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islands are governed by a sultan, who, for his submission to the imperialistic program of the McKinleyites, receives an annual salary of \$10,000 for the support of himself and his twelve wives. His harems and slave-pens are guaranteed the protection of the flag which was dedicated to the cause of human liberty. For what ignoble purposes the stars and stripes will be next used is known only to the cotorie of land grabbers and liberty-throttlers who for the time being are unfortunately in control of

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being are unfortunately in control of the American government. A writer who has evidently studied the matter says: "They have now or ganized a compressed air trust. A liquid air trust is likely to follow, then will come the free air trust; and in due time we will have our breath strained through a meter at so much a breathe, and if we won't pay by the 10th of the mouth the company will shut off our wind." Governor Stone says that nobody doubts Mr. Creasy's honesty, or that he would make a good state treasurer. Post. It Talked Louder. Tyes, The said in those deep, mellow trust self the in a roar; "yes, I have gone into suddeville. I do an act with a sou-state and the sum of the self the self the self the trust is likely to follow, then will work pay by the 10th of the mouth the company will shut off our wind." Governor Stone says that nobody would make a good state treasurer. H Talked Louder. The file is a contradiction of the mouth the table self the source with his open palm table to the care the and Pie treater A Difficult Care.

would make a good state treasurer. Then what more can be asked? Does Governor Stone prefer a state treasurer of the usual kind, one who will allow the money of the state to be used for speculating in stock?

In Ohio a jilted young woman avenged herself by firing several shots from a pistol into the tires of her recrean lover's bicycle. Revenge of this sort is more spirited than a breach of pro mise suit and just about as satisfactory

Oswald sells Arbuckle's, Dills-h's, Lion and Levering's coffee at 10 cents a pound.

UNCLE CALEB'S WILL. REVENGE WENT ASKEW.

"You mean that you can't put your-self out to give your mother's brother a night's lodging!" said Caleb Cheverel, bitterly. The March wind, bearing dust and grit and bits of flying paper on its Jobson Planned It Out All Right, but Was Too Previous.

Was too Freenous. Mr. Johos ngot home from his office at 4.15 one atternoon last week and found a note from Mrs. Johoson saying that she had gone to hear the perform-ance of a long-haired plainist, and that he'd find his dinner all ready for the

Enterop. It's the rough draft of a will." "But he has got nothing to leave," "The not so certain of that," retorted Will. "Just look here, Jenny! 'I give and bequeath to my two beloved nices, in equally divided parts, the sum of £10,000, at present Invested in consols, and—" "Haw, haw, haw," laughed the Eng-shman. "Funniest joke I ever

Ismiani, Funnest joke I ever heard," "What is it?" asked the American. "Why, a man got up one morning and couldn't find his alarm clock, so he asked his wife what had become of it, and she said it had disappeared at 6 o'clock." I don't see anything so funny about

"I don't see any may have a set of that." "Don't you? Why-why-neither do I now. Thought it was awful funny when I heard it, too. I- Oh, yes, now I know. She said it went off at 6 o'clock. Haw, haw, haw!"-Chicago

anw, "laughed the Eng-"Funnest joke I ever if unnest joke I ever if ind his alarm clock, so so any thing so funny about ck." asked the addisappeard wit ind his alarm clock, so so any thing so funny about ck." asked the addisappeard and addisappeard ck." asked the addisappeard and addisappeard ck." asked the addisappeard and addisappeard chore addisappeard at taked to the addisappeard and addisappeard and addisappeard and addisappeard arough draft, I tell you. And now, see allow the addisappeard and the see as and and and and and and and the addisappeard and th

It Was Supremely Funny

Dationt doctor; I can see it in your

face." Doctor-"No-o; not exactly, Patient--"Tell me the truth, doctor; I want to know just what you think." Doctor-Well, to be quite candid with you, I was worrying about your bill. You haven't paid me a cent in two years."-Puek. "Gospel truth!" said Mrs. Eldertop. "Bayet wit with my own eyes." "He must come here," said Mrs. Lar-"Not if I begget to be a said to

Boarding House Conundrum. "When is a calf like a hen in hot wa-ter?" inquired the facctions boarder, "I don't know," replied the landlady. "Please tell us." "When it is a chicken stew," was the rejinder. And a deep hush fell upon the assemblage.—New York Journal. kins, resolutely. "Not if I know it," said Mrs. Elder-top, "He's my guest and my guest he shall remain." "But if I'm to share equally with you," said Mrs. Larkins, "I ought to show him some attention, the dear, gerous-hearted old man." "Lest he should alter his will,"

"Lest he should alter his will," shrewdly remarked Sister Jenny. "You

arways were a worldly creature, Becky!" "No more than yourself!" said Mrs. Larkins, bristling up. "But it's my family I am thinking of, Jenny, I'li tell you what—I'll come around and see him to-morrow."

a to-morrow." But don't you breathe a syllable out the will," said Mrs. Eldertop, in nysterious whisper. Oh, not for worlds," said Mrs. Lar-

a mysterious whisper. "Oh, not for worlds," said Mrs. Lar-kins, fervently. During the next week Uncle Cheverel was overwhelmed with civilities. On Thursday a new suit of clothes arrived, with Mrs. Larkins' best love and com-pliments. On Friday Mrs. Larkins came with an open barouche to take dear Uncle Caleb for a drive in the park. And on Saturday Mrs. Elderop burst into tears and declared she should never be happy again if her mother's only brother didn't pledge himself then and there to make his future home with herself and Will. Uncle Caleb looked a little puzzled. "Well," said he, "if you really make a point of it-but I was intending to meet Cousin John at Gravesend." "Dear uncle, promise me to stay here always," cried Mrs. Eldertop, hyster-ically. "Just as you say. Niece Jenny." Ba-

analys, cried ans. Elderlop, hyder-ically, "Just as you say, Niece Jenny," as-sented the old man, complacently, Mrs. Elderlop felt that she had car-ried her point. But when Mr, and Mrs. Larkins came on Sunday afternoon to press a similar petition, Uncie Caleb opened his eyes, "My importance seems to have 'gone up' in the market," he observed quaint-ly. "I never was in such demand among my relatives before. But I can't be in two places at once, that's plain."

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and undue impartiality. But just as Mrs. Larkins was rising to depart, with her handkerchief to her eyes, little Johnny Eldertop came clamoring for a piece of paper to cut a kite tail from. "Go along," said Mrs. Eldertop, im-patiently. patiently "We h have no paper here. Go to

"We have no paper here. Go to Amelia." "Hold on, little chap—hold on!" said Uncle Caleb, fumbling in his overcoat pocket—he had been just about starting for a walk when the Larkins party ar-rived—"here's a bit as is of no use to nobody."

rlved-"here's a bit as is of no use to nobody." And he produced the "rough draft" and bestowed it on Johnny. "One side's written on," said he, "and tother ain't. It was lying on the floor in Mr. Watkin's law office, when I stepped in to see if Joseph Hall was employed there as porter still. An old chum of mine Hall was in Torotose Hol-low. I can't bear to see even a bit of paper wasted, so I axed the clerk if it was of any use. He said no--it was nontha, he said, or I just pikked it up and put it in my pocket. Everyfhing comes in use once in seven years, they say, and this is just right for little Johnny's kite tall.

say, and this is just right for little Johnny's kite tail." Mrs. Larkins looked at Mrs. Eldertop, Mr. Eldertop stared into the spectacled eyes of Mr. Larkins. Uncle Caleb chuckled benevolently as little Johnny skipped away with the piece of paper which had been freight-ed with such wealth of anticipation. The Larkinses took leave without any nunccessary formula of adjeux, and Mrs. Eldertop took occasion to tell Uncle Caleb that perhaps he had better prosecute his original design of the Gravesond visit. "Because we're expecting company to-morrow," said she, "and our best room will be wanted for a while. And," A SHEFLOCK HOLMES.

A Sharp Eyed Individual Whese Deductions Were Logical.

A Share Eyed Individual Whese Deduc-tions Vers Logical. "The last man who used this 'phone," said a New Orleans Sherlock Holmes, preparing to wrestle with the instru-ment in a public station, "was a short little fellow in a deuce of a hurry, smoking a cigarette. He asked for the lillinois Central freight office, was told they were busy and repeated the re-quest five times, getting madder at each call. Meanwhile his cigarette went out, and after vainly searching for a match"—— "exclaimed a friend, "Hold on there!" exclaimed a friend, "What kind of a fairy story are you giving me, anyhow" "No fairy story at all," replied the mateur-leuth, blandly, "I was mere-ly stating a few facts." "But how the dickens did you ascer-tain them?"

"But how the dickens did you ascer-tain them?" "Plain as A B C, my boy. To begin with, the adjustable mouthplece of the instrument is pulled down, as you see, to its fullest extent, indicating clearly that the last user was very much un-dersized. Isn't that evident?" "Y-e-e-es, I guess so; but how about the rest?"

dersized. Isn't that evident?" "Y-co-exes I guess so; but how about the rest?" "Well, look at that ledge, and you will observe five charred spots and an equal number of small piles of tobacco usily, that the yen life in the spots and an equal number of small piles of tobacco usily, that the gentleman was smoking and hald own his cigarette each time he called. The piles of ash are still un-he called, showing they were recently disturbed, showing they were recently deposited, and they are small, proving was and hald own his cigarette each time he called. The piles of ash are still un-he called and they are small, proving was an interval of calling was and i looked instinctively for a memo-randum of its number, which most meres. I found it, as I anticipated, on top of they here, such circumstances. I found it, as I anticipated, on top of they have smale in peer land recognized the number of the freight office. Such memoranik are almost slaway rubbed out by the sleeve of the next customer, and as this one is still fresh and bright, it is fair to presume it was made by the short chap with the cigarette. More-over, a freight office phone is usually busy at this hour, so the clews inter-lock and sustain one another. Not so, my dear boy?" "Oh, deduce the match incident from those fresh toothpicks on the floor. Where a man in a hurry searches for a match he invaribly inds quantities of toothpicks. I would" "Are you through with that 'phone?" asked a short, stout stranger, appear-ing suddenly at the door and vigorous y puffing a cigarette: "because if you "Certainly, sir," said the analyst, smilling." I think von will find tho

A Difficult Assignment. Editor-What's all this stuff? Reporter-That, sir, is a report of the proceedings of the Woman Suf-frage meeting last night. Editor-But I can't make head or are i''-2 "Certainly, sir," said the analyst, smiling. "I think you will find the freight office disengaged at present." "Well, I'll be hanged," said the friend.—New Orleans Times-Democrattail of it. ail of it. Reporter-Neither could I. They were all talking at once.

A CASE IN POINT. Dissertation on the Virtue of Telling the Unvarnished Truth.

Unvarianced Truth. " "The hyporrisics in which women in-dulge are very fatiguing," remarked Mr. Blykins, with that lofty and irri-fating air which he adopts when he feels like lecturing, according to the Washington Star. "These social shams are as foolish as they are unnecessary." "Do you think they are confined to feminine existence?" inquired his wife, gently.

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"Do you think they are conflued to feminine existence?" inquired his wife, gently.
"Of course they are. A man goes straight to the point. He doesn't descend to petty falsehood in an idle attempt to conceal his real motives and feelings. He doesn't send word that he isn't in when somebody whom he wishes to avoid calls. He doesn't guard feelings. He doesn't send word that be isn't in when somebody whom he wishes to avoid calls. He doesn't guard feelings. He doesn't guard feelings are straight from the shoulder and never takes any of it back."
"Don't you think that there are little conventional fictions which it is just as well to employ, if only for the sake of one's own self-respect?"
"Never! This world would get on twice as smoothly if nobody said anything he didn't absolutely mean."
"By the way," she exclaimed, abruptly changing the subject, "did you write to Mr. Squidly to-day as you said you were going to?"
"Yes And there's a case in point. I didn't mince words with him. I put it all down in black and white. I told him exactly what I think he is and then looked in abook of synonyms for more words. It won't do any good, of course, but it was some satifaction to call his attention to inself and let him know that there is somebody who isn't to be fooled by his hypocritical mask."
"Work did you agin the letter?"
"What did you gut before your name?"

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name?", I wrote the usual ine 'Yours "Why, I wrote the usual ine 'Yours very respectfully'—"." And then Mr. Biykins relapsed into silence.

Bamboo Curtains. An anusing story, illustrative of the difference between eyes and no eyes, is told by the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "I noticed such a sweet decorative idea on this street yesterday," said a hady visitor to a New Orleans friend, while taking a trolley ride near the French market. "It was a house," she continued, "hung at all the second and third story windows with pale yellow hamboo curtains. They were perfect-by plant and all of the same shade, but you have no idea how they set off the old place. Why, they simply glorified it."

old place. Wuy, they simply glorined it." "Hu-m-m," mused her friend, "I don't recall the house. Just point it out as we go by, will you?" Presently the visitor uttered an ex-clamation. "There it is." she cried. "The house of the bamboo curtains! I'm sure a colony of artists must live there?" "A colony of Italians,' said her friend, grimly. "That's not bamboo. It's a spaghetti factory. They hang the stuff out there to dry."

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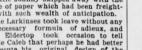
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A SHRELOCK HOLMES.

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The Worm's Sting. Mrs. Dorcas—Why do you think the new woman will never be successful la their attempt to get the earth? Dorcas—Because, my dear, the good book says the meek shall inherit the earth.—Judge.

Pleased to Obligs. Sailor-Want to buy a parrot, lady? Lady-Does he swear? Sailor-No, lady, dis one don't; but if yer want ter pay \$2 more 1 kin get yer a very choice article wot cusses beautiful!-Puck. GRATEST RABOLIT YOU FYER HEARD OF, pay your repeat as and UUS Special Offer Price SIS.50 and freight charges. The machine weight offer the SIS.50 Control of the Size of th

Trouble Over the Bridge. Jasper-Basser doesn't seem to be as popular in Brooklyn as he used to be. Jumpupper-And no wonder. He has acquired the habit of singing his baby to sleep, an in that way he wakens every other baby on the avenue.-Life.

Preparing the Way.

"The War Department has decided to issue candy to soldiers at army "That's merely an illustration of the influence of the new woman. She's looking forward to the time when she will want to enlist."—Chicago Post.

Comes to the Same Thing. "What is there in this story about he girl Gubbins is engaged to being "Millionaire?" "Not a millionaire; a milliner." "Oh, well, that is not so bad."—In-

Not Quite Sure. "Do you think bachelors ought to be taxed?" some one asked. "I'm not quite sure." she answered dreamly. "Give me another week and may be I'll be able to land him with-out any outside help."—Chicago Post.

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