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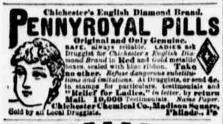
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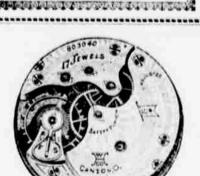
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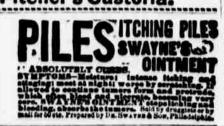
Judge-Your age, miss? Elderly Female-Thirty-two. Judge (to secretary)-Put down born 832. - Fliegendo Blatter.

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An Idyl of the Road.

Suddenly the cars continued to speed

"Will you please open the window It was a pretty girl who spoke. the young man in the next seat step. on himself in three places in his hato intercept the drammer in the black

Then the conductor had a try at it, and the porter fetched out some iron instruments and pried in vain.

"Will you permit me?"

A dark man with a shiny valise stepped across the nisle. Out of the shiny valise he took some mysterious implements, highly polished and delicately but strongly wrought. Adjusting these with great nicety and operating them with infinite skill, at the end of two hours the window slowly responded to the man's endeavors.

"Oh, thank you!" murmured the pretty girl as the cars at that moment

stopped at her station. Hawkshaw the detective, who sat on the coal box, smote his hand upon his

forebead. "There is but one man could do that job," he muttered. Then, putting his hand on the dark man's shoulder, "You are my prisoner," he said.

It was Reddy the blacksmith, the famons cracksman. The ears continued to speed onward. That is because they are going in that

Irish Politeness.

direction. - Rockland Tribune.

The gift of the Irish peasant for making expressive and humorous phrases is not by any means a fletion of literature. The use of "pat" phrases is natural to

A clerical traveler in Cavan not long ago asked a peasant how far it was to a ference is he has been consulting Se

"What! Only two miles?" said the traveler, who had before traversed the distance and found it a long road.

"Well, your raverence," answered the peasure, "it is two miles sthrong and rich, so to spake."

A somewhat similar story is told by one of Lord Zetland's party, who were making inquiries into the condition of a distressed district. They were crossing a lake. A gale was blowing, and waves were dashing over the boat.

The gentleman referred to had been assured that an Irish peasant if treated well will always agree with what is said to him rather than appear disagreeable. It struck the gentleman that here was a good chance to put the assertion to the proof.

"There is very little wind, Pat," said to one of the boatmen.

The answer came through the howling of the elements:

Very little indade, yer honor, but G. F. Stapleton, flower there is is moighty sthrong."-

A Valuable Opinion.

The two girls were talking. As girls talk.

One was of the impetuous, impulsive type whose blood flies to the cheek, whose eyes snap and whose tongue is sharp as a razor.

The other was as the placid ocean, profound, solemn, silent, billowing deep far out from shore and coming in upon the silver sands as noiseless as the dew falls upon the flowers at night.

They were talking about men and their ways, a subject of unceasing interest to women in their teens or beyond. The face of the impetuous one was flushed, and there was the unmistakable evidence of indignation in her manner. "Well," she exclaimed, with a warning and a threat in her tone, "I'd like

to see a man klas me." The eyes of the other one closed softly against the dazzling flash of those of her companion, and a gentle glow came

to her face. "Yes!" she answered dreamily. Well, I don't care whether I see the man or not. It is so perfectly lovely any way that I never think about the condi-

tions."—Detroit Free Press. Contradictory Extremities.

Mr. B--, who recently made the journey from Denver to Salt Lake City on horseback, relates the following amusing story of the perplexity which his appearance caused in the mind of a small boy whom he encountered on the

He had allowed his beard to grow and for coolness were a pair of knickerbockers and low shoes. He fell in one day with a man and a boy of about 10 driving in a wagon and rede along with them for some distance. The boy kept eying him most curiously and finally, being unable to restrain his curiosity any longer, turned to his father and said in a loud stage whisper, "Say, pop, is that a man in short pants or a boy with whiskers?"

Information Freely Imparted.

"As to the question of sidesaddles, madam," ventured the reporter as delicately as he could, "what will probably be the-the position of the coming woman?'

"As to the question of saddles, sir," replied the president of the woman's convention, with considerable asperity, "the coming woman, if she feels like it, will take both sides."-Chicago Trib-

Discreetly Reared.

"What's this parrot saying?" asked the visitor in the bird store. "It doesn't sound like 'Polly wants a cracker.' " "No. It's 'Polly wants a bean.' I'm educating the bird for a Boston lady." -Washington Star.

More Important.

He-My views on bringing up a family-She-Never mind your views. I'll bring up the family. You go and bring up the coal .- Yonkers Statesman.

Semewhat of a Commotion. A Leavenworth man swallowed some Mexican jumping beans for quinine capsules, and he said he felt like a hallstorm inside.—Omaha Bee.

TO SUCCEED MURUAGA:

Spanish Government Recalls American Minister.

Washington, March 27.-The organication of the new Spanish ministry, formed late Saturday, is being watched with interest by officials and diplomats here, owing to the direct and speedy effects it will have on affairs between the United States and Spain. Official advices received here say every member of it is conservative. This is directly contrary to cable reports, saying that five of the new ministers were lib-erals. The effect of this will be far more sweeping in the change of officers, including foreign ministers, and the adoption of a new policy on foreign and domestic affairs.

Yesterday being the first day of the new ministry a reply to the United States on the Allianca affair was not expected, nor had it come up at a late hour. It is thought, however, to be one of the first subjects which will engage the ministry. The new ministry is rath-er inclined to be beligerent in its tendencies, that is, so far as can be judged by the record of its prior members.

The cable announcement from Madrid that Sener Dupuy de Lome will be the ter to the United States it not yet offi-cially confirmed here. The statement is generally credited, however. Senor de Lome was the Spanish minister at Washington three years ago, serving only six months, and being succeeded by Muruaga. He is a conservative, which, in part, led to his being succeeded by Sener Muruaga, a liberal.

NICARAGUA'S CASE.

State Department Will Carefully Investigate the Hatch Matter.

Washington, March 27. -Dr. Guzman, the Nicaraguan minister, was at the state department yesterday and the incertain viliage and was answered, "Two retary Gresham respectful the British ultimatum. It is evident the state de-partment is deeply concerned in this matter and a statement from Ambassader Bayard explaining the purpose of Great Britain is anxiously looked for. It is not believed the government can object to the creation of a commission of fair complexion to ascertain and fix damages sustained by British subjects in Nicaragua and the issue appears to have narrowed down to the demand of an indemnity of (75,000 (\$375,000) for the expulsion of Mr. Hatch, the British consular agent at Bluefields. It is felt here that in the present depressed financial condition of Nicaragua this is rather an exorbitant demand, but aside from this there is already a disposition to examine into the matter further and ascertain whether the Nicaraguan government did not act entirely within its rights in expelling the consular agent. It is felt at the state department that it will require the exercise of great caution to safely . termine upon a line of policy that v i not lose for the United States the .espect of the smaller repub-lies of this hemisphere and at the same time will not violate any of the princi-ples of international law and equity.

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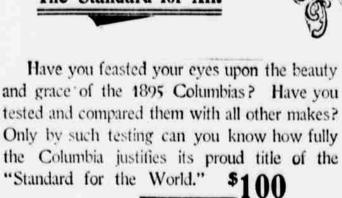
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