GRAVE AND GAY

When fishin'-time comes roun'! Sometimes I wish I was a man, Like dad an' Uncle Bill, An' I could do the things they can, Like smoke, an' go to mill, An' chew terbacker at the store, Or ride the colt to town; But that you see, is all before. Trout fishin'-times comes roun'.

Sometimes I think I'd like to be A soldier man, an' go A-sailin' right across the sea To fight the "hated foel" Or else a p'liceman, dressed in blue, An' jes' look big an' frown; I wonder, tho', what p'licemen do When fishin'-time comes roun'!

Sometimes I wish-but I don't b'lieve I'd like to be the men Along in June, for they can't leave The farm a minute then; An' even Uncle Bill must stay An' plant an' hoe the groun'; But me an' Tige, we runs away When fishin'-time comes roun'!

Sometimes I wish I was a King, With gold an' lands so wide: But that ain't never in the spring, Cause then I'm satisfied. For, though there's lots I'd like to be, From King to circus clown, I guess I'd rather be jes' me When fishin'-time comes roun'! -Town Topics.

THE CREED OF LONDON SO-CIETY.

From the London Truth:

Croesus has a creed, and this is the catechism:

Question.-Who made you? Answer.-Mrs. Fridoline Frisk. Q .- Why did she make you?

A .- To enable her to borrow money from my husband and to live generally at our expense.

Q .- Of which must you take the most care, of your money or your reputation?

A .- Of my money, for it will buy Health Officer of the Port. position and popularity, whilst reputation will seldom secure respect.

Q.-Which are the social virtues?

A .- Wealth, infidelity and impudence. Q.-Why should you be wealthy? -

A.—Because wealth attracts the most prominent women.

Q.—Why should you be unfaithful? A .- Because infidelity attracts the

most popular men.

Q.—Why should you be impudent?

Because it requires impudence to friends and all whom I imagine to be let you get off first.—Town Topics. socially ineignificant.

Q .-- What is Faith?

A .- It is to believe that because you associate with those who are your social superiors, you have social value yourself.

Q.-What are Good Works?

A .- Playing at cards with Royal pereonages; giving Stock exchange information to those who have influence; lending money to well-known men and women; feeding the over-fed and visiting the half-naked.

Q.-What is Hope?

A .- It is to expect that the money which you have lent to the great will eventually be repaid.

Q.-What is Charity?

A .- Helping others directly for the purpose of indirectly helping yourself.

Q.—How can you do that?

A.-By contributing to charities which are patronized by Royalty, or by assisting at basars which are patronized itself." by Fashion.

Q.—Of what is "Society" composes? A,-Of German financiers, Colonial impecunious aristocrats, successful shop-

keepers, pretty women who have made their reputation at the divorce court and adventurers and adventuresses of every country.

Q.—Is it necessary to be respectable to be in "Society?"

A .- It is necessary to be in "Society" to be respectable but it is not necessary to be respectable to be in "Society."

RULES FOR EXCURSIONISTS.

By the observance of the following plain, simple rules during the sail to Coney Island, Rockaway Beach, Long Branch and other excursion resorts the comfort and enjoyment of all on board the boat may be much enhanced:

(1) Every passenger is entitled to three camp stools: one to sit upon, one for his feet; and one for his parcels.

(2) Take your camp stools where you can find them. If you see one in front of a woman, say, "Is this engaged?" and pull it away before she can reply. It doesn't belong to her, anyhow.

(3) Always seat yourself in front of a doorway or at the foot of a stairway. Should this incommode other people, let them find some other passage or wait for the next boat.

(4) Smoke a pipe; the salt air spoils the flavor of a cigar, and a pipe gives forth more smoke, and the sparks and ashes will fly about and amuse you.

(5) Order beer at intervals, and invariably argue with the waiter about the amount of froth. This will show that you know all about beer, and will save your tip to the waiter, who will probably walk away, swearing to himself.

(6) Never give any money to the bandmaster; say that you paid going up or going down, as the case may be, or tell him that the music is no good.

(7) Sing or-better still-whistle all the tunes the band plays. Everybody near you will thus be impressed with your musical taste and skill, and will be able to identify the tunes.

(8) Whenever a garbage scow is in sight point it out, and call attention to the unpleasant odor, so that you may demonstrate your superiority to the

(9) Call out the names of the forts and places as you pass them-Fort Hamilton, Fort Lafayette, Staten Island, Sandy Hook and so on. Many passengers do not know these names; but you are no country jay; you are a New Yorker, and know everything.

(10) When a baby cries, say, "Oh, chuck that brat overboard!" This will quiet the child and please the mother, and, as a rule, the father is not on board.

(11) Always push and crowd people ignore my past, my family, my former when leaving the boat; they ought to

A KIND-HEARTED GIRL.

He-So you give me the mitten? She-Yes.

He-And this is all?

She-I might throw in a few moth balls.-Chicago Record.

SOCIETY NEWS IN INDIA.

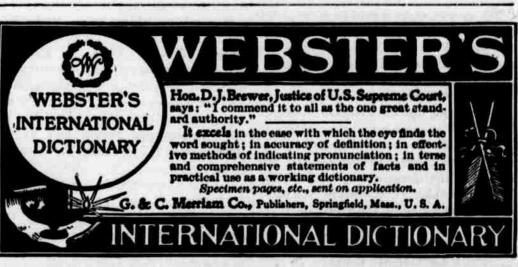
We learn from an Indian paper that Mr. and Mrs. Thambynayagampillai are now on a visit to Kovilkudytrruppu. Mr. Thambynayagampillai is the son of Judge G. S. Arianayagampillsi and sonia-law to Mr. A. Jambulingammudelliar -Westminster Gazette.

A STATE OF AGRICULTURE.

"Our Blackbelt land is so rich," said the Alabama Liar, "that we descent plant more than three cotton seeds to the acre, for fear the crop will choke

"That's nothing," replied the Kansas Prevaricator. "Why, our corn crops are so heavy that they frequently sink into company promoters, American heiresses, the ground clean up to the tossels."-The





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