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Mrs. Tarbell to her sister, Miss Porter.
"I suppose that's why you've come home from Amabel's," said Miss Porter, with a faint smile. She had been enjoying a restful week, and it had seemed all too short. too short.

"Yes, that's the very reason!" said Mrs. Tarbell, with considerable heat. "Amabel's got the notion that her sugar-bowl looks better sitting at her left on the table, and the first day I was there I put it at the right, and she moved it back;

"'Why don't you have it sit at your right?' I asked her one day, and she just miled and said she'd got used to it at the left. I moved it three times a day all the week I was there, and last off it got me so provoked and nerved up I just packed my bag and came home.

"If her mother'd realized what a head strong will Amabel had, she never would have let it go, as a child. But I'm too easy-going to cope with her, and being only a cousin and all, I've just left her to her own devices. But it's an awful

#### A Seidlitz Powder?

An elderly German couple presented themselves at one of the local theatres one night this week with two tickets of admission, one white and the other blue. The ticket-taker politely informed the man that the white ticket called for admission to the first floor, but that the holder of the blue ticket must go to the

family circle above.
"Vat is dat?" exclaimed the old man. Again the ticket-taker explained, the man in the meantime edging his way in, but being gently restrained. Finally, be-

out being gently restrained. Finally, becoming enraged, the old man said:

"Vat you try to do, separate a man from his frau? I give you de tickets. Vat I care if dey is blue and white. Vat you t'ink we is, a siedlitz powder?"

After this sally the ticket-taker called an usher and had the old couple shown to the best cases in the bourse.

to the best seats in the house.

#### The Inverted Comma-

"Mr. Bernard Shaw will have the sympathy of writers-and we should think or compositors-in his protest against the use of the apostrophe," says the London Chronicle. "He has himself dropped it out of 'aint,' 'dont' and 'shouldnt'—but not out of 'he'll'—before he wrote his protest in "The Author." But why all these inverted commas, 'the silly trick of perpering pages with these myouth has peppering pages with these uncouth ba-You will find none of these bacilli in the Bible. Take this passage, chosen at random: Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask Him, and said unto them. Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me? The modern compositor would set that passage between two brackets of inverted commas, for it is a quote within a quote. But it is beautifully clear as it stands. And among all Biblical misunderstandings no one we think has been misled by the absence of an inverted comma."

#### The Old Darky's Family.

He was a good-natured looking old olored man, rather seedy and in need of a job, so when he came along and ask-ed the woman who lives in the suburbs if he couldn't spade her little garden for a quarter, she let him do it. After the work was finished, she said to him: You are from the South, aren't you?

She was a Southerner and recognized the

He replied that he was, and told her hat he had been born a slave, and that ust before the war he and all the members of his family had been sold to dif-ferent owners. The woman was interest-

"How many were there in your fami-

"Five," he replied. "Me, my brother, and three mules."

Apprehensive.

"I'm kind o' worried about Josh," said Mrs. Corntassel. "He seems to me to be doin' purty good," rejoined her husband.

"I don't know about that. His last letter says that he has gotten to be a trusted employe. An' jedgin' from the news-papers, those are the kind that are allers into difficulties."-Washington

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MELANCHOLY REVELATION OF THE LATEST LONDON CENSUS.

In Europe a Single Woman Has an Uninviting Future-The Ordinary Man's Cherished Delusion-Matrimonial Opportunities in South Africa,

According to the last London census there are in that huge metropolis 250, 000 more women than men. In the 4,500,000 souls that make up the population of the English capital, 1,400,000 are spinsters, and nearly 2,000,000 are single men. This shows a surplus, who, it is to be supposed, will end the supplied the demand. bachelorhood of the 1,300,000 marrlageable men.

This is a bad outlook for the spinsters of London. Unless a miracle Africa. With an army there of 200, unwed to the grave. Even worse than probably be thrown on their own reproportions. In any European country some philanthropist. Carnegie might an unmarried woman supporting herself has an uninviting future. Should comes a pathetic object, struggling against overwhelming odds, humbly accepting miserable returns for her services, plodding on in the same hopeless rut because she fears to risk the

hazard of change. In all countries the average normal woman wants and expects to marry. Nevertheless, she is not so desperately anxious to unite herself with any man as men are inclined to think. The ordinary man has an idea that every woman is out on a still hunt for a husband and will neither sleep nor eat till she gets one. It is difficult to dissuade him from this cherished delusion, and he is prone to hint at the many times he has been stalked and fled from his pursuer, only saving himself by the speed and persistence of his retreat. This harmless fantasy only adds a charm to those already possessed by the simple male, and no

sensible woman was ever known to. derive anything but amusement from it. Many find great diversion in making him relate his hair-breadth escapes-but that is another story.

As I was saying, the average woman wants to marry. It is the best profession open to her. It is what all women do. Should she live in a comevenly balanced with the female, she has generally several chances. Un. they win.-London M. A. P. less they are very rich, or possessed of unusual charm, all girls have about the same number. One of the most curious things about the sentimental life of women is that pretty ones and the sof the South African war, were ugly ones, charming ones and dull ones, quiet ones and vivacious ones, have about the same number of offers of marriage. The women one reads about in novels who are redoubtable enchantresses, irresistible to the other sex, are very rare. The pretty girl who has all the best partners at the balls and is perpetually "invited out," has not any more real scalps at her belt than her demure and not very good looking sister, who stays at home and keeps the family accounts. "Some like oysters and some like onions," is particularly true of men on their sentimental side. The heroines of some of the most unusual and volcanic romauces I have ever heard, were women without a suggestion of lurid and unconventional charm. They appear to nine men out of ten as devoid of special interest, but the tenth man was not of that opinion, and he was of the type who made romances, as it is said the adventurous make adven-

Some sage has said that seven offers of marriage are as many as any woman can expect. We can amend that by adding, if she lives in a locality where the men are not greatly in excess of the women, and if she is not enormously rich. Seven offers of marriage for a girl who lived in a large city, and married, say, at twenty-five, would be an unusual number. Numerous young women will scoff at this, and say they have been the reciplents of seventeen. But it is an acknowledged and humiliating fact that upon this subject the most truthfully inclined and high-minded ladies will prevaricate. The best way to treat their prevarications is to give them the benefit of the doubt by saying that there are quantities of girls who don't know the difference between remarks of a tenderly flirtatious character, and a bona fide proposal. Every woman had had midnight confidences on the subject of "Tem's proposal," or on the brutal behavior of Jack, who jilted the confider in such a cruel manner. And then, when the story came out, it transpired that neither Tom nor Jack had ever proposed at all.

In fact, the opportunities of mar riage depend so largely upon locality and the preponderance of men over women that individual charm counts for little in the general summing up. Among the 1,400,000 London spinsters, there must be many pretty and fascinating girls, who, if they don't remain single from preference, remain at 9.30 p. m., central time."-Okalaso because there are no men to ask homa State Capital.

SURPLUS OF SPINSTERS them. The same girls, transported to a mining camp, say Nome or the Klondike, in the days when they were Eveless Edens, would have been besieged by suitors as Mme. Roland was when she was the learned yet captivating Manon Philipon.

There are only a few places now left in the world where the men are so enormously in excess of the women that it would pay to ship blocks of spinsters to the seat of shortness of supply. Mining camps have long been regarded as excellent places in which to dispose of the females that in older and more conservative diswidows. Seventy-three of these latter tricts were long on the market. But are under twenty-one years of age. It would take so much time to get a As possible mates for this 1,000,000 un- considerable number of the London attached females, there are 1,300,000 surplus to-let us say-the Klondike, that American enterprise would unroughly speaking, of 360,000 women, doubtedly have cut in ahead, and who are likely to remain widows and when the British detachement arrived malds unless they emigrate, or a they would find that an installment of plague breaks out among their more old maids from New England had enterprising and attractive sisters, been shipped round the Isthmus and

The best thing to be done with the 500,000 partnerless London maids and widows, is to send them to South intervenes, 300,000 of them will go 000 able-bodied men, a large percentage of them ought to find mates and that-and that is regarded as sufficient settle down. It would be an admirof a calamity on the other side of able thing for both the old and the the water-a majority of them will new countries, drawing off the surplus from England and distributing it over sources and have to earn their own the vast area of South Africa, where bread, for if they had been women women are scarce and their civilizing of means they would not have been influence ought to be of value after left in maiden meditation, fancy free. the horrors of an unrelenting and sav-Thus their position assumes tragic age war. There is a chance here for stop founding libraries and donate a few thousands for the shipping of the she be well-born and a lady, she be- spinsters.-Geraldine Bonner, in the San Francisco Argonaut.

#### Royal Poultry Keepers.

Poultry keeping is one of the modern delights of society. That it should be so may puzzle those who base their ideas on some disreputable type of farmyard hen, and who have never visited a big poultry show, where fancy fowls are staged in all their glory. No lover of the beautiful in nature can fail to be impressed by the delicate coloring of some of these aristocrats of the poultry would, the exquisite markings and the quaint eccentricities of others. The arts and sciences of breeding may remain a closed book to us. But the wonderful products of modern fanciers demand

admiration. The Queen is the first poultry keeper in the kingdom, and a regular exhib itor and prize winner at all the great shows. One of her favorite varieties is the Silkie, a quaint little fowl, with white plumage of silky texture. The drawing him out on this point, and King, if he is not actually a poultry fancier, has a sincere respect for the Silkie fowl, for they are wonderful mothers for rearing pheasants and are much in request at Sandringham, The Queen also has some of the tiniest and smartest bantams in the country, and munity where the male population is their excellence from a show point of view is proved by the number of prizes

### Worse Than Bullets.

A regiment of Scottish Highlanders, during the heat of one of the early batsuddenly seen to break ranks and run in all directions, says the New York Times. The officers also shared in the stampede, and apparently made no attempt to urge the men under them into line.

Their behavior was a surprise to everybody on the field, and after the battle was over the colonel of the regiment was summoned before General

"What was the matter with your regiment?" asked "Bobs."

"Well," replied the colonel, "there is not a man in the regiment afraid of bullets, but we were steered into a field literally infested with wasps' nests, and you know, general, we were all in kilts and in bare legs."

When this amusing confession is incorporated in regimental history it will not shake the strong foundation of song and story upon which the valor of the Scottish Highlanders rests. The usual spirit was there in South Africa; so also were the wasps, and for oace the proverbial weakness of the flesh was not without excuse.

### One of Them Escaped, Somehow.

The wild pigeon, which existed in countless millions forty or fifty years ago, is practically extinct so far as this country is concerned. Some idea of how it has become extinct may be gathered from an incident which occurred in Chicago.

The last wild pigeon seen in Chicago, so far as known, was encountered one morning in 1894 by Edward B. Clark. an ornithologist and bird lover. He was strolling through Lincoln Park, a favorite resort for birds, and saw the pigeon sitting on the topmost bough of a tree.

He was examining it with interest through a powerful field glass and feasting his eyes on its beautiful plumage when a hasty exclamation from some one behind him caused him to turn his head.

A middle-aged man was looking hungrily at the bird. "Good gracious!" said the man. 'That's a wild pigeon. It's the first one I've seen for thirty years. I wish

### A Kansas Obituary.

I had a gun."

A Kansas editor wrote this obituary notice: "He was born May 3, 1875, and therefore escaped this earth in time to celebrate his twenty-seventh birthday in the house of his eternal abode beyoud the arching skies, leaving terrestrial land on Friday, March 19, 1902,

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There's the coalless fire in the kitchen
To make the housewife glad;
But oh, for a brand-new genius
To give us the boneless shad;
—Judge.

A Come-Down. First Billionaire-"You're not look ing very well this morning." Second Billionaire-"No. I feel like thirty million dollars."-Life.

#### Her Rivals.

Mrs. Hoyle-"My husband says that am one woman in a thousand." Mrs. Doyle-"Aren't you jealous of the nine hundred and ninety-nine?"-New York Sun.

# Fashions.

Selina-"They say some of the old fashions are coming in again." Lisette-"No doubt. And they do seem so absurd until they com - in "-Brooklyn Life.

Geography Lesson. Teacher-"Now, Johnny, the King of Siam is coming to visit this country. What are the principal products of

Johnny-"Twins."-Puck.

#### Riches.

"Yes," says the pullosophical person, "wealth brings its disappoint-

"After we lose it," puts in the materialistic man.-Judge.

A Real Girlish Situation. He-"It was a case of love at first sight with the Count DeRatmustashe, wasn't it?"

She-"Oh, yes! One look at Brad street's settled his fate."-Puck.



Teacher-"What is a paragon?" Pupil-"A figure with several

Teacher-"Where did you get such an idea?"

Pupil-"Weil, my aunt says you're a paragon."-New York Journal.

Turning the Tables. "Will you propose to that American

heiress?" said the titled youth. "I don't know yet," answered the other. "After talking with her father on financial matters I shall decide whether I will propose to her, or be a brother to her."-Washington Star.

### Her Reason.

"Why do you insist on Mr. Bawler singing?"

"It's a choice between two evils," answered Miss Cayenne. "If he doesn't sing he'll talk. And the words of any song are infinitely preferanble to his original remarks."-Washington

A Chance Yet. "I am afraid," said the high-browed bard, "that my poetry will never attract public attention.'

"Cheer up," said the loyal companion. "Maybe you'll get appointed to office one of these days, and then everybody will talk about your poetry." -Washington Star.

Something Left to Stand On, Bardon-"I understand your interview with the father of your inamorata was not altogether satisfactory?" Tixon-"Oh, I don't know. True, I didn't get his consent to my marrying the girl, but I have had very tempting offers to appear upon the lecture platform to tell how it feels to be kicked downstairs."-Boston Transcript,

### An Old Settler.



Learning. Once upon a time a boy ran away to

sea and was extremely happy until he found he was learning geography, in spite of himself.

This made him sick of the whole business, and at the first opportunity be went ashore and took up agriculture, in which calling one learns nothng, unavoidably, except esoteric political economy.

Moral-Boys, don't leave the farm .-

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