A VIRGINIA SENSATION.

The Extraordinary Experience of a Prominent Richmonder.

Richmond (Va.) State.

A. A. Arnold, of the "Valley Virginian," Staunton, Va., writes the following remarkable letter, the truth of which is attested by many prominent Staunton citizens.

Mr. Crawford, however, is so well known in Richmond that no affidavits are necessary in his case. His remarkable experience is well worth perusal to the end:

"I was teaching school at Sherando; on the morning of the early part of February, 1879, as I passed the village tavern the hired boy informed me that there was a gentleman at the house dying and that he had sent for me several times.

He said that his physician had told him he had Bright's Disease. Shortly after midnight his convulsions were so severe and in such rapid succession the nurse had expected him to die every hour, and he was at this moment sinking rapidly.

How any being could suffer as he did and live is and always will be a mystery to me. His groans could be heard at a great distance. Thanks to a kind Providence a change came, and after a few days he was able to be removed to his home at Summerdean. For many months he was looked upon as no better than a dead man.

Imagine my surprise then when a few months ago I met him in Staunton looking in better health than ever. I imagined that he was "patched up," but I was mistaken, for you might meet 200 healthy men and not find one in the lot who presents more the appearance of a perfectly healthy man than he. He gives me the following additional particulars:

"After reaching my home I took my bed and the outlook was that when I left it it would be for a march to the tomb.

"Convulsion followed convulsion; in my agony my clenched hands drove the nails of my fingers into the flesh of my palms.

"Every physician of note in the neighborhood and several from Staunton were summoned, but for Bright's Disease they could give no relief, much less a cure.

"Two eminent physicians were called from Philadelphia; after examining me one asked. 'I wonder why he sent for us? Why, he's a dead man now if I'm not.'

"Thus it lay. All was gloom. At last some kind angel suggested that I use Warner's safe cure.

"It was administered to me and the fourth bottle had not been exhausted before some good effects showed themselves. While I thus lay between two worlds I chanced to read in one of Warner's advertisements: "Some constitutions are liable to constipation. When this is the case take Warner's safe pills." My wife sent for some and I took a dose, and soon thereafter I seemed a new creature in a new world. I felt and knew I was cured, and so it was, for not after a lapse of many years I am sound as a dollar with no symptoms of my old trouble, and have only Warner's safe cure and Warner's safe pills to thank for my health, which, under God's providence, I have regained, and I take great pleasure in adding my testimony to that of others as to its efficacy. I owe my life to the use of those most excellent medicines." (Dec. 9th, 1887.) W. T. CRAWFORD.

Mr. Crawford, senior partner of, Crawford & Lalley, of the St. Charles Hotel, is a man whose word is preeminent for probity all over the South.

When the above thrilling story was sent us by Messrs. Warner & Co. they authorized us to offer $5,000 to any person who will prove that any testimonial used by them is not strictly true in fact as they know. They also say that wonderful as is the above, they can produce many thousands of similarly striking proofs of permanent cure when all other agencies failed.

The latest advance in photography is that of photographing sound, or rather sound-vibrations. The sound-vibrations are communicated to a thin platinum plate, and the movements of the plate, after being magnified by a solar microscope, are reflected on a screen, and photographed by rapidly drawing a sensitive plate across the image. Every letter when pronounced gives a separate and distinct impression, the vowels showing regular undulatory vibrations, while the consonants give curves and lines of very varied forms. The uses to which this invention when perfected can be turned are almost innumerable. A small instrument placed in a room will take down every word of the conversation. If the instrument comes into general use shorthand writers will find their occupation gone.

Wood is being employed scientifically in surgery in a different form from ordinary splints. A foreigner has introduced wood-wool as a cheap and useful dressing for wounds; and it is prepared extensively as a commercial staple for surgical dressings. It is finely ground wood, as is extensively used in the manufacture of paper. It is a clean-looking, delicate-fibred, soft, yellowish-white substance, having an odor of fresh wood, and absorbs an immense quantity of liquid. The best wood-wool was found to be that which was obtained from pitch pine.

The railroad from Liege to Maestricht, says a Belgian paper, has obtained permission to put upon its track between Liege and Vise small trains made up of cars of the ordinary horse car pattern. These trains stop between stations, and they are found to be a great convenience for the small villages along the route. The object of the company in inaugurating this system of conveyance was to prevent the establishment of a competing street car line.

A new kind of vertical steam boiler has been invented by Mr. Armer. The object of the design is to obtain the greatest possible efficiency in the steam heating surfaces. In order to effect this, the tubes have a helical twist given them, which does not interfere with the ease with which they may be cleansed, but which causes greater impingement of the gases against the tube walls, and gives more freedom for expansion than straight tubes.

The principal coal port of Australia is at the mouth of the Hunter River. It is called Newcastle after its busy prototype on the Tyne. It was only in 1846 that it had its first sub-collector of customs appointed yet in 1882 the customs collections amounted to over $340,000. In 1861 the coal exported was 181,263 tons, but in 1882 the export reached 1,080,446 tons. Evidences of rapid progress are to be seen on every hand—in breakwaters, wharfs, cranes, dredging plants, etc. At one time last year this lately insignificant port contained not less than 50,000 tons of shipping.

Some blacksmiths will, perhaps be glad to know that by sifting prussiate of potash on red-hot iron and cooling it immediately a temper is obtained hard enough to make a great many of the anvil tools used by smiths.

The State Penitentiary at Auburn, N. Y., is being fitted with an electric apparatus similar to that employed in hotels, whereby if a convict attemps to scale the wall the bell on the annunciator sounds the alarm and at the same time the machine gives the number of the station.

THE CANE *Versus* UMBRELLA.

People Should Learn How to Carry Them on The Street.

"I have a scheme," he said, as he buttonholed a TRIBUNE reporter and backed him into a corner. "There's a mint of money in it, too, and it won't require much capital. I have had schemes before, but none equal to this one."

"What is it?" asked the reporter.

"What is it?" he exclaimed excitedly. "Why, sir, it is a school for the manipulation of the cane and the umbrella. But perhaps college would be the better term. Yes; I think that would draw fuller houses."

"What do you mean?" queried the reporter.

"I mean what I say," said the schemer impressively. "I mean to establish a school to teach people how to carry canes and umbrellas on the streets of a city. Did you ever give the subject of carrying canes and umbrellas any thought?"

"A little."

"Well, how many people should you say carried them properly?"

"About one in a hundred."

"Wrong, entirely wrong," said he of the gigantic brain. "I see you have not been much on the streets on rainy days. Sir, in this great City of Chicago about one man in a thousand knows how to carry an umbrella or a cane. Now, there goes a man with a nice little walking stick. See him? Well, watch him. About every four or five steps he swings that stick around, doesn't he? Is that correct? Certainly not. He keeps people dodging all the time to escape getting hit. That would do well on a country road, but it won't do on the crowded streets of a city. That man ought to take lessons in the manipulation of the cane. He doesn't know how to carry one without inconveniencing every one in his immediate vicinity.

"That's the way with them all. There's another demonstrating some subject to a friend. See him? The one who is emphasizing his remarks by bringing his cane down on the palm of his left hand? He has no thought for the passers-by; he is excited, and it is only a question of time—ah, I knew he'd do it! Pretty nearly knocked that man's hat off! Did you see it? Now, that man ought not to be allowed to carry a cane until he has learned how to handle it. You've had to dodge 'em yourself, haven't you?"

The reporter admitted that he often had to make wide circuits to avoid the man with the cane or the man or woman with the umbrella.

"Of course you do," exclaimed the schemer volubly. "We all have to. And there's one who is particularly dangerous. He grasps his stick by the handle so that it points up behind him at an angle of about 45 degrees. Then, when he gets under a full head of steam, he swings his arm rapidly. You've seen him, haven't you?"

"He generally catches you under the chin or in the eye when you're trying to pass him, doesn't he?" asked the reporter.

"That's the man. I'm undecided about him."

"Undecided?"

"Yes; I'm not quite sure whether the jail or the lunatic asylum is the best place for him. But at any rate he and his cane should be separated. They make a dangerous combination. It should be suppressed.

"Any more? Well, I should say there were. There's a man across the street who ought to be confined in an asylum for feeble-minded umbrella-carriers. See with what criminal recklessness he carries his closed umbrella? He grasps it about the middle, holds it horizontally, and swings his arm. That fellow," and the scheme grew excited again, "I will warrant to hit four persons to every block he traverses. Sometimes he'll hit the man ahead and sometimes the man behind. No one on the sidewalk is safe. And when he hits one he'll look daggers at him for being in the way; but he won't change the position of his umbrella. O, no! He'll carry it that same way even if he punches the President of the United States in the ribs.

"Another fellow much like him is the one who carries his umbrella under his arm with the point sticking out behind. You've seen him a lots of times. He stands in the middle of the sidewalk and discusses some business matter with a friend. Just as you pass by he gets excited and turns so sharply that the point of his umbrella describes an arc ending between your third and fourth ribs. Still another carries his umbrella over his shoulder. And, by the way, would you like to see some one who carries his umbrella or cane properly?"

"Certainly."

"Well, just stand here and count. If you have pretty fair luck the thousandth man who passes will have the point of his umbrella toward the ground and neither so far ahead nor so far behind as to trouble any one who is passing him. But watch that it isn't too far ahead. You've probably seen the man who carries his cane or umbrella point down all right but some distance in front of him. You've probably got tripped up by it as you passed by before him."

"And how about women?"

"O, the proportion is about the same. About one in a thousand carries her umbrella or parasol properly—that is, as though other people had a right to be on the street."

"Well, that's all right," said the reporter, "but," somewhat doubtfully, "how do you expect to get them to attend your school?"

"Simply," he said, confidently; "very simply. I propose to have an ordinance passed prohibiting people from carrying canes and umbrellas until they have learned how to handle them."

"But will the Council pass such an ordinance?"

"Will it pass it!" he exclaimed. "How can it help it when it is to remedy such a crying evil?"

"How many people," asked the reporter, "do you think will be able to carry canes or umbrellas the first week after the ordinance goes into effect?"

"I have considered that," he said, thoughtfully, "but it is a difficult matter to decide accurately. I think that ten people in Chicago would be privileged. I won't be certain of that, though. There may be eleven. It's a great scheme. I expect to make lots of money out of it."

A Bright Dog.

A dog story comes from Manchester. A bright-witted girl telephoned to her father at his office asking if her dog, "Curly," was there. Reply came on that he was. "Well take him up in your arms and hold the receiver to his ear; I want to tell him to come home" said the girl. Her father did so. The dog's countenance wore momentarily, a look of astonishment at hearing, "Come home, Curly! Come home!" in the feminine tones of his mistress, but it took him only an instant to understand what was wanted, and he made a break for home as fast as he could go.

BLACKBERRY JAM.—To every pound of berries add a pound of sugar; mix without a particle of water; cook for two hours.

To Write Upon Terra-Cotta Tablets.—Dip the clay tablet in milk with a few drops of acid added, and then dry. When this is done you can write upon it as easily as upon paper.

FARM NOTES.

HOME GARDENING.—Chief of all things is rich ground. Some is naturally better than others, but none is nearly good enough without large additions of manure, of which horse and cow have no superior. Put on what you regard as an excess, then double the quantity, and if you will continue the operation every spring you will have it about right.

Where there is plenty of land, the preferable form of a garden is a long rectangle, the rows the longest way permitting of horse cultivation. Where the plot is small, necessitating cultivation by hand, it is still wise to have the longest rows or beds possible, since even then the cultivation can largely be done by hand plows.

Be sure the garden is broken up deeply and the manure put largely near, or if it is very fine, on the surface. The surface ought to be worked over before planting, by harrow, rake or roller, until there is not a clod as large as a boy's marble, and no hills or ridges ought to be tolerated, even for raising sweet potatoes. The cultivation ought to be nearly level throughout the season.

CRANBERRY CULTURE.—Years ago, when the entire cranberry crop of the country was obtained from the wild "cranberry bogs," scoops and rakes of a peculiar construction were used in gathering this fruit. In using these implements the vines were usually broken off or pulled out by the roots, and large quantities of weeds, grass, and mud got mixed with the berries, all of which had to be picked and washed out before the fruit was ready for use or market. The cranberry rake is still used on some of the wild plantations, but much of the fruit gathered with this implement is badly bruised, causing it to decay much sooner than the hand picked. Gathering by hand is now considered preferable to any other mode, not only as being the least injurious to the vines, but also to secure clean, sound berries. As the hand-picked fruit commands a better price in market than that gathered with scoops and rakes, the extra expense of gathering it is more than made good to the cultivator.

THERE is a pest, the peach louse, that should be carefully looked after. An examination of the young branches of the trees will show many of them to be filled with a scale not larger than the hull of a flax seed, and placed very close together, so close that they appear to overlap each other. Under these little scales are thousands of eggs that will soon be hatched out by the warm sun and will play havoc with the young bark and the fruit of the trees. The best way to exterminate them is to cut off at once the young branches that are very badly affected. Where the cutting away of the larger branches would injure the tree, the best way to destroy the pests is to wash them with fish oil or with a strong suds made of whale oil soap. The trunk of the tree may be subjected to the same kind of a washing. A few hours devoted intelligently to this work will repay the fruit grower ten times over in a large crop of superior fruit, and will save his trees from destruction for many years to come.

WATERING HORSES.—The water given a horse should be pure. Do not have the well in the barn-yard, for the wash will soak into it, and pollute the water. If a running brook of clean water be convenient, lead the horse to drink from it. A good cistern can be made of a large hogshead sunk half a foot in the ground and the water from the barn roofs led into it will be preferable for the horses than too cold well water. A horse needs at least two pails of water a day, and if given half a pailful before meal, and four times a day, it will be sufficient, unless, when hard at work in sultry weather. Do not give warm water at any time of the year, but the chill may be taken off in winter, so that it may not be icy. Do not water or feed directly after coming in very warm, and do not water hard immediately after eating heartily.

IN regard to getting the best yield of choice honey try and have all your colonies very strong when the honey flow comes. This is best accomplished by feeding a thin syrup or honey each evening, commencing about six weeks before the expected yield. Give room in the sections as soon as needed, to delay swarming as long as possible. You cannot expect to extract much honey from weak colonies. Honey should not be extracted before it is sealed up by the bees, or it may sour on your hands.

IF sprouts appear on new set trees you can not easily pinch them off with your thumb and finger, and throw the growth where it is wanted. But do not cut off all the growth. If you dwarf the top of a young new set tree that is making a rapid growth, you are dwarfing the roots. If you allow too much top on a feeble tree you will kill the tree.

AUSTRALIA buys large numbers of merino sheep from this country every year. The American flockmasters have reached the front rank as breeders of the fine-wooled sheep, even Spain, the original source whence our stock was obtained, being among the buyers of our merinos for improvement of the home stock.

THE demand for good butter more than keeps pace with the country's growth. There is a good prospect for the dairyman of the future who furnishes the quality of goods the market demands.

IN districts where forage is abundant only for a short period the largest yield of honey will be acquired only by a very moderate increase of stocks.

The sand of the Desert of Saraha is of a yellow color, and consists of about 90 per cent. of well-rounded quartz grains and nine per cent. of feldspar. Other minerals found in it, but in very small quantity, are chalk, clay, halitz, sylvite, magnetite, chromite, garnet, olivine, amphibole and pyroxene.

Leather wheels are made in France for railroad and other cars. The inventor of the process is M. de la Roche. Untanned buffalo hides are cut into strips and these are built up into solid discs, which are strongly held together by two iron rings after they have been subjected to hydraulic pressure.

Professor Pettenkofer states that in Munich 25,000,000 marks are annually spent for beer, and that according to investigations there is an excess of deaths from heart disease over those in other cities coincident with the excess of beer drinking.

STRING BEANS when young and tender make a good salad. Cut them in small pieces, boil in salted water until they are tender, drain them well, and mix with them some onions chopped fine, and pour over them a mayonnaise dressing. The onions may be left out if you prefer to do so.

IF the sirup in which plums are to be preserved is very hot when they are dropped into it, they will cook so quickly that they will not lose their shape, and if put into cans with care, will repay one for taking the trouble.

COLD SLAW is a good garnish for fried or broiled lamb chops.

HOUSEHOLD.

PICKLED CUCUMBERS.—Make a brine, strong enough to bear an egg, and put in your cucumbers. Let them remain three weeks, then pour off the salt water and throw them into cold water for twenty-four hours. Line the kettle with grape leaves, put in your cucumbers in layers, with grape leaves between, and cover well with leaves. Pour over them vinegar and water with a lot of alum to green them. Alum the size of a pigeon's egg is sufficient for a two-gallon kettle full. Let the vinegar and water heat, but not boil. When the pickles are green, throw them into cold water. Prepare your vinegar to a gallon, allow a cupful of sugar, three dozen whole black peppers, the same of cloves, half as much allspice and mace, some pieces of horseradish, and a small red pepper, and several tablespoonsful of mustard seed. Let the vinegar come to a boil, and when cold, pour over your cucumbers. Tie up closely, and in a few weeks they will be ready for use.

PINEAPPLE BAVARIAN CREAM.—One pint of fresh or canned pineapple, one small teacupful of sugar, one pint of cream, half a package of gelatine, half a cup of cold water. Soak the gelatine two hours in the water. Chop the pineapple fine, put it on with the sugar to simmer twenty minutes. Add the gelatine and strain immediately through a cloth or sieve into a tin basin. Rub the pineapple through as much as possible. Beat until it begins to thicken, then add cream which has been whipped to a froth. When well mixed pour into a mould and set away to harden. Serve with whipped cream.

FRIED SQUASH.—Peel a ripe squash, cut it in slices half an inch thick and about two inches square, salt it, and let it stand in an earthen dish for an hour; then season the pieces with salt and pepper, roll them in flour, put them into a frying pan containing enough fat to cover the bottom and brown them on both sides. When the squash is being fried make a dish of toast, pour a little boiling water into the pan where the squash was fried, stir it for two or three minutes, and then pour it over the squash and serve it.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.—One quart of flour sifted dry, with two large teaspoonsful of baking powder, one tablespoonful of sugar and a little salt. Add three tablespoonsful of butter, and sweet milk enough to form a soft dough. Bake in a quick oven, and when partially cooled split open, spread with butter, and cover with a layer of strawberries well sprinkled with sugar; lay the other half on top and spread in the same manner.

WATERMELON CAKE.—For the white part, take two cupsful of white sugar, one cupful of butter, one cupful of sweet milk, three and a half cupsful of flour, the whites of eight eggs, three teaspoonsful of baking powder. For the red part, take one cupful of red sugar, a half cupful of butter, a third cupful of sweet milk, two cupsful of flour, the whites of four eggs, one teacupful of raisins, two teaspoonsful of baking powder. Be careful to keep the red part around the tube of the pan and the white around the edge. It requires two persons to fill the pan.

STRAWBERRY BLANC MANGE.—Take a quart of hulled strawberries and spread them on a dish, sprinkling over them about a quarter of a pound of pulverized sugar, letting them stand for six or seven hours, or sufficient time to allow the juice to flow from them. Then have made of gelatine a good stiff blanc mange, sweetened to taste, and stir into it the juice which has oozed from the berries. When all is mixed thoroughly, put it into a damp mould and set in a cold place till needed for serving.

FOR SPICED GRAPES take the pulp from the fruit, preserving the skins. Boil the pulp and run through a colander to get out the seeds, then add the skins to the strained pulp and boil with the sugar, vinegar and spices. To every seven pounds of grapes use four and one-half pounds of sugar, one pint of good vinegar. Spice quite highly with ground cloves and allspice, with a little cinnamon.

CANNED FRUITS.—Put the prepared fruit in a jar and cover with boiling sirup, sweetened to the taste. On three successive mornings drain off the sirup boil again and pour over the fruit. The last morning let fruit and sirup come just to the boiling point, but do not boil; then seal immediately. Strawberries preserve their shape and never ferment.

BAKED OMELET.—Heat three teacupsful of milk, melting in it a bit of butter as large as a walnut. Beat well together five eggs, one teaspoonful of flour and a scant teaspoonful of salt and add to the hot milk, stirring as rapidly as possible. Turn into a hot, well-buttered frying-pan and bake in a quick oven one-quarter of an hour.

TO MAKE a perfect batter use one even cupful of sifted flour to one full cup of milk and one egg. Beat the egg very light, add a pinch of salt and the milk. Then pour it very gradually on the flour, stirring all the time, so it won't be lumpy, and afterward beat it again for two or three minutes.

GOOSEBERRY PRESERVE.—Gooseberries need but a pound of sugar to a quart of fruit, sour as they are. Boil the sugar, dissolved in water, twenty minutes, add the fruit and let it boil for five minutes, and then take off the fire and set it aside for twenty-four hours. The second day boil the fruit and sirup until clear and thick.

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Mr. Winks—Eh! What does he find?

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"Well, dear, I wish you would send off our cook and get a red-headed one."

PATIENT—Oh, Doctor, you don't know how it worries me to think that I might be buried alive.

Doctor—Calm yourself, Mrs. B. You need have no fear of anything like that. Trust to me, and I assure you that you are in no danger.

MR. GRINN (who has just been helped to some plum pudding with wine sauce)—Mrs. Meagre, do you know why this pudding is like the River Nile?

"I really can't say, Mr. Grinn. Why is it?"

"Because, my good lady, it's mighty hard to find it's sauce."

A CHILD'S nurse boxes the youngster's ears soundly; the infant is about five years old. A passer by exclaims indignantly:

"How can you treat such a little child so shamefully?"

"Little is it? At what age would you like me to box his ears? When he gets bigger he'll box mine."

"I READ so many cases of people being buried alive. Is there no remedy for it?"

"The only remedy . know is for the Legislature to pass a law compelling doctors to finish their work properly."

It is a simple matter to test kerosene oil. The point of danger is called the flashing point, which is the degree of temperature at which it is evaporated and explodes. The lowest safe point is 100 degrees; 120 degrees is low enough for domestic use. To make the test, pour a small quantity of kerosene in a small saucer or tin vessel, and float it in a basin of water heated to 100 degrees. Apply a lighted match an inch or so above the oil and if it takes fire it is dangerous. Have a thermometer in the water and note the temperature as it falls and the lowest point of flashing is easily ascertained, or the water may be gradually heated by adding boiling water from 80 degrees up, and the flashing point found out.

Fire Curiously Kindled.—A curious instance of the kindling of a fire by means of the concentration of the sun's rays by a globular water bottle through which they passed is related by a correspondent of *La Nature*. The day was cold, but the sun shone brightly; the bottle, an "onion-shaped" flask filled with water so as to form a perfect lens, sat upon the table. The starting of the fire, which would have caused great damage if the relator of the incident had not been present to extinguish it, was revealed by the smoke. A deliberate experiment was made on the next day, with complete success, in kindling a fire by this means.

A Prominent Merchant in Trouble.

Old moneybags mopes in his office all day,
As snappish and cross as a bear;
The clerks know enough to keep out of his way,
Lest the merchant should grumble and swear.
Even Tabby, the cat, is in fear of a cuff,
Or a kick, if she ventures too near;
They all know the master is apt to be rough,
And his freaks unexpected and queer.

What makes the old fellow so surly and grim,
And behave so confoundedly mean?
There's certainly something the matter with him—
Is it stomach, or liver, or spleen?
We've guessed it—his liver is sluggish and bad,
His blood is disordered and foul,
It's enough to make any one hopelessly mad,
And greet his best friend with a growl.
The world-wide remedy, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, will correct a disordered liver and purify the blood, tone your system and build up your flesh and strength.

Gen. Hancock's grave is in a secluded and isolated corner of the cemetery at Norriston, Pa., and is entirely unmarked by slab or tomb.

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THERE is a colored congregation of Methodists, who, until a couple of months ago, were led in the paths of rectitude by a very young preacher. He was a fluent son of Ham and the length of the words he hurled at his hearers was only limited by his lungs at one effort.

This was all very well for a time, but when the elders of the church saw that the argument adduced did not draw the erring ones nearer to the big white throne a change was decided upon and a committee of one was appointed to ask for the preacher's resignation.

When the errand had been stated the preacher indignantly asked what the congregation expected for nothing.

"Waal, now, doan' yo' see, we duz zent expect—"

"Isn't my character away up yan above procrastination?"

"No trouble 'bout dat, but say, yer isn't fur enuf eddicated to—"

"Kain't I talk confluently enuf ter suit de most rapashus?"

"Dat's it, chile, dat's it; hole right on wiss yar now. Yo' kin talk and yo' can talk, but yo' don't pint out; yo' kin argify an' yo' kin argify, but yo' doan't show wharein."

The resignation was handed in directly.

"WERE you at the ball at the Governor's mansion?" asked Mrs. Peterby of Dr. Perkini Soonover.

"Yes, I was there, and enjoyed myself very much," replied the doctor.

"I didn,t see your name in the list of distinguished personages."

"I know that very well. The editor has a spite at me, and left my name out. Ah, Mrs. Peterby, we doctors have lots of enemies in this world."

"Yes. But not as many as in the next."

"DO YOU know of any mitigating circumstances in your case," said a Texas justice to Sam Johnsing, accused of stealing.

"Lemme off dis time."

"Is it your first off-nce?"

"Fust offence, sah."

"How did you manage to get the chickens so cleverly without disturbing that dog that was in the yard?"

"Dats comes from practice, boss," said Sam, who felt flattered by the remarks of the court.

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SEVERAL little boys, who always play together, went off one afternoon lately leaving one of their number behind. His oldest sister, seeing him at home, asked:

"Why, where are the others?"

"Gone off."

"Gone where?"

"Well, for what they call 'fun,' but mother calls 'mischief.'"

"But," persisted his sister, "why didn't you go, too?"

"Oh, mother *trusts* me so dreadfully I can't ever have any fun."

COL. YERGER got Sam Johnsing to hold his horse while he, the colonel, went into a saloon.

"I expect you are pretty thirsty, ain't you, Sam?" asked the colonel, when he came out wiping his mouth.

"Dat all depends on you, boss. Hit's for you to say. I never am much thirsty at my own expenses."

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ARTHUR, who is forbidden to speak at the table, had his revenge the other day. As dinner began he was uneasy, and finally said, "Ma, can't I speak just one word?"

"You know the rule, Arthur,"

"Not *one* word?"

"No, Arthur, not until your father finishes the paper,"

Arthur subsided until the paper was finished, when he was asked what he wished to say.

"Oh, nothing; only Nora put the custards outside the window to cool, and the cat has been eating them up."

"BOBBY," said his mother, as he emptied out one of his pockets, "how can you carry such stuff around? Marbles, string, a broken key, an empty pill box, a slate pencil—"

"Let me see what you've got in your pocket, ma," interrupted Bobby, and he took therefrom two samples of dress goods, a thimble, a poem entitled 'Sleep Baby, Sleep,' a recipe for pickling onions, half a paper of small safety pins, and three blind buttons.

"AH, George," she murmured as they drove along the moonlight road, "am I very dear to you?" And George as he did a little sum in mental arithmetic in which a team and his $6 salary largely figured, softly answers, "Very dear."

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