On the Fence-A Paraphrased Or-der-A Crucial Test-Grinding Criticism, Etc., Etc.

Two women leaned over the backyard fence (The same old fence) as the sun went

down, each told the other, in confidence, scandals she'd gathered around the

omen must gossip, or they can't sleep; idea is that secrets weren't made to So they lean on the fence in the gloaming.

Two women sat out on the front-door stoop, In the evening glow, as the sun went They told how their children had skipped the croup, And they sneered at the minister's wife's

new gown.

For women delight in a friendly chat,
Without it their lives would be stale and

So they sit on the stoop in the gloaming. Two husbands came home from the baseball

game
(From the office, they said), as the sun
went down.
Both ready and eager to hear the same
Sweet scandals their wives had hunted

down. men, though they work, love gossip too— And that's why their wives seek something

As they meet and talk in the gloaming.
—Somerville Journal.

A CRUCIAL TEST.

"When did you first notice this loss of memory of which you speak?"
"About a week after I had loaued him five dollars."—Puck.

GEOGRAPHY AND TEMPERANCE CONFUSED Teacher-"What zone do we live in?" Boy (who has an intemperate fath 'Ma says she thinks we must live in the intemperate zone."-Texas Siftings.

BY THE SOUNDING SHORE. Maud-"The beach is all littered with

seaweed to-night.' Jack—"That is strange, isn't it? The cean has such a reputation for being

A PARAPHRASED ORDER.

tidy."--Chatter.

Toothless Guest-"If you've got some extremely tender steak, you may bring

Hardened Waiter-"Slab'f yearling fer gummer!"-Judge.

Mistress—"Bridget, I wouldn't hang the clothes on that electric wire. You may get shocked."
Bridget—"Sure, mum, I've seem 'em all before."—Munsey.

NOT A SUCCESS.

First Tramp—"I suppose you struck a tender cord when you told your pitiful story to the lady."

Second Tramp—"Not a bit of it. It was the toughest wood I ever tried to saw."—Detroit Free Press.

TWO VIEWS OF CONTENTMENT. Man (to brother man)—"What's the use of fretting? Let's be jolly; we have only one life to live."

Cat (to brother cat)—"What's the use of fretting? Let's be jolly; we have nine lives to live."—Boston Courier.

GRINDING CRITICISM.

Morgan-"I never could understand that engagement. It's too bad."
Miss Brune—"They say he's a regular rough diamond."

Morgan—"He ought not to be. Everybedy I know has cut him."—Judge.

HIS LABOR SAVED.

Larkin—"The young King of Portugal does not need to make a name for himself."

Gilroy-"Why?" Larkins—"Because sixteen names were given to him when he was christened."

A REASONABLE EXPLANATION. Brushley—"It's awfully annoying, Mary! Just as I am getting in the last touches on the canvas the blamed cat has to have a fit."

Mrs. Brushley—"Perhaps she caught a glimpse of the picture dear."—Judge.

REASSURING.
Wife (from adjoining room—suspiciously)—"John, what makes the baby so quiet?"

John-"He's playing with the fly meeting of Emin and Stanley: paper, my dear—don't worry. It kee him quiet and amuses me."—Munsey's. It keeps

PROGRESS.

"There's nothing like a Western town for progress," remarked Trotter. "Yes," said Talbot. "I saw an in-stance of it while in Colorado. A man was given ten hours to leave the town and he took just five minutes."—Judge.

ITS SAFETY SECURED.

"This is the only house that stood, while the tornado blew down all around

"That was strange"
"Not at all. There is a mortgage on this heavy enough to hold it down."—

RUSH NO. 2.

Stranger (in Western city)—"Hello!
Must be a big boom here. I see all the
people are rushing to real estate offices.
Trying to buy lots, I suppose?"
Resident—"No, sir. The boom is
just over and they are twing to sell are."

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—New York Weekly.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. hotel)—"You registered from Boston. Why don't you register from Chicago?"

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

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SECOND CHICAGO. WHO WAS ARRESTED AND THE PRESS. blow out the gas."-Life.

MEDICAL ITEM.

A.—"How are you coming on? Have ou many patients?"
B.—"No, indeed, I feel very much

discouraged!"
"What do you suppose is the matter?"
"I've an idea it is because a health
epidemie has broken out in our midst." Texas Siftings.

EXCITEMENT IN A NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

Editor—"James, what is that moving in the waste basket—a mouse?"

James (examining basket)—"No, sir, it's one of them throbbing, passion—them throbbin

ate poems, sir."
Editor—"Pour some water on it and throw it in the ash barrel; the place isn't insured."—Argosy.

THE MARCH OF CIVILIZATION.

Interpreter—"Chief Wangbo wants no more beads and brass wire; he says you cannot cross his country unless you agree to pay his price."

to pay his price."

African Explorer—"What does he Interpreter-"Two-thirds of the royal-

ties on your next book." - Puck.

A TECHNICAL TRUTH. Blobson-"Johnny, how many times have you played hooky since the base-

ball season began?"
Johnny—"Not once, pa."
Blobson—That's good. "Here's a cent. Johnny—"Thanks (aside.) Taint a lie neither. I've played hookey a good deal more than once!"—Lawrence American.

COULDN'T BE DISMISSED.

"Mr. Hankinson, you will excuse me if I receive you in the dining room this "Don't mention it, Miss Kajones. It

much more cozy and home-like.' "It is not on that account, Mr. Hankinson, but Bridget has gone into the parlor to take a nap on the lounge, and given orders that she must not be disturbed."

AN URGENT CASE.

Tramp—"Please, mum, can't you help a poor man with a large family, mum. Me wife an' children are starvin', mum." Benevolent Lady—"Good gracious I'll go see them at once."

Tramp—"If y'd please give me ten cents, mum, I'd—" Benevolent Lady—"Take me to them

quickly. There is not a minute to lose, My! My! Where are they?" Tramp—"Please, mum, it's too far to Tramp—"Please, mum, it's too far to walk. They're—they're in the old country, mum."—New York Weekly.

WOULDN'T DO AT ALL.

"Mrs. Rambo," said the pastor, as he shook her by the hand after the services were over while the congregation was slowly filing out, "I have long thought of calling on Mr. Rambo and having a serious talk with him. Would it be advisable, think you, for me to come-le us say-to-morrow afternoon?

"I am afraid you could hardly make any impression on Absalom if you should come at that time," replied Mrs. Rambo, timidly. "He's going to hang the screen doors to-morrow afternoon."—Chicago

NO FLIES ON HER.

"Herbert," she said, with a melting mellifluousness in her voice that sounded like the ripple of an orange ice as it thaws, "Herbert!"

"What is it?" asked Herbert. And the cold firmness of his tones showed that he meant every word of it.

"Would you love me just as well if you knew that I am near-sighted?"
"Why, why," he stammered, "of course I would; but are you?"
"Yes, I am afraid so. Just as a test—

"Yes, I am afraid so. Just as a test— I can't read a word of that sign across

the street; can you?"
"Yes," said Herbert, resignedly, "I
can. It says 'ice cream."—Washington

THE RESCUE OF EMIN PASHA.

Owing to a delay in the mails on the Umgagi and Mbawa Northern Railroad, the following from Life's African correspondent has just come to hand. It is, however, the first authentic report of the

Mr. Stanley approached Emin's head-quarters about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, softly whistling "Little Annie Rooney." He rapped at the door of Emin's tent, and Emin himself answered the sum-

"How do you do, Emin?" said Stan-

"How do you do, Panil' said Emin.
"You have the advantage of me."
"I am Henry M. Stanley—."
"I don't care. I don't want any subscription books, and I read "The Dark Continent' a long time ago."
"But I have come to rescue you."
"I don't want to be rescued."
"Well, you've got to be rescued. Put

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PREPARED FOR ACCIDENTS.

Kenealy—"What have you got that imbrella for, Mulcahy? It ain't sainin'."

Mulcahy—"Oh! Oi brought that in formations on the giobe.—Skar-Sawings. The Bad Lands are an immense barren

rainin'."

Mulcahy—"Oh! Oi brought that in case that boat blew up. Then all Oi'd have to do, is to come down in my little parachute."—Argosy.

abounds in the most marvelous fossi formations on the globe.—Star-Sayings (Queen Victoria's favorite cook is Mussulman rejoicing in the style and e parachute."—Argosy.

REGISTERED FROM BOSTON.

First Chicago Man (in a New York

Wussulman rejoicing in the style and title of Sheik Abdūlia Mustapha. He recently went to India for his health, and the Queen was delighted at his return. SELECT SIFTINGS.

Cincinnati, Ohio, consumes 3000 frogs

Movable types were made in the tenth The Prince of Wales often dozes of

Block printing was invented by the Chinese about 593.

A New York dentist recently pulled eight of his own teeth.

The Atlantic cable authorities count a word exceeding ten letters as two words. Scarlet fever has been spread through library book, used by a hospital nurse. A London photographer has paid Ex-plorer Stanley \$5000 to sit for his photo-

In India, road-dust and linseed oil are used to paint wood-work exposed to the weather:

It has been proved by algebra that two and two make five, but it is a mathematical fallacy.

Au aged lady died suddenly in a hotel in Alabama, and in her bustle \$2010 was found concealed.

Philip Hensen, of Mississippi, is six feet six inches high, but his beard reaches to the ground. A New York hotel clerk avers that for

nearly thirty years every third summer has been intensely hot. The manufacture of soap is said to have begun in London in 1524. It was made in Bristol before that time.

The Theatre of Bacchus, at Athena, Greece, built by Philes in 420 B. C., is said to have been the first erected.

The Korean alphabet is phonetic, and so simple that any one can learn to read in a day. Nearly all the women of Korea can read.

The Khedive of Egypt has but one wife, while Ismail, his father, has as many as three hundred at a time in his different palaces. The petroleum industry of western Galacia, Austria, is older by ten years than in Pennsylvania and the oil-produc-

ing region of far greater extent. The word "Thane" was a Saxon title of nobility, which was abolished in England at the time of the conquest upon

the introduction of the feudal system. A bundle of spider webs, not larger than a buckshot, and weighing less than a dram, would, if straightened out and untangled, reach a distance of 350 miles.

A monster crab was landed in a net at San Diego, Cal., the other day that measured sixteen inches across the body, while the spread of the nippers was thirtv-six inches.

A Frenchman who received the bastinado in Japan and the kout in Russia says it is about an even thing which hurts the most, but in both cases he was The historian tablet which the Chinese

Government has taken measures to preserve has been known for more than 250 years, and according to its own inscription was erected 1000 years ago. In Russia, when coffins are covered

with cloth, the color of the covering is, to a certain extent, distinctive, pink be-ing used when the deceased is a child or a young person, crimson for women, and brown for widows; but black is in no case employed.

A large quantity of clay is used in paper making to give it body and a smooth surface, but not to cause the fibres to interlace and hold together. This they do naturally and very firmly as the paper is pressed between the heavy heated rolls.

Working on a Canal Begun by Nero, One of the interesting canal enter-prises now on foot is that which is to connect the Corinthian and Saronic gulfs

of Greece. This canal across the Isthmus of Corinth, which is to render unnecessary the voyage around the Peloponnesus, will be four miles long— about the length of the Hoosac Tunnel —but it will beat even that famous work in the lapse of time between its inception and completion. It was suggested by Periander, one of the seven wise men of Greece, nearly six hundred years before Christ, again by Demetrius Peliocretes in 200 B 300 B. C., and once more by Julius Cæsar in 50 B. C. It was actually begun by Casar in 50 B. C. It was actually begun by Nero, who employed, among other labor-ers, 6000 Hebrews whom Vespasian had taken prisoners, and it is to be finished by General Tuerr, a Polish engineer, who was in the Italian service with Garibaldi, and who hopes to have it ready for use by 1892. He has carried on the work from the point at which Nero left off, following the latter's lines and making use of a double row of thirty-two pits, some of them 130 feet deep which had some of them 130 feet deep, which had remained unchanged for 1800 years, except that they had become filled with debris. The excavation now reaches debris. The excavation now reaches from sea to sea, and is in some places 225 feet deep. The canal is to be over seventy-five feet wide at the top and 260 feet in depth at the point where the feet in depth at the point where isthmus is highest.—New York Star.

A Floating Bazaar.

A German steamer, which is intended to make a round of the ports of the world, carrying a floating bazaar as cargo, is now being loaded at Hamburg. Stalls are to be erected on the decks and Ger-man goods will be displayed to all ad-

man goods will be displayed to all advantage. There will be curiosities, side shows and refreshments peculiar to the German nation, while music of the Fatherland's composers will be given by faultless Teuton bands.

A small army of commercial travelers will invite all possible customers at every point of call. There was an idea of having young ladies to preside over some of the stalls, but it did not entirely commend itself to favor, some of the older mend itself to favor, some of the older heads thinking the damsels might part with their own sensitive hearts as well as with their goods and quit the ship altogether. Each voyage is to last two years and the first stoppage will probably be New York. The great ship and her cargo have cost \$1,250,000.—San Francisco Chronicle

Candy's Ingredients.

The ordinary New York candy factory will employ about 100 to 150 hands, who are largely adults and make very good wages. In the summer fifty barrels of sugar per day will be made up into sweets, and in a few months more, when preparing for the holiday trade; and when the rush is at its highest, 200 barrels daily will not be considered a very high figure. The great bulk of the sugar used in candy-making is of a special grade of granulated refined especially for the purpose. A little corn syrup or glucose is employed in the manufacture of the purpose. A fittle contesting to gen-cose is employed in the manufacture of some kinds of candy, but outside of that the flavors, nuts or seeds, gums, choco-late, etc., are the only materials found

Starch is a prominent aid in manufacturing sweets, and the ordinary factory will need about 100,000 pounds of it for daily use. This may seem strange to candy eaters, but it is easily explained. In the factory everything is laid out in starch. The moulds for gum drops, jelly beans and all such articles are all made in starch, and these moulds are among the most essential needs of the candy maker.—New York News.

A Floating Church.

Parisians have been rather surprised to see a floating church on the Seine, between the Pont de la Concord and the Pont de Solferino. The nautico-ecclesi stical construction is owned by a ish evangelizing society, and is no doubt intended as a temporary place of landing for the barges and general riverside people, some of whom are badly in want of conversion.—Mail and Express.

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