TO FIND FAULT.

People Are Sometimes Paid For That Express Purpose.

You have no idea how many things are wrong in a big business until you are paid to look for them, writes Gelett Burgess in Collier's. There were the clocks, for one thing, when I first began. The girls wore too many rats in their hair, there was grease on the elevator doors, expensive hats were dumped one on another, the ventilation was bad, the boxes on the shelves showed from the street through the show windows and about a thousand other things. Then Spindelheim sold teapots just like our eighteen cent ones for 14 cents, and for a concern like Smith & Co, to be undersold is fatal. There's really nothing that so enrages Mr. Smith; also Rubinstein's window dresser has beaten ours, too. at times. Down it goes in my little report. Wouldn't any woman love my Job.

Yes, it's fun to be paid for being a misanthrope, but it's hard work too. At 9 o'clock I begin my promenade through the store-downstairs, up stairs, basement, attic and annex. If a girl at the counter has dirty finger nails or too wide a pompadour to suit me 1 stop and talk pleasantly, buy 9 cents' worth of edging and so get her number from the sales slip. She never knows anything about it till her superintendent gives her a scolding the mext day. I have eyes like a hawk and a nose like a hound and ears like a small boy under the sofa when a young man's calling on big sister. In ten minutes I have spotted the dust in the corner of the aisle, a girl who wears brass bracelets, a porter who is not attending to his duty, a badly ar canged counter, an error in spelling on a placard, two store detectives loafing on their job and a hideous combination of colors in the front window. I go to the ladies' room and make a note of these things surreptitiously. I don't dare go there too often, though, for fear I'll be identified, so sometimes I run back to my office, two blocks away. So it goes till about 4 o'clock. hither and thither, nigh and yon, look ing for trouble. It doesn't do a cierk any good to be uncivil to me, I can tell you, or to make me wait too long for my change, but I try to be fair. and if I find a particularly willing and considerate sales person down that came goes in my report too. You might suppose that there'd be good graft in that; but, of course, I keep my position only so long as the head of the firm has absolute confidence in my integrity. The funny part of it is that the more I complain the better be likes it. I'm like the opposition party in congress. I'm never satisfied. When I am I'll have to look for another position.

At 4 o'clock I go back to my little office and dictate my report from my notes to a stenographer, and when it's typewritten I send it to the head of the firm.

When "Fluck" Was Slang.

'The word "pluck" affords an instance of the way in which slang words in the course of time become adopted into current English. We now meet with "pluck" and "plucky" as the recognized equivalents of "courage" and "courageous." An entry in Sir Walter Scott's "Journal" shows that In 1827 the word had not yet lost its low character. He says (volume 2. page 30), "Want of that article blackguardly called pluck." Its origin is obvious. From early times the heart bas been popularly regarded as the seat of courage. Now, when a butcher a open a carcass he divides the great vessels of the heart, cuts through the windpipe and then plucks out together the united heart and lungs-lights, he calls them-and he terms the united mass "the pluck."-London Notes and Oueries.

CEYLON MENUS.

The Way Natives Wrestle With the English Language.

A writer in the Epicure tells of several menus with which he was confronted when traveling in Ceylon. The menu, he says, is an indispensable adjunct to a respectable nuncheon or dinner table in Ceyton. As a rule, the head servant writes it out and from his elementary knowledge of English as "she is wrote" springs a bost of quaint blunders. At the same time his fertile oriental brain is ever apt to add footnotes, which are perhaps his happlest achievement.

At one lunch there figured among the dishes "roast beef," but it caused the bostess some consternation when she discovered the additional legend in very small letters, "roast beet, smelling a little," the parenthetical note being meant to intimate that the dish was accompanied by a sauce of savory odors.

On another occasion there appeared this following acknowledgment of deficiency; "Steak and kidney ple; no

kidney.' It was altogether delightful, continues the writer, to find at one dinner our old friend Weish rabbit appearing as "Weisch rubbish." The same genius translated haricot mutton int-"hurrygod mutton." Our own boy, he adds, on the occasion of a hastily improvised dinner. was unable to accomplish a dessert. Consequently he put the word "plates" at the end of the menu.

A COSTLY TRIFLE.

It Brought Bankruptcy to an English Iron King.

It was a common penny postage stamp that brought Hobart, the great British "iron king." to his ruin. At the time of the Whitworth period, when there was a big crisis in the iron trade. he had agents in all parts of the world who kept him posted. Sometimes they telegraphed news to him in cipher. but those in England were nearly always instructed to write. At that period his principal agent, who was also his chief partner, was in Sheffield and wrote him from there warning him to sell out all iron interests for the time on account of the Whitworth crisis.

Hobart had frequent fits of irritability, and he had been receiving a lot of unstamped letters of no importance on which he had to pay double postage. One morning in anger he gave orders that such letters were to be returned to the postman. The very first unstamped letter received after this was from his partner. It was rejected as soon as it arrived.

Consequently, knowing nothing of the existence of the letter or the all important private news it contained. Hobart pledged himself next day for more iron deals than even his mighty credit was good for. The great drop in prices came two days later, and Hobart, once a millionaire, was involved in a hopeless bankruptcy from which he never recovered. - London Telegraph.

Pillsbury's Wonderful Memory. Harry N. Pillsbury, the chess player, offered one day in South Bethlehem. Pa., to memorize thirty words, no matter how hard they might be, the selections to be read to him only once.

Professor Merriman of Lehigh university and Dr. Threikeld-Edwards of Bethlehem picked out most of the following words; Antiphlogistine, periosteum, takadiastase, plasmon, ambrosla, Threikeid, streptococcus, stappelococcus, micrococcus, piasmodium, Mississippi, Freiheit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, athletics, no war, Eichenberg, American, Russia, philosopher. Pict-Potgieters-Rost, Saimagundi. Oom sillecootsi, Bangmamvato, Schlochter's Nek, Manzinyama, theosophy, catechism, Madiesoomslopa,

Number of Nails to a Horseshoe. Centuries ago there lived a farrier

Walter le Brun by name, whose dexterity at the anvil on the occasion of a great tilting meeting on the banks of the Thames was noticed by the then reigning monarch, Edward HI who rewarded the blacksmith by granting him sufficient and adjoining the tilting green for the erection there on of a forge. As quit reut he had to present annually to the king six horse shoes and sixty-one horseshoe unit-To the modern mind the number of nails would appear to be superfluoubut when it is remembered that the horseshoes of that period required to nails apiece it will be seen that the calculations of Edward III, merely an lowed one over in case of accident Furthermore, the shoes were all to be for the borse's fore feet, from which fact some historians draw the inference that the animals ridden in the knights' tournaments were encouraged to injure each other with their front hoofs .- London News.

"Correct to a T." Our earliest quotation for this or for the kindred phrases "to suit one to a "to fit to a T," "to know one to a т." T." is of 1693. Can any one help us to an earlier example? No one of our many instances throws any light upon its origin. A current obvious conjecture would explain "a T" as meaning "a T square," but to this there are va rious objections. We have no evi dence as yet that the name "T square" goes back to the seventeenth century and no example of its being called simply "a T," and in few if any of our instances would the substitution of "a T square" for "a T" make any tolerable sense. The notion seems rather to be that of minute exactness as it were "to the minutest point." But the evidence is mainly negative. If examples can be found of "T square" before 1700 or of its reduction simply to "T" or of earlier examples of "to a T" they may help to settle the actual origin. - London Notes and Queries.

The First Wire Nail.

Although the wire nail is a small thing, it would be a big thing to do without. Probably no one could estimate the millions or billions or tril lions-whatever the number may bethat are used in a single year. Yet the first wire nails in the United States were made no longer ago than 1872 The first machine for their manufac ture was brought over from Dussel dorf and set up in Covington, Ky Later this single machine was multi plied by four and a company was or ganized. In 1884 the manufacture of wire nails was begun in Beaver Falls. Pa., and the product was already be ginning to grow in popularity and use fulness. Just a year later a strike temporarily shut off the manufacture of cut nails, and the wire nail was in such demand that the manufacturers were swamped. From that time dates the supremacy of the wire nail .- Chicago Post.

The First Fireless Cooker.

Soon after the battle of White Plains, N. Y., while the American forces were drifting toward North Castle, the lone occupant of a house, one of the Pierce families, on the Bedford road at Pleasantville, N. Y., looking out of the window, descried a possof Hessian soldiery coming up the pike. Having just placed a number of loaves of bread in the old Dutch oven, she bethought herself that it would be well to secrete them until the soldier band passed. She at once removed the loaves, which had already become heated, and ran up in the attic and placed them between two feather beds. The soldiers arrived in due time and soon appropriated everything removable. After their departure the housewife remembered the bread exodus, ran up the stairs, and. lo, the brend was done to the "queen's taste!"-Magazine of American History.

ODD ELECTION SIGNS.

The Signs Are In Washington, the Elections Elsewhere. "Of course we don't have any elec-

tions of our own," said a man from Washington, "but we have election intimations, if I may call them that, which can't be duplicated anywhere else in the country.

"You see, when we Washingtonians want to vote we've got to do it somewhere else, and as most of us have a lingering fondness for the franchise we are pretty likely to hang on to a residence somewhere outside the District.

"We especially like to do it because it makes us feel as if we had some sort of weapon to flourish before the observing eyes of the politicians who may have something to say about our hold on our jobs, and when the time comes to go home to vote we visibly swell with importance.

"Naturally a national election is the one that catches us all at once, and it is then that the intimations 1 spoke of do most abound. The papers are full of advertisements of loans for election expenses. Department clerks can be accommodated with sums covering their railway fare, new clothes for the trip and a substantial margin over and above necessary items. The interest is a bit high, but a clerk who is pining to go back home to splurge a bit is willing to mortgage his resources for the pleasure.

"These offers of loans fill columns of the daily papers. Alongside of them are other advertisements, all turning on the one theme, the election. 'Buy yourself a new suit to go home and vote in!' The grammar is a bit off. but the prices are asserted to be all right.

"In the shop windows there are dozens of election placards: 'Just the hat to wear when you go home to vote.' 'Specials in suit cases for the election.' 'Take a souvenir hatpin to your best girl when you go home to vote," "Swell suit for the election, only \$1 a week,' and in a shoe store window, 'Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching-home to vote; wear --- 's shoes and you won't get sore feet!'

"The railways offer special rates to voters, and so it goes. You won't find anything like it in any other town."-New York Sun.

EASILY MANAGED.

The Clever Scheme Evolved by the Clock Winder.

The contract for keeping the church and town hall clocks in order was given to a new man. Unfortunately from the start he experienced a difficulty in getting the clocks to strike at the same At last the district council retime. quested an interview with the watchmaker.

"You are not so successful with the clocks as your predecessor," he was told. "It is very misleading to have one clock striking three or four minutes after the other. Before you took them in hand we could hardly tell the two were striking. Surely you are as competent?"

"Every workman has his own methods, gentlemen." replied the watchmaker, "and mine ain't the same as H.'s were.'

"I'm decidedly of the opinion that it would be for the general good if they were," remarked one of the councilors.

"Very well, sir, in future they shall be," came the reply. "I happened to write to him last week about the trouble I had with the clocks, and-but perhaps," he added as he produced a nd banded it to

She Was the Ghost. certain indy and her family." says Sir Mountstuart Grant-Duff in

his "Diary." "hired a place in Scothand which was haunted by the ghost of a woman who was to be seen constantly at night wandering through the rooms and passages. When the family arrived the lady was much struck with the place and said, 'I must have been here before, for 1 know this place so well, only there ought to be two rooms here, and there is only one.

"The agent replied that within a few weeks the owner had caused a partition to be taken down and made the two rooms into one. Still the lady was puzzled at her knowledge of the place till she remembered that it was a house she used to go to in her dreams.

"Well, some time passed, and the agent was up at the house again, when the lady complained that one part of the contract had not been fulfilled. They had hired a house and a ghost for the summer, and no ghost had she seen. The agent replied: 'Of course not, because you are the ghost. We recognized you the moment we saw you."

Why They Were Selected. It has been recorded that General Henry Knox in 1783 was the "greatest" of eleven distinguished officers of the army, weighing 280 pounds. Noah Brooks in his book entitled "Henry Knox" gives the following incident relating to the general's full habit:

With a Captain Sargent he was se lected to present the hard case of the starving and naked men at Valley Forge to the attention of a committee of congress. One of the congressmen. wishing to show his wit and sarcasm. said that he had never seen a fatter man than General Knox nor a better dressed man than his associate. Knox managed to keep his temper and remained silent, but his subordinate retorted, "The corps out of respect to congress and themselves have sent as their representatives the only man who had an ounce of superfluous flesh on his body and the only other man who possessed a complete suit of clothes."

Wanted a Pattern.

A ragged Irishman was charged in a London court a short time ago with tendering a counterfeit shilling in pay ment for a penny loaf. Though forlorn in aspect, he was not

destitute of that shrewdness which is characteristic of his countrymen. He stated that he was sent for the loaf by a person at a public house close by, who gave him the coin to pay for it. and that on discovering it was not good he bought the coin for three balf-

pence. The Magistrate-How came you to buy the shilling after you had discovered it was a bad one?

The prisoper, with much apparent gravity, replied:

"Sure, then, your bonor, I bought it so that if I should happen to have a bad one offered to me 1 might know it by looking at the one I had with me." There was a burst of laughter, and the rogue was dismissed with a caution.

When the President Lost His Hat. The Crystal palace exhibition opened at New York July 15, 1853, was the first affair of this kind in the country for which foreign exhibits were solicited. The "big show" began with a procession, in which President Franklin Pierce, mounted, was a conspicuous feature. The hero of the day rode a mettlesome steed, and while proceeding up Wall street the presiden-

prevalent style, was incontinently

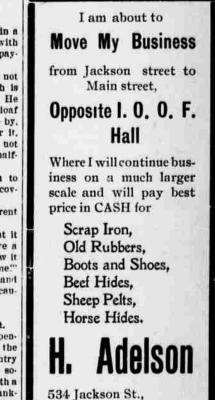
Avoid Harsh Drugs Many Cathartics Tend to Cause Injury to the Bowels

If you are subject to constipation, you should avoid strong drugs and cathartics. They only give temporary relief and their reaction is harmful and sometimes more annoying than constipation. They in no way effect a cure and their tendency is to weaken the already weak organs with which they come in contact.

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/Henry Ward Beecher's Wit.

On one occasion as Mr. Beecher was in the midst of an impassioned speech some one attempted to interrupt him by suddenly crowing like a cock. The brator, however, was equal to the occasion. He stopped, listened till the growing ceased and then, with a look of surprise, pulled out his watch. "Morning already!" he said. "My watch is only at 10. But there can be no mistake about it. The instincts of the lower animals are infallible."

There was a roar of laughter. The "lower animals" in the gallery collapsed, and Mr Beecher was able to resume as if nothing had occurred

French Convicts.

Convicts who are sent to the French penal colony in French Guiana are punished in exactly inverse ratio to their crimes. The murderers and the most dangerous convicts are sent to the island of Salvation, where they lead lazy and healthy lives, but the men convicted of lesser offenses work and die in a terrible climate on the poast. In the settlement of St. Jean e Maroni the mortality is from 40 to 50 per cent. The average life of a convict is two years.

Which Was It?

"Are we slaves or are we free men ?" thundered the orator. "I pause for a eply.'

"Some of us are married," came the enswer from the last row of seats ew York Sun.

An Opportunity.

Judge-Do you swear to tell the ruth, the whole truth? Fair Witness It will be just perfectly lovely if You really have the time to listen.

"A little of this goes a long way," m his cigar .- Harvard Lampoon.

Mr. Pillsbury immediately repeated these words in the order given and in the reverse order.

A Cockney.

Minshen, a dictionary maker of London, in 1617 issued a work which gave the following amusing account of the origin of the word "cockney:" "A cockney, or cockny, applied only to one born within the sound of the Bow bells-that is, within the city of London-whiche terme came first out of the following tale:

"A citizen's soune, riding with his father out of London into the country and being a novice and merely ignorant of how corpe and catel do increase, asked when he beard a borse neigh what the horse dide. His father answered, 'The horse dothe neigh.' Riding further, be heard a cock crow and said. 'Dothe the cock neigh too? And therefore cockney, or cockneigh by inversion thus: incoctus-1. e., raw or unripe in countrey-mens affaires."

Italian Brigandage In 1848.

One summer evening in the crowded theater an impatient house demanded the drawing of the curtain preliminary to the first act. When at last it was opraised Il Passatore and his armed band occupied the stage, with muskets aimed at the affrighted audience. 'The chief stated that he should levy a tax per head, which he then and there collected. The gang made off with their booty unmolested.-Lady Presturch's 58.YS."

Depressed. "I am afraid Bliggins has met with reverses

"What makes you think so?" "He goes about with a gloomy look, saying there is no such a thing as disinterested friendship. That is almost a sure sign that a man has been trying to borrow money."-Exchange.

There are more than 600 proverbs in the English language which relate to dogs.

Figure It Out.

A beggar boy asked an old gentleman in the street for sixpence.

"What will you do with it if I give you one?" asked the old gentleman. "Turn it into ninepence quick," replied the boy.

"How?"

"Give me the sixpence and I'll soon show you."

The boy got the money, darted off to a baker's shop and bought a three penny loaf, with which he returned to the old gentleman and handed him back 3 pennies.

"How's this? You said you would make the sixpence into ninepence." "So I have. The baker's got three-

pence, you've got threepence, and I've got a threepenny loaf. That's nine-pence."-Pearson's Weekly.

Late Hour Explained.

"What kept you until this late hour?" asked the husband of his suffragette wife.

"Well, my dear." she answered meek ly. "you see it took us an hour to greet one another, the meeting lasted thirty minutes, and the rest of the time was spent in saying goodby."-**Detroit Free Press.**

When Women Run Us.

Friend-So your detective force is failure? Chief Emma-Yes; we can't find any one who is willing to be a plain clothes woman.-Puck,

Had Had His.

Sloux Chief-Why didn't you torture the baldhead? Plute Chief-What was the use? He had been married for twenty years.-Buffalo Express.

To attempt to make everything emphatic is to make nothing emphatic -Whately.

letter "you'd like to see what he said."

Curious Laws In India.

fruit was uncertain, the giri was sup-

"Dear sir," ran the letter-"about them clocks. When you get to know tumbled to the pavement. Another horse recklessly stepped upon the unfortunate tile, crushing it out of the what a cantankerous lot of busybodies semblance to itself, besmearing it with the council consists of you'll do the mud-real Wall street mud. What was same as I did for fifteen years-forget left of the misshapen and bedaubed to wind up the striker of the town hall hat was worn by the president, to the clock, and the blooming jackasses great amusement of the spectators, upwon't be able to tell that both clocks til a substitute could be secured. ain't striking together!"-London Tit-

A Witty Retort. One day while dining with the secre-

tary of the admiralty William IV. Some of the old laws of Nepal, Inthen heir presumptive to the British crown, said: "When I am king, sir, dia, were curious. Killing cows ranked with murder as a capital offense, for you shall not be the secretary of the instance. Every girl at birth was admiralty, I promise you. What de married with great ceremony to a you say to that, eh?" betel fruit, which was then cast into a sacred stream. As the fate of the "All I can respond in such case," re-

Subscribe for turned the witty official, "is, God save the king," "-St. Louis Republic.

Fido's Tail a Mystery.

Little Willie was tugging at Fido's tail.

"What are you trying to do with the dog?" asked the child's father.

"I fink his tail is coming off." "Oh, no, Willie. That's impossible

What makes you think so?" "'Cause Fido's tail is so loose that

it wiggles."-New York Press.

Bright Thought.

"Oh, dear," sighed small Elmer, "I wish I had another pocket!"

"You have several now," rejoined his mother. "Why do you want another?" "I've looked through all of them for

my knife," explained Elmer, "but couldn't find it. If I had another pocket it might be in that."-Chleago News

A Calamity.

Tammas (to McTavish, whom he has just pulled out of the water)-Man. Donal', ye sud be lookin' happy! Are ye no' thankfu' yer life's saved? Mc-Tavish (sourly)-1 dinna see nae cause to be thankfu'. The glass o' whisky i had afore I fell intil the water's gotten fair drooned!-London Tit-Bits.

Their Turn Out.

Ella-They had a very smart turn-out. Bella-Indeed? Ella-Yes; they were ejected from one of the best hotels in the town,

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

You are hereby informed that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Summer-ville Telephone Company will be held at the general office of the Company in Brookville, Pa. on Wednesday, the 12th day of January. A. D. 1910, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of direc-tors for the Company for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. ______ I.K. BROWS, I.S. HARMOND, President. meeting. J. S. HAMMOND, Becretary.

longed.

consent!"

"Why not?"

New York Press.

Bits.

hand against the sky.

posed never to become a widow. To obtain divorce from a husband a wife had only to place a betel but under his pillow and depart. In Nepal the day is considered to begin when it is light enough to count the tiles on the roof or distinguish the bairs on a man's

Ancient Sacrifices.

Many Roman and Greek epicures were very fond of dog flesh. Before Christianity was established among the Danes on every ninth year ninetynine dogs were sacrificed. In Sweden each ninth day ninety-nine dogs were destroyed. But later on dogs were not thought good enough, and every ninth year ninety-nine human beings were

the life of the menarch might be pro-

immolated, the sons of the reigning

tyrant among the rest, in order that

A Far Sighted Man.

"Women vote! Never, sir, with my

"What: And have my wife losing

thirty Sollar hats to other women on

Particular.

was going to die he would want to

telephone ahead for a good room."-

"Yes. If the doctor told him that be

the election!"-Boston Transcript.

"He's a very particular man."