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Probably the Spaniards are thinking just now that those "American pigs" must be of the wild boar vari-

Massachusetts claims to have more different kinds of native trees than has any kingdom of Europe. The number exceeds fifty, among them being nine large oaks.

It is reported from Spain that our navy officers don't wear socks. This may account to the Spanish mind for the barbarous ferocity with which they keep at the work of knocking the socks off the Spanish navy.

A large part of the literature of the world is becoming unintelligible to this generation through lack of ability to understand quotations from the Bible, asserts the Christian Herald, Allusions to sayings and events which our fathers would have understood at a glance now signify nothing to many readers.

The Illinois Central Railroad has beaten its record, having delivered 1,000,000 bales of cotton at New Orleans during the current season of eight months beginning September 1, 1897. The one million and first bale was presented by Stuyvesant Fish, President of the railroad, to Colonel H. G. Hester, Secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and it is to be disposed of for the benefit of the poor of the Crescent City.

"The talk about European intervention in the Cuban affair and a Continental league against the United States has a hollow sound," declares the New York Tribune, "when American control of food supplies is demonstrated so completely. America stands in no dread of a European concert in defense of the worm-eaten Spanish throne, when by withholding food supplies she could menace every Continental State except Russia with bread riots and starvation; nor is it necessary for Americans to be importunate in their wooing for an Auglo-Saxon alliance. England not only speaks the same language and reads Shakespeare, but it also lives on American wheat. Self-interest rather than sentiment is the true basis of an Anglo-American alliance; in future bread is more important than blood

It has been repeatedly stated in the past few months that the ships of nations at war could not pass through the Suez Canal. That was the common belief, and many poople who prided themselves on the accuracy of their general information have been not less confused than surprised to find, on looking the matter up, that they were entirely mistaken. The canal is as free-except for the little detail of tolls-to the navies of every nation and at all times as are the waters of the open sea itself, and this has been the case ever since 1888. Early in that year England, France and Turkey agreed on a convention making the canal a neutral highway, and a few months later all the powers gave their acquiescence. The instrument explicitly permits the transportation of war material and ships of war through the canal, whether peace prevails or not, and only prohibits overt acts of hostility between or within three miles of the termini,

The battleships of modern times are a necessity to any great nation which intends to maintain its rights and protect its interests, believes the Atlanta Journal, but their cost is heavy. An outlay of something like \$5,000,000 is required to construct and equip a ship which would take high rank in any modern navy. After such a ship is complete the expense of maintaining it is very heavy. This item for each of our big battleships is now about \$1500 a day even when they do no fir. ing. The daily expenses of our navy are now over \$50,000 a day. The total annual expenses of a first-class battleship are estimated at \$547,000, divided

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ay of officers, crew and marines \$	326,000
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fice and incidental expenses. 78,000 The cost of ammunition used during an engagement is immense, but it is of course impossible to estimate this in calculating the expense of a navy. Repair to warships, cruisers and other craft even in time of peace is large, but after every engagement it is necessarily immense, even for the victor. War on a modern basis is a terrific absorber of money, and there never was a time when the importance of money as a factor in war was anything like as great as it is now.

THE DANGER OF BEAUTY.

I never read the papers without feeling so The papers never tell about a woman being content
That both my eyes are twisted and my Or mangled by a trolley car, or married to nose is slightly bent;
I'm giad my mouth is out of line and that Or forced, at point of pistol, her last fifty my teath are few,
And if I had a "wealth of hair" I don't But that her eyes are "limpid" and her know what I'd do.

Shot,

That both my eyes are twisted and my Or mangled by a trolley car, or married to a sot,
Cents to lose,

Let that her eyes are "limpid" and her boots are number twos.

A "tiny foot" or "lily hand" would fill me So I can live in sweet content, without the with dismay, slightest fear
And if I had a slender waist I'd sicken in a That trouble or calamity will ever hover

day;

For I have noticed from the first, as And when I see my misfit face it's some strange as it may seem,

The girl who gets the worst of it is That I'll outlive the beauties by a hundred "lovely as a dream."

THE HEART OF SAVAGERY.

mysterious lot and effect, enough of a buccaneer to have the South Sea is events in the Philattention to them

tives the price of an axe or a handful of ship biscuit. This tale of drawn from an official document on which forty years of slumbering in a dim the writing and to dull the imprint of the lion and the unicorn with which a British Consul made the paper official. To write an account of a murder on sixteen sheets of Governwith the royal arms-that may pass sometimes as just the same as aveng-

Suvarrow is as lonely a group of

South Seas which lies to the eastward of Samoa and before reaching such creature, the beachcomber of these seas, yet human in their desire for gaudy toys and the tinned goods on which the white man feeds. Suvarrow is marked on the charts as uninhabited and, therefore, is not a port of call for the vagrant whaler in his search for sperm, the trader or the blackbirder. Yet now and again little bare sands of the atoll, for in the lagoon grow the pearl oyster and the beche-de-mer, which Chinamen eat, and on the sands great turtles come to lay their eggs by night. Hence beachcombers mysteriously wandering beyond the confines of civilization at odd times camp on the bare islets in search of the wealth of tortoise shell, pearl shell and trepang the sea affords. This is the story of one such colony on the desolate atoll of Suvarrow, a tale whose events were complete in 1858, but have never yet been made known beyond the combers of South Sea beaches.

In the early months of 1857 Thomas Charlton, of Martha's Vineyard, a'runaway hand from a Nantucket whaler, was living on the island of Manahiki. When he was fishing one day in a cause outside the coral reef a sudden squall carried him and his party of islanders out of sight of land and left them adrift and undirected upon the ocean. South Sea tradition is a mass of tales of such involuntary voyaging. With such belp as a sailor could get from dead reckoning and a knowledge of the set of the trade winds, Charlton managed to bring his canoe to Suvarrow and there established his colony of gentle Manshikians. In addition to his wife Sumaria, Charlton, of Tamu, as he was called in the liquid speech ern island away to windward of Tahiti and, as the event proved, a shrewd Vaimau. With true Polynesian apathy, these people made the best they could a source of water, and took up the and by the squall at Manabiki, scores of leagues away. There was food on the had told other than the truth. For the quiet depths of the lagoon. island and water—that is enough for a the following fortnight the Manahi-

colony of folk whole needs are simple. They were destined to live not long alone. Captain Sam Sustenance was sailing those seas in his topsail schooner Dart. Captain Sustenance might not be classed among the elect. He was not a good man, even according to the standard of these waters. the "society's brig," said society being the London Missionary Society, which has pioneered the South Pacific

A TRAGEDY OF BEACHCOMBERS IN THE FAR AWAY SOUTH SEA. EARL fishers are a | the islands for the sake of the moral

dollars to jingle on the Circular Quay full of obscure in Sydney before a grand carouse in tragedies. Recent | the Currency Lass public house. From end to end of the Pacific Sam Susteippines have drawn | nance was known by the name of Uru-Uru, which the islanders had given anew. Tragedy him. At Penrhyn Island on August was often the end 1, 1857, he engaged an English beachof adventure, and then, too, none but comber, Joe Bird, to superintend the the most venturesome or the most party of native pearl divers whom he not seem as improbable as it might apabaudoned of white men sought to shipped at the same time. There were live among the wild islanders in the eighteen men and several women in be deprived his divers of their rations days, not so far remote, when the the party. The Penrhyn folk are and water when their take of shell missionary had not yet introduced his widely different from the gentle and was not up to the amount he fixed for of nonrishing a grievance and of bidone of the forgotten tragedies is ing their time in a plot to wipe it out. Two days later Uru-Uru stopped at Manahiki long enough to take on board forgotten pigeonhole has served to 7000 cocoanuts for the food of his divers, and on August 13 he anchored at Suvarrow. According to beachcomber's law of

desolation as it is possible to find in divers. Still more company was comschooner Tickler, Thomas F. Martin,

the former actions of Sustenance.

which drives the beachcomber hither who were fishing on the other side to ther and further. and yon, back and forth through the come and row the boat. South Seas, and their recklessness of

tent story. after the new painting. They had under the thwarts. Joe Bird begged souls. Here and his wife Kokorariki had left their wives behind, she was spared. (a Paumotu woman from the far east- sure that they intended to take ship

kians and the Penrhyns were on the

Some weeks later Sustenance trading, enough of a mere merchant-man to satisfy the curiosity of the in-that the beachcombers had probably such a natural thing for Joe Bird to pers. All are said to be appetizing frequent naval vessels cruising among | reached that island.

good to deceive Sustenance, and it may be said that it is by no means easy to pull the wool over the eyes of

a South Sea trader. The three beachcombers had been of this woman and every other person on the island, and Kokorariki herself had planned the consistent story which had cleared them all from susshe made to Tairi, the native missionary teacher on Rakahanga.

For some time after the last visit which Sustenance made at Suvarrow the people busied themselves about their several occupations. Tamu and his Manshikians fished and cured the beche-de-mer, Joe and the Penrhyn Islanders worked at the beds of pearl shell, and Jules seems to have diversified his chief occupation of doing nothing by spells of watching the others at work. He was well liked by the islauders. So was Charlton. But Joe Bird acted as the superior being is so apt to do when living among the islanders. A common threat when any of his divers proved refractory was that he would cut them in two and would eat their livers, and when one is a cannibal such a threat does pear in other conditions of life. Often and water when their take of shell stucco churches and taught the na- timorous Manahikians. Sour and a day's task. The divers plotted to gloomy at all times, they are capable take their revenge upon him, and saw clearly that they must make away are in the human hands and wrists, with the other white men at the same time.

The opportunity came early one

morning. Joe Bird missed some cocoanuts from his pit. He went first Manahikians as to the theft. This Bird with a fighting crew at their back, for no one would ever suspect a ment blue stationery, to attach a seal | with a score of fierce Penrhyn Island | Manahikian of theft. Receiving their ers, were able to decree that Tamu and denial in good part Joe took his gun his handful of mild Manabikians should and sword and strolled over to the confine themselves to one islet and quarters of his divers. The various leave the rest of the atoll to the pearl people on the island were engaged in various concerns. Kokorariki was that scantily traveled region of the ing. Within a month or six weeks the cooking a bird for breakfast. Here's wife was attending her sick husband master, visited Suvarrow and landed at lomilomi, the effective South Sea populous centres as Tabiti and Raro- Jules Tirel, a Frenchman, who was massage; the other Manahikians had tonga. Other islands have the pic- known to the islanders as Jules Farani, just started out after beche-de-mer. turesque features of towering mound or French Jules. In October of the Tom, with pistol and sword, hurried tains, verdure clad to their summit same year Sustenance revisited his after Joe Bird and after him came crags, the grace of waving cocoanut pearling station and found little shell Jules Farani with a sword. Arrived leaves. Suvarrow is but a ring of gave forcible expression to his disap- their head man, Tangiora, with stealsand banks skirting a lagoon filled pointment, but be that as it may, the ing the cocoanuts and fired the gun with coral groves; the only trees, the main feature is that the three beach- over his head. Then he grappled their peopling of brown-skinned folk, Penrhyn people and that all was well. Tangiora's hand and snapped his pispossibly treacherous, and always to In April, 1858, the brig Charlotte tol at him. It missed fire and he rethe voyage nor at Apia did they men- a savage named Maori caught him by tion any white men as having been the hand, whereupon Tom knocked with them on Suvarrow, and the mas- him down by a blow in the eye. But ter of the Charlotte knew nothing of as he fell Maori caught Tom by the feet and threw him with the assist-That trader again visited Suvarrow ance of Tangiora, and these two then the origin of the migration of birds is on June 15, ten months after estab. disarmed him and tied his hands and that it began during the glacial period. island colonies may be found on the lishing his diving station and eight feet. Meanwhile a savage named The earth being then covered at months after his last visit. As he Rapahua seized Joe Bird and threw either end with a cap of ice, all life stood up for the passage through the him down, and with the help of Tangcoral reef first one and then a second ioro lashed his hands. Farani had but the ice receded a little at certain cance filled with Penryhn Islanders no firearms, but he came on a run seasons, leaving an uninhabited space boarded the Dart with many expres- with his sword at Matahu. The lat- that afforded the quiet and seclusion sions of pleasure that they once more ter with the aid of Popokia and Na- that all the higher animals seek dursaw their friend Uru-Uru, for the three toto, tied the Frenchman up like his ing the breeding period. The birds beachcombers had long ago taken their mates. The three beachcombers were went there accordingly to rear their boat and sailed away westward to Sam- then thrown into their boat and word young, and, as the ice receded fur-

Tom's wife Sumaria, came running the chances of voyaging, Sustenance to Here's house shouting, "O nga saw nothing unusual in the thought of ropa, O nga ropa, good people, they three men'setting out in a small boat are killing the white men for they are for an ocean voyage of hundreds of taking them away in the boat." Tom's miles. His two mates suggested the wife, Kokorariki, and Kaitai's wife, possibility of foul play, but he pooh- a'l hastened to the boat. Here Suhoohed their suspicions. At any rate maria and Kaitai's wife had already wrists and ankles, when Rapa-On landing, Sustenance met'the Pau- hua simed a gun at the women and motu woman, Kokorariki, wife of the forced them to desist. Tom, apparthe effect that in February the three set on one of the islets across the beachcombers had painted the boat and lagoon, then bade Kaitai's wife to call made a new sail. They had taken the the Manahikians to launch his boat. small cask filled with drinking water This the Penrhyns prevented with and a large supply of dried eggs of the guns and swords, and, the four rowsea fowl which swarm on the islands, ers by this time having come across, together with a variety of food in the they pulled the boat out into the lashape of fresh and baked cocoanuts. goon. Tom was seated on the gun-The boat had been leaky, but was tight | wale and the other two were lying of the islands, numbered in the census sailed away to the west and before his captors for mercy and offered all of his settlement on the sands eight sundown were out of sight. As they he had if only his life might be

But Tom bade him not to be a child in Samoa and go to their own lands for it was now too late, and he himself beyond the horizon. They had taken had brought this fate upon himself and conscienceless woman), Kaitai all their trade goods except one bolt and his companions. At the deepest and his wife, and the single men of printed goods which they had part of the lagoon the Penrhyns hove Ngere, Taarau, Voitis, Otea, and divided among the Penrhyn divers. Joe Bird overboard first, and he sank For a savage this woman seems to right to the bottom. Tom was the have had a genius for lying. The next to go, and he, too, went down of a bad affair, built them houses near other people agreed with her account, like a stone. But the Frenchman rose the island, when carefully alongside the boat, and Powhatu cut thread of life where it had been broken searched, yielded no indication in the his head open with a sword. Then the way of goods or stores that the woman Frenchman sank to join his mates in

Now that the deed was done the shrewdness and facile invention of the Dart on the homeward voyage back to Paumotu woman, Kokorariki, stood Peurhyn, and not a word or a sign the party in good stead. Left to their gave reason to suspect that the story own simple devices they would have shared out the goods of the murdered white men, and their detection would touched in the course of trade at Rak- have been certain. She it was who ahanga, and there again encountered set the scene and concocted the story articles of food are fish, rice, eggs where the only good thing afloat was the woman Kokorariki. She asked at so well as to deceive Captain Susonce if he had heard of Joe and Tamu. tenance. She had the boat burned be numberless. One is a baked pud-Apparently much concerned when she and the metal work sunk in the la-ding, made of flakes of fish, boiled heard that they had not reached goon, and the property of the white rice, eggs and seasoning. Another is since Cook's voyages of discovery. Samoa, she asked in what direction men was in like manner destroyed, all a raw fish salad; a third, raw fish But Sustenance was such a man as Pukapuka bore, and when the ship- but the single bolt of cheap cloth dis- pickled; a fourth, is the meat of fish best suited the early times of sea master pointed down to the west, she tributed to the divers. That was a pounded into a paste with butter,

Yet in her original story and in this ried proof in itself. The money was enewed interest in the voyage of the almost all in her possession, but she beachcombers Kokorariki was but had a long series of unwritten acplaying a leading part in a tissue counts by which it was made to seem of fabrication which was sufficiently the wages of the Penrhyn Islanders acquired by her in the way of trade.

With these confessions set out in full the original document ends. A careful search of the records shows no indication that any attempt was made murdered on Suvarrow in the presence to punish the murderers. Three men had died in the early morning in the lagoon of a little visited stoll in the wild South Seas, but they were only beachcombers, and their loss was not picion. The story came out by the grievously felt by the world of civiliconfession of the wife of Tamu, that zation they had voluntarily cast off in is, Tom Charlton, the American, which order to plunge into the heart of savagery, a wild, a sudden, a cruel heart.

How such a murder was regarded by a man who was living the same life and was exposed to the same chances is naively shown in the concluding words of the deposition of Captain Sustenance: "There did not appear to have been any serious quarrel, neither should I judge the natives to have been much excited. I should infer that it must have been talked of long before and probably accelerated by the gun unhappily discharged over instead of into the head of Tangiroa. -New York Sun.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The steam engine is covered by

8237 patents. One-quarter of all the people born die before six years, and one-half before they are sixteen.

Microbes are so minute that 250,-000,000 can be comfortably accommodated on a penny postage stamp.

There are three times as many muscles in the tail of the cat as there

The expenses for the electric underground road now being built in London have so far amounted to \$8,-000,000.

There are now forty-five match facto Tom Carlton's and questioned the tories in Japan, employing an average of nearly 9000 operatives a day. Their might is right, Sustenance and Joe was no more than a matter of form, exports last year reached a value of \$1,-

> No parental care ever falls to the lot of a single member of the insect tribe. In general, the eggs of an insect are destined to be hatched long after the parents are dead, so that most insects are born orphans.

In Russia eleven laboratories are engaged in the manufacture of diphtheria serum, in which the entire people place great confidence, and not without reason, as in 44,631 registered cases in which the serum was used the death rate was but fourteen palms fringing every beach with giant as yet collected. It is likely that he at the houses of the divers Joe charged per cent. against thirty-four per cent. of the 6507 cases in which it was not employed.

stunted pandanus, set on a group of combers were then there with the two with Tangiora and called to Tom for only twelve degrees below freezing prop-like roots. Other islands have native settlements of Manahikians and help. Tom ran up and got hold of has a specific insulation of over one thousand megohms, it might be possible to have hollow conductors which be treated as inferiors by that lovely touched at Suvarrow and two of the capped it, taking the fresh cap from could be placed in a trench filled with Manabiki boys, Otea and Vaimau, a little chamber in the butt of the water and used to carry brine for purwent on her to Samoa. Neither on weapon. As he aimed a second time poses of ice making and refrigeration. The frozen water would act as the insulator, and calculations have been made showing that the arrangement is feasible on a commercial scale.

The consensus of opinion regarding was confined to a belt in the centre; oa. Knowing the wild roving fever was sent to four other Penrhyns ther and further, they migrated fur-

Russian Blueinckets Eat Tallow Candles. "To most people," says the Hong Kong (China), Telegraph, "a tallow candle appears more in the way of a necessity than a luxury, but the Russian bluejackets who are enjoying shore leave just now from the Rossia and the Admiral Nakimoffappear to find the Penrhyn Islanders told a consis- cast off the lashings from Tom's in assimilating caudles of Chinese make as much gusto as an English child would have in eating a sugarstick. The other day a party of stal-Manabikian Here. Her story was to ently thinking that they were to be wart Muscovite blue jackets were to be seen going along Queen's Road, and the avidity with which they polished off joss candles was a sight for the gods. Some of the men, who were evidently petty officers, elected to dine off candles as thick an one's armregular No. 1 joss pidgin arrange ments-and streams of grease trickled from the corners of each man's mouth."

A Large Family.

In the Basler Jura, on the slopes of Mount Terrible, is a small village called Montayon. The government of the place is conducted by a President. Vice-President, three Councilors or Aldermen, Communal Steward, Communal Clerk and Communal Sergeant, The President's name is Joseph Montavon; the Vice-President, Victor Montavon; the Steward, George Monta von; the Clerk, Joseph Montavon; the Sergeant, Karl Montavon, and the three Councilors, Peter, Julius and Ernst Montavon. This curious circumstance arises from the fact that everybody in the place bears the name of Montavon. It is the name of a family so large that it has been vested with town rights by the Swiss govern-

A new treatment for dyspepsia is a Japanese fish diet, in which the chief and oysters. The dishes are said to do if he were sailing away that it car- and nutritious to a high degree.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE

FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. The Tryst-Bather Spiteful-His Artfulness-Awfully Mean-How a Bashful

Man Got a Wife-Practical Wisdom-Complete in Every Detail, Etc., Etc. he stood at the gate in the twilight-The lover's favorite hour, And caimly waited his coming,

His coming to her bower.

Brown were her eyes and most patient, Patient and gentle were they, And her dark red hair seemed darker still In the fast receding day.

About her all nature lay quiet. No sound broke the solemn hour, And flowing o'er all were the crimson rays, Of the sun—the King of Power,

Kiss'd by the rays of the dying sun As the zephyrs kiss the bud She sees approach a man with a pail While she calmly chews her cud.

The Cornell Widow.

Bather Spiteful

May-"This hat makes me look Kate-"It's wonderful what the milliners can do these days."

"Your husband is so amiable." "Yes, he acts that way in public,

so people will think the baby takes after me."-Chicago Record. How She Did It,

"My wife got me into an awful scrape this morning." "How?" "She'd been using my razor to

sharpen a lead pencil.' Complete in Every Detail.

Nodd-"You don't mean to say you have already finished your country house!

Todd-"Finished it! Why, I have been trying to sell it for the past three

Practical Wisdom. Mr. Billus-"Confound the collar button!

Mrs. Billus-"Never mind looking for it, John. Turn out the gas, walk around a little in your bare feet and you'll find it. Spain's Submarine Boats at Manils.

"I noticed some time ago that Spain had a torpedo boat that would stay under water for hours?"

"Spain has boats that will stay under the water forever."-Cleveland Plain Dealer

A Doubtful Meaning. "Sir," said the stranger, "I am an

artist. "So?" queried the other. "What sort? Razor, fiddle, brush, snow shovel, bar, pugilistic or stage?"-New York World.

How a Bashful Man Got a Wife. "Blusher is the most bashful man I ever knew.'

"How on earth, then, did he come to get married?"

"He was too bashful to refuse,"-Boston Traveler.

Tenement House Humor

Jimmy-"Say, pa, they won't be no more plaster falling from the hallway ceiling.

Pa-"Why, Jimmy?" Jimmy-" Cause they ain't no more teft."-New York World.

The Advice of Experience. Edith-"O Ethel, what shall I do? Jack says he supposes it's all over between us and that he'll send my pres-

Ethel (experienced)-"Tell him to bring them. "-Brooklyn Life.

The Thin Girl-"Oh, Ethel! Jack says that you look just like a fullblown-The Fat One - (interrupting)

Rose. The Thin One-"No-tire."

A Good Job Coming.

Jeweller-"How was your boy pleased with the watch I sold you?" Fond Father-"Very well, sir. He isn't ready to have it put together yet; but be patient, I'll send him around with it in a day or two."-Jeweller's

Futile.

"Spain has no chance to win in this " said Mr. Manchester to Mr. "Of course not," replied Mr. North-

side. "A nation of mandolin players has no business to contend with a nation of machinists."-Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

An Indiana Purist. One of the New Proprietors-"Shall we put out a sign, 'This place

has changed hands?" The Other New Proprietor-"No. It hasn't changed hands. We have all the old help, haven't we? Hang out a sign that it has changed heads."-

Indianapolis Journal.

Not Used to Fragile Ware. Mrs. Housewife-"Bridget, that is the seventh piece of china that you have broken within the last two

Bridget-"I know it, mum. At the last place where I wor-rked the folks never ate off of annything but goold and silver,"-Somerville Journal,

A Dream of Happiness. Her eyes glistened.

"And you have brought \$10,000, 000 in nuggets back with you!" she exclaimed, scarce able to believe her own senses, unsupported, as they were, except by her husband's words. "See!" he answered, and he pro duced the freight receipts and the newspaper interviews.

"And we can live in New York?" she faltered, clasping her hands. "Ay, love, and be descended from kings!" he cried exultingly. - Detroit

A ship sailed from the port, Another port to find,
To be the ocean's sport,
A plaything to the wind.

In merry mood the crew Unfuried the driving sail, And gayly on they flew Before the fresh'ning gaie.

The fading land behind. The shoreless sea before; No track clearly defined Toward the wished-for shore,

All lighted by the day, Eushrouded in the night, The ship sails far away, Yet lingers in the sight,

And whether soon or late Tis anchored by the shore Still, in the hearts that walt, The ship sails evermore
—Alfred Lavington.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Some persons are proud of their blood, but it's all in vein.

On opening the front door you find

the hall stairs in your face. A girl whose dress is a "perfect dream" is always awake to the fact. A carpenter may believe in maxims, but he doesn't always trust an old

They don't furnish cats and dogs with caudal appendages at a retail

store. He-"I'm not myself to-night." She-"Then how dare you speak to me, sir, without an introduction?! --

Chicago News. She-"Don't you think it is dangerous to eat mushrooms?" He-"Not a bit of dauger in it. The danger is in eating toadstools."

"What made you so anxious to introduce Higby and Digby?" "Higby tells war stories and Digby tells fish stories."-New York Journal.

"Does young Mr. Slimmins shine in

society?" asked a young woman, "Some," replied Miss Cayenne; "especially about the coat sleeves." "Seems to me you didn't thump quite so hard as usual at the concert last night. Weren't you well?" "Oh,

yes; but it was my own piano, you Hicks-"Nobbins seems to be holding up his head of late." Wicks-'Yes; it probably comes of reading newspaper bulletins,"-Boston Tran-

Dawdler-"Snithers writes poetry for magazines." Dofton-"Is that so? How many magazines do they give him for each poem?"-Roxbury

Gazette. Fiddler-"Yes, Boston has turned out a great many musicians-yours truly among the number." Quiz-"Well, how can you blame her?"-Brooklyn Life.

Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives; but if it could be convinced that such knowledge was none of its business, it would try mighty hard to find out .- Puck.

Lecture (in museum)-"Yes, ladies and gents, there are freaks and freaks, but this man stands alone." Spectator-"If he'll stand a loan of five dollars. I'll divide with you." "The young woman you are en-

gaged to is very fascinating, I understand?" "Fascinating? I had to stand in line seven hours to get to propose to her."-Chicago Record. An old lady refused the gift of a load of wood from a tree struck by

lightning, through fear that some of the "fluid" might remain in the wood, and cause disaster to her kitchen stove. Mendicant Michael-"Shure, ma'am I've got sivin small children at home, all under five." Mrs. Skinner-"Sev-

en children! Any twins?" Mendicant Michael-"All twins."-Tit-Bits. First Tramp-"I hear they are building a new jail, with all modern improvements." Second Tramp-"That won't do no good. You'll need a pull to get in there."-Fliegende

She-"I am not up in the language of flowers. What did that bunch of jacqueminots mean that you sent me?" -"I don't get the translation from the florist until the end of the month, -The Manhattan. Bacon-"Is that man Crimsonbeak

in favor of war?" Egbert-"No, indeed! Every night he's out late he takes home oysters or something to his wife. I think he's for peace at any price."-Youkers Statesman.

"My son," said the aged politician, "it is better, especially when you are talking about the enemies in your own party, to use only soft and honeyed words. They are much easier to eat, should occasion arise."-Cincinnati

Enquirer. Sagasta-"Well, Your Majesty, we have one hope left. The rainy season is about to begin in Cuba." Queen Regent-"A., senor, it looks to me very much as if the reigny season was about to end there."-Cleve-

land Leader. The Sarcastic Parent-"And you want my daughter for herself alone?" said the sarcastic old millionaire. "Y-yes, sir." "Well, my boy, I'll do better by you than that. I'll throw in the clothes she wears, too."-Cleve-

land Plain Dealer. "Why is it, I wonder," mused Sagasta, "that those Americans are such dead shots?" "It must be their practice at the national game," suggested Gullou. "Tve heard considerable about their putting the ball right over the plate." - Philadelphia North

"Pa," began little Clarence, after a short season of silence, "a Chinaman ..." "Yes, my son," broke in Mr. Callipers hastily; "a Chinaman does many things which seem to us very peculiar." "Yes, I know, pa; but what I was going to ask you was, isn't it easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a Chinaman to get through his need for an idol?!'-Judge.

American.