

THE GENIAL JIGGER.

By Luke Sharp.



ONDON is a marvelous little village in this respect; that if you were to throw a stone in certain of its crowded streets, there is every chance you would knock over a man of world-wide fame.

There are so many noted men resident in London, generally in rooms within a very small circumference from a given point—say Charing Cross, for instance—that if you know where their lairs are, you can pick up half a dozen lions to go out to lunch with you at half an hour's notice, and thus you can gather round your table a number of interesting men, who, if collected in almost any other city in the world, would have all the reporters after them.



BEES CAME OUT IN A CLOUD. Other incidents which I am quite sure will not appear in the book, I am equally certain the editor of The Free Press would hesitate to allow in his columns.

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NOTES OF THE DAY. There were 2,632 fires in Philadelphia last year, of which 506, or 25 per cent, were extinguished by the chemical engines.

THE GIFT TO COLLEGES, churches, libraries and public charities in this country last year amounted to \$28,943,549, against \$19,867,116 in 1894.

tainly has enough insect pests of its own. The Jigger's native home is in Central and South America, and the Africans fervently wish it had stayed there. The Jigger came over to Africa in a vessel that had sailed from St. Paul de something or other (the rest of the name I have forgotten).

GOOD NOTION OF ECONOMY.

Why the Smoker Gave Away the Best Cigar in His Pocket.

From the New York Tribune: "Will you have a cigar?" asked one man of another, carefully selecting one of three which he drew from his waistcoat pocket. He handed this one to his friend. The other man smiled and said: "I suppose this is the kind you buy to give away."

HOT WATER AS A MEDICINE. The use of hot water are many. There is nothing that so promptly cuts short congestion of the lungs, sore throat or inflammations of any kind as hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly.

SOCIAL FARTHY. In all the past society has demanded purity on the part of woman. A woman's crown is her purity. If she loses this crown it is almost impossible to reinstate her in society.

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YOUNG FOLK'S CORNER

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Sunshine Still Shall Follow Rain—A Noble Response—Just Trust Him—An Unwelcome Visitor—She Got the Best—Anecdote and Incident.

WHEN ink clouds a deluge pour, And nearer distant thunders roar, Midst dreary days and dismal sighs Still look for fair and brighter skies, Thy hope will not prove false or vain

For sunshine still shall follow rain. 'Tis oft in life's fast-fleeting years We sow the seed in bitter tears. When seed-time days and tears are gone We reap the field in sadness slain, With joy we gather golden grain, For sunshine still shall follow rain.

GOING TO SCHOOL.

For guardian angels from the sky Round thee in unseen cohorts fly, Sweet will it be when free from pain, For sunshine still shall follow rain.



When we have crossed the river chill And mortal clay in death is still, When we are borne to that fair shore, To life and youth forevermore, We'll touch our harps in glad refrain, For sunshine still shall follow rain.

A Noble Response. A touching story of Beecher's sympathy and power is related by a contemporary. One Sunday morning at the Brooklyn Tabernacle Mr. Beecher told about a friend of his who had called his attention to the peculiar sad case of a young girl who was to be sold that week, but who, having fallen into the hands of a slave dealer, less obdurate than some, had obtained permission to try to collect from charitable souls her own purchase price that she might gain her liberty.

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NOT SHOCKED. Dolly—I told Mr. Nicolfellow that I bet Reggie twice kisses our boat would win a race at the regatta. Daisy—Well, wasn't he shocked? Dolly—No, I let him hold the stakes.

gift. His message of life reaches down to you in your place of ruin and death, and his word to you now in 'The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

An Unwelcome Visitor. A merchant sat at his office desk. Various letters were spread before him. His whole being was absorbed in the intricacies of his business. A zealous friend of religion entered the office in a new effort for the cause of Christ, "said the good man. 'Sir, you must excuse me,' replied the merchant, 'I'm too busy to attend to that subject now.'

MISS MISTAKES.

From the Philadelphia Record: Some practical joker recently inserted in a daily paper an advertisement to the effect that Edward Wolf of Germantown avenue and Huntingdon street was anxious to buy a watch-dog.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer: The new woman was here in dead earnest yesterday. She boarded a Euclid avenue motor at Wilson avenue by way of the rear door. Every seat was filled and two or three men were standing in the aisle. She grabbed strap after strap as she walked half the length of the car, then tapped a prominent business man on the back and said in a loud tone of voice, 'May I have your seat, sir?'

On His Good Behavior. From the Washington Star: 'You must be on your good behavior this evening, George, for the minister is to take dinner with us,' said a Hyattsville lady to her worse half, as he got home from his office in the city last Thursday.

How to Stop That Crying. To keep babies from crying an ingenious device is resorted to in India. The moment a child begins to cry its mother places her hand over its mouth and nips its nose, so that it cannot breathe. Then it is allowed to breathe freely again, but should it make use of the opportunity to again set up a howl, it is at once suppressed in the same way.

A New Parisian Food. Camel's flesh is the latest addition to the Parisian bill of fare, Algerian butchers undertaking to provide the supply. The meat is said to taste like beef, though white like veal. The hump is considered a great delicacy by the Arabs.

MAINE EARTHQUAKES. Private earthquakes are fashionable at Maine quarries. At Doolin a few days ago a big blast threw a mass of rock weighing 1,300 tons a distance of fifty feet.

FAIR AMERICAN GIRLS

PRETTY STUDENTS IN ART SCHOOLS OF PARIS.

Shirring for Art's Sake—The Life of the Student, Unless She Is Well Supplied with Funds, Is Not an Envious One.

(Paris Letter.) HOW the girl student in Paris lives depends on her income. If life anywhere for her means a succession of patient juggling to make one dollar divide itself into two dollars, Paris will do more to bring about the phenomenon than any other city; but if she has had a good home, with some one always near to take the small worries off her shoulders, and domestic economy has not been a part of her education, it is a mistake to go abroad to study if she has only a little money.

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vain in these places. With 1 franc a dinner from soup to coffee including may be eaten, and for half a franc a served and well cooked, well dressed. Studying at present in the Academie Montparnasse, under MacMonnies, Colin, American Jean and Mason, are many American girls of whom their country has already reason for being proud. One who will be remembered in connection with the world's fair decorations is Miss Zulime Taft, whose work has received high eulogiums from art critics. 'We are trying to accomplish something,' said Miss Taft, modestly, 'because, somehow, our friends are expecting it.'

Another of his pupils of whom Mr. MacMonnies is particularly proud, is Miss Carrie Brooks of Chicago. Presently she is piquant and charming, 23 years old, with a record of small successes behind her that promise much for the future. She began her studies at the art institute in her own city, and has been in Paris one year. Her present work, still unfinished, is a statue for Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, a representation of the foolish Virgin, which Miss Brooks has named 'Too Late.' This artist also contributed to the beauty of the fair, and worked under Mr. Taft in decorating the several buildings, besides being represented in the art building.

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