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-No I didn't. He-But surely your brother Jack told you I had lolmed the choir there. She—Oh, yes; he did tell me that. Philadelphia P. ess.

They were both her friends, of course. you think," asked he, "that she is

as old at she looks?" "She tries not to look it," replied she, so she must be." Feminine perspicacity transcends masculine reasoning.

Indianapolis News.

Always an Obstnete.

"There is always room at the top," said the good adviser.

"Indeed yes," answered the unfortunate person, "but the elevator is not always running."-Baltimore American.

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A QUEER BUSINESS.

Making Up Beggars So That They Will Excite Public Sympathy.

"How beggars are made" might be made the subject of a singularly interesting article. And it would refer not to the unkind cuts of fortune, but to the appliances whereby a certain deft and none too scrupulous manufacturer equips men and women who, for purposes of their own, wish to be considered lame, halt or blind. That it is ensier to be crippled than to work is the maxim upon which this particular trade is established.

"I'm what is called a street 'sham fakir." said one of these dealers in disguises recently. "I fake up most of the sham disabled mill operatives, crippled sailors, etc., and charge 'em a small fee. If it's a woman with a tale that her busband beats her, I paint her a black eye and put her arm in a sling. Say it's a man on a 'blind' lay, Well, I paint some scars on his face to imitate the marks of a lead explosion and give him a green eye shade and a

'blind' card. "If a man's really maimed, it makes it easier. Suppose he's been run over and had his leg off. I paint a picture of a burning house and him jumping out of a top window with a child in his arms and a yarn under it, 'Kind friends, I lost my leg through rescuing my employer's child.' That's a sure take of a 'fiver' a day.

"I make all these rigs, myself," he said, "and hire 'em out. It pays, but I have to keep dark, for the police are very down on my sort. This hollow wooden cap with an iron book fits over your head, and here's a clubfoot boot and vonder a pair for both feet.

"A queer business? You'd say so if you knew the jobs I'm asked to do sometimes. Only yesterday a woman wanted vitriol scars made on her face and actually wanted me to use real vit-Didn't know what she was asking? Oh, yea! Why, bless you, some beggars'll maul themselves horrfbly to excite sympathy. In fact, they'd do anything rather than work." - New York World.

SPRINKLING SINGAPORE.

The Solemn Procession That Accompanies the Watering Cart.

Poultney Bigelow in his description of the marvelous progress made by the city of Singapore under English rale gave a quaint picture of the manner in which the streets are watered:

The watering cart was drawn by little white bullocks and driven by Malays with turbans. It seemed to take five Malays to do this driving. One roosted aloft on top of the barrel for the purpose of controlling the outgo of water. He scenfed very proud of his appointment. Another native in a big ban roosted on the pole and controlled the little cattle.

Then there was a man in thin brown legs and much turban who walked solemnly behind enjoying a footbath. He was obviously a government functionary, although his exact sphere of usefulness I could not discover. He appeared to be something in the nature of a rear guard.

Then there was a "foreloper," or advance guard, for the purpose of clearing the way. There appeared to be an iden that the little bullocks might suddenly go mad and rush ahead. At any rate, it gave congenial employment to one more native, and that was some-

There was yet another, who bent down now and then to pick up a piece of stone or brush away some irregularity unseen by ordinary eyes.

This outfit was a treat to me. It was solemn; it was full of self consciousness: it was magnificently oriental.

I have seen men in sublit I have seen the red capped station master of Germany strut up and down his platform when an imperial train was ibout to arrive, but even that impressed me less than the watering cart of Singapore, with its municipal hierarchy of Malay ministers, each earning perhaps 2 cents a day.

Doves and Coronations

At the ancient ceremonles of corona tion of the French kings, after the anointing had been performed, some white doves were let loose in the church. This was supposed to symbol ize the power of the Holy Ghost in directing the king's actions. A similar idea seems to have inspired all early kings, for among the English regalis is the rod of equity or the scepter with the dove. This is simply a golden rod with a mound at the top, which supports a cross. On this cross is a dove. fashioned of white enamel, with expanded wings. Some fine diamonds ornament the rod in various places.

No Excuse This Time.

"It was a new gun. your honor," protested the prisoner, "and I did not know it was loaded."

"But," argued the judge, "the dealer has just told us that you did not pay

for the weapon."
"What has that to do with it?" "Well, if you didn't pay for it the dealer must have charged it for you."

And the judge tried to look as much like the pictures of Solomon as he could.—Baltimore American.

Wrong cresumption.

Visitor-Am I right in presuming that it was your passion for strong drink that brought you here?
Prisoner—Say, boss, I guess yer dou't know dis joint. It's de last place on eart' I'd come tes if I wuz lookin' fer booze.—Judge.

Aunt Hannah—When I was here two years ago. Hulds was looking for a hushand. She is married now. Uncle George—Yea, but she is still looking for him—that is to say, a good deal of the time.—Bortes Transcript.

HUMAN ALARM CLOCKS.

How Messenger Boys Are Utilized as Awakeners in New York.

At 1 o'clock the other morning a well dressed man strolled into one of the uptown messenger offices. He had been dining out and evidently, from the rak ish tilt to his opera hat, the dinner had

"I want a messenger boy to come and waken me in the morning." "What hour?" The clerk was all

business, for the request was not un usual. 'Seven o'clock. I've got to catch a train," he explained.

"All right, sir; 7 o'clock," assured the clerk. The man turned as he was going out of the door, "Have the boy hammer the door hard," he cautioned. "I'm a home and went to sleep with absolute

confidence. The whistles were blowing 7 o'clock. A small boy in uniform hammered with a club, his "wakener," on the

cried. "Get up, you old sleepyhead!" "You go away from my door," comes in sleepy tones from the room. "It's a mistake. I don't want to get up." "Oh, yes, you do, my dodo bird," is the fresh reply. And the tattoo on the

door goes on with redoubled strength. "All right, boy; I'm awake now!" howls the man who has been sleeping. You can go away now.

"Not till you've signed this receipt," the boy insists, The man has to crawl out of bed and come to the door. The boy has a paper ready, and as he is a careful man he rends before signing. It certifies that he has been thoroughly wakened by Messenger No. 432 and that he is not going back to bed again that day.

"Is this a loke?" he asks the boy. "Naw, 'tain't no joke," replied the messenger through his teeth. "If we'se didn't make you'se do this, you'd be down to de office about noon a-howlin' dat we didn't wake you'se. Now, if you'se goes back to your bag of feathers, we'se got you'n in black an' white, an' no mistake."-New York Tribune.

COOKING FISH IN ENGLAND.

The Method Used There Renders the Flesh Flaky and Juley.

John Bull certainly knows how to cook fish, to prove which fact one has only to notice the juiciness and good flavor of the first bit of fish, served perhaps at a little out of the way inn. that one tastes in England. We Amerleans have at command many fine varieties of fish, but too often find it sent to table in a "woolly," tasteless condi-

An American cousin visiting in an English family made bold to ask what method of cooking "sea food" was prevalent in England and found that there the importance of the thorough cooking of fish as a safeguard against ptomaines is as much regarded as with us. Our old country friends, however, assure us that there is not the slightcooking if proper attention is given to basting. One cannot well imagine anything botter than boiling fat, and laying plentifully with this is to make use of the surest ammunition possible for the routing of deadly bacteria.

Instead of warning amateurs against underdone fish, let copious basting with sweet boiling fat be insisted on, and in place of a woolly, flavoriess result there will be the opposite-flakiness and juiciness. Overboiling will produce woolliness as surely as overfrying or baking. To insure tender, solid flakes in, for instance, boiled cod or hallbut and to avoid dissipating the flavor make sure the water boils when the fish is put in; keep at a gentle boll; allow only ten minutes to the pound and tie carefully in cheesecloth that has been washed and boiled before using. Cod well basted with hot olive oil or any good fat will be almost gamy in flavor, as will cod steaks cooked in deep fat .- Washington Star.

Unportical Poets.

Poets are not always poetical. A tale is told in a contemporary of Aubrey de Vere growing eestatic before Newman over the "sweet pealing of the Oxford chimes" and asked why they rang with so inviting an insistence. "Only young men keeping themselves warm." replied Newman.

Tennyson gave several unexpected answers of the same character. He asked a young lady who had shown herself more enthusiastic than intelligent over the beauties of "Maud" what birds she supposed they were which called "Maud, Maud, Maud!" "Nightingales." said the enthusiast. "No; rooks you -... But the exact vocative is still a matter of discussion.-London

Naming the Baby.

"Have you named the baby?" asked the admiring neighbor. "Not yet," said the proud young other. "We're going to christen him

almost as soon call him after Robinson Crusoe's man Friday and be done with it."-Chicago Tribune.

An Untimely Call. Minister-Is your father at home.

William-Yes, but he's got the rheumatism so bad he ain't safe to talk to. -Indianapolis News.

Sometimes a man's neighbors consider him ungrateful because he insists on managing his own affairs.—Chicago

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RISTORI AS A DIPLOMAT.

How the Great Actress Won Gort-chakof to Her Cause.

Ristori was charged with the mission of tringing round Prince Gortchakof to the side of Italian unity when she went in 1800 to a play at St. Petersburg. As the court was in mourning she was commanded to come and recite "Maria Stuarda" at the Winter palace Mme. Ristori recited her great part and electrified the court. The czar shed

After she retired from the room where the imperial party was to a salon filled with courtiers, the czarowitz brought up Prince Gortchakof and presented him. He had something to say about the emotional character of Ristori's recitation. He wondered how she could have been so deeply stirred 'dead one' when I get to si . and I've by the sufferings of one who had pergot to catch that train." 'Leen he went ished so many centuries ago.

"I was not thinking of her," cried Ristori. "I was thinking of a living and discrowned martyr, supposed to be dead, but living. I was thinking of my beloved Italy. I wanted, under the door of the map who had dined the image of Maria Stuarda, to represent night before. "Get up in there!" he to the minds of their imperial majesties the cause of Italian independence and unity, and I think they vibrated in unison with my patriotic efforts. I now want to convert you, prince, for I am afraid you think that Italy must not be resuscitated, though she has risen as if from the dead and is full of life, energy, hope."

Gortchakof answered in diplomatic ommonplaces. At length be appeared moved by Ristori's eloquence and said: "I promise to refer the matter to his imperial majesty. You have not pleaded in vain."

Ralph Waldo Emerson's Spree. There is an old tradition that tells how Raiph Waldo Emerson, the Sage of Concord, once went on a wild, reck-Weary of Marcus Aurelius, less spree. Alcott and the screme heights of Concord, he resolved to make a plunge into the vortex of crime and folly in a great city to see vice and the vicious at close range and thus learn by experience of

the underweeld He went straight to the saloon of one Brigham in Boston, in those days farfamed among Harvard students as the aboriginal inventor of more "fancy drinks" than any one since the days of Father Bacchus. Bewildered by the festive scene and the endless list of beverages he had never heard of, he asked Brigham which one of the whole bibulous entalogue might be relied on to impart the largest sum total of experience in the shortest possible time, to which devont inquiry genial Brigham, who at once took in the situation, is said to have replied, "Oh, I guess a gless of lemonade would be the right thing for you!"-Boston Herald.

Supplied the Want.

A certain writer while in San Fran cisco visited the new house of an old friend, a gentleman of Irish extraction. The hostess evidently took great pride in the house, the furnishings of which were new and beautiful and gave every evidence of taste and reest occasion to render fish dry and finement. The writer, who has an eye tasteless in order to insure thorough | for the beautiful, gave unstinted praise to everything he saw.

"But," he said, "I am sorry to see that your house, beautiful as it is, lacks one armment which no Irish house should be without."

"What is that?" she asked unsuspi clously. "A pig." replied the writer, with a

satisfied chuckle. The hostess' eyes sparkled. "It did," she said indignantly, "but von have supplied the want."-New

York Times. English Names For Towns.

Many names of towns in England have been appropriated for a similar use in this country. These names frequently indicate in themselves the origin of the towns. For instance, names ending in "chester" or "cester" or "cas ter." such as Dorchester, Worcester and Lancaster, undoubtedly apply to sites of old military settlements or camps. and the termination is derived from "castra." the Latin word for camp. If the name of a place ends in "coln," like Lincoln, then it, too, is of Roman origin, because the Latin word for col ony is colonia. When the syllable "by" ends the word, like Rugby, we then know that the Danes are responsible for the name, for the Danish word for town is by.

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