A PROPOSAL.

Mr. Hardup—Good morning, Miss Aughtumn—ahem! There is something I have been wishing to ask you for some time, but—er—the fact is, I haven't been able to screw up enough courage to—er—come to the point.

Miss Aughtumn—A proposal at last!

Mr. Hardup—Could you, my dear Miss Aughtumn—could you lend me five dollars?

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. It great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

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The general consulted the topographical chart. "You understand, colonel," he said, "that this charge on the enemy's fortification necessitates the most reckless disregard for human life?" "I understand, general," the colonel replied. "The forlorn hope that leads the movement will be composed exclusively of amateur chauffeurs."

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"I keep it to put my hand through to see if it is still raining."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.

"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

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"I say, we are down on our luck!"

"Yes, we are certainly up against it!"

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is coarse compared with the lining of the bowels. When irritated we have pains, diarrhea, cramps. Whatever the cause, take Painkiller (Perry Davis').

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GOOD OLD GRANDPA

Grandpa had a wooden leg
And throughout his life he boasted
None could take him down a peg
For few men like he were posted.

Grandpa wore an auburn wig
And his household always dreaded
Lest some one the wig might prig
And thus make grandpa red-headed.

One of grandpa's eyes was glass,
Its expression was disdainful—
Thus it was it came to pass
People thought his looks were paneful.

Grandpa's artificial teeth
Often helped the poor old sinner;
When deceit he was beneath
He would send his teeth to dinner.

Grandpa's ears were slow to hear
And this caused him lots of sorrow.
If you'd say, "Let's have a beer,"
He'd not catch it till to-morrow.

Grandpa's stomach once played out,
For it truly needed resting.
When his living was in doubt
He observed that he'd digesting.

Grandpa carried many a scar
And his spine was known to lack bone,
So he'd never go to war
For he didn't have the backbone.

Grandpa's lungs were good and strong,
He could quote from good old Horace,
But when for a loan we'd long
He would seldom cough up for us.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Some of the fixed stars have been appearing every night for 50,000,000 years—and this without being featured in a Clyde Fitch play.

When a fly settles to the ground the whole earth rises to meet it. This is more readily believed when we think how suddenly the whole earth rises to smite a man who falls on the sidewalk.

A fox terrier six inches high and one foot long can dig a hole three feet deep in one minute. To dig the Panama canal in one month would only require a fox terrier 89 feet long and ten feet high.

Ordinary thought moves in waves that radiate at the rate of 80 feet per second. When a man bumps into a chair in the dark his thought surges in billows that radiate at a speed of 90 miles per second.

An instrument has been invented that will measure the light and heat of stars that are invisible to the naked eye. It is of similar construction to a gas meter.

The pearl is caused by something an oyster cannot cough up. It is often bought by something that a lobster coughs up.

A woman shopping for a dress consumes 8,000 foot-pounds of energy an hour. Her husband, when he gets the bill, consumes 93,610 pounds of foot energy per minute.

A soft boiled egg contains more energy than a pound of beefsteak. A soft, spoiled egg contains energy enough to clear a stage.

If all the useless questions asked in the world in 24 hours were represented by interrogation points and put in line they would extend ten feet beyond the orbit of Neptune.

If all the cigars smoked in the world each day were rolled into one the man smoking it could light it on the center of the sun and use the moon for an ash tray. He would be, in proportion to the cigar, so tall that he would have been dead and buried ten thousand years before he heard his wife telling him that he was smoking too much.

Caesar's Little Jest.

"All Gaul is divided into three parts," wrote Caesar. Putting down his pen he smiled sagely and remarked:

"They'll have to use a lot of logarithms and the differential calculus to figure out the Latin Quarter for Paris."

Gentlemen's Bay Windows.

Asabel Stickney, we are informed by the local papers of Gimletbore, O., is thinking of building a new bay window for himself this spring. Gentlemen who are fortunate enough to have bay windows are usually careful to remodel them as the fashions change.

Wilbur D. Nesbit.

CRYING NEED, AS HE SEES IT.

Companion of Irritated Divines Came to the Front with Order to the Waiter.

Joaquin Miller is to establish a colony of poets in Fruitvale, Cal. Mr. Miller, discussing this colony recently, said:

"We poets will, of course, argue and squabble. That will be delightful. Arguments and squabbles over Matthew Arnold, Swinburne, Tennyson and Keats are pleasant and sensible things, you know. They are not like political or religious arguments, which in their bitter rancor always make me think of three Maine divines.

"While three Maine divines were supping together, two of them began to argue about the comparative religious merit of the royal houses of Stuart and Orange. The argument became heated. The divines grew excited and angry.

"'William III. was a great rascal,' roared the first, as he struck the table with his fist. 'A great rascal, and I spit upon his memory!'

"The second divine, turning very red, shouted:

"'No, it's James II. that was the rascal. I spit upon his memory!'

At this point the third divine rang the bell, and said gently to the waiter:

"'Spittoons for two, please.'"

TROUBLE IN ROYAL PALACE.

Tidings Borne by Amateur Actor Sufficient to Lead Hearers to Expect the Worst.

The Shakespeare club of New Orleans used to give amateur theatrical performances that were distinguished for the local prominence of the actors. Once a social celebrity, with a gorgeous costume, as one of the lords in waiting had only four words to say: "The queen has swooned." As he stepped forward his friends applauded vociferously. Bowing his thanks, he faced the king and said, in a high-pitched voice: "The swoon has queened."

There was a roar of laughter; but he waited patiently, and made another attempt:

"The sween has cooned."

Again the walls trembled and the stage manager said in a voice which could be heard all over the house: "Come off, you doggoned fool."

But the ambitious amateur refused to surrender, and in a rasping falsetto, as he was assisted off the stage, he screamed: "The coon has sweened."—Success Magazine.

IN AGONY WITH ECZEMA.

Whole Body a Mass of Raw, Bleeding, Torturing Humor—Hoped Death Would End Fearful Suffering.

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"Words cannot describe the terrible eczema I suffered with. It broke out on my head and kept spreading until it covered my whole body. I was almost a solid mass of sores from head to foot. I looked more like a piece of raw beef than a human being. The pain and agony endured seemed more than I could bear. Blood and pus oozed from the great sore on my scalp, from under my finger nails, and nearly all over my body. My ears were so crusted and swollen I was afraid they would break off. Every hair in my head fell out. I could not sit down, for my clothes would stick to the raw and bleeding flesh, making me cry out from the pain. My family doctor did all he could, but I got worse and worse. My condition was awful. I did not think I could live, and wanted death to come and end my frightful sufferings.

"In this condition my mother-in-law begged me to try the Cuticura Remedies. I said I would, but had no hope of recovery. But oh, what blessed relief I experienced after applying Cuticura Ointment. It cooled the bleeding and itching flesh and brought me the first real sleep I had had in weeks. It was as grateful as ice to a burning tongue. I would bathe with warm water and Cuticura Soap, then apply the Ointment freely. I also took Cuticura Resolvent for the blood. In a short time the sores stopped running, the flesh began to heal, and I knew I was to get well again. Then the hair on my head began to grow, and in a short time I was completely cured. I wish I could tell everybody who has eczema to use Cuticura. Mrs. Wm. Hunt, 135 Thomas St., Newark, N. J., Sept. 28, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Look at the Names.

In 4 A. D. Fearaidhach-Fionfashtna was an Irish king, a "most just and good prince," who was slain by his successor, Fiachadh-Fion, who was treated to a similar fate by Finchadh-Fionohudh, "the prince with the white cows," who died at the hands of "the Irish plebeians of Connaught." Eochairh-Moidmeodhain was one of the half dozen who died of natural causes, and Flaithheartagh was one of the two to resign the monarch's scepter for the monk's cowl.—New York Press.

Providential.

Mother—Why should we make Willie a doctor when there are so many new doctors every year?

Father—But think of all the new ailments!

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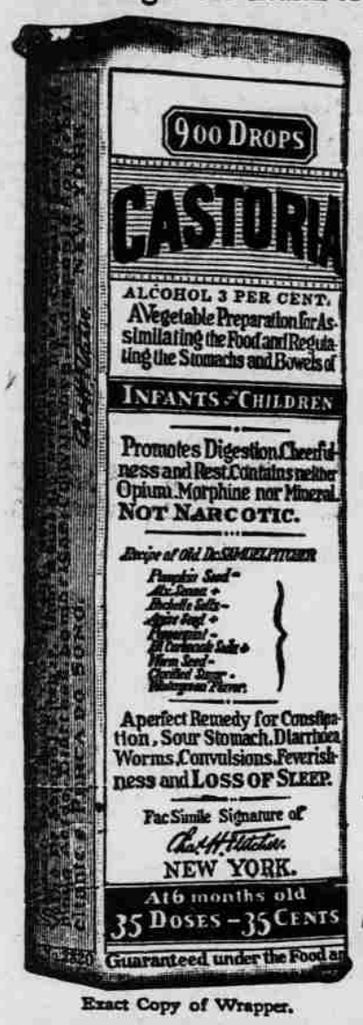

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THOSE NEW HATS.

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Said facetious-minded Fred.
"What's the use?" said Maudie—
"I have it on my head."

The Newer Way.

Many ideas in regard to women have entirely changed, and among the better and wiser changes is that old thought that the women who were given to good works must needs be dowdy. It is undeniable that "good" women used to wear dowdiness as a sort of hall mark of virtue. As a matter of fact, dowdiness is merely a mark of bad taste and a sign of some lack in the mind. Women are no longer lacking in the wisdom that chooses pretty rather than ugly clothing, and those who do not make the best of their appearance are losing a golden opportunity of giving pleasure.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

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