## DOMINATED BY WOMEN.

### A Welsh Town Where the Feminine

Sex Reigns Supreme. Away in a sequestered little nook on the Pembrokeshire conststhere is a village entirely managed by women. In Langum-for such is the hamlet's name -woman reigns supreme. She is the dominating force of the mart of trade, the household financier, the family accountant, and, in fact, fills all the positions which in any other community. whether civilized or not, are by estab lished precedent voted to man.

Langum has a race apart from the world in its laws in its exclusion of the stranger and in its utter disregard of the vast area of world and things lying beyond its borders. Its quiet life is dominated by two all powerful factors -womankind and oysters. There are men in Langum, but they exert little or no influence upon the affairs of the quiet little Welsh village,

The Langum man neither is nor pre tends to be. He recognizes the right of womankind to own and rule and is perfeetly satisfied to be described as Annie Jones' man or Mary Williams' man,

He neither requires nor appreciates compassion. Sitting of an evening at his cottage door, with his faithful brood playing around him, his wife and daughter busy within reckoning the gains of the day's work, he is vexed by no mental auxieties or perplexities. Divested of all responsibilities of life, he is as pleased as the oyster for which his native place is famed.-London Answers.

### The Short Step Between.

"I was on an ocean liner when she ran on the rocks off the English coast some years ago," said a Philadelphia traveling man, "and in the panie that ensued there is one incident that stands out in my memory, illustrating the slender thread between the tragic and the ridiculous. We had a fellow on board who had managed to keep pretty well loaded all the way across, and when we struck the rocks he was in his usual condition. When everybody thought for sure we were going to the bottom, he sat down at the plane in the saloon, and what do you suppose he began playing? 'Home, Sweet Home.' Somebody went to him and begged him Immediately he switched off from the doleful strains of the old song to the rollicking melody of 'Down Went McGinty.' The absurdity of the thing seemed to strike everybody at once, and a general laugh followed. The tension was relieved, and there was good order after that."-Philadelphia Record.

### Autidyspepsia Diet.

"Dyspepsia would no longer be the national disease in America if the people of this country would adopt a plain diet similar to that of Norway and Sweden. Gout is unknown among Swedes and Norwegians, and the rosy cheeks and clear complexions of the young people of those countries are the result of the simple food the children eat," the United States consul at Bergen, Norway, says. "Hot rolls and white bread are rarely seen in Sweden. Knackbrode or hard bread is the standard article of food. It is made of ground oats and rve. There is no yeast in the bread, and it is rolled into thin wafers, which are baked and hung up they will keep perfectly dry. Swedes eat this bread and drink milk for two meals a day and have one meal at which they eat meat and potatoes Sweets are almost unknown. Children are allowed to eat candy only on state

Why She Wanted an Introduction. "I must have an introduction to that woman.

Why, yes; certainly," replied he lend, and at once brought it about. Later she asked: What made you so keen about meet

ing Mrs. S.? You gazed at her as in itly as if you could not take your yes from her while you were talking. I never found her so interesting."

"Oh, I don't know whether she is in resting, but didn't you see that lovely tie she wore? I just had to find out how it was made. I know how to make clap my eyes on anything of that sort for a few minutes and I'll reproduce it so that you never could tell the copy from the original."-New York Press.

The heart of man is a book-nay, it is an enclycopedia of everything that has ever come within the range of its personal experience. It preserves an nal record of all the stories in which it has played a part. It is strange what sad things may be hidden in its depth without giving any token of their existence. The heart may be y and may send the smile mantling of the face, but all the while you see Hy the topmost stratum. If the grave beneath were to give up their dead, the smiles would seem strangely out of

An architect of New York says that with the modern steel frame a buildog can be carried to a height equal en and one-half times the diam er of the base. By this rule on an unry city block could be erected diding 1,500 feet high, 500 feet er than the Elifel tower. It would have 125 stories and cost about \$30,-

Briggs How do you know Mrs. Dui-t is such a handsome woman? You y you never saw her. Griggs No. but you should hear bow o other women talk about her. Bos

dy figures that there are 1.437 for rheumatism. But it gets

### VOLCANIC REGIONS.

TheiFiverActive tire ups of the West-

ern Hembenbere. The active volcanic groups of the western hemisphere cecur in five widely separated regions: First. The Andean group of volca-

nocs of the equatorial region of western South America. Second.—The chain of some twenty

five great einder cones which stretch east and west across the south end of the Mexican plateau.

Third.-The Central American group, with its thirty-one active craters, extending diagonally across the western ends of the east and west folds of the Caribbean corrugations, fringing the Pacific side of Guatemala, San Salvador and Costa Rica. This is separated from the Mexican group on the north by a large nonvolcanic area, the isthmus of Tehuantepec, and on the south mus of Panama, where no active volennoes are found.

Fourth.-The chain of volcanoes of the Windward islands, marking the in the meantime before he was caught. eastern gate of the Caribbean sea, He burned farms and even villages, standing in a line directly across the eastern termint of the Caribbean mountains, trending east and west and parallel to the Central American group sim-Harly situated at the western termini.

Fifth.-The volcanoes of Alaska and the Aleutian islands.-Professor Robert T. Hill in Century.

pop the question to a girl whom he honestly admired, but not having the courage to ask her straight out, adopted a method of sounding her which romantic perple will be inclined to think rather too practical.

"Jessie, my lass," he said nervously, "Ah've insured my life." "Has ta, lad?" said the damsel indif-

ferently. "Aye, an' Ah'm thinkin' Ah'm a fool for doln' lt."

"How's ta mak that art?" "Why, supposin' Ah get killed in

pit, where does to think t' money'll "Why, to thy feyther, for sure." "True enough, an' it ain't fair,

ought to be paid to my wife."
"To thy wife! Why, the basn't got one, Bill.

"That's just it," eried Bill in a burst of confidence. "Tha're a nice lass, Jessic, an' Ah want thee to have that mon-"Why couldn't to say so at fust?"

cried Jessie Joyfully. Then the happy couple embraced and trotted off to break the news to Jes sie's mother.—Pearson's.

### Went Ulm One Better.

A well known Ginsgow divine related the following anecdote, showing that the ready wit of a countryman was more than a match for him:

He was going to the country for his holidays and was in a railway train when a young man entered. In a short time the two commenced a conversation, in the course of which the clergyman asked the youth what he worked

"I am a coupler, sir," was the reply, "A coupler! So am I," replied the

clergyman with a laugh. The youth looked at him for a minute or so, then burst into a fit of laughter and said: "Oh, I see; ye'r a meenister. Ye marry folks. But I gang farther than ye dae. I baith couple and

uncouple.' The clergyman laughed heartly and acknowledged that the youth had the better of the sally.

# Man's Greatest Enemy.

"Fatigue is one of the greatest enemies of the human race," says a writer in Ainslee's, "Modern physiology shows that it is the cause of nearly half and perhaps more of the several hundred entalogued diseases that prey upon man. In our age, with its high pressure, its hot and bitter competition and the unrelenting struggle for survival, its moral and physical ravages are steadily increasing. Cities, in which an ever larger proportion of our people dwell, are biological bothouses and, for some, furnaces, forcing development prematurely and encouraging late hours and excitement and consuming nerve and brain."

# Corrected His Error.

With the Germans the absentmindd college professor is a stock source

One of these deeply absorbed gentlemen, sitting on a rear seat, thought be knew a person sitting in front and was about to speak to him when, the stranger by chance turning a little, the professor saw that he was mistaken. Nevertheless, touching him on the

shoulder, he remarked politely: "You will excuse me, but you are not the person I thought you were."-Philadelphia North American.

# Spiteful.

"Yes," said the engaged girl, "Dick is very methodical. He gives me one kiss when he comes and two when he goes

"That's always been his way." returned her dearest friend. "I've heard lots of girls comment on it." Thus it happens that they cease to

speak to each other.

Mrs. Fondma-Sorry to disturb you at this hour. doctor, but we can't imigine what alls the child. Doctor-Cold, perhaps. Did you have

him out today? Mrs. Fondma-Yes; but only to his grandmother's.
Doctor—Ah! Overfed; that's all.

Philadelphia Press.

fron is seven times as heavy as wa-er, bulk for bulk, and gold ninetoes

# A MAN AGAINST A NATION.

Most Curious European

That Ever Was Waged. The most curious European war ever waged was that which in the sixteenth century, the period of the reformation and the renaissance, was carried on single handed for between five and six ears between a bankrupt grocer of Berlin and the elector of Saxony, who was the most powerful German prince of the period. The grocer's name was Hans Kohlhase, and the immediate cause of the quarrel was the arresting of two of his horses in the elector's territory, he being a subject of th elector of Brandenburg. Falling to get redress, he adopted what was then a perfectly legal expedient and declared formal war on the realm of Saxony. The declaration was accepted in due form, and the war began.

The extraordinary part of the story from the Andean volcanoes by the isth- is that the grocer kept the war up for nearly six years practically single handed and even went to the extremity of declaring war on his own sovereign employed mercenaries after the fashion of the times and made himself the terror of the district. He was finally influenced to stop hostilities by Luther, and after he bad taken the sacrament from his hands he was betrayed into a further act of hostility by treachery and, being captured, suffered death on the wheel after refusing an act of grace which granted him the painless A young Yorkshire collier, anxious to and honorable death of the sword. The story is perhaps the strangest of all the romances of that romantle age,

### He Saw the Joke.

Here is a true story of a curious peronality well known to many profes sional men in London today: He is a Scot, whose business ability is above the average, but everything he does is done with the air of a man constantly wrestling with some problem of the soul. He rarely speaks unless spoken

to. He never smiles, and his eyes have a fixed but intense expression. One day he was returning to London with several companions. The whole party were Scotch, but the companions were of genial type. One of them told humorous tale, over which the rest laughed uproariously. Not so the hu-man problem. He sat in a corner of the railway carriage glowering at his mirthful friends. Half an hour afterward, however, when all were standing at a street corner before separating he took one aside and said solemnly and slowly: "Ye would obsairve that I did na' laugh at yond' story. Well, I saw the joke. Ye might not think it, but I have a keen sense of humor."-London

### An Impossible Task.

The committee waited upon the successful man.

"Your fame has preceded you," they said as he entered the room. He smiled serenely. "I am rather well known," he admitted modestly.

"You have given names to sleeping cars, new cigars, health foods and games-names that have pleased the public and your patrons?"

The successful man bowed. "Well," said the spokesman, "we have new baby at our house, and we have come to you to select a name that will please her parents, sisters and brothers, grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends of the family and herself later on."

The successful man frowned sternly. "Sir," he said, "I do not undertake the impossible!"-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Telling the Weather From Mists. The motion of mists, rapid or slow, was regarded as one of the best methods of fereteiling the approach of rain or snow. When there was a mist be fore the rise of the full moon, if clouds were seen in the west before the sun rose or there was a mist in the fields before sunrise, wet weather was ex pected. When the mists vanished rap idly and the moon seemed to rise fast er than usual, fine weather was sure to gladden the hearts of the merrymak ers on the succeeding day. When the winds changed and the clouds flew along on "tail," the farmers predicted

# Railroad Time Folders.

The average person who picks up a railroad time folder does not realize the enormous amount of work which the preparation of such a publication

The big Burlington system, for in stance, has a general time folder made up from sixteen different division time tables. The folder contains 2,000 names of towns, gives the schedules of over 500 trains, and whenever there is a change in time 60,000 figures have to be carefully checked and corrected.

No Smoking. There is one country in the world where it is considered a crime to smoke -Abyssinia. The law forbidding to bacco dates from the year 1642. It was at first merely intended to prevent priests from smoking to the churches but it was taken too literally, and now adays even foreigners have to be care ful not to be seen smoking.

"There's a burgiar in the house, Benjamin," said Mrs. Frett. arousing her husband in the dead of the morning "Hear that?" she continued. "It's sure ly the sound of a chisel. He's a safe burglar."

"You bet he is," sleeplly returned Benjamin, turning over for another nap,-Richmond Dispatch.

Couldn't Improve the Method.

Mrs. Chugwater—I'd be ashained to
sleep in church the way you do.

Mr. Chugwater—I can't help it. It's the only way I know how to sle

A young man bashfully approached a popular official a few days ago and said: "Judge, I have come to ask your advice. You have always been like a f. ther to me, and I have now come to you in a very important matter. I am

thinking of getting married"—
"Well, young man," interrupted the judge, "If you are thinking of getting married go do it right away. Don't wait, because the girl might not be willing this time tomorrow.'

"But, you see," protested the youth "I'm afraid I'm not able to take care of her."

"Tut, tut," deprecatingly retorted the judge. "Why, when I got married I was twenty-one years old and \$1,800 in debt."

"Is that so?" exclaimed the other, with happy encouragement gleaming from his eye. "And I suppose you must now be worth about"-

"And now," concluded the judge, 'I'm only \$3,600 in debt." The young man has not yet married.

### -Paducah (Ky.) Sun.

African Sunkes. The African cobra is regarded some what reverently by the natives of that country, who once a year kill a colora de capello and hang its skin to the branch of a tree, tail downward. Then all the children born during the last year are brought out and made to touch the skin. This the parents think puts them under the serpent's protection. The cobra de capello divides with the horned viper of Africa the questionable honor of being the "worm of the Nile," to whose venomous tooth Changatra's death was due.

The Kaffirs use the venom of this snake's cousin, the puff adder, to polson their arrows, and when they have any small quantity left they swallow it, having a theory that it will protect them from the bad effects of future bites. The Snake tribe of the Puniab say that the bites of snakes do not burt them, and if they find a dead serpent they dress it in clothes and give it a superb funeral.

"I am afraid I have greatly interfered with my own practice," said a celebrated aurist, "by giving the following advice to many of my friends; "At the first symptoms of earache

let the nationt lie on the bed with the painful ear appermost. Fold a thick towel and tuck it around the neck; then with a teaspoon fill the ear with warm water. "Continue doing this for fifteen or

twenty minutes. The water will fill the ear orifice and flow over on the towel. Afterward turn over the head, let the water run out and plug the ear with warm glycerin and cotton.

"This may be done every hour until relief is obtained. It is an almost invariable cure and has saved many cases of acute inflammation. The water should be quite warm, but not too hot."-London Tit-Bits.

# Getting the King's Enr.

The gentle art of speeding a parting guest is not new. The story from Hertfordshire, as told in the "Victoria County History" series, reveals the method tried on King James L. Hunting bad taken the place of state affairs in the monarch's affections, and one morning a favorite bound was missing. The dog appeared the next day, bearing a message tied to his neck; "Good Mr. Jowler, we pray you speak to the king for us the hearing you every day and so doth not us) that it will please his matesty to go back to London, for else the country will be undone, all our provisions spent already."

Persons with naturally curly bair are said to be possessed of more lovable and sweet natures than those with wiry or straight capillary adorament On most occasions the fact that we are looking our best is a wonderful incentive to good behavior, and the woman with natural curls can discount her straight haired sister many a time and oft. She knows it. Why should she not be amiable? Straight hair was considered by the ancients as a mark of the gods' displeasure. Hair which was straight before sickness will sometimes grow curly afterward,

### What He Wrote On. "Hello, Starveling! How is litera-

"First rate."

"Writing anything now?" "Yes, a book." "What on?"

"An empty stomach principally. You couldn't lend me the price of a dinner.

Pleasant For the Lover. In Mexico the young men can show great attention to young ladies and at very little expense. They are therefore quite eager to invite them to theaters, parties, etc. And no wonder, for it is the custom in that country for the lady's father to pay for the tickets and furnish the carriage, supper, etc.

### Shifting the Responsibility. An Irishman who traded in small wares kept a donkey eart, with which he visited the different villages. On one occasion he came to a bridge where

a toll was levied.

He found to his disappointment he had not enough money to pay it. A bright thought struck him. He un harnessed the donkey and put it into the cart. Then, getting between the shafts himself, he pulled the cart with

the donkey standing in it on to the In due course he was hailed by the "Hey, man!" cried the latter.

"Whaur's your toll?"
"Begorra," said the Irishman, "just isk the droiver."

### HARDY SUWAROFF.

Peculiarities of One of Russia's Great Military Commanders.

Suwaroff, Russia's great military commander, was a little man, insignificant in everything but that intangible power of mind and character with which physical strength is never to be compared. He had been sickly in his youth, but became hardy under the stimulus of cold bathing and the benefits of a waln diet. Buckets of cold water were thrown over him in the morning, and his table was served with fare which guests would fain have refused, but dared not lest he should think them effeminate. He despised dress and delighted in drilling his men in shirt sleeves, sometimes with his stockings literally "down at the beel."

But his hardthood of life and action had its effect on the men he commanded. He was often up and about by midnight and would salute the first soldier whom he saw moving with a piercing cockcrow in commendation of his early rising. During the first Polish war he had given orders for an attack at cockerow, and a spy in the camp carried the news to the enemy. The attack, however, really took place at 9 o'clock in the evening, when the arrangement had been made, for Suwaroff, suspecting treachery, had then turned out his troops by his well known crowing. The enemy, expecting the event in the morning, were entirely unprepared and fell easy victims

to his forethought. "Tomorrow morning," said he to his troops on the evening before the storming of Ismail, "an hour before daybrenk I mean to get up. I shall wash and dress myself, say my prayers, give one good cockcrow and then capture

### Curious Translation Errors.

Some amusing errors are made by translators. An Italian paper turned Kipling's "Absentminded Beggar" into "Distracted Mendicant." Italian editor who translated a passage from an English paper about a man who had killed his wife with a poker added an ingenious footnote to ay, "We do not know with certainty whether this thing 'pokero' be a domes tic or surgical instrument." The desperate expedient of the French translator of Cooper's "Spy," who had to explain how a horse could be hitched "to a locust," is worth recalling. He had never heard of locust trees and rendered the word by "sauterelle." or grasshopper. Feeling that this needed some explanation, he appended a footnote explaining that grasshoppers grew to a gigantic size in the United States and that it was the custom to place a stuffed specimen at the door of every mansion for the convenience of visitors, who hitched their horses to It.

# The Bluejay.

One may pet or patronize, according to one's nature, a chipping sparrow, bluebird or phœbe, but he is indeed well coated with self esteem who does not feel a sense of inferiority in the presence of a jay. He is such a shrewd, independent and aggressive creature that one is inevitably led to the belief that he is more of a succesas a bird then most men are as men Conspicuous by voice and action dur ing the fall and winter, when other birds are quietest, he becomes silent when other birds are most vocal. If he has a love song, it is reserved for the ear of his mate. At this season he even controls his fondness for owl balting and with it his vituperative gifts. The robin, the entbird and the thrasher seem eager to betray the location of their nests to every passerby, but the blueiay gives no evidence of the site of his habitation by being seen in its vicinity.-Frank M. Chapman in

# A Precocious Diplomatist.

Boy-Ob. mamma, I upset the saltcellar over my clean clothes. Mamma-That was careless. Go and brush the salt off, and see you don't

soil the clothes. "But, mamma, when any one spills salt they have a quarrel, don't they?" "So they say."

"Well, then, if they don't spill the salt they don't have a quarrel. Isn't that so?

"Yes, that is so. But why do you ask?" "Well, because, mamma, it wasn't the salt I spilt; it was the ink."

# Zenl and Knowledge. The Outlook crowds an unusual amount of practical wisdom and good

sense into the following paragraph: "Zeal without knowledge, often condemned, is more valuable than knowledge without zeal, often commended zeal without knowledge inspires life, and life acquires knowledge; but knowledge without zenl sits in its study, plays with its books and does nothing. All the greatest things in life have been accomplished by enthusiasts whose zeal was greater than their

### knowledge." A Business Head. "You lent him the money to buy that

mule from you?" "Yassir," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "It doesn't look like business, but It were sech a good chance to get de bes' of de trade dat I couldn' he'p advancin' de cash."-Washington Star.

Guessing at It.
"Gambler? Well, rather! Why, he's so crazy over games of chance that he patronizes a restaurant where they print the bill of fare in French, and be doesn't know a word of the language."

The greatest rest comes from free-dom of mind. We can keep our minds free if we will but learn bow. Let take up one thing at a time and

# METAPHOR OF THE SEA.

terms Associated Will he Water That Are Very Lit. suite. "Let me put by tay ent." cald a podeman as he joined three of his ne qualitances in the hotel cafe the other

right and took a seat at a table with "That is about the twentieth metaphor of that sort that I have heard to night," nunwered one of the others, "and it seems so strange that we should borrow so many of our figures from the sea. I never thought of it be fore, but it is curious. I have never been closely associated with the water, and I don't believe any of us have, and yet we are using sea terms all of the time. They are wonderfully expressive, too, and I don't know what we

would do without them. "You want to put in 'your oar,' a mo ment ago some one talked about being 'all adrift,' and I admitted that I was 'at sen.' We talk about our 'weather eye,' being 'spliced,' our 'mainstay' and all that cort of stuff. We know what it is to 'east an anchor to windward,' to 'back and fill,' to 'steer' through, to be 'taken aback' and to have 'the wind taken out of our sails."

"We spin a yarn,' try 'the other tack, 'launch' enterprises, get them under full sail' and often 'wreck' them. We cry for 'any port in a storm,' 'take in a reef,' get to our 'rope's end, 'run before the wind' and sometimes 'keel over.' So it goes on until I befleve we can talk about almost everything in the language of the sen."-St. Louis Republic.

### Choosing a Minister.

The parish kirk of Driechton bad been rather unfortunate in its ministers, two of them having gone off in decline within a twelvementh of their appointment, and now, after hearing a number of candidates for the vacancy, the members were looking forward with keen interest to the meeting at which the election of the new minister was to take place.

"Weel, Marget," asked one female parishloner of another as they foregathered on the road one day, "wha are you gaun to vote for?"

"I'm just thinkin' I'll vote for nor o' them. I'm no' muckie o' a judge, an' It'll be the safest plan," was Marget's sagacious reply. "Toots, woman, if that's the way o't.

"An' hoo are you gaun to vote?" "I'm gun to vote for the man that I think has the soundest lungs an' 'll no' bother us wi' deein' again in a hur-

ry."-Scottish American.

vote wi' me."

Mix boiled hog's lard and milk with thick gruel. Stir it well together, with fresh cheese, yolks of eggs and brains. Wrap it in a fragrant fig leaf and boil in the gravy of a chicken or a kid When taken out, remove the leaf and souse it in a potful of bolling honey. The name of this comestible is derived from the fig leaf, but the mixture consists of equal parts of each, but rather more eggs, because this gives it consistency. This appears to have been a popular dish among the Greeks. To us it seems about as nice as an oyster

eaten with brown sugar. Aristophanes mentions a thirum of it tish and a thirum of fat. In the "Frogs" there is a dismal joke in the form of a reasonable objection made to leaping from a high tower, "I would lose two fig leaves of brain." word occurs no less than twelve times in the fragments of the comic poets.

# The Cobweb.

A story was told the other day of a little girl who discovered a cobweb and | historical novels, and he hasn't pervertthen, seeing a spider emerge from it, called out: "See the cob run! How fast the cob runs!" As a matter of fact she builded better than she knew, for cob, or cop, is, according to the dietionaries, the name sometimes given to a spider; whence the word cobweb, which is, strictly speaking, copweb, Cop in this sense is probably an abbreviation of the Anglo-Saxon attercoppe, a spider.

Records are kept with knotted cords in Polynesia. During the early part of the nineteenth century and previously the official taxgatherers on the Island of Hawaii, in the Sandwich group, did all their accounts on a rope 2,400 feet long, which was divided into lengths, each corresponding to a district. Loops, knots and feathers tied along the rope served as memoranda for the hogs. pigs and pieces of sandalwood col-

# lected from taxpayers.

"It's wonderful," said the meditative man, "how one small word, insignificant in itself, may induce an endless train of thought, speaking volumes, in

the word 'but,' for instance, when a woman says, 'Of course, it's none of my business, but." -- Exchange. The Use of Bread on Water. A lonf of bread is a favorite talls-

man for locating a drowned body in

most European countries. Sometimes

times it needs the aid of some other

substance. Thus in England the loaf

it is found sufficient of itself, some-

"Yes." replied the constic man. "Take

### is usually weighted with quicksilver .-Notes and Queries. A Little Rough on Ma.

Daughter-The man I marry must be Father-He will be if be marries you while your mother is living .- New York

Tom-Are you going to wear mourn ing for your wealthy uncle?

Jack-Only a black pocketbook.

## BEARDS AND GLASSES.

Two Ornaments That Are Barely Found Upon Hotel Walters.

"Ever see a waiter wearing glasses?" demanded the inquisitor.

No one could remember, although just why a walter should not be seen with glasses as well as any other man

was not apparent. "It's just like the wenring of beards," went on the inquisitor. "The proprietors of our important hotels, restaurants and cafes will not permit either beards or glasses to be worn by their waiters. It is possible that in some old fashioned family or commercial hotel the servitors may be found with their noses straddled by optical helps, but you won't find 'em along Brondway.

"Now, this is a fact worthy of note because in every other calling in life the number of persons wearing classes is on the increase, and even in our schools a considerable percentage of very small children will be found wenring glasses, and while, as I say, hotel, restaurant and cafe proprietors are opposed to the glasses, still I have seldom found a walter whose eyes in dicated that he was in the slightest

need of them. "You may argue that restaurant walters are generally young men. Grant you that instantly, but all the same thousands of men of similar age have to wear them in almost every

other occupation. "The majority of those servitors commence in boyhood, and the demand of their vocation causes no strain on the eyesight. Consequently that may account in a measure for the absence of any necessity for the use of specs. Moreover, the steam from hot vlands would render them useless probably."-New York Telegram.

# His Best Role.

They were discussing the amateur theatricals of the previous evening, and Thespis was bewalling the hard luck that had brought on a violent headache and prevented his appear

"Do you know, old boy," he said confidentially. "that was to have been the effort of my life. I had the love scene down fine, and Mildred's heart must have been of stone if she failed to see that I was in earnest. I was willing to stake everything on the result, for was confident she would accept me the moment the curtain went down. And to think that my usual hard luck would step in just when all my hopes

were about to be realized!" "I heard Mildred refer to your non-

appearance," remarked Fayer. You did? And what did she say?" "Said you performed an act of charity by not coming on."

It Puzzled Him. It is said of a former Marquis of Townshend that when young and engaged in battle he saw a drummer at his side killed by a cannon ball which scattered his brains in every direction. His eyes were at once fixed on the ghastly object, which seemed to engross his thoughts. A superior officer observing him supposed he was intimidated at the sight and addressed him in a manner to cheer his spirits. "Oh!" said the young marquis, with calmness, but severity. "I am not frightened. I am puzzled to make out how any man with such a quantity of brains ever

### came to be here!" Too True to Be Profitable. "How about that historical novel?"

asked the publisher. "No good at all." answered the reader to whom it had been assigned. "The man doesn't understand how to write make any kind of a rumpus amon critics. His book would fall flat."-

Two Bables For a Cent. A novel poster was seen by a recent sojourner in Nova Scotia. It was print ed on rough paper with red paint, in a childish band, and was tacked to a telegraph pole in a conspicuous position: There will be a concert and fair in Mrs. Parson's sitting room today at 2 o'clock sharp. Admission-adults, 5 cents; children, 2 cents; bables, two for

# Slitting Tree Bark.

When a young fruit or shade tree stops growing and looks as if it were about to give up the struggle for existence, the trouble may often be truced to its being barkbound. In this case a long perpendicular slit in the back will enable it to resume its natural

A Simple Matter.

"John, I'd like you to wake me at 5-

o'clock tomorrow morning. I want to

catch the early train."

North American.

### "All right, sir; all right," replied the tble servitor expressively; "all you got to do, sir, is to ring."-Philadelphia

A Bright Student. Among the reminiscences of the class of '02 at Yale is the story of a stout and healthy looking member who was told by his tutor that "he was better fed than taught." "You teach me. I feed myself," was the retort.

# Judge - Your innocence is proved. You are acquitted.

Prisoner (to the jury)-Very sorry, indeed, gentlemen, to have given you all this trouble for nothing.

## Consoling Thought. He—Darling, I have lost my position. She-Never mind, dear. Think of how

Some people take care of their mess and neglect their stomachs.-At-

small your salary was.—Brooklyn Life