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YOW WE HID THE NIHILIST.

Chicago has a new institution, designed to transform the servant girls of the windy city into "home scientists." Here's luck to it.

England's new diplomacy bears an inscription which, being translated,

reads: "Made in America."

The remark is so frequently made hat "a man who refused to give his name was knocked down by a street car," or that "a woman whose identity could not be learned was run over by a green's wagon," that the Springfield Homestead advises people to give their names cheerfully and avoid such a penulty.

Mauila's Admiral is not the only Dewey who made the family name resound in naval circles. Sixty-four years ago Captain Dowey, an ardent Whig, sawed the Jackeon figurehead off the frigate Constitution one night in Boston Harbor. It raised a commotion at the time all over the country almost as great as the Philippine news did in our own day.

It is gratifying to note that General Henry is applying to Porto Rico the same vigorous and salutary policy by which General Wood has put new life into the province of Santiago. In Porto Rico the conditions are not so difficult and depressing, and the task will be less difficult, and General Henry is facilitating it by doing things in their proper order. He is begin-ning by holding municipal elections, and will then reorganize local courts of justice and other details of local administration, after which the American public school will be established. All the measures will show good results even more quickly than they Lave in Cuba.

Another Andree relief expedition has come to grief without finding any trace of the lost explorer. This is the second expedition in the past few months that has been compelled to re-treat, balled and disappointed, before the terrors of the Arctic. As the ontha go by it becomes more manifest that the daring balloonist has met the fate of Franklin and De Long and hundreds of others less prominent in the white wilderness of the unexplored North, While it is hoping against hope that And se and his companions , like that for Sir John never cease until tangible evidence of their death has been secured.

In a recent report on the American ifon trade with Great Britain, Consul Halstead, of Birmingham, sets forth a point of great encouragement to producers in this country. He declares that the old reason for a sale of Ameri-can pig in the English market -the disparity between this and the native product in the matter of price-no onger holds good; that the recent rise in the American market has served to show that we can maintain our markot there even with Alabama ironwhich furnishes the great bulk of the trade-at a higher figure than the native brands. This market he regards as now a permanent one, and freight rates from Southern ports can always be kept down, because the season of heavy movement corresponds with the cotton shipping season, when pig iron serves admirably as ballast to ships bulging with light-weight cotton.

Our esteemed contemporaries, the Temps and Petit Bleu, of Paris, seek to persuade themselves that our acquisition of the Philippines has deprived us of the guardianship of the Western Hemisphere, says the New York Journal. As the Petit Bleu puts it: "The Monroe Doctrine is now out of date. The American Republic, conquering and colonizing, no longer has the right to close to Europe the new continent, since she herself has stepped out of it," That is to say, because we have stepped out of our own home for the purpose of thrashing Spain and giving liberty to some millions of her oppressed colonies. anybody is free to step into the Ameri can residence or found settlements on the adjoining premises. When any European country is able to beat us in war, as we have beaten Spalo, it will be privileged to overthrow the Monroe Doctrine, and not till then. The validity of that doctrine has rested not on Europe's consent, but on the ability of this Republic to enforce it. No foreign monarchy can fasten upon any part of this half of the world with out demolishing a republic, and the demolition of republics by monarchica is an enterprise which the United States will not tolerate. The Monroe is stronger to-day than ever some we are more powerfu-

for its defense than at any other period

By a Marine Engineer.

Odessa in October, 1889, and the Chief, the Fourth, and myself (I was acting as third engineer at the time) were ashore one evening, in a shipchandler's shop, in company with many other engineers of different steamers lying in the port. The proprietor of this establishment (Whom for the purpose of this tale I will call George Dimetri) was a man well known to seafarers trading to that part. known to seafarers trading to that part

Several of those present, who knew the Greek better than I did, had remarked that he seemed to be in a most omfortable mood that night, and uncomfortable mood that night, and he had evidently told them the cause of his troubles, for much whispering had been going on between the Eng-lishmen. Our Chief, who appeared to be "in the know," later on proposed that we should go for a walk, in the course of which he explained that a certain Nihilist, who had been captured by the Russian Government, at to Odessa for transportation beyond as Englishmen to get the man safely out of the country.

The Chief asked our opinion on the

matter; sounded us, in fact, and I, for one, was strongly against having anything to do with the affair. I cannot say whether I was won over by the pitiful yarn that was spun about the poor fellow's condition, or the fact that it was understood that the representatives of those steamers in port should draw lots as to which one was to undertake the risk, for risk it undoubtedly was. We fully understood that to be caught aiding this man would be a serious business

"Him") were not by any means prepossessing, and so repelled was I when I first crawled into the hole under Dimetri's roof, and was introduced to the man as one of his wouldbe saviours, I could have recalled my decision there and then to aid and abet his escape. You see, there's no etting away from facts. In fiction the fugitive would be a really noblelooking fellow, possessed of every atribute that commands one's admira-

"Him," however, was fully six feet in height, with a shaggy head of to the Bosphorus, and as we had to ing out of the engine-room, he never hair, reminding one of the tradi- coal here, and should be very busy troubled us again that run. tional pictures of poets; a beard that on deck, we pulled up the dome, covered the whole of his chest, and and dragged poor "Him" out. Oh! had apparently never been trimmed, and a face that generally seemed never to have known the cleansing properties of soap. His clothes, which had evidently at one time been Dimetri's. and were ridicuously too small all round, by no means improved his appearance. Such were our first impressions of our romantic hero. In dismay, we decided to leave "Him" where he was, for that night, at any rate, and hold a consultation with our second engineer, who was aboard the ship, before doing anything further in the

Perhaps it would be as well to state here how matters stood in our steam-The C- was a new vessel owned by a Greek firm, and flying the Greek flag. The whole of the crew, with the exception of the four engin-eers, were Gooks, and we were put on be builders of the maknown north-country

guarantee men. fellow-townsmen, and all likely to be employed on this same steamer for about six months only, and then to return to the same engine-shop together, were more than friends. As a fact, we were more like four brothers. Therefore, when we told our second enginery expostulate with "Him." You may eer what had occurred, he readily ac- judge of my amazement on seeing quiesced, and we all four sat down in | quite another individual calmiy walklem out. I will not weary you with to the manner born. At first I an epitome of the suggestions offered; thought he was a thief, but let it suffice to say we decided that he

the evaporator.
Without diving into technicalities, let me say that the evaporator is a machine used in modern marine en- said, be quite sure that he was doing feet six inches in diameter. Of course, the machine can be worked or left un-

next morning at seven o'clock, I got my men to raise the dome within; we answer, the stranger quickly ascended then took out the coils, which, when

OW we came to time the Chief himself, who had been be let in for the ashore all the forenoon, came on board with a stranger. Believe me, I Nihilist, and should never have recognized the unbringing him couth, weird-looking "Him" in the parson that now stepped aboard. Our land, I never Chief had evidently not wasted his knew exactly. Suffice it to say that it caused my fellow-engineers and myself a period of great anxiety. Our steamer was loading at Odessa in October, 1889, and the Chief, the Fourth, and myself (I was a comb, a pair of scissors, and a razor ashore, and out off all the Nihilist's superabundant hair. Much soap had evidently been used on the large person of "Him," and now he really looked a smart fellow, arrayed in naval clothes. Old

also a Greek, had gone, as usual, to gamble on the fore hatch, we took "Him" down into the engine-room, "Him" down into the engine-room, and silently placed him on the evaporator base, finally covering the dome over him. Next morning I didn't forget to explain to the stokers that I had had to lower the dome myself, as the Chief didn't like to see it down the dome as if ready for use. All went well till the mid-day watch No one would ever dream that the next day, by which time we had left coils of the evaporator were not in the machine, their place having been taken by a stalwart Nihilist, whom we were kidnapping, so to speak, in this very extraordinary manner. This evaporator was fitted with a safety valve on top; this I took out, so as to give our captain didn't want to start the search till we were quite beyond the power of the Turks, who will do anything for Russia in a matter of this kind.

About two o'clock in the afternoon to Siberia, in one of the volunteer evaporator was fitted with a safety valve on top; this I took out, so as to at Dimetri's shop in hiding. We were told, further more, that Dimetri had but we couldn't send down very large parcels because the hole was only thirteen inches in diameter.

In the course of the day we received a visit from the Russian police. They had been to other ships also; and let

in the store-room, which, as it was forgotten in the excitement. for us.

Well, our Chief lost the toss, and we had to arrange the matter as best the three weeks' run. The ship rolled we had to arrange the matter as best the three weeks' run. The ship rolled fugitive was saved. The Russian thought in fewest words. The words m to civilization, the we could. I may mention here that so heavily, however, that the Chief police officer deliberately opened the would not allow us to raise the dome; valve, and then, turning round on me could never grasp his crack-jaw name, he was afraid, and rightly so, too, that laughed sardonically in my face. and so always referred to him as it would carry away and either smash. There was no longer any doubt in my something, or kill poor "Him" in its mind that the whole of our plot mad movements.

But what were we to do with "Him?" to roughing it, and could stand pretty of English, we cheered him up con-

Forty hours' steaming brought us what a sight he was. He had been very seasick, poor wretch, while the heat had made him lose much flesh, even in that short time, so that his

clothes hung about him like sacks. I think our sense of pity at his condition made us fairly wild at our folly in leaving "Him" there so long; we really hadn't calculated on the heat of his prison, for you must remember that he was in a part of the engine itself. We bathed him, however, and changed his clothes as far as we could: we fed him on beef-ten and arrowroot biscuits; walked him gently up and down the engine room floor, and finally when we thought he was coming round a bit, we locked him up in the store-room, and went on deck to see that we were not robbed

of coal by those rascally Turks.

The usual bust and excitement were at their height, when the steward ran up to me and said he had been into the engine-room, and that a strage man was walking round examining

everything. Could "Him" have got out, I wondered, crossly; "what a fool he must the mess-room and worked the prob- ing the "staring platform," as though let it suffice to say we decided that he politely informed me that the best place to stow "Him" was in he had booked a passage to Antwerp in this very boat, and he went on to apologize for going into the enginem without leave. I might, he gineering for making fresh water (in the form of vapor) by boiling salt understood modern machinery, for he water. A powerful jet of steam is run calmly asked me where the evaporator through a series of coils. When the coils had got to. I was so thunderdome is raised, these coils can be re- struck that I couldn't reply for the ed, and then a cylindrical space moment, for there was the evaporator is left, some six feet in height by three dome still in the slings-you see, we had been so horrified at our charge's condition when we dragged him out, nsed as required, all ingress of steam that we forgot to put it down again.

Noticing my embarrassment, he when we started work as usual smiled and said: "So the bird has

that "Him" had been betrayed, how-ever. At any rate, I though we had got rid of our mysterious visitor pret-ty easily, and I was complimenting myself on not being quite such a fool as he had evidently taken me for, when, to my dismay, on leaving the Golden Horn behind us, I saw the same man talking to the captain on on the poop. Evidently he had found out that no one had left our steamer at Constantinople, and so had hurried back, determined not to be baulked of his prey. We held a hasty consultation as to what was to be done with "Him" under these very alarmwith "Him" under these very alarm-ing circumstances. The captain Magazine. Wide World

again," said the Second. "What! and boil him to death?"

said I, horrified. "Not at all," said No. 2. "We can run a jet of water over it, to keep it words; cool. The water will only wash the

bilges out, and that they sadly need."
"Good," said the Chief. "And
we'll raise the dome every night when we have an opportunity, and let 'Him' have a walk around."

These plans were carried out at once. "Him" protested violently, poor chap, but we thrust him into his ghastly tomb, with all the food we could lay our hands upon. It seemed hanging in the slings all night. We partly like burying a man alive, and to short sentences.

5. Use commas a

the captain, accompanied by the Ruswho was lying down just then, 9. Use the parenthesis only when but before he could come to you find dashes are not sufficiently my assistance the Russian had got exclusive.
round the evaporator (I had shut off 10. Nev me tell you they searched our steamer the water as soon as I saw them combeating heart and feeling of indescribable horror he was going to open had only just begun.

Of course, we had fully intended to liberate "Him" as soon as the ship liberate a

had somehow been given away to the Russian police. In his pride at hav-We understood that he had been used ing, as he thought, baffled us, however, he forgot to feel the dome nearly anything. As a fact, he had to see if it were getting hot. I whether he liked it or not, should say that the anxious look before he finished that journey, at all on my face had told its own tale. events. We passed as much food The officer at any rate had fairly done down to him as we could, and although he didn't understannd a word talking for some time, he said, blandly, "Well, Mr. Engineer, you are now at liberty to have what is left of that fellow, Good afternoon," And walk-

We had a good laugh at his expense, though, when, later on, we again restored "Him" to liberty. He was an awful wreck when we lugged him out and made a nice bed in the waste locker, for we now wanted the evaporator to do its own legitimate work. Our next port of call was Algiers, and we spent our spare time here in maturing a nice little surprise for our Russian enemy. We created a fine, stalwartlooking man out of waste, using an old fire-bar for a backbone. This dummy was about the same build as "Him

We reach Algiers after dusk, too late to coal that night, but the agent at once came on board with our letters. We begged the loan of a boat, and then, lowering our dummy carefully into it, three of us jumped in, and pulled quickly for the shore. But, as we intended, our spy saw us as we passed the stern of the steamer, and we saw him running frantically to the captain for a boat to be sent in pursuit.

When close to the quay, we quietly dropped the dummy overboard, and pulling round some coal-lighters trade, however, M. Boutin's discovery glided wiftly back alongside our ship; we then climbed aboard and awaited

All night long that Russian searched Algiers for "Him," but of course in vain, and next day we saw the indefatigable officer dragging the harbor. It had evidently leaked out that a man had been thrown from our boat.

It was a good job for us, by the way, that the relations between France and snip 0- at Algiers, and accompany our Russian back to Odessa.

The latter suddenly declined to proceed any farther on his eventful voyage to Antwerp, and we afterwards learned that the dragging operations were crowned with overwhelming success during the evening, with the natural result that the Russian became the laughing-stock of the entire

the Metropolis. On arrival at Ant-werp a letter was put into the Chief's werp a letter was put into the Chief's cerrything, and Burton, the author of hands; it contained no communica-the "Anatomy of Mela scholy," was elipped. I put carefully away in the ashere. I did not know what to hands; it contained no communication the Chief's cabin. At dinner-make of the affair. It was evident tion, but twelve £5 bank-notes, and I extremely facetious in conversation.

confess that my share came in very

the whole story I learned the following year when again at Odessa. Poor "Him," it appeared, was, after all, a mere scapegoat for a far greater Nihilist than he—a "political" of high rank. "Him" was deliberately

COMMON SENSE ON PUNCTUATION. A Batch of Bules That Are in Accord

"Whose quactuation do you follow?" The answer is, our own. Unlike D'Israeli's alleged "sensible men"— who, when asked what their religion is, "never tell"-we are willing and glad to tell what our rule of punctuation is. Here you have it in a few

faring man, though a fool," can grasp the meaning of the text without it. 2. Never use a semicolon when a comma will serve the author and the reader as well.

3. Never use a colon when a semi-colon will serve as well.

4. Wherever there is no climacteric effect to be preserved, cut up your semicoloned and coloned sentence in-5. Use commas and periods as your

standbys.
6. Use the semicolon chiefly to better express antithetis, and to group phrases and clauses.

7. Use the colon chiefly in formal enumeration, after "viz.," "as follows" and the like.

8. Use the dash to indicate an ab-About two o'clock in the afternoon rupt break in the sentence, an afterthought, and, in many instances where sian, came to the engine-room door, in olden times the parenthesis was and said he was about to search the used, to indicate that the words inwhole place. I called the Chief, cluded are parenthetically employed.

10. Never use brackets except where ing) and, good heavens! I saw with a quotation from some other author. 11. Never use an interrogation point

money was no object; suffice it to say, that at last we three engineers consented to smuggle this Nihilist to England. It had been decided that the representatives of those steamers bad only inst have These are our rules to-day. To-

was fairly at sea; according to our shut off the auxiliary valve, a thing marked out. Punctuation, like sencellulations, he was then to be located which I had been told to do, but had tense making, becomes second nature should be chosen and arranged as to valve, and then, turning round on me, develop our meaning, our whole meaning, and nothing but our meaning .-Midland Magazine.

> After the Catechiam. She-"Will you love me always." He-"Passionately, my darling."

She-"And you will never cease to He-"Never, my darling." She-"And you will save your money?"

He-"Every penny." She-"And you will never speak harsbly to me?

He-"Never " She-"And you will give up all cour had habits?' He-"Every one of them."

She-"And you will get along with amma?" He-"Yes." She-"And papa?"

He-"Yes. She-"And you will always do just what mamma wants you to do?"

He-"Yes. She-"And just what papa wants you to do?"

He-"Yes." She-"And just what I want you to do?"

He-"Of course." She-"Well, I will be yours, but I

ear I am making an awful mistake.' -Tit-Bits.

M. Boutin, of the Sorbonne, since the announcement of his successful production of pearls in the Roscoff laboratory, has been inundated with letters from fashionable ladies who either want to know where they can buy these artificial products or whether they should lose no time in disposing of valuable pearl ornaments. To the causes little agitation, for the dealers well know that he has merely done what has been for years a familiar trick with the heathen Chinee. A little pellet of some foreign substance introduced between the shells of the oyster will in the course of a few weeks become coated with the beautiful iridescent material known as mother-ofpearl. But the result is not a genuine pearl of any value, for that is a growth they are now, otherwise we might have had to bid good-bye to the good process of nature cannot be have at Algiers and London Chronicle.

> Striking Contradictions. A great contrast will often be annd to exist between authors and works, melancholy writers being the most jocular in society usually, and humorists in theory the most lugubrious mortals in practice.
> "The Comforts of Human Life," by

R. Heron, was written in prison under the most distressing circumstances. further supply of fuel, we smuggled "The Miseries of Human Life," by "Him" ashore, and the Chief and I Beresford, was, on the contrary, comwere not sorry when his train left for posed in a drawing room where the

FUZZLE DEPARTMENT. The solutions to these pursies will ap-

37 .- A Diamond 1. A consonant in Profectum. A fairy queen. 3. A title of respect. 4. Wicked. 5. A consonant in Semper.

38 .- Five Pled Straits. i. Lleeslebi. 2. Aamkewni. Aaannied. 4. Lidafro. 5, Nscao,

39 .- False Adverbs. Add the proverbial ending: To an exclamation, and form sacred, To ground grain, and form carti-

To a little demon, and form to sig-To a dog, and form having ringlets, To method, and form a military of-

To one of the organs of sense, and form on time. To a kind of cloth, and form an answer.

40 .- A Square. 1. The seat of life, 2. A mistake, 3. To get up. 4. Fragrant flowers. 5. A lock of bair.

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES.

33 .- A Corrugated Column --RACER FUN CASTE THINK BUGLE

34.-A Square-HOLM OLEA LEON MANX

35 .- Six Pied Cities in Pennsylvania-Lancaster. Mauch Chunk, Williamsport, Towanda, Punxsutawney, Chambersburg.

36. - Five Beheadments - Park s-tar; s-hip; s-hoe; b-room.

Indian Native Cavalry.

When a man wishes to enlist in silladar cavalry regiment he must provide himself, says a writer in Chambers's Journal, with a horse, saddlery, a lance, (if his regiment are lancers,) a sword, his uniform, and his transport; or else he must be employed as a rider by some other person who is the happy possessor of all these neces-saries. In the former case he is called a silladar, or the owner of an assami; and in the latter case a bargir, and his employer his silladar.

A silladar draws pay for his assami and also for his own services. Thus, if a man owns two assamis, he draws two lots of horse pay and one lot of pay for himself, a corresponding amount to this last being paid to the man who rides his second horse-that is to say, to his bargir.

In some regiments, until comparatively recently, it was quite usual for one man to own ten or twelve assamis or even an entire troop. More than this, it was not unusual for an assami to be left by will to a man's wife or infant child, in which case the executors employed a substitute (awas kidmat) to ride for the woman or child, thus enabling the owner to draw horse pay. This practice 'is still common in some native Hindustan States.

A newspaper report from London says that the Rev. Lach Szyrma, a devout Episcopalian clergyman, is seriously agitating the founding of au order of journalists, which is to be placed under the special protection of the Apostle Paul. The clergyman argues that the press of the day is exerting a powerful influence over the world, and that the formation of a society of newspaper editors and writers, with the noble aim of instructing the nations and of guiding them on the road of justice and universal brotherhood, cannot fail to prove of incalculable benefit to the Christian Church and humanity. The physicians, says the Rev. Mr. Szyrma, have St. Luke as their patron saint, and as St. Paul was the best reporter of ancient times, and the mighty logician and moralist of Scripture, he would be the best mediator for journalists between heaven and earth. It is proposed to hold an annual reunion of newspaper workers in the big Cathedral of St. Paul, where some eminent bishop is to deliver an annual address, and where prayers will be offered for the benefit of the new spaper fraternity.

Where Window Glass is a Luxury. Dawson is soon to be "Dawson City" in reality, says Consul McCook. One must take money in in order to bring money out of the gold fields, capital being needed in developing. Many improvements have been made in Dawson. Window glass is scarce, a small light ten by twelve dily bringing \$2.50 or \$3. Small have been made by parties w supplies of glass and oil lamps lamp commands from \$18 to Dawson, and a five-cent pad carpet tacks will sell for seven -five cents. One-half the buildings in Dawson to-day are without window

Consul Kehl, of Stettin, writes of the manufacture of briquettes from peat or turf. This fuel besides being very cheap has other merits. It is clean, easily packed in bins, gives good heat, and in a closed stove with only a slight draft will remain in a glowing state for ten hours. Owing o crude machinery the cost of production now (about \$1.55 per ton) is greater than it will be when improved machinery is introduced. Briquettes manufactured from coal are cheaper

WHEN COOK'S AWAY.

Marriages and death notices gratis,
All bills for yearly advertisements of
quarierly Temporary advertisement
be paid in advance.

Job work—cash ou delivery.

When cook's away sweet Bessie tries Her hand at baking beans and pies; She gets the cook book from th shelf, And then proceeds to teach herself. She poresithe pages till she thinks She mastered all the doughs and drinks, But the she follows every quirk, The stubborn recipe won't work.

When cook's away the cake is sad.
The biscuits drop, the coffee's bad.
The bread is never baked enough.
The fish is raw, the meat is tough.
The porridge burns, the gravy lumps,
And we are in the deepest dumps.
For indigestion comes to stay
And reigns supreme, when cook's away.

When cook's away I fear that the Recording angel weeps for me.
For it is true, I must confess,
I tell some fibs to please sweet Bess.
I tell her (Love forgive the crime!)
She'il be a spiendid chef in time,

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Tabby-"Would you dies thousand deaths for me?" Tom-"No; only aine."-Indisnapolis Journal.

Hostess—"I suppose there is no use of asking you to stay to dinner?" Caller—"Well, no, not in that way."

"Mr. Newby, we don't see you at our socials any more." "No; I've got into society now."—Chicago Record. "She is a promising young musi-cian." "Well, get her to promise

that she won't play any more."-Illustrated American. Foreigner-"Parvenu! I will pull your nose!" Sloucher-"Maybe my nose, Count; but never my leg!"-

Philadelphia North American. Boarder (disgustedly)-"I can't eat this food; 'tisn't fit for a pig." Boarding-house Keeper (coolly)-"I

don't cater for pigs."-Fun. "What a well-informed man Jenkius seems to be! He can converse intelligently upon almost any subject." 'Yes; Jenkins has brought up five

boys. "The single-scull race!" exclaimed an old lady, as she laid down the paper. "My gracious! I didn't know there was a race of men with double

"It snows?" cried the school boy. "Hur-rah!" and his shout

rah!" and his shout
Is echoed with lusty applause.
But ton minutes later the wind veers about,
And he plaintively murmurs, "It thaws!"
—Washington Star. "I want an ice boat," said the boy. "Nonsense," replied the old man.
"What's the matter with an ice wagon? It's not quite so fast, per-haps; but it's just as cold."—Chica-

go Post. "Always keep cool," exclaimed the man who lives to give advice. "Yes," said Mr. Meekton, "But don't let the man who tends to the steam downstairs hear you say that. He runs the idea into the ground."

"That is a pretty big buckwheat cake for a boy of your size," said pap at breakfast to Jimmy-boy. "It looks big," said Jimmy-boy. "But really it isn't. It's got lots of porouses in it." -Harper's Young People.

Wood-"After starving for twenty years, old Potts conceived an idea which resulted in making his fortune." Van Pelt-"What was it?" Wood-'Changed the sign over his shop from 'Junk' to 'Antiques.' "-Truth.

"I can marry any girl I please," he said, with a self-satisfied, if-you-lovea-girl-would-you-marry-her expression upon his languid face. "No doubt," she resonded, "but what girl do you please?" They don't speak now.

My grandmother told me to pay as I go; I'd follow the rule if I had but the chance, But landlords and landladies won't have it so; They always insist upon pay in advance.

"So you are going to marry Herr Meissner?" "Hardly. Papa is not altogether satisfied with his position; mamma doesn't like his family; he doesn't strike me as quite stylish enough-and, besides, he hasn't asked me."-Punch.

The Hand as an Indication of Disease. The study of physiognomy and of the hand is curiously interesting. It is now generally admitted that a person's character can be gauged with a very considerable degree of accuracy by a visual analysis of the features, and the same remark applies, with less force perhaps, to a study of the hand. The fact that in certain diseases the expression of the face and the appearance of the hands are fairly reliable indices of the nature and progress of the disease is too well known to require further emphasis. It would certainly appear to be more likely that the study of the hand is deserving of closer attention than is usually bestowed on the subject by medical men in general practice. - New York Sun.

Voyage of a Tin Box.

Things cast up by the sea some-times have floated for a longer distance than one would suppose. A man near Rockland recently picked up a small tin tobacco box, with a note inclosed requesting the finder to return it to Edward H. Grant, South Framingham, Mass. The box was mailed to the above address, and an answer was soon received from the recipient, who said that the box had been thrown overboard from a canoe on Twin Lake, near Moosehead, where he was spending his vacation last season, and must have found its way down the Penobscot River .-Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Extensive Use of Kangaroo Hides. Not many people have any idea how extensively kangaroo hides are utilized in this country. During 1897 there were over 400,000 such skins received in New York, and about eighty per cent. of these were tanned in one large establishment in Newark, N. J. The hides all come from Australia and New Zealand. Prior to 1859 kangaroos were killed and eaten in Australia and their hides were cut up and made mostly into shoestrings and belts.