# BOWSER'S BEGGAR.

Result of an Argument With His Better Half.

His Little Lesson in Philanthropy Ends in Disaster.

Bowser, aren't you feeling well?" queried Mrs. Bowser the other evening as he came home from the office looking very soler and a trifle pale around the mouth.

He waited until he had hung up his hat and overcoat and removed his rubbers and wiped his nose, and then replied:

"They were dragging for his body in the river as I came along." "Whose body?"

"A poor and discouraged man's. He was out of work and hungry and cold. He felt that he could not live longer. As he stood on the wharf ready to take the plunge he cried out that he had even been refused a crust of bread, and asked heaven to forgive the heartless woman."

"That was sad."

"And who was that heartless woman?" demanded Mr, Bowser as he looked down upon her with stern, set face.

"Why, how do I know?"

"I believe it was you. That's just your way. If a man comes to the door and says he's hungry and discouraged and out of work you bang the door on his toes and add to the bitterness of his woes. The moment I heard the words wailed out by that poor man I felt sure that it was you who refused him bread. Mrs. Bowser you may be a murderess !"

"Do you suppose I'm going to feed and sympathize with every beggar who comes along?" she spiritedly replied.

"You drove that man to his death." "I didn't do anything of the sort. It isn't likely that he came within a mile of our house. If I fed everybody who came along we'd have to turn the house into a hotel and get extra help."

"Mrs. Bowser, when a poor and distressed man comes along you can at least pass him out a crust and say that you are sorry for him. I wouldn't have your heart of stone for all the money"-

"There's one ringing now," she interrupted. "Go to the basement door and greet him, Mr. Bowser."

"I certainly will. The poor man shall not only receive kind words, but something substantial.

When Mr. Bowser opened the basement door, he found a woebegone and hungry-looking man with his thumb on the electric button. He was a fair specimen of the average caller.

My dear man, you are out of work, hungry and discouraged?" softly observed Mr. Bowser.

"Right you are Jimmie !" replied the man who was evidently laboring under a mistake. "Has the old bird got home yet?"

"Old bird !" Yes the old cock-a-doodle-doo, you

"Not a penny. Skate out of this or I'll call an officer. "A loaf of bread for my starving

children." "Not a crust."

"Then take that for my farewell!" exclaimed the tramp, as he tapped Mr. Bowser on the chin and spread

his wings and flew away. "Well, were you sorry for him," queried Mrs. Bowser as Mr. Bowser came up stairs with his eyes hanging out and his ears working.

He glared at her and felt of his chin, "If you didn't speak words of sympathy and hand him a quarter, he may commit suicide," she continued. "Woman," gasped Mr. Bowser as he jumped up and down, "I've been struck on the chin by a blamed old liar and a tramp !"

"Yes, I saw him hit you."

"And you-you-"

"Yes, I'm to blame for it, of course, and it's the last straw."

That's what Mr. Bowser was going to say, of course, but he didn't say it. He-rushed into his hat and overcoat and out of the house to find that tramp and make him die twenty different deaths. Two hours later he sauntered in and got out his old razor and began paring off a corn, and as he made no allusion to the affair Mrs. Bowser was diplomat enough to ask questions. It was only when he was ready for bed that he cut loose to the

matter by remarking: "If I were you, I'd forbid the cook feeding every loafer who calls and

claims to be hungry." "I have done so," replied Mrs. Bowser.

"Because most of them are liars or worse, and deserve the workhouse. You ought to also carry a revolver when you go to the door. I'll get you one the first thing in the morning, for no one is safe even in his own house these times,"

Mrs. Bowser said "Yes," and the subject was dropped.-M. Quad, in New York Recorder.

### An Old Shoe an Unsafe Safe,

An old shoe, containing six diamond rings and a brooch set with diamonds, valued in all at \$400, was given away, with its mate, to a poorly-dressed young man a few days ago, and now the Germantown police are looking for the man, the shoe, and its contents. Mrs. Walter Leonard of Germantown was called to the door by a tramp, who asked for a pair of old shoes or some discarded men's clothing. She told the man to return later, when her husband would be home. The visitor called at the time set, and Mr. Leonard went to one of the upper rooms and took from one of the closets two pairs of trousers and two pairs of shoes and gave them to the visitor.

About a halt hour later it dawned upon Mrs. Leonard that she had placed a portion of her jewely in an old shoe belonging to her husband, and she went upstairs to ascertain if he had given the shoe away. She looked in the closet and found the shoe had dissappeared. Her husband started in pursuit of the man, but was unable to find him. The jewelry had long been in the possession of the family. The Leonards are said to have had some experience with burglars, and had adopted this plan of checkmating them .- Philadelphia Ledger.

## SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS,

In calcareous rocks acids are often used to enlarge the blast hole at the bottom.

Toronto, Canada, was plainly visible from Buffalo, N. Y., recently during a mirago.

Owing to the altitude it is almost impossible to boil potatoes in the city of Mexico. A new Italian rifle will send a bul-

let through five inches of solid oak at a distance of 4,000 feet.

Professor Ball says the actual momentum of some of the tiniest meteors is equivalent to that of a cannon ball.

At sea level an object one hundred feet high is visible a little over thirteen miles. If five hundred feet high it is visible nearly thirty miles.

The Prussian army has a special division devoted to serial navigation, comprising six officers and 120 privates. Balloon experiments are being constantly made.

A doctor's watch has been invented which can be placed on a patient's wrist and will indicate the rate at which the pulse is beating. It is called the pulsometer.

If two tuning forks of the same pitch are placed facing each other, the one sounding the other silent, in a few seconds the silent one will be giving out a distinctly audible note.

Suspenders are superior to belts from a physiological standpoint, A belt must be tight to keep the trousers in place, and the tighter the belt the greater the likelihood of injury to the liver.

For every degree of temperature of the air there is a maximum limit of water vapor to the cubic inch which the air is capable of bearing. So, too, for any given quantity of vapor pet cubic inch, there is a temperature at which the air will hold exactly so much. This is the so-called point of saturation. Reduce the temperature below that point, and the vapor begins to condense, and assume the form of dew, fog, mist, vapor or rain.

Snakes have their usefulness in the world. They are the scavengers of swamps and morasses where other animals of size are unable to penetrate or exist. It is in the tropics, of course, that serpents chiefly abound. All snakes are of tropical origin, but some species have spread into cooler latitudes. In very cool countries there are no snakes. Contrary to the popular belief, there are some snakes in Ireland, but they are very rare.

### Substitutes for Tea.

Should a tea famine at any time become a disagreeable fact it is well to know that there are substitutes that may satisfy the craving of the tea fiend. These are of two sorts : Those which contain theine, and which consequently have the same stimulating effect, and those which are destitute of that principle, only resembling the true tea in flavor and smell, but which possess some other mild intoxicant. Of the former class the mate and guarana of South America are particularly rich in theine. The Gauchas of Argentina find mate tea a great incentive to endurance, and accomplish their long and arduous rides with little other support. The fat Spanish peasants in the country around the River Plate are rarely seen at leisure without the "bombezia," between their lips. This is a metal tube with perforated, spoon-like end, through which they suck the infusion of mate from cups made of dried and hollow gourds. Coffee leaves are occasionally prepared as a substitute for tea in the West Indies. The Kola nut of Africa, the active principle of which is theine (according to Dr. Daniell, the eminent author of "The Kola Nut of Tropical West Africa," ) prepared as a tea, "is specially intended to act in warding off the predisposition to epidemic outbreaks of suicidal mania, which not unfrequently occur in certain considerable districts."-Mail and Express.

# DRESS NOVELTIES.

FASHIONS IN WOMEN'S COATS AND JACKETS.

Cloth Conts Reach to the Knee-Short Jackets for Young the ecentric neck rigs that are now in vogue. It is quite the mode, as you Women and Girls-Neck Rigs.

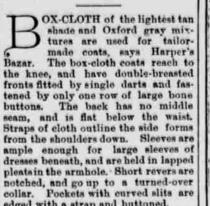
prefer the lightest weight crinoline lawn for this purpose. This is of course for sleeves that are not trans-

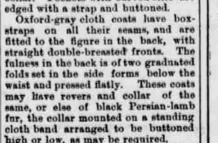
NECK RIGH.

Just a word of warning regarding

THREE BROOMING COLLARS.

parent.





high or low, as may be required. Very handsome Havana-brown cloth coats trimmed with black marten furotherwise called Alaska sable-have double box pleat down the front, held know, to smother your throat with a bewilderment of chiffon, silk or crepe, at the waist by two rows of four cutsteel buttons and edged with fur, then drooping in blouse fashion, to be used as a muff. The entire revers and colbuckled and rosetted to a startling extent. Now for the tall, slender woman, with a throat termed by novar are of fur. The back falls in full box-pleats below the waist. Sleeves that are enormously wide at top are held by a cloth band below the elbow elists "swanlike," these fluffy ruches and collarettes are all right, but her pudgy sister with a thick short throat is going to come very near making a guy of herself if she employes too groand flare to the wrist. Navy-blue cloth coats of medium length are emtesque neck creations. She must not forget that balloon broidered with the finest jet beads in vines on the seams and as a yoke, and sleeves are doing their very best to are trimmed with black fur. The

back has the two flat pleats now added in the side forms, but not in the mid-puffed affairs become decidedly unst-



# **KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS**

## FOUND DEAD.

#### A Confidence Man Cleverly Outwitted by a Fayette Farmer.

A confidence man attempted to bunks parid Morgan, of Fayette county, by selling bim gold dust, but came out of the deal 85 behind. He went to the farmer's house, claiming to be in search of one David Mor-gan, who owned gold interests in California, but who was still living in Pennsylvania. He will be gold was discovered by an Indian while chasing deer, and an investigation maid he had no such interest, but gave the stranger the history of his family, some of whom reside in Westmoreland county. The stranger left but returned some days after, saying he had located the David Morgan in have a boomed on the terms of the wanted to pay Morgan for his services and said he would go the mine, which he had brought slong as evi-dence, at half price. He gave Morgan 95 period. Morgan had an officer ready to ar-restim.

## PLENTY OF PROSPERITY.

FLENTY OF PROSPERTY. At Canonsburg the iron and steel mill and the keg factory are running steadily; a con-siderable amount of coal is being mined; a Manufacturers' natural gas company is build-ing a pump station at Ceeli that will cost over \$30,000, and is putting down several miles of pipe from the Connor pump station to the Hickory field. The Philadelphis gas company is erseiting in the eastern part of town a pump station that will cost from \$35,-000 to 49,000 and is putting down seven miles of 8 and 12 inch pipe from the Hickory field to their pump station at this place. The architectural iron works company has just commenced on the south side the erection of a large building, which, when completed, will give work to several hundred men.

#### WILL RUNT FOR SILVER.

WILL HUNT FOR SILVER. Landowners near Hollidaysburg have been excited by the discovery of precious motal ores in paying quantities. The Tussey moun-tain mining and smelting company has been organized to develop the rich veins of gold and silver ore in Tussey mountain. The of-floers are Hon. D. D. Morrell, of Henrietta, president; W. S. Nicodemus, of Martinzburg, secretary and tronsurer, and W. S. Taylor, general manager. Expert mineralogists pro-nounced the silver ore equal to the Colorado product. Hon. George W. Orlady, of Hun-tingdon, ex-Mayor John H. Law of Holl-daysburg, and Dr. Francis, of Harrisburg, are financial backers of the company.

## Y. P. S. C. E. CONVENTION.

Y. P. S. C. E. CONVENTION. All previous gatherings of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavorrs were elipsed by the con-vention in York. Over 4,000 delegates were present. Erie was decided on as the place for holding the convention in 1895. The follow-ing State officers were elected: President, J. T. McCrory, of Pittsburg, secretary, George McDonald, Alfoona, treasurer, John E. Potter, Pittsburg; superintendent of junior work, W. S. Furguson, Philadelphia; superintendent of good citizenship, Rev. J. F. Hartman, Altoona, superintendent of missionary ex-tension, Francis M. Schuyler, Williamsport.

## A MONUMENT TO CURTIN.

A MONUMENT TO CURING. The old war Governor, Andrew G. Curtin, is to be immortalized in matble, a movement now being started to creat a monument to him by the old soldiers of Center county. The tablet isto cost \$25, 000, to be built of the finest marble, sur-mounted by a figure of Gov. Curtin, and will be created in the public square in Bellefonte.

#### A LITTLE BOY MISSING.

Last Saturday Harry, the little son of John Waish, of New Brighton, aggrioved at some measure of home discipline, ran away. Since that time no trace of the child has been found and his mother is prostrated with grief. It is feared the little fellow has been killed.

#### LYNCHED BY TRAMPS.

Ten tramps became engaged in a quarrel at So th Beveriy. Nine of them took the tenth, strung him up against a wall and shot him through the head, killing him. The tramps, who are believed to be foreigners, escaped.

#### AN OIL STRIKE NEAR SHARON.

While workmen were drilling a well for water on the farm of Charles Hurst, near New Hamburg, a flow of oil was struck. The well was only a shallow one, but will be drilled destor. The well was on drilled deeper.

know. They say he's as soft as putty. and can be worked for half a dollar, while his hen is sharper than a knife." "His hen?"

"Yes, his wife, you know. Don't speak too loud or she may hear you. What time does the old bird get home?"

"Do you mean the owner of the house?"

"Cert-nice, soft old duffer, with a bald head and baggy trousers. I've got a tip that he can be worked as easy as rolling down hill."

"He's-he's homenow !" stammered Mr. Bowser, who realized that his wife was standing at the head of the stairs and could hear every word.

"Then go and tell him that a hardworking, respectable man is out of work and has a sick wife and four hungry children. If he comes down with a half, I'll whack up with you Strike a trot, my bully, for I'm dying fer a nip of old rye."

"Sir, I am the nice, soft, old baldheaded duffer you refer to !"exclaimed Mr. Bowser, as his temper flamed up all of a sudden.

"Oh, you are! I was only joking, you know. You behold in me, sir, an unfortunate man. Two weeks ago I lost my job, and on that same day my wife"-

"You'll get nothing here, sir," shouted Mr. Bowser.

"Alas, sir, but I haven't tasted food for nearly two days! Can you have the heart to turn a starving man away?

"I can. If you are nungry, go and ent snow or fence posts. You are a dead beat and a liar. The idea of you calling me an old bird and my wife a hen. You ought to be arrested. sir.'

"Half a dollar to get a prescription filled?" pleaded to man.

## Hereward, the Wake.

There certainly was such a person as Hereward, the hero of Charles Kingsley's novel, "Hereward, the Wake," though perhaps Kingsley depieted him too romantically. Of his parentage and early life no record exists, but he is known to have owned estates in Lincolnshire and Warwick-

shire. One story says that he was in Flanders at the time or the Conquest and returned to aid his mother, who had been deprived of her estate by a foreigner. He drove out the intruder and took the field against William. Kingsley has followed the general story of Hereward's fight and his great defense of Ely. He held that island-as it was then-for a year against William's best efforts. When it fell, he managed to escape, married a wealthy Englishwoman, made peace with William, and was finally murdered in his own house by a band of Normans. Mr. Freeman says that the

manner of Horeward's death is unknown. Kingsley has taken a novelist's license and disposed of his hero as seemed to him best .--- New York Dispatch.

## Trouble in the Museum.

"You'd better go and look after those freaks," said the assistant in she dime museum.

"What's the matter?" inquired the manager.

"The cross-eyed giant is courting the two-headed girl, and she's getting jealous of herself."-Chicago Tribnne.

### Runaways in Russia.

In Russia a horse that is addicted to the habit of running away has a thin cord with a running noose around his neck at the neck-strap, and the end is tied to the dash board. When a horse bolts he always takes the bits in his teeth and the skill of the driver is useless; but the moment the pressure of the cord comes on the windpipe the horse knows he has met his master. -New York World.

## Ahead on Lays.

"Here," said the post, "is an autumn lav.

"Can't use it said the editor ; "overstocked. Sixteen hens and five turkeys---all laying." -- Atlanta Constitution.



COSTUMES FOR STREET AND HOME.

dle seam. Yokes of moire Persian fur | tractive when the throat is walled in and much flat Astrakhan trim other coats of brown or blue cloth. Sou tache braiding in fine vine designs and in deep slender vandyke points is also on new coats. Short jackets, twenty-eight or thirty

inches long, are also shown for young women and girls. They are of tan of blue cloth, cut single-breasted, with much military braiding or frogs across the front and down the full sleeves. Other short box-cloth jackets have shoulder-cape opening up the back nearly covered with applied cloth bands put on in an intricate design. The turned-over velvet collar is bor-

dered with a cloth strap. A decided novelty is a black velvet jacket which is nearly all sleeves, as it reaches only to the waist, yet has huge sleeves extending down the side forms of the back and folded under in dolman fashion. Jet bands cross the front, and a wide belt of Liberty satin is knotted on the side. A collet formed of eighteen black ostrich feathers encirthe shoulders below points of jet embroidery, and a collar of curled ostrich tips completes this elegant garment.

CRINOLINE IN SLUEVES.

The newest sleeves are, it seems, wider than ever. This appears the

case because they do not droop over

the elbow, being stffened to stand well

away from the joint. The effect of the more fashionable sleeves is to im-

part by force of contrast an apparent

slenderness to the waist the greatly exaggerated width of the shoulders

caused by extreme volume at the up-

per part of the sleeves producing this

result. Sleeves are never high in ef-

fect, but the more the great fulness

can be made to stand away from the

shoulders, the more fashionable they

are; and for this reason they must be

lined with a fabrio that will keep them

well distended without, however, giv-

ing them a stiff wooden appearance,

upon the chin with feathers, tulle, etc. Study your stature when contemplating these dress details, and let artistic discrimination guide you in the adoption of bizarre neck arrange. ments.

The knack of bow and rosette making is a great possession this season, and she who has it is able to design exclusive styles for her stocks and pass by the ready-made offerings with a feeling of superiority. The illustra-tion shows three styles that are becoming, pretty and not too elaborate for day wear.

## GOLD BUTTONS FOR BABIES.

The gold buttons for babies' frocks have been largely replaced by sets of tiny gold pins, united as the buttons were by slender gold chains. Every mother will appreciate the value of this change. Six button holes were this change. Six button holes were needed for the stud sets, and if a little gown tightened or loosened there was no adjustment possible. The pins do away with work and permit all sorts of lapping over or letting out.

#### ALL BUTTONED DOWN BEFORE.

Buttons, as was predicted, have come to the fore, and they are here to stay. With the exception, naturally, of boas, muffs, etc., fur will not be in great demand. It is to be a button season. For both useful and ornamental purposes the button will be largely employed.

#### GOOD NEWS FOR FLOWER MAKERS.

Artificial flowers are coming into use in Paris for corsage decoration. They are perfect imitations of nature and are selected of a tint to match the trimmings of the costume. A cluster is worn near the right shoulder and at the left side of the waist.

In Spain the tobacco consumption is but 110 pounds annually to ench and eight out of every ten dressmakers 100 inhabitants. In Austria it is 273.

Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg, decided the nomination papers of Matt Savage, the Democratic candidate for Senator in the 31th district, to be defective because the name Democratic was used by the signers in desig-nating their candidate. The Court allows ten days for amendment of the papers.

Attorney General Honsei has denied the ap-plication of the City of Bradford for a writ of quo warranto against the Commercial Natur-al Gas Company, on the ground that there is no prima facie evidence that the commercial no prima fac has consolidated with any other company, contrary to the act May 29, 1895.

An epidemic of horse stealing has struck Center county. Almost every week some farmer is minus an animal. The latest arrests were made Friday night, when a man and a woman were arrested. Center county jail now contains three or four horse thieves, who will be tried in November.

John Matchin was found dead on the Southwest railroad tracks in Greensburg and at first it was supposed he had been struck by a train, but the opinion is that he was mur-

George Sanderson, of Limestone township, Lycoming county, recently struck a vein of cement 100 feet thick on his iand. New York assayers say it is the best in the world.

Andrew Brown, of Fayette City, has with-drawn as candidate for state senator on the Prohibition ticket, and Editor Zachariah C. Ragan, of Waynesburg has been chosen.

Most mines at Scranton that have been working half time will go on full time. The Lackawanna mines have nearly all been working full time for a week.

Manuel Frank, a Philadelphia wholesale merchant, who recently opened the largest notion establishment in Altoona, failed. Exe-cutions for \$5,000 were issued.

Elections of the commissioned officers of the Fifteenth regiment are to be held at Greensburg, November 2. Col. Kreps is a candidate for re-election.

Charles Kruck, aged 60 years, was killed at the Montello clay works, near Reading, by a fail of earth. Christian Hartman was badly

Daniel E. Dufton, a lawyer of Ebensburg, was mistaken for a burglar by some Hun-garians and probably fatally shot at Lilly station.

Slavs from Connellsville, are going to Ar-kanaas to become farmers. The Slavonio Colonization company of Pittsburg, has pur-chased 15,000 acres for them there.

The tobacco store and billiard ro Henry Ohl at Sharon, were closed by the sheriff. The assets will cover the liabilities.

Villages adjacent to Bradford are having a scariet fever epidemic, and there is also diphtheria in spots.

Seventeen persons were hurt in an excur-sion train wreek on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston road at Tippecanoa,