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

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She sits and dreams of knights of old (Her mother at the washing scrubs). Of maidens fair with lovers bold. And longs for one with wealth untold Whose arms her fragil form might fold. And prove the princeliest of hubs; She sits and dreams of knights of old (Her mother at the washtub scrubs).

—New York Herak.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

He-" I-I have called to-night to ask—to ask you for your hand."
She—"Well (silence while the clock ticks), why don't you?"—Judy.

OUITE REASONABLE.

"He escaped with his life, I under-"Yes; he couldn't very well have escaped without it."—Washington Star.

A SLUR.

"She doesn't claim to be a bud, does

"Why, certainly!" "What kind - century plant?"-Judge,

VERY LIKELY.

"Death loves a shining mark," said

"Death loves a snining mark," said the minister.
"I guess that's why grandpa wears a wig," suggested Johnnie.—New York Herald.

OF THE SAME OPINION.

Daughter—"Father, Mr. Mendricks is a very bright young man." Father—"He must be. I notice you

never have a light in the parlor the night

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS IN COOKERY. Young Lady—"And now, Jane, what's the next thing to do after putting the meat and potatoes in the stew

Village Girl-"Please, miss, wash the

THEY'RE RIGHT.

Young Scribuler—"I always give the Graesvale Journal the refusal of what I write, you know."

Unsympathizing Auditor—"And they always exercise that privilege, Scribuler.

— Yankee Blade.

SHE DOESN'T WANT IT.

Miss Amiable-"That's Miss Hastings She isn't pretty, but her face grows on you, I think."

Miss Sharptongue—"Does it? Well, I should be very sorry for it to grow on me."—Yankee Blade.

VERY STRIKING.

"You spent five years in New York, Lord Noodleby?"

"And what struck you most forcibly in our country?' "My creditahs."—Judge.

Brown (speaking of Badleigh, who has not led an exemplary life)—"But Badleigh has a bright future before him."

Fogg—"Bright? Emphatically; I should say lurid."—Boston Transcript.

Miss Sharpe—"Oh, how do you do, Mr. Sissy? You are not looking very well."

well."
Mr. Sissy—"No, Miss Sharpe; I have a cold or something in me head."
Miss S. (calmly)—"I think it must be a cold, Mr. Sissy."—Continent.

COULDN'T HELP HERSELF

Watts—"So she refused you, did she?" Dumley—"Yes; said she wouldn't even be a sister to me. That made me ad, and now she's got to be one to me."
Watts—"How is that?"

Dumley—"I proposed to her sister ad was accepted."—Boston Herald.

WISE OLD PATER.

Cleverton—"Have you any idea how much that dress cost that Miss Swans-down had on last night?" Dashaway—"Yes; \$125." Cleverton—"How did you

Dashaway (sorrowfully)—"Her father took pains to tell me the other day."— Cloak Review.

NOT THE SAME KIND.

"Marie, what are those things on that tree?

"They're blossoms."

"Oh, does the tree drink?" "No, of course not. What put that in

your head?"
"Why, I heard grandma tell mamma that drinking was putting a beautiful blossom on papa."—Judge.

DISENCHANTED.

"A great disappointment has fallen on Fickleby." "How's that?"

"Before he was married he thought his wife was an angel.'
"Yes?"

"Well, since the he has found out that she not only is not, but is in no hurry to become one."—Boston Tran-

IN THE WRONG LINE.

Enfant Terrible(intently watching Mrs. Scarcall, a newly arrived guest, who is unpacking her trunk)—"Well, I don't see as you've brought any rope at all."

Mrs. Scarcall—"Any rope, my dear?
Did you want me to bring a rope?"

Enfant Terrible—"Yes; I've been standing here all this while to see the herrible

ing here all this while to see the horrible things that Aunt Jane told mamma you'd be sure to bring in the clothes line."— Harper's Bazar.

you—you—infamous—what shall you?" exclaimed the enraged lady.

kitchen lady.

"Call me wot you please, ma'am," replied the imperturbable milkman, whose horse had stamped and spattered muddy water all over her. "Call me wot you please," he repeated, cordially, as he gathered up his lines and drove off. "Th' hain't no rule fur the pernunciation of proper names."—Chicago Tribune.

PAYING OFF THE GROCER.

Doctor Barrowby was canvassing for the post of one of the physicians to Bartholomew's Hospital. With a view to obtaining the vote of a certain influto obtaining the vote of a certain indu-ential grocer, he called upon him, and found him bursting with importance as he strutted up and down his shop. With a mixture of insolent patronage and in-sulting familiarity, he slowly approached the Doctor, and said:

"Well, my friend, what is your busi-ness?"

Barrowby paused, looked him straight in the face, and said:

"I want a pound of plums."
Greatly confused, the grocer put up the plums, whereupon the Doctor put them in his pocket and marched off without asking him for his vote.—Tid

CUTTING IT CLOSE.

A man was selling flowers at the cor-ner of Broadway and Canal street the other day when a married couple came along and stopped a moment to admire

"Will ze laidee haf a bootiful bokay

"Will ze indee hat a booting boxay
for only ten cents?" saked the dealer.

"I'd like one very much," she replied.

"Well ze bootiful laidee won't get
one!" bluntly added 'the husband.

"When a feller has come to New York
and bought a wagon load of gimeracks
for livery shidlers a present for the for 'leven children, a present for the schoolma'am and a jackknife for the hired man, and won't have but two cents left after buying tickets for home, his bootiful laidee has got to be satisfied with snuffing at the weeds along the railroad track. Come along, Nancy!"—
New York World.

A UNIQUE WELCOME.

While General Grant was President he visited Maine, accompanied by several members of his Cabinet, to formally open the then American and European Rail-road, running from Bangor to the New Brunswick line.

Bangor has never been honored by the presence of a "first citizen" before, and the city was dressed in gala garb to re-ceive him. It so happens that the most imposing structure in the city is the jail, and it has extensive grounds and shade ees around it.

When the procession from the railroad station had reached the grounds the General's attention was called to the crowning feature of the decorations. A large floral arch had been constructed at the entrance bearing the inscription: Welcome.

"Ah," said the General, much pleased,
"what public building is that?"
"The jail," replied a member of the
committee, and then for the first time
the blunder of it dawned upon them.— New York Herald.

Strange Things From the Clouds.

A phenomenon which probably has no parallel on record was observed in Buffalo, N. Y., the other day. At 10:30 a. M. Park Policeman Edward Fitz-Gibbon was standing near the Front Gibbon was standing near the Front House when, as he at first supposed, heavy drops of rain began falling. He noticed that they fell with unusual force upon his hat and clothes, and upon examination he discovered that instead of rain a shower of small shot was falling from the clouds. Joseph C. Green, another park policeman, noticed the strange phenomenon, and these men, together with Mrs. Buchanuan, her sister and others, were all witnesses of the leaden shower. The shower lasted for over an hour, and the people in the neighborhour, and the people in the neighbor-hood caught the shot in bats and aprons.

nood caught the shot in hats and aprons. Reporters visited the place next day and gathered a quantity of the leaden rain.

During a thunderstorm the same evening live turtles, some of them as large walker, in Coal Creek township, Ind.
No trees were near and they must have dropped from the clouds.—Chicago

Useless Rigging.

Two of the strongest advocates of retaining sail power on vessels of the new navy as auxiliary to steam have been Admiral Walker and Chief Constructor Wilson. Both have materially altered their views since observing the experience of the Chicago while on the squadron of evolution. Admiral Walker found that her sails were of no use whatever, except to steady her in a heavy wind, and for this purpose fore and aft rig would be sufficient. The Admiral is of the opinion that sail power on twin-screw vessels is simply a useless encumbrance, as the sails are practically never used, and the rig-ging only furnishes additional resistance to air, and is so much additional dead weight to be carried. The only twin-screw vessels of the new navy with square rigging are the Chicago and the New-ark, and it will probably not be long berigging are will probably not be long be-fore all their rigging comes down except the low masts, with the military tops, and a simple fore-and-aft rig.—Picayune.

How to Clean a Plaster Cast.

A correspondent of a leading scientific A correspondent of a leading scientific journal states that a bust or statute can be most thoroughly cleaned, provided it has not been painted, oiled or waxed, by inverting it and filling it with water free from iron. The water is then allowed to filter through the plaster. After the filtering has been kept up for a sufficient time, and the outside surface occasionally washed with water and a soft brush, the washed with water and a soft brush, the plaster is allowed to dry. It is then found that all the dust has been washed out of the pores of the cast, which is thus restored to its original whiteness.—

Now York Commercial Advertiser.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN

Loose-fitting gloves are the latest, Many chamois gauntlet gloves are sold

Copper bronze is to be the fashionable f hair this season.

Artificial birds for trimming hats and dresses are made to cater to people who are so very humane.

For ladies in mourning, the black enameled bracelet with a pansy having a diamond centre in front, has found favor. Women are now allowed to become

notaries public in New Jersey in accor-dance with the privilege granted by the Children's hats have no wire, no fac

ing, no binding, nothing but a half wreath of flowers, a crown lining and a rubber. Queen Victoria of England delights in water color sketching and playing duets with her favorite daughter, Princess

A wide field for selection is afforded in table cutlery, which is now furnished with handles of china, ivory, pearl,

silver, stag, etc. Ribbons to hold fans are fastened to the shoulders with a bow, and are long enough to fall nearly to the ground, the fan being carried in the hand.

The first woman honored with equal position and pay with men professors is Harriet Cook, of Cornell, who holds the

chair of history in that university. For dress lining there is no better material than linen. It is cheap and durable, does not cling or split and makes a better foundation for a skirt than silk.

The gentle wife of the Crown Prince of England is fond of fine needlework, dressmaking, playing the zithern, photography, and has a pretty talent for oil

A woman was recently summand as a juror in St. Louis. She took the matter philosophically and attended court, only to receive the apologies of all concerned Last October nine women were ap-

pointed station agents on the elevated railways of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have been so successful that the management will appoint more. Mrs. Pemberton-Hincks, of New Orleans, is at present the prima donna most the "rage" in London society. She is a creole of remarkable beauty, as well as the fortunate possessor of a magnificent

The most fashionable garment of the season is the long cape or "camail," perfectly square at the bottom, reaching considerably below the waist, high on the shoulders, and studded with jet

It is but a few years since sewing was 22troduced into the Philadelphia public schools, but in that time great progress has been made, and already hundreds of girls, besides the usual accomplishments, are qualified to cut and make garments for themselves, so that they are practical dressmakers.

The hangings of Mrs. Andrew Carnegie drawing-room, in New York City, are old rose with gold. The hardwood floor is nearly covered with Persian rugs. The mantle is of onyx and gold with an onyx-tiled hearth. A beautiful Dresden vase has a niche all to itself between the

Frankfort, Germany, has a remarkable anti-matrimonial ladies' club. Ladies of between twenty and forty years of ago are alone admissible, and upon election, with an annual subscription of \$5, they take a vow never to marry. Every member must attire herself in funercal black and forswear novels.

Countess Aymery de la Rochefou-cauld, of France, is said to be the most beautiful womer of this century. Her profile is strikingly like that of Marie Antoinette, and her hair is of the real shade possessed by the martyr queen.

Mrs. Marianne Stokes, the clever English artist, is said to have begun painting when hardly more than an infant, and if she was ever without a pencil or a box of paints she would squeeze flowers on a sheet of paper until they gave up their colors.

Some of the well-connected nursegirls who frequent Central Park, New York City, wear smart little kangaroo bags slung over she left shoulder, a la tourist, containing a flask of sweet milk and a supply of Graham crackers for the tod-dler's lunch.

The London "lady florists," Mrs. Arthur Wellesley and Mrs. Herbert Smith, were employed to decorate Lord Bea-consfield's statue for the celebration of the founding of the Primrose League.
The decorations were said to be particularly successful.

A daughter of Congressman Breckinridge, of Kentucky, naving graduated with honors at Wellesley several years ago, has now taken up the study of law in her father's office, having in the meantime taught geometry and algebra in a Washington school.

Annie Louise Carey, at one time considered among the greatest of contraltos, is a large blonde woman in whose hand-some countenance beams the benevolence of her heart. Domestic affairs and char ity work now engage the greater share of her daily time and attention.

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It is now believed that where it is profitable to grow lettuce under glass for market, the electric light can be profitably used. Wm. Rawson, of Arlington, Mass., has experimented for one season and feels encouraged to go en with it. The Worcester Co. (Mass.) Horticultural Society has published an account of what Mr. Rawson did. One house for forcing lettuce, 200 feet by twenty-four, was given in charge of one are light, active till midnight, at a cost of \$15 per month. The crop was advanced in time twenty per cent. One week's advance in five, is a great gain to the market man. When the electric light was brought to some perfection, much was hoped for it as an aid in the artificial culture of plants. Dr. Sieman's experiments indicated some good results, but no attempts have been made to apply the principle to profitable uses. It seems to be conceded that plants can preceed with those changes necessary to healthy plant growth to a great degree under electric light, though not nearly to the extent they can under sunlight; but the open question is, will they do this to an extent to make its use profitable to the cultithey can under sunlight; but the open question is, will they do this to an extent to make its use profitable to the cultivator.—New York Independent.

How Birds Learn to Sing.

A wren built her nest in a box on a New Jersey farm. The occupants of the farmhouse saw the mother teaching her young to sing. She sat in front of them and sung her whole song very distinctly. One of her young attempted to imitate One of her young attempted to imitate her. After proceeding through a few notes its voice broke and it lost the tune. The mother recommenced where the young one had failed, and went very distinctly through with the remainder. The young bird made a second attempt, commencing where it had ccased before, and continuing the song as long as it was able, and when the notes were again lost, the mother began again where it lost, the mother began again where it had stopped and completed it. Then the young one resumed the tune and fin-ished it. This done, the mother sang ished it. This done, the mother sang over the whole series of notes the second time with great precision, and again a young one attempted to follow her. The wrea oursued the same course with this one as with the first, and so with the third and "ourth, until each of the birds became a per ect songster.—Musical Messenger.

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