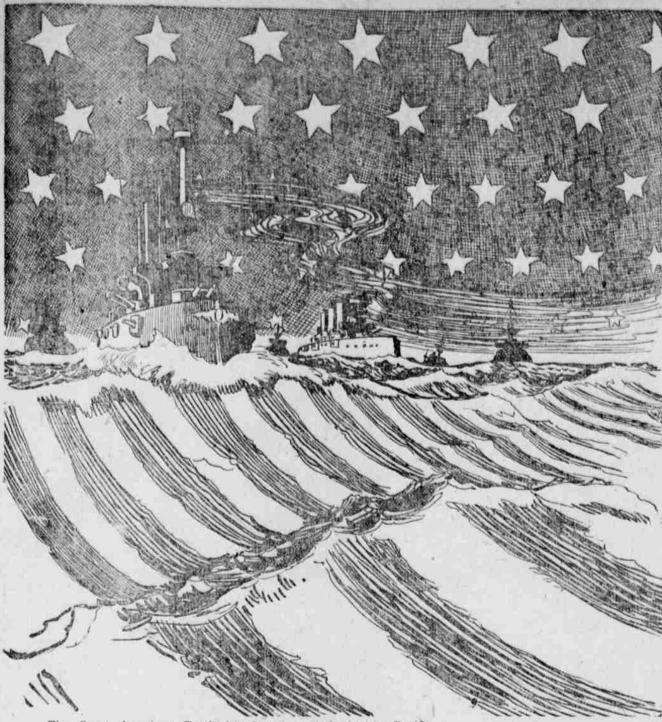
"OH. SAY! CAN YOU SEE !"



The Great American Battleship Squadron Sails for the Pacific.

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THE HOMESTEAD.

Girt all about with fence of white The low-roofed cottage stands; There, stretching far, are banks of green, And you are failow lands.

Skyward at eve the swift bird wings Along its meted way; There, stars of love look down by night, A sun of hype hy days.

Unchanged the wild and singing woods; The glad brook dames still; And echoes as of yore ring out The music of the hill.

d where we played the violet grows; he tront lenges in the stream; just as fair as long ago you in my dream. . .

in earth, and sky, and breeze, All days are true: maiden, naught has changed. away, but you!

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mony grows distinctly less, to say nothing of the decrease in her chances on account of the increase in her age Have you been advised of this?" He pointed his inexorable finger at her and cried:

every day a woman's chance of matri-

SNAKES AT \$20 A FOOT.

Big Ones Consequently Come High-

Some Snakes Sold by the Pound.

mals and reptiles, "increase in value

out of all proportion to their size. So

one of twice that length for twice that

- test in length would cost \$500.

"Some sorts of smaller snakes are

"But blg snakes are not sold in that

way by dealers, nor are they sold by

the foot, though, of course, the length

governs the snake's value. But of two

"Snakes," said a dealer in wild anl-

while you could buy a seven-foot py-"And you, madam! What right have thon for \$12, you couldn't begin to buy you to suppose that you are an excepion to the rule?" price. A fourteen-foot python would be - th \$150.) And a python twenty-She tried to pass it off with a laugh, but nevertheless she batter her eyes in

a thoughtful manner. ,"Do you regard an honorable proposal of marriage as an everyday ocregularly sold by the pound, and we sometimes buy big snakes in that way currence?" he declaimed. "Do you know that there are thousands of old of sailors that bring them in on ships coming from snake countries. We maids in this broad land today, lonely weigh the big snake in a bag and pay and in despair, each of whom would so much a pound for it.

give ten years of her life to recall her light refusal of the first and only proposal she ever received?" He folded his hands behind him and caned forward impressively.

"And you!" he solemnly exclaimed. snakes of the same length one might Could you make oath that you will be worth more money than the other. ever receive another proposal of mar- For snakes vary in their physical char-

GIFTS TO HARVARD'SHERBARIUM

Bequest of \$180,000 Provides Ample Sum for Its Needs.

Miss Mary Dandridge Peck of Sterling has presented to the mineralogical auseum a collection of minerals made by her grandfather. The gift contains about 600 specimens, some of which are of considerable value, and all of which will be useful in adding to the resources of the mineralogical museum, says the Boston Transcript. Miss Peck's grandfather, who started this collection, was Prof. Willian Dandridge Peck of the class of 1782, who held from 1805 to 1822 the position of "first Massachu setts professor of natural history" in Hervard. Her father, Dr. William D. Peck, was also a graduate of Harvard, receiving the degree of A. B. in 1833 and M. D. in 1836. For this reason Miss Peck thought it appropriate that the collection should come to Harvard. From Miss Marla Whitney of Cambridge the university has recently received a gift of \$5,000, the Income of which is to be used for the maintenance of the Whitney library in the museum of geology,

Announcement has also just been made of the gift in June, 1907, of \$50,-000 by the will of Mrs. Sarah E. Potter of Boston, for some years a member of the committee to visit the Gray herbartum. The bequest is to be used in connection with the Gray herbarium. and is to be called the Sarah E. Potter endowment fund. As one of the number of residuary legatees, the university has since received from the executors, James R. Dunbar and George R. White, who is also a member of the visiting committee of the herbarium, an additional gift of about \$130,000, consisting of cash and securities.

The total amount of the gift, therefore, is about \$180,000, a sum ample to provide for the needs of the herbarium in its present condition. For many years the herbarium has been in large measure dependent on the gifts of friends for the payment of its current. expenses. While this support, ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,000 annually, has always been generously contributed, there has been great need of a permanent fund, yielding a more definite and assured income, which would enable it to develop in a manner appropriate to its scientific usefulness.

PASSING OF A SLANG WORD.

Once the Sign "Rubber" Provoked a Laugh, but Not Now.

"Curious how ready we Americans are to adopt slang words," said the man who had finished reading a paper to a New York Sun writer. "And we drop them quite as suddenly after they have penetrated into remote sections of the country and seemingly become a part of our daily speech.

"I was reminded of this while coming through the train from Boston this morning. For a number of years I have traveled back and forth at regular intervals between New York and Boston and have become more or less familiar with the country along the route.

"At one point the train passes close by a large rubber manufacturing plant. Abutting on the railroad is a long stretch of neatly kept grounds and in the center, in full view of passing trains, is erected a sign bearing the



OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

2000

AMAZING FIGURES ON DIVORCE.

PROXIMATELY one million divorces were

granted in the United States between 1887

and 1903, and half a million more couples

have got as far as the divorce courts with

their marital unhappiness. This information

is supplied by the Census Bureau. These

figures should cause good citizens to think. The marriage institution is rapidly losing its sacredness. The stigma that used to attach to persons breaking their marriage bonds no longer exists. Many people marry now with a feeling that the relation is only provisional If it does not prove satisfactory, they will break it. Wedlock, which used to be regarded as a solemn thing, is now entered lightly and treated with indifference. If the husband is a "good provider" and the wife meets no man she likes better, if the wife continues agreeable and pretty, marriage is persisted in. If not, then the chain is broken and husband and wife seek new affinities.

The rapid growth of this manner of looking upon marriage is a serious matter for the country. Whatever the cause, whether it be decay of religious belief, God being no longer considered a party to the contract, or something else, marriage by many people is no longer regarded as possessing a sanctity. But if this view should become general, what will become of our civilization, based, as it is, upon the family? Here is matter of sufficient importance to engage the best thought of every man who wants to see his country preserved from danger. Our whole structure of life rests upon the home, and if the home is destroyed the structure falls. What can be done to discourage divorce and make marriage once more a serious fact of existence?-Indianapolis Sun,

PANICS.

ANICS in the financial world differ one from another in incident and in their immediate cause; but the fundamental, underlying cause is always the same-overlavestment. The fact can best be made clear by sketching the circumstances which invariably precede a panic. After a period of hard times

there is a gradual recovery. Business improves, labor is well employed, and commerce becomes more active. Deposits accumulate in the banks, and money for mercantile purposes can be borrowed at low rates of interest. For a time business is conducted cautiously and conservatively. Not many large new enterprises are launched. As prosperity is established, and as the wealth of the community increases, there is an extension of business, and the success which attends the movement justifies it. But gradually confidence in the future leads to rashness. Those who have been conservative risk more than they have been accustomed to venture. This is the time when large fortunes-sometimes only fortunes "on paper"-are made quickly. New men appear in the markets with small capital, but with great boldness. They speculate on a large scale, promote magnificent schemes, and carry them through by means of extensive loans, and by the attraction of apparent success draw a multitude of small Investors into their enterprises.

It is only when this process of extension has goue to the point of exhausting the borrowing power that the



risis comes; and the borrowing power is exhausted-as a matter of course-when the available capital in the banks has all been tent. Then some enterprises-one of more-which must have more money in order to continue in operation find themselves unable to borrow; or it is discovered that the market for some important commodity is demoralized; or in some other way a weakness is developed, the weakness extends from one point to another, and shortly there is a panic,

Those who study the course of events which led to the serious financial trouble in New York last month will disagree as to the immediate cause. Some will hold that it came from political agitation, some will attribute it to overcapitalization of certain large enterprises, others to a lack of loanable funds in the banks, and still others to other causes. But in the last analysis it all comes to the same thing-overconfidence in the future and investment beyond the actual means of the investors .-- Youth's --Companica.

FATHER OF STEAMBOATING.



HE Scientific American has always held beat. if some individual must be chosen from among the many who are associated in the development of any great invention, whose name it is to bear in the years to come, the choice should fall upon the man who gathers together the unrelated and more or less

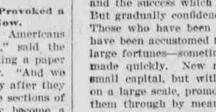
fragmentary work of his predecessors, stamps it with his own inventive originality and gives it to the world in practical working form. It is upon these principles of selection that Bessemer is known as the father of the modern steel industry ; Edison, of the electric light ; Westinghouse, of the air brake; Marconi, of wireless telegraphy: Sprague, of the trolley car, and Parsons, of the steam turbine.

With equal impartiality, prosperity has agreed to name Fulton as the father of modern steamboat navigation. In doing so, there has been no intentional slighting of the work of earlier inventors; of William Henry, who in 1763 was at work on the problem, and actually built a steamboat propelled with paddle wheels; of Fitch and Rumsey, who did excellent work in the last years of the eighteenth century, and last, and by no means least, of Stevens. Indeed, if there is any one inventor in Ameriea who, on the strength of his practical achievements, presses Fulton rather closely for the claim to be cousidered the father of steam navigation, it is Stevens, who in 1804 ran a steam yawl from the Battery to Hoboken, and three years later ran the Phoenix to New Brunswick, and in less than a year after the trip of the Clermont to Albany and back, sent the same Phoenix to Philadelphia by sea, thus securing the credit for inaugurating deep-sea navigation. However, the consensus of opinion on the part of those who have made careful investigation of the historical facts accords to Robert Fulton the distinction of placing on a regular route, running on schedule, the first practical passenger steamship, The Clermont was no mere inventor's model. It was a staunchly-built craft, designed for a special purpose, and at its first venture it achieved what, considering all the conditions, must be forever regarded as a brilliant success .- Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

PASSED LIFE AS A HERMIT.

Took to the Woods When He Was Disappointed in Love.

One of the strangest characters even known in South Dakota has just died in the squalid little hut near Rattlesnake Butte, west of the Missouri river, in which he lived alone and friendless for nearly forty years, says the New York Herald. In the early James Jimson same to the wild Dakota territory as a trader among the Sloux tribes of Indians. He was always friendly to the red men and made friends as well as money. It is said that he fell in love with one of the beautiful young Sloux girls, but as the laws of the tribe forbid any intermarriage with the whites, his love was in vain. So, choosing a locality away from his old scenes of activity, Jimson: lived alone, depending on a small flock of sheep and several cows for a liv-"A little hasty, I don't deny," said ing. This was forty years ago. The old man's hair was as white as snow when he was found dead in the little but by a cowboy, and his clothes were in tatters. It is said that he possessed a considerable amount of money, which, it is believed, he has buried or secreted somewhere on the rough butte. Among some papers found in a little cabinet in the rock were letters daged 1876, which led the discoverer of the man's body to believe he had friends somewhere in Franklin County, Ohio. The land he has lived on for so long is valuable, as it is near the present survey of the Milwaukee Railroad's mentioned, but you are not one of these coast extension. obstinate, set, mulish persons who never He was probably the oldest continuchange their minds. Do you know ous inhabitant of the western part of Johnny, that I have a hunch that you South Dakota.



Persuasive Statistics ______

"John," she said, "I will be a sis

ter to you, but -----"So it's a throwdown, eh?" asked the young man with the resebud in his but-

tonhole. "Yes," she admitted, frowning, "I

you want to talk about it that way, I suppose it is." "All right," he said, "don't get warm

Walt a bit."

He arose to his feet and consulted a slip of paper which he took from his



"HAVE YOU BEEN ADVISED OF TIMS?"

pocket. Immediately thereafter h threw his shoulders back, shot his cuffs and made a comprehensive genture.

"Madam," said he, "are you aware that according to the last government census there was, in the state of New York, an excess of 65,000 females? Do you know that if every single male was married tomorrow there would be 65,000 females left over? Were you nware of this?"

She tapped her little foot upon the carpet, but answered him not.

"And you, madam!" he cried, wig gling his index fluger at her, "what guarantee have you that you would not be one of the 65,000 ?"

She saiffed the air, but that was all "Madam," he . continued, "are you aware that when a woman has reached

the age of 25 her chances of matrimony grow less and less each year until they disappear altogether? Did you know this?"

He pointed his finger at her again. "And you, madam ?' he cried, "What ground have you for supposing that your chances are better than those of the girl next door or the girl across the street?"

"Twenty-five, eh?" she asked. "Yes, 25," he said, eyeing her sternly.

"Twenty-five, ch?" she sniffed. With an impatient movement he returned to his oratorical manner,

"Do you know," said he, "that on ne count of the unprecedented rise in rents, food and clothing the number of

marriages is falling off dally? That temptation to yield to.

He straightened himself with an and their prices vary accordingly, ibrupt motion and shot his cuffs again, "Do you know," he demanded, "that there are more than 1,000,000 old maids might weigh fifty pounds more than in these United States and that the the other. And then of two big snakes number is increasing every day? Ah, of the same length one might be thin

think of them! Think of them with and spare of body, while the other was thicker and bulkier, and as between pity !" these two, other things being equal, the He leaned forward again impressive ly, almost tenderly. bulkier snake would be worth the more,

"What girl knows," he whispered, because it would make the more strik-"but that she will be one of these miling and imposing show.

lons? Do you?" "Thus, while the length does gov-Was it a tear that glistened in her ern, it is not the only thing to be taken

into account, and so blg snakes are "Do you know," he continued with a sold neither by the pound nor by the foot, but at prices fixed on each indigentle mournfulness, "that the number of old women's homes is increasing in vidual snake. geometrical progression? That every "Big snakes and little ones are sold day, every hour, lonely spinsters are to zoological parks and to show people

obliged to seek the refuge offered by all over the country. For the very these fast growing institutions?" largest snakes the demand is greater He sat down beside her. than the supply." "Mary," he whispered, "are you Camels Dwelt in Oregon. aware that the average adult male's That the whole of interior Oregon income is less than \$9 a week-that 1 was once the bed of the Pacific Ocean

am getting \$40. Don't cry, little girl! has been proved beyond question, says It's all right. I-I'll have you." Sunset, by the Investigations of Prof. And when mother, wondering at the Thomas Condon, Dr. Diller and other slience, looked in a few minutes later. noted geologists. That the region was he was measuring her for the ring in a later a tropical country has been equallordly sort of way .- Evening Sun.

A GAME IN EARNEST.

Courageous Acting Which Averted a Panie at Sea.

tropics, have been made, and it is no Captain John Theaker of the Earl of longer an occasion for surprise when Eldon was homeward bound from Bomwell diggers or irrigation excavators bay with a load of cotton. A large unearth the fossil remains of a causel number of passengers were on board. or a broad-faced ox. Within recent About three days out the captain had years many fossil beds of beautiful cood reason to believe that the cutton palm leaves have been found in eastern was smoldering. Any knowledge of Oregon. such a catastrophe would cause a gen-The Cascade hills, Blue mountains eral panic. It was impossible to put and Owyhees, once islands surrounded back in the testh of a portheast monby tropical lakes, were covered with

con, so the commander quietly prepared for the inevitable. The passengers, bored from lack scupation, were assured and interested when Captain Theaker proposed to play at having a fire on board. He said that they would go through all maneuvers just as if a conflagration were taking

the "joke" was carried out to the full.

than an hour the explosion occurred.

the Middle Temple."

fertile soil, and when properly watered producing enormous crops of vegetables, The passengers fell in with the sugfruits and grains common to temperate gestion eagerly. The boats were got zones. The climate has been changed, ready; provisions were put in, with says Prof. Condon, by the upfolding of water, sails and compasses. The seats the Cascade range, shutting off from in the various boats were allotted, and the interior the softening influence of the passengers made up bundles of the the Japan current and the drift of valuables they considered the most ocean fogs and clouds, precious. Thus quietly, but quickly,

y well established.

there.

Numerous discoveries of the bones of

these animals, and rocks containing the

perfect imprint of the plants of the

inxuriant growth, forests and flowering

shrubs, for Knowlton tells us the mag-

tolla and cinnamon and fig trees were

To-day the soil presents a finely

ground mixture of basalt and volcanic

ash, containing the elements of most

When all was ready the captain "That man Jawkins is the most eneraimly told the players that the game retic playwright I ever knew." was in carnest and that the ship was "What is he up to now?" really on fire, with the flames making "He is just finishing the third act of a lurid melodrama in which a live voltoward the powder magazine. The cano will be the star."-Cleveland Plain boats were speedily got off, and in less

The boats were 1,000 miles from Among the Humans. land, but the weather remained fair, "What do you think of that scientist and in fourteen days every soul was who went to Africa to study monkey landed in safety .- "The Still Life of chatter?"

"Foolish waste of time. You can Some men go about looking for hear plenty of that here at home."-Detroit Free resPs.

acteristics just as human beings do. single word, 'Rubber,' "A few years ago every time we

would pass that sign there would be a "Of two big snakes of the same mild commotion in the car. Some would length and the same thickness one turn on their fellow passengers exmansive grins, as though they had just accomplished a huge loke. Others would be convulsed with suppressed laughter, and once as we passed the place a man behind me poked a long bony finger into the small of my back

> and then chuckled gleefully. "I was thinking of this as we appronched that town this morning, and took pains to note what effect the sign would have. Most of the passengers were looking out of the windows and saw the sign.

"There was no indication, however, that it received more than a passing glance, and I doubt if any of the passengers thought of the vogue this word. in its slang sense, had several years ago.

"Strange, isn't it? They all have their day and then oblivion. I am waiting patiently as possible for the same fate to overtake the 'lemon' joke."

WARMED WITHOUT FIRE.

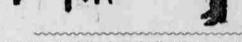
Electric Heating Rugs Are the Latest Innovation.

Electric heating rugs are the newest innovation calculated to make the house owner and home maker smile with gladness and relief. In the Technical World Magazine an article by F. C. Perkins describes this new addition to domestic comfort and economy. Imagine rugs, carpets and comforters so heated by electricity as to warm the rooms in which they are used, and then imagine the effect of such an innovation in your own home-on your own housekeeping. Think of a dustless, odorless, noiseless heating system in your own home, which preserves an even temperature, makes no trouble, requires practically no care and which not only banishes stoves, radiators, reg-Isters and all such cumbrous, unsightly things, but hides the very presence of its own mediums of radiation in the heart of some beautifully decorative fabric. It seems like the perfection of devices for satisfactory heating.

"The advantages of this new sy tem," says the author, "are many. It can be used wherever Incandescent lights are in use. There is no smoke no combustion, no gaseous by products are thrown off; it creates neither dust nor odor; requires neither fuel, reservoir or special apparatus. It does not consume oxygen from the air and, spread out flat on the floor, one of the thermopile rugs, for instance, furnish es a mild, steady and permanent source of heat, evenly distributed over a very large surface. The feet of persons or cupying a room heated in this we will always be warm and their heads cool." Ideal combination !

Refrained.

Mamma-And what did you say when Mr. Titewood gave you a penny? Tommy-I was as polite as I could be and didn't say nothin' .-- Cleveland Leader.



The bill clerk came out of the inner [tell you in so many words that you office with a very red face, and, climb- have grieved him. He may even smile ing upon his stool, proceeded to figure and try to turn it aside as a joke, but on a scratch block, consulting from he won't take it, just the same. I'm time to time some papers which he had giad you restrained yourself, for I am brought with him. sure you would have regretted it if you

The cashier walted until he had fin- had not. He is really a most estimable ished and placed the papers in a file, man." and then he asked : "Was he right in "I'm glad you think so," said the bill

a sort of way, Johnny?" clerk. The bill clerk scowled at his interrogator with an intensity which should the cashier, "but estimable, neverthehave forbidden further speech, but the less. That is why I shall be sorry to cashier was unabashed.

hear that you told him you intended "I wouldn't take it so to heart, John- to quit working for him. He may have ny," he said. "Anybody might happen said a few things in the heat of to be right once in a while. You are, the moment, *but nothing that would yourself, though I grant that you would justify you in making a threat like not be so brutal about it. I don't be- that, I think. You know-I'm sure you Heve you would call a man into your know-he would worry himself sick room and give him such an everlasting over the awful possibility of a separaroasting over a trifling error that in- tion. On that account I feel sure you yolved only a few paltry hundreds of didn't do more than hint obscurely at follars at the most. I agree with you such a punishment. I know when the hat it would have been sufficient to office boy was getting his the other day point out the error without making you expressed your determination to coarse remarks about the mental ca- call down the boss in the terms I have

pacity of the man who made it." "Who told wou that I got a reasting?"

"Nobody," replied the cashier. "It was simply a case of deduction. I was took your medicine like a little man called in this morning myself in referand said that you would be more careence to the matter, and the boss wanted ful in future. Am I right?" to know what kind of an idiot asylum. he had endowed, anyway, and who was derk.-Chicago Daily News. the particular lumate responsible for

this piece of criminal carelessuess. I told him that you had perpetrated it, but that you were not really responsible. I might have argued that the term 'criminal carelessness' was talsapplied. but his manner did not extend a cordial invitation to indulge in argument. So I inferred that his language to you might have been intemperate."

"If you think I'll take that kind of talk from him, or anybody else, you're mistaken," said the bill clerk, gruffly. "Ah, then you reproved him?" said a grand figure in all Christendom, A the eashier, approvingly, "I'm glad of large man, decorous in dress, dignified it. If anyone called me a blundering in deportment, he walked as if he felt

chump and an unmitigated jackass and bimself a king. The coal heavers and told me that I would be kicked from porters of London looked on him as one the top of the stalrway clear down to of the great forces of the globe. They the main floor upon any repetition of recognized a native king. In the Sen my offense, I think I should reprove ate of the United States he looked an him. But I hope you weren't too see emperor in that council. Even the mavere with him, Johnny. He is really a jestic Calhoun seemed common comsensitive man when you get underneath | pared with him. Clay looked vnigan a certain brusqueness of manner, and and Van Buren but a fox. What a it would be easy to hurt his feelings mouth he had!' It was a lion's mouth without actually intending to do so, yet there was a sweet grandeur in the Did you tell him to go to the dick- amile and a weman's softness when he would. What a brow it was! What ens?"

"No, I didn't," replied the bill clerk, eyes-like charcoal fires in the bottom sullenly.

rugged with volcanic fires-great pas- bath." "I'm glad you didn't," said the cashler. "If you had, I think he would sions and great thoughts, "The front have been seriously wounded. You of Jove himself ; au eye like Mars, to didn't call him a 'fat slob' and threaten threaten and command."

to 'knock his block off if he gave you A man imagines he is misunderany of his lip?' I trust not. You know when a man is inclined to corpu- stood; that he is too deep to fathom, lence he doesn't take any allustions to though every one sees clear through his affliction in good part. He may not him.

Mujeatle Webster.

preached soon after Webster's death:

Switzerland's Public Schools.

The public schools of Switzerland "You go to thunder!" said the bill are among the best in the world, and those of Basel are the finest in the republic. Every schoolhouse built in that city in the past ten years has been Theodore Parker gave the following equipped with baths, and school bathgraphic description of Daniel Webster ing is general, as it now is in Germany. in the famous three hour sermon The shower-baths of the Basel schools are so arranged as to give absolute He was a man of large mold, a great privacy for every girl. Other features body and a great brain. He seemed of Swiss schools are free dental, eye made to last a hundred years. Since and ear treatment for all pupils. Re-Socrates there has seldom been a head productions of art masterpleces are used so mussively large save the stormy feanot only as decorations, but to furnish tures of Michael Angelo. Since Charlethemes for compositions and for nature magne I think there has not been such study. The only school punishment in Basel is exclusion from the picture room for a given period.

She Postponed Her Visit.

When the lady from next door called o complain of Tommy for the persecution of her pet cat she found the youthful offender sitting on the front steps. "I want to see your father!" she exclaimed.

"You can't see pa now," the boy replied.

"I shall see him instantly," the lady insisted, advancing.

"All right," the little fellow agreed, opening the front door and slipping out of arm's length. "Walk right upstairs, of a deep, dark well! His face was Yon'll find pa in the bathroom takin' a

Horrible.

"Have you a smoke nuisance in your

front gallery! The young man who is calling on my daughter is a cigarette smoker."-Houston Post.

town?" "In our town? It is usually on our

Up to Date.

Denler.