BUTLER, PA., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1897

eply to what would have made a

for my freedom and I won, for, as you

For the first time a slight smile soft-

for, as you perceive, my king holds you."

[THE END.]

OVER THE TELEPHONE.

The Doctor Relates the Remarkable Story

"I heard a strange story to-day," said the doctor to me, as we sat in his office

late at night, "which, on your solemn

promise not to divulge, I'll tell you, for just can't keep it to myself."

Readily enough, I promised, and I violate no confidence in this telling, for no names are mentioned, correctly,

at least, and, in any event, the doctor

"There was another brother, if you

emember, named George, and he was

the black sheep of the flock. A bad boy from the beginning, he grew worse

ordering him away from the 'phone. He refused, and then she heard George curse him and drag him away. She

could hear the struggle, as it contin-

ued in the hall, and then suddenly came the crack of a pistol, and Frank

screamed: 'Oh, George, George, brother, you have killed me!' That was all she

could remember, except the slamming

of a door as George hurried out of the hall, for she fainted. When she was restored to consciousness, the sister as-

serted itself first, and she felt that be-fore she told her dreadful story she must first know what had happened.

spoken of it until to-day, because George is dead, a. me that she owed it to Fran.

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THE opinions of men who think are

in the spring the man who changes
Heavy clothes for garments light
Starts out robust in the morning
And is frozen stiff ere night.

"—Cleveland Leader.

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"On the contrary

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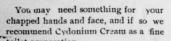
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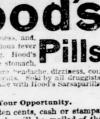


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CHAPTER VL

The first game I won right off, though I must confess that the cards were with me, and that my adversary could

have done no more. In the second I never played better and saved a trick by a finesse, but the Bart voled me

once, marked the king, and ran out in the second hand. My faith, we were so excited that he laid his helmet

down beside him, and I my busby.
"I'll lay my roan mare against your black horse," said he.

"Saddle, bridle and stirrups!" he

I had caught this spiri of sport from him. I would have laid my hussars against his dragoons, had they been

ours to pledge.

And then began the game of games.

Oh, he played, this Englishman; he played in a way that was worthy of such a stake. But I—my friends, I was superb! Of the five which I had to make to win I gained three on the first

hand. The Bart bit his mustache and drummed his hands, while I already felt myself at the head of my dear little ras-

eals On the second I turned the king. but lost two tricks, and my score was four to his two. When I saw my next

hand I could not but give a cry of delight. If I cannot gain my freedom on this, thought I, I deserve to remain for-

Give me the the cards, landlord, and

I will lay them on the table for you.

Here was my hand—knave and ace of clubs, queen and knave of diamonds, and king of hearts. Clubs are trumps, mark you, and I had but one point between me and freedom. As you may think, I declined his proposal. He knew that it was the crisis, and he until the control of the con

did his tunic. I threw my dolman on ground. He led the ten of spades. I took it with my ace of trumps. One

point in my favor. The correct play was to clear the trumps, and I led the

knave. Down came the queen upon it, and the game was equal. He led the eight of spades, and I could only dis-

ard my ace of diamonds. Then came

the seven of spades, and the hair fairly

stood straight up on my head. We each

threw down a king at the finale. He had won two points, and my beautiful hand had been mastered by his inferior

one. I could have rolled on the ground

one. I cought of it. They used to play very good ecarte at Watter's in the year '10. I say it—I, Brigadier Gerard.
The last game was now for all. This next hand must settle it one way or the

THE CARDS WERE WITH ME.

other. He undid his sash and I put

away my sword belt. He was cool,

this Englishman, and I tried to be also

but the perspiration would trickle into my eyes. The deal lay with him and I

may confess to you, my friends, that my hand shook so that I could hardly pick

my cards from the rock. But when I raised them what was the first thing

that my eyes rested upon? It was the king, the king, the glorious king of trumps. My mouth was open to declare it when the words were frozen to

rade.

He held his cards in his hand, but

his jaw had fallen and his eyes were staring over my shoulder with the most dreadful expression of con-sternation and surprise. I whisked round, and I myself was amazed at

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follows: Conneaut Lake Express 9:35
p.m., Erie Mail 2:50 p.m. and Greenville Accommodation 9:20 a.m.

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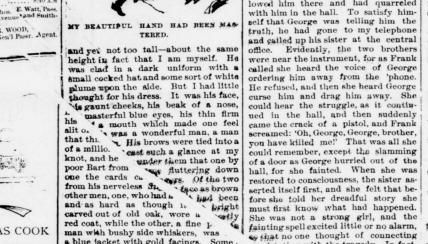
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were holding as many horses, while an escort of lancers were waiting in the rear.
"Heh, Crawford, what the devil's this?" asked the thin man. "D' you hear, sir," cried the man with he red coat. "Lord Wellington wants

a blue jacket with gold facings. Some little distance behind three orderlies th

to know what this means."

My poor Bart broke into an account of all that had occurred, but that rockface never softened for an instant. "Pretty fine, 'pon my word, Gen. Crawford," he broke in. "The discipline of this force must be main-tained, sir! Report yourself at head-quarters as a prisoner."

It was dreadful to me to see the Bart mount his horse and ride off with hang-ing head. I could not endure it. I threw myself before this English general. I pleaded with him for my friend. I told hun how I, Col. Gerard, would witness what a dashing young always growing and changing, like liv-ing children.—Hamerton officer he was. Ah, my eloquence might have melted the hardest heart; I brought tears to my own eyes, but none to his. My voice broke and I could say no more.
"What weight do you put on your

One Way of Disposing of an Obnox-He was a theatric lover, and she didn't like his style a little bit, says the New

however, and that made matters worse. She had tried gentle means to get rid of him, but he had disregarded he felt it incumbent upon him to pro-pose to her as men under similar circumstances so often do. Which they wouldn't if they had any

"Dear one," he exclaimed, hurling himself tragically at her feet, "I love mules, sir, in the French service?" he you. My life is yours. Will you take asked. Yes, that was all this phlegmatic Englishman had to answer to these burning words of mine. That was his "Mr. Singleton," she responded, with

renchman weep upon my shoulder.
"What weight on a mule?" asked the He gazed at her rapturously "Don't do that," she begged, dray man with the red coat. ing back from him as if in horror. Two hundred and ten pounds," have taken your life, as you requested me to do, and you are henceforth to all intents and purposes dead." "Then you load them deucedly badly," said Lord Wellington. "Remove the prisoner to the rear."

His lancers closed in upon me, and I tinued, turning aside, "desire to have -I was driven mad, as I shought that the game had been in my hands and I ought at that moment to be a free dead person in the house, and if you do not go away at once I shall ring for an ambulance and have you removed nan. I held the cards up in front of Then the dreadful situation in which "See, my lord!" I cried, "I played

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able garden of pond lilies has been in existence, but for many years Tadpole's lilies have been sought by picnic parties from near-by counties in this state, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. "On the contrary," said he, as he mounted his horse, "it was I who won, away, but there seems to be no diminution in the supply.

The railroad comes suddenly upon the pond, which it divides in halves, and

the windows, the better to view the beautiful and unusual sight. In one section of Tadpole there is a large tract so rich a pink as to be almost rose colored, it is said. They are of exceedingly rare beauty and are much sought after by collectors.

from its being a favorite place for making to change its name to the still more unromantic one of Clayville

two years since he told me.

"You remember," he said, "when Frank Broter was found in the hall of my office with a bullet through his PLANS TO SURPRISE THE WORLD I nodded in affirmation of my remem-"You know," he continued, "that The German government has i everybody thought it was suicide, for Frank was then under treatment with everybody thought it was suicide, for Frank was then under treatment with me for a nervous affection that made him wild at times. I thought he had taken his own life, as everyone else did, and he was buried under that impress. The German government has in course of preparation an exhibit for the Paris exposition of 1900 which is expected to surpass anything of the kind ever attempted by any nation. This statement is made by Consul-Gen-

and he was buried under that impression. The coroner's yerdict was to the same effect also. Well, to-day his sister died, and before she crossed the dark river she asked to see me alone, and now I know we were all mistaken.

This statement is made by consults and made by consults are real Mason, of Frankfort, Germany, in a report which reached the state department the other day.

"It is intended," Mr. Mason says, "that the exhibit shall be a complete, hereonius nicture of the resources and industries of Germany, down to the latest date. Everything is to be co lected at home, assorted, adjudged classified and its position assigned b when his widowed mother died, and for an imperial commission, so that dupli five years before Frank's death he and cates and everything trivial and infer to the best shall be excluded and the central office of the telephone com-

his sister, who worked, you know, in the central office of the telephone company, supported him. They boarded him in the ame house with themselves, and as far as appearances went he had quite as much of the world's goods as either of them. He drank and gambled and was in trouble all the time, and either of them. He drank and gambled and managed for the express purpos and was in trouble all the time, and of showing the merchants of all civi often threatened them if they did not | ized nations what Germany has to sell give him more money. This they did, Mr. Mason reports that Germany is but the more he received of them the doing everything possible to extend he more he asked, and finally he made such a demand upon Frank that he refused commerce, having recently sent com missions to China and Japan and South o do anything for him except to board | and clothe him. The sister joined with Frank in this resolve, and George threatened to kill them both. No one knew of this except the brothers and sister, for the girl was sensitive and shrank from telling her troubles to her the day of his death Frank. America for this purpose.

riends. On the day of his death Frank came to my office to see me, and there was no one about. I had been called A Barnyard Phenomenon, The changed conditions of modern so-ciety seem to have struck some of the away suddenly, and had taken my assistant and my door-boy with me, as I expected to return shortly. I did come back, and when I did I found Frank lower orders of animal life. The report comes from the national military home at Marion, Ind., that "a common Shanghai rooster has taken it upon himself to hatch out a brood of chicks lying in the hall with the pistol by lying in the half with the pistol, and you know the rest—up 20 to-day. To-day the sister told me that George had killed Frank. As far as she could determine, George had followed him there and had quarreled the picture of the pictur and act as mother and protector them. He 'set' on a nest of eggs the requisite three weeks and hatched out the fluffy chicks in regular fashion, and tects them after the fashion of a loving and jealous mother. The story of this queer rooster's peculiar act has brought many people to the barns to observe the barnyard phenomenon."

Manners in Sweden In Sweden, if you address the poorest person on the street, you must lift your hat. The same courtesy is insisted upon if you pass a lady on the stairway. To enter a reading-room or

Twice as many crimes are commit-ted in Paris by those between the ages of 15 and 20 as by those between 2

Little Ethel, having alluded to fairies the caller asked:

that no one thought of connecting and the state times are the same that the same hers. Sommitted suicide and she Frank had testimony to the conalone could be. The same hers of the same hers of the same hers. The same hers of th and only now she told

Something for Nothing. mem-"You can't get something for nothing," remarked the man who gives adwice.
"My wife thinks she can," said Mr. "That's what killed her," I said, hor-

Mee. e. I don't say she isn't right when she rified at the story.
"I'm sure of it," replied the doctor.
"She has gradually declined since of courFrank's death, and nothing I could do when sh "When did the make the experi for her appeared to have any effect.

"And yet," he concluded, "if George had been living she would have taken "Yesterday. She b night me a neckment?"

her secret to the grave with her."—De tie."—Washington Star.

Nor is it at that he lies.
A liar that he lies.
Unless you're big and strong and he's
Not more than half your size.
—Detroit Journal.

SPARROW AND ELEPHANT.

Unequal. A pugnacious sparrow the other day Central park menagerie and began pickng up the crumbs from the table of the only elephant then inside. The mammoth and midget apparently did not see each other for some time, says the New York Herald, until the former, in shifting his position, nearly placed his ponderous foot on the latter. The fighting little speck of fuss and feathers evidently accepted this thoughtless act as a challenge to battle, and at once flew in the elephant's face. The great beast looked astonished, and, sending a small cyclone through his trun raised such a cloud of hav and dust that

the bird was lost sight of. When the air cleared the biped was seen on the quadruped's back. A shake of the elephant's loosely fitting, tough though sensitive hide frightened the lit tle fellow, who hopped to the floor and looked into the face of his antagonist

Thus they stood, as though trying to recover breath, for a few seconds, when the elephant reached out his trunk tothrew himself with full force at the end of the threatening proboscis. Then came a gentle blast of air from the elephant's lungs, and the sparrow was The little fellow, without ever so much as a parting look at his huge antaghim was revealed, and he removed himonist, mounted to the open window and

GRANT'S PIANO PLAYING. A Decidedly Unmusical But Interest-

ing Performance. Grant stories are now in order, and one told by a white house attache recently has probably never been printed before. It was a matter of current history that Gen. Grant did not know how to whistle, nor could he turn a tune if his life depended upon it. On one occasion, says the Chicago Tribune, when an attendant came to deliver eards from a party of callers, he found President Grant sitting at a piano in one of the upper rooms of the white house drumming away with a two-finger exercise. Mrs. Grant was an amused spectator of the general's piano exercises, and neither of them heard the messenger at the door with

the visiting cards.
Finally, however, the attendant opened the door, but this did not in the least disconcert the president, who in an instant the passengers detect the fragrance of the lilies and throw up really enjoying it. "Here are the really enjoying it. "Here are the cards, Ulys," said Mrs. Grant, "of a party of friends whom we invited here this evening. They are anxious to see of lilies the blossoms of which are of you, and if you are not too much interested in the piano we will go downstairs in the blue parlor."

"Don't you think you can get along without me this evening?" replied President Grant. "It seems to me this calling business is your affair, and I would a great deal rather play the was not pledged to secreey after the expiration of a year, and it has been this title for years, but an effort is now plano than plunge into the vortex of

HE WAS PERPLEXED.

James Felt Unequal to His Unique The directors of a bank had engaged post up a bit, and began:

"James, this is your first job of this kind, isn't it?" "Yes, sir." "Your duty must be to exercise vig-

"Be careful how strangers approach "No stranger must be allowed to en-ter the bank at night under any pre-

text whatever." "And our manager-he is a good man, honest, reliable and trustworthy; but it will be your duty to keep your

eye on him."
"But it will be hard to watch two men and the bank at the same time." "Two men-how?"

"Why, sir, it was only yesterday that the manager called me in for a talk, and he said you were one of the best men in London, but it would be organ just as well to keep both eyes on you and let the directors know if you hung around after hours."

Decreasing Birth Rates in America. French economists are consoling themselves for the gradual depopulation of their country, pointing out that many of the American states, includ-ing the whole of New England, are still worse off, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat. The birth rate in France has fallen from 33 per 1,000 at the be ginning of the century to 22 per 1,000. and is less than the death rate, so that if the present conditions continue, in about 200 years the French race will have become extinct. In many of the United States, however, matters are even more serious. The birth rate in Nevada is 16.30 per 1,000, so that, ever if no more people should emigrate from now he seems to be very proud of his complishment. He fondles and proceedings of that state, its population would die out accomplishment. He fondles and proceedings of the procedure of the pr Maine comes next with a birth rate of 17.99 per 1,000, which gives its race about a century longer to exist. New Hampshire is third, with 18.4 per 1,000 Vermont is fourth, with 18.5, and strange to say, California, which comes next, has a birth rate of 19.4 per 1,000, or nearly 12 per cent. less than that of France.

Stays for Men. In 1614 stays were introduced into the costumes of gentlemen, to keep the doublet straight and confine the

Turkish Turbans. A Turkish turban of the largest size contains 20 yards of the finest and Friends No More.

Dottie—Can you keep a secret? George Lufton proposed to me last Jessie-Oh, I'm so surprised! Hay you found out what girl had just jilted him?-Cleveland Leader.

Hotel Proprietor—Two dollars.

Guest—Holy smoke! Do you think

couldn't help seeing what a noble make was. So I told him if he though my stomach is a savings bank?—N. Y. that poor girl was really destitute

Murdered It. Her Father-My daughter is playing one of your compositions for her own amusement. Composer - She's killing time right.-N. Y. Journal.

One Feature of It. "There's one satisfaction about build-ing castles in the air." "The bricklayers never strike."-Chicago Post.

The Dream of Innocence. The Wife—What a sweet smile there is on the baby's face, John.

The Husband—Yes; he's probably draming that he's keeping me awake.

To Topics,

OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH. A Georgia Boy's Escape from an Alli-

gator.
The alligator, as is well known, swallows its prey whole and digests it at amily. It is to this which is given as a fact by the Rome Hustler, Georgia,

In Ronald's boyhood his parents had a winter home in the neighbor-hood of Sanford, Fla., which is near Dennis creek, a locality which was When a little fellow, too you stances, the boy was out with his father on the creek shore, and was left alone for a little while, playing with scream and ran in his direction. He

reached the spot just in time to see the little fellow disappearing down the gaping throat of a huge alligator. Mr. nald had his gun in hand, and, quickly taking aim at the saurian, fired. Fortunately, the bullet struck the brute in the eye, penetrating the brain, and killed it instantly. The feet of the boy were still pro-truding from the reptile's mouth.

The father, not daring to hope that his son was alive, cut open the alligator, thinking to obtain the boy's remains To Mr. Roland's delight, the body

showed signs of life, and after several hours of hard work the boy was resuscitated. The only serious injury was to the ankles, which had been crushed by the reptile's teeth, doubtless when in the throes of death. Since that time Roland has been crippled, but only to the extent of wearing steel braces on his ankles. enjoys the unique distinction of hav-

The origin of surnames is full of funny examples have been brought to light by students in this branch of knowledge. Some of the names are very queer, and the directories of every great city furnish many examples. In Kansas City recently a firm of veterinary surgeons, was composed of Drs. Black & White, and a few years ago in western Kansas Messrs, Gum & Saltz conducted a drug store. Two doctors named Hope & Comfort were partners in physic, and their sign must have cheered more than one patient. Messrs. Tighe and Twist were in the rope business in an eastern town not long ago. At one time it was the custom to christen children with singular Biblical names like the famous Praise God Barebones and Hate Evil Smith, but the most curious one recorded is that of Eli Lama Sabacthani Pressnail. Mr. New, residing in England,

very facetiously named his first-born "Something," and when in the course of time his wife presented him with another heir he christened that one "Nothing." It always gave Miss Anguish Crackbone's friends great pain to pro-nounce her name, and the cognomen of Toothaker is not uncommon. Among The directors of a bank had engaged the services of a watchman, who came well recommended, but did not seem well recommended, but did not seem over-experienced. The chairman, says over-experienced. The chairman, says over-experienced. The chairman over-experienced over-experien Paine, Shivver, Trimble and Shake-

WHAT THE MONKEY FOUND.

It Proved to Re a Disastrous Discovery.
The Philadelphia Times gives an account of a singular accident which ocstreet corner, when the monkey's attention was caught by a roll of pasteboard which he found near the curbstone. Angelo, the older boy, who was turning the crank, stopped for a mo-

ment to chide the monkey for his inat-tention to business. The chiding had no effect, and the other fellow, Michael. after some difficulty, got the paste-board and carried it to his brother, who, with a curiosity equal to the monkey's, began striking it against the

Italians to be careful what they were enough that the mysterious object was nothing but a cartridge.

The Italians understood no Euglish

and presently there was a flash and a about the pavement, Angelo wringing his hands, while Michael had both hands to his head. The organ, badly damaged, lay on the sidewalk, and the dike next week and will take with me monkey sat at the top of a lamp post.

An examination of the boys after

a coop containing six hens and a roos ter, instead of a pick and pan. I have they were taken to the hospital showed that one of them had lost the thumb and forefinger of his right hand, while the other had received a scalp wound. Jesuit Land in the Klondike.

"The Jesuit missions in Alaska," says the Baltimore News, "are in luck, as they are in the very heart of the gold they are in the very heart of about region. The land consists of about three acres, which was purchased by the head of the mission, Rev. William three months after I get there." H. Judge, a few years ago for a church, school and graveyard. It is in the richest part of the Klondike region, and, provided some one does not jump the Jesuit claim, the returns should be large. The Jesuit, however, are men a store at Portland, Ore., when the doc of peace, and are hardly strong enough in that wild territory to maintain their rights in case an effort should be made "Him blow out paint, him all same

Big Indian Wedding At a recent wedding in India the entire week was given up to feasting and merry-making, and nearly 150,000 of the groom's tribe assembled for the oc-

Maude-Charley stole a kiss from me ast evening.
Aunt Kate—The villain! What did you do?

Maude-I was awfully angry with him at first; but when he said he stole it only that he might give it to a poor girl who never had any kisses, then I couldn't help seeing what a noble man might as well take another one for her

"Queer idea for that brewer to start frog pond, wasn't it?"
"What did he start it for?"

"For the hops." - Cleveland Plain

Doctor-You shar't be, if I can prevent it .- Up-to-Date.

Always Ask a Good Price. Bildad-These English fortune hun-

Ichabod-Yes, they never give them.

BACTERIA IN INK.

Lelpzig. Bacteria, dangerous to health and breathe, the water we drink, in various kinds of food, and even in the mucilage of the ubiquitous postage stamp, but it remained for the eminent Ger

living and thriving in ink.

He has recently made a micro examination of 67 samples of ink used in the schools in Germany and in other countries. Most of these were gall inks, and contain various sorts of bacteria, as well as those of other minute organisms known in the scientific world as saprophytes and micrococci. grosin ink taken from a freshly opened bottle, which had up to that time been tightly corked and sealed, was found to contain bacteria in large quantities. Red and blue inks of the sort so frequently used in offices also yielded numerous bacteria.

To determine whether or not these bacteria were really as poisonous as chemical analysis would seem to sug-gest, Dr. Warpmann decided to "cultivate" some specimens for actual ex-periments. The result of these experiments showed that a bacillus from ordinary black ink would, if introduc into the blood of a mouse, prove fatal within four days. Similar experi-ments the doctor in the interest of science performed upon other small ani-imals—rabbits, guinea-pigs and the like -always with the same fatal result.

WANTS THE EARTH. Russia Constantly Reaching Out for

New Territory.

In his paper, the Sviet, the Russian general Komaroff publishes an article which contains the following remarkable passage, says the London News.
"The east, with all its countries, as
China, Persia, Beluchistan and even India, is by the will of Providence des tined for the Russian people. Sooner or later the east will be ours. In or-der, however, to attain this object we must guard our positions in the west, and must be strong there, too. All our efforts must be directed there, all our thoughts and talents. There we must German tricks emanating from Ber lin, and have a sharp eye to our real lose everything in the east. Now in the west a matter comes to decision which is for us of vital importance, by all means come into our possession for the sake of securing peace in the south, and for the sake of our own development—nay, even existence. In the straits we must be as strong as on the Vistula and in the Baltic. In preservalive the consciousness of relationshi in all the people of Slavonic nationality up to the Adriatic, those people being our real prop and support in the struggle against the greatest foe of our nation, namely, Germanism.'

CHAIRS IN MANY STYLES

Big Warerooms Containing Chairs in With the great development of the there has some about in recent years a subdivision of the both branches for greater facility and economy of pro-duction. Thus there are manufacturers who confine themselves to special lines of goods, as desks, tables, chairs, and so on, and these may sometimes be further subdivided, manufacturers devoting themselves to particular kinds Italian boys, with a hand organ and a monkey, were amusing a crowd and incidentally collecting pennies at a united States, many of them large establishments. The present total pro-duction of chairs in this country is

about 36,000,000 annually, says the New While the manufacture of chairs is much subdivided, there may be in chairs of one kind, that is, of the same materials and made by the same processes of manufacture, many styles. and there are some establishments tha organ.

The crowd by this time was edging back, and several voices called to the large to be a constant to be a constant to the country of th filled with chairs alone, the floor covered with them in long lines and the walls hung with them—hundreds of

chairs, no two alike. A Brilliant Scheme "I read with interest," writes a man from Topeka to the Atchison Globe "your account of the usefulness of the hen in Klondike gold-mining, and will accept the suggestion. I leave for Klonfigured it out that by turning my chickens loose they will scratch over more ground in one day that I could scratches up gold dust valued at \$6,745 per season, and the young chickens go to scratching as soon as they are hatched, some idea of the wealth I will

Sagacious Chinese Doctor. No one disputed the dictum of a Chinese physician who had been called to attend a celestial who had fainted in not yet dead; him no catch him wind The man did not blow out the paint, and the coroner was called.

Job Worth Holding. The best-paid official in the British service is the lord lieutenant of Ire-land, who receives £ 20,000 a year.

What Caused It. "Did you hear about Grawler?" said the man with the long mustache. "He bet Smithers \$100 that he could live on bread and water for 15 days."
"What did he do with the money?"

asked the man in the corner. "They bought his coffin with it. His wife insisted on making the bread."-Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune

The End of a Romance. Miss Plutus-But Capt. Hawleigh would you love me when I grow old and

The Captain (gallantly)—You may grow older, my dear Miss Plutus, but you can never grow uglier.

And he wondered why she rejected him .- Tit-Bits.

Patient—I am so afraid of being buried alive, doctor.

Peter Expressions.

"How perfectly awful!" was what she said When her hair would not stay curied. And when her new dress proved a shade too red.

red.
Twas the horriblest thing in the world."
When the biscuits for breakfast wore
burned she said:
"How frightfully, dreadfully shocking!"
She remarked when they told her her husband was dead:
"Dear me, now, that's quite too provoking."
-N. Y. Journal.