HER PRESCRIPTION.

LITTLE WOMAN WHO WOULDN'T BE BLUFFED BY THE CLERK.

Answer to His Customary Big Scare Talk the Said "Fiddlesticks!" and Carried Her Point - It Is Well to Know Your Rights and Then Defend Them.

About one in ten of the persons who ake prescriptions to drug stores to be led ask for a copy of the formula. arly all pharmacists furnish the deof copy without comment. Some of m may add 5 or 10 cents to the cost f the prescription to pay for their extrottle in copying the physician's replyphics, but they raise no objecto the customer's request. There druggists, however, who are averse making copies of the prescriptions the they fill, and now and then some ted disputes are overheard at the

s ription desk. Not long ago a quiet but self reliant little woman stepped into a drug store or the Grand Central station and presented a prescription written by a well known specialist.

Elighty cents. Please pay at the . . . did the prescription clerk ten at a later as he handed the packfundicine over the counter. but I want a copy of the prescrip-

a said the woman in a tone that and the she thought it ought to and given to her without the askwe couldn't give you that,"

distant clerk snavely. "This is a

. A prescription, and we would have ment to give you a copy of it withran orar from the doctor. Hat I must have a copy of it," peris it wman. "I do not live in which My home is several hundr Uniles from here, and I want this only for use during the winter. Now,

at keep the waiting, please, for I am bent to to love my train. ·W. H. r y dear madam, you can send to us at most time, and we will fill the estration for you. It will remain on urt his, and when you write you need mention only the physician's name and the number. You see, that is a special pres riplied of Dr. -- 's, and he would not want it handled by every village

"On fiddlesticks!" exclaimed the little wemmn, bristling up. "That is my prescription. I bought it and paid liberally for it. Now you either give me genty of it or take your medicine back and give me my original prescription. Lr. -- lows where I live, and he lnews tint I would not leave New York without taking a copy of that pre-

coripti u with me." "Int. my dear madam, you must understand our position in the matter. We have get to protect ourselves. Now, if Dr. -- says that you can have a copy of this prescription we will be glad to give it to you.

"You'll give it to me whether you are glad or not," retorted the little wo man, new thoroughly aroused. "If you want Dr -- 's sanction, you can send to him and obtain it. I certainly am not going back there to ask for it. I'll wait just five minutes, and if I do not get a capy of my prescription or the prescription itself I'll make trouble for you. I know what my rights are, and I propose to stand up for them."

The prescription clerk looked as but after a few seconds' hesitation con-He withdry w from view and presumably consulted with the proprietor. The latter came out from his little office in the ermer and after looking the little woman over sharply turned to the clerk

and said, "Cive it to her." "You see, madam," said the clerk in his most affable manner two minutes later as he handed her a copy of the prescription, "we desire to accommodate our patrons in every way possible, but we have to be careful with special prescriptions. Why, it was only last year that we were threatened with a sait for big damages by a noted specialist because we gave one of his patient's a copy of the prescription he wrote for her. He claimed that she took it to a small town in the south, where an obsure draggist get hold of it, and, finding it to be an effective remedy, at first mixed it for local distribution and afterward put it on the market as a specific with his own name and picture as a

trademark. So you see' --"Oh, fiddlesticks!" said the little woman as she hurried out to catch her train. - New York Times.

Mme. Guizot,

Guizet, the crater and writer, became sequainted with his future wife through the literary muse. Mile, de Menlau was the brilliant editor of the Publiciste, supporting not only herself but an aged nather ly her pen. Her health gave way under the burden, and in the midst of portry, illness and debt she received an ananymous letter one day respectfully offering to supply articles for the Pattern regularly and without pay until her health should be restored. The letter was accompanied by an article composed very much in her own style. The hand offer was accepted, and later on, when by means of the timely aid Mile, de Meulan was restored to her usual avecations, she begged her unknown contributor, through the columns of the paper, to rev al himself. The grave, dignified young Gnizot obeyed, and the result was a marriage between them at the expiration of five years. Mine, this t was the center of the lit-

critic and friend .- Catholic World.

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trary outcomes of the day, her celebrity,

From the than that of her husband to be-

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ment, and she was ever his counselor,

He Told Them.

At a general election in Victoria a abilitate who was making a speech ex charmen, "What is it that has made England what she is-mighty, revered, feared and respected?" And every one was trying to think, when a voice with a to he somerous brogue in the back part of the half answered, "Oirleand."

An old Georgia darky, on being asked if he believed the whale swallowed Jonah, replied; "Yes, suh. Jonah didn't rent wuz due an de bailiffs wuz arter of Edward III, the last at the death of

INSTRUCTED THE JUDGE.

Who Was So Well Pleased That He Gave Lim Seven Months.

"Nathaniel Fatrick Henry Schoffeld Berry!" called the police court clerk in stentorian tones, and a hearty laugh was heard from the lawyers, baille's and general hangers on around the room. A very black negro of about 40 stepped to the tar with the remark, "Yes, sah, dat's my cognomen title."

"Well, Nat, what have you got to say bout this charge of-of-what's the name of that thing anyhow, Mr.

"Shootin craps, your honor."
"Shootin craps," repeated the judge.
"Now look here! I have sent enough of

you fellows down on this charge, but I confess I know nothing about the game, if such it might be called. I've listened to the pigeon English of Chinamen in telling of their fantan arrangement. and now you, Nat, there, tell me what this game of craps is like?"

"Well, judge, it's just like dis: You see you take de bones"-"The what?"

"W'y, de bones, yo' honah. Them's de things you throw.'

"The dice," suggested the police officer making the complaint. "Oh, I see," answered his honor. "It's played with dice, ch?"

"You take de bones," continued Nathaniel Berry, looking with supreme contempt on the surrounding crowd anxious to learn the ins and outs of a famous but badly misunderstood game. De first man he t'rows de benes out like dis and pops his fingers. 'Come seven-eleven, 'got you faded,' 'cut his throat eleven, 'railroad, 'nat'ral crap, 'gimme de bones,' 'baby's go♥ to hav' dem noo shoes, 'take my gal to Baltimore, 'Big Dick's my point, 'all de way from Boston, ' 'come on, Joe, you must be mine' "-

"Hold on there!" shouted the judge before the enthusiastic Nathaniel could be headed in his enthusiastic dissertation. "I'm still in the dark about that game, but from what I have heard you get seven months."

"Thankee, judge," said Nat, as he was led granning from the bar of justice. - Washington Post.

A CLEVER FIRE HORSE.

The Clear Headed Animal That Chief

Webber of Boston Used to Drive. The rule in the Boston department is to reach the fire as soon as it can be done with safety. When an alarm comes in, the firemen have that rule in mind. They are not thinking about posing for the public, but what they are likely to find at the end of their ride, and when accidents occur in nine cases out of ten they are more likely to be due to the carelessness or fright of the public than to the recklessness of the firmen themselves. There are approximately 2,000 alarms a year in this city, to each of which from one to eight pieces respond. Compare the activity and momentum thus let loose, but skillfully controlled, with the total resulting casualties of a year, and the showing will justify the

department as a whole every time. The horses themselves share not only the spirit but the knowledge of the situation, and to their training and intelligence is due to no small degree the comparative exemption from serious accidents which the department enjoys. A few years ugo Chief Webber drove as his fire horse an animal which well exthough he would like to say something, emplified these characteristics. He had a head like a wedge, and he could run for a deer. His fire gait was a run. He was famous for economizing his opportunities Even in a thickly crowded street, if he saw a hundred feet clear in front of him, he made it on the run. If an obstruction suddenly appeared, he would brace miself and skate over the pavement until his momentum was overcome. Then with the next opening the feat was repeated, while he writhed in and out like a snake among intercepting teams and usually was among the first arrivals at the scene of the fire. On one occasion he took hunself and the buggy to a fire some distance from quarters without a driver and arrived safely and at the right box. The uninitiated who saw his movements might have called them reckless, but during his five or six years of service he attended more fires than any other horse in the department, and no serious accident to himself or others resulted .-Boston Transcript.

Victoria's Wedding Ring.

The man who made Queen Victoric's wedding ring is living in Philadelphia "Ja, ja!" he nods when questioned

about it. "I made it. I learned the trade in Germany."
He learned it well, too, and his hand

has not yet lost its conning, for he fills many orders from the large jewelers' firms in the city. "But how did it happen that the

commission was given to you?" The old German took off his spectacles and with an effort called up the details of the event.

"I went over from Germany to England," he answered, "to a shop in London to work. So! It was a big place. One day the word came to make the queen's wedding ring. I had the specialty. I made all such rings, and so they gave it to me to do. That is all. The wedding ring that signalized Victoria's alliance with Frince Albert was one of the many instances of the queen's preference for richness and simplicity. It was quite plain and more solid than is usual in ordinary wedding

During the marriage ceremony Prince Albert were it on his own tinger, and taking it off at the proper moment passed it to the Archtishop of Canterbury. His grace handed it back to the prince, who placed it on his bride's finger. Thousands of eyes saw the gold band pass between the two royal personages. and at the same moment the cannon fired a royal salute, and all London

knew that Victoria was married. A pretty incident is related of the return to Backing ann palace. The queen left the cathedral ungloved, and whethor by accident or design Prince Albert inclosed her majesty's hand in his own in such a way as to display the wedding ring to the best advantage. There were 20 miles of people who saw that wedding ring as Victoria drove back to Buckingham palace. And yet the German who made it mentions the fact as an unimportant incident of his life and lives on contentedly in a little Philadel-

phia store. —Philadelphia Press. The English parliament has met on Sunday 11 times, the first in the reign

FORTY WEDDINGS.

Why Lieutenant Prince Has Such a Fine A Cat and an Aged Servitor Who Feel Collection of Scarfpins-Each One of Themselves at Home Among the Stu-Them Is the Key to a Romance-A Warning to All Young Men.

Lieutenant Oscar Prince is rapidly reaching the age when his friends will stop asking him the question, "Why don't you get married?" and substitute for it, "How did it happen, old man, that you never married?" Lieutenant Prince is as acceptable as the average man, and he has no antimatrimonial views. He is, however, a victim of weddings, and therein lies the explanation of his failure to marry. One of the finest collections of scarfpins in this city may be found in his bachelor apartments, but no wife.

"My collection of scarfpins was begun about ten years ago," he said. "and each one represents a scar more or less serious. They have simply made a pincushion of my heart. My case, I am sure, is an unusual one, and I am willing to discuss it, that it may serve as a warning to vorng men. Let me start with the assertion that I beli ve in the noble institution of marriage, and it was probably my advocacy of it while I was at West Point that suggested to a classmate-Brown-to write me to act as his best man when he got married. Let me see. The date on that pearl pin is 1887, isn't it? Yes, that was Brown's little token. Brown had a fine wedding, and as I had been stationed west at a God forsaken pest since leaving the Point it was my first on portunity to get at short range with eastern girls. There are no garls like them, my boy, and don't make any mas-

take about that. "Brown was married in Newport. and we did have a good time Let me look at that pin again. Yes, Ethel was her name. You see, I have it tagged on the pin. Ethel was a mighty fine girl -tall, good swing and a high stepper. We hit it off together in fine shape. Who was Ethel? Why, in this case, she was the maid of honor. We had a delightful week at Newport, and when I went back to my post I had Ethel spermission to write to her. I heard the other day that her oldest hopeful was

the star boy in a kindergarten Lieutenant Prince puffed his pipe hard for two minutes.

"Ethel was, all things considered, about as nice as any of them. We might have been very happy together, but for Jones' wedding. I think it was Jones Just hand me that little clover leaf piu. will you? Yes, it was Jones Here is the date, 1888, and tagged to the pin is Mand's name. You don't understand. No. of course not. You haven t acted as best man or usher in 40 weadings 1 thought a lot about Ethel while on the railread train that took me to Boston, where Jones married, and tiere I met Mand. There is something very demoralizing about the associations of a wedding party if a chap is at all susceptible. The girls all rejoice with the bride. and they are all in their best frocks Somehow you begin to speculate about yourself, you know, and wender how you would appear as the bridegroom with one of the bridesmaids as bride Mand was different from Ethel, more vivacious, and then she was short and Ethel was tall. On the night of the wedding I asked Mand if I might write to her. Dear Mand! I wonder what has letters and her photograph just a short time after Adams got married. That is the pin in the cushion-the one with the small diamond in the center Adams was married three months after Jones. Proven proty good place after all. and I was an other. These three months were happy ones, and I shall always remember Mand. I had been sent east just before Adams was married, and he wanted me to be usher because, as he put it, I had been in the name before. Mary was her mame at Ad ams wedding. That doesn't describe her at all No name could. She was just as attractive as Ethel and Mand, but different discussed very serious matters, did Mary and I, and I knew that she was a girl valo would make a sensials, think

ing man happy for life "It was a discussion of telepathy that made me forget Mand, that is a discossion and a subsequent attempt to experiment Mary didn't ask for her letters back after Rogers welding I tald sally-she was one of the brid smaids, and very july southern girl-all about Mary, and she said she didn't mind came very near proposing to sally, but by this time I had become a professional as an usher and best man and since rat ly there have been try magnet minut 33 other girls, any one of whom natuat have made me happy. I fall after a cating each one of them that if I could only keep away from weatings my happiness might be assured I could marry the last girl-that is, or course, if she would have me, and they were all very sympathetie-and feel that I was lucky I couldn't dodge the weddings, though

"All my friends are married may, and I have assisted in each case. It got so that while I was at work I would unconsciously begin to whisten a wedding march. Walking in time to it made me slow on parade. I couldn't keep up with my company. I have, I am glid to say, done my duty by my trands, but it has ruined me sentimentally When I look at that collection of scartificis, each one labeled with the name of a girl who was the only one in the world for me, I haven t the nerve to propose. I am a victim of circumstances. Now all of my friends are married and I am not likely to march again to that familiar old music. I have the finest collection of scartpins in this city, but I am still a bachelor. Let my examples be a warn ing to all young men - New York Sin

Capture vilas Casey, commandant of for a moment and then replicathe League Island may yerd, who has become ranking capain in the navy, it. The inmates did it."- New York was graduated from the United States Sun. Navid academy in 1800, and was a master in the navy when the war broke out. From 1870 to 1873 he was on the Colorado, then attached to the Asiatic squadron. He was in command of the battalion of scalors from the fleet in the Korean expectation and the assault on Fort McKey good river, in June, 1872. Since that time he has held many impercent places. Letter taking continued of the League Island way yard be was captain on Coard Admiral Sicard's flanship, the New York. All teld, Captain Casey's notes! was service covers a period of 19 years and 9 months, 3 years and I menth of which were under his

present commission.

TOO MUCH BEST MAN. ASYLUM TO COLLEGE.

A BACHELOR WHO OFFICIATED AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S LEGACIES FROM CLOOMINGDALE.

> dents - Old Tom's Reflections on the Change From Old to New "In nates."

Many years ago, when the present Columbia university site was simon pure country and was known for and near as Elecasingdale, there came to gladden the hearts of the rather irresponsible immates a frisky little kitten which through the period of its early infancy was just like any ordinary kitof becoming a beautiful and imposing tom at. As the years relied around the said Tom, realizing that much was ex- ments. pected of him, gave up his kittenish anties, probably feeling that in a com- tion. petition with the other inmates the margin of profit in the nature of fame sire to stimulate production and profit. was altoget, er too small to permit him to enter the lists. As a result of much pondering there settled down upon him a dignity far in excess of his station. He took up his fixed residence at Bloomingdale, and for several years acted in the capacity of janitor and night watchman, inspecting carefully all those who went in as well as those who came out. the latter being a far easier task. What a moticy company was that! And what an oppositualty for the psychological study c. hamans presented itself to Tom! Lat times and circumstances do occasicually take a tumble, and in the

shutle things sometimes get mixed and settle down to a queer level. One fine support day the placid Tom, suching himself with content, saw a strange caravan cass out through the cates. and, vint was stranger still, it never came linek. Surely such a freak had never harmened before. Here was food for them lit. In the middle of his speenlations before his point of view was proper's adjusted-for thinking is a racre Lal grous process for cuts then for felias-a new and wholly entried race of people appeared before Tom and appropriated everything in sight. Wise and intelligent as Tom was in many ways, not a hint of the gossip had reached him about the sudden change of t-mone that had turned out all his old; als, to whom, queer and crazy as they were, he had grown accestomed; had sent them for away to a new home,

and 1 ad left in their place a small army, just as motley and apparently just as quar, who had taken complete possession and togen to tear down and destroy everything. Confusion worse confounded reigned for several years. There was a table of tengues. Weird structures saddenly sprang up from newhere and, picking up things the size of an orli nary house, swang them through the nir as if they were tossing rubber balls. Surely, the unit Tom, the old ones never played any pranks half so queer. Still, Tom had been brought up in a unique school. Far be it from him to be surprised at what he saw. He learned, therefore, to watch events and to deter-

mine upon a course aft rward. Soull during the years that Columbia's new buildings were in progress Tom transferred his living quarters to a stable on One Hundred and Sixteenth street, spending his days prowling around the exeavations, wandering through all the subterranean passages and, as the buildings progressed, through the different rooms and even to the ranks. But Tom kept a-thinking and stake, and the matter required caution. Evidency be decided that the new place, though vastly changed from all resemblance to the old, might still

For a time, it is true, he was on the fonce, not being quite able to decide a question so momentous in the life of a to rear. But one day he went a-strolling e 1 witnessed the sophomore cane rush. Then he felt hims If at home. No more necessarily for this cut! It I oked as if all less id friends had come buckersam. or if not to a the sthew in that second in t be so awas by different from the others. That cone resh clinched matters for Tom, and he is now one of the most reso ctud men! is of the university facul-

ty. His s and abiding place is the library, where he stretches his majestic proportions and suns himself by the hour. He has grown sleek and handsome and wanders around unmolested with stately tread and a high intellectual tilt to his head. There seems to be a silent understanding on the part of the officials and the students that the cat is a privileged animal, a sort of museut, whose liberties are not to be infringed upon. No one thinks of insulting his dignity by an occasional caresser even a gentle stroking. He goes his own way, simply taking notice, but remiering no account to any enc. The task of providing Tem with three meals a day has been assigned to a special gainter, and the hint has been dropped, at least so gossip runs, that if Tom's appetite is found to be capricious and to indicate a highly refined palate a few expensive tidbits may be pur-

chas d and the same charged to the administration. Another legacy besides the cs* which Columbia received from Bloomingdale is an aged servitor whose early years were devoted to a faithful, performance of duty for these unable to care for ing to migrate when the asylum was moved to White Plains. The superintendent, approximing the faithfulness of the old man, has retained his services, and he now does work around the trees and parts of the I nildings by tacking up huge josters advertising concerts and other college shows. When the superintendent charged the old man with dereliction of daty and told him he should not have done this work for the boys, he leoked somewhat quizzically

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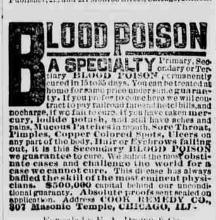


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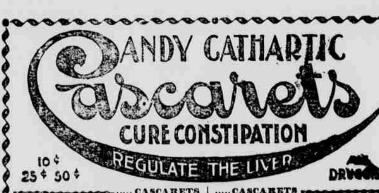
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