A Presage. A Presage, I have a friend, a dear one. Her name—but why I confes You very rarely hear one More jasejinating—guessi Her merry voice is avecter Than any rillet's flow: Her laugh has more of metre Than any song I know.

Her lovely eyes that lighten When robins softly sing Are like the skies that brighten At dawn in evry spring; Her cheeks—his brain is duller Thau dunce's who'll not own They've all the pinky color Of apple buds half blown.

You will agree it's pleasant That such a one should send Each year a charming present To me, "her dearest friend." And this year I've a presage— It makes my pulses start— That with a tender message She'll give to me her heart. —Bissell Clinton in Harper's Magazine.

### A TATTOOED PEOPLE.

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ntry Where the Young Adonises ril Their Lives to Make Themselves in Women's Eyes—Curious Habits

HERE RECENTLY



cisco Chroniele. The houndary line between Lao and Siam passes irregularly along the eight-enth parallel of north initiate and the greater part of the Lao states lies between the ninty-ninth and 10'st meridians of east longitude, recknowleftrom Greenwich.



STARTING ON A JOURNEY.

STARTING ON A JOURNEY. Muang-Nan, Hiuang Prabang, and Muang Prau. All are indopenient of each other and the rulers are autocratic. The offices of chiefs in the several states are held for life, but are not neceditary and are electo-rial under the will of the people with the consent of the King of Siam. The tribute paid to the latter by each chief is chiefly in the form of gold and silver betal boxes, are collected by the chiefs from farmers and others, and it is sufficient to say that the office of tax-collector is strictly "in politics," that is to say, it is a convenient toure of private gain. It is a poor tax collector that cau not leave his office awaitly man.

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move the mountain. When it sleeps the earth is quiet: when it moves it produces earthquakes. Mount Zinnalo is full of cares, which below water are inhabited by dragons called "Thewedas." Above the earth and around the great mountain is the firmament, with the sun, moon, and stars. Above the water is the inhabited earth, and on one side of the four sides of Mount Zinnalo are seven hills, rising in graduations, which are the first ascents the departed has to make. If he is waiting in "merit" he can not get to the top: but, having reached the summit, he course to the different chambers in system of government. Above all is the outer darkness or "Nirvana," well known or everlasting rest of the Buddhist faith. The American mission at Cheng-mai is



ON THE MEPING. Do THE MEPING. Index the charge of Dr. Chesk. This gen-thema enjoys a high reputation among the natives as a physician, however reluct-ant they may have shown themselves to accept a change of faith. It appears that the mission proselytize or evangilize the na-tives may any any shown themselves to much to proselytize or evangilize the ma-tives as to improve their general tone and elevate their minds by instructing them in useful industries. The success of the mission, from an evangilistic point of view, was at first very boor the number of living converts in 1834 being less than 100. The Catholic church has long had a fairly successful mission in Siam. Dr. Cheek has saved the lives of hun-dreds by his medical and surgical skill. He has also established a boat vard at Chengma, ware no employs args num-bers of men and enables slaves to be eman-cipated themselves according to the cus-toms of the country by making boats for their masters. American tools are fast superseding the primitive implements of the natives in the work of boat construc-tion. There are no newspapers in the Lao

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Lao town. There is now quite a large party of ladies in the Lao mission, and the pros-pects are much more encouraging than a few years ago. At Cheng-mai tuere is a



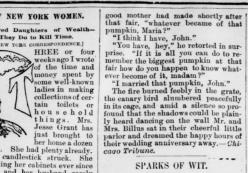
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Why Women Are Rarely Robbed.

Why Women Are Rarely Robbed. It is singular that more ladies are not robbed on the public thorongh-fares, for the majority of them carry every east they possess in their pocket-books, which in turn are earried in their hands. I suppose, however, the reason thieves do not snatch more of these money-books is that they know well the chances are they would get but little, even if successful in evading the police, after an assault of the kind upon a woman. The great handsome ause to have aone under nice circum-stances long before the period of Billus. "Maria," he observed, "this is the anniversary of our wedding, isn't it?" "It is, John." "Twenty-three years, Maria," said Mr. Billus, reflectively, as he took the poker and stirred the fire in the grate, "is a thundering long—h'm! h'm!— long time for some married folks, isn't it?"

FADS OF NEW YORK WOMEN. ed Daughters of Wealth

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PRESSING businessi-roning. Going the rounds-nounting a lad-

der. THE female chiropodist is the di-vinity that shapes our ends. THE raining favorite a good um-brella that belongs to another man. No one is able to write so long a sen-tence in so few words as the police judge. "I HEAR that the doctor has given Griggsby up." "Yes, he wouldn't pay his bill."

SPARKS OF WIT.

his bill. Oxe would think that a jailer would be in pain all the time with so many felons on his hands. WAITERS seem to be, as a class, quite orderly men, yet they are continually being called to order. THERE's one peculiar thing about a horse race. You can pick the winners right along until you put up your money.

right along until you put up your money. WHEK the world comes to an end aud all language is forever hushed. TII bet it will be a woman who will have the last word. SQUEERS-Do you know when the first umbrella was made? Nickleby-Oh, yes; during the rain of David, to be used as a parry Saul. DIME museum managers should in-magurate a search for a woman who can play cards an entire evening with-out asking: "What's trumps?" EDITH (as the one-armed organ grinder came in sight)--Oh, mamma, just look at that poor man! All the sawdust has run out of one of his arms! Ain't that awful?" "I AM sorry to say," said a sheriff to

Ain't that awful?" "I AM sorry to say," said a sheriff to a young widow, "who was handsome, "that I have an attachment for you. "I am happy to say, sir, that it isn't mutual," she replied.

mutual," she replied. Mr. BLINKS--What? Thirty years old to-morrow? You told the minister who married us only two years ago that you were only eighteen. Mrs. Blinks (wearily)--Well, I felt eighteen then.

(wearily)—Well, I felt eighteen then. As old man-of-war sailor, who had lost a leg in the service of his country, became a retailer of fruit. He said he was obliged to be a retailer, because having lost a leg he could not be a whole sailor. LOUISE (of New York)—What! Havo you been married eight times, Elsie? Elsie (of Chicago)—Yes, I've had eight husbands. And I've been very fortu-nate, too; not a single one of them died on my hands.

nate, too; not a single one of them died on my hands. MISS PRUDE (while out walking with her younger sister, thinks she is rudely treated)—Were you staring at me, sir? Strange Gentleman—Bless yon, no, madam. I was admiring your little granddaughter. VISITOR—I hope, my friend, that you now see the great error you have made. Murderer—Yes, I see it clearer every day. If I'd only 'r killed de hired pirl too there would't have been no one left to peach on me. EDITH—I don't like electric light in a house. Jack — Why? Edith—Be-cause it can be turned on so unexpect-edly by—pa, for instance. Jack — Well, let us go out on the piazza. The moon won't play us any trick. "MANAA," said Tommy, as he watched his little brother squirming in the bath-tub, "Willie is like a piece of flannel." "What make you think so?" asked his mother. "Oh, because he shrinks when he's washed."

shrinks when he's washed." TEACHER.—Johnnie, is it proper to say, "Peaches is better than watermel-ons?" Johnnie (who evidently has his likes and dislikes) No, ma'am. Teacher —Well, you may correct the sentence. Johnnie—Watermelons is better than peaches. YOUNG Medical Student (to his sweetheart)—Do you know, Julia, that the human heart is equal to the lift-ing of 120 pounds every twenty-four hours? Julia (demurely)—Well, that's just my weight. Then he lifted her to his heart.

applique lace, with her monogram picked out of the delicate web in batiste lines. Mrs. Major General Schuyler Ham-filton, who on the day of her marriage to the distinguished soldier was pre-sented with the famous pearls of the Hamilton family, has an inordinate love for the jewels, which she is more fond of playing with than wearing. The actresses go into fads for adver-ting purposes, just as they sign lit-erary contributions which most of them are incapable of writing. Lillian Russell is an adept, and yot I can hardly leave her out of this letter, for she has a really remarkable collection of silver-bound toilet articles. She is mad on the subject of brushes, and I really believe there are three dozen alone in her outfit. She has nail brushes, jewel brushes, brow brunches, hair brushes, and manicure brushes, all woren with imported bristles and backed with silver-sterling, every inch of it, and superbly carved or ham-mered. These things are spread over her dressing and toilet tables, backs up, and if you didn't see the Freuch bed with its silken canopy and hang-rings in the chamber, the polished ward-robres of her dressing-room, and the porcelain tub and swinging health-lift of her bath-room, you might fancy yourself in the shop of a dealer in ex-elusive novelties, These brushes, with the hand mirrors, jewel and powder boxes, are distributed over the tables of silvee. To the sight they are ad-mirable. To the chamber maid, who as to shine them up every Monday and silver. To the sight they are ad-mirable. To the otambermati, who have or shine them up every Monday and silver. To the sight they are ad-mirable. To the otambermati, who have otame the up every Monday and silver. To the sight they france year of the silver specifies. Mr Billus as the bis confortable She Had Not Entire's Forgotten. Mr. Billus sat in his comfortable armchair, with his feet comfortably resting on another chair. Mr. Billus was enjoying himself. He had dined, and he defied fate to do its worst, even as another great man is said by histor-ians to have done under like circum-stances long before the period of Billus.

jedge down---" "You are a judge?" "Yes, Justice o' de Peace down in de

A Horse Car Scene.

Last week I saw an incident that fore

Last week I saw an incident that fore-ibly illustrated a growng tenlen y of 'our gir's." An oid lady, but a portly one, heavily weld, came into a street enr and sit a huge, well-filled basket down. It chansed to intrude on the tress of a superbly dress of yon g woman opposite. She a'us at market baskets roundly and then a used the people who or rol them. Then she allowed the op nion to's a e that persons who car-red baskets I ad no business to ride in street cars. An I then she derived the op or people being allowed to ride in every street car. Some cars should be result of a substitute of the street cars. An even word that in every street car. Some cars should be welled lady said not a word until b oth motioned the driver and the car stoppe 1. "Hot don 1. Take that pail 1" said the elderly lady. Her tormentor looked a moment in astrishment."

Her tormentor looked a moment in astonishment "Take that pail, Martha, and earry it home. This basket is all fear manage," repeated the elder. "Why didn't you tell me who you were, mother?" asked the crestfallen girl, as she picked up the pail and went out.—[Yankee Blade.

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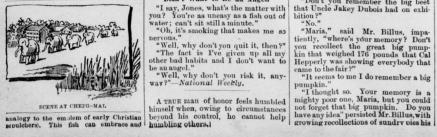
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ing and instantiated the set of the set of the prevailing religion in the Lao States is the brown in the Laosian theory of the inverse is a peculiar one, and sate gravi-tation at defiance. The center of the world is Mount Zinnalo, which is half un-der water and half above. The former portion is a solid rock with three root-like rocks protruding from the water into the air below. Round this mountain is colled a large fish (furnishing a remarkable



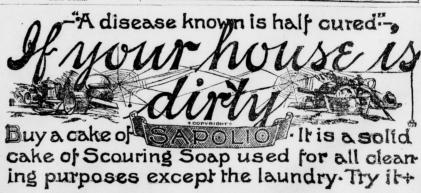
the police, after an assoult of the kind upon a woman. The great handsome silver-tipped Russia leather affairs called purses are very attractive in themselves, but in mine out of ten cases the inside of them is "very lonesome." I heard a professional thief say once that it was regarded as extra hazard-ous in his profession to rob a woman, either in the house or on the street, and for two reasons: Firstly, that a woman always screams, and, sceondly, she has seldom much to be taken. A man, on the contrary, either gives the thief a chance to get away or fights, and then his watch, money, or value ble are much easier to get a.—Louis ville Post. Didn't Want to Be an Amel.

Didn't Want to Be an Angel.

it?" "It is, John." "And yet it doesn't seem — h'm! h'm — as if it were thirty years since I first met you at the Jasper County fair, does it?" "It isn't thirty years," replied Mrs. Billus, rather shortly. "It is only twenty-six." "I mean twenty-six years of course, Maria. Speaking of that fair," con-tinued Mr. Billus, "I wonder if you re-member that big artichoke in the agri-cultural hall." "No. I don't remember any big arti-

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"No, I don't remember any choke." "Have you forgotten that long ear of corn sent in by old Absalom Wykoff?" "I have no recollection of it." "Don't you remember the big beet that Uncle Jakey Dubois had on exhi-bition?" "No."



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