ALMIRA.

We had a nice little rain Friday.

Wm. Haigh was a Ryancal ler Thursday.

Mrs. Pat. Flannagan visited with relatives in the Bay Tuesday.

Frank Towne transacted business at the county seat Wednesday.

Henry Antone and wife are the happy parents of a baby boy.

Wm. Michael was among Ryan callers Thursday.

Charley Prabel and John Warrell went to Cedar Rapids Tuesday as delegates for the state convention.

Miss Belle Mumby has been on the sick list.

John Haigh, John Mangold and Will Warrell were Ryan callers Saturday.

There was a dance at Mike Kelly's Saturday night.

EAD'S GROVE.

Mr. Bissell, wife and son Warren have returned from the east where they have been making an extended visit.

Burt Smith is carpentering on Allen Hansel's new house.

Aunt Sarah Waters is reported to be on the sick list.

Chas. Kellogg has leased a part of the Jones farm.

Let Smith departed for Dakota last Monday morning.

Burt Fowler and Will Holmes are enjoying a fishing trip near Osterdock.

Grandma Grow does not improve very rapidly.

Charley Armstrong, of Fosertville, was among us last Wednesday.

Chas. Kellogg and wife visited at James Retherford's last Thursday.

EHLER.

Alex. McDonald was among those who attended the convention at Cedar Rapids last week.

Henry McMullen and family visited at the home of Wm. Calhoun Sunday.

Mrs. Reuben Wheeless and son Arthur, of Manchester, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Miss Mabel Reed, of Central City, visited her brother, of this place the past week.

A large party from here took a days outing on the Wapsie river last Thursday, and apparently had a good time.

Herman Preston visited in town Sunday.

Wm. Calhoun and family transacted busines in Coggon Saturday.

Tom Williamson sold forty-four head of very nice steers to our buyers one day last week.

A. W. Savage and Bert Henderson each took cattle to Chicago last week.

FREMONT.

Some of our young folks attended a dance at Mr. Lee's in Coffins Grove Wednesday evening and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Myrtle Flynn is visiting at O. Flynn's.

This vicinity was visiting by soaking rains Thursday and Friday.

H. Knowles, J. Wood Jr. and D. Peck were the delegates from here to the Republican County Convention held at Independence last Saturday.

F. J. McKeever returned from Thorpe Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Friend is staying with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Sullivan at present.

M. Hazlerigg, of Dundee, was calling on friends here Thursday.

M. Slattery was a Manchester business visitor Thursday

Mrs. J. A. Gallery had her sister Lucy, Bell and Fellie of Middlefield, visiting her Thursday.

W. Behan was at Manchester Tuesday on business.

J. Nolan is making arrangements to errect a new barn.

Thos. Hickey is threshing with McElroy Bros. this fall.

EDGEWOOD.

Will Robinson was in Elkport Sunday.

Levi Todd and wife spent Tuesday in Manchester.

Miss Grace Lathrop, of Dell, S. D., spent last week with her friend, Miss Verda Hill, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halfhill, of Wood, left Friday afternoon for Egan, S. D., where they will visit the latter's parents.

Fred Densmore sold a span of three year old colts to George Haskins from near the Point.

Frank Joseph, of Hopkinton, was in town a short time Monday.

Miss Belle Curler was in town a short Monday.

Miss Flossie and Myra Smith returned to their home at Arlington Monday.

Miss Verna Bush, of Osage, has been a guest at the Maxson home for the past week.

Mrs, Emory Beatty and little daughter, of Littleport, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hawley last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Mary Wolf and two grand children, of Alton, Ill., came Friday for a visit at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Gus Lundin.

F. A. Densmore and family were in Manchester Saturday.

Miss Mana Leonard, of Chicago, has been visiting Curt Madison and wife.

Mrs. A. W. Smith went to Greeley Tuesday evening to visit her friend, Mrs. R. J. Jones.

Mrs. Joe Ingersoll left Wednesday evening for a visit in Pennsylvania.

Miss Puss Davis was in Strawberry Point Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, of Coggon, have been visiting at the home of their daughter Mrs. Glen Peet, for a few days.

John Coolidge and wife were up from Manchester the first of the week.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

H. E. James, of Edgewood, was in town Monday.

Anson Cooper was a Manchester visitor last Thursday.

Miss Henrietta Beehler, of Manchester, is gracing our home with her presence this week.

Harry Allen accompanied Miss Lena Sloan home from a week's visit with Manchester friends. Harry returned Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. Ingstrom and sons returned Thursday evening to their home in Manchester, after a three weeks' visit with friends here.

John Davis and wife, Ben Davis and family, and their guest, Mrs. Davis, were visitors in the Will Davis home in Edgewood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Sheppard, of Edgewood, were visiting in Strawberry Point Monday and a very pleasant call was made at this office.

Lynn Smith returned Sunday from Cassville and that evening drove to Manchester for Miss Mable Sloan, who had been visiting friends there.

Father Bernard and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCormick, of Manchester, are guests of Father Rowe and Katie Powers at the Catholic parsonage today. Mrs. McCormick and Miss Powers are cousins.

Prof. Arildson is back from his Manchester visit. Chas. Newberry joined him Thursday last and a day of tennis was enjoyed with the tennis players of that city. The Strawberry Point team still wear the champion belt, having defeated their opponents two or three.—Mail-Press.

COGGON.

W. C. Halstead was a Manchester visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Nash visited at Delhi over Sunday.

Burt Keith and wife, of Hazel Green, spent Sunday with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews.

Miss Myrtle Webster, of Manchester, is visiting at Tom McCann's this week.

C. J. Ellis and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Jessie Lenox, at Ehler last Friday.

Mrs. A. Andrews is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Grassfield, of Manchester.

Miss Vina Brazelton, of Ryan, visited in Coggon a few days last week.

Mrs. Chas. Ellis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Peet, of Edgewood.

Mrs. S. J. Edmunds and Mrs. Dr. Sherman, of Manchester, visited with Mr. and Mrs, Wm. Sherman last Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Campbell, of Hopkinton, is visiting her son, J. R. Campbell.

Frank Orr left Monday night for the Dakotas.

Dr. Scofield met with a run-away accident Monday, which resulted in the complete wreck of the buggy and badly breaking the harnees. While opening a gate at Wm. Marshall's southwest of town, the horses started and before the doctor could catch the reins, was out of reach. The buggy was so badly demolished that the doctor was obliged to purchase a new one.—Monitor.

EARLVILLE.

George Ham and family returned from Trail, B. C. Wednesday morning, after a residence there, of several months.

Will and John Cattron were at home over Sunday.

Mrs. Netcott and children, of Independence, who have been visiting F. M. South went to Monticello Wednesday returning later in the week to Earlville.

S. W. Klaus was a delegate to the Republican State Convention held in Cedar Rapids last week.

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Soper and son, Harald who have been in England for the past two months returned Tuesday evening. They came across the Atlantic on the Celtic which landed at New York Sunday morning. This ship is the largest ship in the world and made her first voyage last week. On Mr. and Mrs. Sopers arrival in Earlville they were greeted by their many friends who gave them a surprise reception at their home. All spent a most delightful evening.

Albert Staehle who is engaged in the hardware business at Burt, Iowa, visited his many friends here a couple of days last week.

Miss Mabel Van Anda returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks at the home of her grandmother Mrs. Van Anda at Manchester.

The Webster City professional base ball team played the locals here Thursday and showed themselves to be far snperior to our team, both at the bat and in the field, winning by a score of 13 to 1.

Mrs. Ellen Baynes and nephew, Mr. Little, of England, are visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Denton.

F. E. Lucas, who is running a paper at Buffalo, Wyoming, has been visiting his brother, R.V. Lucas, the past week.

L. G. Hersey and family and Geo. Irmscher and family spent Thursday in camp with Rev. Paxton and family at Hartwick.

James Brodie, of Fredricksburg, is now employed at the drugstore.

Miss Lula Parker, of Cedar Rapids, will be the guest of her uncle, Dr. Parker, during this week.

Henry Richardson and David Irmscher, who have positions in Dubuque were at home over Sunday.

H. G. Millen has been at Marshall, Minnesota, the past week.

FREMONT.

[To late for last week.]

The "toot" of the threshing machine is heard in all directions.

J. Sullivan has just completed a new granary.

M. Gaylor is drilling a well for M. Hogan.

P. McKeever is making arrangements for the erection of a large barn 44x50x16. Manley & Carey, of Lamont, will do the stone work, and Cross & Berkey, of Manchester, the carpenter work.

The democrats of Fremont township will hold a caucus at the Center school house at 8 p. m. August 16, for the purpose of nominating a township ticket and selecting five delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Independence Aug. 17th.

J. Brophy, who has been somewhat sick this summer, is improving much to the joy of his many friends.

F. J. McKeever made a business trip to Thorpe Monday via. Manchester. F. J. had charge of the school at Thorpe this spring and will remain there for the remainder of the year, commencing in September.

Prof. M. J. Goodrich, of the Winthrop schools, has many students here who received with joy the news that he had been nominated for the office of county superintendent of schools for Buchanan county at the republican county convention held at Independence Saturday, August 3rd. E. C. Lillie, the present incumbent, was seeking renomination, but was defeated by Mr. Goodrich by a vote of 35 to 59.

Carpenters are at work at J. Culligan's, Sr., new house. It will be a handsome residence when completed.

Miss Sylvia Sampson will teach the Grout school the coming school year.

Most of the farmers have stacked their oats. Not as many will thresh out of the shock as heretofore. They are beginning to realize the straw and oats are better than when threshed out of the shock.

T. P. Keegan, Jr., was a Lamont business visitor Saturday.

Wm. Penny had his hand caught in a feed grinder last week and quite badly hurt.

A good many of our young people went to Masonville Friday evening to attend an ice cream social, given by the cemetery association.

The crops and everything look better since the rain, which was not any too much, but let us be thankful for what we did receive and hope we may receive more soon.

LAMONT.

The Lamont Royal Neighbor order tendered I. W. Knettle and wife a most pleasant party Friday evening, August 9th, at the Frank Sheldon home, Mr. and Mrs. Knettle are now residents of Chicago. We regretted to see them go.

Lew Brownell and daughter, Nettie, and her girl friend, Miss Laura Sparks, all of Scott, drove down Saturday morning for an over Sunday visit with Mrs. Mable Brownell Colton and husband.

Al Jakeway and Warren Howland spent Saturday in Stanley.

George Stimson, of Stanley, is painting Mrs. Benedict's house and barn.

The F. W. Baptist services were held in the Industrial Park here Sunday, Rev. J. P. Hewes, pastor.

Mrs. Fred Field and little Harold are visiting Mrs. Wheeler at the Point during Fred's absence.

Fred Field, Frank Sharp, Chas. Lang, Clarence Childers, Hod and Fred Williams, John Preussner, Henry Wienburg, Tom Vanek, Otto and Vince Zemanek, Chas. Puffett and William Trezona departed from here August 6th, going to North Dakota via. St. Paul. We hope they wont all move away.

Mrs. Jas. Taylor has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Anderson and two children, of Manchester.

Mrs. F. E. Peet visited her Oelwein and Independence friends last week.

Ed Durham now owns the street sprinkler formerly owned by Joe Vanek.

Joe Emmert is now employed in a Dubuque hotel as clerk.

The Lamont Woodmen kept their record good by having a fine jollification August 8th at the Rocks.

Al Sliter and wife departed Aug. 6, for Matteson, Kansas, to visit his aged mother.

E. S. Ticker and Master Harold drove down from Pleasant Valley and visited his brother, John, August 4 to 6 inclusive.

L. D. Lammon is again setting type and making pies for the Lamont Leader, relieving Al Brown a couple of weeks.

Little Miss Benita Reid is visiting her Oelwein relatives.

John Trezona was recently re-elected secretary of the creamery here.

C. F. Stallard transacted business in Dyersville August 6th.

Miss Carrie Hake, of Nashua, came Monday to join her friend, Miss Smedley, who is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henry Wilkins is absenting herself this week from Lamont, while she visits her Dundee and Manchester friends.

Dan Thornburn is at home to remain. He entertained his friend, Sam Miller, last week.

Herman Ehrke is erecting a carpenter shop on the corner of his residence lot. It is to be 20x40 feet. The machinery will be run by a gasoline engine.

O. C. Starr and family entertained two friends from each of the following places, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Cedar Rapids and Manchester, Iowa, last week.

Mrs. Goodsell and Ray have been visiting their many Lamont friends recently.

Ed Goodsell was here influencing all he could to attend Epworth Seminary.

DYERSVILLE.

Frank Ruby, of Hickory Valley, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. J. H. Schneiders was in Dubuque Monday visiting friends,

Miss Mabel Butler was at Manchester Tuesday visiting with friends.

Bernard Kerper and son, Jake, of New Vienna, were business visitors in this city Monday.

Mrs. Henry Toomer went to Earlville Monday evening to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

John A. Limback, of Cedar Rapids, was in town over Sunday visiting at the home of his parents, Hon. and Mrs. A. Limback.

Miss Kate Kelly and sister, Rosa, returned from Delhi and Manchester Tuesday morning, where they had been for sometime visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. A. Smith and daughter, Miss Blanche, went to Manchester Tuesday morning where they visited with Miss Mary Link and other friends.

Rev. Father Rotter, of Petersburg, was in town last Monday morning and departed on the Clipper for Dubuque, where he had business matters to look after.

E. W. Dunham, of Manchester, was in town last Monday looking after his machine interests and visiting with Henry Muehe.

Henry Lechtenberg, of Dixon settlement, was in town on business Tuesday and found time to shake hands with numerous friends.

Charles Barnd, of Manchester, was in town on business Tuesday and also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Georgen, of Manchester, were in town Monday afternoon enroute to Worthington to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

John Georgen and H. F. Arnold, of Manchester, departed from this point Tuesday night for Brainard, Minnesota, where they will spend several days looking after farm interests.

Frank McMahon and sister, Miss Anna, of Colesburg, visited at the home of Mrs. J Hittemiller last Thursday and in the evening departed for Sioux City where they will remain for some months.

Mrs. Charles Toogood came down from Manchester Tuesday morning on the Clipper to spend a few weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Millard.

August and Joseph Goerdt departed for Ossian Tuesday morning where on Wednesday they attended the funeral of their cousin, the late Mrs. Theodore Hotley.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koelker, of Petersburg, are the proud parents of a bright boy baby, born to them Wednesday. This is their first born and their host of friends extend hearty congratulations.

Miss Mary Link returned to her home at Manchester last Saturday morning after several days' visit with relatives and friends. She came down to attend the feast of Portiuncula services at St Francis church.

Mrs. T. M. Zink and daughter, Miss Margaretta, of LeMars, and Miss Angie Nix, of Manchester, who had been visiting at the homes of L. J. Rumsey and William MacHogan about a week, departed on the Clipper for Manchester Wednesday evening.

HOPKINTON.

W. O. Greenwood, of Manchester, spent Monday night in Hopkinton.

Miss Delia Snell, of Delhi, came down Tuesday evening for a visit with a friend.

Joe Downs and family are spending this week with old neighbors up in the Bay settlement.

Miss Nellie Campbell arrived home Tuesday from Independence, were she has been visiting for the past month.

Reuben Wheeless was down from Manchester over Sunday. He says corn is no good around the county seat.

J. F. Porteous, of Mahchester, was a guest at the Hotel Hopkinton Tuesday.

Frank Turner, of Manchester, was down yesterday billing the town for the coming county fair

Mrs. Peter Lux went to Dubuque Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends.

John Patterson, of Greeley, spent Monday night here a guest of his aunt, Mrs. H. Moulton.

J. D. McAlister, who resigned from the position of bookkeeper in the bank at Greeley returned to his home in Hopkinton last night.

Rev. D. Russell, Jr., and Russell Doolittle went to Manchester yesterday morning where they will visit the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. Russell. Mrs. Doolittle and Mrs. Russell will join them there Saturday.—Leader.

DELHI.

H. R. DeBra, president of Epworth Seminary, was in town Monday. He will preach in the M. E. church Sunday evening, August 11.

Mrs. L. L. Noble, of Strawberry Point, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Porter.

A. L. Boomer and E. C. Perkins attended the convention at Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Mooney is entertaining two neices from Dyersville.

Mrs. Aughey has sold her restaurant to F. M. Byerly.

Jack Crawford died at this place on Wednesday, August 7. He was born in Ohio in 1833, came to Iowa in 1855; served in the cavalry during the Civil War. Funeral services were held Tuesday at four p. m., conducted by the J. M. Holbrook Post.

Mrs. Crasdorf, of Dows, Iowa, visited her brother, Albert Meister, last week.

Luke Connolly's little boy, who was so severely injured by the kick of a horse a week ago, shows signs of improvement.

Geo. Thorpe was down from Manchester on business Friday.

Mrs. J. J. King, of Freeport, Ill., is visiting friends in town.

Thos. Simons and Fred Doolittle attended the convention in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. F. B. Doolittle has a fine carriage—a recent purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarance Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stone attended the funeral of John Hefner at Delaware Thursday afternoon. Much sympathy is expressed for the relatives in their terrible trial.

From Old England.

London, England, July, 18th 1901.

Dearest Parents: I fear I neglected writing last week and I am so sorry, the days are so full, and soon a week is past, and I though of you every day, but sometimes forget if I have written, but you will forgive me, I'm sure out of your own goodness.

Can you manage to keep warm, or do you need extra fires? I presume you are so tired of the oppressive heat, you do not even forget it in your dreams.

We are having very warm weather here, but not awful like New York. Warren writes that Chicago is almost unbearable, but he is going to stay there now until I return—only two weeks from Saturday we start; then in less than two weeks from then, I will be home again, although we are having some glorious fetes, dinners, and entertainments.

Last night, William Shakespeare, our grand old master musician, invited our party and a few musical people, including David Bispham, to his lovely home, —a mansion, indeed. To say we were royally entertained does not express our appreciation of the hospitality we received. We had about fifteen courses—"rounds," mama,—and if I had sampled all the wines, champagne, Italy drinks, and the French drinks, and all the rest of the drinks, I fear I should not be writing to you today, but fortunately we had plenty of ice drinks and so none of us sufferred from the lack of our usual beverage. Mr. Shakespeare is a charming man—easy in manner, intelligent, and a capital story teller; while his wife is unusually clever and cultured, and his son, with whom I had the honor of going down to dinner and Miss Mamie Shakespeare are two young people most enviable for their perfect manners and good brains. Every member of the family being a fine musician, you can imagine our delightful evening.

I never knew two people so much alike—yet so much unlike, as William Shakespeare and Frank Martindale. How I wished that Mr. Martindale could have been present last evening, really we would have had two wonderful geniuses, and while Mr. Shakespeare has a wonderful method, and in consequence uses his voice perfectly, Mr. Martindale has a far more wonderful voice, and possesses divine inspiration, which makes his singing touch the soul of the hearer and melt them. If the method could have been gained by Mr. Martindale, as Mr. Shakespeare has it, Frank Martindale would have no equal on the planet—earth. As it is, only one tenor surpasses him, and that is Jean De Riska. David Bispham could not be present at the dinner, as he is still in Grand Opera, and Wednesday was his night, but I have heard him here in Grand Opera, and he is as perfect in acting as singing. Twice Mr. Shakespeare has planned our meeting, but before we were previously invited to a garden party and we were sorely disappointed.

We had such a nice time last Tuesday, we were again entertained by this good Mr. Williams, the Oxford man whom I told you about before. Well, he is curate, he is not an ordained minister, but is an assistant, and he invited us to hear their organist, a Mr. Custard, (he's a fine specimen of pastry "for a that,") and his playing is exceptionally good. Then we had a delightful afternoon on the vicar's lawn, and we found the vicar and wife most lovely people. After tea and ices and a jolly time, we all went to Earl's Court—a minature Word's Fair, and we all "shot the chutes," and by our noise every one must have known we were from America. We really felt flattered that our example was followed by many after us, they were a dead set before, but I think our enthusiasm was much needed to awaken them. Oh, I like the educated English, and while I dislike their excessive use of liquor and tobacco, they are very genuine and graceful in their hospitality, but give me dear America and her glorious people every time; and I shall be so happy to be home with you and my dear husband again.

Now, you can not answer this, but you can send me a letter addressed to the incoming steamer, Umbria, Cunard Line, New York, then I will have a letter going home. I do not sail till Aug. 3rd, so do not write before then. With all love to many friends, and most for you, dear souls, I am always yours lovingly,

NETTIE CLAIRE LEWIS.

The Jockey's Bogy.

"The bogy of a jockey's life is 'taking on flesh,'" says Ainslee's. "He dreads this as a beauty dreads to lose her charms, and his whole thought from the age of 16 to 25 is to avoid the catastrophe. This is the pernicious feature of the life and distinguishes it as a healthful sport from boxing or from football, in which the physical being is developed according to the laws of nature and is not outraged or balked. In order to reduce his weight nine pounds Monk Overton once remained in a Turkish bath from 10 p. m. one day until 2 p. m. the next, with no nourishment except a cup of tea and some toast.

"Again, Mike Bergen, mounted on a favorite, rode such a poor race that the stewards came to the paddock to investigate and punish him for fraudulent riding. They forgave the performance, however, when they found him collapsed and unable to speak. Knowing that he had to ride at a certain weight, Bergen had spent 48 hours in a Turkish bath, eating nothing whatever. When he reached the track, he was so weak that a stimulant was necessary. The one drink of whisky he took so demoralized his faculties that he could scarcely keep his seat in the saddle.

"Such a violation of physical development at the age when a boy should be most rapidly maturing makes it difficult for a jockey ever to become robust. Moreover, the mere riding of a race is a terrible drain on the nerve force of a jockey. A boy may lose a pound of weight in a hard race."

Did Not Speak With Knowledge.

On a clear and beautiful Sunday morning in a parish not far from Milwaukee a priest was pleased to note the presence at service of an unusually large number of the male members of his congregation, and, since he had been informed of considerable trouble in his flock, he considered it an opportune time to give those present a friendly, yet pointed, sermon on forbearance. He charged the men, particularly the married men, to be ever kind, courteous and considerate to women, to overlook all opportunities for trouble, to be good to them and solicitous of their welfare, and finished with a masterly peroration relating to connubial decency on the part of husbands.

Shortly after he met an old and respected member of the church and said:

"Michael, I was glad to see you at church Sunday. And how did you like the sermon?"

"Well, father," the old man answered, "the language was beautchiful, and the delivery was foine; but, be jabbers, father, if you was only married about three months you'd tell a different story!"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Resented the Allegation.

Two men zigzagged unsteadily down Long street the other morning shortly after midnight. It was a case of "united we stand, divided we fall." Each of course was trying to steer the other safely home. At length No. 1 came up against a pole and held fast. No. 2 tried in vain to pull him forward. Then No. 1 became impatient at the other's obstinacy and spoke very frankly:

"Shay, you're--hic—you're a shump—thash what you are! I've seen worse men 'n—hic—you in jail!"

This was more than No. 2 could stand. He felt that his honor as a gentleman had been sullied, and, bracing himself stiffly, he replied, with spirit:

"If you shay you've—hic—seen worse men 'n me in jail, why—hic—you're a liar, thash what you are!"—Ohio State Journal.

Don't Believe All You Hear.

A man in a railway carriage was snoring so loudly that his fellow passengers decided to awake him. One particularly sensitive old gentleman shook up the sleeper with a start.

"What's the matter?" he exclaimed.

"Why, your snoring is annoying every one in the carriage," said the old gentleman testily.

"How do you know I'm snoring?"

"Why, we can't help but hear it."

"Well, don't believe all you hear," replied the culprit and went to sleep again.—London Standard.

Took No Chances.

"I'll tell you how it is, parson," said the board of trade clerk. "You've married us, and you'll admit that it is a good deal of a speculation. Now, I'll pay you $2, the regular fee, now and call it square or I'll wait 60 days and pay you what experience teaches me the job is really worth to me, even if it's $100."

The clergyman looked long and earnestly at the energetic, determined young woman and sighed.

"Give me the $2," he said.—Chicago Post.

They Hadn't Made Up.

"Well," said he, anxious to patch up their quarrel of yesterday, "aren't you curious to know what's in the package?"

"Not very," his wife, still unrelenting, replied indifferently.

"It's something for the one I love best in all the world."

"Ah, I suppose it's those suspenders you said you needed."—Philadelphia Press.

A Serious Complaint.

What made you leave your place wif dat gemman?" asked Miss Miami Brown. "Didn't he pay you right?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "He paid fus' rate, but his clothes was so out of style dat I was almost foheed to keep out of society."—Washington Star.

Waited For the Appropriation.

"Yes, he has cut loose the dogs of war."

"What was holding them back?"

"The sinews."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Peculiarities of Caracas.

"The morning after our arrival at the hotel in Caracas," says W. E. Curtis, "I called for a glass of milk while dressing. On every subsequent morning during our stay a glass of milk was brought to me at precisely the same hour without instructions, and although the servant was told several times that it was not wanted she did not appear to understand and continued to bring it just the same.

"In the hotel were electric bells. The first day I rang for something, and a certain boy answered the summons. The next morning I rang again and again, and no one responded. Finally I went into the dining room and found there half a dozen servants.

"'Didn't you hear my bell ring?' I asked.

"'Si, senor' (yes, sir), was the reply.

"'Then why didn't you answer it?'

"'The boy that answers your excellency's bell has gone to market with the manager.'

"'But you knew he was not here, and you should have come in his place.'

"'No, senor. It is his occupation to answer your bell. I answer the bell of the gentleman in the next room.'

"And as long as I remained in that hotel my bell was answered only by the one particular boy. If he was not in, I could ring for an hour without receiving a response, although the house was full of idle servants."

Edison and Platinum.

A story will serve to throw light upon Edison's character. At one time there was a great fear in the scientific world that the deposits of platinum were about to become extinct. Edison thereupon organized a correspondence bureau and sent letters to every American consul upon the globe, to British consuls in ports where the United States had no representative and to scientific men in every land. The letter gave a clear statement respecting the metal, how and where it was found and might be found, how it could be identified and treated and much other information.

In each letter were inclosed samples of platinum as found in the various rock beds. This may seem to be a small undertaking, but when it is remembered that the letters were sent off by the thousands, that the postage was 10 cents to each letter and that the pieces of platinum inclosed were almost as valuable as metallic gold, the cost of the achievement is readily seen. While he did not succeed in greatly increasing the output of platinum, he set at rest all fear of its extinction and thus earned the gratitude of every scientific investigator.—Frank Leslie's Magazine.

Dense.

"I say, Scribbler," said Sappy, "how on earth do you think up all these chawacters you wite about?"

"Oh, I take them from real life," replied Scribbler, "but they never suspect. Take, for instance, the character of Woodby Britten, who is always saying 'dooced' this and 'dooced' that. Now, that's a fellow I know very well, but he doesn't know I'm using him."

"Oh, come now, I say! How dooced clevah of you! Dooced stupid of him, though!" — Catholic Standard and Times.

The Mermaid's Pun.

Neptune had returned from the market with a fine fish.

"How many pounds does it weigh?" inquired a mermaid.

"He is about a ten-er," respondod Neptune.

"If he is a tenor," returned the mermaid, "he cannot, of course, be a bass."

Neptune was stung by the retort, but was much too polite to reply in kind by any allusion to her scales.—New York Marine Journal.

Professional Courtesy.

First M. D.—I see you occasionally take a patient out for a drive.

Second M. D.—Yes, I think it does them a great deal of good.

First M. D.—But it isn't professional. I never do it.

Second M. D.—I know you don't. When any of your patients go for a ride, the undertaker accompanies them. —Chicago News.

Mutual Exposure.

They had protested they were each other's first and only love.

"And this engagement ring"— he was beginning.

"I do not care for it. It's a style I'm not used to."

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