

PRESS THE BUTTON

A picture we would like to make
But how, we do not know,
Until a little box we take
And press the button--so!

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Miss Askins--"Did he marry her
for pure love?" De Witte--"No; it
was adulterated with money."--Puck.

"I am working for posterity," said
the artist. "What grudge have you
against it?" asked his friend.--Chi-
cago Evening Post.

No matter how leisurely a doctor
may plod through his earthly career,
you never catch him boasting that he
takes life easy.--Philadelphia Record.

"How shall you keep your lover's love?"
Great goodness! I'm no sage above.
It can't be done with gear or rill--
Just love him as he loves himself.
--Detroit Free Press.

She--"I'm sure I've cast my bread
on the water many a time, and I don't
see any results." He--"No; I guess
your bread would sink, dear."--Yonk-
ers Statesman.

"You are wasting your time, old
man," said Fred to George. "You're
courting the wrong girl." "No, she's
the right girl. I'm afraid the trouble
is that I'm the wrong man."

"When a woman who is proposed to
says no," says the Manynunk philoso-
pher, "she generally means yes; and
when she says yes she means yes.
Take your choice."--Philadelphia Re-
cord.

Bobby--"Dad, what is a mutual
friend?" Mr. Fog--"He is generally
one who makes it his business to see
that you don't miss hearing the nasty
things your friends say about you."--
Tit-Bits.

Hicks--"What is your opinion of the
new woman?" Wicks--"About the
same as my wife's opinion of the new
girl. She is all right for a little while,
but she very soon develops into a
nuisance."--Boston Transcript.

"So your little brother is ill, is he?"
said Mrs. Hojak to Freddy Tomdik.
"What is the matter with him?" "I
don't know, ma'am. The doctor won't
let me see him, because he has a con-
tiguous disease."--Harper's Bazar.

"Did you ever make a serious mis-
take in a prescription?" "Never but
once," answered the drug clerk, as a
gloomy look passed over his face. "I
charged a man thirty cents for a pre-
scription instead of thirty-five."--
Washington Star.

Gilback--"I am surprised, colonel,
at your time of life, that you should
have any trouble in managing your
wife. All you have to do is to let her
think she is having her own way."
Colonel Quailer--"Yes, the only
trouble is that everybody else thinks
so, too."--Brooklyn Life.

May Have an Egret Farm.

The egret crest, so much prized,
may not be so valuable, if the scheme
of an enterprising Arizona man proves
feasible. According to the Yuma
Sentinel a citizen of that borough
proposes to establish an egret farm.
He thinks he can domesticate the
egrets by clipping their wings, and
intends to install a colony of them on
a big stretch of marshy land along
the river bottom near Yuma. Egrets,
which are tropical birds of the heron
family, have been found in great
abundance near the mouth of the
Colorado River, but there is some
danger of their extinction, as great
numbers are killed each year for their
feathers. The feathers of the egret's
crest sell for \$32 an ounce. The Yuma
man figures that ten birds will yield
an ounce a year.

The Original Loving Cup.

We think the "loving cup" must
have originated in Italy, where it hap-
pened not infrequently that hosts
stabbed their guests or poisoned them
at friendly banquets; but there is no
definite history of the cup. The origi-
nal loving cup had three handles.
The host drank from it first, this act
showing that the liquor in the cup
was not poisoned; then, holding it by
two of the handles, he passed it to his
friend on his left. His two hands being
occupied, he could not stab his
friend; and as his friend took one
handle in his right hand, he would
have been put to inconvenience to
stab his host with his left hand. The
cup did not prevent friendly assassina-
tion at dinner completely; but it
made it much more inconvenient.--
New York Sun.

Scotland's Gypsy King.

At Yetholm, in Scotland, a man
named Faa was crowned king of the
gypsies in succession to his late
mother, who was known as Queen
Esther. The crown of tin and tinsel
was placed on his head by the village
blacksmith, whose family is said to
possess the hereditary right of crown-
ing the gypsy sovereigns. The "king"
rode in a carriage drawn by six asses.

Marriageable Age.

We believe a young man and a young
woman should not marry until she
knows how to trim her own hats, and
he is prepared to admit that the baby
get its snub nose from its father's
folks.--Detroit Journal.



Sweetest thing that can be seen
Is a baby, fresh and clean.
Dainty clothes and tender skin
Need pure soap to wash them in.
Nurse and mother must be sure
Baby's bath is sweet and pure.
Free from grease or alkalis;
Ivory Soap their want supplies.

ODD ENGINEERING.

Water, Taken from the Pacific, Sent to
Atlantic Ocean.

It is a remarkable fact that water
which flows naturally into the Gulf of
California and thence into the Pacific
ocean has been virtually lifted across
the backbone of the Rocky mountains,
and now, after being used for irriga-
tion, finds its way into the Gulf of
Mexico. A number of small streams
on the other side of Long's peak,
which flow into Grand lake and thence
into the Colorado river, have been di-
verted by a ditch that finds its way
through 10,000 feet high into the head-
waters of the Poudre. Some 400 cubic
feet per second has thus been diverted
from the Pacific to the Atlantic slope,
where the water is used for irrigating
additional farms in Larimer county.
It is not strictly correct to say that
this water has been lifted across the
range. But a feat of sinuous engineer-
ing has diverted it, which amounts to
the same thing.

Birthplace of the Cable.

The old house formerly occupied by
Cyrus W. Field, in East Twenty-third
street, New York, is now being torn
down to make room for a more pre-
tentious structure. It was in this
house that Mr. Field lived when he
first broached the idea of building a
cable between Europe and America.
He still made the old house his home
when, after twelve years of disap-
pointment and struggle, the great
dream of his life became an accom-
plished fact. For some years the
building has been used as a boarding-
house. Now it is being razed to the
ground.

My Mother Had Consumption
My mother was troubled
with consumption for many
years. At last she was given
up to die. A neighbor told her
not to give up but try Ayer's
Cherry Pectoral. She did so
and was speedily cured, and is
now in the enjoyment of good
health. D. P. Jolly,
Feb. 2, 1899. Avoca, N. Y.

Cures Hard Coughs
No matter how hard your
cough is or how long you have
had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
is the best thing you could
possibly take. But it's too
risky to wait until you have
consumption, for sometimes it's
impossible to cure this disease.
If you are coughing today,
don't wait until tomorrow, but
get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral
at once and be relieved.
It strengthens weak lungs.

METAMORPHOSIS OF ITALIANS

Contrast of Newly Arrived Immigrants
and Their Americanized Relations.
There was a meeting outside the
barge office. A batch of immigrants
had come in, and Giulia and her man
were in waiting to receive some new-
ly arrived relatives. Giulia was brave
in her finest and most gorgeous raiment,
combining a reckless love of
bright colors with an ardent desire to
look American. Her hat was a mar-
vel of Third avenue millinery. Her
bright dress was after the most ap-
proved autumn model, always, of
course, from the Third avenue stand-
point, and the pendant earrings, great
yellow brooch, and jingling bracelets
were dazzling to behold. To crown
all, and as an irresistible finish, she
had squeezed her plump hands into a
pair of yellow kid gloves, momentarily
threatening to burst. Pietro's scarlet
necktie, generous expanse of shirt
front, low-cut mottled waistcoat, and
highly gilded watch chain limited his
powers of self-adornment, but his lit-
tle wife cheerfully made up for all he
lacked. Shrill cries of "Ecco! Ecco!"
turned the dull eyes of three persons
in their direction, and, extricating
themselves from the excited crowd,
they withdrew to contemplate each
other at their leisure. The contrast
was painful on one side, pathetically
ludicrous on the other. Francisco and
his sisters gazed blankly at their
changed and resplendent relations.
The man had on tight breeches of
homespun, a gray flannel shirt with a
red cotton handkerchief knotted at the
throat, and was a picturesque spec-
imen of Tuscan manhood. The women
were bare-headed; covert glances had
been exchanged over Giulia's startling
headgear. They wore huge, roughly
cobbled boots, and short petticoats
displaying striped blue and yellow
stockings, and knit worsted shawls of
variegated colors were tightly drawn
about the shoulders and fastened at
the opened throat with monstrous cor-
al brooches, the crowning glory of
their attire. But Giulia! Truly she
was a queen in comparison! Never
mind! Americanisms are quickly ac-
quired, and if the brother is lucky six
months may see their metamorphosis.
--New York Sun.

Like Finding Money.

The use of the Endless Chain Starch
Book in the purchase of "Red Cross"
and "Hubinger's Best" starch, makes it
just like finding money. Why, for only 5c you
are enabled to get one large 10c package
of "Red Cross" starch, one large 10c pack-
age of "Hubinger's Best" starch, with the
premiums, two Shakespeare panels, printed
in twelve beautiful colors, or one Twentieth
Century Girl Calendar, embossed in gold.
Ask your grocer for this starch and
obtain the beautiful Christmas presents free.

Save the Nickels.

From saving, comes having. Ask your
grocer how you can save 15c by investing
5c. He can tell you just how you can get
one large 10c package of "Red Cross"
starch, one large 10c package of "Hubinger's
Best" starch, with the premiums, two
beautiful Shakespeare panels, printed in
twelve beautiful colors, or one Twentieth
Century Girl Calendar, all for 5c. Ask your
grocer for this starch and obtain these
beautiful Christmas presents free.

Tea-Drinking in Russia.

The Russians drink enormous quan-
tities of tea, sufficient to frighten any
Englishman or American. The poor
people--and the Russian people are
the poorest in existence--use the so-
called "brick" tea. This is the cheap-
est sort, being mixed with stems, and
compressed by some adhesive gum into
dry cakes of various sizes, resembling
in its appearance "plug" tobacco. This
tea, which would probably prove poison-
ous to any one else, is consumed by the
Russian workman at the average
rate of about twenty stakans (or
tumblers) a day, the Russian stakan
being quite equal to five of the little
thimbles of cups used in America at
afternoon teas. Taking into considera-
tion that black, sour or bitter, brick-
like bread, raw onions, garlic, dried
leather-fish and strongly salted herrings
are usually the chief articles of
food of the people at large, one must
not wonder at the enormous quantity
of hot tea needed to quench a Rus-
sian's thirst and help on his digestion.

No Rocking Lullaby.

Strange at it may seem, the time-
honored custom of rocking babies to
sleep is a bad one. It is injurious to
the children themselves, and is a cause
eventually of much unnecessary
trouble to their guardians. Mothers
should therefore see to it that from the
very first the little ones are brought
up in the way they should go, and that
the monthly nurse does not get them
into bad habits by rocking them to
sleep either in her arms or in their
cots. There is no doubt that rocking
is the most expeditious way of induc-
ing a baby to go to sleep, but if one
once starts, a baby will not sleep with-
out it, and at a later age is likely to
suffer from insomnia. Rocking may
save immediate trouble to a lazy nurse
or mother by inducing sleep when a
child does not require it, or when it
ought to be taken up from its cot and
have clean clothes put on, but it will
never cause that sweet, gentle and per-
fect sleep which should be character-
istic of a baby who has no artificial
aids to induce slumber.

There is more Catarrh in this section of
the country than all other diseases put together,
and until the last few years was supposed to be
incurable. For a great many years doctors
pronounced it a local disease and prescribed
local remedies, and by constantly failing to
cure with local treatment, pronounced it in-
curable. Science has proven catarrh to be a
constitutional disease and therefore requires
constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure,
manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo,
Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the
market. It is taken internally in doses from
10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on
the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.
They offer one hundred dollars for any case
it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testi-
monials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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ACTS GENTLY
ON THE
KIDNEYS, LIVER
AND BOWELS.
GLEANSSES THE SYSTEM
EFFECTUALLY.
DISPELS
COLDS,
HEADACHES
& FEVERS.
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HABITUAL CONSTIPATION
PERMANENTLY.
TO GET
ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS
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Can't be beat.
\$19,000 OFFERED
ARNOLD'S COUGH KILLER
PENSION

SAVE YOUR STAR TINS
"Star" tin tags (showing small stars printed on under side
of tag), "Horse Shoe," "J. T.," "Good Luck," "Cross Bow,"
and "Drummond" Natural Leaf Tin Tags are of equal value in
securing presents mentioned below, and may be assorted.
Every man, woman and child can find something on the list
that they would like to have, and can have
FREE!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
GIVEN AWAY.
The first five persons procuring the Endless Chain Starch Book from their
grocer will each obtain one large 10c package of "Red Cross" Starch, one large
10c package of "Hubinger's Best" Starch, two Shakespeare panels, printed in
twelve beautiful colors, as natural as life, or one Twentieth Century Girl Calendar,
the finest of its kind ever printed, all absolutely free. All others procuring the Endless
Chain Starch Book, will obtain from their grocer the above goods for 5c. "Red
Cross" Laundry Starch is something entirely new, and is without doubt the great-
est invention of the Twentieth Century. It has no equal, and surpasses all others. It
has won for itself praise from all parts of the United States. It has superseded
everything heretofore used or known to science in the laundry art. It is made from wheat,
rice and corn, and chemically prepared upon scientific principles by J. C. Hubinger,
Keokuk, Iowa, an expert in the laundry profession, who has had twenty-five years'
practical experience in fancy laundering, and who was the first successful and original
inventor of all line grades of starch in the United States. Ask your grocer for this
Starch and obtain these beautiful Christmas presents free.