THREE HUSBANDS.

Three husbands went, smiling, out into the For men, after supper, grow restless if they Must spend with fheir wives one hour a day. And women must ever be grouning.

Three wives followed after three husband Them sughing and drinking and smoking. Around a small table, and playing at "draw,"
With business cards in a business way.
For women are curious always to know
What business takes tired busbands out so,
And when they find out there is groaning.

Three husbands, unconscious of danger, were Yet dreading three lectures they knew furious women marched in, and-be-Three husbands marched out without saying

For none are so meek as are husbands when

By wives that they too, must be groaning.

- W. Ordens, in Introductive Press. NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS.

Of the optical defects, or refractive errors, which to a greater or less extent work until after their entrance at col- produced it is kept at a low temperaare capable of correction, I will first mention myopia or near-sightedness, previously acquired by them on the nitro-glycerine is not easily ignited, and since it is not only of greater frequency than any other eye defect, but from its very nature tends to develop into serious organic diseases. When I said in assigned them without special detria previous article that the human eye ment to their eye-sight. Happily for was practically round, I referred, of the comfort of the unfortunate class of course, to that organ in its normal con- individuals who either inherit or have in fact, it is less dangerous than ordidition. The myopic eye, instead of acquired near-sightedness, our present possessing this spherical shape is clon- knowledge of eye matters enables us nesia, silicious ashes, or some other gated from before backward. The to prevent and to a considerable extent light substance with great absorbing round eye is so constructed that the correct this defect. By the use of the parallel rays of light are brought to a proper concave glasses in early life the focus on the retina. If this retina be child is able to hold his book further pushed further back—as it virtually is from his face while reading or studying. in a near-sighted eye—the rays of light | thereby relieving the eyes from consider- gunpowder?" will be focused before reaching it. In other words, there will be no screen upon which to receive the image formed by the condensing media, and hence no development of serious eye affections impression can be conveyed to the brain. This variation in the shape of Happily, too, the general public is be- teen times as much. But the difference the organ is not to be measured by ginning to realize that glasses, when in powder is much greater; for while inches hardly by lines. A single half intelligently prescribed, are of great powder takes an appreciable time to inches - hardly by lines. A single half intelligently prescribed, are of great powder takes an appreciable time to turn of the adjusting screw of the micro- practical value; and the absurd notion burn, the combustion of nitro-glycerine scope, though producing no visible that no one requires spectacles until is instantaneous. In the form of dynalengthening of the instrument, yet middle-age is reached is fortunately mite it is by far the most satisfactory causes the object which was before so rapidly passing out of date. Family explosive for blasting purposes. Powsharply defined to become blurred and medical advisers, in the best interests der only splits a rock in a few places, indistinct. So it does not require much pressing back of the rear wall of the that all practically useless studies be drilled and again exploded. One charge sion, and July 1, 1878, he was proeye-ball to render our vision decidedly dropped so soon as it is found that the of dynamite generally does the job. defective. It is generally supposed, eyes of the children under their care The rock is splintered into thousands of urer's office. and was even formerly taught, that the are suffering in any way from too close pieces, and only has to be carted off. eyes of near-sighted persons necessa- mental application. Parents and teach- The force of this instantaneous explo- whose lamentations while on the Colrily protruded, and that the cornea ers should bear in mind that the super- son is so terrible that if a pint can of orado reservation over her loss excited in such cases was more convex than ficial knowledge of many books will not nitro-glycerine be merely laid on a the pity of the West, and who, with her usual. It is now known that it is the posterior segment of the eye-ball which oped body; and the ambitious scholar ploded by electricity, it will shatter the to Utah, has broken her yows and maris at fault—that portion pierced by the optic nerve, and which, as I have already told you, is the weakest part of

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purchased if the price required be the

owner. The mere weight of the all
named Toomuchagut, who has always
of bringing up the extra papers which
been peace-loving and friendly to the
were desired by the men in our office. the entire globe.

an acquired condition, though the in Troy (N. Y.) Times. tendency to this defect may, and in the majority of cases probably does, exist at birth. That it is one of the unhappy results of our modern civilization and our closer application to intellectual pursuits can not be questioned. No one ever heard of a near-sighted Indian. and before our civil war the full-blooded Southern negro was equally exempt from this defect. The difference between the eyes of children who attend the public schools of our large citieswhere their brains are developed at the expense of their bodies-and of those residing in the country, where at most only one-half of the year is devoted to school duties, can not have failed to attract the attention of all observant persons. From Germany, Russia, France and England we have reliable statistics to prove the relative frequency of these eye defects. Germany, as we know, is a land of students, and so common is myopia in that country that it has long been impossible to fill the ranks of its armies without admitting those who are

compelled to wear glasses. The progressive character of this defect is likewise clearly illustrated by some statistics furnished by Dr. Cohn. of Breslau. He examined the eyes of ten thousand school children and found have been known to lay down a fish-pole are made of Chevoits and English mix- you said in all the other stores. results as follows: In the elementary and give up a day's fishing for the fun of tures in small checks, and occasionally in the intermediate school over ten per for a bonfire in the evening were good. be the four-buttoned cut-away or the ran away and smashed a lamp-post." cent., in the high school about twenty per cent., and in the gymnasia over flower bed, he knows the fish are just fronts are single-breasted, and the coat for music, but why he didn't run away twenty-six per cent. Other examina-dying to be caught, and it requires a tions, both in Europe and this country, good deal of diplomacy to keep him at are also fitted coats and loose sacks part of the incident. The lamp-post furnish us with closely corresponding the spading job an hour at a time. And made to be buttoned by only one button, data. A very interesting and still more a boy can hardly be blamed for it, or to leave open entirely. The whole suggestive series of experiments was either. In the spring, he wants to get suit is made from a single piece of cloth. reported from St. Petersburg, a few out and shake himself playing ball, and The vest is single-breasted, and cut very years since, where, according to high no exercise in a garden with a spade will high. The trousers are close-fitting, but authority, thirteen per cent. of the do any boy on earth that has got any not extremely tight. scholars begin life with inherited myo- get up about him. Boys have been The day dress suit to be worn by the pia. Several thousand children were known to lean over on their knees play- groom, ushers and guests at day wedselected from the public schools of that city, and had applied themselves more til they had callouses on their knees that driving, and for church, has a Prince or less closely to their books outside of school hours. Among those who had habitually studied two hours each day the thirteen per cent. had increased to seventeen per cent., while those who had devoted four hours to their books twenty-nine per cent. had become near-sighted; and among the most industrious ones and those who, in their competition for class prizes had averaged six hours of daily outside work, more than forty per cent. had injured their eyes and required don't believe there is a man in the concave glasses for distant vision. One try to-day, who ever was a boy, but who are also worn both by groom and ushers to local papers, and cite Johnson's saying graduating classes in the highest schools of the continent of Europe exhibit the enormous proportion of seventy per cent. of near sighted students. In this country, it is true, we have not yet reached such frightful figures, but we have already frightful figures, but we have already with a can of angle-worms under coat is shorter than it has lately been Lawyer Pullman is an Austin Lawyer usually exercises only toward an older that the number of near-sighted or take, for instance, a boy with a lame broadcloth, though very young men ing bad debts. If the money can be weak-eved persons is rapidly increasing, and that each additional year of study is adding perceptibly to the percentage of myopic children; and, inasmuch as with the increase of acquired much as with the increase of acquired cases will come a corresponding incases will come a corresponding increase of inherited ones, it may not be long before thirteen per cent. of our population will start in life with this eye defect. There can be no question that defect. There can be no question that eye diseases of this character are rapidly increasing, and our public schools, with their forced system of education, have been justly charged with causing a large share of this growing evil. Does it not really appear as if our higher education was threatening the eye-sight of the year, seems to have a fearful falling out with all manner of labor in the same jet-black hue, and trimmed with braid down the outside seams. These suits are not to be worn in the daytime, but are put or every evening by men of fashion when paving visits, and are de riqueur at formal dinner parties and evening that the same jet-black hue, and trimmed with braid down the outside seams. These suits are not to be worn in the daytime, but are put or every evening by men of fashion when paving visits, and are de riqueur at formal dinner parties and evening that the same jet-black hue, and the outside seams. These suits are not to be worn in the daytime, but are put or every evening by men of fashion when paving visits, and are de riqueur at formal dinner parties and evening that the same jet-black hue, and the outside seams. 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were this defect to consist alone in rendering distant objects obscure it would be bad enough, for that would necessitate our passing through life unable to recognize or enjoy one-half its able to recognize or enjoy one-half its beauties and pleasures; but there is a far more serious side to be considered. how it was when he was a boy himself, My experience has taught me that a or, the plaster within is undoubtedly cracked, the paper lining the walls must of necessity be more or less stretched and torn. So with the myopic eye. Its outer wall has yielded to the pressure that close and coneye work has made, and it

Now I come to a point of great praccal importance. All acquired myop's is the result of over eve-work during the outer covering has not become fully matured, and its powers of resistance have been by no means developed to the highest point. Yet it is generally at this particular period in their lives "None is made in or around Cincin-

efforts to ruin, as rapidly as may be, the use in shooting oil wells." evesight of the little ones under their are. In many of our schools the one object aimed at is mental development, glycerine is used as a fluid, in cans. no matter at what physical sacrifice. You know Roberts has a patent on that Studies are multiplied and lessons use on which he has made several milllengthened until the child is compelled ion dollars; and in this connection be to spend in brain-work the hours which has had more lawsuits than almost any could be so much more profitably de- man in the United States." voted to healthful bodily exercise.

about fourteen years of age they are, as mixture of nitrie and sulphuric acid is a rule, brighter than boys, and being poured over glycerine in an open vessel; are easily induced to devote a larger fumes are given off; when they cease to portion of their time to studious purportion of their time to studious pursuits. Their education is generally supposed to be completed when they have reached the age of seventeen or eighteen. Boys, on the contrary, do

not usually settle down to close mental lege, by which time the stock of vitality, ture and sometimes frozen. However, play-ground, together with the rapidly it and dynamite have to be exploded by maturing condition of their eye-structures, permits them to perform the tasks latter means is used." able strain and pressure; the habit of stooping, so common among myopes, is later in life are sensibly diminished. compensate for an imperfectly devel- bowlder weighing a ton or so, and ex- tribe, was sent by the Government out dailies under my arm. Joe sold the would do well to ask herself whether loss or the serious impairment of the Near-sightedness is most frequently inestimable gift of sight. - A Physician ased?"

Spring Work and Boys.

This is the season of the year when people begin the grand agricultural labor of agitating the soil of the garden, and shaping up the onion bed, and giving it the requisite form and void to receive the early onion seed, and commencing to gaze fondly into the soft. dreamy eyes of the seed potatoes to see if they possess the necessary life to catch on under the warm rays of the spring sunshine. The cabbage plants are set out in the sun or in the hot-house, and watched and nursed with as much care as a baby would be, and the small boy keeping the weeds out of the cabbage plants after they are set out, lies awake nights planning destruction to the plants, and working up schemes for getting them frost-bitten and killed before it is time to set them out. There is probably no work, unless it be sawing ing marbles for hours at a time, and un- dings, for day receptions, day visits, stuck right through their pants, but a Albert frock-coat of diagonal cloth, boy with callouses on his knees from which is either dark blue or black. This leaning over an onion bed in the double-breasted coat has silk facings, garden would be one of the and is shorter than that formerly worn. curiosities of the age. Nearly all the The vest, of the same cloth, is cut high great statesmen of the present day can with a collar. The close-fitting troulook back to the time when they'd rather | sers have narrow stripes of dark color. stand in the mud and water up to their With this suit at day weddings this knees and fish for bull-heads than help spring the preference has been for very plant potatoes in the best garden in the light or else white ottoman or brocader country. A boy seems to have a horror satin scarfs, closely knotted, with standof working around a garden, and we ing collars that meet in front, but dark

from that moment that the boy's back the coat, is cut to open low, and grows stronger, and in fifteen minutes fastened by three buttons. The troushe is out of the window, and the neigh- sers worn with broadcloth dress-coats borhood, over with a crowd of other are of more elastic cloth or doeskin ueation was threatening the eye-sight of our race? This is a subject of vital interest to us all, parents, teachers and terest to us all, parents, teachers and garden is made each year, and the boy short single-breasted sacks of diagonal for formalities)—"Yes, ma'am; she grows up to manhood, and finally has a cloths like those used for Prince Al-said when she ran out on the piazza as

mear-sighted eye is a dangerous eye. Imagine the wall of a house bulging outward, be it ever so slightly, you would say at once: "That is a dangerous wall and likely to give way entirely at some time in the future." If the household would say at once would be argues with his boy with a hoe-handle. "Twas ever thus.—Peck's Sun.

—An unusual case, illustrating the Alabama Exemption law, occurred in Tuscaloosa recently. A got B to purchase him a cow and afterward refused by the large transfer and got the same and the argues with his boy with a hoe-handle. "Twas ever thus.—Peck's Sun." alging were at all marked you would to pay. B brought suit and go y without even examining the interijudgment for twenty-five dollars, the value of the animal. A filed his claim of exceptions, in which he included the cow, and B can recover nothing .- N.

O. Picayunc. -The highest sum realized by George Eliot for any one of her later works was has become only a question of time \$75,000, while the lowest she received whether the inner quats will give way. was \$40,000.

Explosives.

A representative of the Cincinnati growing period of childhood. When I Commercial Gazette recently called on beautiful women in Balt Dr. W. J. M. Gordon, of that city, to any other American city.

was firm and unyielding, I referred only find out something about nitro-giveer—Mrs. Myra Clark Gallerican city. to the normal adult eye. In children ine, as that gentleman had once made between the ages of five and lifteen this the article himself, and now furnishes gly-

that the eyes of children are subjected to nati. The nearest factories are at Chitheir severest strains. Parents and cago and Cieveland. At the latter teachers seem to vie with each other in place the article is made largely for "Is it used in its fluid state?"

"In blasting oil wells the nitro-

"How is nitro-glycerine made?" It is especially upon girls that "The process is very simple, and in this forced system of education pure, materials are used is not near as bears the hardest. Up to dangerous as is generally supposed. A more domestic in their tastes and habits a chemical combination occurs; heavy

low, is left. This is nitro-glycerine. "Is that all?" "That is about all. Of course it must be carried on with caution, and the vessel is generally kept in ice. After it i a blow or by electricity; generally the

"What is dynamite?" " It is nothing more than a solid form of nitro-glycerine, and is safer to handle; nary gunpowder. Carbonate of magpower, is saturated with two or three imes its weight of nitro-glycerine.' "How does the explosive ferce of

nitro-glycerine compare with that of "That is very hard tosay. One volume of powder, when ignited, produces not acquired, and the chances of the eight hundred volumes of gas. One volume of nitro-glycerine in exploding produces 10,384 volumes of gas, or thir-

> bowlder. The mere weight of the air ried again. Her second choice is a Ute "When was nitro-glycerine first whites. He has been frugal, and of "It was known to drugg's s many years ago. We made it in very small Tribune. quantities before the war, and it was known as a very dangerous article, but was not used for blasting at that time. We sold it to homeopathic physicians, who gave it as a remedy for headache, similar to that which is caused by inhaling the vapor, or by taking a very

small dose of it. Nitro-glycerine was first used in blasting by Nobel, a Swede, in Hamburg, in 1864. He saturated gunpowder with it, making a sort of dynamite. In the early years of the manufacture many accidents occurred pocket of her drest. through the use of impure ingredients, as I said before; now it is not so danit took so long to explode that every one vater." - Chicago Tribune. got out of the way, and though a ravine

one was hurt.' Men's Clothing.

wood, that a boy hates to do more than English styles are still followed in the season when the boy is let out after copied or carried to the extreme except

can look back to the time when his fate when the bride and her maids wear full

Spring and summer overcoats are

-Harper's Bazar. -In Paducah, Ky., the other day two sparrows got into a fight and tried to drown each other in the stream flowing down a street gutter. After a long and desperate struggle one got the other's head under and kept it there until life was extinct. A large number of birds rathered around the victor and chatered to it as it sat on a limb rearranging its toilet. The fight was witnessed by more than one hundred people.

-Mrs. Sarah Ray, a washerwor of Leadville, and the first female who dared set foot in the place, has amassed a fortune of \$1,000,000 by investing her earnings in mining shares.—Penser

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Takes

-Mrs. Langtry says she saw more beautiful women in Baltimore tass in -Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, who has obtained judgment for nearly \$2,000,-

seventy-eight years old.

The oldest banker in the United States is Mrs. Deborah Powers, aged ninety-three, of the banking house of D. Powers & Sons. at Lansingburg, N. Y. -- "A Tallahassee Girl" was written by Mr. Barton D. Jones, "a Northern gentleman," and the vivacious heroine

is no other than Miss Norie Long, the daughter of a late Governor of Florida. -N. Y. Times. Edward Manet, the French painter. whose death at Paris has been an-

pounced, was well known to Americans

as the illustrator of Poe's poem of "The Raven." He was one of the leaders of the "impressionist" school of art. -General John W. Phelps, the seventy-three-year old Vermonter, having failed of election to the Presidency on the anti-Mason ticket of 1880, has married Anna Davis, a handsome thirtyrear-old woman of Brattleboro. - Boston

Herald -Samuel B. Rindge, who died in Cambridge, Mass., a few days ago, left an estate estimated to be worth \$2,000,000. He began life as an office boy in a Boston store and the same store was owned

Journal. Hayward Hutchinson, who died the rived from the Alaska seal monopoly to world of ours. make everybody happy and himself only half so. - Washington Star.

-Mrs. Martha Dodge, of Oswego, N. Y., who is ninety-one years of age, visit- always calling at the top of his sturdy ed her birth-place recently in Middle- little voice: "Mornin' papers! Inter field, Conn., for the first time since 1806. Ocean. Times, Tribune and News!" He She found only one person living there sold them all, and though he had his whom she knew in her childhood. He regular "beat" and regular customers was then a little boy of eight, and is at certain hours of the day, he seemed now an old man of eighty-four.

-John L. Stoddard's lecture on "The Alps," at Philadelphia, was so graphic that one of the gentlemen in the audience assured him afterwards that, with his imagination thus stirred, he had followed the speaker up Mont Blane, until the atmosphere became so rarified as to make his nose bleed .- newsboys on the streets who seemed to Philadelphia Press.

-Mr. Lyman, who has received the appointment of Chief Examiner in the Civil Service, has been in the service of the Treasury Department since December 17, 1864. In 1870 he was appointed forgot that it was ragged, or that moted to the chief clerkship of the Treas-

-Chepeta, the widow of Chief Ouray,

HUMOROUS.

-Bootblacks are friendly little fellows. They take a shine to anybody. -A man in England has been fined usually economical way. Joe's thin for biting off the tails of two dogs. He coat and worn breeches appealed to my

ter Post-Express. -When a woman wants to get rid of her husband for an hour, she sends him and I am not sure it is not a sign of up stairs to get something from the

gerous as powder. You recellect a car Yawcols; vere vas it?" "Vy, Noah's wheedled him into the tailor's after of it caught fire several years ago, but son on de ark; he vas a Shem of der fust some coaxing, and on Christmas day I -"Maria," said Mrs. Parvenu to her much pleased, but to my great surprise was dug along the track twenty feet daughter, "who is that Mr. Dude that resolutely refused to take the clothes as

deep and nearly a hundred feet long no the papers have so much to say about? a gift. I must ask your father to bring him to him."-N. Y. Mail. -Lady (to dry-goods clerk): "If you

find out from by dressmaker how many all the money I had saved to-" winter's confinement, and he is just ach- by immature young men, or old men of vards I need, and can send for the ing for fun, and he don't want any work questionable taste. Business and trav- goods by the maid." Enfant Terri- fire around the house to bother him. Boys eling suits for spring and summer use | ble: "Why, mamma, that's just what

-"A horse at Craigville took fright school about six per cent. were myopic, raking up the yard, when the prospects small stripes are used. The coat may at a colored man playing a fiddle, and was innocent. - Norri down Herald.

-Mrs. Malaprop was heard to remark apropos of the weather: "I can't see into this Wiggins's idee. Of course, Juniper and Satan bein' in pedigree would be rather like ter git up some sorter storm, but it don't seem ter me that the sun and moon's being in effigy would raise any rumpus."—Rome (N.

Y.) Sentinel. -An Irishman who had a pig in his possession was observed to adopt the constant practice of filling it to repletion one day and starving it the next. On being asked his reason for doing so, he replied: "Och, sure, and isn't it that I like to have bacon with a strake o' fat and a strake of lean aqually, one after one to pay me the money, and I'm not t'other. - Chicago Herald.

-An Arkansas boy, writing from college in reply to his father's letter, said: saw Traveller.

-It was not a doctor he needed: same delicacy of treatment that one you may have read about. blowed, I'll run for Lawyer Pullman: he'll get the money out of the kid quicker 'n a dozen doctors."-Texes Siftings.

in?" Mary Ann (who has been drilled

Courting.

The Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier, in talking up this matter, says the woman does as much in starting a courtship as the man, as in nearly every case the woman offers herself, in some way, to her husband, before he offers himself to her.
This offer is made in many ways; the wearing of a particular color; the admiration for a particular poet; some miration for a particular poet; some

Our Young Readers.

THE BOME PAIRT. There's a funny little fairy
On his rounds by night and day,
And he goes about his errand
In a very funny way.
Such a tiny wand, so starry,
Boars he in his tiny hand,
And he visits every manalogs
Every cottage in the lands

Then he looks up in our faces.

With a quaint and quitzing hye
When he finds them dark and frown. 6.
Off he goes without good-pye,
But if sunny smiles and dimples
Meet his glance, to work he goes,
And before a body knows it,
Pop: He jumps astride our now.

To our ears be ereeps and whispers
Many sweet and lovely things.
In our eyes he scatters sunshine
From his presty diamend wings.
Then he smooths away our wrinkles
With the dazzling wand he bears,
While he sings a song, so cheery.
That he lightens all our cares.

Oh, his task is never ended Till the world in slumber lies Even then we dream so sweetly.
With his senshine in our eyes.
Has be met you on his journey?
Listen while his name I tell:

And I hope you know him well.

George Cooper, in Golden Days JOE. Joe and I are great friends. I do not

snow how our friendship came about, nor, indeed, do I know just when we first became acquainted. We were both newsboys, he a little one of a dozen by him at the time of his death .- Boston years, and I of "twenty summers," as the story-books say. He sold news-papers and I helped to write the reports other day in Washington, was the most that go into them, of fires and parties genteel acquisition that place has had and sermons and circuses and all of the since the war. He used the wealth de- queer things that happen in this queer

Joe and I often met. He was an active little fellow, and seemed to be everywhere with his bundle of papers. to find a great many odds and ends of time, when he could dart off and sell a few extra copies around the depots or in front of the hotels when people were coming down in the omnibuses and carriages for the early morning trains. What first attracted me to him I do not exactly know. There were dozens of be as energetic as he, and numbers who were better looking: for, truth to tell, Joe is far from handsome. But his big Civil Service, has been in the service of gray eyes were so bright and happy, of the rugged, boyish face. As I said, we met often. I became one of Joe's regular customers and was much laughed at for "carrying coals into Newcastle," as I came into our newspaper office every day with a bundle of evening papers, too, and, on my recommendation, applied for and got the task They all had a kind word for him when sheep and ponies he has more than any he came in of an evening, but Joe was other half dozen of his fellows. - Chicago loyal to me, and though our acquaintance did not for a long time progress much beyond our "good-morning" and "good-night," I came to feel a sort of proprietorship in the boy. I fell to

saving up my odd pennies in an unmust be something of a wag.—Roches-but a way that I am sure was good for me. It is always good for any human heart to feel care for another's welfare. growth when we begin to love to do for getting hot. The dogs chawed him all remember, making a funny jumble, but ocket of her dress.

other people. But be sure I did not think much of all this at that time. I vas the first diamond?" "No. Mr. helped Joe because I liked him. I gave him a fine new suit. He was very

"You must tell me how much they dinner, for I guess we ought to know cost," said he, "and let me pay the money back to you as soon as I can. I need the clothes, and I would have work in the garden in the spring. It is men's clothing, but are not closely will cut me a small sample of this I will bought them myself, only I had to give stopped short with his face as red as

> "To whom, Joe?" I said, kindly. He burst into tears and put his head down on my table, for we were alone in my office at the time.

He cried for about a minute, big sobs which shook him all over. "There, sir," saidhe, suddenly straightening up, "I won't be a baby any more. Don't remember crying before since I really was a baby." and he brushed his sleeve across his face. "Well, I won't bother you any more to-day," said he, "and I know you'll let me pay for them, sir?" half inquiringly.

"Why, yes, if you want to, but don't be in a hurry. Next year will do nicely. The whole suit was only ten dollars, any way." "Ten dollars! O, dear!" and Joe's faced looked for a minute as though it would not be very hard work to burst

into tears again. "Indeed, I can't afford it," he began, when I interrupted, taking him by the collar and shaking him around.

"Now stop your nonsense, you young scamp! I'll give you till you're twentyafraid to prophesy that you'll be rich enough to make me quantities of presents pensity to knock things sky-high. before that time, and I'll take them fast enough. I won't make any such silly

fuss, I promise you. local papers, and cite Johnson's saying So Joe took the clothes and went that the man who writes except for away, leaving me to wonder a little money is a fool. I shall act upon Dr. about his life and his history. He had Johnson's suggestion and write for always been very reticent, and some money. Send me fifty dollars."-Arkan- way I had always hesitated about ask- He is never caught napping, notwithing him. He seemed to command the

> Not long after I saw Joe in his home. headquarters as one of peculiar se-

To my surprise, in answer to my rap the door was opened by Joe. He seize my hand and drew me inside. "O, I thought you would come," he cried. "What can we do for her?" into the miserable room where his poor mother was lying. I had never seen any one die, but I knew she was dying. Joe seemed to realize it, too, for the first time, as he looked at her, and

springing forward with a heart-broken cry, he knelt down beside her. She smiled and patted his hand. "God will be good to my son," were her last words. I telephoned for another man to come and gather the facts nec-essary to be published, and I devoted myself to Joe. A doctor who had been sent for arrived soon after I did, but it was too late. He sent for a woman prepare the poor woman for burial, and when it was all over. Joe went with me

mirstion for a particular poet; some delicate touch of flattery; the exhibition of a favorite accomplishment, or one of innumerable other graceful and captivating ways that fit so well to woman. If the same is so, why then, fellow-fell ways that fit so well to woman be on our guard, and provided the same way by the twelve-vear-old son, who sold and provided the same way by the twelve-vear-old son, who sold dependent of the provisions made for her in her husband's will. Mrs. Washnewspapers for a living."

The brave boy had bossie his burden burn is an inmate of apid his diagrace all alone and had — Chicago Times.

never told even me, his best friend, of his life and trials. If I were not writing a true story, I might tell you that we made up a purse for Joe but we did nothing of the kind. We only en-couraged him to work on, and as fast as he showed himself worthy, a better position was given him. Last year he ansounced that he had saved up money. and was going to leave us for school, and on examination he proved to be ready for the last year of high school. Now, at eighteen, he is studying in his first year at college, and is just as aiways a brave, independent boy, strong in all the qualities which go to make up a pure, earnest and successful man.

Royal Road. Inwets' Working Tooks

I wonder if you know that the smallest insects you see about you have tools given them to do their work with. There is a little fly called a saw-fly, because it has a saw to work with. It is really a very much nicer saw than you could make, if you were ever so old. The fly uses it to make places where the eggs will be safe. What is more strange, it has a sort of home-made glue, which fastens them where they are ed her little son the brown jug which

Some insects have cutting instruments oppy-bee is one of them, whose work is nderful. The bee has a boring tool. too. Its nest is usually made in old taken to have every piece of just the together and put into the nest .- Our was destroyed. Lattle Own.

The Vigilantes.

Four well-known citizens organized themselves into a Vigilance Committee for the purpose of arresting some burglars that had committed a number of predations in the vicinity of their residences. They met together and swore themselves on a skull and three Bibles. They got up their pass-words, signs and grips, so that each would recognize the ther in the dark under any circumstances. They armed themselves with revolvers, slung shots, Bowie knives, brass knuckles and bulls-eye lanterns.

The thing worked well, as they were near neighbors, and they talked the thing over every night for a mouth. One dark night last week one of the number heard a noise on the front win-

and ran out of his rear door, jumped of their legs. some one say:

been taken for a burglar, made a break cause of these antics. for the fence, but not any too soon, as Tige had been on the alert, and suceceded in getting a mouthful of panta-

of a clicking revolver, again flew the now, and I'm so so sorry for 'em. They sneaked along up the steps, and had tified and sorry over 'em. I'll talk to and attacked him from all sides. Bang! good." bang! bang! went some pistols from neighboring windows. The thing was block close by, and repeated all be could over, and soon would have finished the being very much in earnest, and quite vigilante, but one dog got the other dog unconscious that he had another hearer by the leg, by mistake, and they got up a fight between themselves, during which time the vigilante succeeded in People who drink are slaves. They are

It afterwards transpired, that when he scratched on the back doors of the other members' houses, each thought it was burglars. They slid out the front doors, and went for the others, and ing around, examining his own windows. they let out their degs with the above result. The committee disbanded the next day .- Carl Fretzel's Weekly,

----The Goat.

The goat is a native of the vacant lots about the city, and there are lots of

The goat is omnivorous. He will goat anything that he sees, and will seize anything he may goat. His principal food, however, is play bill. He is very fond of letters.

Let us honor him for his love of The young goat is called a kid. Kids are on hand the year round. The goat is generous to a fault. He

presents a couple of horns to everybody In the matter of mere cash, the Cash mere goat is the most famous. Goats are fond of the outskirts o

large cities, also hoop-skirts. The goat wears a beard. It is called a goatee, though not confined to the The goat is noted for his bunting.

but he never flags. The goat is one of the signs of the zodiac, signifying that he has a pro He never gets high himself. That is to say, never gets over the ba-a-a. Shakespeare understoood the spon taniety of the goat when he said: "Stand not upon the order of your going, goat at once."

The goat is a wide-awake animal standing the many cases of kid-napping For many years the goat was the only

Goats love to get on a high rock and sun themselves. Give them a chance and they will always seek a sunny climb. The god Pan was a sort of half-goat: all goats do not pan out as well as he

Ba-a-a! - Boston Post

How a Horse Saved His Waron. Mr. B. L. Pennell was in the village

one day last week, and tied his horse front of the apothecary store of Mr. E. and with Joe still leading me, I went J. Merryman. Mr. Pennell was in the store talking, when he saw the horse rush up on the sidewalk to the very ex- | glad: tent of his tie rein, a long one luckily, and he remarked: "I guess 'John' wants to come in." In an instant a runaway horse attached to a very heavy wagon dashed by, and just cleared by an inch dashed by, and just cleared by an inch for new shoes and jacket. Give me the wagon; had the Penhell horse not got saw. I'll do my own work now, and the methods of the past for securing you go tell mother what I say."

Prohibition in all the remaining countries. serious collision, if not the death of one of the horses. The clear-headed animal the sight of Tom and Jerry eating up of Pennell's saw the other horse break from the opposite side of the street, ruth over to the bank building, and then ruth over to the bank building, and then from the opposite side of the street, rush over to the bank building, and then turn north, and it was then he got all he could of his gear upon the side-walk. If that horse did not reason his displayed in a most striking way. shoulder: Brunneick (Me.) Telegraph.

Temperance Reading.

WHO HATH WOLT Who halb merrows, who halb worst He who to the ain-house goes.

Who hath bettings and evaluation Grarf and fearful apprehensions, (business weemands, a guilty appear. He who tips is for airchora. Full-wa St. rutt's brink in his orestings after drink.

Who both buthdings? Who but they led by about offers.

**Single or their talking.

Lame and crippied in their walking.

Who are these with eyes so red,

Yile, beautisd, require fiel?

These are they who tarry long.

Drinking wise and Squar throng.

Look not on the roby wine.

When he moles memor dreue;
Inath is in that sparkling cup.
Never dare to take 8 up. For at last the servent's trail And the adder's sting prevail. Therefore on the point forms-

----JUNEAU'S LECTURE.

"Jimmy, throw that jug into the pigpen. Smash it first, and be sure you don't taste a drop of the vile stuff," said an anxious-looking woman as she handshe had just found hidden in the shed "Father won't like it," legan the that work just as your scissors do. The boy, eveing the ngly thing with a look of fear and hate; for it made mother

miserable, and father a brute. "I said I'd make way with it the pest wood. This bover cleans out the next time I found it, and I will! It's full, ready for use. When all is ready the in- and I don't feel as if I could live sect cuts out pieces of leaves to line the through another dreadful time like the weeks ago he addressed a meeting in nest and io make the cells. These lin- last. If we put it out of sight, may be ings are cut in the shape of the cells. father will keep solver for another You would be surprised to see the care month, too quick, before he comes home." And the poor woman pushed right size, so that it will fit. When they the boy to the door as if she could not are fitted, the pieces are nicely fastened wait a minute till the curse of her life

Glad to comfort her, and have the fun of smashing anything. Jimmy ran off, and, giving the jug a good bang on the post, let the whisky run where it would as he flung the pieces into the pig-pen, and went back to his work.

He was only eleven; but he struceled manfully with the old saw, and the tough apple-tree boughs he had collected for fuel. It was father's work, but he neglected it, and Jimmy wouldn't see mother suffer from cold, so he trimmed the trees, and did his best to keep the fire going. He had to stop often to rest, and in these pauses he talked to himself, having no other com-

Not long after the destruction of the jug, he heard a great commotion in the pen, and, looking in, saw the two pigs capering about in a curious way. They for every thirty-five men. Allowing ran up and down, squealed, skipped and bumped against one another as if they all, there is one saloon for every twenty He hastily jumped into his clothing, didn't see straight, and had no control

over the fence and rapped three times. Jimmy was much amused for a few on the basement window of another minutes, but, when one staggered to the member's house. Just then he heard through, and began to lap something there, and the other tumbled down and 'Sick him, Tige," and fearing he had could not get up, he understood the

"Oh, dear! I let the whisky run into the trough, and those bad pigs are tipsy! What shall I do?"

He watched them an instant and Over the fence went the vigilante and then added in a sober tone, as he shook soon appeared at the door of another his head sadly: "That's just the way member's house. Here he scratched father does, lively first, then cross, then softly, three times, and hearing a noise stunid. They don't look funny to me vigilante, over fences, barns, etc., will be dreadfully assumed when they through alleys, until he reached his own get sober. I'm glad there isn't any house. With a cat-like tread, he wife and little son to be scared and morcommenced to try the windows and door em, and tell em what the man said in to see if the burglars had been success- the Temperance lecture we went to ful, when three bull-dogs darted out last night. May be it will do 'em

> So Jimmy mounted the choppingbesides the pigs:

"My friends, rum is an awful thing. getting into the house, a badly used-up worse than dumb beasts who don't drink. (Yes, they do; but that was my fault.) Half the sin and sorrow in the their money, neglect their families, break their wives hearts, and set a bad example to their children. People betwhen they saw the first member prowl- ter die than drink, and make brutes of themselves. Lots of money is wasted. Folks kill other folks when they are ladies: "I must thank you for this, it drunk, and steal, and lie, and do every was so unexpected; and when I read the to see you make such pigs of yourselves.) Here is the pledge; come and sign it.

Keep it all your lives, and be good men. school-house. (I mean pigs.)" Here Jimmy smiled, but he meant what he said, and, pulling out of his pocket a piece of paper and a pencil, he jumped down to use the block as a desk, saying, as he wrote in big letters: "They shall have a pledge, and they can make a mark as people do who can't write. I'll make it short, so they can understand it, and I know they will

keep it, for I shall help them." that he never saw a man steal from behind the pen where he had been listening, and laughing at Jimmy's lecture, till requires, how long would the Tempersomething seemed to change the smiles ance question remain an unsolved probto tears, for, as he peeped over the lad's | lem in this country? - Union Bignal. shoulder, he saw how worn the little jacket was, how bruised and blistered the poor hands were with too hard work, and how he stood on one foot, because his toes were out of the old shoes.

A month's wages were in the man's pocket, and he meant to spend them in does not look as if it were impossible to more whisky when his jug was empty. reach the drunkard. - S. S. Times. Now the money seemed all too little to make his son tidy, and he couldn't bear low pleasures that made a worse brute

of him than the pigs.
"There!" said Jimmy, "I guess that will do. We, Tom and Jerry, do drunk."

mark first?" "I will!" said the man. Jimmy so much that he nearly tumbled sented his sign-boards to the local diviinto the pen as he was climbing up. The paper fluttered down inside, and both forgot it as the boy looked up at

the man, saying, half ashamed, half

"Why, father, did you hear me? was only sort of playing."
"I am in earnest, for your lecture was a very good one; and I'm not going in localities of several other counties to be a beast any longer. Here's money Mr. Daniel, President of the Allianov,

truly. I'm so glad!" It was impossible to help laughing: but the man was very sober again as he

"You shall write another for me I'll sign it, and keep it, too, if you will help me, my good little son."
"I will, father, I will!" cried Jis with all his happy heart, and then ran Washburg is entitled to one-third of in to carry the good news to mother.

The decedent's estate in Minnesota That was his first lecture, but not his

Harming Facts.

To every well-wisher of his race whether so ardent worker in the Tenperance came, or in the Church or only a greaterd looker on, the facts which merround as are alarming. is the Lempervery many it appears to be, but we me member that at one stage of Christian's the preaching of the cross was railed foolishness, yet it proved to be a power even in the hands of the unlearned and satisfied. It there any such a crown for Whether the Temperature work is

furtishers or not, according has around this Nation, and other nations

no loss, to a certain class of facts that came not be pend-pended out of eight. How farthe arrogance of the traffic is formedistely responsible for this awakening we need not consider, we only mention the fact. It is certainly not the Tempersone workers so-called that are most prominent at this time in weighing the liquir traffic in the balances of public opinion. No mark in America is further from being a Temperance fanatic than Rev. De-Creaty, of New York. It is only a few years since he was the target of Temperance orators and Temperance of tare became be refused to pronounce their shibboleth. He thought there was a better way than total abstinence or probibition, but he assumed duties in the line marked out by himself that has led him to write as bitier things of the traffic as Neal Dow ever did. A few Steinway Hall, New York. It was not a Temperance meeting, but in discussing the glory and the shame of the great metropolis he uncarthed a class of facts that has set the people of that city, and of the Nation as well, to such solve thinking as has not been often known. Speaking of the city's debt of \$100,000,000, he save that the debt is owing to the scoundrelism of the officers, and that men are elected to the municipal offices, not because of merit, but because they keep liquor valcous which are useful to the party. He says "The men whose business it is to ruin the bodies and souls of others, to rob them of their hard-earned wages and drive their wives to beggary and suicide, are chosen to make our city ordinances. . Ther are men who attend prize-fights; dirty, vulgar men. whom you would no scoper allow to enter your house than you would the small-pox. . Crime and poverty to a great extent start from the saloon, of which there are 12,000 in the city, taking out the women and children, one three-sevenths of these not to drink a drinkers. The keepers all get rich. It is easy to see where the pauperism and misery come from." Having stated these facts, the doctor startled his audience, many of whom were foreignborn, by saving that the saloons are mostly in the hands of foreigners, and he appealed to them as men who have at heart the good of their adopted country to aid in the removal of this shame. The New York Tribune, in a recent carefully compiled article, estimates the annual sales of liquor at \$600,000,000. Who can comprehend a sum of such magnitude? It means twelve dollars to every man, woman and

The Michigan Educational Bill.

opolis Journal.

child in America. The annual corn

product is \$600,000,000. The Dilluge

estimates the cost of liquor as equal to

our whole corn product. The annual

expenses of the Government, interest

and all, is less than \$400,000,000. The

Tribune estimates the money spent for

liquor as one and a half times the cost

of running the Government, without

allowing for crime and its concomitant

foolishness, but people who have never

been classed with Temperance men are

thinking and talking about it. - Indian-

miseries. All this may be Temperance

The members of the Michigan Legis. lature were highly appreciative of the world come from rum. Men waste graceful presentation of flowers to every man who voted for the Educational bill As their eyes caught sight of those vioquent tributes, these who were the fortunate recipients were touched even to tears, one of them saving to the bad thing. Now, my friends (I mean card, I could not keep the tears back to you pigs), turn from your evil ways, think our work has been so apprectand drink no more. (I'll smash the ated." But the unfortunates, those jug behind the barn next time, where who voted wrong, were in high dudeven the hens can't find it.) Rise in gron, and a representative of this small your manhood, and free yourselves from class went so far as to say "What this awful slavery. (They are both fast have the women to do with this hill? asleep, but I'll help 'em up when they what business have they to be mostilling wake.) Lead better lives, and don't let with this" Ah, gentlemen of the those who love you suffer shame and Legislature, you could not have touched fear and grief for your weakness. (I do women's hearts more deeply than to love you, old fellows, and I am so sorry provide such a fortification of good teaching for the boys who are assaulted on every hand, even on their way to the

The following is the full text of the

The District Board shall specify the studies to be pursued in schools of the district. Francisco and for instructing all pupis in every about in physiciary and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narrotics generally upon the human system.

No certificate shall be granted any person to teach in the schools of Michigan who shall not an't write. I'll make it short, so they an understand it, and I know they will tempter I, I'm, in physiology and hygicon with particular reference to the effects of sienher is drinks, stimulants and narroties upon the human system.—Chap. 2. Sec. 15.

If "all pupils in every school" in all the States were being taught as this law

---Temperance Items.

THINTY-THREE REPORM DRIVEARDS joined one Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland, O., in one year. This

THE YEARLY CONSUMPTION of alc-s. than many others in Philadelphia alone amounts to 200,000 barrels, representing an expenditure of \$3,000,000.

ANOTHER LIQUOR-DEALER has been solemnly promise never to touch, taste converted to total abstinence, and has nor handle anything that can make us shown the genuineness of his conversion by his deeds. He owned a public house "Now for the names. Which shall in likeston, Eng., and when he joined the Blue Ribbon army be emptied his stock of spirits into the gutter and presion as trophies,

THE MARTLAND STATE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE has been holding its annual session in Baltimore, and shows that under the Local-Option plan Prohibi-tion prevailed on the first of May in thirteen counties of the State, excepting three or four election districts, and sh-

cently to Whitall, Tatum & Co., glass manufacturers of Miliville, N. J., an order for one gross of bottles for the purpose of putting up samples of liquor for their traveling agents. The iquor for their traveling agents. The Philadelphia house sent the following

Washburg is entitled to one-third of the decedent's estate in Minnesota (estimated to be worth \$260,000), independent of the provisions made for her in her husband's will. Mrs. Washburn is an immate of an insune asylum.

That was his first lecture, but not his lines what might be expected that day prospered will, and those pledges were truly kept.—Louise M. ple of what has been their position for a long time past.—Union Regard.