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ELIHU YALE AND MADRAS. Poultney Bigelow, who has been visiting Madras, India, and looking over the Theosophical schools there, has written a letter to the New York Independent, which he concludes with the following interesting paragraph:

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY BUSY AGENT.

"You don't need to open your valises," said Mrs. Curfew, with great firmness. "You're the fourth agent that's called at this house today. I declare the just sick and tired of running to the door and explaining that I don't want to buy any patent mousetraps or futing graters."

"I suppose you're selling some new kind of gold paint for picture frames. You look like the man who sold me gold paint last summer and charged me \$1 for a little bottle that didn't hold a thimbleful. Just after that my married niece came here with her little son Harold to visit for three weeks, and Harold got that bottle of gold paint and swallowed it, and we found him all curled up in a corner. The doctor worked all night over that poor child with his stomach pumps and things and charged \$7, and finally was cheap at that, and I paid the bill out of my own pocket. So you can see that I don't want any more of your gold paint."

MOTOR CARS AND THE WEATHER

An English scientist ventures to attribute the dull days of the English summer to the effect of fast motor cars upon the atmosphere. He says: "It is well known that air when saturated, or even nearly saturated, with moisture will produce a precipitate or fog when fine dust is injected into it, and that it is possible to have air practically saturated or even oversaturated with moisture without the formation of fog or deposition of particles of water when the air is quite free from solid particles or dust. These facts were shown by the late Mr. Atkinson, F.R.S., some years ago."

HOW OAK IS CLASSIFIED.

It will surprise most persons who know something about oak to be told that the so-called white oak timber of our markets is often a mixture not only of various species of the white oak group but also of other species, such as the red oak. This generally known fact is reported by the United States department of agriculture, which, as a part of its forestry work, is frequently called upon to pass judgment upon the identity of market woods in dispute.

Foresters divide all the oaks into two distinct groups—the white oak group and the black oak group. One way of distinguishing the two is by the fact that the black oaks require two years to mature, the white oaks, while the white oaks take but one. The woods of the two groups of oaks are also structurally different. The true white oak, known to botanists as Quercus alba, is merely one of the species which make up the white oak group. Red oak, on the other hand, belongs to the black oak group. Red oak has a number of other common names, among them mountain oak, black oak, and Spanish oak.

RIDER HAGGARD ON POLITICAL EXPENSES.

Rider Haggard is out upon the large expenditure of money in political campaigns now made in the parliamentary elections, and favors the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the matter and report a more advisable system. In the course of a letter upon this subject written to the London Times on July 12th, he said: "Nowadays we hear a great deal of the desirability of the 'simpler life,' and it is admitted that the still rising standard of living in every class is an evil of the age. Notwithstanding the glib and common talk about the 'simpler life,' the people are not only more and more material, but more and more materialistic in their ideas of what the touchstone is money."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The stay-at-homes can rest their fan-hand and praise the Lord once more. Dr. Crippen has a great many things to explain, but, perhaps, he is equal to the task. Happy thought for today: The fewer wants a man cultivates the fewer worries he has. George V. is to be respected for demanding that the oath he must take shall be made respectable. An Illinois hurricane wrecked seven aeroplanes in a day recently. The hurricane showed no injury. Those who grow ragweed are not the ones that have hay fever; this is why it grows in every yard. If King George V. is an enthusiastic collector of stamps, he has not yet got the trading stamp craze. The Illinois farmer who has married his mother-in-law must have taken her for a treasure—not a jest. Mr. Garfield finds upon a backward glance that "it was all my fault." He has the courage of his convictions. An Ohio woman found guilty of boot legging was fined \$175. It comes high for a woman to imitate a man in this way. Mrs. Russell Sage is said to enjoy the feats of the bird-men and to be among their most enthusiastic applauders. Alienists have decided that Charlton, the wife murderer, is a lunatic. Money and influence procure desirable results. In Germany last year 194 persons were killed by autos, and 2,345 injured. This is rather more than were killed by horses. The Nebraska republicans hurrah for Taft and the insurgents and curse Cannonism. This may be called circus politics. Dr. Crippen appeared to be intent upon dodging the custom house inspectors. He thought they wouldn't look in his socks. The man whose wife is in the country does not sit at home nights and wonder he can take a trolley ride to Lake Wanambaug. The religious communities of England are moving against the Reno fight pictures as being neither educational nor entertaining. New England mills could stand still at a worse time of the year—two weeks of enforced idleness is better in August than in January. Quoddy Head is the easternmost point of the United States—not Calais. This is to show Taft didn't reach the easternmost point in Maine. The smartest dog in the American army is said to be a Boston terrier—he is phenomenal in his ability to interpret what is said to him by his master. How old the earth is may be settled as soon as that other inquiry, "How old is Anna?" The scientists are only

100,000,000 years apart on the estimate of her age.

The requirement that every chauffeur taking out a license in New York state shall have his photo upon it, is giving the photographers an extraordinary rush of business.

The New Jersey roads are in bad shape as the result of high automobile speeding, and the state highway commissioner gives notice that the speed limit is to be rigidly enforced.

Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker is not a voter, hence her right to run for the governorship of New Hampshire is denied. No tickets will be named upon it is legal, says the attorney general.

MRS. M'SHEA ON DIVORCE. Now Regarded as a Necessity in All Well Regulated Homes.

Divorce is लोक eggs—the luxury av th' poor, an' th' necessity av th' rich. Phwat shall we do this summer?" says Mr. Tompkins-Tompkins to his happy but discontented spouse. "Shall we go to Europe?" he asks, knocking th' ash from his pipe over th' top av th' plany.

"Well, not," she says. "Tis tired O'm an av Europe." "Tis what?" "Tis something new," she says. "Mebbe 'tis a yachtin' toor ye long fer?" says hubby.

"Tis not," says she. "Thin phwat th' divvie wud ye loike? O! can't think av anything else," says he.

"O! can't," she answers softly, puttin' her arms lovinly around his neck. "Phwat?" says he.

"We'll git a divorce," whispers th' fair lady softly, givin' him at th' same toime phwat Hincery Jeems calls a sly kiss. "Tis what all th' bist families do now-a-days," she says. "The slogan av th' Four Hundred used to be, 'Phwat is home widout a baby?' Now it is, 'Phwat is home widout a divorce?'" she says. "An' Mr. Tompkins-Tompkins, who ain't niver denied his wife annythin', knockin' th' grip, an' th' two takes th' night boat for Reno."

There's on'y one Reno. Th' Swiss pint wid pride to th' Alps, th' French man to their beer gardens, th' Frinch to their sewers; but th' American pints to Reno, an', as Timmyson says, th' wur-rid is dumb. Th' motto av Reno is E pluribus unum, which means: United they come, an' divided we send them away.

In th' old days, when Pat came courtin' Molly, Molly's father 'd say, "Pat, can ye support me darlint in th' style she's used to?" Can ye kape a pig or two, an' mebbe have an itry dress fr her, come Christmas?" An' Pat wud bring his fat down on th' table an' answer proudly, "O! can!"

Now Molly's father says, "Pat, can ye afford th' alimony?" an' Pat goes sadly away. Probly he drinks him-

self to death, while Molly marries a degenerate and unprincipled look. If thin thot loocks to Reno had more children, just fewer dollars, an' the lawyers be breakin' stone at a dollar a day, an' think they was lucky? Mebbe th' 'is alior' washing, an' a house down than to build wan up.

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