"Mr. Packard," interrupted the young woman, with a smile of encouragement will you please try to run your trains of thought on the block system?"



Good for a Cold. Bishop Olmsted of Colorado was making a Christmas address to some Denver children.

"Eat heartily on Christmas day," the bishop said, smiling. "Do full justice to turkey, to cranberry sauce, to plum pudding, to all the good things. But don't give way to gluttony. Don't gloat over your Christmas dainties like a Bala boy I used to know. This boy said one Christmas morning; 'My, I wish I had a cold!' 'Why?' asked his brother. 'Cause mother says to feed a cold, and if I had one to-day, wouldn't I feed it, though!"

In every 1,000 marriages in Great Britain twenty-one are between first cousins. Among the nobility the rate is much higher, amounting to forty-five in 1,000.

There is more Catarrh in this section of There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put to gether, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors propounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Selence has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. and therefore requires constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treat-ment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Choney & Co. Tolbido, Ohio is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in deses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and macous surfaces of the system. They effer one hundred dollars for any case it falls to cure. Send for circulars and tes-timonials. imonials.
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Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

ing. The bouse was of stone, with a In a Christmas Crowd. Sir Thomas Lipton had been complimented by a New York reporter on the the place an air altogether superior to cup for fishing boats that he had just After leading his horse behind an angle

"I ought to offer a cup," said the genial Briton, "to the retail shopkeeper who does the biggest Christmas trade. The size of your Christmas trade amazes me-Its size, and the dexterity with which it is handled.

"I heard the other day of a great Christmas bargain sale in Quincy. To one of the bargain counters a man was rash enough to venture. He struggled herolcally a little while among the press, then, with a loud cry, he sank.

"'Help! help!' he shouted from the floor. 'Help! help! My leg is broken.' "The clerk, dexterous in the handling of Christmas crowds, got him up at

"'And you'll find our Christmas splints and crutches, sir,' he said, 'on the third floor back, fifth nisle to the

Damages vs. Repairs. In a trolley accident in New England

an Irishman was badly hurt. The next fay a lawyer called on him and asked if be intended to sue the company for Samages.

"Damages?" said Pat, looking feebly over his bandages. "Sure, I have thim already. I'd lolke to sue the railway for repairs, sor, av ye'll take the case." -Youth's Companion.

Under New Rules. "I don't know much about your Congressman's official record, but I hear he's finished parliamentarian."

"He is now, you bet! He was married to Miss Strongmind a few days ago."

PUTS THE "GINGER" IN.

The Kind of Food Used by Athletes. A former college athlete, one of the long distance runners, began to lose his power of endurance. His experience with a change in food is interesting.

"While I was in training on the track athletic team, my dally 'jogs' became a task, until after I was put on Grape-Nuts food for two meals a day. After using the Food for two weeks I felt like a new man. My digestion was perfect, nerves steady and I was full

"I trained for the mile and the half mile runs (those events which require so much endurance) and then the long daily 'joga,' which before had been such a task, were clipped off with ease,

I won both events. "The Grape-Nuts food put me in per fect condition and gave me my 'ginger.' Not only was my physical condl tion made perfect, and my weight in creased, but my mind was made clear and vigorous so that I could get out my studies in about half the time formerly required. Now most all of the University men use Grape-Nuts, for they have learned its value, but I think my testimony will not be amiss and may perhaps help some one to learn

bow the best results can be obtained. There's a reason for the effect of Grape-Nuts food on the human body and brain. The certain elements in wheat and barley are selected with sial reference to their power for rebuilding the brain and nerve centers. The product is then carefully and seientifically prepared so as to make it easy of digestion. The physical and tal results are to apparent after two or three weeks' use as to produce and impression. Read "The ad to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's



CHAPTER L.

d in quest of some convenient shelter.

sland of New York, became common

lid not feel. The lower towns were more

rown, while the upper were bold in as-

and many an individual has gone down

ther hand, could the hidden repositories

of divers flaming patriots have been open-

d, royal protections would have been

meedy shelter from the increasing vio-

ence of the storm, the traveler determin

d to make an application for admission

it the next dwelling that offered, and,

iding through a pair of neglected bars, he

knocked loudly at the outer door of a

building, of a very humble exterior. A

female of middle age answered the sum-

mons. His request was listened to with

evident unwillingness, and eagerly in-

"I can't say I like to give lodgings to

stranger in these ticklish times. There's

nobody but the old gentleman at home;

but half a mile further up the road is a

house where you can get entertainment

for nothing. Harvey is away-I wish

he'd take advice and leave off wandering.

But Harvey Birch will have his own way,

Birch?" inquired the horseman in an in-

"Is this, then, the dwelling of Harvey

"Why, one can hardly say it is his

dwelling," replied the other; "he is never

in it, or so seldom, that I hardly re-

member his face. Turn in the first gate

on your left," and she closed the door

Sufficient light yet remained to enable

the traveler to distinguish the improve-

ments which had been made in the general

appearance of the grounds around the

building to which he was now approach-

small wing at each extremity. A piazza.

with neatly turned pillars of wood, gave

the common farm houses of the country.

of the wall, the traveler threw his valis-

aged black soon appeared; and acceded

to the request for accommodations. The

traveler was shown into an extremely

neat parlof, where a fire had been light

keeping of his civil attendant, and polite-

ly repeating his request to the old gen-

eman who arose to receive him, and pay-

ing his compliments to the three ladies

who were seated at work with their nee

dies, the stranger commenced laying aside

The host was by several years the

senior of the traveler, and by his manner

showed he had seen much of life, and the

best of society. The ladies were, a maid-

en of forty, and two much younger. Mr

Wharton, for so was the owner of this

retired estate called, resumed his seat by

the fire. For a moment he paused, as if

debating with his politeness, but at length

threw an inquiring glance on the stranger

"To whom have I the honor of speak-

The young ladies had taken their seats

eside a work stand, while their aunt,

Miss Jeanette Peyton, withdrew to super-

intend the preparations necessary to en-

tertain their unexpected visitor. A short

silence prevailed. There was an evident

desire on the part of the host to enter into

conversation, but from an apprehension

of treading on dangerous ground, he sev-

eral times besitated before he could ven-

ture to make any remark. At length be

might again meet our friends and rela-

tives in peace and love."

lies." said Mr. Wharton.

per, emphatically.

"I wish from the bottom of my heart

"It is much to be desired," said Har-

"I hear of no movement of conse

"They appear active in the South:

The brow of Harper contracted, and a

deeper shade of melancholy crossed his

features; his eye kindled with a tran-

sient beam of fire, that spoke a latent

source of deep feeling. The admiring

gaze of the younger of the sisters had

barely time to read its expression before

It passed away, leaving in its room ac

quired composure. The elder sister made

me or two movements in her chair be

fore she ventured to say, in a tone which

partook in no small measure of triumph

"General Gates has been less fortunate

"But General Gates is an Englishman

The traveler had turned his face from

mouth betrayed a new emotion as h

"May I venture to ask what inference

"Only-only-sir-my sister and my

self sometimes differ in our opinions of

the prowess of the British. Sarah thinks

they are never beaten, while I do not put

The traveler listened to her with that

pleased indulgence with which virtuous

age loves to contemplate the arder of

youthful innicence? but making no reply.

he turned to the fire, and continued for

some time gazing on its embers in silence.

At the first sounds of the impatient

ummons of some new applicant, Mr.

Wharton had risen from his sent in evi-

dent uneasiness. He scarcely had time to

so much faith in their invincibility.

one sister to the other, and an almost

imperceptible movement of the muscles of

playfully inquired of the younger:

you would draw from that fact?"

Sarah," cried the younger lady, with

quickness; then, coloring to the eyes at

her own boldness.

with the Earl than with General Bur-

bring the war to an issue there."

quence since the arrival of our new al-

some of his outer garments.

ing?"

said:

believe."

"Mr. Harper."

After giving the valise into the

his arm, and knocked loudly. An

and die vagabond after all!"

voluntary manner.

abruptly.

terrupted by the reply :

ment. He paused a moment, as the per-It was near the close of the year 1780, son of Harper met his view, and then, in hat a solitary traveler was seen pursu- a more formal manner, repeated the request he had before made through the serng his way through one of the numerus little valleys of Westchester. The vant. Mr. Wharton and his family disliked the appearance of this new visitor esterly wind, with its chilling dampness excessively; but the inclemency of the nd increasing violence, gave unerring noice of the approach of a storm; and the weather compelled the old gentleman to xperienced eye of the traveler was turngive a rejuctant acquiescence.

"You doubtless find your present abode The county of Westchester, after the solitary after being accustomed to the tritish had obtained possession of the gayeties of the city?" observed Harper

"Oh, excessively so," said Sarah, hastround, in which both parties continued o act for the remainder of the war of ity. "I do wish that this cruel war was be revolution A large proportion of at an end, that we might return to our a inhabitants affected a neutrality they friends once more.

"And you, Miss Frances, do you long articularly under the dominion of the as ardently for peace as your sister?" "On many accounts I certainly do," re erting their right to govern themselves. | turned the other; "but not at the expense

Freat numbers, however, wore masks, of the rights of my countrymen." Harper rising finally, desired to be o the tomb, stigmatized as a fee to the shown to his place of rest. A small boy ights of his countrymen, while, in se- was directed to guide him to his room ret, he has been the useful agent of the and wishing a courteous good night to the enders of the revolution; and, on the whole party, the traveler withdrew. The unwelcome intruder, as the door closed arose slowly from his seat. In an in stant the red wig which concealed his liscovered concealed under piles of Brit- black locks, the large patch which hid half his face from observation, the stoop Tired with the exercise of a day of un- that had made him appear fifty years of isual fatigue, and anxious to obtain a lage, disappeared.

"My father!-my dear father!" cried he handsome young man; "and you, my learest sisters and nunt!-have I at last et you ngain?"

"Heaven bless you, my Henry, my on!" exclaimed the astonished but de-



'IS THERE ANY PROBABILITY OF MENTS BELOW?

ighted parent; while his sisters sank on is shoulders, dissolved in tears.

The fnithful old black, who had been ared from infancy in the house of his aster, and who had been complimented with the name of Cæsar, was the only other witness of this unexpected discovery of the son of Mr. Wharton. After receiving the extended hand of his young naster, and imprinting on it a fervent kiss, Casar withdrew. The boy did not e-enter the room; and the black himself. fter some time, returned, just as the young British captain was exclaiming: "But who is this Mr. Harper?-is he ikely to betray me?"

"No-no-no-Massa Harry," cried the negro, shaking his gray head confidently: "I been to see-Massa Harper on he knee-pray to God-no gemman who pray to God, tell of good son, come to see old

CHAPTER II. A storm below the highlands of the Hudson, if it be introduced with an easterly wind, seldom lasts less than two lays. Accordingly, as the inmates of the Locusts assembled, on the following morning, around their early breakfast, the driving rain was seen to strike in nearly horizontal lines against the windows of the ouilding, and forbade the idea of exposing either man or beast to the tempest. Harper, after taking a view of the state of the weather, apologized to Mr. Wharton for the necessity that existed for his trespassing on his goodness for a long ime. To appearances, the reply was as courteous as the excuse; yet Harper wore a resignation in his deportment that was widely different from the uneasy manner of the father. Henry Wharton had resumed his disguise. No communications passed between him and the this unnatural struggle was over, that we stranger, after the first salutations of the norning. Frances had, indeed, thought there was something like a smile passing over the features of the traveler. The eyes of the affectionate sister were turned in anxiety on her brother, and glancng again on her unknown guest, met his ok; and the heart of the girl, which "None have yet reached the public, I had begun to throb with violence, regained a pulsation as tempered as youth health and buoyant spirits could allow. Gates and Cornwallis seem willing to While yet seated at the table, Casar en tered, and placed a small parcel in si-

> Wharton. "The 'baccy, sir; Harvey Birch, he got ome, and he bring you a little good

What is this, Casar?" inquired Mr

euce by the side of his master,

baccy from York." "Harvey Birch!" rejoined the master, stealing a look at his guest. "I do not emember desiring him to purchase any sbacco for me; but as he has brought it,

he must be paid for his trouble." To Sarah Wharton, this intelligence gave unexpected pleasure; rising from per sent, she bade the black show Birch into the apartment. In the deep recesses of the windows of the cottnge were seats f paneled work with rich damask curains. Into one of these recesses Captain Wharton now threw himself, drawing the curtain before him in such a manner as to onceal most of his person from observation; while his younger sister silently

took possession of the other. Harvey Birch had been a peddler from his youth. He was a native of one of the eastern colonies. Ten years before he had arrived in the vale, purchasing the humble dwelling at which Harper had made his unsuccessful application. Until ige and infirmities had prevented, the father devoted himself to the cultivation of a small spot of ground, while the son pursued with avidity his humble barter. Their orderly quietude had soon giver them so much consideration in the neighborhood as to luduce a maiden of fiveand-thirty to accept the office of presiding over their domestic comforts. roses had long before vanished from the cheeks of Katy Haynes when she entered bid the black to show this second comer the family of the Birches. On the one hand she was neat, industrious, honest in, before the door was thrown hastily oven and a stranger entered the apart- and a good manager. On the other she

was talkative, sellish, superstitious aza

inquisitive.

The war did not interfere with the traffic of the peddler. For a year or two his employment was uninterrupted, but at length dark and threatening hints began to throw suspicion around his movements. His imprisonments, though frequent, were not long, and his escapes from the guardians of the law easy, compared to what he endured from the persecution of the military. Still Birch survived, and still he continued his trade, though compelled to be very guarded in his movements whenever he approached the neighborhood of the American lines. On entering the room the peddler relieved simself from his burden and saluted the family with modest civility. To Harper he made a silent bow. Sarah commenced her survey of the contents of the pack; and for several minutes the two were engaged in bringing to light the various aricles it contained. At length, having seected several articles, and satisfactorily arranged the prices, she observed in a cheerful voice:

"But, Harvey, you have told us no news. Has Lord Cornwallis beaten the rebels again?" "There is some talk below about Tarle-

on having defeated Gen. Sumter on the Tiger river." "Indeed!" cried the exulting Sarah; Sumter-Sumter-who is he? I'll not buy even a pin until you tell me all the

news," she confinued, laughing, and throwing down a muslin she had been examining. For a moment the peddler hesitated his eye glanced toward Harper, who was yet gazing at him with settled meaning,

and the whole manner of Birch was al-

tered. A slight indication of humor show ed itself on his face as he said: They say at the Plains that Sumter and one or two more were all that were burt, and that the rig'lars were all cut pieces, for the militia were fixed anugly in a log barn."

"Not very probable," said Sarah, con temptuously, "though I make no doubt the rebels got behind the logs."

"I think," said the peddler, coolly, again offering the silk, "it's quite ingenious to get a log between one and a gun, instead of getting between a gun and

The eyes of Harper dropped quietly, while Frances came forward with a smile n her face as she inquired, in a tone of affability: "Have you more of the lace, Mr.

Birch ?" The desired article was immediately produced, and Frances became a pur-

"Have you any other news, friend?" asked Captain Wharton, venturing to thrust his face without the curtain. (To be continued.)

UNLOADING BANANA STEAMERS. Quick Work Made of It with All

Work Done by Hand. Few if any seagoing vessels coming

into this port are discharged of their cargoes in less time than the banana steamers, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Not only is time money in the banana trade as in every other, but the freight these vessels bring is perishable. So when they get a banana vessel tied up the fruit is taken out in mighty short order. According to size and capacity the

steamers in the banana trade carry The biggest of the boats have cargo. four hatchways and besides four side ports on each side, through which the cargo can be discharged. Sometimes when a vessel lying at her wharf has moored alongside of her on the water side a float carrying freight cars these openings might all be used at once, and then there would be going out of the vessel twelve practically continuous streams of bunches of bananas, those going ashore on the land side being for local and nearby consumption, and those going out on the water side into the freight cars on the floats being for shipment to interior points by rail,

At some stages of the work of discharging a big banana steamber there may be employed on or about her from 300 to 350 men. The bananas are not hoisted out, but each bunch is handed out separately, passed from man to

man along the line. To handle the bunches near the surface of the cargo when the hatches are first taken off not so many men are required, but it takes more men as they go deeper, and when they have got down to the hold of the vessel and they have to begin bringing bananas to the openings from fore and aft there may be in each line a dozen or more men, each line stretching from some point in the vessel's hold through some opening to the point where the bananas, passed from man to man, going along these lines all the time; a man at each discharging point tallying the bunches as they go out.

Under ordinary favorable conditions they put 30,000 bunches of bananas out of a steamer in seven hours.

The Truly Beautiful. There is, it has been said, no fixed

standard of art criticism. What is lauded to-day is discarded to-morrow. and even connoisseurs disagree bewilderingly; but, glancing back over the ages, it will be found that the discord has been caused by technical divergence and that in every land and among all peoples the truly beautiful has been generally recognized and correctly esteemed. No one questions to-day the beauty of the Greek temple or the does not require trained eyes to recognize the merit of an oriental flower painting or to find delight in one of Whistlers' nocturues. The fundamen tals in each instance are the samerhythmical line, fair proportions and harmonious coloring. We have to be led ofttimes up the ascent of art, and there is much discussion concerning the byways, but once on the height all issension ends, and we no longer need guide.-Lella Mechilin in Century.

It's a wise son that knows he knows

less than his own father.

Not Forced to Work. "Has your daughter made her society

debut yet, Mrs. Comeup?" "No, she hasn't, and she don't have to, neither. We can get all our society paper, but answered off-hand; fixens from them Paris dressmakers now,"-Baltimore American.

A Prominent Characteristic. "At least, there is one thing to be said of pickpockets as a class." "What might that be?" "They never fail to keep in touch with the people."-Baltenore American.

> There are sermons in stones and ice cream in bricks.

Choked to Death.

Nature fakirs, attention! Here is the story of a valu shark that attempted to wear a barrel hoop as a necklace and choked herself to death, says the New York World. Of course, It must have been a female shark. She was found on the beach at Rockaway to-day, having arrived at night with the high tide.

Mr. Henpeck, as he was shown about Baron (to his servant)-Johann, has anybody been smoking my cigars except | barrel stave attached to the hoop, like yourself? Servant-Yes, sir, you.-"She did a very foolish thing when she narried." "Why, he was rich, fler, for one of these confiscated it as

wasn't he?" "Yes-he was the foolish a souvenir. The carcass of the shark floated ashere at a point near the Park inn. "Percy, pupa says you mustn't come It was discovered by a man on his way to see me any more." "Why, Aggle, to take an early morning dip. He how could 1? I'm already coming seven spread the tidings and soon a crowd gathered. In the crowd was a deep-"Do you think young Propsley will sea Sherlock Holmes, who knows all astonian his friends yhen they see him about the habits of dwellers in the on the stage?" "Yes, if they think he

"It is all very plain," 'he explained. "We-know that sharks frequent the ways seem to marry the prettlest ocean ous where the garbage seews are women. Mrs. Jawback-Now, you're dumped. This was probably a social leader of the school.

rying to flatter me.-Cleveland Leader. "I'm just crazy to be a reporter," said the rich man's daughter, "Insan- tered this stave and hoop floating on ity is no qualification," returned the the waves. The idea of decorating hereditor, closing the interview .- Philadel- self occurred to her. She slipped the "Your wife needs exercise; she sits thou, in the course of which refreshstill too much." "I'll get her a slik meats were served.

skirt," "How will that help?" "She'll keep moving so as to make it rustle." Landlord-Sir, the other tenants will not stay in the flat if you insist on playing the cornet. Mr. Toots-I'm glad of that. They were very annoy-"Father," said little Rollo, "what is evolution?" "Evolution, my son, is a sort of apology which man has invent-

ed for displaying so many of the traits take it away from her." of the lower animals."-Washington He-I'm going to bring Jolt home with me to dinner to-night. She-Oh, mercy, dear, don't! It's the cook's day out, and I'll have to cook dinner! He-Never mind; I owe Jolt one, anyway! "What has become of the maid you let her go," replied the second fashionable woman. "After her operation for appendicitis she thought she was one

of us"-Philadelphia Ledger. Dear little Maudie awoke about o'clock the other morning and asked mamma to tell her a fairy tale. "It's too late, darling," mamma replied. "Daddy will be in shortly, and he'll tell us both one."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Home was thever like this," said

the deaf and damb asylum,-Columbia

FResende Blatter.

phia Ledger.

-Houston Post.

Star.

ing.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

-- Yonkers Statesman.

thing."-Cleveland Leader, _

times a week!"-Chicago Tribune.

an act."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. Jawhack-The biggest idiots al-

"Willie, did you put your nickel in the contribution box in Sunday school from 15,000 to 30,000 bunches in a to-day?" "No, mamma. I ast Eddie Lake, the preacher's son, if I couldn't keep it an' spend it fer candy, an' he give me permission."-Denver News.

"The lady whose name you gave as reference, Delia," said Mrs. Hiram Offen, "tells me you were not always truthful and obedient." "No, ma'am," replied the new servant, "I couldn't be, wid her tellin' me all the time to say she wasn't at home."-Philadelphia

Press. "May I intwoduce to you my fwiend?" asked a fashionable young man at a recent dance. "He is a litewawy man, you know." "Indeed!" exclaimed his partner. "Aw, yes. He sent the Society News a list of the guests at the last pabty, and the editah accepted it."-Tit-Bits.

"I am afraid, madam," said a gentleman who was looking for country lodgings, "that the house is too near the station to be pleasant." "It is a little noisy," assented the landlady, "but from the front veranda one has such a fine view of people who miss the train."-Philadelphia Inquirer,

Her (sighing)-Oh, I met such a lovely, polite man to-day. Him-Where was that? Her-On the street. I must have been carrying my umbrella carelessly, for he bumped his eye into it. And I said, "Pardon me," and he said, "Don't mention it-I have another eve left."-Cleveland Leader.

Minister (on return from holiday)-Well, Daniel, my good man, and how have things been going on in my absence? Daniel-Deed, sir, a' things been gaun on brawly. They say you meenisters, when ye gang frae home ave tak' guld care to send waur men than yourseelfs to fill the poopit. But ye never dae that, sir!-Punch.

French Rags High Priced. A collector of rage offered the man-

ager of a large new York boarding house a certain price for a bag of wornout Huen. "These raiss are worth more than

that," said the shrewd landlord. "I run several houses in this neighborhead, and all are occupied exclusively by French guests." The dealer apparently considered

that remark sufficiently explanatory. to east a hasty glance upon the conmis of the bag, then raised the price. "And he could well afford to raise it. on" said the landlord. "Even at that rate he will make money off the things. French rank the world over bring 'a gier price than any other. The reaon why? French people wear a bete quality of linea and their east-off garnesis are in demand by all manu-

Inclurers of Meletarrade namer."

or the storee. "Ta," maked the wase little boy, "how they dock a ship?" hier Was never looked up from ide

"Dock a ship? Why-er-why, they cut off its cathles, of bourse,"-Judge,

Orator (excitedly)-The American engle, whether it is roaming the deserts of India or climbing the forests of Canada, will not draw in its horns or retire into its shell.-Independent.

SHARK PUTS ON STYLE

Wears Barrel-Hoop Necklace and Is

The shark was about ten feet long. Fitting close about her neck was a barrel hoop and hanging from a point where her Adam's apple ought to be, if a shark had an Adam's apple, was a a pendant. Early arrivals on the beach issert that the stave was branded "Oyster Eay," but this could not be veri-

openn.

"Some time yesterday she encounhoop over her head and held a recep-

"After partaking freely of the refreshments her shark ladyship attempted to remove the necklace, but discovered that it had become attached to her. These marks around the edge of the hoop show where her maid and husband made vain attempts to remove the ornament. Finally discovering that the resources of her habitat were insufficlent to rid her of her descration, she started for Rocksway, in the hope that Bill Devery might run across her and

At the conclusion of the lecture of the deep-sea Sherlock Holmes those in the audience fell upon the remains of the vain shark and despoiled them. Commuters, under the inspiration of the signs they read every morning on the painless deatistry emporium across from the Atlantic avenue station of the Long Island road, removed the teeth. thought such a prize?" "Oh, I had to Others backed off the tail and fins, Various boarding-house keepers were noted hovering in the distance awaiting the departure of the souvenir hunters and various gastronomical novelties will undoubtedly appear on the tables of some Rockaway feeding places this

An enterprising showman endeavored to corrall the carcass for purposes of exhibition, but was deterred by a re cital of the experience to a couple of amateur P. T. Barnums, who ran a show consisting of a deceased shark at Coney Island some eight or ten years ago. Between the board of health and the exhibit they were driven into bankruptcy, one losing \$4 and a tent, the other a straw hat and a megaphone.

TUGBOAT ENGINEER AT 98.

Native of Brooklyn, of Adventurous Life, Hopes to Go to Sen Again. Dr. Osler's age limitation is strik ingly falsified in the case of an American; Sydney Talbot, aged 98 years, who worked all his life without an allment until a few weeks ago, when he was admitted to the Seamen's hospital here suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis, says a London cable to the New York Sun.

He was then earning \$25 weekly as engineer on the ocean going tug Ulin, to which he hopes to return in a few days. He is already able to walk briskly with the aid of a stick, and is otherwise gulte fit. He is a remarkable specimen of hale old age, being upright and active.

He was born in Brooklyn, May 1, 1809, and came to England when he was 21. After seven years in an englneering college he soon got employment as a marine enginee, which profession he has followed ever since with experiences enough to fill a library of sea romances. He served the White Star Steamship company and numerous other employers. He went around the world in Lord Brassey's famous yacht Sunbeam.

He has been wrecked four times, and was once cast away for five days in the Red sea, when he and his companions nearly went mad from thirst. He confidently expects to live and

work for six or seven years more, basing his expectation on his family history. His father died at the age of 106, his mother at 105 and his sister at 102. Talbot has always been temperate in drinking and smoking, but he is not a teetotaler. He says cheerfully:

"I hope to rejoin the Ulin in a few days. I am almost well, and when I get to sea again and get nicely soaked I will be all right."

How We Do Change. "Aha!" exclaimed Mr. Jellus. "Been treasuring another man's picture all these years, ch?"

"Not exactly," answered his better half. "That's a picture of you, dear, taken when you had hair,"-Louisville Courier-Journal.

In Automobiledom. Selentist-Light travels at the rate of about 187,000 miles a second. Chauffeur-Gee, that's goin' some! Auto Enthusiast (slightly deaf)-Pardon me, sir. But what make machine was it you just mentioned?-Bohemian,

Helped Some. "Has your automobile helped you tr getting into society?" "Well, if you refer to the society of

the company's collector and a lot of country constables, yes."-Philadelphia Ledger. But Not the Dough.

"Is Shouters really very strong in his convictions?" "Well, no. If there's a bet up of

dollars to doughnuts, he's the kind that would be betting the doughnuts." oit Free Press.

Devotion

"Magrie, how many times a week do Clarence come to see you?" Never less than seven times, and gen

erally oftener. "Mercy! I should think such persistence as that could bother you to death."
"It doesn't lother me in the least."

"Then you must be as far gone as he "I con't care a snap of my finger fo

nim. "Then why don't you stop him?"

"Because he amuses me."

"Poor fellow! Doesn't your mother ob-"I don't tell her."

"That doesn't explain it, either, Where do you recei him? In the kitchen?" "I don't receive him at all,"

"Look here, Mag. Do you suppose you can make me believe-"I'll tell you all about it. Regularly every day he passes along here on the other side of the street. He always looks over, and I am always sitting in this

window and pretending not to see him."

"You heartless wrotch !" - Chicago

On a charge of insulting the memory of the late King George of Saxony a soldier had been sentenced in Dresden to twenty-one months' imprisonment.

A MISSOURI WOMAN

Tells a Story of Awful Suffering and Wonderful Relief.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman street, Columbia, Mo., says: "Following an operation two years ago. dropsy set in, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he 事長

would have to tap out the water. There was constant pain and a gurgling sensation around my heart, and I could not raise my arm above my bend. The kidney action was disordered and passages of the secretions too frequent. On the ad-

Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using two boxes my trouble has not reappeared. This is wonderful, after suffering two years. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

vice of my husband I began using

Not Much to Say. "Yes, sir," said Bragg, "I've decided to have a long talk with the boss and tell him just what I think," "Is it possible?" remarked Nagg.

"Why? Don't you believe I've got the nerve to tell him what I think?" "Oh, yes; but if you tell him just what you think how are you going to have a long talk?"-Philadelphia Press.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN FOOD STUFFS.

Contract for Canned Meats Placed in Chicago-British War Office Has Every Confidence in the Stockyard Products.

Another large contract for tinned meats for the British Army has been placed with Libby, McNeill & Libby of Chicago, through the Director of Supplies Department of the British War Office. This contract was a competitive affair, England, Canada, Australia and Brazil entering with tenders. It w. quality and method of packing that got the Chicago firm the business. General Clayton of the War Department in an interview, according to the Loudon Standard, stated that the British Government is highly satisfied with the Foodstuffs supplied by Chicago, and they have every confidence in the manufactures entering Britain from the

Stock Yards. "The foods for the Army will be packed under the supervision of British representatives at the invitation of the packers," he said. "Although the Government is ready to rely upon the new Pure Food Regulations recently inaugurated in the United States. All the talk about the inciliciency of the new law is sheer nonsense. British officers in America have gone fully into the matter and the authorities are perfeetly satisfied to place orders in Chicago when conditions call for outside

supplies of canned meats." A Distinction. "A cook in one respect is different

from all human beings." "Why so?" "Because she no or wants any other human help in her hour of knead."-

Baltimore American. FIFTEEN YEARS OF ECZEMA.

Terrible Itching Prevented Sleep-Hands, Arms and Legs Affected-

"I had eczema nearly fifteen years. The affected parts were my hands, arms and legs. They were the worst in the winter time, and were always itchy, and I could not keep from scratching them. I had to keep both hands bandaged all the time, and at night I would have to scratch through the bandages, as the Itching was so severe, and at times I would have to tear everything off my hands to scratch the skin. I could not rest or sleep. I had several physicians treat me, but they could not give me a permanent cure, nor even could they stop the itching. After using the Cuticura Soap, one box of Cuticura Ointment and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent for about six days the itching had ceased, and now the sores have disappeared, and I never felt better in my life than I do now. Edward Worrell. Band 30th U. S. Infautry, Fort Crook, Nebraska."

Worst Thing About Them. "Appearances," remarked Mrs. Highmus. "are so deceitful."

"I don't mind that so much," sighed Mrs. Ambish, "but they're so expensive to keep up!"

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And He Lost a Sate. The aristocratic young lady was looking at some dress patterns. "Here is a piece of goods," said the

man behind the counter, "that I can especially recommend for service." "Sir," rejoined the fair party of the shopping part. haughtily, "I am not going out to service."