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duty. He reigns supreme in the northern court of the building. Although Barney is gotting along in years, he still main-tains his erect military appearance and is one of the best reminders of 1801 to be found in any of the departments. He has all the proverbial wit of the Irishman and is known, respected and liked by every naval officer on duty at the navy department. Catton Dome In Mirage. A wonderful mirage which appeared in the sky to the south of the city, showing the dome of the capitol build-ing, surmounted by the Goddess of Liberty, is creating great interest in scientific circles. By rare good fortune the attention of the weather bureau officials was called to the extraordi-nary phenomenon, and the data taken by the bureau as to the atmospheric conditions which prevailed at the time the mirage was seen, with the deduc-tions as to the exact on the atmospheric conditions which prevailed at the time the mirage was seen, with the deduc-tions which prevailed at the time to mirage was seen, with the deduc-tions which prevailed at the time to mirage was seen, with the deduc-tions the sky, but much enlarged, covering an immense area of the heavens. The white dome of the capitol was thrown in shary relief against the deep blue of the upper atmosphere. It lasted only seven minutes and then did not fade away gradually, but vanished as sud-cular, as it had appeared. **General Bates is the proud** possessor of what is probably the aproduct of the Philippines and was the girt of Major Comegys of the pay de-partment. It is sixty-three inches long and as big as a man's arm. It is a curiosity in another way, inasmuch as the conting specimens of twenty-two kinds of native Philippine tobacco. In a note accompanying the gift Major Comegys says: "I send you the largest is contains specimens of twenty-two kinds of native Philippine tobacco. In a note accompanying the gift Major Comegys says: "I send you the largest is contains specimens of twenty-two kinds of native Philippine tobacco. In a note accompanying the gift

# he grandmother." **The Patent Office Gazette.** F. I Allen, commissioner of patents,

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NEW SHORT STORIES King Alfones and Mr. Storer. Affonso XIII, of Spaln may not have acquired as yet quite as huch that as is considered requisité in one whose re-lations are largely diplomatic, but there is no mistaking the keen obser-vation and quick good humor of the boy, which is constantly shown in the actions of the king. One evening just before this last of the Bourbon monarchs took the oath he was receiving at an informal recep-tion to the diplomatic corps. He was not quite used to the situation, and his manner was a little awkward in meet-ing the majority of the representatives of the powers, but when Bellamy Sto-rer, the American minister, approached him a smile spread over his face. Ai-fonso had seen more of Mr. Storer than of the majority of the foreign repre-sentatives, and those standing near an-ticipated some remark in reference to their friendslip. But the young killy discolored. "How queer you look." was the de-cidedly informal greeting accorded to

discolored. "How queer you look!" was the de-cidedly informal greeting accorded to the representative of the United States. "What did it?" Mr. Storer repiled that he had been struck by a book failing from a high shelf, at which Alfonso said: "The weather is getting too nice to stay indoors and read. Come and ride with me tomorrow."

FOR THE CHILDREN How One Man Chooses Boys. A gentleman who has charge of 200 boys in a large department store loves to talk about boys. "How do you choose your boys?" was asked. "My first question is, "Where is the boy? You see, it all depends upon the boy bimself. You can judge the boy better from his appearance, his man-ner, his foress and the way he comes into an office than from any descrip-tion of him. Charaster shows forth in little things; you can't hide it. I take boys by what you might almost term first impressions. I have 'sized him up' before he enters the office, the respect-ful and self respectful way in which he meets my look and questions giv-ing me an idee of his bringing up pearance. I look at once for these things: 'Pollshed shoes, clean clothes are not requisites. A boy's clothes may be ragged, his shoes may the voles in them, yet his appearance may still give evidence of a desire to be neat. I will not employ a cigarette smoker if I know it. As for reference, a boy's teacher is the best reference that he can have. The recommendation which a good by no ure employ gives a boy applying for a position always receives stock hoy, office boy cr cadet. A stock boy attends to the work in whatever stock he is in. A cadet is a general utility boy. An office boy works around some one of the offices of the house. 'We promote according to merit, length of service or combined. Whenever pos-sible we try to give our clodes shop applying for a position always receives show greater filtness for a vacancy in justice to the house for a vacancy in justice to the house for a vacancy his, so if the house, we have not according to merit, length of service or combined. Whenever pos-sible we try to give our clodes due phoy-ces preference, but if another boy who has not been here as long as another shows greater filtness for a vacancy in justice to the house for a vacancy in justice to the house for a vacancy his, or if he has shown marked ability \$3.50."-Exchange. with me tomorrow." Indorsed the King's Conduct. Readers of the Sketch will recollect that on the occasion of the recent visit of the king and queen to the Isle of Man an illustration of the royal party, including Hall Caine, who acted as cleerone, was published. In that pho-tograph there is a picture of a small boy wearing his hat. He is Derwent, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Caine, and is ten years old. Only he and the Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese embassador, remained covered in the presence of the king, the marquis be-cause he does fealty to another sov-



"I KEPT MY EYES ON THE KING." "I KEFT MY EYES ON THE KING." ereign and Master Derwent for a rea-son of his own, which came out when the photograph nad been printed and he was looking at it with his mother. "Derwent," she said, "why didn't you take your hat off? Didn't you see that all the gentlemen did so?" "Yes, moth-er," he replied, "but I kept my eye on the king, because I knew whatever he id would be all right, so when he kept his hat on it would be right enough for me."-London Sketch.

his hat on it would be right enough for me."-London Sketch. Seton Knew the Mountaineer. Before college closed last spring Er-nest Thompson-Seton went out to Stan-ford university to deliver a lecture on wild animals to whom he had intro-duced himself, or-some kindred sub-jeet. He was entertained at dinner be-fore the lecture, and about the board were several western zoologists of prominence. One strenuous young west-emer whose occupation lies in eatch-ing wild animals alive spoke of a com-mission which he had just received to capture some Rocky mountain sheep. "How will you go about it?" ques-tioned Mr. Thompson. "Til try to get them when young lambs," said the young man, "before they are able to move about rapidly." "You'll never be able to do it," said the author-lecturer. "Don't you know that an hour after birth a mountain goat can move about the rocks faster than you can run?" "Did you ever see one do it?" asked the young man quietly. "No," said Mr. Thompson, "but an old mountaineer, and we don't!" The subject of conversation changed. -New York Times. Considorable Patience Reguired.

Considerable Patience Required. Courtney, the famous rowing coach, invited a member of the faculty of Cor-nell university to accompany him down Cayuga lake one evening to watch the crews practicing. After half an hour's observation that seemed wholly satis-factory to Courtney he remarked: "They look nice, don't they, profess-or?"

"Yes," slowly replied the savant; "Yes," slowly replied the savant; "they look aice enough, but how ex-tremely awkward it must be for them to learn to row backward!"

The New Doll. There was trouble in the nursery. Little Nellie had broken her doll and woold not be conforted. That night there was a new arrival in the house, and next day, after many injunctions to be quite, little Nellie was taken to see her new baby brother. She stood for a minute and gazed in wonder on the little bundle in nurse's arms. Then, toddling around to her mother and stroking her face tenderly, she said: "Me won't break your dollie, muv-ver!" How He Would Know. An inquisitive woman once asked Professor Andree before he left on his ill fated balloon trip, "How will you know when you have really crossed the north pole, professor?" "Oh, that will be stmple enough, madam," replied Andree, with his well known dry huy mor. "A north wind will become a south wind," Not a Good Needle. "How do you spell needle, Bobby?" asked the teacher. "N-e-i-d-e, needle, was the reply. "Wrong," said the teacher, "there is no 'l' in needle." "Well, then, 'tain't a good needle."— Little Chronicle.

## FOR THE CHILDREN HUMOR OF THE HOUR

HUMOR OF THE HOUR One Merit of Gold. "Yea, sir," exclaimed the enthusiasti, "golf is the best ever. It has a distinct domestic value that is not generally appreciated. We will suppose, for ex-rapple, that a man has been celebrat-ing a little too much and he wishes to get the exercise. You will readily ap-preciate that there are occasions when exercise has a distinct and almost im-mediate value. Now, in practice golf works out on the theory that the more exercise the more he gets. The more uncertain he is in his drives the more walking he has to do, and the effect is decidedly beneficial. Of course there may still be a little something notice-able about him when he gets home, but it is naturally attributed to the Scotch highball he took because of his wearl-ness at the conclusion of the round. Ob, golf is surely a great game!"-Chi-eago Post.

The Wisard. He can't go forth and say to men, "You shall do that or this." He can't with one stroke of a pen Send millions wore or bilss, But he can reach with little hands And weetly smile at me, tands Where giadness ought to be.

where glanness ought to be. He can't by saying "Ges" or "No" Cause idle wheels to turn; He cannot give to millions woe Or lessen their concern, But he can twine two little arms Around my neck, and I Forget that wealth possesses charms And, gladdened, cease to sigh.

Leader In Fletion. "By the way," said the visitor, "which of your writers do you consider the best in fletion?" "Well," answered the head of the great publishing house, "I believe that gentleman over there at the desk is our strongest fiction writer." "Ab! Who is he?" "He's the man who writes the anec-dotes of unknown authors whose man-uscripts we accept."-Indianapolis Sun.

Street Car Speed. "Ever notice," asked the street car philosopher, "how the speed of street cars is regulated by our frame of mind?" "In what way?" "Notice how slow a street car is when you are in a hurry to catch a train and how fast it goes when you run to catch it."-Baltimore Herald.

\$3.50."-Exchange. Mule and Thoroughbred Horse. [A fable.] A thoroughbred Arab horse and a mule were lodged together for a night in the same stable. The mule could do nothing but complain of everything. "How stupid these stablemen are!" he exclaimed. "What a wretched building this is, and what rotten straw to lie upon! And the fodder, too-why, it is not fit for asses." Thus he went on finding fault with one thing and then another, while his companion, the thoroughbred steed, uffered not a murmur or complaint, but seemed quite content with what had fallen to his lot. Moral.-Mark ye, my friends, among mankind as well as animals, true gen-tility is ever content and nolole. Be as-sured that we may always recognize the traits of an ill bred person if such a one is constantly grounbling and dis-contented with his lot.-H. Berkeley Score in Chatterbox.

A Sporting Term Illustrated.



Score in Chatterbox. Don't Overdo Pleasure. It seems impossible to impress it upon the average small boy and girl that there is actually more enjoyment in acting slowly and taking small mouth-fuls than in guiping down food in enor-mous "chunks" and amitting as far as possible the process of mastication, that there is more pleasure in playing ball at the rate of one game or two each day than in playing all day long for a week or two, going to bed cross and exhausted every night and weary-ing of the sport before the vacation is half gone, and that there is generally speaking, more solid "tun" in net over-doing a pleasure than there is in rush-ing into it at such a rate that the young rioters "tear it to tatters" and them-solve york Times. The Song of the Fire.

Couldn't Afford It. The man whom the court had ordered to pay his divorced wife an allowance of \$25 a week protested against the se-verity of the decree. "Your honor," he said, with deep feel-ing, "it will take nearly every cent of my present wife's salary to pay it."— Chicago Tribune.

Feminine Side of a Wager. "George bet me a pair of gloves on the election." "Which way did you bet?" "I really don't know. I just know that I get the gloves either way."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Reason Why. "Don't you know Jones?" "Yes." "Then why dld you cut him just ow?"

John McNish, a miner employed at the Phoenix colliery, Duryea, has failen heir to \$1,000,000, his share in the estate of a relative, Richard Tigue, of New York, which has been in litigation for eight years past. McNish is 56 years of age and has been an inutrious workers sil his life The estate is estimated at \$4. 000.000 the other heirs being residents of Hyde Park, Scranton. cause I know him." - Brooklyn Life.

In the Running. As the orchestra manager skipped the town 

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A "Light Headed" Joke "Marie and Adele don't spea eak any

more." "Why not?" "Marie spoke of Adele as being light headed, and Adele thought she was re-ferring to the peroxide she was using and cut Marie dead."—New Yorker.

-Constance M. Lowe. Names of Japanese Girls. Many of the pretty and suggestive little words that serve as names for Japanese girls are as charming in Eng-lish as in Japanese. It is not uncom-mon for a Jap girl to bear the name of a flower. On the other hand, however, many girls in Japan bear the names of some domestic utensils, as frying pan or dustbrush. Doubless this results from the custom common among some people of naming a child for the first object that strikes the eye after the little one has come into the world.

Strategy. Mrs. Homer—How do you manage to get your carpets so clean? Do you hire a professional carpet beater? Mrs. Neighbors—No; my husband beats them, and I always do something to make him angry just before he be gins the job.—Chicago News.