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Looking-Glass Flend.

The man behind the counter in the down town cigar store, says the New York Sun, was filling up the blank spaces on the shelving with packages of spaces on the shelving with packages of cigarettes when a tall, thin fellow came n and asked permission to look at the directory. After opening and closing the directory the thin young manastepped in front of the big pier mirror and ad-mired himself. Walking closer to the glass he adjusted his red necktie, then stood sideways and smoothed down three stray hairs that hung over his left three stray hairs that hung over his left ear. Then he produced a handkechief and wiped a speck of dust from his coat sleeve. After smoothing his mustache he stood erect, turned his back toward the mirror, glanced over his shoulder, fixed his hat to the best advantage, and walked out. "We have over fifty of those fellows in here every day," re marked the cigar dealer. "They each spend five minutes before that mirror; but they don't spend anything else. Some ask for a glass of ice water, but most of them pretend they want to see the directory. We call them lookingglass fiends, and New York is full of them. Still they say man is not as vain as woman. I know five times as many vain men as I do vain women."

"April Fish."

Why do the French call "April fool" 'April fish?" is a question often asked nd seldom answered, says the New Orleans Times Democrat. As a matter of fact, says an exchange, the phrase, poissons d'aril, is not intended as a compliment to the anglers. Unfortunately the fishermen, like the fellow who saw big snakes, have won a reputation for selling bigger lies than the "fish stories" of ordinary citizens. Now, in France the fishing season opens in April, al-though lucky indeed is the angler who hooks a fish in that country in April. As a French writer puts it, his chances lie far more in the direction of old shoes, a sad commentary on sport on the Sejna. Consequently, an account of the exploits of a knight of the rod and reel in April is always listened to with suspicion.

When the poor delta people get through fighting the water they will be bothered to death by the buffale siles and meguitises. Give us a bone in the gills every time.—Brookhaven Leader. Alright Bro. We can't give you a home, but if you can make out to get one in the 'hills' while we regret to do one in the 'hills' while we regret to do it." without you, "guess we'll have to do it.

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THAT PLAN.

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The Clarion-Ledger under the head of the "Revenue Plans" contains an editorial which we presume is an authoritative explanation of "the plan agreed upon by Gov. McLaurin and the ways and Means committee of the house," the Vicksburg Commercial-Herald says: "The plan of the ways and means

The plan of the ways and means bill proposes to separate the school fund from the general state fund, levy an advalorent tax for the general state fund; and the assessed value of the taxable property of the state being known, it can be ascertained in advance the exact amount of money that will be realzed for the general fund, and it will be easy to make the appropriations for general purposes and the general fund correspond. Hence, there will be no ecessity for that fund running in

We think there are two fallacies in this explanation. First. It is assumed that the confusion and deficit in state finances arises from the fact that there is a general levy made for the ommon school fund and the other ordinary expenses of the state, and second, that if these two funds are separated that this confusion will cease to exist and the deficit will be converted into an ademacy if not surplus of revenue.

The appropriation of the common school fund is based upon data which is acquired in accordance with re-quirements of section 206 of the constitution and of the Code of 1892, to-wit The number of educable children in the state, and this number of educable children is ascertained by an enumeration made by the assessor of each coun-ty, which enumeration is furnished to the state superintendent of education. This number of educable children being ascertained, the amount of money necessary to run the schools for four

necessary to run the schools for four months as required by the constitution is easily computed, and the legislature has found no difficulty heretofore in making appropriations for this purpose. The legislature of 1896 appropriated \$923,500.00 for the support of the com-mon schools for the year 1896, and a like sum for the support of the common schools for the year 1897, which appro-priation for each year included the poll taxes for each year. Approximating as priation for each year included the poll taxes for each year. Approximating as mear as we can the amount of money which would be raised for the common school fund under the proposed bill of the ways and means committee of the house and endorsed by the governor we have as follows: \$225,000 from privilege taxes, which would make \$900.000. Add to this the poll taxes, estimated to be \$250,000, we would have a total of \$1,050,000 appropriated to the common schools of the state, as against \$223,300 appropriated by the acts of