TOWN AND COUNTRY. BY JAMES WHITCOMB BILEY.

They's a prejudice allus 'twixt country town
Which I wisht in my heart wasent so.
You take city people, just square up and down
And theyr mighty good people to know;
And thare's better people a livin' to-day,
Than us in the country? Yit good
As both of us is, we're divorced you might say
And won't compermise when we could.

Now as nigh into town for yer pap. of you Is the what's called the sooburbs. For there You'll at least ketch a whiff of a breeze and a of the breath of wild flowrs ev'rywhare.

They's room for the children to play, and grow,

And to roll in the grass, er to climb

D a tree and rob nests, like they ortent to do,
But they'll do anyhow ev'ry time! My son-in-law said when he lived in the town, He just natchurly pined, night and day.
For a sight of the woods er a core of ground.
Whare the trees wasent all cleared away.
And he says to me one't whilse a visiting us.
On the farm: "It's not strange, I declare,
That we can't conx you folks without raising

To come to town, visitin' there." and says I, "Then git back where you sorto

song.

Ner a hawk from a chicky-dec-dec.

"Git back "I-says-I "to the blue of the sky
And the green of the fields, and the shine
Of the sun, with a laugh in yer voice and

As hearty as mother's and mine.* Well-long and short of it-he's comperm some -He's moved in the sooburbs. And now They don't haf to coax when they want us to 'Cause we turn in and go anyhow.

For there—well, they's room fer the

terfume
Of the grove and the old orchud ground,
And they's room fer the children out than Fer theyr gran'pap to waller 'em round,

THE CHALLENGE.

Painters! don't tell me of painters even moved like a living animal, was -fellows who work in canvas! Give seen to be made of iron!
me iron, the stuff that endures for Nor was this all. When the smith ever! These pictures that folk call set it down and called out, "Run, immortal, what are they? One slash Direk?" the iron dog ran round and of a knife, one dab with a stick, even round the clear space, barking loudly one scrape of some careless fellow's all the time. elbow, and where is all their beauty? | Thundering shouts of applause I'll be bound that iron lantern of burst from the blacksmith's party, mine up yonder in the church tower while the Holbeinites stood silent, will last longer than any of their fine and looked very blank indeed. 'immortal' paintings!"

"And by that time," said a quiet roared an exultant Smithite. "Iron voice behind him, "it will have has beaten canvas, as our own eyes grown rusty like its author, and men have seen. Where is Hans Holbein will remember it as little as they do now?"

The new comer-who had just No voice answered to the call, and stepped out of a quiet little tavern in there was no sign of him in any part market place of a quaint old of the crowd. It soon became evi-Flemish city, in front of which the dentthat, wherever the painter might sturdy smith stood praising his own be, he was nowhere in or near the occupation—was a stout, ruddy man, in a handsome though rather slovenly crimson wit dress, and wearing a look of careless the derisive laugh which the Smithites good humor which seemed to mark him as one who was fonder of pleasure than of work. But behind this special friends tore off in various discontinuous discon ure than of work. But behind this there lay a nameless something in his large forehead and clear bright eye, straight to a small tavern where the which would have told to an appreciative observer that this was no common man.

The keen and sudden retort upon the boastful blacksmith tickled the fancy of the bystanders, who greeted | it with a loud laugh, and a shout of

"Well said. Hans Holbein!" "Hans Holbein?" echoed the smith, turning around angrily at this open insult to his trade—for in those days forgotten that; and, in truth, I doubt (as may be seen by the example of much if I have ever thought of it guestin Matsys of Antwerp) a skilled since the day it happened." fronworker ranked with sculptors and I painters, and not unfrequently stood may well think highly of painting, since he getteth his bread by it. But, hark ye, Master Holbein; men call but what thou callest thyself so, too. and eyed his companion with a look Dost thou think, now, that with all thy skill thou canst produce anything surpassing the best that I ter's throat.

"I venture to believe that I can," answered the great artist, with a a clever fellow in his way, but he has quiet smile.

So be it, then," rejoined the blacksmith, deflantly. "We will each of us do our best, and this day month will we meet on this spot to try which of us two is the better man, hush of expectation fell over the ex-Say I well, comrades?"

The group of listener-which had by this time swelled into a pretty large crowd-unanimously agreed that the match was a fair one; and as Holbein turned to depart, the stalwart blacksmith nodded his huge head after him defiantly, with the air of a what I can do: let him look here!" man who had settled the matter once For the next few weeks the chal. single turn of his hand on one of the

lenger scarcely ever stirred out of his tables in front of the tavern, inserted forge, and public curiosity was on tipe a point for its center, and said toe to know what marvel he could be producing; but as the smith worked with closed doors, and had neither wife nor child to keep watch upon that he was very tasy.

As usual in such cases, however, tion, and the less the townspeople knew, the more they imagined. All while the sturdy blacksmith himself sorts of rumors, each more amazing than the other, were in circulation the blacksmith was engaged. Some weathercock which would flap its challenged, wings and crow at sunrise just like heartiness the real bird. Others were equally and throw away the rat when killed dog; but I, though I should labor on it to the end of days, could never draw clared that the great artificer was constructing an iron man, who could this circle of thine. walk about the house and wait at table as well as any living servant But there was another thing that

puzzled the good folk of the town quite as much as the mysterious inwas the mysterious idicness of his should be sent to prison for having rival, Hans Holbein. While one of stolen, but it is somewhat of a novthe two competitors seemed to be parently doing nothing at all. Every
one expected, of course, that Holbein would be as busy in his studio as the of the Governor and warders of the blacksmith was in his forge, the largest penticental in Oldenburg, a few laboring day and night on some which is situated in Oldenburg, a few wonderful picture, which would establishment which is known as eclipse even his renowned "Danced establishment, which is known as to Death" itself. But no-not he! Steinabruchl, contains at the present So far from that, indeed, he seemed moment eight hundred convicts of hardly ever to enter his studio at all, warders and watchmen—seemingly a for at almost any hour of the day he sufficiently large guard to prevent unwas to be seen about the streets of sufficiently large guard to prevent unthe town, playing dice, drinking took place the other evening. wine, chattering with his friends, or lounging about the market place.

Such extraordinary conduct nat-surally perplexed the honest citizens were certainly acquainted with the not a little and they accounted for it building, for they contrived to remove in two very different ways. The articles of value, silver and gold, befriends of Hans Holbein steutly sides a matter of one thousand eight maintained that he felt himself so certain of winning the match as not have not yet been discovered. to require to trouble himself in any way about a matter which was practically decided already. Those who favored the blacksmith, on the other hand, took an exactly opposite view of the case, and vowed that the painter knew that he had no chance of winning, and intended, when the time came, to give up the contest without making any effort at all.

As the appointed day drew near, the whole city was in a ferment. Its entire population seemed to be divided into two contending factions of Holbeinites and Smithites; and

countless quarrels (not unfrequentle ending in blows) were going on in every street over the still undecided matter. Women scolded one another, and boys punched each other's heads,

the time fixed for the trial, the mar-

way through the throng, carrying in

his hands something closely wrapped

in a cloak, which must of course be

the masterpiece of art which he was

Having at length reached the tiny

space in front of the tavern which

had been kept clear for himself and

his rival the smith, with a smile of

disdainful confidence, which showed

that he already regarded the victory

as his own, turned round so as to face

the expectant multitude, and at the

same moment withdrew the cloak

from the object that he carried.

which at the first glance appeared to

be nothing more remarkable than a

Where was Hans Holbein, indeed?

painter was wont to have his lunch.

challenge had never existed.

ing headlong into the room.

since the day it happened."

The painter rose slowly to his

floure was seen coming round the

Robbing a Prison.

toward occurrences like that which

Two or three burglars broke inte

the prison in the middle of the night

will be able to find it:

"She is a saleelady."

"What is Mamie doing?"

"Does she earn much?"

"She's a servant girl"

What does her sister do?"

Holbein's voice was heard by all.

measure that."

composedly.

about to exhibit to them.

small black dog.

CURE FOS CHICKENS' CORNS. If you have chickens with a wartish on the same knotty question which substance on their feet they have corns was setting their husbands and and they will, like ourselves, suffer much from them and become lame. Obfathers by the ears in the tavern or the market place; and more than one hin some pine gum, take a piece of cloth, cut holes in it for the toes to proyoung lady, who sympathized very strongly with one party, sent her trude through, put gum on the cors lover about his business because he had the impudence to side with the the shank. In about two weeks remove other. the covering and the corn will be gone At last the long-expected day at Before handling the gum grease the ingers and it will not stick to them. rived. A full hour at least before

ket place was crowded from side to side; and the very air seemed to tremble with the shout that went up TREATMENT OF PELLED TOWNER. In an Agricultural Department bulle--uttered by Smithites and Holbeintin occurs this advice; tes alike-as the stalwart figure of Always remove the bark from felled the blacksmith was seen forcing its

New York Independent.

Farm Notes.

imber to aid seasoning, but not from the standing tree. Never allow the log to lie directly on the moist soil.

If winter-felled, shape the timber to size, within two weeks after felling and leave it placed on blocks-not upon the soil-in the fcrest; or; if shaped at home, place in a dry, alry, not windy osition, away from sun and rain. If dried too rapidly, wood warps and splits, the cracks collect water, and the

imber is then easily attacked and de stroyed by rot. With large logs, checking may be prevented by coating the ends with some

But in another instant a cry of ADOLISH THE BLINDERS. amazement and delight broke from The best handlers of horses of all the lips of every man in the crowd; asses are condemning the blinds. Any for the dog, though it looked and thing applied to obstruct the sight in-jures the eyes. As to the influence of curbing or controling the horse by hiding from him frightful objects, the blind has proven more disastrous general way than beneficial. If a borse asses some object not fully understood | not to feed them too much. If they have him, and causing fright, the shutting of from view of this scarecrow by the more. blinds only increases the fear-he doesn't know how soon this frightful object the same size until they weigh a pound, may pounce upon him. This condition to that for brollers breed counts but "What is there that can beat this?" of fear has caused many a person severs little. injuries by being kicked by the frightened animal approached from behind his blindfold. The moment you lay hand on the horse he nearly jumps out of his hide, while if he could see that if was only the approach of a man he'd be perfectly reconciled. Any horse of ordinary sense can soon be taught not to scare at flags, cars, covered wagons, umbrellas, etc., by letting him see them and understand there. The secret of Crimson with shame and rage at educating a horse to be a safe driver is a flock of fifty well kept than 100 that not to keep him ignorant of the character of everyday objects on the road. Give full power of all his senses; let him see, rections to look for him; and one of hear and smell, if need be, to satisfy his them, by a lucky inspiration, went Sears. - Live Stock Indicator

HOW TO GROW BERRIES. Here he found Master Hans sitting The strawberry should be planted down to his bread and cheese and eighteen inches in the row and four feet beer as coolly as if the smith and his between the rows and grown on the matted row system. Care should be "Hans-the blacksmith! the chaltaken that the plants don't get too thick lenge!" gasped the messenger, burstin the row. Use only a few of the best "Ah! very true," said Holbein, omposedly. "Faith, I had quite varieties that do well in your vicinity. Blackberries and raspberries should be planted three feet in the rows and eight feet between the rows, leaving a ten-foot space every fourth row to drive through "Never thought of it?" yelled the to get out the dust. Strawberries can other, who had lain a heavy wager on be planted between the rows of blackhigher than either; "of a truth he Holbein's success. "Do you mean to berries and raspberries and two or three say you have got nothing ready at crops can be taken from them before they interfere much with each other. The first year musk and watermelons can be planted in the rows of blackberries which seemed to make the reproach. and ruspberries and trained along the rows; if vines get too long pinch them ful words go backward down the latoff. I only name asparagus, strawberries, blackberries, and raspberries as my main "Care thou not for that," said he crop for the reason that they have paid coldly: "this bragging smith may be me best in my vicinity. A man must always grow what people want. If I were reckened without his host if he thinks differently located something else might to beat Hans Holbein. Come and see!" pay better. Grapes, currants, goose-berries, pie plant, and a number of other When the great artist's well-known things might pay better. Growing early corner of the crowded square, a dead vegetable plants in hot beds, also strawberry, blackberry, and raspberry plants cited throng, in the midst of which

paid me well .- Chicago Times.

"Worthy friends, it grieves me that INSPECT YOUR HERD. I should have forgotten this day's One of the most discouraging sights in business, and kept such a worshipful company waiting thus. But good the spring to the breeder of thoroughbred cattle is to see them losing the hair Master Smith vonder wishes to see from their necks and sides, looking very And, taking a piece of chalk from much as though they were lousy. They his pocket, he drew a circle with a may not be exactly inflicted with lice, but the trouble is very nearly allied to it, and with young calves it is a very great detriment to making sales of them. Bulphur and lard made into an ointmen and rubbed on them is usually a good "Bring a pair of compasses, and remedy, but the main trouble generally comes from regiect and part starvation. It was done and both circle and him nothing cou't be learned but point were found to be as correct as In other words, calves taken good care of and kept scrupulously clean are self drawn with the best mathematica! dom, if ever, troubled with this distressing disease, and every breeder should be There was momentary silence of fancy supplied the place of informal blank amazement, and then the air ashamed of having it make its appearance in the herd. If you, gentle reader, own the hard but do not handle it, we advise stepped forward, and frankly holding you to put on your hat and top coat the first thing in the morning and go to the out his hand—the stong brown hand about the masterpiece upon which that had wrought so many famous stable for a thorough inspection of the asserted that he was making an iron works—to the man whom he had quarters and food of those calves. You weathercock which would flan its the top straw that looks dry, while the pans, buckets or troughs they est out of "Master Holbein, there is no gainsaying it-thou art the better man. ere probably sour and have the creases positive that the new wonder was a With pains and practice, thou stuffed with old food. These are apparent and throw away the rat when killed might'st perchance make my iron ly small things, but in the life of a call they are of the greatest importance. The fact is that in these days it is nearly imrimply became as one for pay win that Hans Holbein warmly grasped the the trouble to keep the little things and offered hand, and the two rival artists their eating tools clean. The slaughter were fast friends from that day forth. of the innocents is going on all the time, and that through sheer laziness on the part of often well-paid attendants. It It is perfectly natural that thieves we can say one word that will save the lives of only a few of this army of highly bred calves, we will be only too thankelty that they should of their own ful. We have lately been on farms with free will and accord go there-to great pretentions as breeding establishments, with something like one hundred and fifty milk cows dropping their calves all seasons of the year, and yet there would not be more than a half dozes young calves on the farm, and some of them evidently hastening to the grave. The losses from this quarter can scarcely shameful slaughter. We call it a slaugh-

ter simply because it can easily be ren

the herdsman in charge strictly responsi

ble for the loss .- American Dalryman.

Bay Ram: Bay rum is manufactured in Do minica from the dried leaves of Pil menta acris. Bay rum is procured by hundred florins in hard cash. They distillation, and this in a very simple manner. The leaves are picked from the trees and then dried: in this state they are placed in the retort, which is then filled with water and the would wi Here is a bit of dialogue from the New York Press. The moral of it is process of distillation is carried on. not expressed, but perhaps the reader usual way and forms what is known as "bay oil." a very small quantity of which is required for each puncheon of rum. The manufacture "Hardly enough to keep soul and bay rum is carried on at the body together, but her sister helps porthern end of Dominica, and proves raged in it, as the plants are plentle with in Sweden. ful in this district.

PARM AND GARDEN NOTES Pullets are rarely too fat to lay.

Generally the best turkeys for breed-ing are those two years old. If turkeys can be given a free they can be raised very cheaply. When you can keep fifty hens profitably you can readily keep more. Chopped onions fed twice a week n will help to keep the fowls healthy.

Early matured, stock cost less than those that grow and mature more slowly. If earth is used as an absorbent in the poultry house remove it before it be-The black knot in the plum tree has become so general as to call for legisla-

Young chickens will readily eat wheat then two weeks old; and it is better for them than corn. Some of our well-known horticulturists

claim that there is too much sum ner A good rule is to use the large roosters of the large breeds.

be good for hatching. plendid feed for young poultry, whether

the brooder or with the hens. Wheat is one of the best feeds you can give your fowls to produce eggs; it is also good to feed young chicks. Strictly choice fowls that are known

to be such command good prices all the year round in the city markets. is of no advantage, neither is trimming." winter the manure if carefully handled and treated will prove a source of profit. When the poultry can run out it is best

a good appetite they will hustle around The chicks of all breeds are nearly of

Inquiry is developing for turkeys of leing about the size of the modern turkey idea.

W. E. Farmer tells that cold storage grapes pay one for holding them until the great surplus has worked off from the market. Do not try to keep too many chickens

tre crowded. While there is leisure is a good time n make a good supply of peas that will restrain the old hens and let the chicks

m a flock. More dollars will be got from

un at large. Already the smoldering fires of the acubator are beginning to burn, and a three weeks' trial trip will soon be on. Now is the time to set things in order. In a discussion before the American Comological Society, Van Lendley claimed that Edward's winter is a fine winter apple for North Carolina, and

one of the best keepers in the middle of Iorth Carolina. Successful cultivators of small fruits, many of them, do not cover their strawberry plants until the ground is frozen, then they spread coarse hay over them bick enough to conceal the plants, but

not enough to smother them. Energy and a good shovel of ample fall of snow, that they may be reg-

dar in their exercises each day. Each year the poultry industry grows nore prosperous. More eggs and poultry tre produced each year, and each year the prices are higher than the year beore. This indicates that we are becoming a natio 1 of poultry eaters and that poultry is going to become good property for some years to come.

Many experienced and successful sheep wners declare that the wool alone will pay for the keep of the sheep, and that he money derived from the sale of ambs and mutton should be clear gain. Upon such a basis there would seem to be little doubt that the profit from them must be greater than from any other class of stock.

The Pivotal Point of a Fire.

Fire experts establish by statistics hat the pivotal point of a fire is the 150,000 mark; that is to say, while ince 1856 there have been about 40,-000 fires, doing \$97,000,000 damage, 127 of them did more than \$53,000, 100 damage. There were 'special" ires of more than \$50,000 each, which warfed the average of the 39,670 ther fires to about \$1,100 per fire. When the fire has passed the \$50,000 much heavier loss may be looked

Oddly enough, the fires that have n thirty-five years done the most lamage have started in buildings that cost the least to erect. The ings. The average loss of "special"

Appreciative, edied by the owners of the herd holding ingly failed to say the right thing: would wish to confess to being stupid,"

The vapor is then condensed in the Minister, affably. "If I adopt your "Many thanks, sir," replied the plan, I shall certainly exempt you from the tax, as a token of appreciation."

The application of electricity to the a very lucrative business to those en, smelting of iron is being experimented over it. He wants no such tame affairs as prize-ring encounters after Absinthe is the national drink of

A NEW FOOD GOSPEL

Fruit and Nuts to Emancipate Humanity Says a writer in the California Fruit Grower: The Natural Food Society, founded by Dr. Densmore, of New York, was started in London over five years ago, with an ideal program of fruits and nuts as an allsufficient bill of fare for those who are healthy and live in all respects natural lives, and who were born with good constitutions. For the invalid, and the "hustler" working excessively, their usual meat rations should be continued at least once a

The diet advocated only needs that bread, potatoes and other starch focds be thrown out, substituting fresh, sweet fruits-or partly dried if fresh is scarce. Meat and fish, if plainly cooked, can be used as before for a time, until they can be replaced by nuts, used by vegetarlans. But the latter so commonly use an increased quantity of grain or other starch foods as the result of renouncing of the small breeds and the small roosters firsh, that their diet is often less wholesome than that of the unre-A poor hen will not lay at all; a fat formed public who eat moderately of one will lay few eggs, and these will not fish, fiesh, or fowl daily. While pure blood is the first and main requisite Millet and sorghum seeds make a for perfect health, either of mind or body, that can only be maintained by oure and natural food.

The doctors are gradually but certainly coming round to prescribing a reform in diet rather than drug;. They are unable, however, to advocate a fruit diet for the well, yet because they themselves, having been brought up on mixed feeding, cannot It was state I in a bulletin from Cor- consistently prescribe fruit and nuts, nell Station that "hilling tomato plants or any other ideal diet. They live as a rule like their patients, and they With those who carry the stock over know pretty well that their patients are mostly too much the slaves of habit and conventionality to adopt radical measures when once relieved from their ailment. Among the physical advantages to

the individual, the truit diet pre-

vents as well as cures disease.

gives the highest health and the ongest life the constitution is capable of, in proportion as it is taken temperately or judiciously. It increases the strength because it is so arge size, twenty-five to forty pounds readily assimilated, and the vitality stamina, or nerve energy, is conserved for other purposes as needed. To the general public, the fruit diet promises many other blessings also. It increases the opportunities of living in the open air and sunshine. In decreases the need for those occupations that have a debasing or a dangerous tendency, like the fisherman's, the butcher's, the baker's, cook's, saloons and others carried on often underground. It gives scope for the intellectual training of our youth in the observation of nature and her laws, also in training the mind as to special details of the pruning and propagating of new varietles and prevention of disease and pests. It reduces the anxieties for securing a competency, as it simplifles our wants, showing the utter madness of mere accumulation.

The fruit diet curbs ostentation and luxury, and makes it possible for rich and poor to feed more alike, and share the same table. It affords a clue for that complete self-reformation which must be the forerunner of any effective social regeneration of the race. The tobacco habit, the saloons and the general dissipation and debauchery that abound in city life would have nothing to feed on with apacity for handling snow are two of the a pure diet, and could all be preventulsites about the chicken yard now. ed or bred out of the community. It Sive them dry ground at once after a meets the needs of the increasing population, because fruit trees in their prime give far the heaviest returns per acre of human food. Fruit trees also afford that natural forestry that is so indispensable for regulating rainfall, climate and other meteorological conditions. Fruit growing mitigates the duliness of country life by reducing the acreage of ranches, while it prevents the crowding into big cities, and the depopulation of rural districts involved in cereal and cattle farming. It affords the best means of making an allround, well-lalanced man by giving time for cultivating the mental and moral faculties, and also the taste for literature, music, art, science, etc.

As such pure foods come into vogue, the passions would be better controlled, and cruelty and war would become sooner impossible. As we ceased to be carnivorous, we should "let the tiger die" within us, as the poet says. Sensuality would be kept in check, crimes of violence would greatly diminish, while disease might be almost entirely prevented. Among the allments speedily remedled are all those affected by indigestion, such as liver and skin complaints in sum mer; also constipation, piles and the various nerve diseases.

The Illustration of "Pickwick." The history of the "Pickwick Pa pers," the change in the original design, the tragic death of Seymour, treatest average loss has been from the hasty appointment and dismissal stables, where the fire has got beyond of Buss, have been graphically de control, so as to involve other build- scribed by Forster in his life of Dickings. The average loss of 'special" ens. The work, which had started stable fires is nearly \$250,000, but dependent, for the most part, on ilthis average was raised by the Fourth lustration, and had gained success on Avenue stable fire, which licked up its letter-press, was now in a perilous the Thirty-third Street Storage Ware-state. Its originator dead by his own house. Candle factories and oil mills hand, and his successor declared income next, because, perhaps, of the capable, the need of an illustrator fre which swept away the Vander- was soon noised abroad among the bilt elevators; and next come mercan- artistic fraternity, and two competiil concerns, through the vast sums tors sent in their designs. Hablot ost by large 'dry-goods district" fires. Browne and William Makepeace There is a wide difference between Thackeray. Thackeray, as we know he average of "specials," \$210,000, from his own lips, had at this time and the next important class, sugar the intention of becoming an artist. refineries and steam confectioneries, | With a few sketches he called upon whose average is about \$150,000. Dickens, who told him that the choice Next in importance are markets, had fallen upon Browne. Leaving average \$136,000; metal workers, Furnival's Inn, Thackeray made his \$126,000; churches, \$117,000; distiller- way to Newman street to acquaint ies and breweries, \$111,000; steam- his rival with his success, and to offer boats and sail craft, \$108,000; the him the earliest congratulations. To aters, etc., the same; wood-workers, gether these young men immediately \$107,000; printers, etc., the same, repaired to a neighboring public and so on down to lumber yards, whose house, where a banquet, consisting of be over stated, and it is time someone average is \$63,000. The average loss sausages and bottled stout, was held was preaching a crusale against the on all "specials" is less than \$164,000. for the better satisfying of their appetites, and to do greater honor to the occasion. The feast finished, the Persons in public office sometimes good wishes pledged, and Thackeray become very skillful in making them- gone, Browne started off to comselves generally agreeable: but the municate the news and to get the asbest of them may err in thinking that sistance of his quondam fellow-appractice has made them perfect in pentice, Robert Young, who was then this respect. This story is told of a boarding in Chester place. Bidding famous French minister of finance him bring his laten-key. Browne who, with good intentions, once amus- hurried him back to Newman street, and throughout that night the two The Government was needing worked upon the plates, Brown etchmoney, and a would-be wit suggested ing while Young bit them in. By to the Minister that a tax might be morning the first was finished, and in put upon wit. "Every one would Sam Weller a creation was given to lay it voluntarily, because no one the world, a new charter had entered what may be called the realm of historic fiction. - Century.

> Prise-Fighting Tame in Comparison. "I got the champion pugilist to go out with me and see a foot-ball game the other day." "Did he like it?" "Like it? Why, he was in ecstasies this. He wants foot ball."-New

Sleepless Nights Make you weak and weary, unfit for work, in disposed to exertion. They show that your nerve strength is gone and that your nervous

parilla L system needs building is Hood's Sarsaparilla * It purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves creates an appetite, an only Hood's. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25c.

SIX MILES A MINUTE.

An Earthquake Way Once Crosse Pacific Ocean in Twelve Hours.

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People are apt to indulge apprehensions about the movement of waves of the ocean which are erratic, born perhaps of illusionary influences. Everyone has noticed the action of the wind on a field of corn and seen the undulations caused by its crossing the field in a few seconds; but no one supposes that a single stalk has left its place. As with the corn wave, says the Brooklyn Eagle, so with the water wave, the substance remains rising and falling in the same place, while it is only the form that moves The speed of this movement depends on the speed of the wind. When a gentle breeze is blowing the friction between the atmosphere and the water is small, and only a slight rip-ple is produced; but should the velocity of the wind increase the ripple become waves or even billows, mountains of water, moving at a tremendous speed. The ripple or slow undulation may move at a velocity varying from three or four to eight or nine miles per hour, and, increasing in size to a wave of greater or less proportions, may have a speed of from ten to fifteen or twenty miles per hour. In a gale the rate increases to twenty-five or thirty, and during storms has been estimated at thirty thirty-five and even forty miles pe hour. This latter speed is exception. ally great and far exceeds the average Waves which have resulted from earthquake shocks have traversed the ocean at a speed which is almost increditable. For instance, the great

earthquake which occurred at Samoda, in Japan, caused a wave which traveled across the Pacific from that country to San Francisco of nearly 5,000 miles, in not much more than twelve hours-that is to say, it raced across the ocean at a rate of about six and a half miles per minute. The self-acting tide gauges at San Francisco which recorded the arrival of this great wave rendered it quite certain that this was the actual rate of progress. Then again, the tidal wave which passes over the ocean twice daily travels in places at an enormous speed. It has been estimated that if the seas of the world consisted of one uniform sheet of water the tidal wave would traverse them at the rate of 1,000 miles per hour. As a matter of fact, it does proceed at something like half this pace across the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. The intervention of

chickenweed, of course. Gazzam-It might be egg-plant .continents, islands, and shallows, Detroit Free Press. however, reduces the speed in places The Proper Thing. to not more thad forty or fifty miles per hour. "Light out!" Jack-Put it out, of course.-Smith,

No Dimeulty. The Boston Courier reports a bit of feminine dialogue overheard at a cool

ing lecture: Lady (talking to herself): Now she has got it cooked, I wish she'd tell us how to use up cold mutton. Next lady (in a sympathetic tone): I have six first-rate recipes. First lady (opening her note-book): Will you favor me, please? Second lady: Six boys.

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HUMOROUS SELECTIONS.

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Digestion if Perused After Meals-De Not Read Them Upon an Empty In No Hurry. Mrs. O'F. (wife of brakeman on the

S. F. Ry.)—Can I have my husband put in jail for slapping me in the outh? Magistrate-Certainly; that is as

sault and battery.
"Well, I'll come around in about a onth and make the charge." "Why not have him arrested at "Well, you see, when he slapped me

hit him on the head with a rollin' pin and he's now in the hospital and the doctors say he won't be able to get out for a month yet."-General Manager.

Trials of High Life. First guest-Awful bore, isn't it? Second Guest-Dull as a funeral. knew it would be.

First Guest-You know it? Then why did you come? Second Guest-Had to. My wife heard that the formula for writing regrets had changed and she couldn't find out what the new style was, so she sent an acceptance. -Puck.

Only a Brief Stay.

He was one of those dry old visitors and as he settled his portly frame into a Murray rotunda rocker after his after-dinner smoke a dashing, fashionably dressed young man rushed up, held out his hand and exclaimed:

"Well, I declare, judge, when did you get in?" "Oh, t'other day. When did you ome?" returned the judge.

Last night over the Burlington. "How long are you going so stay?" "As long as my money holds out," huckled the young man. "Sorry you're going to leave so soon," observed the judge without cracking a smile. - Texas Siftings.

Reminded. Ethel Knox-Do you know you re mind me of that piano lamp, Mr. Stalate?

Stalate-Because I shine in drawing-room? Ethel Knox-No. No matter how you are 'turned down' you don't go out.-New York Herald. Father to the Man.

Georgie Gazzam (aged 5)-Let me tell you the latest smart thing my father said. Benny Bloombumper (aged 42)-Thanks, no; I'm tired. I have a

smart father myself. - Jury. Their Veretables. Gazzam-I suppose that the favorte vegetable of a duck is a mandrake. Maddox-And that of the hen is

Tom-What would you do if, while calling on a girl, she should exclaim:

Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

The Same. Dumsquizzle-Young Timblerwhee nas a suit of clothes for every day in the week. Skimquellet-I never see him wear but one. Dumsquizzle-Yes; that's the suit. - Brooklyn Life.

Worse Still. :'It must be dreadful when a professional singer knows that she has lost her voice." "But it is still more dreadful when she is not aware of the

art."-Humoristische Blatter. A Sensible Mother.

He-I love you, Miss Fanny. Do you return my love? She-No, indeed. Mamma told me never to love a young man until after I was mar-

ried to him. - Texas Siftings. Sure Death for Him.

The Desperate Tramp (to the drug lerk)-Hev yer any strychnine or arsenic? Timid Clerk-No. The Desperate Tramp-Well, then, gimme a bar o' soan - Exchange.

Did She Find It? An elderly woman stopped a gentlenan in the city hall corridor vesterday and asked the way to the district eternity's office. - Buffalo Courier. Not the American French.

Mme. Newlyrich (to the waiter n the cafe)-Garsong, parlaiz voo Franncay? Waiter-No, madame, spike French. - Exchange. Somewhat Domestic. Teacher-What is meant by do

mestic animal? Little Girl-I des it's a boy wif a real strict papa. -Good News. Got It Finally. He-The Van Buskirk girl mar

ried for money, did she not? She-Yes; but she had to divorce to gat it

nore quickly than any other part of the human system. No one can breathe at a greater height than seven miles from the sur-face of the earth. work er somethin'. - New York Weekly. face of the earth.

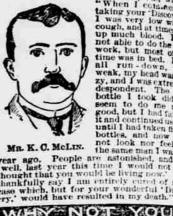
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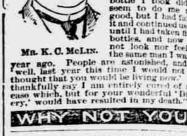


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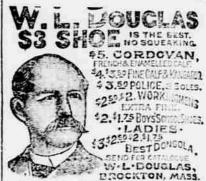






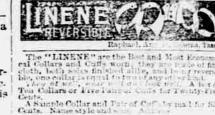
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