COULD BEAR A SHOCK.

Re Was Short on Lungs, but Deeldedly Long on Nerve.

The young man was either an op timist or the possessor of a inrveyized steel armor plated nerve. Perhaps he was a little of both.

A short time ago he came to the conclusion that he would like to insure his life. With this object in view he made application to a prominent company. After filling up the necessary form he received an invitation to call upon the medical officer of the company and undergo the usual medical examination. In due course he presented himself at the office of the examining phyalcion.

Requesting the young man to remove his cost and vest, the floctor produced a stethoscope and began his examination. All at once he stopped and regarded the candidate with an expression of alarm.

"Young man," he said, "do you think you can bear a shock?"

"Oh, I think so!" was the cheerful response. "Fire away and let me hear the worst "

"You have only one lung," announc ed the doctor solemnly.

"Well, what of that?" retorted the candidate, with the utmost composure. 'I never told you I had any more, did 17

"What," exclaimed the doctor, "do you mean to say you were aware of your condition?"

"Of course I was. Do you suppose a man could have only one lung without being aware of the fact?"

"And yet." said the doctor, "you apply to a respectable company for a policy of life insurance. Do you expect to get It?"

"I certainly do. Not only that, but I think I ought to get it at a substantial reduction in the premium." "Upon what ground, may I ask?"

"Upon the ground that, having only one lung, I am 50 per cent less liable to contract consumption than if I had two lungs."-Rival.

WOMEN OPPOSE WOMEN.

The State of Affairs Said to Exist In the Government Service.

"Why is it that women are practically debarred from receiving promotions to the higher places in the government service?" asked a government clerk of a quarter of a century's experience. The question was put to several ladies in the treasury department. Before any one of them had time to reply the questioner proceeded to answer his own interrogatory.

"It is because they are held back by members of their own sex," he said. "Some time ago a lady in one division I know of was so favorably regarded that she would have been made chief of that division, but as soon as her prospects became known her fellow clerks of the same sex became indignant and united in a protest. They declared that they could never work under her; that they would a thousand times rather have a man than a woman to 'boss' them. 'They wouldn't allow her to 'lord it over them.'

"That is only a sample of many cases. Women can be depended upon to antagonize women under such circumstances. Not only did they do so in the case I have cited, but they ac tually gave the marble heart and the ley hand to this woman after they defeated her prospects of a promotion. I am satisfied that one of the most in fluential obstacles to women in their effort to secure equal recognition with men comes from their own sex."

The man who asked and answered the question then moved off before his udience of lady clerks had an opportunity to reply to his assertions.-Washington Star.

James Whitcomb filley's Joke. James Whitcomb fulley and Nye were a peculiar pair. They were everiast-

ingly playing practical jokes. I remember when we were riding together in the smoking compartment between Columbus and Cincinnati. Mr.

Nye was a great smoker, and Mr. Riley did not dislike tobacco. An old farm er came over to Mr. Nye and said: you Mr. Riley? I heard you

was on the train." "No, I am not Mr. Riley. He is over

there. "I knew his father, and I would like

to snork with him." "Oh, speak with him, yes. But he is

denf, and you want to speak loud." So the farmer went over to him and

anid in a loud voice: "Is this Mr. Riley?" "Ex-what?" "Is this Mr. Riley?"

"What did you say ?" "Is this Mr. Riley?"

"Riley, yes."

"I knew your father." "No bother."

"I knew your father."

"What'?"

"I knew your father." "Oh, so did 1!"

And in a few moments the farmer

Two Ladies of Fashion Meet. A family living in a North Side flat velcomed a new housemald last week. The girl had just come from Michigan and her appearance was prepossess ing. Soon after her advent it was dis covered that she was inclined to treat

the family with a patronizing air. "Mary, you must do better, or I shall have to find some one to take your place," the mistress remarked the oth-

er morning. "I don't allow any one to speak to

me that way," replied Mary, with a toss of her head. "I'm just as good as you are, and I want you to know it." Mary flounced out of the room and returned in two minutes with the weekly paper from her town. Among

the social items was the following: "Miss Mary Hanson has gone to Chicago to spend the winter. Miss Han-son is an acknowledged belle in the leading circles of Sawdust Creek."

Mary waited until her employer had had time to read the "personal," and then she said with withering scorn:

"As I have always been accustomed to going with the best in my town and as I don't believe you ever have your name on the society page of the Sun-day papers I guess I can't afford to stay with you."

The North Side woman declared the domestic incident closed.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

Unique Way of Identification.

The Saunterer happened to be in a prominent bank, where he saw an iden tification effected in the most unique way yet heard of. A young railroad man came hurrying in with a check to cash. He was not known in the bank except by one man, and he, of course was out.

"Well, here's my railroad pass," said he, producing the transportation card made out in his name. "Will this do?" The cashler took it and compared the indorsement on the back with the writing on the pass.

"That won't do you any good." said the owner. "All our passes are made out before we get them."

"I guess it's all right," said the cash-ler hesitatingly. "Haven't you something else?" "Well," was the answer after a mo

ment's thought. "I've got an itemized dentist's bill in my pocket, and you can compare it with the fillings in my teeth." and he displayed the latter in a broad grin, which secured for him the money.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Bearded Baby.

A young married couple in Belfast Me received a startling shock The earded their bally to a photographe for a picture. In due time the proof came around, but the parents at firs falled to recognize it. The bally's fer. tures were there all right, and so were the pretty dress and all the other a cessories, but the child and apparent' grown a full beard while before the The artist had used by micamera take a plate on which an imperfu-picture of an old man had been taken. and the two exposures coincided so well that he saved the plate as a curiosity.

Peruvian Army Discipline.

This military story is printed in a Lima paper: A man belonging to the Peruvian artillery was ordered to be flogged, and there was no regulation cat handy with which to inflict the castigation. The officer in charge, who was a severe disciplinarian, decided defer the carrying out of the order until the official scourge, which he at once requisitioned, should arrive. It was about a year before the cat wasupplied by the authorities. By that time the soldier had been dead several months!

The Salmon,

When a young salmon is first batch ed. It is known as a parr. Just before it leaves the fresh for the salt water it is called a smolt. When it first returns to spawn, it becomes a grilse. and not until it has spawned is it entitled to be dignified by the name of salmon.

Expected Reduction.

Gran'pa Macpherson-How does two and two make, Donald? Donald-Six.

Gran'pa-What are you tasking about? Two and two make four. Douald-Yes, I know: but I thought you'd "beat me down" a bit!-London Punch.

After a woman has reached the age of 30 she wonders how many years will have passed before she is 31 .-Chicago News.

In the matter of the final account of Sarah M. Eleinhans, Administratrix of A. A. Kleinhans, de-crased

A. Kleinhuns, de-creased Sarah M. Kleinhans, Administratrix, has filed her final account in the above estate, which account was confirmed absolutely April 12th, 1852. That the said administratrix did on the 18th day of December, 1899, present to the said court her petition praying that she might be discharged from the duites of her office, whereupon the Court made the fol-lowing order: — "Presented, filed in open court, Dec. 18th, 1899, rule to show cause granted. Notice to be given to parties as required by rule of Court. By rule Corr. All partles will please take notice that the above named petitioner will request the Court to make an order for her discharge on the first Monday of March next at 2 o'clock, p. m. Sanau M. KLEINNANS, Administratrix.

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heard him talking in an ordinary tone of voice.-Saturday Evening Post.

The Laugh on the General. The late General Clinton B. Fisk was once addressing a Sunday school convention. One of the speakers had re-minded the children that it was Washington's birthday.

"Children," said General Fisk, "you all know that Washington was a gen-eral. Perhaps you know that 1 am also a general. Now, can any one tell what was the difference between General Washington and myself?" "I know, sir." replied a small boy in

the back part of the room.

"Well, what was the difference?" said General Fisk, smiling at the lad's eagerness.

"George Washington couldn't tell a lie, sir!" cried the boy in exultant tones. Shouts of laughter followed, in which the general joined heartily.-Detroit News.

A Candle Trick. Let a candle burn until it has a good long snuff; then blow it out with a sudden puff. A bright wreath of white smoke will curl up from the hot wick Now, if a flame be applied to this smoke, even at a distance of two or three inches from the candle, the flame will run down the smoke and rekindle the wick in a very fantastic manner. To perform this ceremony nicely there must be no draft or "banging" doors while the mystic spell is rising.

Two Towers.

Students of architecture may have often wondered why the two towers of Notre Dame at Parls were not of the same size. It appears that when the cathedral was built it was the cathedral of a suffragan bishop, who was not entitled to two towers of equal eight, and for centuries the bishop of Paris was suffragan to the bishop of Seus.

A Rude Suggestion. Great Actress—That's an atrocious portrait! Is that the best you can do? Is there no way you can improve upon it? Suggest something. Photographer—Madam, you might permit your understudy to sit for you --Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Made His Bed.

On returning from the barn early one morning the old man found his wife in tears. "Wha'cher cryin about. Mellssy?" he inquired.

"'Nother-one-uv our darters-was stole las' night," she sobbed.

"The redheaded un?" he asked ta conically.

"Yes-pore Mag-she was the best gal"-

"Bob Scuttles?"

"Uv course. Hasn't been no other feller waitin on her. Ain't you goin to pursue after 'em an arrest 'im?'

"Uv course not," he replied sternly 'I'm not under obligations to help Bob Scuttles out uv no difficulty. Let him go ahead and work out his sentence, same's I've been a-doin fur the las' 40 year."-New York Truth.

A "Knock-turn." When J. A. MacNelli Whistler lived in Chelsea, his peculiarities soon made him a familiar figure even among the bargemen, who got to know him as the artist of their beloved Thames. One afternoon, while sauntering along the embankment. Whistler was confronted by a man who had one eye most ef-fectively blackened. The artist stopped and inquired, "What's the matter, my good fellow?" The man touched his hat "Oh, nothing, sir-merely a knock-turn in blue and green!"-San Francisco Wave.

A Long Way Afterthought. "That was a pleasing afterthought of yours." remarked the old preacher who had listened to a sermon by one of his youngest brethren, "when you drew upon the analogies of nature to prove the immortality of the soul." "An afterthought?" said the younge clergyman in some perplexity. "Yes. You thought of it about 2,400

years after Socrates."-- Chicago Trib une

In Bavaria each family on Easter Sunday brings to the churchward fire a walnut branch, which, after being partially burned. "Is carried home to be laid on the hearth during tempests as a protection sgainst lightning."



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