

question which is asked in most houses, and if still perditing shall be dealt with and for many years, is here asked by Dr. as the committee thinks proper, Talmage and answered; text, Proverbs leges that have letters of the Greek al-

n all subsequent periods of the world, blab; physicians reventing the castheir patients lawyers expaning the in vate affairs of their clients, neighbors vertising the faults of the next door redent, pretended friends betraying could

people have not capacity to keep their mouths shift. When I hear something out and tolt everybody else what I told

forced notions about monograms and poday after day all the difficulties but seen jects, until Solomon, in my text, de-phores volubility about nitairs that do not belong to us and extols the virtue of see thom,"

Hies, churches, neighborhoods, nations, fly apart. By the power of a socret kept great charities, socialities, reformatory three rules, movements and Christian enterprises may be advanced. Men are gregariousflocks, men in social circles. You may if you have a home, That wife soon by the discharge of a gon scatter a flock loses her influence over her husband who of quails or by the plunge of the anchor nervously and foolishly looks upon all send apart the denizens of the sen, but evening absence as an assault on domesthey will gather themselves together ticity. How are the great enterprises of again. If you by some new power could reform and art and literature and benefibreak the associations in which men now cence and public went to be carried on if stand, they would again adhere. God every man is to have his world bounded meant it so. He has gethered all the on one side by his front doorstep and on flowers and shrules into associations. You the other side by his back window, knowmay plant one forgetmenot or heartsense ing nothing higher than his own attic or will soon hunt up some other forgetme- who becomes jenious of her husband's atnot or beartsease. Plants love company. tention to art or literature or religion or

beauchings of sympathy. His moture is survice, to charitable service, to prayer ord and bard, like a ship's must ice glazed, which the most again solior could show systematically decoyed him away never climb. Others have a thousand until how he attends no church, waits the product of the systematically decoyed him away never climb. roots and a thousand branches. Innu- upon no charitable institution and is on a find out what was the matter. nerable tendrils which their hearts and rapid way to destruction, his morals gone, blossom all the way up, and the fowls of his money gone and, I fear, his soul gone. between eing in the branches. In come Let any Christian wife rejoice when quence of this tendency we shall men her husband consecrates evenings to the coming together in tribes, in communi-service of humanity and of God or any-ties, in courches, in societies. Some gath-thing elevating, but let no man sacrifice er together to cultivate the arts, come to home life to secret society life, as many plan for the westare of the state, some to do. I can point out to you a great many discuss religious themes, some to kindly hames of men who are guilty of this sactheir mirth, some to advance their crack, rilege. They are as genial as angels at So every active community is divided the society room and as ugly as sin at into associations of artists, of merchants, home. They are generous on all subjects of bookhinders, of curpenters, of masons, of wine suppers, pachts and fast horses, of punsterers, of ship wrights, of plumb- but they are stingy about the wives ers. Do you cry out against it? Then dresses and the children's shoes. you cry our against a tendency divinely man has made that which might be a implanted. Your tirades would necom- healthful influence a usurper of his affecplish no more than if you should preach tions, and he has married it, and he is to a busy and hill a long sermon against guilty of moral bigamy. Under this proc-

whether associations that do their work comes critical of her, does not like the with closed doors and admit their mem-Is it to put the hours in reveley, was shipwreck. Tell me that a man has joinsail, binsphemy and obscene talk or to ed a certain kind and tell me nothing plut trouble to the state or to dehauch | more about him for ten years, and I will managent, then I say, with an empha- write his history if he be still alive. any class against oppression, the im- gone and his home a mere name in the provement of the mind, the emargement directory. of the heart, the advancement of art, the defense of the government, the extrapation of crime or the kindling of a pure father and the husband. "I will give hearted sociality, then I say, with just as four of these nights to the improvement

the conquest of right over wrong should devote one to charitable institutions. I publish to all the world our intentions, will devote one to my lodge." I congratthe opposing troops information of the "Out of the six secular nights of the coming attack. Shall we who have en work I will devote five to lodges and expose our plans to the enemy? No, we home, which night I will spend in scowl-In secret plot the rain of all the en- ing like a March squall, wishing I was terprises of sature and his cohorts. When they expect us by day, we will fall upon them by night. While they are strength. Not one out of ten thousand that ever ening their left wing we will fall on their | get so far on the wrong road ever stops. right. By a plan of battle formed in accret conclave we will come and enly upon them crying. "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Secrecy of plot and executions and through the most rate prey for crystpelas and rheumatism of the heart. tion is wrong only when the object and every lanking and insurance inditation. s secret are unfit for positions of trust anywhere. There are thousands of men whose vital need is culturing a capacity to keep a secret. Men talk too much, and women too. There is a time to keep sipressing engagements that day. They will send flowers to the coffin, will send

Although not belonging to any of the their wives to after words of sympathy, Zieni and a mach choicht discussion. I but they will have engagements else-thes been so much choicht discussion. I where, They never come. Bring me ciations which have for their object the man's epitaph, "Bleesed are the dead who score of mutual benefit societies called by the death of the righteous and let my last different names, that provide temporary end be like his?" "Na." you say, "that relief for wislows and orphans and for would not be appropriate." dent from earning a livelihood. Had it out an honest epitaph, "Here lies the vic not been for the secret labor organizations in this country monopoly would an intelerable servitude. The men who want the whole each to themselves through such an institution a man can gould have got it before this had it not reach commercial success, I know some

lence as well as a time to speak.

been for the handing together of great | toen have rormed their best business re plore many things that have been done them, their existence is a necessity and their legitimate sphere distinctly bas your credit failed? Are bargain mak-pointed out by the providence of God. nch organizations are trying to dismiss from their association all members who are in favor of anarchy and social chaos.

They will gradually cease anything like society been going down since in comtyranny over their members and will formorcial standing? Then look out. You bid violent interference with any man's and I every day know of commercial estidered a work, whether he belongs to their union tablishments going to ruin through the and lost. or is outside of it, and will declare their disgust with any such rule as that passed in England by the Manchester Bricklayassociation, which says man found coming or working beyond a regufar speed shall be fined 2 shillings and sixpence for the first offense, 5 shillings | cognac or Monongahela. That secret so-WASHINGTON, July 28 - A practical for the second, 10 shillings for the third ciety was the Loch Earn. Their business

There are old secret societies in this and

sworn in as members, by their assault

ed on fidelity to good citizenship and the

thousand times and I would not recog-

individuals, but all societies, secret and

Influence on Home Life.

Let any Christian wife rejoice when

ess the wife, whatever her features, be-

and entertainment of my family, either at home or in good neighborhood. I will

The doctor coming in will at a glance

see it is not only present disease he must

gyman, for the sake of the feelings of the

family, on the funeral day will only talk

got his yashr in the eternal rapids will not be at the obsequies. They have

mailet and chisel, and I will cut that

die in the Lord?" "No," you say, "tha would not be appropriate." "Let me di

wrong is the effect it has on your secula occupation. I can understand how

tim of dissipating associations!"

in religious generalities.

upon them confess themselves perfurers.

was the Ville de Havre. They struck, and the Ville de Havre went under! The third test by which you may know whether the society to which you belong is good or bad is this: What is its effect phabet for their nomenclature, and their on your sense of moral and religious obligation? Now, if I should take the ship and treeproachable in morals, while names of all the people in this audience and they gamble, and they drink, and | and put them on a roll and then I should they graduate knowing a hundred times lay that roll back of this organ and a take that roll and call it from A to Z and Sophoeles. In other words, secret there would not one of you answer. bad, are the means of moral health or of | say that any society that makes me fortemporal and eternal damastion. All get that fact is a bad society. ing an individual, but many do not see perplexed at Buffalo, as I suppose many the sin of slandering an organization,

When I go to Chicago, I am sometimes travelers are, as to whether it is better to take the Lake Shore route or the Mich other countries, some of them centuries igan Central, equally expeditious and he immoral and damaging in their influ- at the same time. But suppose that I ence, yet I have hundreds of personal hear that on one route the track is tern friends who belong to them - friends who up, the bridges are down and the switches are consecrated to God, pillars in the are unlocked, it will not take me a great while to decide which road to take. examples of virtue and piety. They are here are two reads in the future—the the kind of friends whom I would have Christian and the un-Christian, the safe for my executors at the time of lecense, and the unsafe. Any institution or any and they are the men whom I would association that confuses my ideas in rehave carry me out to the last sleep when gard to that fact is a bad institution and I am dead. You cannot make me believe a bad association. I had prayers before that they would belong to had institutions. They are the men who would afterward? I attended the house of God stamp on anything iniquitous, and I before I connected myself with that union. Do I absent myself from religious

iations through such a channel. If the

secret society has advantaged you in an

their fortune benten to death with ball

under the swift hoofs of the fast horses.

or drowned in the large potations of

nrony in regard to such societies than the testimony of those who, having been 1 In the Last Hours. Which would you rather have in your hand when you come to die, a pack of One of these servet societies gave for the relief of the sick in 1872, in this rather have pressed to your lips in the country, \$1,490.27). Some of these so- closing moment, the cup of Belshazzarean cieties have popula a very heaven of wassail or the chalice of Christian comautisline and benediction into the home | munion? Whom would you rather have in the materimonia state kept him too of suffering. Several of them are founds for your politicarers, the elders of a Christian church or the companions Bible. I have never taken one of their | whose conversation was full of slang and They might give me the grip a | innuendo? Whom would you rative have for your eternal companions, those men nite it. I am ignerant of their pass- who spend their evenings betting, gamwords, and I must judge entirely from biling, swearing, carousing and telling the outside. But Christ has given us a vile stories or your little child, that bright rule by which we may judge not only all girl whom the Lord took? Oh, you would "By their finits we shall know would you, if you had known she was the next afternoon. not have been away so much nights, to bed, and we didn't see her again until

Bad societies make bad men, going away so soon? Dear me, your societies make good men. A had house has never been the same place Good societies make good men. A had house has never been the same place house has never been the same place since. Your wife has never brightened up. She has never got over it. She has never got over it. She has never will get over it. How long the house has never got over it. She has never got over it. She has never will get over it. How long the evenings are with no one to put to bed and no one to whom to tell the beautiful Bible stories! What a pity it is that you cannot spend more evenings at home in trying to help her bear that serrow! You an never drown that grief in the wine You can never break away from the little arms that used to be flung around your neck when she used to say, "Papa, do stay with me tonight, do stay with me tonight!" You will never be able to wipe away from your lips the dying kiss of your little girl. The fasgreat that sometimes a man has turned his back on his home when his child was dying of scarlet fever. He went away You will first them talking to each other charity is breaking her own scepter of Before he got back at midnight the eyes had been closed, the undertaker bad done conjugat power. I know an instance his work, and the wife, worn out with where a wife thought that her husband

father comes up stairs, and he sees the

cradle gone, and he says, "What is the matter?" On the judgment day he will Oh. man astray, God help you! I am going to make a very stout rope. You know that sometimes a ropemaker will take very small threads and wind them together until after awhile they become a ship cable. And I am going to take some very small, delicate threads and wind them together until they make a very stout rope. I will take all the memorie of the marriage day-a thread of laugha thread of banqueting, a thread of congratulation-and I twist them together, and I have one strand. Then I take a thread of the hour of the first advent in your house, a thread of the darkness that preceded, and a thread of the light that followed, and a thread of the beautiful scarf that little child used to wear when she bounded out at eventide to greet Here we find the off discussed question comes uninteresting and homely. He be- you, and then a thread of the beautiful dress in which you laid her away for the with a secret grip are right or wrong. I unformantic as to offer her hand and answer that it depends entirely on the heart. There are secret societies where scarlet tabe of a suffering Christ and a membership also as the object for which they meet them the object for which they meet them to be a suffering to be a suf resurrection, and then I twist all these ones before the throne, and a string of the harp cherubic, and a string of the harp seraphic, and I twist them all together and I have a third strand, "Oh," you sis that no man can mistake, No! But is man is a wine guzzler, his wife broken the defense of the rights of hearted or prematurely old, his fortune a world!" No. I will take these strands. and I will twist them together, and one end of that rope I will fasten, not to the communion table, for it shall be remove ; not to a pillar of the organ, for that ill crumble in the ages; but I wind i cound and round the cross of a sympa thising Christ, and, having fastened one end of the rope to the cross, I throw the

other end to you. Lay hold of it! Pul for your life! Pull for heaven! [Copyright, 1901, Louis Klopsch, N. Y.]

CONSOLATION.

Chew the cast of calls reflection,

An remainder there's a day i's every night. When your wife's maternal uncestor's a comin-Bent on makin it a long, permatent stay, by you hear th' busy been of trouble lommin

An you wish she'd hurry up an go away, He th' master of your trouble; Don't let trouble trouble double, But remember every night must have its day.

When you sign a note just f'r accommodation, n your friend forgets th' note is comin due, When he haves th' final settlement to you, Watch your chance an soak it to him, An he'll wish you never knew him; Force int black cloud has got its sky of blue.

When a friend comes up an perpetrates a story
That you've heard a thousand years ago or more n see like to make surrounding landscape gory With this selfame story tellin feller's gore, Ciggle, grit your teeth an bear it; Most of us have had to share it

F'r you've peddled that same tale in days

A DELUSION.

Willie-"Those gold fish you sent

Slims n-"How do you know"?
"Why, I took them out of the water and York Preturned brown in lifteen minutes.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "Digests what you eat."

SIX LAMB CHOPS.

honorable calling, it is a good one, but has your credit failed? Are bargain maka Family or Three, I ordered six lamb chops by phone the with a bale of goods? Have the men whose names were down in the commer--persons, not chops including the maid, and I calculated that six chops would average up something like two chops average up something like two chops some spiritus frumenti as a nerve tonic, apiece. Understand me, I'm not willing "I'm giving it to you straight. I used to po bet on it. I have bet on what I considered absolute certainties several times and lost.

"I'm giving it to you straight." I have bet on what I considered absolute certainties several times and lost.

"I'm giving it to you straight." I have the purpose a place as this in this very street. Got a hard prescription there? If I can't compound it just as social excesses of one or two members,

They Caused a Heap of Trouble In

and tost.

Well, I asked the butcher to have them young and tender. He promised he would. It is so easy to promise things over the phone! He said, "You don't want 'em too young, do you?" I told him I didn't think I did. I also told him that he must be very careful and not the properties of the different drugs as none but an expert could. He was a "sure enough" druggist. players' but or cut amidships with the front prow of the regatta or going down that he must be very careful and not have them too tender either. He assured "How on earth did you ever

me he would look out for that. He did.
I didn't see those chops until they came
on the table. The maid assures me they
are the same chops I ordered. She put

"If we on earth did you ever lose you
out a graduated glass with a double dose
of the medicine called for.
"It's one of the strangest stories you My wife ever heard of, but it's straight. I was the entire six on the table. says she told her that she didn't think says she told her that she didn't think she cared for chops. She said she was night when a well dressed man rushed afraid she'd get the new filling out of her teeth. I am forced to conclude that she taken a dose of arsenic by mistake not had sampled one of the six. The butcher didn't get 'em too young, but I gave him an antidote and told him

unless 40 or perhaps 50 years can be to run for all he was worth and to call a considered young. Nor were they too doctor as soon as he had given the meditender. Our butcher is a conscientious tradesman. When he says he'll see that meat isn't too tender, it never is. And would give me an evidence of his apprelit's the same way when he says nothing ciation that would put me on Easy street. about it. One of those chops is now drying on the back fence. I'm going to use it for a hinge on the kitchen screen door.

I knew something was doing just as to 1. He was on the inside and was goon as I tried to cut one of 'cm. Sometimes it seems to me that it's a foolish habit to cut up meat. Our revered an- and I did, cleaning out my bank account, cestors, the cave men, used to bolt their meat, a steak at a time. It saves knives, tel mortgage on my stock and making my and it saves teeth.

Our girl smilingly remarked that she grateful friend my agent to place the Our girl smilingly remarked that she money."
would bring me a knife with a steel blade. I asked her if she couldn't sharpen "Was no such horse. The man's wife It on the way. Then I removed my coat and vest, my suspenders and my collar and tie. When I got that far, my wife gave a little sniff and said she guessed she'd go home to her mother. I suppose I looked sort of desperate. I told her she Put this flask in your pocket." could go all right if she'd take the chops with her

Our maid was born next door to a stove repair shop, and she always sharpens a knife on the stovepipe. She was so auxious to get this particular knife sharp that she bore on a little too bard. The stovepipe fell down, and about a bushel of nice assorted soot went down the maid's neck and into her starboard eye and all over the prune souffle very fond of prune souffle, but I don't like it with soot dressing.

Then we had quite a time. There were the kitchen to clean up and the maid's eye to wash out. I suggested putting a chop on it, and the maid, who has very little sense of humor, got mad and wen I guess now that it's just as well not to

much mest in hot weather.-Cleve just wait till you-



"What, back from vacation so soon, old chap? Cholly Three-per-week-Ya-as, old fel. Had to hurry back to let the boss off,

dontcherknow .- New York Journal.

An Unfair Advantage Two Irishmen were out fishing and concluded to make a wager with each

other as to which would catch the most nn hour, with little or no success, when Pat, who was standing, lost his balance

long past Mike the latter gave a yell and "Begorra, if ye are goin to dive for 'em, the bet's off."-London Answers.

"Do you think that a young man who

is poor has an advantage over the child of luxury in an artistic career?" asked "Well," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes reflectively, "of course he has this comfort: He isn't nearly so liable to

lose a lot of money."-Philadelphia Press. "Say, old chap, Coffup and I have a bet

we wish you'd decide for us." No. thunks. "Why-why not? We're both friends

of yours.' Exactly. So what's the use of my making an enemy of one of you."-Life

To any person who has any conception of the commercial possibilities dormant in the Mississippi it must appear strange if some adequate utilization is not utilmately made of them. The great river with its tributaries constitutes the most remarkable system of inland waterways in the world. From the mouth of the Mississippi steamers may be navigated to 21 states and territories, and to make the entire circuit would require several months' continual steaming. The navigation of the river from St. Louis to New Orleans, a distance of 1,200 miles, is practicable at all seasons of the year, even for the largest steamers, but above St. Louis and on the Ohio river, the latter being 1,000 miles in length, the heavier craft may ply with safety only during intervals of high water. Some conception of the force of the current of the Mississippi may be gained from the fact that it has an outflow of 2,000,000 cubic feet an hour, a discharge only exceeded by that of the Amazon and La Plata rivers.

Things That Might Be Bettered. This may be the age of steel, steal, progress and reform, but we are not improving in some lines with commendable speed. The eyelets in our shoes are round, but we still wear flat strings. The loops on our summer trousers are placed so low that the waistband protrudes above the belt. The strap on the neckband of our shirt is long enough to let our tie slip over the top of the collar. Our hats are made for bullet headed men; those with long heads must have a new purchase stretched out of shape to buttons that are not utterly worthless grow wild in the fields of the United States. The country youths used to carry them in their pockets to divine their cess with their sweethearts, - New

General De Wet, says an American equalitance of the Boar soldier, "Is the most horseman in South Africa, He sur nequaintance of the Boer soldier. Its the monitor."

finest horseman in South Africa. He sits on his horse as gracefully as a Prince and sticks on like a cowboy."

finest horseman in South Africa. He sits the finest horseman in South Africa. He sits to your barrel o' sermons in the suller."—Harlem hife.

AN EXPERT GRAFTER.

eine. Next day he was back and told

me that before the week was out he

getting my wife's savings, putting a chat-

game, and I've been hunting him ever

He Moved Them.

Stubbe-My, sin't be graceful!

-Chicago News.

W. Year

Mel

Explained.

how absurd you look in that headgear."

have horse sense."-Washington Star.

treatment we decided upon?

"What a narrow escape!"

San Francisco Bulletin.

to fainting fits."

State Journal.

Free Press.

Herald.

as these

grand soight, Pathrick?

First Doctor-Did you give Tuggs the

Second Doctor-Yes; and it nearly kill-

"It was indeed. It has taught me al-

but when I got to the word 'join' she

around in the back yard."-Detroit

Give the Falls a Chance.

excursion at Ningara)-Arrab, ain't R a

Utilizing the Dead Languages.

prizes at college."
"Did he? What's he doing now?"

"Billie got all the Greek and Latin

"The only job he could get was as as-

sistant to the coroner."-Cleveland Plain

Turned His Head.

"Widow Brown has completely turned old Skeesick's head."

darker since he met her."-New York

THE BUSIEST OF ALL.

Where flowers bloom it's always after

But when, a-weary, I go out to sit
And rest upon the porch, such nights

It seems to me that for "get up and git". The she mosquito eats the busy bees.

A REASONABLE EXPLANATION.

Minister-"Bridget, these potatoes taste

-Chicago Record-Herald.

"Yes. I notice his hair has turned

Bridget O'Hoolahan ton Pan-American

The human being stood on the curb

troit Free Press.

His Remarkable Romance That Nev-A Bunch of Good Things From the er Failed to Work. Yonkers Statesman. "Don't believe me, hey?" smiled the He-I told her I should kiss her ever tough looking tramp who had taken a ime she giggled. stool in a Grand River avenue drug store She-What was the result? and asked for a free dispensation of

"Why, she giggled the whole evening." She-What does it require besides pa tieuce to make a good fisherman? He-An utter disregard for the truth.

HAPPY HITS.

Patience-Will ran over a dog in his automobile yesterday and burst a tire. Patrice—Perhaps the dog was a point-

Yeast-Did you say your wife is liberal minded? "How on earth did you ever lose your Crimsonbeak-Why, yes; she's always ready and willing to give me a piece of it. The Cannibal Chief-You say you are

for dinner? The Cannibal Chef-Yes, your excellen-We found a stranded baseball nine in and told me in gasps that his wife had near by yesterday. five minutes before. I couldn't leave, Mrs. Dearborn-Did Jerry balk when the minister charged him \$3 for marry-

Mrs. Wabash-He did a little at first. cheaper the next time. Mrs. Crimsonbeak-Have you got a

real, live goat at your lodge, John?
Mr. Crimsonbeak-Why, no, dear. It's only a dummy-a stuffed affair. going to put up every dollar he could 'Why, don't you know that it's against the law to have any bogus butter in your | bride walked down the nisle toward the He advised me to do the same, possession?"-Yonkers Statesman.

The mayoral chair of a certain town sought relief from him during his tenure to lengthen into centuries. It was awful, of office was a well known local charac- The bride's face flushed, and she was never took poison because he had no wife-nothing but an elaborate confidence ter, who asked the loan of a few pounds rapidly weakening under the trying wait. to buy a donkey and cart and set up in the rag and bone business.

"Well, Tim," said the mayor, "if I give "Heavens, what luck! Have another, "That romance always grafts 'em."

This was a poser for Tim, but a thought smiled the tramp as he headed down the struck him, and he blurted out: "Never knew it to fail."-De-"Well, yer worship, if ye are kind "Well, yer worship, if ye are kind had the smile of victory on his face when enough to give me the money I'll tell yer he broke through the door, and everywhat I'll do-I'll name the donkey after body seemed to be almost in a humor to yer worship."-Tit-Bits.

> burglar, and he was right. Eight years lighted. A huge organ box had been and six months was the sentence. it is always some one else who gets hit. story house.

lor, it is safe to propose.-Los Augeles counted for the dust and the cobwebs What Elsie Said. "I'm afraid I can't interest my 5-year-

"And why not?" "I was telling her about the 'Forty Thieves,' and when I got to the 40 oil jars with a thief in each jar what do you suppose she said?" "I give it up."
"She said. 'Wouldn't that jar you?" "- in his barn." Cloveland Plain Dealer.

old Elsie in fairy tales any longer."

Merely Christening Him. "Your honor," pleaded the prisoner, was just helpin him out a bit. He said he never had been christened." "But how did your action remedy mat-

ters?" asked the police magistrate. head, didn't I? An any sea farin man "Yep. An Jimmy's father makes bul-Chicago Post.

always trying to unload back number information, "have a very curious cus-

"Well," answered the man who takes everything seriously, "I guess they will get over that habit when it comes to indemnities."-Washington Star.

stone watching the horse with a sunbon-Why He Gets the Best. First Boarder-How is it that Tactleigh always gets the best of everything Her clothes were wern and faded, her feet from the table? "I wonder," said the human being, at the table?

"why it is that I am embarrassed at the Second Ditto-Oh, he's such a smooth chap! Ever since he spoke of the milk we get as "cream" Mrs. Porter has been Her whole blamed tout ensemble was painful for idea of wearing a shirt waist in this weather while you don't seem to care "It is due to a mere accident of birth," wonderfully gracious to him. - Boston answered the horse good naturedly. "It Transcript. s in the nature of things that I should

Evils of Politics. Blithers-Our old friend, Colonel Beethad, is another instance of the strenuous life of politics

Blathers-How's that? Blithers-He sued an opposition party paper for printing a caricature of him, and the jury decided that the picture flattered the colonel.-Ohio State Journal.

ways to collect in advance after this."-What He Probably Heard. "As I passed your house last evening," he said, "I thought I heard an angel singing." "That Miss Fortysummers is subject

"Yes," she answered icily, "I was the theater last evening. Her cousin, however, and her twin babies were at No fires of wild ambition were surging in her "I started to ask her to join me in a our house visiting the cook."-Stray glass of soda water the other evening.

keeled right over in my arms."-Ohio She—I hear so much talk about Havana wrappers. What is a Havana wrap-"I never see you lounging in the ham-mocks, Mr. Subbs."

He-Why, it's a sort of tobacco habit --Philadelphia Press. Rigged For Sailing.

'No: these gay front porch hammocks are for company and for ornament. The old rope thing the folks let me swing in O'Hoolahan-Hist, woman! Sthop talking long enough for me to hear the roar!

before de wind and scud!"-New York Evening Journal.

Bound to Be Heard. Jester-I understand our paster is going to preach through a megaphone here

Jester-Why, the sleeping members of the congregation snore so loudly that the others can't hear .- Ohio State Journal.

Bringing Him to Terms. "I would like to have your photograph for an article to be published in our Sun-day paper," said the representative of the sensational journal.

"Couldn't think of it," said the man whose sudden Tame was due to the fact that his son had eloped with a variety actress. "I have no desire for notoriety "Of course," was the reply, "if yo prefer to have me sketch you from me ory after I get back to the office""Take it!" cried the man, hastily to dering the photograph. "I've seen more of those memory sketches." -- Chicago

THE BRIDEGROOM WAS LATE.

Why He Arrived Tonsled and Covered With Cobwebs. "One of the most embarrassing situa- Becut the time fer closin skule gits nearer ev'ry tions I ever saw," remarked a gentleman stay.

at one of the hotels, "was at a big wed- 'm sick uv this here study work an monkeyin in

season, and the church was filled with belles and beaus. The bride and brids. Fer blame near every word I spell I miss it slick groom were among the most popular of the social set. The young lady was the Oh, won't I be a happy kid an won't I whoop an very essence of grace in all things. But the man who had won her was one of the When most awkward specimens of humanity I had ever seen. He was simply built that way. He looked it. He walked more like a camel than any human being I have ever seen. He was the kind of fel. It sin't a bit uv fun fer me to go to skule an low, too, who was always blundering ex- Bout who discovered 'Meriky, cus I don't keer a cept in business. In business he was as keen as they made them, and among the I ten times druther he the man what has a line an older men in the commercial community hook he was held up as a splendid example. An 'scovered that the fish are bitin down in Colgoing to give me a batter pudding today

of the young manhood of the time.

"But, getting back to the wedding, the I don't see why they fill me up on 'rithumtic an wise, whispering folk who generally look after such things had arranged for the after such things had arranged for the affair in the most popular church of the city, and in spite of his protests they had made it a trifle more elaborate than he had even expected. They had arranged for the bride and a number of attendants. but finally the parson said he'd do it to approach the altar from the front part of the church, and 7:30 was the time ex- ; wonder if they think it's fun to multiply an actly when the meeting between bride and bridegroom should take place at the I never sit could figger rath, an that's what altur.

back of the church. The organ thundered straight forth the young straight is when I force slidin in about ten minutes late. forth the usual strains, and the preity I drutter read us Buff to Bill an what the bride walked down the nisle toward the alter with the attendants. They reached that we will be the bear and the board of the bear and the board of the brane and the board of the brane and the brane and the board of the brane and the brane a the altar. It was 7:30 p. m., on the last trusty erew tick of the half hour. The bridegroom I'd like to kill a Injun chief an be the Buckskin The mayoral chair of a certain town was not there. All eyes turned to the door through which he was to enter. But the door through which he was to enter.

the door was flung open and the embarrassed bridegroom entered. His face, too, you this money how are you going to pay was flushed, his hair was touseled and disarranged, his gloves and shirt front disarranged, his gloves and shirt front thing were soiled, and, in fact, he was literally If I must stay cooped up in skule a studyin, by covered with cobwebs and dust. But he applaud.

After the ceremony he explained why Slips of the Pen. it was that he did not arrive on time. Gee will am open to conviction," said the The yard behind the church was not well nd six months was the sentence. placed up close to the church, and it was.

There is a deal of firing at random, but one of the boxes with a folding door that. swung on hinges. In his excitement at A man who rents says a six story rec- hurry he had opened this door and had ommendation usually goes with a two walked into the organ box, and before he could get his bearings he had managed t When a young man calls on a girl and undo all the little tidy arrangements be the old folks immediately leave the par- had made for the occasion, and this acwhich clung to his hair and clothing when he rushed into the church."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

> Kinder Than His Pop. "Say, pop, you know Mr. Johnson

'cross the street?" asked 8-year-old Tommy Cross. you," replied the elder Cross. "Well, he's got four beauteous ponies "Well?"

"An you know Jimmy Place?"

"Jimmy's awful smart. He says you can take a bunch of beeswax an push it into the keyhole of the lock in the barn an take away the hole, so's you can make a key that will of it, see?

lets out of lead, an he can take the lead an make a key, an what do you expect?" Jimmy I should think that after taking

om of paying all their debts the first of ponies some dark night, an. say, pop. he's going to give me one. That's more than you'd do for me."

'Hum! Guess it is."-New York Mail

A TEXAS GIRL TRANSFORMED She was a Toxas maiden; she came of low degree

to view! She drave a lop cared mule team attached unto a The tricking perspiration exuding from her brow, And often the lamented her cruel, cruel fate As but a po' white's daughter down in the Lone

No courtiers came to woo her; she never had a Her misht face precluded such things as that, you know

She was nobedy's darling, no fellow's solid girl,
And poets never called her an unout Texas pearl.
Her only two companions were those old five bit

And these she but regarded as animated tools To plod along the ferrows in patience up and down And pull the ancient wagon when pap'd go to town.

Born on that small plantation, 'twas there she thought she'd die; She never longed for pintons that she might risk Briggs-Who was the homeliest man

Would never shake and tremble from brayings of was so homely that he took offense if you told him that his children resembled him a mule. But yesterday we saw her dressed up in gorgeous

Great, sparkling, flashing brilliants that hung as you may witnesses? The feet, once nude and soil stained, were clad in do The once tanned face bere tintings of miscellane The voice that once admonished the mules to move along Was tuned to newborn music as sweet as airen's

Her tall and lanky father, once known as "Sleepy is now addressed as "Colonel" by men who honos And youths in figest raiment now take him by

For was it not discovered their little patch of Had rested there for ages above a flow of oil?

—James Barton Adams in Denver Post.

A LONGER DOG. "Have you had this dog as long as th "Yes, longer. This is a dachshund." Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DEFINED. "Say, pop. I've got to write a composi-tion on Hope. What is Hope, anyway" Hope, my boy, is the joyous expecta-on of being able to dodge our just de-

WHEN SKULE LETS OUT!"

I'm happy en a clam; ch, you kin bet I'm feelin

churches in a southern city several years of learnin that ole gografy an mathimetician ago. It was the event, socially, of the I fist can't git it through my head—the spellin

When Skule

tar. make me mad.
"The bridegroom was to come from the The only time in all my life when I kin figure

Five minutes nearly had passed, when Jist think up what I'm missin in the way up winnin fame! If I keep goin on to skule, I'll never carve : name.
I don't see how I'll stan' a show to do a blessed jing!
But, bully gee, I'm glad it's June, an soon I will

> want he no more schoolin fer awhile, you I'll make things hum around our house when I in to spent.
> I wish't this wus the day When

They

Lets Cut1 -E. A. Brininstool in Los Angeles Times. Tactical Blunder. Mand-Has Mr. Goodketch come to call

you yet? Mabel-No. He asked me several weeks if he might call too. Mand-What did you say in reply? Mabel-I told him mamma would be Mand-Well, that's where you swallowed your gam .- Chicago Tribupe.

Mean of Them.

"Well, Dorothy," said Aunt Jane, "they've decided to name the baby Har-"Oh, pshaw!" exclaimed little Dorothy, "I think that's too mean. Why couldn'they name it Elsie or something? The know I want a little sister."-- Philadel-

A Test of Prominence.

"He assumes a great deal of impor-tance as a public official," said one Chi-"Yes," answered the other, "but any one can see he doesn't really amount to much. He has been behended only twice In the past six months."-Washington

A Very Painful Joke.



-that all the acres heah belong to the-Kid (with toothache)-Some on 'om-But I've got arf a dozen achers of me

"Women have no originality-no inrell.

The wondrous world she'd heard of to her was but a dream

As walked the in the furrow behind that lop eared tram.

"Nonsonse. I've seen my stenographer make a memorandum with a hatpin on a cake of soap when she had no paper handy."—Chicago Record-Herald.

and fly

To other lands far distant where breezes fresh and Griggs-Ugglimugg, by all odds. He in the least .- Boston Transcript.

A half a dozen fellows were basking in her smile!

A half a dozen fellows were basking in her smile!

She'd fewels on her fingers and jewels in her smile!

Judge—You are charged with stenling six turkeys from Colonel Smilax. Have Rastus-No. sah; you bet I sin't. I

in' steal turkeys befo' witnesses, sah. -Cincinnati Enquirer.

Vice is most dangerous when it puts on the semblance of virtue.

An Emergency Will. Some years ago there was produced

in the English court of probate a plank on which were scratched the testamenthe paw.

Each in the hope that some day he'll call him val officer. The board, with its rough dad-in-law.

Their days of toil are over; their sun has ris'n at carving, was held to be a will duly executed. tary dispositions of a shipwrecked na-

> The veddahs, or wild hunters, of Ceylon mingle the pounded fibers of soft and decayed wood with the honey on which they feed when meat is not to be obtained.

A perfect clive is of a yellowish green tinge, hard, and when bitten the mouthful is entire, not mushy or spongy. The stone should have a pinkish color and a smell fresh and agreeable. Heware of the olive that is dark in color, soft and smells like new wet