

HOW TO ASK AND HAVE.

"Oh, 'tis time I should talk to your mother, sweet Mary," says I. "Oh, don't talk to my mother," says Mary, beginning to cry.

Nellie Bare's Love.

It was a March morning, and yet the sky was a blue as in June. Manfred Louth stood on Wilson's hill looking down upon the city. It gleamed white and beautiful from the plains, and the hills, green with their covering of forest.

"Are you going to school this summer?" he asked, picking a dry leaf from the geranium on the window sill. "Yes, I graduate in July."

"Oh, yes; I had forgotten. And in July comes your birthday?" "Yes; I am 18 in July." "You are a manly fellow, are you not?"

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Will you answer me as you did Ned Howland?

"No, I shall not tell. 'May I guess?' 'Can't help your guessing, sir?'"

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BRIEFS.

Nebraska has been scourged with floods. Greece has raised an army of 85,000 men. Mark Twain has made \$125,000 out of his books. There are 23,000 female farmers in Great Britain. The Detroit House of Correction cleared \$50,000 last year. Mississippi had 26 governors, of whom 22 were lawyers. Mary L. Booth, of Harper's Bazar, receives a salary of \$4,000. In five years a New Hampshire judge has divorced 227 couples. One of the Rothschilds owns \$500,000 for every pound he weighs. Ex-Governor Seymour is going to visit the Pacific coast this summer. Rev. Simon Parmelee, of Owego, N. Y., is in the 100th year of his age. Burial cases of bloodstone are used for putting gold-leaf on china ware. A single game of ecarte for \$40,000 was lately played in a club at Nice. Petersburg, Va., has six cotton factories, employing 1,000 operatives. There are 160,000 acres of wheat field covering thirty-six square miles. There are 200 students at the South Georgia Agricultural College at Thomasville. It is said the English Government has practically decided to abandon Cyprus. The completion of the Mississippi river improvements will require \$1,300,000. The property left by Marshal O. R. Berles, of New York, is estimated at \$5,000,000. Canada has 6,450 sailing vessels and 815 steamers, with gross tonnage of 190,154 tons. In the Cherokee Nation there are 107 schools where the English language is taught. Three years ago there was no bicycle club in the United States; to-day there are 160. The national debt of England is held by about 23,000 people; it is of France by about 4,000,000. It is estimated that the estate of the late Senator Carpenter is from \$18,000 to \$150,000. The net earnings of the Onondaga Community, New York, last year were a trifle over \$7,000. Oscar De Lafayette, Senator of France, a grandson of General Lafayette, died in Paris recently. Experts think Gen. G. Moore's estimate of \$30,000,000 for the Florida canal altogether too much. There are 1,906 convicts in Sing Sing, New York, and a call of the roll the other day showed only four sick. From March 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881, 7,000,000 of hogs entered Chicago, and not one of them left the city alive. Among many of the West India Islands, axes and axes of shell are used. When it was procurable, flint was also used. Belongs were used in Egypt 1400 B. C., and are represented on a tomb bearing the name of Pharaoh, Thothmes III. The number of deaths from the theatre fire in Nice is 89. There were no Americans or Englishmen among the victims. The fruit canneries of California are turning out a cork work of \$2,000,000 a year, and the business is largely increasing. During the last ten years the royal lottery has yielded the Italian Government \$1,000,000 from 1,756,153,277 tickets issued. The expenditure at Rome during the Carnival this year was very large, \$10,250 having been taken in one theatre on one evening only. Since 1806 nine thousand divorces have been granted in Italy, Milan being set down for no less than 3,000. Since 1870 Rome has had 694. Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, recently spent about \$3,000 on the construction of a cave for the cultivation of mushrooms. Twenty-two hundred new buildings were erected in New York city last year at a cost of \$23,000,000, or an average of over \$16,000 each. The number of persons who washed in the free bath of New York City from June 1st to Sept. 10, 1881, was 3,193,630, of whom 2,090,216 were males. There are at present about 800 Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, owning 80,000 acres of land and \$40,000 cash, which the Government holds in trust for them. The birth rate in Montreal is 47.50 per 1,000 in excess of that of any other American city. Its death rate is offset by the fact that the death rate is 10 or 15 per cent higher. The sword of General Anthony Wayne and that of Judge Edward King have been presented to the city of Philadelphia, in accordance with the will of the late Dr. William King. By the census returns it is seen that the number of cities having over 30,000 has increased from thirty-six in 1870, to sixty-four in 1880, the number having over 100,000 from fourteen to twenty. The Lyons des Deux Mondes, founded fifty years ago, and to-day the principal review in France, failed to pay during the first twenty years of its career. It now numbers 20,000 subscribers at \$10 a year. Salvini, the Italian tragedian has for years taken lessons in English in order to be able to interpret Shakespeare in the original text; but he says he despairs of ever playing in English on the stage. The Pope's new journal and organ, the Aurora, started at Rome, Jan. 1, 1879, has reached a circulation of 5,000 and is now considered firmly established. It is contributed to by personages in the Vatican. A machine has been invented which can make 200,000 cigarettes a day. The consumption of cigarettes in 1880 amounted to 408,000,000, and it is estimated that 1,000,000,000 will be required to supply the demand for 1881. There was recently cast in San Francisco a brick of gold measuring 12 1/2 inches in length, 7 inches in breadth, and 4 1/2 inches in thickness. It was 958 fine, and was valued at \$76,000. It is believed to be the largest ever cast in California. The Secretary of the Iron and Steel Association reports 693 blast furnaces in the United States, with an annual capacity of 6,800,000 tons of pig iron; 323 rolling mills, with an annual capacity of 3,000,000 tons, the capacity of the rail mills being 2,150,000 tons; eleven Bessemer steel works, with an annual capacity of 1,750,000 tons, besides 11,880 miscellaneous works.