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THAT CRUBOR STRIKE STILL ON.

That church strike is still on, over in Ellsborough, and the Rev. Mr. JOHNSON found a little less than thirty-three and a third per cent. of the congregation in the Fulton Street Methodist Episcopal Church at yesterday's services.

AN ILLUSTRATION IN HANGING.

A sixteen-year-old lad gave a vivid illustration by example, near Shelburne, Ont., yesterday, of how a United States boy whipped himself after his mother had hanged him.

SPOTLETS.

In the matter of the Government of New York will this flower be prepared toiled.

The explosion in Italy recently was a free treat to a Roman Punch.

A woman is said to have invented the ice-cream freezer. Some men must work it. No woman would "freeze out" ice-cream.

Some of the Union Club members are very Seeger. They are down on the Side, at least.

There is a man of weight. And he is himself doing it. I would catch the swar. That swarings up in my way.

Senator Cantor got a brother legislator so ma that he was ready to call him a d--Cantor.

Think of a widow named Furr! Her front name should be Kitty.

Slavin is on hand. Now, what is John L.'s present address?

In the case troubles one of the strikers has a double, as proven in the late difficulty. He was Ter, but the wife was a Ter.

Can a mute have a speaking countenance without a certain significance in it?

VAGRANT VERSES.

Her Idea of Spring. The woodcock's awful cry. An' them out on the black. An' the garret all the while. An' the birds all the while.

The front steps are a garden. Hot sun is out on the ground. An' the flowers are all out. An' the birds are all out.

She Held the Reins. For they were and they often drove. Through wooded dell or pleasant grove. He set her free, with pride he smiled. To see how well the reins she held.

IN CHICAGO. (From Life.)

Dr. Drazw returns from the West with glowing reports of the crops and the sentiment for Harrison. Unless the Illinois signs fall in dry weather the New York Central's President would appear to have retraced his political observations past some plain facts.

German ingenuity is only aroused by the difficulty of a problem. It is a hard fact of natural history that the gentle worm whose reason d'etre is abundantly proven by the softly shimmering robes of silk in which women clothe themselves has a marked

bias towards mulberry leaves as its one article of diet. Now, the mulberry tree does not flourish in United Germany. So a Munich professor has patiently trained the silkworm to an acquired taste for the *Sororovra Hispanica*, whatever that may be. It tastes as badly as it sounds one would think the worm could be coaxed into a liking for tobacco juice.

The glantly directorate controlled by Miss FANNY STRAKER will get no more opportunity to expend in spirit marriage feasts and the like the fortune held in trust for the insane wife of GEORGE D. CARROLL. A committee appointed by the courts will replace Mr. CARROLL in the care of the estate. It will be interesting to note the effect on the spirits of this imputation against their economic sagacity.

The Russian artist, VERESTCHAGIN, is said to have become insane. Many of his canvases, representing distinctively Russian subjects, have been very gloomy and morbid, though, no doubt, literally true. The bias of his mind towards the harsh and ghastly characteristics of his native land may now be considered either as a partial cause or effect of a tendency to dementia.

An Indian Agent has resigned because he could not suppress the dances by the Sisseton Sioux in South Dakota. The Department wanted him to, but he found that the Indians were citizens, and hence had a right to dance so long as they were orderly. There hardly seems proper ground for accepting his resignation under such circumstances.

It seems that another part of our immigration statutes besides that relating to paupers and criminals has been practically a dead letter. An agent finds that the Contract Alien Labor Law has been constantly violated, and a special report is to be made to the Treasury Department.

The opprobrium borne so long by the American hog, now that it has been permitted to enter Germany, has fallen upon the American Hog Commissioners. The German papers cannot find epithets harsh enough for these unfortunate gentlemen.

The Central Labor Federation yesterday adopted unanimously a resolution demanding the opening of the Museum of Art on Sunday. It is both a just and a reasonable demand, and its repetition should not be necessary.

TOM REED's use of the gavel boosted him out of the Speakership. Mr. MILLS, it is now reported, means to have the use of it to boost him into the Senate.

Potato famine in Berlin is a decided importation. It is due not to rot, but to a ring. This is a sort of rottenness, anyhow.

Bloody revolutions prove not the end of South America's visitations. "Yellow Jack's" flag now flies at Rio Janeiro.

President HARRISON is getting more flowers strewn on his way than did CESAR.

Spring burralls are not nearly as good as Fall votes.

Not the Right Tickets. I was at the theatre the other evening, says a writer in the Chicago Times. The house was packed, and the ushers were kept on the jump seating the audience.

But the Girls Were Indignant Just the Same. I was at the theatre the other evening, says a writer in the Chicago Times. The house was packed, and the ushers were kept on the jump seating the audience.

No Help Wanted. (From Brooklyn Life.)

A Striking Similarity. (From the Boston Herald.)

Her Demand. (From the Pittsburgh Bulletin.)

End For the Dog. (From Harper's Bazar.)

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LETTER WRITING.

Nell Nelson Gives a Few Hints to a Seeker After Information.

Always Sign With Full Name--Never the Initials.

Minor Details Which Make Up a Well Written Missive.

English women are said to be the most elegant letter writers in the world, and the American women the most inaccurate. The late Emory Storm once said that British girls were born with music in their voices and pens between their fingers, and all their lives they talked sweetly and wrote smoothly.

It is doubtful if a man ever wrote a letter and signed it "Mr. John B. Jones," yet the clerks in the Dead Letter Office and the proprietors and secretaries of business houses will concur in the estimate that three-fourths of the letters written by women have the title prefixed to the signature.

The following communication, reprinted for consideration, will be recognized by all persons in receipt of heavy mail.

New York, April 26, 1891.

Sir: I want to know if you think there is anything the matter with my writing. I am told by a lady friend that I don't know nothing about letter-writing.

Please answer and oblige Mrs. S.

Now comes the inquiry, why the writer signs herself "Mrs. S.?"

It is because she does not like the name Susan, Sarah, Salome, Sophia, Stella, Selma, Susanna, Sophronia, Sabina or whatever her Christian name may be, or is it because she is a married woman and does not want the world to mistake her for a spinster?

Perhaps S. stands for Samuel, Samson or Sidney, in which case it is her husband's name, which she has no right to use, except on a card. But why take even the initial when she has a name of her own, bestowed by her parents?

Another curious form is the formidable and official "sir," to which so many women are addicted when they wish to express anger, displeasure or formality.

But to reply.

DEAR MADAM: There is nothing the matter with your writing, but the style of your letter is bad. As you do not wish the editor to know your place of residence you are quite right to withhold your address from the top of your letter, but in so doing you deprive yourself of the personal note he might have sent in answer to your questions.

Your address is far from being respectful. By common usage the expressions "Dear Sir" and "Dear Madam" have come to be regarded as not only proper but polite. The tender adjective means nothing in this connection, being a mere form of address current among educated people.

You might have begun your letter with "Dear Editor," without incurring criticism or making the slightest impression on the cynical, savage individual.

In beginning your letter you make the worst possible choice of words in selecting "I." Carlyle would call you "little prig," say you were swallowed up in egotism, that you not only love yourself first, but must disgust the whole world by naming yourself first.

The fact is, dear Mrs. S., the fewer times you use the capital I the better will be your reputation for modesty, worth and sense.

Your English in the second sentence is not faultless, but there is comfort in knowing that it might be worse. Men and women who pride themselves on their learning object to the use of contractions, such as don't, won't, can't, haven't and like. Although permissible and correct, these forms are not considered good English.

With this suggestion you will readily see that the expression "do not know nothing" is rather negative. "Not and nothing" in the same sentence is what the English would call rather bad.

Leave out "don't," or "nothing," and you will be writing the Queen's English.

The "lady-friend" is another expression tabooed by scholars people. Take the advice of Miss McAllister, whose English, while not as broad-tongued as her sociological nomenclature, is vastly better, and never use the term.

The "please answer" is superfluous. It is an unwritten law among polite people that every letter not an insult deserves acknowledgment. When you write to strangers for information of any sort, either inclose a stamp or a stamped envelope for a reply.