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A Noted Speaker.

"That fellow Jenkins is a great politician. You see his speeches in the papers almost every morning." "Jenkins? Jenkins? I never heard of

him." "Of course not. He is always reported as '(Voice in the audience).'

His Mistake.

Brown-This Billy the Biffer, the new English middleweight, is well known on the other side, is he not?

Robinson-Very well, indeed. If he had given his attention to verse instead of prose, he might have been poet laureate. -Truth.

Unanswerable.

Policeman-You Cad better come along quietly and not make any trouble. Pickpocket-O'yarn. Not give you trouble. Where'd your job be if it warn't for the likes o' us?-Judy.

Clearly Defined.

"Aunt Clarissa, what is precipitancy?

"It is turning the gas out before you look to see if there is a man under the womb to its normal condition, and you bed. "-Chicago Record.

> A Boon For Unfortunates. A shoemaker had this card in his

"Any respectable man, woman or child can have a fit in this shop."-Manchester News.

Made Promises.

"How did Senator B. get the sobriquet 'Pawnbroker?' ''

"On account of his unredeemed plodges, I understand."-Detroit News.

She Wanted Something New.

"George," she whispered, as she crept a little closer and placed her right auricular against his left hand second story vest pocket, "George, I want to ask you a question-a very important one: Why do you allude to papa as a pirate? Surely you must have some good reason for doing so."
"I have, indeed," responded George,

with a dreamy, faraway look in his eyes; "pirates board people, you know, and I expect your father, if my plans work all right, to eventually board me.

"Oh, how clever you are, George! Do you know, I was awfully afraid you were going to get off that ancient chestnut about his being such an old freebooter, and I'm so glad you didn't, because all the fellows I've had for five years past have said that, and I was longing for something new."

And with a contented little sigh she inserted her northeast ear deeper than ever in George's upper left hand vest pocket and settled down for the evening.-New York Sunday World.

A Confusion of Terms.

"Has your husband given much thought to the political situation?" said one woman.

"Yes," replied the other; "I guess he'll take any that's offered him after the election." 'Any what?"

"Any political situation. He says he seeds the salary."-Washington Star.

A Slave to Custom

"You have been 30 years in the public service and are rich and independent. Tell me, judge, why do you not retire on a pension?"

"Because if I should do that I would not get my annual vacation."-Fliegende Blatter

A Terrible Record.

Members of parliamentary bodies sometimes like to satirize their deliverances as a whole as well as to make fun distinctly and individually of one another. One day a member of a great legislative body was conversing with a gentleman when another member came

"Allow me," said the first member, 'to introduce to you Mr. Blank, the man who has written more stupidities than any other living person." "Ah," said the second member, "an

editor?" "No. He's the official stenographer of the house. "-Youth's Companion.



"A CLOSE CALL." -Scribner's Magazine.

The Late Mayor Clancy.

The mayor was dead, and three Irish day laborers were submitting his character to a post mortem examination. "He wer a good man," McCarthy

said perfunctorily. "Av coorse he had his fa'lts-ivery wan av us has 'em. " "Yis, he had his fa'lts," observed O'Toole, "an whoile Oi don't belave in

sphakin ill av the dead-hiven rest his soul-they do be afther tellin me Mayor Clancy bate the worruld as a liar!" "Roight yez are, Dinnis," said Deg-

nan; "he harrdly seemed to know the truth." "Know the truth?" repeated O'Toole.

Why, Mayor Clancy didn't aven have a sphakin acquaintance wid it. D'vez remimber the toime he promised tin good Dimmyerats the same place in the public worruks department an thin gev it to a Moogwump afther all?" "Indade Oi do," Degnan said rue

fully. "Oi was wan av the tin." "Oh, well, ivery man lies in his day, McCarthy said philosophically.
"But Clancy's day was ivery day an

a tin hour day at that. Nothin could sthop him," ventured Degnan. "Oi saw Sullivan a little whoile ago, an he sez that up at city hall"--

"Nothin could sthop him?" interrupted McCarthy. "Shure death has sthopped him." "Death is it?" cried Degnan. "Well,

death or no death, Sullivan says Clancy's not only lyin, but lyin in state at city hall this minute!"-Up to Date.

His Time Coming. "Bah!" said the aged person in scorn.

"You are not old enough to vote anyway."
"No," said the youth, the light of

conscious superiority shining in his eyes, "but I am young enough to play football after your little old political campaign is over and forgotten."

Tossing his leonine locks back, he strode springily adown the thoroughfare. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

An Injured Innocent.

"Jedge, yoh honoh," said Erastus Pinkley, "I'ze unjus'ly 'cused. I warn't playin no policy."

"But you were found with the policy slips in your possession." "Dem warn't no policy slips, jedge, yoh honoh. I was jes' figgerin out how de different states is gwine ter go next November. "-Washington Star.

NOISY DOOR KNOCKERS.

Antiques Which Still Adors the Doors of

Each caller at a house had his own particular knock. There was the postman's knock, the doctor's knock, the tax and rate collector's knock and the knock of the master of the house. There was no end, of course, to these characteristic signals, and in long streets their noise was as uninterrupted as it was deafen-

They were not only of practical use, but they were a source of no end of amusement for the mischief loving youth of the neighborhood, who took especial pride in the number of knockers they could wrench from their fastenings during the night. Lord Charles Beresford was one of these pests, and many a race has he given the metropolitan

But knocker wrenching has gone out of fashion, and preceded the knocker for a few years. This is a good thing, for many of those that now adorn doors in London are worth hundreds and some of them thousands of dollars. Many of the nobility take great pride in their knockers, and many are formed on curious and artistic models. These, of course, are to be found on the doors of distinguished people only. The knockers on the gates of the Piccadilly entrance of the Duke of Devoushire's palatial abode are fully worthy the latter. They came from Italy, and were made in the seventeenth century. Lord Portman has a couple of Pompeiian knockers. They had lain concealed in the ruins of Pompeii 1,800 years. In spite of this, they do not show any corroding effect on the part of time, and the Diana done in bronze is still as perfect and as clear as it must have been in the days

When Lord Charles Beresford was younger, he tried several times to wrench off the bronze dolphins which serve as knockers to the doors of the town house of the Marquis of Bath. The result of his last effort is thus told:

"Late one night be drove up with his intimate friend and chum, the Marquis of Queensberry, in a hansom to the residence of Lord Bath. The features of the cab driver might have been recognized as those of Lord Ribblesdale, master of the buckbounds in the last administration, who for some reason or other is known to his friends by the sobriquet of Dribblesquash, with which he was endowed years ago by Lord Charles Beresford. As soon as the hansom halted, Lord Charles and Lord Queensberry hopped out, carrying a stout rope. One end of this they attached to the knockers and the other to the body of the cab, which they re-entered, ordering the titled driver to whip up. This be did. The horse sprang forward, and out came not only the knockers, but also the panels of the door. An exploit of this kind could not be long kept secret, and very soon Lord Bath was in possession of the names of the robbers. What next followed was wrapped in mystery, but before a week clapsed knockers and panels had disappeared from the bachelor "diggings" of Lord Charles and had been restored to their proper place in the doors of the Bath mansion in Berkeley square.'

The fact that these old things still retain their places indicates the hold they had on the public. They survive for years the introduction of the electrical button, and their existence is a fine triumph of sentiment. They recall other and nobler times of those who still use them --- are, in fact, indissolubly connected with the earlier history of England. - St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Lafayette's Souvenir Box.

When Lafayette returned to France after his visit to the United States, he brought with him a box which is certainly one of the most remarkable ever made. This box is made of wood, but each piece of wood has a most interesting history. The body of the box is made of black

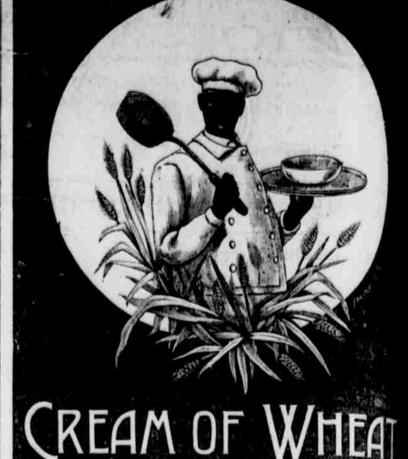
walnut from Philadelphia and was taken from a tree which in 1818 spread its branches in front of the hall in which the Declaration of Independence was made. The lid is formed of four pieces. The first is made from part of a branch of a forest tree, the last survivor of those which saw the foundations of Philadelphia laid. The second piece is of oak, a relic of the first bridge built, in 1683, over the little river Canaro. This particular piece was found in

1825 buried at a depth of about six feet below the present level of the soil. The third is a bit of the celebrated elm under which Penn made his first treaty with Schachamaxum. The tree died of old age in 1810, but one of its saplings, it is said, still flourishes in the public garden of Philadelphia. The fourth piece has still more ancient associations. It is a piece of the first house built by European hands on American soil. It is a piece of mahogany from the house built and occupied by Christopher Columbus in 1496.

This box is now in a private collection, but I am unable to trace it .-Springfield Republican.

The Smallest Human Brain.

Dr. Gore has furnished the Anthropological society with an account of the smallest adult human brain ever examined by a professional anatomist or physiologist. It is a well known fact that the brain of the adult male averages 49 enness, the female 481/2 ounces. The adult human being who had the smallest brain ever weighed was a female of 42 years of age. She was 5 feet high, and her intellect was infantile. The brain, without the membranes, weighed 10 onnces and 5 grains, being the smallest mature brain on record. -St. Louis Republic.



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