'! I'm de janitor's

private sec'etary!"--Chicago Tribune. Waiter (who has spilled the contents of a water bottle over a guest)

Shall I get you a napkin?" Guest-"I think you would better get me a mackintesh."-Truth.

She-"Do you think the North Pole will ever be discovered?" He-"Not as long as people are

willing to pay to hear men tell how they didn't find it."-Chicago News. When Woman Hates.

Lucretia-"I should hate to be two-faced." Luiu-"I should think you would especially if your other face was anything like the one I see."-Yonkers Statesman.

Why She Disliked Him.

He-"How do you like Foppington, Miss Barrow?" Miss Barrow-"Not at all. can't pronounce his r's, and I do detest being addressed as Miss Bow wow."-Tit-Bits.

Experimental.

"Did the prisoner offer any excuse for his bigamy?" "Yes; he said he was tempted to keep on marrying until he got a wife that could make a good cup of coffee.'

Changed by Time. "As a child he was afraid of the dark."

"Yes?" "Well, now he is grown, has gone into politics and is afraid of the light." -New York World.

The Latest From Klondike.

Friend—"And so you were slowly freezing to death. Well, what saved Narrator-"Oh, at the thought of it my blood began to boil, and I thawed

out."-New York Journal.

Mabel-"I gained a great victory over myself to-day.

Madge-"How did you do it, dear?" Mabel-"I was passing plate-glass windows all day and I never looked at my reflection in any of them."

Sarcastic Inquirer-"What good

will it do you to take your bicycle with von to Cuba?" Prospective Soldier-"If I become homesick, sir, I can puncture one of my tires and breathe my native air

again."-Chicago Tribune. "How often we are reminded of Achilles sulking in his tent!" ex-

claimed the pedantic youth. "Yes," replied Mrs. Cumrox a little doubtfully; "I am told that circus people are sometimes rather ill-tempered."-- Washington Star.

"Oh, Edwin, Edwin!" sobbed Athanasia. Often at evening she would sit by

herself, thus, and weep over her faith ful lover's letters. For he had not committed himself

in any of them .- Detroit Free Press.

A countryman walked into a Western newspaper office to advertise the death of a relative.

"What is your charge?" he asked of the clerk. "We charge \$2 an inch."

"Oh," said the countryman, "I caunot afford that. My relative was six feet three inches."-Household Words.

mother allow you to have two pieces of pie when you are at home, Willie?" Willie (who has asked for a second piece)-"No, ma'am." "Well, do you think she would like you to have two pieces here?"

Willie (confidently) - "Oh, she

Hostess (at party)-"And does your

wouldn't care. This isn't her pie."-Tit-Bits. No Need of Pecking In. "The eyes," he said, in a fine burst of poetic eloque ce, "are the windows of the soul.

"But what?" he urged, as she hesitated. "You needn't try to sit so close to

"So I have heard," she replied,

me just because I happen to be a little near-sighted."—Chicago News.

"The idea of holding that woman is not amply fitted to enter public life! she exclaimed. "What is there of more value to one in public life than the art of extemporaneous speaking. and when it comes to speaking extem-

poraneously--"
"My dear," he interrupted, "your point is well taken. When it comes to speaking extemporaneously man is really only a base imitation."-Chi-

WHEN THE DAY COMES.

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All bills for yearly advertisements collected quarterly Temporary advertisements must be paid in advance.

Job work—cash on delivery.

When the day comes With thunder of the drums, And blowing of the bugles, we shall be

No craven band On crimsoned sea or land,— To heroes tracing our high ancestry, And, under God, On glorious sea and sod,

Cleaving a path of freedom for the free!

When the day comes—
Either rejoicing drums,
And victor-flags above the ranks to wave,
Or, where the dust gleams red
With blood for Freedom shed,
The glory of the dying of the brave!
Life for the land to give— For Freedom still to live, Or her loved smile to light us to the grave!

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Papa?" "Well?" "How tall is the man who is above criticism?"-Judge. "Do you think that stimulants would

hurt me, doctor?" "Not if you leave

them alone."-- Detroit Free Press. Jack-"I want to marry my opposite." Maud ... "I don't know of any girl bright enough to suit you."-

"Baffled!" muttered the great detective. He threw his wife's dress to the floor and strode gloomily from the room."-Judge.

Foreman of Torrent Engine Company (gazing at the smoking ruins, but speaking cheerfully)—"Well, boys, we saved the engine!"—Puck.

She-"Love is like sea-sickness." He-"Why?" She-"Because you can have it awfully and yet can't describe it,"-Detroit Free Press.

Jasper-"They say that Hustler made a fortune in the Kloudike." Jumpuppe-"Yes; he carried fools up there and carried wise men back.' Mrs. R .- "The lady Dabbs is going

to marry is highly intellectual. She speaks three languages." Mr. B, (condolingly)—"Poor Dabbs,"—Boston Traveler. "Pa's got a nawful temper," said Jamie. "I tried t' sand-paper my pencil on his chin while he was takin'

nap, an' he woke up an' got real mad about it."-Judge. A Quaker once, hearing a person tell how much he felt for a friend who needed assistance, drily observed: 'Friend, hast thou felt in thy pocket

for him?" -Tit-Bits, "Ain't I little bow-legged?" asked the dubious young man, "Bow-legged?" said his tailor. "The idea! Your lower limbs, sir, are absolutely without a parallel."-Indianapolis Journal.

"Well," said the adjuster as he set down his valise, "I investigated that Wigglesworth death claim." "How about it?" asked the president of the company. "Straight as a die."-Iudianapolis Journal. Dumlow-"Tell Closefist I want to

speak with him, will you?" Bogstow "I don't want to disturb him now." Dumlow-"Why not?" Bogstow-'He's counting money, and I shouldn't care to interrupt him at his devotions," -Roxbury Gazette. "My son wants me to buy him a trolley line, and I think he would make a lawyer. In the one case he would

pull their legs. What would you suggest?" "I'd make a doctor out of him. Then he can do both."-Puck. High-Priced Doctor-"You are now convalescent and all you need is exercise. You should walk ten, twenty, thirty miles a day, sir; but your walking should have an object." Patient "All right doctor. I'll travel around

cut people up, and in the other merely

rying to borrow enough to pay your bill."-Standard. He (wondering if that Williams has ever been accepted)-"Are both your rings heirlooms?" She (concealing the hand)-"Oh, dear, yes! One has been in the family since the time of Alfred, but the other is newer and (blushing) only dates from the con-

Mistress-"Why, Bridget, you sure-

ly don't consider these windows

quest."-Harlem Life.

washed?" Bridget-"Sure, I washed 'em nicely on the inside, mum, so ye can look out; but I intentionally lift thim a little dirty on the outside so thim aignorant Jones children nixt door gouldn't look in."-Truth. Dinguss-"Old man, you've accommodated me a great many times, and I wouldn't strike you now if it wasn't a matter of absolute need. I'm suffering for the lack of \$10." Shadbolt

"My wife has got her heart set on a '98 wheel, and I need the \$10 to make the first payment on it,"-Chicago He (desperately)-"Tell me the truth. Is it not my poverty that stands between us?" She (sadly) -"Y-e-s." He (with a ray of hope)-"I admit that I am poor, and so, unfortunately, is my father; but I have an aged uncle who is very rich, and a bachelor. He is an invalid and cannot long survive." She -"How kind and thoughtful you

(reluctantly handing it over) - "What's

the trouble, Dinguss?" Dinguss-

-New York Weekly. Repartee by John Wesley, John Wesley, the father of Methodsni, was brought before the mayor at

are! Will you introduce me to him?"

a certain town, charged with having wrought disturbance by street preach-"You ought to have known," said the mayor, "that this sort of thing is not permitted by the mob." "Pardon," said Wesley, "but I wasn't even aware that this town of yours was governed by a mob."

A Dutiful Sou's Advertisement. A dutiful German son advertises in the Leipzig Tageblatt: "Marriage-1

seek for my father, a strictly respectable man with a quiet business, an elderly, solitary widow or maiden with some property in eash. Address with a statement of conditions. -

By G. MANVILLE FENN.

often smile to my- to whose dogmatic speeches he list-

Samuel was the very opposite of his

Time went on, and at John Hen-

"Perhaps not, Dick; perhaps not, of the place, I found myself opposite old fellow; but we should have been to a yellow-looking, thin, gray-haired friends all the same; but don't give man, who kept on looking up from his Phil the slightest hint of what I and get to be a clever, shrewd man of I did not resent his stare at first, business. I hate an empty dandy. but at last it became so unpleasant Let him learn the worth of money be-

exclaimed, nearly upsetting my plate; tea and tea-dust, and make his money and the next moment we were sitting out of the chests," he said, in a hard, "But you'll leave him as much as

Nepaul, for over twenty years. He thought only of himself. Poor girl! had gone out as a factor to an indigo she made a sad mistake, but let that

fellow. "Bosh! Don't tell me, sir. I can read character. I haven't lived to ing, I think it's as well to leave that sixty-eight for nothing, sir. The fel-

little, and I knew enough of John Hendricks to see that I should bedoing no good by fighting on Samuel's behalf, but I made it my business a went into mutual confidences; and few days later to ask him to call upon after I had told him of my own hard- me; and during the interview the Brown.

"I'll do nothing of the kind." he said. "I'll leave it all to Philip. I argued and fought, and the result | cost, while, with the calmest audacity, and come anyway."

haps all is for the best.'

ing," he said querulously, wanted you so badly, Dick."

"Yes, about a month since, and I during the year 1895. The total num-"I knew it, Dick; I knew it," he hospital is given as 313,579, answerplate to stare at me very rudely I mean to do for him. Let him work, said, pitifully; "and ever since he has ing to a general sickness-rate of 631 thought he was his mother's boy, he 0.98; willow, chestnut and larch, 0.97;

> ter," he retorted querulously, "Should I, Jack?" "No, no; you did, Dick. I've only terribly, that boy and I, for I have gambler, and in debt terribly. He

I tore at the bell, as the poor old fellow seemed about to have a fit, for the terrible emotion he had suffered

"Draw up my will quickly. A just

The doctor was right, for my poor old friend never recovered his senses, but quietly breathed his last a few hours

party who went to the grave. Sam was there, of course, making

I am a man of the world, but for the moment I was knocked off my balance. Then I was about to exclaim, as I saw "Why, you scoundrel, you have

myself, and sat with my old friend's ceived the following reply from the genuine will buttoned up beneath my Maine statesman: "Buy a new shirt