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Very little confectionery is imported nto the United States, although we export about \$1,000,000 worth an-

Since the Civil War the South has spent \$100,000,000 on schools for colored pupils. Throughout the South there is quite as much opportunity for the respectable black man as the

Edwin Markham, author of the poem "The Man With the Hoe," says he knows a woman in San Francisco who owns three lan dogs that cost her \$10,000 a year, each of them having three paid attendants.

Dr. John H. Pryor, of Buffalo, said that in 1898 the death rate from consumption in New York State had increased by 339, and had increased at such a rate during the past year that he estimated over one thousand deaths from consumption-probably the highest death rate ever known.

The health officers of Denver, Col., started out to have all the weeds in the public streets and vacant lots cut down, but unexpectedly encountered strong opposition from owners of bee hives, who protested that the weeds blossomed nearly all summer and their bees made much honey from them.

An Alahama man is sning a telegraph company for \$10,000, because message that he sent to a young lady was delayed, thus causing her t become another man's wife. It will be interesting for the "other fellow" when they come to prove that he would have been left at the starting post if the messenger boy had hun

American goods, and especially American manufactures, are making rapid gains in popularity in Russia. This fact is shown not only by the increased total of our exports to that country, but by the warnings which the consular representatives of other home governments respecting the popularity of American goods and the success of American merchants in their business methods.

One of the most interesting facts brought out in the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Edu-cation, Dr. William T. Harris, is that the work of the common schools is coming more and more into the hands of women. In 1870 only forty-one per cent. of the school teachers in this country were women; now the women teachers number sixty-eight per cent. of the entire number. In the North Atlantic States the proportion of women teachers is even larger, reaching more than eighty per cent. of the whole number of teachers in those

In one important field the United States and the Continent are alto-gether beating England. She was the pioneer of railways worked by last-in the adaptation of electricity as a motive power for any purpose. Electric lighting has come into use in England slowly, but is as yet by no means well developed in many parts of the country, and the best of the machinery by means of which light is generated is of American make. It is the same with electric railway plant and appliances, and the use of these

THREE KNAVES AND A TRUMP.

My professional reputation was stake. I had, three months before the date of which I write, permitted a nocharge, and I was distinctly out of favor with the department. I had a peculiar superstition about the adroit criminal whose ruse had outwitted me. He was tall, alert and graceful, with a face that reminded me strongly of the pictures I had seen of Edgar A. Poe. He had an insimuating manner and the west rusies! voice I ever Poe. He had an insinuating manner and the most musical voice I ever heard. His profession was safe-breaking. I had once apprehended the man, and, curiously enough, it was the result of my first assignment to detective work. He had, as a result, served a term of seven years in the penitentary.

It chanced that during his residence there I met him several times and on

It chanced that during his residence there I met him several times and on each occasion he had regarded me with a look that was none the less sinister because it was half jocular. The man's look was a menace. I knew he was thinking that he would be revenged, and I was sure that only the most conclusive of revenges would satisfy him. In other words, this man was determined to have my life. I always feeed him with a look as dark as that which he gave me, for the intention in my soul was no less relentiess than his own. We were doomed, as I felt in my apprehensive soul, to as I felt in my apprehensive soul, to stand opposed in some hideous trag-

he again incurred the displeasure of the law, I traveled 6,000 miles in my search for him, and discovered him at length in Indian territory. How he outwitted me on our way back to Chicago is a story I have no inclination

It was, therefore, with mixed feel-Ings that I learned from the chief of our agency of the nature of my commission. He told me that information had been brought him of an attempt to be made that night upon the safe of the McPherson Investment company. The plot had been overheard by an ecentric reporter for one of the daily centric reporter for one of the daily papers, whose business had taken him into some sorry resort. From the de-scription which the young man gave of the three conspirators the chief had no difficulty in establishing their iden-



CROUCHING ON THE FLOOR. CROUCHING ON THE FLOOR, tity. The foremost of them was my foe, Payson Weatherby—for, though he had many aliases, this I believe to have been his true name. The second was a mulatto, Washington Brown, a man of much intelligence and reckless courage, who took his destiny by the throat and made an outlaw of himself rather than court fayor of a world which and made an outlaw of himself rather than court favor of a world which would, at best, have shown him only contempt. The third rascal was an old-time culprit, George Burke, a thick-necked, low-browed fellow, who was

born to crime.

"How many men do you want?" asked the chief of me.

"Two."
"But would it not be wise to out-number your adversaries? They are desperate men."

desperate men."

I thought of Payson Weatherby's silent challenge, and formed a resolve to meet him without odds.

We expected to be beforehand with our men, and with Grayson, the reporter who had given us the information, were at the spot a quarter of an hour before the time Weatherby had appointed. But to our chagrin we found the rear window of the place without a square of glass. My evil found the rear window of the place without a square of glass. My evil luck still held. The safe-blowers were within. With me were James Bigelow, a young fellow, fresh to a detective's life, and Nelson Green, a grizzled vet-eran, cautious as a cat, and a man noted for his lightning-swift motions. They and the reporter followed me They and the reporter followed me through the window. A few steps more revealed to me the fact that the door of the outer vault had already

been forced.

I motioned the reporter to stand back and my men and I entered the vault, which was an iron room 16x16 feet in size, and occupied by a heavy table and two chairs.

sand appliances, and the use of these in England is yet in its infancy.

"Prince Alberts" in Congress.
The preponderance of "Prince Alberts" in the present congress is a matter of general comment. "One would almost think a Prince Albert was the uniform of your house of representatives, don't you know?" remarked a young lady of decidedly England and the prince also was the safe proper, and bleak with the stem grows with the sate of the content of the tree was rising storm, and now a sudden expression and the sum of the waste of the content of the tree was resisted and the sum of the content of the tree was resisted and the sum of the content of the tree was the safe proper, and bleak waste of the cand was not all desperated to the form of your presentatives, don't you know?" remarked a young lady of decidedly English accent, as she looked down on the slow moving, black-clad figures on the floor. Even the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. Terry, who has worn blutch grave with the stem of the plant are used from the house, in 1891, startled his conference to the most elegant cut and finish.

Half a million clerks are employed in Lade and two chairs. Opposite the dow was the safe proper, and before the the conference of the center. This balloon frequently has a diameter of six feet or more. It has, of course, a trimming on outsile, but it requires the the toad was in form a look of the containt of a proposition of the strength of the tree, and in recepted to climb a recombled to floor was the safe proper, and before the center. This balloon frequently has a diameter of this three was a rising storm, and now a sudden expression and now a sudden expression is formed, which is not a formed, when the surface of the contraint of the straint of the straint of the tree, and in recognizing the contraint of the tree, and in recognizing and the surface of the contraint of the dead was in the color was the safe proper, and before the center. This shall be all the water of the contraint of the contraint of the contraint of the cont

and cowered where they were, but one of them managed to extinguish the lantern by whose light they had been working, and they were possèssed of the vantage of shadow. I heard the click of their revolvers, and, realizing that the light I carried made us fair targets, I put it out. Half a second later a builet clattered, against the well behind me. I dropped to the floor, and the men with me followed my example. Then I heard a clattering at the door, and knew that Grayson, the reporter, and knew that Grayson, the reporter, was trying to get in to us. But though the lock must have been forced, yet it did not yield to its manipulations, and presently all was silent.

Then the unexpected happened. Through a tiny barred window, high in the wall, a flash of white lightning gleamed, and we saw that our foes, like ourselves, were crouching on the floor. Green fired, and a groan followed the report of his revolver. For some reason which I shall never be able to explain, Weatherby and I du not shoot. His smilling, insolent face menaced me, and I looked back with what defiance I could.

We all waited for the next flash of lightning, not drawing an audilibe breath. Never did silence seem so

I could have heard a sigh I should we fired. I have known wounds and e surgeon's probe, but the pain of at silence discounted them. crawled along the edge of the wall

I might be in an unexpected place the next lightning gleam, keeping revolver just in advance of my b. When the enveloping flash came t revealed the eyes of Payson Weath-rby not six inches from mine. We involuntarily recoiled; we both A bit of ice seemed to graze my and then I felt a warm fluid dampening my cheek. Bigelow cried out suddenly, and I was guilty of an audible groan of anxiety for him.

Again we waited—I cannot tell the length of time. It was no more to be measured that a hasheesh dream. Then out of the slence came a vibrant, hysterical shriek. Payson Weatherby had not looked like Edgar A. Poe for nothing. His delicately wrought organization revolted against the strain upon it. He sobbed and laughed. He waz a madman.

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This horror afferted us all similarly. We were wary, but we suspended hostilities. We were on our guard lest this emotional maniac should dash our being out on his week. brains out or his own against the iron

The hasheesh dream reached out like The hasheesh dream reached out like the beginning of eternity, and we began to suffer for a lack of oxygen. Then came a battering at the door and I staggered out, drenched in blood from my wound. Some one helped me up, and I heard later that it was Payson Weatherby.

When, six weeks later, I came out of the hospital, they told me he was in

the hospital, they told me he was in a cell at Kankakee. As for me, I gave up the detective profession. I had been a failure at it. But I have the comfort of the reflection that if Payson Weatherby defeated me, I de-

No "Property" E-capes.

Over the audience rests a settled, immovable stillness, unbroken even by a sigh. No expression referable to sorrow, sympathy, joy or tears lightens the blank, dead walls of the faces. The Chinaman is impregnable. Only once do his eyes change, and that is while the property man is on the stage, and he is never off. The Chinese property man sees his duty to the management, and puts it into practical effect. No "property" shall escape him. He gathers all things by the way. When the Chinese Romeo slays Tybalt the property man steps on to the stage, gathers up Tybalt's sword, cap and cloak and things and would the off with the stage and the same of the stage of the same of the stage of the same of eriy man steps on to the stage, gathers up Tybalt's sword, cap and cloak and things and walks off with them. He would enter Macbeth's banquet hall while the weak-kneed monarch was exercising Banquo's ghost, gather up the goblets and plates in one arm and Macbeth's chair with the other, and carry them away. He would pluck the roses from Elaine's breast; he would take the dagger from Juliet's dead hand; he would interrupt Hamlet's soliloquy in the churchyard with z request for Yorick's skull, and he would quest for Yorick's skull, and he would interpose in the murder of Desde to remove the pillows from her head.-Leslie's Weckly.

The Largest Plant in the World.

"The largest plant in the world," said an eminent naturalist to the writer the other day, "is probably a gigantic seaweed, known as the "nereocytis," which frequently grows to a height of more than 300 feet. The stem of the plant is as strong as an ordinary rope and large quantities of it are dried and used as rope by the inhabitants of the South Sea islands, where the curious vegetable ropes are found. The seaweed usually grows to a depth of from 200 to 300 feet. As soon as the plant 200 to 300 feet. As soon as the plant takes root a spear shaped balloon is formed, which grows with the stem toward the surface of the center. This

Three Modes of Dressing.
There are really three modes of saing for the average American man. First, the wrapper in the dymorning, the shirtwaist by noon in the pretty leagown for the afteron; second, the shirtwaist in the noon; second, the shirtwaist in the morning, the teagown or dressy wrap-per—the early name for the same gar-ment—in the evening; third, the shirtwaist, the street gown, the din-ner gown and the negligee or cham-ber robe.

Trade reports from Lynn, Mass, re to the effect that the style of addies shoes is to undergo a radical change; that, in place of the sensible ow heel which that footgear has for hypothesis of years are carried was relow heel which that footgear has for a number of years past carried, we are to have reintroduced the style of the high heels, and that from this time forward no woman can be considered in style who does not stand upon a heel from an inch and a quarter to an inch and three-quarters in height.

Up-to-Date Boa Fasteners.

One of the really useful fashion novelties just out is the boa fastener. It fills a long-felt want and is an attractive ornament as well.

It is a jeweled snake twisted to form an S. When properly adjusted it holds the boa together most effectively. The snakes vary greatly. Some are of gold studded with imitation gems. Others are of gun metal, with the jewels used just for the snake's eyes. The fastener catches the boa in such a way that the snake's head is raised as if ready to strike.

Fashions in Perfumes

Pashlona in Perfumes.

Perfumes are being used more generally than fashion has permitted in several years. There is an attractive suggestion of refinement and daintiness about the faint odor of flowers that can never wholly lose its power. Only the best perfumes should be used, however, as the cheaper kinds are entirely without the delicacy that is the charm.

the charm.
Some fastidious women have nightsome lastuations women have night-caps made of white wash lace with a circular sachet pad fasteaed in the crown. The caps are coquettish and pretty, the lace mesh allows free ac-cess of air and the sachet imparts a faint but distinct fragrance to the hair.

Some rules will assist my lady in bringing sweet repose, with its at-tendant advantages and they are fac-tors in the creation and preservation

beauty. Before retiring take off every gar Before retiring take off every garment worn during the day and supply a simple cotton robe in which your limbs are free and untrammelled. Let your last ablution be a warm bath, with friction enough to bring the blood to the surface.

Unbind your hair and let it float over your pillow to get well aired. Lie on your right side when sleeping as much as possible so as to let your heart do its work unrestricted.

Have your sleeping room thoroughly aired the last thing at night, and arrange your windows so that you can have a current of fresh air without sleeping in a draught.

If you are awake for some time in the early hours preceding the morning do not worry. If you feel despondent remember that all the forces of life are at their lowest elocation to the contraction of the contraction

spondent remember that all the lordes of life are at their lowest ebb at that hour which is darkest before the day.

Women's Wages in England.

Women's Wages in England.? In England a shop assistant makes from five to ten cents an hour. In the laundry, from half a dollar to seventy-five cents a day. As a waitress, one dollar to five a week.

During the haddock-curing season,

six cents an hour.

As a pillow-lace worker, from three to six cents an hour.

As a hop-picker, from twenty-five to fifty cents a day.

In the best type of factory, from two dollars and a half to three dol-

two dollars a and a half to three dollars a week.

As a hospital nurse, from sixty to two hundred dollars a year.

As a domestic servant, from forty to three hundred dollars a year.

As a typewriter, from two dollars and a half to ten dollars a week.

As a governess, from sixty to two hundred dollars a year.

As a postoffice clerk, from one hundred and fifty to five hundred dollars a year a year.

a year.
As a shorthand writer, from five to

As a shorthand writer, from five to fifteen dollars a week. In this list only domestic servants, governesses and hospital nurses are provided with board and lodging.— Harper's Bazar.

Velvet and Cloth Are Used as Trip In basting velvet, cloth or silk bands, silk thread will not leave the marks that cotton does, and when the thread is ripped out it should be out every few inches, as the pulling out of a long thread leaves marks.

and cowered where they were, but one of them managed to extinguish the lantern by whose light they had been working, and they were possessed of the vantage of shadow. I heard the click of their revolvers, and, realizing that the light I carried made us fair targets, I put it out. Half a second later a bullet clattered against the wall later a bullet clattered against the wall woman. First, the wrapper in the

A Queen Who Loves Crests.

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One is assured so often and so strentonsly by sages of social canons that ornate note paper is valgar and used only by persons of inferior fibro that it comes as a shock to hear that no less exalted a personage than the Queen of Great Britain dotes upon elaborate stationery, a weakness which she shares with her daughters. Until her eyes began to fail her "the widow of Windsor" was very fond of letter writing. She wrote regularly to all her children and grandchildren and to many friends as well. The young Queen of the Netheriands has been one of her correspondents since the latter was a very little girl. When at Balmoral, in the Highlands, Victoria's favorite writing paper is pale lavender color, with a broad black edge; at the top of the sheet is an engraving of roe deer and fawns among rocks and dwarf trees, with "Balmoral" in plain letters beneath. Sometimes she uses white paper with a mourning border and a view of Balmoral Castle stamped in relief in black or the royal cipher. V. R. and Castle stamped in relief in black or the royal cipher, V. R. and

Diack or the royal cipher, V. K. and I. with the crown.

Princess Beatrice for years had a favorite note paper, which showed a big bumble bee with her coronet above. Princess Louise of Lorne has several ingenious monograms in which the two L's of her name are curiously intertwined.

physicians than women lawyers.

There are many women who act as notaries public in New York State.

Russian women are gradually ac quiring a greater freedom of action. There is a steady increase in the number of women's clubs throughout the United States.

One woman physician in New York
City easily makes an annual income
of ten thousand dollars.
A gratifying sign is the increasing

number of women who are becoming scientific agriculturists.

Miss Susan B. Anthony, despite her eighty years, is an active woman. Her health continues excellent. American women artists in Europe are carrying off more honors than are the women artists of any other nation-

Many of the nurses who went to South Africa with the Canadian troops are members of well known families in Canada.

in Canada.

The Queen of the Netherlands is an enthusiastic amateur gardener, who owns a miniature greenhouse which she manages entirely herself.

Mrs. Leland Stanford is a thorough believer in permitting those women who wish it to enter whatever profession or work they feel capable of.

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Fashion's Fads and Fanetes.

Ranne velvet waistcoats with small
gold buttons are the latest accessory
to the tailor frock.

A number of ermine toques have
made their appearance, having as
their only decoration large choux of
black tulle.

Cloth lace is one of the fads of the
season, used as a trimming for evening wraps, boleros, etc., and being
new it is expensive.

A fascinating evening wrap was that
made of a beautifully embroidered

made of a beautifully embroidered white crepe shawl, the trimming being a combination of the heavy fringe of the shawl with sable. the snawl with sable.

Since earrings are again talked of as about to become fashionable, a clever invention is being shown by means of which it will be possible to wear earrings without piercing the

wear earrings without percent the cars.

Fine "kid-finished" cloth in ivory white, opal gray, turquoise blue, and a revived shade of old rose are in marked favor for elegant "dress" gowns, and a decoration of real lace is the required adjunct.

There is a revival of the fur boa along with the craze for boas of all kinds. The fur collar is now to be relegated to the wear of the matron, while youth disports the fetching and becoming but pneumonia inviting boa.

The American turquoise are preferred by women who wish their stones to retain their rolor. Opals are

The American turquoise are pre-ferred by women who wish their stones to retain their noior. Opals are popular, especially those from Hun-gary. Garnets, in all their varieties of color, ranging from red to violet, brown, yellow, green and white, are much in vogue.

Many of the handsomest umbrellas have long mother-of-nearl headly.

have long mother-of-pearl handles with gold or silver trimmings. There is a broad tip at the top of the handle, a band around the centre frequently, and more of it at the lower part where it joins the umbrella. Sometimes the metal work is in fine tracery.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

A blackbird will stand at the of a hanging wasp's nest and deliber-ately tear it in pieces in order to get at the larvæ, apparently undisturbed by the swarm of angry insects.

The German exploring vessel Mow stopped on its last cruise at two smal isolated islands, Matty and Durour the inhabitants of which strikingly resemble the Japanese, though the isl ands are only a short distance from New Guinea.

New Guinea.

In a recent paper by Francis Galton on "Finger-prints of Young Children," he demonstrated that clear prints of all ten fingers of a baby would suffice for after-identification by an expert, but by an expert only. Although new ridges may appear in infantile life, the type of each pattern persists all through life, and is never doubtful to a practised eye.

a practised eye.

The Arctic Ocean, says Nansen, is a kind of lagoon separated from the Atlantic by a submarine ridge, stretching from Spitzbergen to Greenland. To this ridge is due a curious condition. The Arctic is covered with a layer of slightly salt water from the Siberian rivers and Bering Strait, and under this is the normally salt Gulf Stream water. If the two layers were with the average temperature would Stream water. If the two layers were mixed, the average temperature would fall, but this average would not be as cold as the surface layer. This accounts for the enormous formation of polar ice.

There is a wonderful spider in the Transvaal, which has apparently been discovered for the first time by Mr. Distant. It lives, we are told, in large communities, and builds itself a nest like a bird's. The nest is of irregular form, and in the interior are several artistically constructed galleries, which serve as homes for all the spiders of that particular family. One of these nests may be seen in the London Zoological Garden. It is very large, and is defity covered with dry leaves. The spider in constructing a nest takes the utmost pains to make it of such a color that it will escape the eyes of its enemies, and in this laudable task the ingcnious little creature almost always succeeds. There is a wonderful spider in the

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Astronomy in the nineteenth century has not only successfully cultivated, but has greatly enlarged, every field of investigation which it inherited from the proceeding century. The instruments and the methods of research have been greatly improved and to them have been added celestial photography and spectroscopy, which are distinct to prove no less potent and efficacious than the telescope. Photography has shown itself to be a valuable adjunct to the telescope, and the application of the spectroscope has not only rectified the ideas of preceding-centuries as to the constitution of the universe, but has created an absolutely new branch of science—that is to say, the chemistry of celestial bodies.

Cats Can Swim.

"Can eats swim? was asked of an old fisherman.

"Why, certainly," was the reply, "and that remireds me of a cat 1 onco tried to drown that swam ashore. Surely there must have been hundreds or thousands of people who have drowned eats in the same way, but nevertheless this was an experience of my own. We had a catthat we wanted to get rid of, and as humane a way as any to kill it was by drowning. So I put a couple of bricks in the bottom of an old grain sack, and put in the cat, and tied the bag up carefully and securely and walked down to the end of a wharf and stood there and swung the bag with the cat and the bricks in it round like a sling until I could give it a good momentum and then let it can all sling it was the fall and sink in it a good momentum and then let it go, and slung it out to fall and sink in the water, I should say twenty feet

the water, I should say twenty feet away.

"I supposed, of course, that that was the last of the cat; but the next morning the first thing I saw when I went out of the house was the cat sitting on the veranda.

"I suppose the bag had a weak spot in it somewhere, the bricks were heavy and sharp-cornered and swinging the bag round that way started it more, and the cat was desperate; and with the bag that way it scratched and tore its way out and got to the wharf and clawed its way up and came ashore.

ashore.
"Can a cat swim? Why, sure!"New York Sun.

Superstitions About Toads.

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It is related of the American Indians that they believe that a courcil of the gods was held for producing light at night. The whip-poor-will made the moon out of a large frog, and the coldness of the moon is attributed to the frog's natural coldness.

Another tradition related of savage tribes is that the toad quarreled with the woodpecker and caused the del-

the woodpecker and caused the deluge. It is said that they disputed over honey which the toad was induced to climb a tree in order to obtain. Then the woodpecker knowledge.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A farmer was trying to plough With a jackass bitched up to a cough, When they kicked up a terrible rough, aid the farmer: "It's hard, I allough could do near as well with a sough; will rest 'neath the shade of this be

"Such driving for me is too rough; I've had of it nearly enough; I'll give this old jackass a cough And quit, for I'm quite in a hough, And ploughing is almost tough.

"With farming I'm glad to be through— My wife, she is tired of it, tough; We're wet with rain and the dough, And ploughing has made me quite blough

"I'll sell out and pocket the dough, To the city I'll glad enough gough, I'll through down the shovel and hough; In Wall street my money I'll blough.

"My wife has contracted a cough,
"Its time for us both to be ough?"
—New York Sun.

PITH AND POINT.

"How do you tell a good novel from a poor one, Bob?" "Well, very often I go by the person who recommends it."

it."

"How did you and George get along at the seashore?" asked her beat friend. "Swimmingly," was the reply.—Thd-Bits.

"Is your dog full-blooded?"
"Guess he is. He's been sampling th' blood of most of th' neighbors."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Maude—"Did Jack kiss you when you accepted him?" Clara—"Certainly. I wouldn't consider any but sealed proposals."—Chicago News.

She loved John Smith beyond a doubt, But when, alsa! she thought of the wedding-cards she gave her hand To Mr. Weilesley Weilington Watt.

—Detroit Journal.

"As we get older we think less of

"As we get older we think less of ourselves." "That's because we've had time to get thoroughly acquainted with ourselves."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Goodheart—"And you can't

What's your trade?" Saymold Storey (attacking the pie)—"I'm a strawberry picker, ma'ar."

Little Horaco—"Papa, what are sielent watches of the night?" Papa—"The ones people forget to wind when they go to bed, I guess."—Chicago Times-Herald

"Is she really a society girl?"
"Well, she makes and receives a great
many calls." "Really?" "Yes;
she's a telephone operator."—Philadelphia Record.

He—"Is your husband laying anything up for a rainy day, my good

He—'18 your nusuand myng any-thing up for a rainy day, my good woman?' She—''No, sir; but he's saving up money to buy a snow shovel."—Yonkers Statesman.

Fate in the smallest thing is just;
Admit this rigid truth we must;
Who comes to luncheen late will sigh
To find he gets the thinnest ple.
—Indianapolis Journal. "-Indianapolis Journal.
"When a man's young he's auxious
to show his knowledge," said the
Manayunk Philosopher; "and whe's
he gets older he's just as auxious te
conceal his ignorance."—Philadelphif

"Isn't it odd that whenever Mr

Record.

"Isn't it odd that whenever Mr Dinsmore makes a present it alway' consists of gloves?" said Miss Gold thorpe. "He wants his presents to be always on hand," replied Miss Wilberforce.—Judge.

"I understand," said the neighbor. "that your husband is a dramaticritic." "No," replied the little wom an bitterly; "he is even worse that that. He is a household critic." "Chicago Evening Post.

Magistrate—"What are these prifoners charged with?" Policeman—"I arrested them for fighting, you honor. They are a couple of golf players, and—"Magistrate—"Send for the court interpreter."

"This," the bold young man whispered, touching her blushing cheek, "is the pink of perfection." "And this," his fair cousin retorted, bringing her hand against his cheek with a ringing slap, "is the sounding brass!"

Mother—"I wonder what we can do with Johnny? He has such a way of exaggerating everything. He is always making a mountain out of a molehill." Father—"I think, my dear, we had better make him an auctioneer."—Tt-Bits.

The Holders of the V. C.

Holders of the Victoria Cross in the British army, who have been a slowly dwindling band for some years, promise to receive new companions as a result of the Boer war. Seven years ago they numbered 196, and just before the outbreak of hostilities in the Transvaal there were only 155. The Indian mutiny still accounts for the largest number of names on that roll of honor, no fewer than forty-two recalling that year of heroic struggle. The Crimean war, which started the roll, now ranks second with South Africa, each claiming twenty-five names. Afghanistan contributes eleven names, and Egypt and Soudan together make up the same number. For the rest of the names one must follow the union-jack to all parts of the globe. Holders of the Victoria Cross in the

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Right Kind of Sportsman.

It was Jonathan Swift who said that whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before would deserve better of man kind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together. Let me say of the sportsman, if it has not been said before, that he who by his spring shooting has an opportunity to kill two birds, if he would wast until fall will have a chance to kill seven. At two birds, if he would wait until fall will have a chance to kill seven. At the Pleasant Valley hatchery the Mongolian pheasant is breeding with gratifying success. This ring-necked fellow is one of the finest of game birds, and every chance and encouragement to multiply should be given him. Victor Smith, in New York Press.