#### SHARP POINTS.

People never tell the exact truth. Modesty will earn a man more than ablitty.

As a rule, when a story is funny, it is not true. A picnic is not a success unless there

is pie to throw away. Most people just drag along until it

is time for them to die. A laugh is an awfully good bluff to

make when troubles appear. A man never knows what is coming

until it gets right on to him. There is one thing to the credit of old maids; they accumulate no kin.

When a man stops smoking, and begins again, he feels mighty sheepish. A man with a future isn't as interest-

ing to people as a woman with a past If you ask a boy how his boil is, he will take off the bandage and show you. Some people imarine that as soon as they get married, they must kiss in public.

If a man expects to amount to anything, he must accomplish it in spite of hard luck.

Marrying men are beginning to remark that women have too much idle time on their hands.

There are lots of men who are pretty in society, but who are as absolutely uscless as dried currants.

No woman should give way to grief; let her keep her hair frizzed, and everything may come around all right.

Nearly all the women recite these days. They will simply have to guit it: the men are shy enough as it is.

Much as people like to hear secrets they have the greatest admiration for the friends who have never told them any.

We have noticed that when a man is approached about advertising, he says 'he will "think about it," or "see you ngain."

The people should remember when cating, that Death keeps his white herse ready with the harness on in this weather.



A new locomotive near Wishington made thirty-five miles in thirty-three minutes, and for a part of the distance ran at the rate of 102 miles an hour.

The map on the north wall of the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad in Philadelphia is fifteen feet wide and 126 feet long, and is said to be the largest map in the world.

The incomes from the London daily papers are thus put down: Daily Telegraph, £130,000; Times, £120,000; Standard, £70,000; Morning Post, £45,000; Daily Chronicle, £40,000, and Daily News £30,000.

It is estimated that 30 per cent of the iron manufactured by Tennessee is sold outside of the southern states. It is said to be the favorite iron with pipe. plow and stove makers in the east and north.

The total wheat crop of New Zealand for this year is 3,613,000 bushels, or 1,000,000 less than for the previous

# CAGE N the town of the ancient kingdom of Castile there lived,

in former ages, a youth called Bartolo, who tried to eke out a living by making cages for birds, and taking them around to sell at the neighboring villages. But his

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trade was a poor one, and he judged himself in luck if he sold one cage in the day, and, as may be supposed, he knew what sorrow and privation were. One day as he was proceeding to a village he heard the sounds of revelry, the buzz of many people, and the strains of a band of music. This merry-making was a procession of children dressed in white, carrying in their midst a beautiful child crowned with roses, in a chariot covered with white satin, and ornamented with acacia and

mrytle. This procession was in honor of Maya, the personification of spring, and took place to announce the entry of spring. In front of the little charlot some children danced and held in their hands tin platters for contributions, and, as may be imagined, all, or nearly all, the spectators dropped their coins

Into them. Bartollo moved away in a desponding mood, saying to himself as he walked on: "Is this the justice of the world? There they are, flinging their money into these platters just because these children come in procession to announce to them that it is the month of May, as though they could not know it by looking at the almanac. They barter and grind me down to the lowest price for my cages, even when I chance to sell one!"

Full of these bitter thoughts, he walked on sadly, for the voices of two importunate enemies were making hemselves heard within him-these were hunger and thirst; the one clamored for food and the other for drink. Bartolo had nothing in his wallet but

his clasp knife, and had had naught for his breakfast but hopes, and these made him sharp and active. He had reached a plantation, when

he perceived a well-dressed individual coming toward him. Pressed by hunger, Bartolo, taking his cap off respectfully, approached and said: "Excuse me, sir, but could you kindly give me a trifle? I promise I will return it as soon as I carn some money."

"Don't you think that it is a shametul thing for a man like you, young and



## MAKER. a man who had feasted in such an elegant manner ought to have better clothing than his well-worn suit; and, lift-

ing his staff, he cried to the bird: "Bluest of blue birds, do your duty!" In an instant his old suit became trans-

formed into one of richest velvet, embroidered in gold and silver, and his rough staff into a splendid horse fully caparisoned, and having around his neck a collar of silver bells. More astonished than ever, Bartolo

suspended to the saddle the cage with the blue bird, leaped on the horse and went his way as proud of his dress as a donkey of its cars.

Setting spurs to his horse, he soon reached the gates of a splendid castle. Some feast was taking place within. The guests were all seated under a shady bower, deploring that they had been disappointed of the minstrels who were to have played.

Bartolo, on learning this, advanced to the bower, and, after elegantly saluting the lord and lady of the castle, in a most refined way said:

"If it be right for a simple knight to offer his services in such a distinguished company of rank and beauty, I think I could promise to provide what you are requiring."

"Oh, do! at once, please!" cried all the ladles, who were longing for a dance. "Bluest of blue birds, do your duty!" said Bartolo.

Suddenly, in the distance, was heard the noise of many feet, and a troop of musicians with their instruments appeared, to the great delight of the company.

The lord of the castle, who knew how all this had been done through the agency of the bird, and being himself of an inordinately avaricious nature, thought he might do a fine stroke of business were he to purchase the bird. Hence, calling his unknown guest away to his study, he proposed to him to purchase the bird for what price he should quote.

"You would never give me my price," replied Bartolo.

"For it I would give my castle, with Its nine forests," said the lord of the

castle. "It is not enough!"

"Very well, I will add my olive plan-

tations and vineyards." "That is still insufficient," cried Bar-

tolo. "I will add the orchards, gardens and

houses." "I want something else!" "What! still more? Why, man, you

must want Paradise itself!" "Not so; I want what you can give

me this very moment. I want your daughter with whom I danced just now! Let her be my bride."

"What! my daughter?" cried the old miser, in an ecstacy of joy; "by my faith, we shall soon conclude the bargain. Why did you not say so before?" He went to seek the girl, and told her of the engagement he had entered into. But his daughter, in utter amaze-

ment, cried out: "But what if he

# AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

### Fruits of Their Work Compared With Foreigh Countries.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll gave ut terance to a few striking educational ruths in a recent address delivered be cre the surviving soldiers of his regiment at Elmwood, 111. He said:

"We spend more for schools per head than any nation in the world. Great Britain spends \$1.30 per head on the common schools; France spends 80 cents: Austria. 30 cents: Germany, 50 cents: Italy, 25 cents, and the United states over \$2.50. I tell you the school house is the fortress of liberty. Every

school house is an arsenal, filled with weapons and ammunition to destroy the monsters of ignorance and fear. As I have said ten thousand times, the school house is my cathedral. The teacher is my preacher. Eighty-seven per cent of all the people of the United States over ten years of age can read

and write. There is no parallel for that in the history of the wide world. Over 42,000,000 of educated citizens, to whom are open all the treasures of literature. Forty-two millions of people. able to read and write! I say, there is po parallel for this. The nations of antiquity were as ignorant as dirt when compared with this great repub-lic of ours. There is no nation in the world that can show a record like ours. We ought to be proud of it. We ought to build more schools, and build them

better. Our teachers ought to be paid more, and everything ought to be tangit in the public schools that is

worth knowing. "I believe that the children of the republic, no matter whether their fathers are rich or poor, ought to be allowed to drink at the fountain of education, and it does not cost more to teach everything in the free schools than it does to teach reading, writing

and elphering. "Have we kept up in other ways? The postoffice tells a wonderful story. Switzerland, going through the In postoffice in each year, are letters, etc., in the proportion of 74 to each inhabitant. In England the number is 60, in Germany 53; in France, 39; in Austrin, 24: in Italy, 16, and in the United States, our own home, 110. Think of it. In Italy only 25 cents paid per head for the support of public schools, and only sixteen letters. And this is

the place where God's agent lives. would rather have, one good school master than two such agents."

#### Small Fry Swindlers.

Some of the meanest of these are they who Some of the meanest of these are they who seek to trade upon and make capital out of the reputation of the greatest of American tonics. Hostetter's stomach Bitters, by imi-tating its outward guise. Reputable druz-gists, however, will never foist upon you as genuine spurious imitations of or substi-tute for this sovereign remedy for ma aria, rheumatism, dyspessia, consemption, liver complaint and nervousness. Demand, and if the dealer be honest, you will get the gen-uine article. artich

#### Other Victims Came Earlier.

The occasional contributor walked into the office of the editor and bowed to that dignified but busy personage gravely.

"I would like to see, the proofreaderr," he said. "I have a triffing affair to adjust with him."

"Very sorry," the editor replied, "but several other gentlemen have applied ahead of you for the privilege of shooting the proofreader."-Chicago mes-Herald.

claimed to be, it may point a way for

the sugar planters of the South profita-

tion several feet long, a foot wide and

one inch thick was submitted to severe

No Filigree Work.

services in this cathedral are at 10 in

the morning and at 4 in the afternoon.

Torgue and Doctor Got a Rest.

uble lady, "was writing me a prescrip-

tion yesterday. I generally ask him

all sorts of questions while he is writ-

Had to Draw the Line.

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"My doctor," said a somewhat vol-

and we don't have no fancy prayers."-

a tone of indignant excitement.

Argonaut.

tests and stood them well.

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bility.

#### Ree's on Haby's Head.

Two children of John Fehr, residing apon a 2-year-old child who was play-14 years, fortunately realized the danlearned that swarms will vacate cery captured them in a hive. Neither favorably to the last mentioned pre-of the children, singular to relate, had ductions for both beauty and durareceived a single sting.

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#### Whole Wheat Bread.

A New York physician gets around the eating of bolted wheat flour by eating unground wheat. The object tion to the bolted flour is, of course, well known-that it is deprived of certain necessary nutriments to the Charges, \$2.50. -Judge, human body. Hence the reason for eating graham flour. This physician, a both of tarker's Ginzer Ten however, does not stop with graham flour, but cats the grain whole, and says his family does not tire of it after

its use for three years. If the cooking is well done there is an agreeable nutty flavor of the wheat which corresponds to the bouquet of grapes. This flavor seems to be lost when the wheat is cracked, crushed or ground before cooking. If this flavor is not desired, the cleaned whole wheat may be pounded in a mortar or run through a coffee mill. This will shorten the time of cooking to four hours or less, the time required for whole wheat being eight or ten hours -- Good Housekeeping.

Metal Wheels for Your Wagons. The season for cutting corn fodder being close at hand, it may be well for farmers to get a set of these low metal wheels with wide tires. They can be had any size wanted from 20 to 56 inches in dlameter, with tires from 1 to 8 inches wide. By having low wheels enables you to bring the wagon box down low, saving one man in loading fodder, etc. It is also very convenient for loading and unloading manure, grain, hogs, etc., and will save in labor alone their cost in a very short time. These wheels are made of best material throughout, and have every possible advantage over the high woodLuce From Bark

The department of agriculture, fornear Straustown, Germany, had a thrilling adventure with a swarm of bees. The insects left the hive in a large, black, and variegated ball, as Kew gardens, London. A recent addiusual when swarming, and alighted tion to this dendrological musanm is a "lace bark tree" from Jamaica. The ing in the yard, totally unaware of the inner bark of this queer tree is camdanger. Another child, Merton, aged posed of many layers of fine and intricately woven fibers which interlock gerous condition of affairs, and having with each other in all directions. Caps. ruttles, and even complete suits of this tain places when noise is produced, at curious vegetable lace have been made. once secured tin kettles and hammered It bears washing with common laundry upon them with great energy. The din soap, and when bleached in the san ac and confusion caused the bees to leave quires a degree of whiteness seldom the child unharmed, and in a few mo-ments more the swarm alighted upon a ton, linen and silk. This intricate web pine tree, where the owner subsequent- of this unique bark makes it compare

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Charges Just the Same.

Clerk-Mr. Petersbe's watch that he brought in to be fixed I find has since begun to go all right of its own accord. Jeweler-When he comes in tell him the mainspring is broken and the flywheel is off its lever, but that we can have it ready by the end of the week.

Every mother should always have at hand a bottle of carker's Ginger Tonic. Northing one su good for pain, weakness, colds, and shon-lessness.

#### Ammunition Wasted.

Hogan-Oi have a joke on Houghlighan. They was a felly kem into his place an' took three drinks in rapid socession av his whisky an' thin palled a gun an' shot himself.

Grogran-Ol think the joke is on the man. Fwat for did he go to the trouble av usin' a gun afther three drinks av Houghlighan's whisky? -- Cincinnati Tribune.

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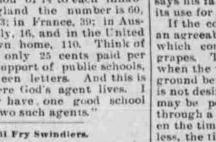
The Tables Turned.

A Scotchman once neatly turned the tables on an Englishman who had been alluding to the number of Scots in London. "Well," replied the Scot, "I know a place in Scotland where there are 30,000 Englishmen who never go back to their own country." "Why, wherever can such a crowd be?" said the Englishman, to whom the Scot dryly remarked, "at Bannockburn."

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#### Ignorant Interviewers.

Speaking of the ignorance of some newspaper interviewers, Henry Watterson relates an incident that happenen wheels with narrow tires, and will ed in New York, when a young man outlast a dozen of them. There will was sent to the Fifth Avenue hotel to also be no resetting of tires necessary. and consequently no blacksmiths' bills matter of prison reform. When the into pay. Wide tires save your horses terviewer had gathered all the facts. he shot a last question at Mr. Imyes. "By the way, Mr. Hayes," he said, what were you president of?"



year. It is estimated that the colony will have to import 500,000 bushels to supply it own requirements.

Of the four nationalities making up the population of Great Britain and Ireland, the Scotch are the heaviest men, the average weight being: Scotch, 175.3 pounds; Welsh, 168.3 pounds; English, 155 pounds; Irish, 154.1 pounds.

Working for the good of otheers indirectly brings about our own good.

There is no true greatness except the greatness of usefulness.

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# KNOWLEDGE

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A BREAKFAST FIT FOR A KING. demanding charity of people? Does it not strike you that you have a duty to earn your living by working at your trade?"

"Yes, sir, certainly, but my trade does not fulfill its own duty. Most people like to see the birds flying about free rather than in cages, and therefore, day by day, I find myself poorer than before."

At first the stranger doubted what him so detailed an account of his work | it." and the small profits he derived that he became interested and sympathized with his ill-fortune. Bartolo was a man who always knew how to excite great interest in himself.

"Come, come," the stranger said, smiling, "I will do something for you, As I cannot find customers for your cages, I will afford you a powerful means by which you shall never more be in want."

He then blew a whistle, and Eartolo saw flying before him a bird blue as the sky, which came and perched on one of his cages.

"See here," added the stranger, what will compensate for all your past misery. From this day forward you have only to formulate a wish and say slowly and distinctly: 'Bluest of blue birds, do your duty!' and your wish will be granted to you."

"By my faith!" cried the bird-cage maker, "but I will try it at once. For the last twenty years I have wished to kill hunger: 'Bluest of blue birds, do your duty!"

Scarcely were the words out of his mouth than he saw suddenly spread before him on the grass a breakfast fit for a prince, laid on a service of exquisite silver and glass and the whitest of cloths. Bartolo, astonished, flung himself on his knees before his benefactor to thank him, but he raised him up, saying:

"I am the good genius of the honest workingmen of Castile. Sit down and eat without fear. Take advantage of and better your lucky star," and then suddenly disappeared. uable feed.

Bartolo reverently bent down and kissed the spot on which he had stood. ate his breakfast.

After his meal, Bartolo judged that N. Y.

vicked elf, and all he does be witchcraft?"

"You have an amulet of coral hanging from your neck; it is an antidote against all witchery."

"And what if he be Satan himself?" "I will give you a piece of blessed candle, and he will have no power over you," replied the unrelenting of useless molasses which they are said father.

Taking her hand, he led her to the stranger, who was already on his horse, and assisted her to mount behind her future husband. Taking the cage with the bluest of the birds, he watched the retreating forms of the pair as the horse carried them swifter than the wind, and when out of sight, he proceeded to join his guests. The company were all gathered in knots discussing the extraordinary powers of the bird, and all the events which had taken place.

"Peace! peace!" cried the lord of the castle, as he entered; "I will perform more marvelous things than ever he did. I have given him my daughter to wed in exchange for the tird, and this blue bird will render me more wealthy than the King of Aragon. Approach, he heard, but the bird-cage maker gave and see the wonders 1 will work with

He took the cage, and lifting it up to look at the bird, was astonished to find that it was not a blue bird at all, but a large gray bird, which turned to stare at him in an insolent manner, gave a fierce peck at the door of the cage with its beak, flung it open and flew out of the window, attering a terrible screech. The lord of the castle stood with open mouth, not knowing what to do or say. His guests broke out in peals of laughter at his discomfiture and the well-deserved punishment for his unseemly avarice of exchanging his beautiful daughter for a worthless bird.

Meanwhile, Bartolo was galloping on with his bride to the nearest town to be married, and when he arrived at the first hastelry he wished to dismount and engage the most splendid suite of apartments for his intended bride, but he found himself utterly penniless. He had not calculated that in parting with the bird he had parted with his luck, and therefore, as soon as he dismounted the horse disappeared, and his elegant dress became changed for the shabby one he had worn before he met the kind individual who had wished to befriend him. When the beautiful daughter of the lord of the castle beheld the transformation which had taken place, she ran back to her father as fast as she could, fright lending wings to her feet.

Bartolo had to return to his old life of making cages and to his miserable existence.

### "As Free as Water."

Stealing ten cents' worth of drinking water from the hydrant of the United unable to find adequate expression of Utrecht Water Supply Company is the his gratitude. He then sat down and complaint on which Thomas Feeny was arrested recently in Fort Hamilton, Payed With Molasses.

and prevent cutting up your fields. Perhaps the oddest pavement ever For further information write The laid is one just completed at Chino. Empire Manufacturing Co., Quincy, Cal. It is made mostly of molasses, Ill., who will mail catalogue free upon and if it proves all of the success it is

satisfactory to Him

bly to dispose of the millions of gallons "No. Mr. Northside," said Miss Dukane, with decision. "I cannot accept to have on hand. The molasses used To be perfectly frank, you are you. is a refused product, hitherto believed really the last man in the world I to be of no value. It is mixed with a would think of marrying." certain kind of sand to about the con-"That suits me precisely." replied sistency of asphalt and laid like as the suitor.

application.

phalt pavement. The composition dries "How so, sir?" demanded the girl, quickly and becomes quite hard, and with some asperity. "Did you propose remains so. The peculiar point of it is from a sense of duty, hoping I would that the sun only makes it drier and reject you, or had you a wager on the harder, instead of softening it, as might subject?" be expected. A block of the composi-

"Neither, I assure you. You said I am the last man in the world you would think of marrying. Now I see no reason in the world why you should think of marrying anybody else after

Dean Hole tells of an old-fashioned This cheerful view of the matter so cathedral verger, "lord of the aisles," charmed Miss Dukane that she acceptwho one noon found a pious visitor on ed it herself. The two will be married his knees in the sacred building. The in September.-Pittsburg Chronicleverger hastened up to him and said. in Telegraph. •The

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Tomato Soup.

One can of tomatoes, one pint of soup stock or beef tea, two teaspoonsfuls of flour, one cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of butter, sugar, salt. one-half teaspoonful of soda. Melt the butter in the soup pot, add the tomato and stock. Boil until the tomatoes ars thoroughly cooked, then strain through a sieve. Put back over the fire, and when boil ing hot add the milk, flour, sugar, sait and soda rubbed perfectly smooth together. As soon as thickened take from the stove and serve with small squares of toasted bread.

The doing right alone teaches the value of meaning right.

1 am entirely cured of hemmorrhage of 1894.

### Overenthusiastic.

Advertising extremes don't always work. One enterprising restaurant keeper in town surprised his customers and many others a few weeks ago by displaying in his window this sign. "Our ice cream is hot staff." worked in his slang all right, but wondered why trade fell off.-Syracuse Post.

## "Eanson's Magic Corn Salve." Warranted to cure or money refunded. Ask years druggist for it. Price 15 cents.

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pation, sour stomach, loss of appetite, coated tongue, indi-gestion, or dyspepsia, windy belchings, "heart-burn," pain and distress after eat-ing, and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowela.

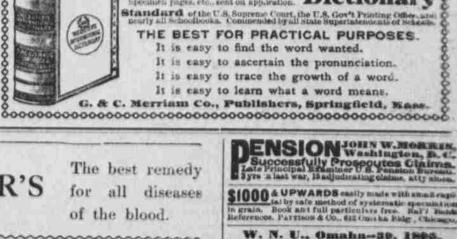
Webster's International Poole, the tailor, was an accommodating gentleman, and was often in-Successor of the "Unabridged," Dictionary vited to the houses of "the great." When staying with a certain nobleman, he was asked one morning by his host what he thought of the party who had assembled the night before. "Why, It is easy to find the word wanted. very pleasant indeed. your grace, but perhaps a little mixed." "Hang it all, It is easy to ascertain the pronunciation. "Hang it all, Poole." responded the jovial peer, "I couldn't have all tailors." It is easy to trace the growth of a word. It is easy to learn what a word means. The man is very poor who can put his riches in an iron safe. The best remedy DR. J. C. AYER'S for all diseases The Only of the blood. W. N. U., Omaha-39, 1895.

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ing them. Yesterday he examined me and sat down to write something. kept talking. Suddenly he looked up and said: 'How has your system been? Hold out your tongue.' I put out that member and he began to write. He wrote and I held out my tongue, and when he got through he said: 'That will do.' 'But,' said I, 'you haven't looked at it.' 'No,' said he, 'I didn't eare to I only wanted to keep it still while I wrote the prescription.