

the acorn in the hole, leaving exposed are no old women any more." the larger end of the acorn.

and the spring has come, these woodpeckers return to the scene of their autumn labors, and there in each acorn Lady Duff-Gordon. "a woman is still they find a nice plump worm feeding on the kernel of the acorna they had placed in the holes in the trees. The birds flit from one acorn to another, peck open the shell and extract the delicious

morsel of food. The birds evidently knew the worms would be there. Men who have watched the work of

the holes they made in the trunks of Louis Republic. trees declare the birds will carefully examine an acorn, and if it is found to

months to follow it is carried to the time as much grass as six sneep would cavity and deposited; but if the acorn is consume in the same period. a perfectly sound one the birds will dis- Sealing wax does not contain a particle . card it and pick up another.

Most acorns, like chestnuts, are polluted turpentine and cinnabar.

woman of 50 years today, thanks to the manner pound or push them into the beauty parlor, hardly looks 35 years old. holes they have made, with the point of In fact, I might almost say that there "Up to what age can woman still be

Months after, when winter has passed called young?" a pretty grandmother asked pensively.

"No matter what her years," said young so long as she can make a man fenlous.

## Why Baby Cried.

"Why is babe crying, John?" asked nother, coming into the room hastily. "He doesn't want to get into the bath

title of 'Keeper' was well earned.

tub without his rubbers on." said John. these birds while placing the acorns in "He's afraid he'll get his feet wet."-St.

The kanagroo, which is noted for its drags a pretty young girl like you at the he one that promises worm life in the enormous appetite, can eat in a given other end it is an abomination. of men, I mean.

A dog on a string leading a married stands for the womanly tenderness, the the family by sending costly gifts. He woman may be regarded as a misfortune. especial brand of affection that every may evidence his disapproval in all the But when it is attached to the leash that man believes is essential to the character silent ways by which men express their talk. "It was in 1867, when I was a lad save herself from possible violence, and of a woman.

and squirming morsel that represents the And here's the point-logical or not, it's being to the president of the country. It's an object of ill omen. In the eyes future man. He may avoid the house a fact !-- a girl with a dog, especially one

of wax, but consists of shelac, Venice crawl under or endeavor to overlook it, ing to visit the home of his dearest bables and adores her poodle.

A delightful girl I know has three of cert that caused the trouble. The round "The attacking party renewed the fight these rakish, devoted, intelligent dogs top was crowded at both afternoon and in the morning with axes, using their with hair in their eyes. A man who rec- evening performances. The great civil weapons to chop the spokes out of the ognizes the charm of the girl often plays war was just over and the land was full wagon wheels. As the wagons were with her and the dogs. The other morn- of impetuous youths. Something at the abandoned by the routed circus crew they ing he met the dog, with the girl on the evening concert didn't set well on the were hauled along the road to Wayconda string trotting along behind. "By Jove! It's an insult to a decent the constabulary of the village was not One of the showmen, who was hadly

girl quite unlike any he had cast toward own fighting. A free-for-all scrap fol- was never heard of afterward. We boys her before. "I wouldn't have thought it lowed outside the tent in the darkness.

The girl flamed into a becoming anger. "I thought you liked dogs!" she cried. "I do, but not on strings!"

individual combats. It seemed that every plete. And the pretty giri is wondering at the fighting man carried a wound somewhere inconsistency of men. She cannot see about him. In some of these personal enwhy a man will enjoy a girl's possession counters the spectators-there were great of three dogs at large on the lawn and crowds attending the 'free show' after Luray wants to see a circus now it has daylight-would form a ring around the to travel far to do so. resent her taking one out on a string. You, with your canine wad of white fighters and cheer them on to the highest wool rolling along in front of you, endeavor. Ah! That was a time of slugtangling up the legs of unwary pedes- ging that would have made light the heart trians, behaving generally in a way that of the prizering devotee.

ought to embarrass you, but does not -- "The boys from the army are game-just learn of me. You are running down the gamenst fighters I ever saw. They chanallan songs. One night he was at the value of your own goods. You are brought to bear all the experience and supper with Dumas the elder. The disgusting the kind of men who make skill they had acquired in hand-to-hand younger Dumas, who was present, was good husbands. You are putting yourself fighting over breastworks and charging

passing through his college course and in the class with women who are fast, abattis. I doubt whether ever before the at that period was exhibiting those women who hate bables and women who stake-drivers and fighting men of a circus characteristics which unfortunately de- insult dogs! I'd like to know how you had to go against a sterner proposition. expect anything masculine worth having "During a sort of lull the wagon men Noticing that Beranger had drunk only to want you. You will have to hunt up managed to get their teams booked up

> "Madam Lake was a frominent figure Arabian horses. With dozens of other boys I stood about on the roadside while the circus was evacuating under fire. I her garden gate.

Fights Between Town and Circus Men

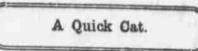
"The recent death of Madame Emma-saw Madam Lake, her fine eyes ablaze Lake recalls to me a most thrilling incl- with indignation, stand up in her carriage dent in that energetic lady's early career, and offer to divide \$5,000 in gold among when her circus was traveling overland her men if they would beat back the ap-

in northeastern Missouri," remarked J. sailants. At last she was compelled to W. Murphy of Burlington, Ia., in a recent give the order to her driver to retreat to dislikes; BUT he is instantly suspicious of 10, the age when a boy thinks the man- the way that fine equipage sailed down The man may positively fear the red of a girl who shares his disilke for babies. ager of a circus is an infinitely superior the highway was the most spectacular thing about the whole affair. No use for "The battle started at Luray, Clark any Luray horesman to try to outrun where it appears as he would the plague. of the lap kind, summons into a man's county, where Madame Lake's circus those splendid Arabian animals. I doubt It makes no difference how you try to He may assauge his conscience for ceas- mind a picture of a fat matron who hates gave a performance and a 10-cent concert whether a motor could have overtaken following the main show. It was this con- them that day.

> spectators and they became turbulent. As creek-then bank full-and thrown in. dog." he exclaimed with a look at the large the circus people had to do their beaten up, remained in his wagon and followed out to the creek and saw .he "The battle went on savagely until dawn gaudy vehicles dumped into the rushing and continued in the glare of day. It was tide and heard the cheers of the avengers. conducted by companies, by squads and The destruction of the circus was com-

"I think that was the last circus that ever visited Luray. Perhaps the town was blacklisted by shows. Anyhow, if

"Something like two years ago I was driving along the road where the big fight took place and noted an old wagon hub half hidden in the weeds in a fence corner. Examination showed it was the final relic of Madam Lake's once popular overland circus-a mute landmark of Missouri in the wild and woolly days."



The grayness of evening was creeping over the little suburb. Far away the shrill voices of newspaper boys could be in a carriage drawn by eight white heard calling the 9:30 editions, and the moon cast its pale beams on the worried woman who stood anxiously leaning over

'I can't make out where my husband has got to," she remarked to a neighbor. "He went out nearly three hours ago with our cat, a bag, two bricks and the clothesline. He was going to the river to drown the cat. Oh, what can have happened to him?

"Don't worry, dear," said the sympathetic neighbor. "Cats take an awful time to drown, you know."

"But it can't be that keeping him." sobbed the distracted wife, "because the cat came back more than an hour ago."-Tit-Bits.

## Soap Bubbles.

Fill a quart bottle full of distilled water and sift into it four-fifths of an ounce of ivory soap, which has been finely shaved. Allow this to dissolve, then shake and leave till all bubbles have disappeared. Add one third pint of glycerine and after thoroughly mixing the two pour into a basin and give each child a clean glass or clay pipe. The glycerine makes the bubbles very strong and they will soar longer than others.

The Maid Who Never Married-and Why

Martha, isn't Dick Jamison the best' than any man in his circle. Fous simply fellowship. I never found out how much hunched up by the firs in her bouccir, fun?" tentatively asked the Best Chum, couldn't be enemies where Dick was; he Dick really lost inat night, but it was gaming in the glowing coals to noe the exchanging confidences over the teacups wouldn't let 'em. The boys called Dick enough to cripple aim for two years at ashes of her dead hopes. How she ran "You know. I think some artist should the 'Keeper of the Midnight Crew' be- least. use him to epitomize the popular idea of cause he always stayed until the last one a good fellow. He is a good fellow, the of them was in bed. He was so good house uptown By chance I liscovered the gorge the figure of her husband away on very best fellow in the world, and I don't natured he just couldn't leave one of the cause of Dick's subdued arder, and I good fellow escapades. Night after night understand why you weren't perfectly mob to cruise about alone. .. o doubt his gave him his conge. A man who will

mad about him."

his husbandly qualities, not for his good were as scarce as strawberries in Jan. "Eventually," continued the Maid with fellowship. If you want to know the uary? You couldn't pick up a paper with- a sigh. "Dick married a dear, officate true reason I didn't allow myself to be out reading of another panic; the noise little rosebud of a girl in her first sea-'perfectly mad' about Dick, you should of the crash of firms which had stood son. She adored him, hung on his every stop at sister's town house with me for a for years reverberated through the draw. word and was in a perfect sestacy when few weeks. The Dick Jamisons live next ing rooms of the mighty. I knew Dick's he was particularly aattentive. They took door, you know. The only reason I'm not firm was being squeezed with the rest. the house next to sister. For a whic it playing the heroine of the aching heart Besides, he talked economy and hinted at was all billing and evolng. "The Poves, and paying all night electric bills in place the prospect of a house uptown in case they were nicknamed. of Mrs. Dick is that I happened to get a the hope of his life was realized. I was and what I saw there closed my ears to the odds were in favor of realization. all Dick's happy sallies, keen wit, contagious laughter and protestations of uncouldn't bring myself to take a chance fairly pushed toward the card toom. on long distance loving. Result: Exit Dick, vowing his permanent retirement

from the allly world of pleasure and crying to high heaven his determination to dabble only in the serious things of life

from that day henceforth forevermore. "With Dick's renunciations ringing in my ears I was half sorry for my summary dismissal of him. Pernaps, after all, his good fellowship was but the natural outcrepping of a merry nature. three-fourths generousity and one-fourth mischief. I determined to give Dick an opportunity to get a more favorable an awer the moment he gave evidence of having been sozered by his desires to set tie down.

"Certainly, I told myself, a man with hope of a home and the woman he loves will find no time for the card table, bachelor parties and other typical amuse ments beloved of man creatures.

"It soomed every one always counted on Dick. He'd fill a table at bridge, complete a dinner party, lead a cotilion of lend a hundred dollar bill at a moment's notice. He was the life of every party he graced and was known to have pu the seal of friendship on more quarrely

make love subservient to good feliouship alone. "Goose," said the Maid Who Never "You recall the autumn of the biggest is not eligible as a husband no matter Married, "a woman marries a man for financial frost in Wall street when dollars what his personal charms may be

"Eventually," continued the Maid with

"Just when Dick began to drift back peek behind the curtain of the future, pretty certain the hope was myself and into good fellowship no one seems to know, the return was so gradual. But "Dick left me one evening early and drift he certainly did, as the lat - cabs went to the club 'o keep a business ap- and midnight lights told only too plainly. dying devotion. Absent treatment of the pointment. Hardly had he entered when People began to notice that Mrs. Dia affections never did appeal to me anu I he was grabbed by a fellow member and went about a great leat alone. Hey many times did I, returning in the wee sma' hours of the moraing from dance or "'Come on, Dick, he a good fallew," called the players. That settled it. Dick party, look across the dividing extanse could not disregard the chattenge to good. of snowdrifted lawn and see Mrs. Dick, your inspirations."-London Globe,

of you! to the window at the sound of every "No further reference was made to the tardy cab or taxi, hoping it would dis-

she sits there, longing and wauting,

"No, my dear, I have no desire to b, rn the midnight oil for a nusband given to good fellowship. it means nerves, and nerves mean age and I have the greatest respect for youth and beauty."

## "Inspiration."

Beranger is best known for his bac-

veloped later in life.

water, he somewhat indiscreetly asked: one of the with-all-your-faults-he-loves- and start was made wastward to Mem-"Where do you obtain, M. Beranger, all you-still kind of men. And they are phis, the county seat of Scotland, the wine which we find in your songs?" scarcer than hens' teeth. Men do not The post's reply was: "From the have to be tolerant. There are too many fountain at the corner, my boy, and you girls busy with all their energy at "exwould do well to make that the source of actly suiting" them. I should cut the dog's string, if I were you!

I Should Say Not! HEAT'S ONE I'LL GO AT I SHOULD IM SO LONESOME LET'S ADOPT ADVERTISED IN ONCE AND GET DEAR MWISH WE A CHILD? ALL RIGHT NOT! MAY ! THE PAPER,"A 11.6 HAP SOMETHING HIM DARLING GOOD NATURED BUY FOR COMPRNY BOY, WITH BLUE HUH ANY THING 400 T EYES! TO PLEASE A PARROT HURTC YOU ! BACK

men like women who like babies. It friends because of the new member of