LIABLE TO EXPLODE

HARMLESS HOUSEHOLD GOODS THAT ARE REALLY DANGEROUS.

Sugar and Chlorate of Potash Is a Wicked Combination, and Flour Dust and Dry Air Is Fraught With Danger-Oddities of Guncotton.

At the premises of an English comnany there occurred some time ago a disastrous fire which completely gutted an enormous building and caused losses aggregating \$500,000. The fire was at tributed to an explosion of malt.

Any fine inflammable dust mixed with a certain proportion of dry air will explode. There was a previous similar accident in a New York candy manufactory. A terrific explosion which wrecked the entire building was discovered to be due to the fact that particles of fine leing sugar had been allowed to invade the room where the furnaces were.

An eminent authority on explosives declares that many of those accidents in coal mines usually attributed to fire damp have been caused by dry coal dust suspended in the gallecies having been accidentally fired. Even so appar ently as innocent a substance as becomes fearfully explosive when mixed in suitable proportions with dry

Another substance that has proved to be extremely dangerous when stored in large quantities is chlorate of potash A disaster some years ago in a big London factory proved the destructive powers of this simple remedy for colds. Sugar and chlorate of potash mixed form an explosive which has been tried for blasting purposes, but so dangerou a compound is it that any explosive containing these ingredients is not like ly to pass the government tests in this country.

A good many years ago it was discovered that cellulose scalced in strong nitrie acid changed from a substance no more harmful than paper to a flere explosive. The number of materials of which altric acid will work a similar transformation is almost endless Wood, paper, straw, coal, peat, pitch starch, sugar, ten tan, phosphorus, iron, zine, copper and magnesium are only few that could be named.

One of the best known and most ter rible of these mixtures is nitroglycerin which is simply nitric acid and com mon glycerin mixed together and al lowed to fall into a stream of water Dynamite is nothing more than nitro giveerin absorbed by some spongy sub stance. Alum, asbestus, plaster of par is, sawdust, bran, meal, even dried and pounded potatoes, have been employed for this purpose, but the substance most commonly employed is what is known as "klesel guhr," or spong earth. This is the kind of clay formed of minute fossil shells, great beds of which are found in Germany and other parts of the world.

Guncotton, which was first made in 1845, is the form of nitro compound usually employed in war. It is manu factured from ordinary cotton waste treated with a mixture of nitric and sulphuric neids.

There is one very curious point about guncotton. It cannot be made from raw cotton in the hale: waste cotton is necessary for its manufacture. It seems as if the bleaching to which manufac tured cotton has been subjected has something to do with fitting the waste for becoming explosive material. Oily waste is, however, completely useless for making guncotton, and if even little is enrelessly used a whole batch of the manufactured product may be

Guncotton is so extraordinarily sud den in its action that a small quantity has been exploded in contact with a heap of gunpowder and has failed to

The great advantage which guncot ton possesses over all other explosives is that damp does not injure it. In fact, wet guncotton explodes with just as great violence as dry, but is of course much harder to fire. Conse quently it is one of the safest explosives to carry, as it can be thoroughly wetted before packing and kept wer during transport. For mining purposes or for use in war guncotton is usually compressed into hard cakes.

The cordite which is now used in British military rifles is a rather more compound substance, being composed thirty-seven parts of guncotton mixed with fifty-eight of nitroglycerin and five parts of mineral jelly. It is formed into little cords each threeeighths of an inch in diameter. These are made up into little fagots which are placed in the cartridges.

What seems a very odd substance from which to make an explosive is gutta percha. But by the action of ni tric acid it can be turned into a formi dable detonator.

Each country has its pet powder. The United States uses picrate of ammonia the French bave a beautiful, semitransparent, chestnut colored powder ide of the ultrates of potassium and barium. Besides these there are dozens of explosives with fancy names such as ballistite, cannonite, ritleite, randite, plastomenite. These vary in size and of grain, color and power, but all depend on the action of nitric neld for their explosive force .- Atlanta

The Belle and Her Dress

Once upon a time there was a falle who made frequent visits to smaker and stayed quite long each time because she was particular ut the fit of her gowns, and the

odiste desired to please her. They would cut and fit and shape rk to bring every line and curve into proper relation, so that the effect be artistic and pleasing to the

al.—Matters of form are often the tant matters.—New York Herald.

A GIRL TO TRUST.

So Thought President Lincoln When e Handed Her a Pass During the civil war Miss N., high spirited Virginia young lady whose father, a Confederate soldier had been taken prisoner by the Union forces, was desirous of obtaining a pass which would enable her to vist him. Francis P. Blair agreed to obtain an audience with the president, but warned his young and rather impulsive friend to be prudent and not betray her sympathy for the south. They were ushered into the presence of Mr Lincoln, and the object for which they had come was stated. The tall, grave

"You are loyal, of course?" Her bright eyes finshed. She healtated a moment, and then, with a face eloquent with emotion and honest as

man bent down to the little maider

and looking searchingly into her face

"Yes, loyal to the heart's core-to Virginia!"

Mr. Lincoln kept his intent gaze upon her for a moment longer and then went to his desk, wrote a line or two and handed her the paper. With a bow the interview terminated. When they had left the room, Mr. Blair began to upbraid his young friend for her im netuosity. "Now you have done it!" he said.

'Didn't I warn you to be very careful? You have only yourself to blame," Miss N. made no reply, but opened

the paper. It contained these words: Pass Miss N. She is an honest girl and can be trusted.

A. LINCOLN.

Red Jacket's Memory.

Red Jacket, the Indian chief, had nore confidence in his own memory than in books and papers of white mer There was a council at one time be fore Tompkins, an early governor of New York, in regard to an ancient treaty. The agent said one thing, but Red Jacket corrected him. "You have forgotten," said the American agent, We have it written down on paper. "The paper then tells a lie," was the confident answer. "I have it written ere," continued the chief, placing bis hand with dignity upon his brow "You Yankees are born with a feath er between your fingers, but your paper does not speak the truth. The In dian keeps his knowledge here. This is the book the Great Spirit gave him. It does not lie." A reference was made to the treaty in question, when to the astonishment of all every word that Red Jacket had said was confirmed on the document.

Amused Only the Actors.

In his "Random Recollections Charles H. E. Brookfield, a highly esteemed actor on the London stage, says: "I remember a piece which we produced at the Comedy theater, written by a popular author and very strongly cast, which amused us all so much that we could hardly rehearse it. Charles Hawtrey used every now and then to warn us: 'Now, don't speak too oon on that. There's certain to be a big laugh, and we don't want them to miss the next line.' We rehearsed for six weeks. On the first night nothing went wrong-but the piece. There was not one laugh nor one round of applause from start to finish. We took off the comedy in ten days, during which we rehearsed as a stop gap a conventional three act farce with literary pretensions. I think it ran for a year.'

Queer About the Eves.

Prince Troubetskoy, the artist, once painted in Paris the portrait of an American who was cross eyed. painter thought a great deal about the matter and finally made his picture cross eyed, too, so that it should be a faithful likeness.

When it was done, the original looked at it and said: "It seems to me-it seems-why, hang it, this picture is cross eyed, isn't

1t ?" "Why, no more than you are, sir." said Prince Troubetskoy.

"Well, perhaps you're right," murmured the American. "It seems to have a queer look about the eyes, though."

Her Fathomless Eyes.

It was the hermit Thoreau, whose mistress was wood and stream, who wrote: "The lover sees in the glance of his beloved the same beauty that in the sunset paints the western skies. It is the same diamond here lurking under a human eyelid and there under the closing eyelids of the day. Here, in small compass, is the ancient and natural beauty of evening and morning. What loving astronomer has ever fath omed the ethereal depths of the eye?"

Cause and Effect.

La Montt-Children are so much worse than they used to be. What do you attribute it to? La Moyne-Improved ideas in build

La Montt-What has that to do with It?

La Moyne-Much. Shingles are scarce, and you can't spank a boy with a tin roof .- Philadelphia Record.

Hard Work.

"I suppose you have heard about young Chumley? He is very seriously ill as a result of overwork." "You don't say so! What has he bee doing to bring it about?"

"Trying to collect his thoughts."

Giving Him a Chance Master Pickles-I think that if I went out of the room Mr. Spooner would kiss you. Ada.

Miss Pickles (sternly)-Leave th room this lustant, you impertment boy!

It is a lot of fun being in love if a man doesn't care if he saves any mon-ey or holds his job.—Atchison Globe.

HE STOPPED THE BELL.

Good Reason For Giving Itim Free Entry to the Show.

The requests for theater favors in the small towns are very troublesome. Every person of local standing feels that he has a right to admission at least, while the trustees and the constable feel that they are entitled to private boxes. Some of the requests are decidedly unique.

Recently a company played a small southern city. The manager was taking the tickets at the door of the theater. and the natives were struggling to get in. "Suddenly," he tells, "a long, thin, bushy chinned individual divided the folding doors with his shoulder and whispered confidentially, 'I stop the bell.' I asked him to repeat. 'I stop the bell,' he said again in a hoarse whisper. 'You will have to see the opera house manager and tell him what you stop,' I said, reaching for tickets. He tripped up several ladies while backing out. Soon the manager of the house came in, saying, 'He's all right; be stops the bell.' I allowed him to go in, and after the people were seared I asked the local man what he menut by 'He stops the bell.' 'Well,' said be, 'this man is the janitor of the town ball, right opposite, and on "show nights" he does not ring nine or ten on the town clock. You see, he said, "it would disturb the performance," and so the poor people do not know what time it is until 11 o'clock, when the opera house is open. If I had "turned him down" he would have rung out nine and ten every half hour to get even." -Chicago Inter Ocean.

Lincoln the Ideal President. Lincoln is the ideal president in that he led public sentiment, represented it and followed it. "I claim not to have controlled events," he said, "but confess plainly that events have controlled me." During his term of office he was one day called "very weak" and the next day "a tyrant," but when his whole work was done a careful survey of it could bring one only to the conclusion that he knew when to follow and when to lead. He was in complete touch with popular sentiment and divined with picety when he could take a step in advance. He made an effort to keep on good terms with congress, and he differed with that body reluctantly, although, when the necessity came, decisively. While he had consideration for those who did not agree with him, and while he acted always with a regard to proportion, he was nevertheless a strong and self confident executive. - James Ford Rhodes in Scribner's.

Killing the Turtle. Killing a turtle with an arrow seems very difficult feat, since a very hard shell covers practically all of the antmal, yet the natives of the Andaman islands kill buge turtles with arrows as easily as American sportsmen kill cabbits with shot.

Accustomed from their childhood to ise bows and arrows, they soon become wonderfully skilled in the use of these primitive weapons, and as they know the places where turtles congregate it s easy for them at any time to bring nome a good bag of game. Sometimes they try their skill on large fish, and, though the latter are harder to kill than turtles, there are a few islanders who rarely miss their mark.

The bows and arrows are made of native wood and are longer and stronger than those used by European arch-

Fierce Wild Hogs.

The wild hogs of southern Colorado share with the peccaries of Central and South America the reputation of being the flercest, most vindictive and toughest animals of the western hemisphere. They will follow tenaciously, tree and starve out an enemy. skins are tough, their vitality is remarkable and their teeth sharp as razors. They travel in small droves and are ready to attack anything, be it man or beast, that arouses their ire. Hunters in southern Colorado always observe the precaution of stationing themselves within reach of a tree when in the neighborhood of a drove.

Realism.

"De Starr is the great exponent of realism in the drama." "I know; that's why be wouldn't take

my play. "What was the matter with your

play?" "Why, the hero had a surgical operation performed, and De Starr said If it was done at all it would have to be a real operation, and he couldn't stand for that eight times a week."-Washington Times.

Not Much Difference.

Magistrate-Now, sir, while the evidence is not technically conclusive, I am fully convinced of your guilt, and it will be only a matter of time until fou are apprehended and your guilt brought to light.

Prisoner-And then, your honor? Magistrate-Well, then it will be a natter of some more time.-Buffalo Express.

A Relief. Husband-Darling, I believe that I

am falling. Wife (in alarm)-Gracious: How often I have warned you, George, against your foolish speculations: Husband-I don't mean in business, dear; I mean I'm failing in bealth.

Wife (relieved)-Oh, is that all?

Love in Speciacles. He—I suppose now that I shall have to ask your father for his consent. She-No. Harry. After the first time you called, pa said I might have you if I wanted you. Pa and I have stood it for a long time.—Boston TranFIXED DATES IN RUSSIA.

They Rule Even In Simple Things With Absolute Tyranny.

Routine is exceedingly strong in Russia. There is a day in June upon which says tradition, it becomes safe to bathe in the rivers after the winter freeze No matter how warm the water may be earlier, no matter how cold it may be on that day, then is the time to take the first swim. Other fixed dates are mentioned in "Ivan at Home," by Herbert Barry. Of course the statements do not apply to all Russians, but to

the average peasant only. No man dare touch an apple before the 6th of August, however ripe the fruit may really be before that day. He does not believe it is fit to eat.

The village sportsman, although be may have observed the blackcocks fighting among themselves unusually early owing to the warmth of the spring, cannot make up his mind to shoot them until the appointed day has arrived.

No traveler will start on a journey on either a Monday or a Friday.

Although the delay is strongly against his own interests the fisher-

man will not east his nets before a cer-

tain day, whether the season be late or

early. No lamb is supposed to be able to reach the age of mutton should it have been born before the day named in the negant's calendar. And so on throngh all the common events in their daily life does this attachment to fixed dates hedge in a Russian's existence.

Had Enough of Law. A gentleman who is now general superintendent of a railroad began life by trying to practice law in a Missour village. One of his first cases was be fore his father, who was a justice of the peace. After a stormy wrangle be tween the young attorney and his adversary, the old gentleman decided the case against his son's client. The young man gave vent to some expreindignation, gathered up his books and started to leave the room. His father pushed his specs on to his forehead and began mildly to lecture him, saying:

your living practicing law?" The son, who had by this time reached the door, shouted back as he retired from the field:

"Young man, do you expect to make

"Not before such a blamed fool court as this. He abandoned the law and engaged in railroading with great success.-

Green Bag.

A Bluff That Worked. Peter Newell, the artist, was camp ing out in Colorado at one time, living in a tent. News came of a nocturna murder in the neighborhood, and con siderable uneasiness was manifested by some members of the family. Mr. Newell thereupon cut out some silhouettes representing men of the roughest western type, all with pistols in their belts and in the attitude of men intensely interested in a game of poker. The silhouettes Mr. Newell fastened to the inner canvas of the tent. At night the family, stepping outside into the darkness to view the result, were entranced with its success. The shadows thrown from the silhouettes in the lighted interior indicated a tent filled with poker playing. pistol shooting desperadoes. forth the Newell family slept in pastoral peace.

What Is In a Namet Once upon a time there was a credit or to a large amount whose debtor constantly refused payment. The creditor became impatient and after investigation found that the debtor lived in etter house than he did. dressed ter, clothed his wife in silks, satins and laces and spent dollars where he, the creditor, spent cents. Then he was wroth.

"I will sue the wealthy debtor," be said, "and collect what is owing me." He brought suit and disclosed a large amount of valuable property; but, alas. it was all in the name of the debtor's wife, and he got not a single cent. Moral.-There is often a great deal in

a name.-New York Herald.

Apropos of mottoes on houses, a correspondent of the Westminster Gazette relates that a man in Scotland wished to have cut over the door of a new house the text, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." He left the workmen to carry out his wishes during his absence, and on his return his horrer was great to find the quotation completed, "But we have made it a den of thieves." "We had a wee thing mair room, ye see, so we just pit in the end o' the verse," was the explanation given by the Bible loving Scot.

Rev. Dr. Parr, when perpetual curate of Hatton, Warwickshire, which living he held from 1783 to 1700, regularly smoked in the vestry while the congre gation was singing long hymns, chosen for the purpose, immediately before the sermon. The doctor was wont to exclaim. "My people like long hymns, but I prefer a long pipe."-London Telegraph.

Unselfish. "Widowhood makes a woman unself-

"Why so?" "Because she ceases to look out for No. 1 and begins to look out for No. 2. -Town and Country.

A Henpecked Husband. Meekton-Do you know how to gov ern your wife? Henpeck-Yes, but she won't let me

Many a fool man casts a shadow on his life by standing in his own light.

The horse is man's best friend-ex-cept those at the race track.-Puck.

THE BOW IN WAR.

How It Was Made and Used by the Asiatte Tribesmen. The bow as used by Aslatic horsemen sumes a curious shape. They were made of horn, generally buffalo horn, in two pieces, leined by a wooden center, and when unstrung had the form of a capital C, which cambled them to be hung over the arm on horseback. When strung, a difficult feat to those unused to them, they took the double curve of the antique bow as seen in the representation of Cupid. This was the Tartar's bow," used by the Scythians, Parthians and Persians and up to quite recent times in India. It was drawn by the thumb alone, on which the archer were a broad, thick ring of horn,

ivory or cornelian, on whose edge the bowstring rested. The long bow was also much in use among Indian infantry of the middle ages, but neither they nor any other Asiatics appear to have done such execution as the English archers of the same period. Bernier says, describing a battle between Aurangzeb and his brother Dara; "They draw their arrows with a marvelous swiftness, one man being able to draw six of them before a musketeer can discharge twice; but, to say truth, their arrows do but little execution. More of them are lost in the air or broken on the ground thun bit "

The bow, in fact requires more than any other weapon constant practice from childhood, and strong Englishmen of the present day are quite unable to use the bows of the half human Mincopies of the Andamans,-Chambers' Journal.

Have the Springholes Travel. The springboks of South Africa mi erate in vast berds, moving in a compact body and carrying everything be fore them. If a flock of sheep be in the line of march, as sometimes happens, it is surrounded, enveloped and comes, willingly or unwillingly, part of the springbok army. An African hunter tells the strange story of seeing a lion in the midst of the antelopes, forced to join the march. It is sup posed that the lion had sprung too far for his prey, that those upon whom he alighted recoiled sufficiently to allow him to reach the ground, and then the pressure from both flanks and the rear prevented blm from escaping from his

strange captivity. If the springbok travels in such armies, how can those in the middle and in the rear find food? In this wise; Those in the front ranks, after they have eaten greedly of the pasture, gradually fall out of the ranks to rest and chew the cud, while the hungry ones in the rear come up, and so the columns are all the while changing.

The Fragrant Hellotrope You may give a heliotrope, and not very large plant, as much water as you give a geranium and think you are giving all that is required. Your plant will fail to make a vigorous and healthy growth because it is not moist enough at the roots. Examine it, and you will find that the tiny roots have extracted the moisture almost wholly. If not given more water at once, some of the young and delicate roots are injured. and the plant takes on a diseased condition, from which it often never recovers. Do not get the idea that the soil in which hellotropes are grown ought to be kept wet. Not at all. But because it requires more moisture than many plants, because it extracts more rapidly from the soil, water should be given oftener to keep the soil in the proper condition.

The Final Straw. A story is told of a rustic who, after imbibling too freely, fell asleep by the

wayside. The day was hot, and a swarm flies settled on his face and proceeded to make his sleep anything but pleasant. In a little while a few mosquitoe came along to add their torture to that of the flies. Of course the man woke up after repeated attacks by the combined forces and vainly tried to brush them away. Finally along came a big wasp and stung him on the nose. "Now, for that you can all get off," he

The Discovery of the Fork Some believe that the fork was in use all over Europe as early as the year 500 A. D., but if they were their use and the fork itself were lost sight of up to about the beginning of the seventeenth century, when it was either discovered or rediscovered and popularized. Walton, Weems and other antiquarians hold to the earlier date, beuse a stone vessel containing coins of the middle ages and some iron forks was found at Sevington, England, in the year 1834.

Obtaining Heirs In China. The practical Chinese have adopted a simple way of obtaining beirs where ere are no legal ones-the adoption of children who belong to side branches of the family. In this way the family line is kept lutact. In the absence of male descendants in the side branches of the family the sons of strangers are adopted. The Chinese prefer this meth-

An Unreasonable Cuption. Wittleus-I think the caption of this essay is one of the most unreasonable things I ever saw.

od to marrying second wives.

Criticus-How so? Wittieus-It is "The Decline of the Amateur." As if any one ever knew amateur to decline.-Baltimore American.

Spoke the Professor. "Culture." sententiously observed the doctor, "is like charity. It begins at

"Yes," said the professor, "but it is usually finished abroad." - Chicago

STUFFED BLACK BEARS.

The Reason They Are Used as Signs by the Furriers.

The man who comes to New York not understand why the bears in Cen tral park seemed so much more stuck up than the rest of the animals, but after he had traveled about town several days he saw through it. It was because 99 per cent of the furriers in town have chosen a big black bear for an advertising sign. Why the other aninnis in the zoo should be so discriminated against puzzled the man not a about it.

"It is because the bears last longer than anything else," said the furrier. "Of all the animals in New York I don't know of any that have a harder time than those that stand outside furriers' stores winter and summer and try to drum up trade for their employ ers. It doesn't make any difference what kind of weather comes along, whether it blows hot or cold, those fel lows have to stand at their post and swelter or freeze, as the case may be. Naturally all those changes are pretty bard on their bide, and none but bears can stand the strain. Some furriers have tried the fox, the lynx and other animals now and then at a venture, but they have mostly come back to the bear as the most satisfactory of the lot. They cost more too. A good stuffed bear comes as high as \$15, but if he is treated well he will last for twentyfive years, so that brings him down to a comparatively low price after all."-New York Press.

Charles A. Dane's Lowie.

They tell a good story of Charles A. Dana - how Dana once summoned boy reporter and said, "Tomorrow you write up the yacht race."

"But," said the lad, "I don't know how; I'm a Nebraskan. I only came here last night, sir, and I haven't so much as seen New York harbor yet. As for yachta-why. I never saw a yacht in my life!"

"Just the reason I sent for you, my boy! You'll write a story that people can read: you'll picture the thing: you'll write with enthusiasm because

it's all new to you." Sane logic! The poetry of the sea has always been written by landsmen; it always will be. The barrack room balads are best sung by a gentle civilian. The inside of anything is clearest seen by an eratwhile outsider. Mr. Bryce. not Mr. Lodge, writes "The American Commonwealth," Emerson, not Carlyle, writes "English Traits."-Rollin Lynde Hartt in Atlantic.

Why He Should Learn Spanish. One of the most brilliant series the Gobelin tapestries represents the surprising adventures of Don Quixote. Louis XV. had a great affection for the doughty chevaller. One day he said to a great gentleman of his court:

"Do you know Spanish?"

"No, sire," said the other, "Ah, it is a great pity." The seigneur, thinking, at the least, the king was going to offer him the ambassadorship at Madrid, put himself with extraordinary zeal to the mastery of Spanish. In a few weeks he came back to his royal master and.

with a conqueror's air said: "Your majesty, I have learned Span-

"My compliments," said Louis, "Read Don Quixote' in Spanish. It is much oner than in French."

Not the Usual Result.

"How can you afford to give away these sait pickles with your meals?" asked the man who dined cheaply at the little German restaurant around the corner.

"Ah, but you forget they make the awful thirst," said the proprietor. "The awful thirst makes trade for the bar.

Is it not the clever idea?" "They certainly do make one thirsty." said the man at the table. "I feel those I've caten already. Bring me"-

The proprietor's face was a study in expectancy. "Bring me another glass of water!"-New York Tribune.

Stated a Fact. A clergyman highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities, of which oratory is not one, has recently had placed in his church by his loving congregation a new pulpit. It is a fine piece of work, ornate with carving and artistic embellishment. But the text inscribed on it, considering the effect of the good rector's sermons, might have been more happily chosen. "He giveth his beloved sleep," it runs.

Mother-The whipping you had yesterday does not seem to have improved you. Your behavior has been even worse today.

Willie-That's what I wanted prove. You said I was as bad as I possibly could be yesterday. I knew you were wrong.

No Enemies.

him."-Exchange.

"No, sir," said the cowboy. "Cactus Cal ain't got an enemy in the world." "I should think a man like him would be continually making enemies." "Sure, but as soon as he makes one he gits his gun inter play an' unmakes

His Hard Remark Young Wife-That horrid tramp said my biscuits were like cement, and yet

Young Husband-Cement, oh? Well perhaps he wanted to make himself solid.-Philadelphia Record.

Hurrah For Pal Little Willie (proudly -- My pa knows

Little Bob (contemptuously)-Ho, my pa knows fewer things than your pa.-

A RESOURCEFUL LAWYER.

An Inspiration That Won a Case He

A Philadelphia lawyer tells the story that a picture of Fanny Davenpor once won a case for him. His clien was suing the Pennsylvania Railroad company, of which Wayne MacVeagh was counsel, for \$7,500 damages for the death of her husband. "Just a few days before the case was to have come up she happened into my office and announced that she had married again 'Good Lord, madam.' I gasped, 'why couldn't you have waited until you case came up? It's next to impossible for me to get damages for you now. She said she didn't care very much and went out, seeming very and went out, seeming very happy, Well, it just happened that I had a photograph of Fanny Davenport on my desk, and when the next day Wayne MacVeagh happened into my office to discuss oulte another matter be picked up the photo and admired it. your friend? he asked. I had a sudder inspiration, and I said: 'Why, that's the lady who is suing your company for \$7,500.' 'The deuce you say,' said he. 'Handsome woman, isn't she?' 'She is, indeed,' I replied. 'H'm!' he exclaimed, looking at the picture closely 'A deuced handsome woman, I should say. A deuced handsome woman. There was a slight pause. 'What'll you take to settle this case? he asked. I thought of my client's second mar ringe, and I fixed the figure at \$5,000. The deal was consummated and the

Paid in His Own Coin.

case never came to court."

Once in a way Archbishop Temple of Canterbury would get paid back in his own coin. A delightful instance of this is recorded. The church people of a certain parish are said to have strong ly urged the bishop to find another sphere for their parson, whom they wished to get rid of. Dr. Temple summoned the obnoxious elergyman to his study and suggested a change of benofice. What was it, the parson wanted to know, that his people had to find fault with? "Well," said the bishop in the peculiarly barsh, strident voice that so sadly marred his preaching, "if you insist on knowing, it's your voice they complain of; they don't like your voice." "How curious!" said the clergyman. "A friend was with me at the cathedral the other day, when your lordship was preaching, and as went out he said. 'What a fine sermon, but what an unfortunate voice!

An Accommodating Witness. The witness on the stand had been bullyragged by the lawyer until his patience was exhausted.

"Now," said the attorney, "you say you saw the prisoner draw his pistol?" "Yes."

"Remember you are on your oath." "I'm not forgetting it."

"You are sure you are telling the truth?" "Sure."

"No mistake about it?" "None." "You couldn't be persuaded into any

other statement?" Here the Judge interposed. "Oh, let him go on, your honor," pleaded the witness. "He's a lawyer, and he doesn't know the truth when he sees it, and I'm only too glad to show

him how so far as I can.

The Monument Was a Minfit. A stately granite shaft had been erected in the cemetery of a Massachusetts town in memory of a man whose life had been anything but praiseworthy. None the less the monument was one of the sights to be shown to a stranger, and one day a former resident of the town who away for many years returned and was taken to see the granite obelisk. He was no stranger to the faults and fallings of the man whom it eulogized with its gilded inscription, and, after silent contemplation of the shaft on all sides, he said. "Well, if it's for good-ness, it's too big, and if it's for badness it's not big enough."-New Haven

Chronicle.

Trained Chrysanthemums Chrysanthemums in Japan are trained into numerous quaint shapes, like the old English yew trees, in the forms of peacocks, etc. In Tokyo there are gardens filled with life sized figures made cultrely of the flowers and leaves the faces being masks, and these chrysanthemum figures accurately represent court ladies, warriors, children and an imals, one of the favorite characters being a young lady with a fox's tall peeping from under her dress and a mask which by the touch of a string

turns into reynard's head. Down With Impertinent Neighbors. Mr. Mulhooly-Phwat fur are yez makin' such a noise on that planny? Y'r drivin' me distracted wid v'r racket an' me head achin' loike it wud split in

two paces. Daughter-Them new neighbors nixt door has been complainin' of my play

Mr. Mulhooly - Begorra. hammer harder .- New York Weekly.

Not Acquainted With Him. "Do you know Mr. Fresco, Mr. Albert Fresco?" Inquired Mrs. Nuritch.

"No," said her busband, "Why?" "I've got an invite to Mrs. Blugore's garden party, and she mays they're go-ing to dine Al Fresco."—Philadelphia Press.

Sue—So you are going to marry Chol-ly Sportboy. On what grounds do you base your belief that he really loves

Nan-On what grounds? On his real estate, of course.—Baltimore Herald.

Grief is the agony of an instant. The indulgence of grief is the blunder of a life.—Disraeli.