Route No. 3.

Herman Saunders of Platte Center visited friends on the route last Sunday. Born, on Sunday, May 3, to Mr. and Mrs. John Mindrup, an eleven pound

Owing to trouble with her eyes, Miss Martha Seefeld has given up her sewing and is at home again.

The quarantine for small pox was raised Tuesday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brunken.

Our informant who gave the item about the number of posts that the boys broke for Wm. Godekin was in error There were only a few broken and while Mr. Godekin does not like the way he was treated he will drop the matter, as the boys are sorry regarding their part in the matter.

The Adamy Skiddoos went down to defeat in a game with the Buttermilks patients who are sick and earnestly delast Sunday, the score being 9 to 10. sire his services, so unless you mean The Buttermilks only had four of their business and really desire Dr. Kinsey's regular players, while the Skiddoos had services do not call and take up his time their full team. The game was full of The Doctor requests married ladies to errors and wild throws on account of the be accompanied by their husbands. bed weather. Quite a large crowd was present to witness the game.

Our Polk County Friends.

Mrs. Frank Fox is over at Columbus visiting the Michener's and other friends. J. M. Jarmin has been at home resting

since the spring delivery of trees for Dave Schaff of Columbus, but he got Columbus on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jarmin have been over from Columbus, taking in the sights of Occeols for more than a week, but they started for the Columbus home on Saturday, going by way of Central City.

George A. Close of Kansas City, has come up to Osceola and bought out the Pratt hotel. George Brooks the present hotel-keeper has rented the house from Close and will run the hotel for another

Joe Gubser, one of Osceola's best horsemen, together with Al. Cole went over to Columbus last week to enjoy its balmy breezes. Of course Columbus citizens invited them to come into their tents, rest and refresh themselves.

John Alvin and family came clear out came out to visit a sister of Mr. Alvin. Mrs. Joseph Jackson.

Mrs. W. J. Hermann is not the least bit jealous that Miss Edith Barnes of many other doctors failed. Your treat Columbus captured that Omaha News ment cured me in less than two months." prize, and sports a \$150 diamond ring these days. Mrs. Hermann was one of the contestants for the piano, but she came out just 874,195 behind.

Miss Hilms Anderson, who is employ ed in a dentists office at Lincoln, had to quit her job on account of illness, came home to Osceola, stayed three weeks with her mother, got well and returned to her post of duty. She is the sister of Mrs. Jennie Rathburn of Columbus.

Mrs. C. L. Thompson from Hoxie, Kansas, has been here at Osceola, visiting for a couple of weeks and having a glorious time of it. She has gone now in fact I seemed to be getting worse. In over Columbus way to consult one of that city's most eminent physicians, and will visit at the Saunders-Jarmin home for a little while before returning to her labor."-Rufus E. Geiger, 210 South 9th Kaneas home.

Hon. and Mrs. William Welch have been visiting the children out on the quoted above and thousands of others Pacific coast for six months past. They are on file at the Lincoln offices of the were delighted with the country, had a Hot Springs Doctors which is located at fine time, but for real solid comfort 14th and O streets. Copies of them will Osceola, Polk county, the state of Ne. be furnished you upon request. braska, knocks the spots off of the Pacific coast or any other coast. If that be you to rely upon their word alone but treason, make the most of it.

All of the Odd-Fellows lodges of the county, Shelby, Osceola and Stromsburg. celebrated the 69th anniversary of their order in the United States. The Rebekah lodge of Osceols took the lead of case for treatment so that when they do the brethern, and where they lead the brothers are sure to follow, and you can rest assured that all of them, both brothers and sisters, had a fine time.

Rev. C. W. Comer, who has been holding down the boards as preacher of the First Presbyterian church, after receiving a call from the Presbyterian church at Eureka Springs, accepted the call, as from the Lord, and he with his family started for their new field of labor last Wednesday. It is hotter down there than here, that is sometimes, and everybody here wishes them well in their new

Mrs. Walter Lamberson and Miss Etta Ennes hitched up "Old Dobbin" to the buggy last Friday and started out Columbus way. They stopped at a halfway house, the home of Mrs. Lamberson's sister, and there they stayed all night, and the next morning pulled out for the other half of the way, Columbus, They got there all right, called at the Judge Saunder's home on west 14th, and on other friends; filled up their buggy with goods bought from Columbus merchants, and returned home.

There are many sad hearts in Osceola and throughout Polk county, over the death of their old citizen, W. W. Maxwell, whose funeral was held at Gresham on the 27th of last month, last week The following is a list of unclaimed Monday. There was a great concourse of people—friends that followed the body to its last resting place in the Greeham cemetery. Comrade Maxwell had not been sick long, and had most always been very healthy and robust—and when the grim messenger came he found him

Wonks, R. Mischuney, G. Barton, Winds, M. Mischuney, G. Barton, Winds, R. Mischuney, G. Barton, Winds, Mischuney, G. Barton, Winds, M. Mischuney, G. Barton, Winds, W. Mischuney, G. Barton, Winds, W. Mischuney, G. Barton, W. Mischuney, G. Mischuney, G. Barton, W. Mischuney, G. Bar ready, with his lamp trimmed and burning. He was one of the oldest settlers in Polk county, having taken a home stead in Hackberry precinct in the year 1870. He was elected county commis- Gem, Banner, Golden Ash, and Monarch sioner in 1877, and served as such until in lump and nut. Also Penna hard the beginning of 1880. He was not an office eacher but he was a very public spirited man and was ready to lift his poand wherever constituents could be in Co. F of the third Iows cavalry, hav- address Mrs. C. R. Watts, Monroe, Neb.

ing been mustered out of the service at the close of the war in 1865. He was great lover of the G. A. R. always at tended its meetings and no man in the county or his post will be more missed than our friend W. W. Maxwell.

WILL ARRIVE NEXT WEEK.

Noted Medical Specialist will Receive Patients at Thurston Hetel.

As has been announced in other issues of this paper Dr. Ben W. Kinsey who is chief of staff of the Hot Springs Doctors who have their Nebraska State Institute permanently located at 14th and O streets Lincoln, will arrive in Columbus next week and remain two days. While here Dr. Kineey will receive patients at the Thurston hotel.

As the Doctor will be here but two days he will be very busy with th

This wonderful Hot Springs System of all home treatment which Dr. Kinsey is bringing to our city has cured thousands of cases that have been given up as hopeless by other doctors. This treatment is endorsed by the United States Government and by the world's greatest financiers, business men, clergymen, physicians and above all by the thoutired of resting and pulled his freight for sands who were sick but have been made well, happy and strong by these noted Hot Springs Doctors.

Below are reprinted extracts from few of the thousands of testimonials which have been received by the Hot Springs Doctors:

"I feel that I owe my life to the Hot Springs Doctors."-J. W. Lacey, Havelock, Neb. "For ten years I suffered torin ou

pains in my side and back and was treated by over a score of doctors. The Hot Springs Doctors cured me with four months treatment."-Mrs. Jennie Reome 3231 T street, Lincoln. Neb.

"The Hot Springs Doctors saved my life after many other surgical physicians said I would have to have an operation." -Mrs. E. W. Brinley, Arcadia, Neb.

"Was troubled with gall stones for west, from Kabletown, West Virginia, seven years; took two months treatment to Osceola, and found the city so attrac- of the Hot Springs Doctors and have tive that they went out, rented a house, had no pains nor symptoms of any and settled right down to living. They trouble since."-Mrs. Wm. Busch, Hal- corpse because of the crucifix must

"I take pleasure in telling you that you have cured my ulcerated limb after -Mrs. S. N. Sterling, 1444 North Side Ave., Lincoln.

"You told me that I would not receive any benefit from your treatment for at least a month but I am glad for your sake and for my sake that I can inform you that I have not had an attack of my trouble since I commenced taking my medicine and before I took it I had been having three and four attacks a day."-Mrs. C. R. Bee, Fairbury, Neb.

"Have tried fourteen doctors, local and in Chicago and in New York, for the past six years who said they could cure me of epilepsy but they did me no good a few week's time the Hot Springs Doctors entirely cured me. I gained seven teen pounds and able to do hard manual street, Lincoln.

The full testimonials of the people

The Hot Springs Doctors do not as have proofs of their wonderful skill in testimonials from all parts of the country. The Hot Springs Doctors do not claim that they can cure every case but they absolutely refuse to accept an incurable accept a case the patient may be assured of a cure for their money.

Remember that Dr. Kinsey is bringing this wonderful Hot Springs System of all home treatment to Columbus for but two days May 14 and 15 and while here will receive patients at the Thurston hotel.

New Line to Yellowstone Park.

Tourists may now go right to the edge of the Park via this new and scenic line. Only by a trip to Yellowstone can the tourist comprehend its endless variety and supendous grandeur.

Very low round-trip rates to this resort in effect this summer via the Union Pacific and its connections. For information regarding the new line to Yellowstone, inquire of E. G. Brown.

Notice To Farmers.

We are now ready to place contracts for sweet corn, white and yellow dent and flint field corn, cucumber, musk and water melon, pumpkin and equash to be grown for seed purposes. Write or call and see us for prices, stating number of acres of each kind you wish to grow, and we will name prices promptly.

WESTERN SEED & IRRIGATION CO. Fremons, Nebraska.

Advertised Letters.

We have a large stock of coal, Rock Spring. Maitland, Zeigler, Trenton, coal in all sizes. NEWMAN & WRICH.

Farm For Sale.

The Kerr estate, se 1-4 1-18-3 west, six nifitted. He gave four years service miles due north of Monroe. Call on or

AWED BY THE CROSS

SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANITY.

Crucifix on Breast of Young Irishman Who Fell with Custer Was Means of Saving Body from Mutilation.

The following story of the Custer battleground was told to the writer by one who received it from an eye-witnest of the scene described—a witness who, indeed, had a fatal interest in the field, since he himself had lost his father in that last heroic stand of Custer

and his men. Among the soldiers who were en gaged in fighting the Indians, in the campaign of which the Custer episode forms a part, were two young Irishmen who had been in the Papal Guard at Rome. Before they left for America. the pope had given them his blessing and presented each of them with a gold crucifix upon which the mystic beneficence of his prayers had fallen. One of these young men was with Custer when the general and all his followers went down before the feroclous onslaughts of the Indians. The other was with the company which was the first to arrive upon the field.

The scene of the battle was indescribably horrible. The ghastly nude bodies of the dead lay about in a manner to sicken the soul. They had been stripped, scalped and mutilated according to the custom of the savages. The young Irishman wandered hope lessly about in this fearful charnel place in despair of finding his friend. All at once he discovered a body neither scalped nor stripped, but with its limbs decently composed as if by a kindly hand. He recognized it as that of his comrade. On the quiet breast lay the gold crucifix of the pope, attached to the slender chain

on which it had always been worn. The squaws engaged in stripping the bodies had discovered the holy emblem hung about the young man's neck, and awed at the sight of it, had feared to wreak their usual horrors upon him. They had straightened his limbs and left him without the disfiguring marks of the tomahawk.

The friend of the dead man took the crucifix and a lock of his comrade's hair and sent them to the young martyr's mother in Ireland.

It was said by those who looked on that the Indians who spared the the training of the famous Father De Smet, since he had given the savages among whom he worked such a deep, though ignorant, reverence for the cross, that they would never dare to maltreat a body on which it was found.

A Matter of Buttons.

a group of men and boys were talking and grated yellow rind of one lemon. and gesticulating excitedly. Two of Stir until well blended and pour in the men were in uniform. Presently a crust. Set in the oven a few minutes third man in civilian's dress drew a with the door left open, while prepare knife from his pocket and began to ing the meringue, made from the execute savage thrusts about the neck whites of the eggs-beaten stiff and shoulders of one of the uniformed to which two scant tablespoonfols men. A woman sitting on a doorstep sugar have been added. Spread evennear by screamed in alarm.

man?" she said. "Kill him?" "Not at all," laughed her companion. "They are simply exercising the right of all free-born American citizens and are demanding his buttons

as souvenirs. That fellow with the knife is sawing them off. strikes this port ought to come pro- pose. Heat one quart of milk in vided with several gross of extra buttons, if he expects to keep his ward- water into a granite, pan, add one robe in presentable condition. The | quart of scallops, bring to a good collecting fever has now reached such sharp boil, and cook for three minutes. a virulent stage that he is held up Add them to the hot milk. Season with every trip about town and robbed of useful accessories to the toilet."

Time to Pick Up Bargain Curios. Foreigners in Japan find a great op crackers crisped up in the oven and portunity to purchase curios at the beginning of each new year. Every one

in Japan is expected to clear up his books and pay his debts by the last day of the old year. The tradesmen on lettuce leaves, pouring over any send in their yards-more often miles dressing you may prefer. I use my of bills to "the honorable lady of the house," and presents are politely exchanged all around. Shopkeepers hold bargain sales to enable them to pay the wholesale houses, and if a man cannot raise sufficient money to pay his creditors it is not an uncommon thing for him to sell off sufficient or even all of his property at a sacrifice to enable him to meet the new year with a smiling face. The only other honorable way out of his diffi-

Widely Different Varieties.

"Is it a good idea to make a speech whenever you get a chance?" said the young man who is learning the statesmanship business.

"It depends," answered Senator Sor ghum, "on whether your speech is the kind that shows your constituents how much do you know or how much you don't." .

The Retort Courteous "You had the nerve to marry me

for my money, sir." "Well, madam, you certainly have not the face to suggest that I married you for your beauty?"-Baltimore

Kwoter-Too many words, of course are wearisome. Brevity is the soul of

Wise (with a yawn)-Not always: mendable.

They Must Be Hardy. Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture referred at a recent milk before covering with the egg. dinner in Washington to the amateur florists who spring up in the suburbs

"More florists, perhaps, than flowers spring up," he said. "In a seed shop the other day ! heard one of these amateurs complain about the last batch of seeds he had bought. After he had ended his complaint he began to ask floral ques-

at this season by thousands.

"It is one, growled the dealer. 'that doesn't mind your wife pulling

it up by the roots every day to see if INDIANS RESPECTED it has begun to grow yet."

> Helping Him. "Jinx is dressing better than usual lately." "Yes, his wife has been helping him

> to reduce expenses." "His wife? Why, man, she was divorced from him a year ago!" "I know it; but she has married again, so he doesn't have to pay any more alimony."—Houston Post,

> > Minced Collops.

Take 114 pounds hamburg or round steak and have at ground. Put in a stew pan and stir with a fork until all. grains are separated, then cover with water and cook slowly one hour, adding more water if it boils away. Add salt and pepper to taste and a chopped onion if liked. Thicken with a tablespoondful of flour mixed with cold water, and serve with mashed potatoes. This makes a good dinner for five adults.

Remove Onion Odor. To remove the odor of onion from fish kettles and saucepans in which they have been cooked, put in wood ashes or salsoda, potash or lye; fill with water and let it stand on the stove until it boils: then wash in hot suds and rinse well. FOR LA....N LUZZIE PIE.

First Bake Crust Before Putting in the Ingredients.

A lemon custard pie that is always appreciated is made in this wise: The crust is baked first, as an open shel!. perforating it in several places with a fork before putting in the even, to avoid blistering. For the filling, cream ogether one-half cupful of sugar and butter the size of a walnut. Add the juice of half a lemon and two table spoonfuls of boiling water, and 'est'y, the beaten volks of three eggs. Grate in a little of the rind and cook 'a double boiler until thick. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and then stir in after the filling is takea from the fire. Pour all in the op-2 crust, aiready baked, and set in oven for a few minutes. If a meringue is desired, whip the whites to a froth, add two tablespoonfuls pulverized sugar, spread over the top, and dry slowly in the oven until an inch thick and a golden brown.

A lemon pie that is absolutely reitable is made in this way: Have ready the pastry shell. Dissolve one tablespoonful of cornstarch in a little cold water. Pour over a teacupful of botting water, stirring all the time until clear and free from lumps. Add one tablespoonful of butter and a small capful of sugar, and cook a few moments longer. Set on beck of range and add the besten Under a street lamp in New York yolks of two eggs and the juice ly over the pie and set on the grate "What are they trying to do to that of the oven to rise slowly and brown.

THREE RECIPES FOR SCALLOPS.

Stewed, Fried, or Made Into Salad.

They Are All Good.

Stewed scallops are very nice and you "Every sailor and soldier who can use the small ones for that purdouble boiler, put one-half cup of het pepper, salt and if liked a bit of one or more of those ornamental and mace. Soften up one-fourth pound of butter and when the stew has come to a scald, put in the butter, but do not allow it to boil. Serve with oyster

> red cabbage slaw. Scallop Salad-Boll one quart of scallops in salted water, drain and cool. Cut up in small pieces, arrange regular mayonnaise of oil and eggs and made in the regular way. You can, however, use a boiled dressing if you choose. It's quite as good as many

salads that are more fancy.

Fried scallops are as a rule liked as well as any form of cooking them. Wash and dry on a clean towel. Dip in beaten egg and seasoned cracker dust or fine crumbs. Place in frying basket and plunge in boiling deep fat. They ought to cook in four minutes. They can also be fried in pork fat. culties is for him to commit suicide. Garnish with lemon points and parsley. Tartar sauce is also served by many with fried scallops. Scallops can be baked with bread or cracker crumbs, similar to oysters. Any rule you use for escalloped oysters is safe o use, only season a little higher.

Scrambled Eggs with Green Peppers. These make an excellent spring breakfast dish. Toast as many sifces of bread as there are persons to be served and place into the oven to keep hot. Put a tablespoonful of butter in the frying pan and, while it is heating, break as many eggs as are needed into a bowl. Six eggs is a good number for four or five persons. Allow a tablespoonful of cream or butter is melted and begins to bubble | ting themselves on the fish. to set lift and stir with a silver fork. Have ready two finely chopped sweet green peppers, with the seeds removed, and as soon as the eggs have begun to cook stir the peppers through but in any event it is always come the mixture. Cook a moment, then dish on the hot toast. Garnish with a little cress or parsley and serve at once. If the toast is preferred soft, dip each slice for a moment in hot

"I'm rather interested in young Mr. De Riter," said the customer, "and I day." want to get a copy of his novel. Have

you got it?" . . "We did have a small supply a few weeks ago," said the book salesman. "but I'm afraid it's exhausted." "Really, I heard it was weak, but I didn't think it was that bad."-Cath- | can!"-Yonkers Statesman.

olic Standard and Times.

LOSE BLOOM EARLY

UNFORTUNATE FATE OF SOME AMERICAN CHILDREN.

Are Little Men and Women at a Tender Age-Boy of 14 Acts as "Social Secretary" for the Family.

ered the following instances of the way in which some American children are made ready to struggle with life. "Think of a girl of 13," she said, who has been taught to believe that all her birthday means is the gift of a beautiful pearl from her grandmother. From her very first birthday the fact has been the most important thing that has happened to mark the anniversary of her entrance into the

An amateur investigator has discov-

joys of this life. "Her grandmother was, like all her family, very rich. It occurred to her that she would like her granddaughter to have a pearl necklace that should be as fine as any that money could buy. So she hit on the idea of presenting the child with a superb pearl every year.

"In the meantime all the childish joy of the child's birthday celebration has been made to lie in the acquisition of that pearl. It has for 12 birthdays been the engrossing event of the celebration.

"Just what the effect of making the material part of her string of young years the most important part it is not possible to say. To me, as a person interested in the proper training of the young, the idea seems grotesquely in-

apropriate.

Almost as singular in its exhibition of a parent's idea of the right sort of influence for a child is the occupation of a 14-year-old boy that I know. He has been intrusted by his family with the care of all the social duties of his mother and the other members of the family.

"He takes charge of all the cards received at the house, sees to it that cards are sent in return, and acts as 2 sort of social secretary for his sisters as well as for the other older members of the family. They are very much amused by the enthusiasm and cleverness with which he relieves them of all social responsibility.

"He is now 14, and that is an age at which seriousness may without too much emphasis be allowed to play some part in a boy's life. Yet his parents apparently think that what he is lowed to occupy much of the time that should, in fact, be spent at his books or in some more serious way.

"What he will think about when he is 21 it is not possible to say. Perhaps he will outgrow his obsession with cardboard and stationery. But what will be the future of the 13-year-old girl who was taken to Europe last summer for her first educational

"She went with her father and mother, and there was scarcely a corner of Europe they did not visit. They traveled, indeed, more than 12,000 miles. They are quite sure about that, for they went in a motor and they have the record of the trip.

"Those 12,000 miles were so divided that the usual speed during all their journey was 40 miles an hour. What a comprehensive idea of Europe that girl must have got on her first educational trip to Europe! How must her youthful imagination have been stirred by the sight of the strange and quaint sights she saw in those strange lands, traveling at the rate of 40 miles an hour!"

Fates of English, Derby Winners. Like several of his predecessors as winners of the Derby, Persimmon has

ended his days tragically. It is not long since Donovan, who won the Blue Riband for the duke of Portland in 1889, dashed into a tree while running loose in his paddock and so seriously injured his head that he had to be destroyed.

Silvio broke his leg and was shot Kingcraft, the winner of 1870, died while crossing the Atlantic, a fate which also befell Blue Gown, the hero of two years earlier. Kisber ended his days an exile in Hungary and George Frederick spent his latter days, sightless, on a Canadian farm.

Hermit, the sensational winner 41 years ago, lived to a good old age, and his skeleton, we fancy, still survives in the Royal Veterinary college, Camden Town; and the "flying Amato" lies buried in the beautiful grounds of The Durdans, Lord Rosebery's Epsom seat.

Set Sea Gulls to Work.

From Nanaimo comes the story of an enterprising government fisheries official who is enlisting the services of thousands of sea gulls in the task of cleaning up the immense number of dead herring dropped overboard by boats at the different wharves where cargoes are loaded on the ves-

While making his rounds recently this party tied up his gasoline launch at one of the wharves while figuring out the best method of attempting to remove the fish. Neglecting to switch off the power, the propeller churned up the water to such an extent that a large number of dead herring came to the surface, thousands of sea gulls water to each egg. As soon as the immediately swooping down and glut-

urn eggs in, and as the whites begin The experiment was made at sevevery case the gulls performed the task which would have entailed considerable expense had it been done by manual or mechanical labor.—New Westminster Correspondence Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

> Discovered. Church-I am disappointed in Cut-

Gotham-Why so? "I took dinner with him the other

"Have a poor dinner?" "It wasn't that; but, you know, he's a well-known sculptor." "Yes, I know." "Well, I noticed that he couldn't

carve at the table any better than I

GOLUMBUS, NEB.

Gement Blocks and Artifisial Stone. Estimates Furnished on Foundations

GEMENT WORK AND GON-**GRETE GONSTRUCTION**

DISASTROUS RESULT OF MRS. TABLES NEATLY TURNED ON ONE GIGGS' DISCONTENT.

Chapter of Accidents That Attended Removal of Heating Apparatus-Trouble Originated with Loss of "Cadooey."

"John," young Mrs. Giggs said, "I'm zoing to have the furnace moved. It doesn't heat up a bit."

"Gee, that'll cost about \$25," John said. "We can't afford it." "But, dear, I'll freeze to death. Be sides, I've already told the man to

come. It'll only cost about five dol-"You're on." said John. "I'll duck." The workmen came after break-

"Go right down into the cellar," she read. Soon there was a knock on the door and one of the workmen appeared.

"We'll have to put out th' fire 'fore we can do any work," he said.

Ten minutes later the wife was huddled in the parlor and the house was filled with smoke, while through the furnace pipes came various "rackety" noises, but no heat. She laid aside her book and went to see what progfess was being made.

"We won't be done fer a good while," the foreman said, in answer to her question. "Bill's lost the cadooey." Back the wife went to logic, I think. At any rate she had a the parlor and waited some more. Then she went back to the cellar.

"You see, th' gadget's broke or we'd be done afore this," the foreman explained. She said she would build a poet, saying they had read her book fire in the kitchen range.

pipe's all mixed up, an' you can't have any fire till we get it fixed." More waiting in the cold parlor.

Then there came a knock on the door. It was the foreman again. "Th' boys say them pipes oughtent to be put up agin," he remarked. "Liable to burn up th' whole shack. New ones won't cost much," insinuat-

"How much?" she asked.

below.

"Ten dollars." More subterranean noises and then crash. The cellar stairway was filled with a cloud of dust. sound of loud swearing came from

"What's wrong?" she called. "Th' bloomin' thing fell in." was the answer of the foreman. "'Tain't no good. Never was. You'll have to get a new furnace. We can't monkey with this here thing no more."

When John got home he found Mrs. Giggs wrapped up in blankets and

"It's all right," he said, "We needed a new furnace, anyway." And then they went to a hotel for three days .- Kansas City Star.

Divorce and Humanitarianism. It is not denied that there should be divorce laws in the country. It seems inhuman to compel two persons to maintain a nominal state of matrimony when they are wholly estranged. If the two persons were alone concerned there would be little objection to the most liberal laws. But there are generally children to be considvorces and they should only be granted when there is sufficient reason. It is because of the vast and involved that a federal law on the subject is to be desired. There are many titles to property in this country clouded by reason of our many and varying state laws on the subject. Soclety is based on the marriage relation and it should be kept as inviolate as is possible. When the bonds must be severed it should be done openly and with full knowledge of all of the circumstances. And if so many peo ple did not marry thoughtlessly there would be fewer cases in the divorce

courts.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

GOT NEW FURNACE HER OWN MEDICINE

PRACTICAL JOKER.

Sharp Lesson, However, Unable to Effect a Cure-Possibly There is Only One Way to Stop These "Humorists."

Are women practical jokers? The mestion was being discussed by two ner who were somewhat interested in psychology, and as the conversation progressed it became less scientific and more cynical. At last the younger man brought it down to a personal basis, proving only one case, but that

one quite conclusively. "My sister," he began, "used to teach in one of those \$1,000 a year finishing schools for girls. The name doesn't matter, but you'd recognize it told them. She went to the library to in a minute if I told you. I mentioned my sister to show you how I heard this. Among the teachers there were a half dozen inveterate practical jokers. One was as bad as another, so perhaps none deserved any sympathy. Now, the youngest of them was the instructor in English and, incidentally, a poet of no mean ability. She had been persuaded by her friends to submit her work to a publisher, with the result that a small volume of poems

was brought out. "In this state of affairs one of the clique of which she was a member saw great possibilities. She taught deductive mind capable of making plans that would work out nicely. So she wrote letters to 15 or 20 of her friends asking them to write to the with great interest, paying her all the "Doncher doot," he yelled. "Wanter | compliments they could think of withblow up th' house? Th' hot water out seeming insincere, and asking for

> "After a while the young woman began to receive the letters. Some were from New York, three or four from cities on the Pacific coast, several from England, and one from Constantineple. You can imagine how elated she was.

"One afternoon she received a note from the teacher of logic. It ran something like this:

"'Come up to my room for a cup of tea. I have a new picture which no doubt you would like to see.' "The poetess went, and, according to the established custom, walked in without knocking. No one was in the room, but on the wall was the picture. It consisted of a large gilt

had written letters in praise of her poetry." "Well, what a trick!" exclaimed the older man. "What did she do?"

frame in which were arranged all the

replies that she had sent to those who

"Sat down and cried, naturally." "It cured her, I guess." "No. There's only one way to cure

practical joker." "They say that the only good Indian is a dead Indian, and It's-" "I believe you're right!"

Getting Round a Difficulty.

The late Charles Whitney of Bidde ford. Me., was the greatest wit and joker in his part of the country. One evening he and a friend named Bagley started to drive a wagon to Portland, some 15 miles distant. When they arrived in Scarboro it became ered and at all times the general state dark and foggy. Seeing a guideboard of society. Property interests and the in the corner of the fence, Whitney general welfare are affected by di. got out, climbed up on the wall, lighted a match, and read on the board. "Portland six miles." They rode about an hour longer, and once more saw complex interests which are or may be a guideboard. Whitney again got out. climbed on the fence, lighted a match.

> and read: "Portland six miles." Then he said: "Bagley, get out and find me a rock." "How big?" asked Bagley. "About as big as your two fists." "What do you want it for?"

"Well," drawled Whitney, "I'm going to knock this guidepost off and take it with us, so we'll know where we are. I'm tired of getting out and climbing this wall every hour to find out."-Lippincott's.



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