

-----T HE doctor stood by the bedside; ungrammatical triumph. "Don't you

see? I could give up the room, and there was not a trace of symwith it the additional expense. Oh, pathy expressed in his seamed face or in his brusque manner, good for you!"

ret there were people who declared at was not lacking in his heart. Well, what are you going to do

about it?" he inquired, briefly. Mr. Sprague drew a long breath. you can make the framework for it." "Doctor, you can't mean that it will as months

Exactly what I do mean. It will he months before you can bear your weight upon that foot. It's not a sprain. The ligaments are torn."

A boy stood beside the window, his sack toward the bed. The sick man pers, both talking at once, they unglanced at him involuntarily while the folded the plan. physician was speaking. Now his coice contained a sad attempt at cheerfoiness as he said, "Robert, do you icar that? It means you're the head of andthe house now.

Dr. Jarvis turned a pair of keen yes on the boy. "Rather a big job or one of your size, ch, Doc?" he ejacslated, grimly. He always referred to lobert as "Doc," because of the projession which the boy had in view. Mrs. Sprague spoke quickly: "Burions never seem so heavy to the will-

ng and capable, Doctor Jarvis." The physician nodded, picked up his medicine-chest, and walked out of the soom abruptly. Robert followed and went into the barn, sat on the feed-

box, and tried hard not to think. "Robert!" came a voice from the stable door, an unstendy voice.

"Yes, mother." He made a quick pass at his eyes, and did not turn his

Mrs. Sprague sat down beside him and laid her hand on his arm. For a moment neither spoke. "I'm sorry, Robert," she began, finally, "and so is your father, but-

Robert swallowed hard. He knew what she meant. It was the subject se had been struggling to keep out of as thoughts. Finally he said huskily, Weil, mother, if I can't, why, I can't,

"We have been talking it over, your inther and I---" She paused to gain control of a faltering tongue. "It seems to us best for Clara to go. I can tet along without her help, and if she traduates this year, she can teach text. But you, Robert-we shall have O my! o depend on you for everything this winter.

The boy swallowed again, but made 71(th) 04

"Your father says that Mr. Brown will give you ten dollars a month for a souple of trips a day to the sawmill. If course you are strong enough to do leavler work in the woods than drivng the team, but that ten dollors will nean much to us. Robert, just now." Robert slipped down from the feed box, saying with a brusqueness which tid not deceive his mother, "I've got to let the cows out now."

She watched him as he opened th tanchions, this son of whom she was to proud. He led his class in the graded school in the village. They had is future already planned. He was o graduate in May, and the following unimportant a matter as dinners. september enter the college preparaory school at Keybrook, where a cholarship once in four years awaited der of the senior class in Swill ea. This was the fourth year, and if te were not prepared for Keybrook his year he would lose the scholarthip. The loss would be severe to the sprogues in their straitened financial dreum stances. Long after his mother had returned o the house Robert stood in the stable loor, looking down the valley beyond he Swansea schoolhouse. The brothir and sister had rented two rooms at year. drs. Brown's, where they had boarded he previous year. Now one of the coms must be given up. A lump rose n Robert's throat. Doctor Jarvis' plunt words to his father had turned he world upside down.

his sister not to mention the matter at "I'm getting so stupid, Clara," he

confessed. "I don't know what to make of myself."

"No, you're not, Rob," she declared. loyally; but there was an anxiety in her voice she could not conceal. "I stand third in the class," he told

the doctor, briefly, at the end of January. "What are you going to do about

it?" was the characteristic response. "Give up?" Robert mounted to his seat in the

bobs" and gathered up the lines. His tone was obstinate rather than hopeful: "No, sir, not until I have to."

"That fellow," said the doctor, later, to Mr. Telfer, "has paid my bill down to the last cent. He has done their can have the wagon rain-proof at but outdoor work at home and kept the little cost. I can make the cover, and family going financially all winter with that wagon of his. His father and mother depend entirely on him." After due consultation they conclud-

ed they would ask their mother's ad-"But, all the same," said Mr. Telfer, soberly, "he's dropping steadily behind vice, but not trouble their father until it was all arranged-if it could be ar- in his studies, and I had counted on ranged. They found their mother in him at Keybrook to represent our the back kitchen, where, in loud whis- school well."

At home Robert, who had a long race with some snow-blinded sheep, "And only think, mother, what it was falling asleep over his Latin in means to Rob." said Clara, eagerly, the face of his despairing determina-"The graduation and the scholarship tion to keep awake. "But, father," he said, with hope re-

newed when the April report card

showed his marks low in the eightles,

'there are the final examinations this

month. I'm reviewing for them every

minute I can find. They count one-

third on the term's work. I always

went out to the barn whistling more

"Hope to come up four places on the

finals, do you, ch?" came the doctor's

discouraging voice. The doctor had

fallen into the habit of frequenting his

nine, although he seldom had an en-

couraging word to offer. That morn-

The following morning Doctor Jar-

ing he noticed how thin and pale Rob-

"But the work here, the chores," be gan the mother, doubtfully. "There's nights, mornings and Sat

urdays," interrupted Robert, "And I'll help," said Clara. That very afternoon the two started

Robert smiled genuinely for the first

"And, Rob," she began again, "we

time in twenty-four hours.

out to test the practicability of their keep pretty cool in the exams," and he plan. They talked all the way from Sprague's Hill to Swansea. "I'll land cheerfully than he had in weeks bethe load at ; e steps of the school build. fore.

ing every morning at a quarter to nine, rain or shine, for one dollar apiece a month," said Robert. "I've been wondering how the chil-

going to have time to do it?"

ome?

dren were going to get to school this barn in the morning at a quarter to winter, with me working in the "Put me woods," one father said. down for two."

"Going to start a kid wagon, are ert had become, "I shall do my level best, sir. I have you?" cried another, slapping his knee. been reviewing for weeks now." 'Good dea! Why on arth hasn't some "When do the examinations begin?" one thought of it before? Well, I guess "To-morrow," Robert responded.

you can count on my inree." When the big horses rattled p to the vis was startled at the sight of the barn that night, Clara, all unmindful

of the fact that her father knew nothboy's face. It had a drawn, sleepless ing of the plan, dashed into the house. "See here, Doc, did you study look. all night?" shouting, "Mother! Mother! We have

Robert turned away. His tone was twenty pledged! That means ten dollars more than Rob would earn in the muffled. "No, sir, but I was up all night with a sick cow." woods, with me at home at night and

"Nice preparation for final exam-Rob in school!" inations."' the physician muttered, but Then they went into Mr. Sprague's room, and Clara told the plan disthis time he mercifully waited until jointedly. "It's Robert's idea, father,

Robert was out of hearing. It was a preparation which could and isn't it fine? We can carry the horses' feed, and he will try to get have but one result. Robert's standings for the term were lowered almost stalls in Dr. Jarvis's barn, and-and, to the passing mark. He could barely graduate. Mr. Telfer told him, and the

"Father, do you object?" asked Robteacher's face expressed his regret. ert, from the doorway. In heaviness of heart Robert an "Object!" exclaimed his father, and his tone was all the assurance the boy

ounced at home the principal's decision. needed. "Why, Robert, you're the head of the house now!" "I feel wicked, mother," cried Clara, "So it's school and a 'kid wagon,' is "to stand higher than Rob after all he's it?" inquired Doctor Jarvis, with grim done this winter!" All day the boy secretly longed for humor, when interviewed concerning

something to happen which would ofthe stables. "Yes, the barn is big enough, and there's work enough lying fer a reasonable excuse for his absence round for a boy of your size to do to from the evening graduating exercises, pay for its use, but when are you but he longed in vain. Eight o'clock found him sitting, in humiliation of "Noons," replied Robert. "We have spirit, in the fifteenth place as the class from twelve to one-thirty, you know." of twenty were arranged on the platform in order of their rank. "When will you eat your dinner?"

"Oh, that won't take me long." Even the students had not known sefore how low a position he would oc Robert's plans were working so well cupy, and many were the surprised that he had little time to consider so stares which met his shamed face on "Humph!" snorted the doctor, in a every side.

He was glad Doctor Jarvis was not discouraging tone. "And the chores at there to see him. The physician was

Robert bowed his head in shame over ON THE CATTLE LINER

Gentleman Tramp's Cruise From Montreal to Glasgow.

OWN on my luck one day hast proceeded to get up enough hay and autumn, I had diligently footed meal to do duty until the following Montreal for several hours in morning, and then to breakfast. Breakfast over, at 9 a. m., we gave

search of something to do. At last I happened to strike an employ- each beast a pailful of meal, and then ment bureau, having a blackboard outcleaned out the alleyways, and were side, on which was written: "Free then (11 a. m.) free until 3, when we passage to England and back as cattlewent through the same performance men-apply within." again, finishing off by 6 o'clock each

I walked in. A big man in a fur evening. Sunday was a great day with coat, sitting in front of a stove and us on account of a change of diet, each smoking a cigar, looked up. "Well, man receiving for dinner a raisin and what's your business? You ain't no currant pudding, and for tea a onelumber man." I admitted I was not, quarter pound tin of plum jam. Each and told him I wished for a free pas-sage to England as cattleman. "Well, routine of work, and occasionally in guess you can," says he, making out a the evenings we were invited down by form and handing it to me with the the steerage passengers to their conremark that he wanted \$5 booking fee, certs.

I expostulated and asked him what his The 350 cattle were decked in four sign mean: "Free passage." He rows etxending fore and aft, two rows smilled and said: "Guess you'd better to port and two rows to starboard, take it now, as it might cost you \$10 with alleyways separating the port to-morrow. rows and the starboard rows. A fore-

I reflected a few minutes, and then man and five cattlemen worked the aft handed him the required sum. He immediately became amiable, and asked forward division. It was very good if I had any preference as to where I fortune to work forward, and we used shipped to. 1 said I had not, but to pity the other gang, for they had no wanted to get home as quickly as pos- soft job in the early morning, with a sible. I knew there were very few rough sea, groping their way past the more boats out of port before winter engine room up to the deck. The hay was upon us, and my cash in hand was and meal were stored in the fore and now reduced to less than \$10. After aft holds, and were got up daily by looking through his books I decided to pulleys. The water was stored in put my name down for Glasgow, to large barrels, filled daily from the gall the following Thursday, and engine room. The worst part of our work was the sweeping and cleaning turned to leave the office. "Say," he bellowed out after me, "guess you git of the alleyways, and those who esfive shillings from the company at the caped seaslckness, among them myself, were often a bit below par from the other end." The eventful Thursday came, and I arrived at the office at 4 smell of the cattle. But custom is a good mate, and in my own case I am with my "grip," ready for work, to flud some twenty or thirty other men willing to travel as cattleman again, if all waiting to ship by the same boat. necessary.

Our foremen were very decent fel-I began to get fidgely, as I knew there lows, one being an American and the were only six men wanted from that other an Irishman. They were treated office by the cattle shipper and I wondered if my \$5 "was gone bust." Fate, as second-class passengers, having a however, was kind, and by 8 o'clock joint cabin and a steward. After the first three days, by means of a little that night I had signed on as part of 'greasing," I succeeded in feeding with the ship's company to the port of Glasthem, not to avoid my fellow cattlegow. I found, on getting on board, men, for they were all good fellows, that there were two foremen and nine hands to look after 350 head of cattle. but to escape their grub, which was not "O. K." Among my mates were a The first thing we did on getting on violinist from a Newport (U. S. A.) poard was to find our quarters. These band, a "vet." from Toronto, a farmer were right in the fo'c'sle head, next door to the firemen, and a steward was from Manitoba, a bushman (Scotch), and four other Scotchmen, all stonemasons, going home with three or four hundred dollars aplece. To complete the present, as the firemen were not the picture I must add that the ship carried four saloon passengers, fourteen second-class and twenty-three work to bed down for the cattle, which steerage, all Scotch, and one was an enthusiastic bagpiper, who piped at hight with an utter disregard for the weary cattlemen. He and the violinist were, however, in great request for the steerage dances.

steward with a view to getting blank-And so time passed away until, on the following Sunday, we sighted Torets, etc. We were, however, informed rey Island, off the north of Ireland. I that we could not have any until next might say that for some hours before day, but each man received a plate. knife and fork, and cup, and also a we sighted land the cattle were very large tin pan to fetch our meat in, and restless, and my foreman told me that a can to be used for fetching both tea they knew they were nearing land. and soup. We went back to our quar-On Monday at noon we anchored at ters, and with my "grip" for a pillow wrapped myself up in my great-coat

Birkenhead, where, in the space of an hour and a half, we had got all the cattle off, and also about 150 bales of hay that remained over, and were once more on our way to Glasgow, where we were to be paid off. one of the foremen at 7 o'clock, and

A Man of Discernment.

Modern Papyrus.

Never shall I forget that morning then we arranged who should be kitchwhen we steamed up the Clyde to en-maid for that day. The duties of kitchen-maid were not arduous, as I Greenock, Ben Lomond in the distance, found when my turn came on the Sun- its peak covered with snow and the lay, the work consisting of going to sunshine on it and around us a lot of greatest drawback to rural life. It is the galley to fetch the grub and wash- boats walting for the tide to take them obviously unnecessary, therefore, to ing up the things after. Breakfast OIL. Then we gradually drew away discuss the benefits to be derived by that first morning consisted of coffee into civilization, with all its smoke and them from improved roads. The de and stew, with bread, and I shall not dirt. partment has gathered facts which We were paid off that afternoon, forget it in a hurry. After breakfast enable it to publish broadcast that was over we went on deck and each man receiving 5s, and his dis-'those localities where good roads have watched the boat cast off for England, charge, a deduction out of this being been built are becoming richer, more and then our duties as cattlemen com made for any tobacco supplies during prosperous and more thickly settled, menced. We first of all got up suffithe voyage, which, in my case, left me while those which do not possess these clent hay from the hold to last until only 2s, in hand. advantages in transportation are either Each cattleman, in addition, is ennext morning; after that we watered at a standstill or are becoming poorer and fed the cattle. In the evening we titled to a free passage back by the and more sparsely settled, and"-connext boat, but, on application at the again watered and fed, and then tinues this Government authority-"if cleaned up the alleyways, and had finsteamship office you can, on payment these conditions remain, fruitful farms ished for the night. Supper, pipes and of £2, prolong your visit to this counmay be abandoned and rich lands go to zards saw the time through till 9 p. m. try for three months, which enables waste."-Brooklyn Uptown Weekly. and one of our fellows proved no small you to return to Canada in the spring,



State Roads. HIS State needs better roads. The people are becoming conscious of the fact, and a begin-

ning has been made. The State has undertaken to meet a large part of the cost of roads which the townships feel the need of sufficiently to pay a part of the expense. But this plan assumes that the local communities will take the initiative. Something more than that is needed.

It would give a tremendous impetus to the good roads movement if the State would take the initiative in making some highways of general importance. It has plenty of money, and no better use for some of it could be suggested than road making. No other expenditure would diffuse its benefits more generally through the community. The farmers would be especially benefited by road improvements that would enable them to haul heavier londs to the railway stations with less wear and tear upon their horses and wagons. The urban population would be greatly benefited by anything that would facilitate comfortable access to

the country. It is now proposed to ask the Legislature for an appropriation of three or three and a half million dollars to make a first-class highway connecting the two great cities at the extremeties of the State. The highway would pass through fourteen counties and eleven large towns. Its benefits would be fairly distributed between the rural and the urban population. Countles and towns along the route would be moved to construct branch roads connecting with this main artery. Nothing else would do so much to popularize good roads and to incite the local communities to mend their highways as the object lesson of a State highway. The enterprise deserves hearty encouragement. This State, eminent for agriculture, manufacturing and mineral resources, ought to have a complete system of excellent highways, and if the State will take the lead the counties and towns will follow, and in a few years Pennsylvania will have roads that will excite the envy of other States .- Philadelphia Record.

Wealth.Conserving Common Sense.

The law as laid down in the books is simply common sense applied. Succoasful agriculture is common sense applied. Money-making in any legitimate channel is but common sense applied. It may be set forth as an economic fact that the Government of the United States would go to pleces in an astonishing short time if the principle of common sense were not at the very foundation of its administration. And it is this principle that underlies, gives force to and will ultimately enact into law the Brownlow-Latimer bill to extend National aid to highway construction and improvement in the various States of the Union. Common sense long ago fixed upon the farmer as the first factor in progress and prosperity. and that same common sense points determinedly to the fact, not to be disputed by any reputable authority, that the farmers as a class are less cared for by the Government which owes its continued existence to them than any other class in the land. The Department of Agriculture, the most important to the farmers of all our institutions, states in a bulletin that, for the lack of good roads, the farmers suffer more than any other class, and that it is this which constitutes the



Hypothetical.

When the captain remarked to the boat-Suppose your Creator had choatswain To create you a cow, sir¹⁷ Merely hitching his trouser. he boatswain replied: "Well, s'poa' swain⁵⁷

The -- Pack.

Lost Weight.

Yeast-"You didn't seem to gain any weight while you were down south." Crimsonbeak-"How could I? Why, my nose peeled three times!" -Yonkers Statesman.

Preliminary Profit.

Mrs. Glub-dub-"Did your daughter marry well?"

Mrs. Flim-Flam-"Yes, Indeed; she had a trip all over Europe before the divorce."-Life,

Nothing to Hope For.

Cholly-"I am poor, but very ambltious. Will you marry me?" Mabel-"Yes, I'll marry you. I'm not at all ambitious myself."-Philadel-

phia Bulletin.

Such is Fame.

BeJinks - "Punston is certainly a witty chap, Isn't he?"

LeBlinks - "Yes. Every time he opens his mouth a funny crack is notleenble."-Chicago News,

Would See Rim There First.

Mistress - "What made you angry with the doctor and tell him not to come any more?'

Bridget-"Becase he said he thought he would slud me to a warmer climate nd I'm on ter him."-Life.

Between Friends.

Reggy-"She has had the audacity to say I was plu-headed. I'd have her know that my head is bigger than a common pitt.

Dick-"Eer-old chap, may be she meant a tenpin."--Chleago News.

Works Like Magic.

Caller-"Have you ever known any cures effected by what they call suggestion?

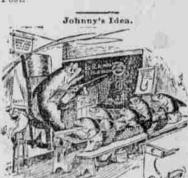
Mrs. Hewjams-"Oh, yes: I once cured Willie of a violent toothache by suggesting that he go to the dentist's and have the tooth extracted."-C' engo Tribune.

Better Than Usual.

"Those are pretty good biscuits you made to-day.

"I didn't make any biscuits to-day." "Who did? I just ate half a dozen in the pantry."

"Why, those must have been the dog biscuits I bought for Fido."-Houston



there waiting for us. He ventured a remark that he would for \$2 lock our aggage up in the foremen's cabin for to be trusted with anything lying bout. This being done, we set to

were to come on during the night. This finished, we prepared to retire, but on arriving at our quarters found only bare boards to sleep on, which discovery sent us howling to the steerage

and slept my first sleep as a cattle-

Next morning we were aroused by

man.

"Clara," he began at the supper able, in a tone which he intended to be careless, "which of those rooms o you want to keep? I had tetter go lown-town to-morrow and tell Mrs. Brown, or we may have to pay rent or both.

Clara bent her head over her plate. der soft brown eyes filled with tears, out she knew better than to let Robert see them. She read the signs of repression in his face.

"Ask Mrs. Brown to keep the cheaper one for me,' 'she returned, quietly. The following afternoon he drove to Doctor Jarvis shook his head. town to interview Mrs. Brown. On the way he met Dr. Jarvis.

"Hello, Doe," called the physician, frawing relu. "As head of the house, Bobert handed over what are you going to do?"

"Drive team for Mr. Brown," relurned Robert, half-resenting the question. The doctor seemed to conider himself a privileged character as as I should like them to be." to questioning.

"What do you get for It?" "Ten dollars a month?"

"Might do worse," was the only re-

"They will be lower this month," he sponse the doctor made as he drove said, musingly. on, but turned and looked musingly at the boy's straight back.

"Rent the room!" cried Mrs. Brown, as many fours over his books, but they a few moments later. "Why, Robert, were late hours, and the result was not I could rent both those rooms a dozen the same. He did not quite understand times over. Every vacant room in the why, but the doctor did. He was not place is taken by students, and dozens surprised when the boy said soberly are turned away. I don't blame the at the end of the second month:

girls and boys for wanting to come to "Fred Smith is ahead of me now, but he graded school. It's a good school." I must catch up."

"Humph"' commented the doctor. When Robert left Mrs. Brown he carried with him a new idea, which unsympathetically, and drove away grew with every mile of the homeward He carried in his pocket a second tenjourney. Why not? There were the dollar bill.

norses, the big, heavy spring wagon. Then came the December cold, with and the long bob-sleigh. Why not? drifts and ice, making additional work water was brought out to him in a He could scarcely sleep that night. for Robert. There was shoveling to out to the barn," he whis-

pered to Clara, after breakfast. "I've chopped, and after all these duties bore the rose without overflowing. iomething to tell you." He unfolded his plan to her as they

were done he nodded over the algebra together on the feed-box. It met problems which refused to be solved, with an enthusiastic reception. Clara Once during the morning session, ing evidence that the initiate compre-pave a joyful cry, and springing from after he had faced a keen north wind hended the purpose of the fellowship, and was prepared in spirit to become Chen she seized Robert's shoulders and

"And there's eye!" she exclaimed, is dents and the vexation of Mr. Telfer. study .- Good Health.

attending a trustee meeting at Key-"Nights and mornings." The doctor cleared his throat and brook. It was bad enough to face his mother and father, who felf in their scowled. "Studying?" "In school and nights." Robert's hearts that the fifteenth place was for hopefulness was not dimmed by the once the seat of honor, although they old physician's pessimism. were sorely disappointed for Robert's

sake. "And you expect to lead your The hour spent on that platform was classes?" the keenest torture the boy had ever "I must, for that means Keybrook known, and it was with a feeling of and the Swansea scholarship next

"All right in the run for the scholar-

Robert handed over a ten-dollar bill

proudly. It was part payment for at-

replied, briskly. "I led the class this

as if he needed it and Robert did not.

relief that rose with the others to receive his diploms. When Mr. Telfer "Scholarship!" snorted the doctor. As one of the trustees at Keybrook he had passed fourteen rolls down the line, he paused a moment and pulled was interested in the scholarship.

"When are you going to sleep?" This an envelope from his pocket. "Here is something which will inquestion Robert considered irrelevant. terest you, Robert," he smiled, "and I Monday morning, at quarter before congratulate you on your prospects. nine. Doctor Jarvis sat heside the east You deserve them."

window in his study to see the wagon The letter was handed over with the pass. It was a sight worth seeing-a fifteenth diploma, while the audience heavy wagon with a creaking break, a watched curiously, and whispered crude but effective cover of black oilquestions which no one could answer. cloth stretched over a rude frame. Robert walked off the platform and Along the sides of the wagon were down the aisle, staring stupidly at the rough but comfortable seats occupied envelope. It was postmarked "Key-brook." Sitting beside his father, he by twenty jolly boys and girls. Rob ert sat on a seat which overlung the read the typewritten sheet within, and dashboard, and swung his feet back eaught his breath. It was from the of the horses. His face was beaming, principal of the preparatory school. and he whistled gaily as he looked at "Mr. Robert Sprague, Swansea, Pa.: the big red brick school building; but

"My Dear Sir-It becomes my pleasant duty to inform you that Doctor ship, Doc ?" the physician asked, at the Jarvis of our board of trustees has founded a second scholarship for Swansen with the understanding that It is to be at your service for four years, beginning with September tendance on his father. "Yes, sir," he next. The doctor has asked me to say month, but my marks were not so high this-that he considers it of greater importance to be the successful head of a house than of a class,"-Youth's Com-After he had gone, Dr. Jarvis laid

the bill in his wallet as deliberately panion, Valuable Zones of Silence.

greater variety of sound and a greater He was right. To his own surprise. volume than assalled the ears of our Robert fell slowly behind. He spent ancestors. To keep one's freshness there ought to be a zone of silence around every human-being during some part of every day.

> rule, in seclusion; not necessarily apart distracting sounds.

There was organized in Paris, years ago, a society for the cultur - of silence, On the occasion of the initiation of a distinguished man of letters, a bowl of

room where he was waiting in solitude do, a path to break for the sheep from He studied it a moment, placed a rose the barn to the spring, wood to be upon it and sent it back. The water

To the members assembled in another room the act was the most convincing evidence that the initiate comprefor four miles, he dropped asleep be-and was prepared in spirit to become side the stove and fell off his chair, to the uproarious amusement of the stu-symbol which Americaus may wisely

performer on the violin. On all sub-

when the snow and frost have broken equent mornings we were up at 4 up and life is making a fresh start in clock sharp to water the animals and the new country and all good labor is give them their hay, after which we in demand,-Pall Mall Gazette.

Witness Can't Think.

"I've always been antagonistic to-wards Nuritch," observed Maliette, Sir Henry Irving once said: "What s the good of lawyers treating an ionest and sensitive witness on the "but it appears that, after all, he's a witness-stand as though he were a lecent sort of a chap. meak thief? A young man in my "So?" responded his chum, D'Auber. company was a witness in a case of "Yes," Mallette continued; "and furobhery. He had seen a thief snatch thermore, his taste proves to be exa young girl's pocket-book and make quisite. His artistic perceptions are Well, the thief's lawyer cross of the keenest. He has a delicate apexamined my young friend shamefully preciation of subtly beautiful things which is extraordinary. To the larger, He roared at him, shook his list at uim, raved at him. 'And at what broader forms of art his soul riseshour did all this happen? the lawyer, "You don't say so," yawned D'Auber, "-more about sculpture than any neering, asked toward the end of his examination. 'I think--' my friend amateur I have met. He seems to posbegan, but he was at once interrupted. sess an instinctive love for fine mar-We don't care anything, here about bles which unerringly guides him to what you think!' said the lawyer, with select that which is noble and reject sort of contempt. 'Don't you want the unworthy. Such discrimination as to hear what I think?' said my young his is rare, and----"

friend, mildly, "Certainly not," the ""I say," interrupted lawyer roared. "Then,' said my friend, did you learn all this?" "I say," interrupted D'Auber, "how "Why," explained Mallette, "he was

box. I'm not a lawyer. I can't talk in my studio yesterday, and he-er purchased my latest effort."-Puck.

Old things come back to us. The suspend the use of the birch in the papyrus of the Egyptians has certainly navy, directing that a report be made been considered an article of the long to them on the effect of the suspension past, but now "it bobs up serenely. from men, nor in solitary places, but at the end of a year. This is a matter In Sicily this plant grows somewhere away from the tumult and away from for naval men rather than for politi- in the vicinity of Syracuse, and for cians. Opinion among experts is cer- over 100 years one family has worked tainly divided on the question. There it into regular papyrus according to the are able men who are strongly in favor directions of Plinlus in the thirteenth book of his natural history, and they but the prevailing opinion among naval have sold it to tourists, and now have officers is the other way. Is the birch it generally painted postcard wise with views of Syracuse. They gather about tion. We have no sympathy with the 400 plants and manufacture 200 sheets sentimental view of the matter. Ab. of papyrus annually.

horrence of methods of force is a tradi- Now the Italian Government pro tional Liberal doctrine, and one for which we have always had unmixed product to print paper money on, betontempt. Refinement may become a morbid process, and no nation infected The modern papyrus is not nearly as sy it can have any chance in competiion with ruder peoples .- London Satprday Review. Fears ?- Hartford Post.

Abolishing Grade Crossings,

Senator Armstrong, in his amendments to the New York Lighway law provides that everywhere railroad crossings at grade shall be abolished. In a year from this date, when the State Engineer, acting thro gh the town boards and boards of supervisors has designated on a map the main high ways that are to be improved with the \$50,000,000 voted by the people, then it will show clearly how many of these main highways are crocsed at grade by railroads. Then it will be possible to intelligently take up with the State railroad commission the abolishment of each one of these grade crossings at some time during the next ten years, so that the improvement of the main high ways and the abolishing of the grade crossings will be intelligently and systematically done.

The Law on Wagon Tires.

Among the provisions of the last road law of Indiana are these: Any vehicle with less than three-inch tires shall not carry more than 2500 pounds during thawing weather or when the roads are wet or soft; with tires three inches and less than four the load may not exceed 3000 pounds; with tires four inches and less than five the load may not exceed 3500 pounds; with tires five inches and over the load may not exceed \$800 pounds. The load in each case includes the total weight of the vehicle, the load and the driver. The penalty is \$5 to \$50 for each load hauled. Road supervisors and free gravel road superintendents have police power to make arrests for any viotions of this act, and on conviction the plaintiff shall get a fee of \$2 for making the arrest .- Indiana Farmer.

Massachusetts Highways.

During the last twelve years approximately 622 miles of State highway have been constructed in Massachusetts. These roads have cost, approximately, \$5,160,000. Of these highways about ninety per cent. are of the kind known as macadam roads, the remain ing ten per cont. being of gravel.

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What he thought "a school of herring" looked like.

Her Feet, Too.

"That new salesiady," said the blonde at the ribbon counter, "has faise hair and teeth."

"Yes," replied the brunette, who condescends to sell handkerchiefs occasionally, "and it seems that's not the only thing. I heard her complaining that she hadn't a chance to get off her feet all day."

Overheard at the Garage.

"Yes." said the polite demonstrator. "here is an automobile intended for ong tours. Why, here is even a place for knives and forks."

"Ah, indeed," said the caller. "And what would you call that little machine over there just built for two?"

"Oh, that's a place for spoons."-Chicago News.

A Miser's Wish.

Greedylot, who is rather miserly, was recovering from a long illness. 'How was it, doctor," he asked one day, "that I was able to live so many weeks without enting?"

"Why, you were fed by the fever." "Are you sure?" Then, after a moment's reflection, "I wish I could give it to my servants."

Beard in a Hospital.

Patient (to pretty nurse)--"Will you he my wife when I recover?"

Pretty Nurse-"Certainly." Patient-"Then you love me?"

Pretty Nurse-"Oh, no; that's merely a part of the treatment. I must keep my patients cheerful. I promised this morning to run away with a married man who had lost both his legs."---Maulla American.

Devotion to an Idea.

Watt Gozup - "Isn't it something startling for old Hunks to be dropping into extravagant habits at his time of life5

Muskum Downe-"Yes; he has just found out that there is an inheritance tax, and he's opposed to it on principle. He says he is going to see to it that his heirs don't have to pay any such tax." -Chicago Tribune.

The Eitchen Autocrat.

"Yes, ma'am, an' now that I'm goin' to take hold here. I'll settle the permit business first of all. You see I carry me own fountain pen. There, take that an' don't lose it.

"What is this?"

"That's a permit, ma'am, for you to visit th' kitchen. It cutitles you to one visit a week. If you come oftene th' permit will be taken up-an' de you forgit it."-Cleveland Plain Dealer

I may as well step down from the without thinking." " The Birch in the British Navy. The Government have decided to

of the abolition of corporal punishment. the best deterrent? That is the ques-

poses to start a plantation and use the cause that could not be counterfeited white and dense and fine as the old Egyptian. Will it last several thousand

There has come into modern life a The finest creative work is done as a