

Professor-What was Nero's great crime. Bright Pupil-He played the fiddle .- - Chicago Dally News.

"He is an expert penman." "He must be. He can write with postoffice pens and ink."-New York Globe. The One-But if you have the money

why don't you pay your debts? The Other-Because if I dld that I wouldn't have the money.

Frank - Were you actually surprised, as you said, when I proposed? May-Yes, indeed; I really had all but given you up!-Vogue.

"Those false teeth Dr. Pulliam put in for you look very natural." "They feel that way. They ache just like the ones he pulled out."-Philadelphia

Mr. Flatwell-Look here! You must have made a mistake. I haven't ordered a gas stove.. Delivery Man-'Tain't a gas stove. It's your wife's new hat.

"Didn't you telephone us that your wife was ready to go with us when we started?" "Yes, but she's upstairs now changing her mind." - Baltimore "That fellow Smithers is a clever

chap. He can write with either "Is that so? How on earth does he manage to do it?" "On a typewriter."-Success. Joan-I'm awful frightened at the

lightnin'. I wish there was a man here. Mistress-What good would that do? Joan-He'd tell me not to be such a fool.-Punch. Her Husband-Well, it takes two to

make a quarrel, so I'll shut up. His Wife-That's just like a contemptible man! You'll sit there and think mean things.-Chicago News. Teacher-What do you understand

by the word "self-denial?" Pupil-It is when some one comes to borrow money from father and he says he is not at home.-Fliegende Blatter.

The Client-How much will your opinion be worth in this case? The Lawyer-I'm too modest to say. But I can tell you what I'm going to charge you for it.-Cleveland Leader.

Mrs. Gossip-They do say that her husband has acquired locomotor ataxia. Mrs. Parvenue-I don't think much of those cheap cars; my husband has an Imported one.-Smart Set.

Wigwag-Bjones says that when he is at your house he acts just like one of the family. Henpeckke-Yes, he seems to be just as much afraid of my mother-in-law as I am-Philadelphia

Haversup More-Weary Walker's leep anywhere 'cept on a flower bed.-Puck.

Minister-I made seven hearts happy to-day, Parishloner-How was that? Minister - Married three State committee. Senator-elect couples. Parishloner - That only makes six. Minister-Well, you don't ty, Georgia. He is a graduate of Vanthink I did it for nothing?

Stage Manager-Remember, Bangs, we are depending on your baby to cry lustily in the third scene. Do you think he'll do his part? Actor Father -He ought to, sir. He's been rehearsing night and day.-Boston Tran-

"Isn't a lawsuit over a patent right about the dullest thing you ever saw?" "Not always. I attended a trial of that kind once that was too funny for anything. A tall lawyer named Short was reading a 6,000 word document he called a brief."

"Pardon me," said the Romford lady "The farmer I purchased those eggs world." from won't allow his hens to lay them any other way."

Jokely-I had a close call last night, I tell you. Pokely-Is that so? Got in the road of an automobile, ch? Youngers at their flat, and two other callers squeezed in shortly afterward. -Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Inquiring Son-Papa, what is reason? Fond Parent-Reason, my boy, is that which enables a man to determine what is right. "And what is instinct?" "Instinct is that which tells a woman she is right, whether she is or not."-London Spare Moments.

"What will we do when the trees are destroyed?" asked the forestry expert. "I suppose," answered the serenely solemn statesman after some thought, "that in such an event we will be obliged to depend for wood entirely on the

lumber yards."-Washington Star. Biggs-I had no idea old Graspit was a philanthropist until I saw him circulating a petition yesterday for the purpose of raising money to enable a poor widow to pay her rent. Diggs-Oh, Graspit's all right. He owns the house the poor widow lives in.-Chicago News.

"You've been courting me now for a number of years, Harold," remarked Mildred to the young man, "and I want to make a little proposal," "I-I am not in a position to marry just yet," stammered Harold; but-Who said anything about marriage?" interrupted the girl. "I was going to propose that you stop coming here and give somebody else a chance."-London Spare Moments.

Warning.

Mr. Monk-1 see by the Jungle News that it's a scientific expedition, and that Teddy is only after specimens.

Mrs. Monk-Then look out for your self, for everybody says you're the worst specimen of a husband in the

squarely at each other when they cluded armaments. Writing off \$4, speak, and refer to each other as "he" 000,000 of the \$9,000,000 which a or "she," there is trouble in the air.

A well digger says there's always room at the hottom

FACTS IN TABLOID FORM.

Five Australian States are destrous borrowing on an extensive scale for rallway construction and other public works, the total amount destred being \$60,000,000.

Mrs. Julian Heath presided at the meeting which was held recently in New York for the purpose of urging the creation of a Federal bureau to instruct mothers in the care of their homes and families.

It is persistently reported that Mexico is about to remove the duty on wheat. On Nov. 26, 1908, It was reduced for the period Dec. 15, 1908, to April 30, 1909, inclusive, from 3 pesos to 1 peso (49.8 cents a hundred kilos gross (220 pounds).

Australia has turned her pest into a profitable industry. During the last five years 14,423,000 frozen rabbits have been exported from Victoria, principally to England; also 98,242,-000 skins, while 5,000,000 skins went into local consumption, making a total of 103,242,000 skins.

The provincial legislature of New Brunswick seems to think well of giving the right to vote to women. It has passed a resolution preliminary to the introduction of a bill giving the privileges of the provincial franchise to all women entitled to vote in civic elections. This bill is expected

At the end of 1908 there were 41,-727 motor vehicles in use in Germany, including 20,928 motorcycles. In the year there was an increase of 5,705 in motor cars. Accidents numbered 5,069 (increase, 225) with 2,630 persons injured and 141 killed. Allowing for the increase in cars, there was a decrease in the proportion of accidents.

When asked whether Napoleon shaved himself Talleyrand replied: "Yes. One born to be a King has some one to shave him; but they who acquire kingdoms shave themselves." Dionysius, the tyrant of Syracuse, not daring to commit himself to a barber's hands, is said to have singed his own beard with glowing walnut shells.

Nowhere in the world are the outward, visible evidences of wealth more impressive than in New York. The estimated value of the real estate in Gotham is about two and a quarter times greater than all the money in circulation in the United States. The personal property listed for taxation in New York is valued at a sum equal to about one-tenth of all the money in circulation in this country. -Bank Notes

Duncan Upshaw Fletcher, who has been elected United States Senator from Florida, has been considered Senator-elect since the primaries of last June, when he was nominated by the Democratic party. He is a lawyer, fifty years old, and has served in too much of a 'ristocrat fer de busi- the Jacksonville City Council, the ness. Maney Stepes-What's he doin' State Legislature and as chairman of now? Haversup More-Got so he the Board of Public Instruction of Duval County. In 1893, and again in 1901, he was elected mayor of Jacksonville for two years. Since 1904 he has been chairman of the Democratic Fletcher is a native of Sumter Counderbilt University.

Bishop James A. McFaul, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Trenton, is another prelate who does not think very highly of woman suffrage. In discussing this interesting topic recently the bishop said: "Most women to-day are opposed to departing from their own domestic sphere and usurping the place occupied by men, and men, as a rule, have so much regard and affection for their mothers, sisters and wives that they detest anything tending to bring women into the rough struggle with men. After all has been said in favor of woman suffon a marketing expedition, "but are rage and against it, every true man these eggs fresh laid?" "Absolutely, and woman realizes that the hand madam," replied the grocer, promptly, that rocks the cradle rules the

Prof. George A. Coe, of Northwestern University, who has been elected professor of practical theology in Union Theological Seminary, New York, Jokeley-No, I was calling on the has held the John Evans chair of philasophy in the Evanston institution since 1893. He was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1884 and from Boston University in 1887. From 1888 to 1890 he was a professor in the University of Southern Callfornia, and from 1890 to 1891 he studied at the University of Berlin, Professor Coe was born in Monroe County, New York, in 1862. He has written several books on religious subjects and has been a frequent contributor to philosophical and theological

magazines. Under the headline "Saved! Saved from the American Treasure Hunter!" the Gossler Zeitung says: "The beautiful silver tankard which has been one of the show pieces of the city hall for many years and to see which visitors always went to 'Huldigungszimmer, has been sold for 750, 000 marks to the Emperor Frederick Museum of Berlin. This masterpiece of the old German silversmiths' art would never have been sold but for the fact that it would now be placed beyond the reach of grasping relic hunters and where more people may see and appreciate it. The first year's interest on the sum realized will be esed to avert an increase in the tax ...te of our town."

The \$10,000,000 or so which the Dreadnought as the fastest type of battleship now costs would in Admiral elson's day have sufficed for the wilding of a whole fleet of men-of-

war. For then a 100-gun ship-which was the first-rater of the period-cost \$338,000 and second-raters (ninetyeight-gun and ninety-gun ships) 5285. 000, while \$60,000 was sufficient for the construction of a twenty-eight-gun boat. These sums included building When married people do not look coppering, masts and rigging, but ex-Dreadnought costs as the bill for guns, it still remains that fifteen vessels of the type of Nelson's Victory cost no more than one Dreadnought.

PAPERS BY PEOPLE

THE DANGER OF COEDUCATION.

By William Lee Howard, M. D. We have reached that point in human knowledge, or, in other words, we are getting back to common sense, where even the inexperienced must acknowledge that a change is needed in our educational method of mixing the adolescents of both sexes in the high schools. We are now fully awake to the great mental and psychologic variations at this age due to the differentiation of the sexes. The past hypocritical denials of the great psychologic and physiologic changes and moods which are constantly surging in the adolescents have done much harm. This injury to growing boys and girls in trying to educate them together is well known to physicians and psychologists. Many doctors have tried to carefully explain these important matters to parents and teachers, but so wrongly impressed have been these parents and teachers of the past that many physicians have given up in disgust, and some of them have lost patients by attempting to tell the truth.

This fog which has enveloped parents and teachers must be blown away and the true educational course of our daughters and sons clearly shown. Ideas are changing; truths are forcing themselves to the surface, and in the younger generation of parents and teachers I find eagerness to have the doctors tell of the false method this country has followed in mixing the adolescents in classes at the public high schools. Older and wiser countries know better.-The Housekeeper.

THE MIGRATION INTO CANADA.

By Agnes C. Laut.

If half a million American settlers should suddenly pull up roots and migrate in a body to some foreign land the event would be heralded as one of the most enic movements of the century. Yet this is virtually what happened, with little notice and less comment, in the last six years.

In less than six years 388,000 American farmers have pulled up stakes in their native States and moved from Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Arkansas and Oregon across the invisible line of the international boundary to free home steads in the Canadian Northwest. Moreover, 100,000 Americans have gone North as investors, speculators, miners, lumbermen.

A railroad traffic manager and a customs officer both told me the same thing; very few of the American homesteaders came in with less than \$1,000 cash; many came in with capital ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. The capital brought in by the investing classes varies from the \$10,000,000 placed by the Morgan banking

house in the Canadian Northern Railway to the \$200,-000 and \$300,000 capital placed in actual cash by the land and lumber and fish companies.

Average the American newcomer's capital at \$2,000, and the American invasion of Canada in the last six years represents in hard cash an investment of a billion dollars. From what I saw in a leisurely four months' tour of Canada-first by canoe, 1,500 miles among the settlers of the frontier beyond the railroad, then by rail twice across the continent-I have no hesitation in saying that a billion-dollar average is too small by half .- The Century.

WEATHER TRUST LATEST CHARGE.

By Emerson Hough. Our weather bureau is a trust. One by one, it has absorbed the State services and the hydrographic office reports, until to-day it is one of the most beautifully bureaucratic bureaus known in this land of the free. It is a trust; but, contrary to the practice of our most benevolent trusts, it does not hand us out a better article for less money. It hands us out the same article for more money. If we could prove even this much, we should have a story worth the writing; and we can prove not only this, but very much more

By way of indictment of our Delphic oracle at Washington, we may make the following specific and definite charges:

1. That it is unduly expensive. That it does not progress.

That it is excessively explanatory and excessively self-defensive.

4. That its service is general and not specific, whereas specific service is the only sort which can possibly be of value to the average indivi. .al man,

5. That it is evasive and intentionally ambiguous 6. That it offers no well-founded hope of improve-

ment in local forecasting. As to the expense of this service, we paid last year more than \$1,600,000 for it; more than any other nation in the world has ever thought of expending. Yet our bureau does not serve a greater population nor a wider range of interests and industries than are served in other civilized countries. Our institution is like other things American: It is bigger and costs more than anything of its kind in the world; also, like other things American, it is cursed with politics.

Most things American, however, are progressive. The serious and humiliating truth is that our weather bureau does not progress. Twenty years of costly experiment by the weather bureau have failed to develop one decided improvement in weather prediction. Yet in thirty-eight years the cost of the service has risen from \$15,000 to \$1,662,260 a year.—Everybody's Magazine.

AFTER THE SINGER IS DEAD.

Bright is the ring of words When the right man rings them. Fair is the fall of songs

When the singer sings them, Still they are caroled and said-On wings they are carried-After the singer is dead And the maker buried,

Low as the singer lies In the field of heather. Songs of his fashion bring The swains together. And when the west is red With the sunset embers, The lover lingers and sings, And the maid remembers. Robert Louis Stevenson.

It Was to Be

use, Aunt Louise. I'm going on the ful!" next boat. Jim has hoisted the flag and it will be here in ten minutes." "Do be careful about missing the train," cautioned Mrs. Oxley. "I shall tance. worry if you are out late; remember

your failings." The young woman pouted. "I never can go anywhere without a peck of advice, just as though I was an in-You haven't said what you wanted, Aunt Louise."

"What's the use," retorted Mrs. can of that potted chicken at Loveli's. What do you say to that, young lady?" "Hm-hm!" murmured Rosette fain?-"I'll think about it, auntle. Good-

As the boat splashed around the point Rosette looked dismally at the little red station planted upon the bare, sandy knoll like a danger signal. "It will be perfectly horrid in the city -hot and stupid-but Aunt Louise must be taught a lesson. I won't have her making any matches for me. Cassins Lanford, indeed! Well, I'll just make the best of it. I can run up to Clara's after I finish my errands. My, but there's a lot of them!" Rosette scanned the pages of her memoranda critically. "Might as well see Mme. Du Shane about that suit while I'm

here. I'll jot that down, too." It lacked an hour of luncheon time when Rosette sank exhausted on the nearest seat in madame's cool parlors. "How will I ever get through this afternoon?" she inwardly groaned. "I've a great mind to take the next train back, but then I'd be sure to see thatthat creature! And if I should stop at any of the resorts the folks would find it out. No. I'll stay until the 5:10 | boat. Rosette tossed her hat on the if I-melt."

acsette looked out of the window at the beat edge, her dimpled chin listlessly. Across the way two huge resting upon the palm of one small gray Hons sunned themselves on either | hand. side of a wide-pillared portico. "There." Rosette started with re- ber seat to the bottom of the boat with exed energy. "I'll go over to the gal- a heavy jar. There were muttered exfery right after funch and look at clamations from Capt. Duggauld as, these etchings Miss Carew was speak- suddenly arrested in its course, the ing of yearerday."

A tall, finely-built young fellow was i disabled hird gave a sidewise lurch bending interestedly over a collection, and settled helplessly upon some ob-"He must be an artist," thought Ro- struction underneath - the evident sette, covertly eyeing the strong, intel- cause of the catastrophe. lectual face. "No, he's too much of an athlete," she decided after further observation. "What a splendid physique -and such eyes! My, one would know | was lost in admiration at Rosette's sah. he was the right sort just to look at | composure. "Wy most gels would at

Suddenly the stranger looked at his tericks. Land! I wish I could get her watch and hurvied away. Rosette's in- out o' this fix some way. It don't terest began to wane, she wandered matter so much about this of critter," through the rooms absent-mindedly, and the captain carefully scrutinized When a clock struck 5 she started in the horizon. astonishment; the afternoon had act | "Halloo!" called a strong caster it is for him to grumble.

ually slipped away without her real- voice when within speaking distance. izing it.

A dull, rayless sky hung gloomily above the waters of the lake as a single passenger alighted at the little red station. The car lights feebly revealed turf, to where, in a narrow inlet, a of the afternoon, small steamer was darkly outlined terns at the sides glared like the flerce eyes of a watchful Cerberus. Rosette peered beneath the awning.

"Capt. Duggauld!" with grizzled hair and beard and the orous Water Sprite.

rolling gait of a sailor. "Will you take me across, captain?"

Rosette put the question anxiously. "Couldn't think of it, ma'am-jest one passenger. I'm lookin' for a ticklish night, but ye can't tell. Ef it was ol' Huron, now, I'd know just what to depend on; ef the signs wuz fer foul, w'y foul it 'ud be, but this 'ere's Rosette laughed softly. "It's of no the most spiteful, capreeshus teacup-

"But I must get over some way!" Rosette started as though she had serious intentions of wading the dis-

"Ef it ain't that Oxley girl! W'y, I didn't know ye! An' your ma's worryin' most likely. Well, now, seein' it's you mebbe I might make it. There's a bowl of bread an' milk waitin' for me at the tavern, but I recokn it'll be there when I get back. All aboard, lively, now!" And Capt. Dug-Pierce; "it's no more nor less than a gauld with more gallantry than grace

ROSETTE'S INTEREST REGAN TO WANE.

briskly whirled his passenger into the

seat and curled down in a little heap

A grinding shock sent Rosette from

boat with one brief fluttering like a

"Quick upon the scat!" shouted the

"Ef that aln't grit!" Capt. Duggauto

Tainted plumb dead or gone into his-

captain.

"What's the trouble?"

"Git her 'round t'other side," bawled the captain. "We're stuck on this confounded ol' stump."

Nearly drenched, Rosette was as the well-worn trail which zigzagged sisted into the fescuing boat and in a down the road and across a plot of maze found herself facing her athlete

"I had just reached the hotel when against a hedge of willows. Two lan- I heard your signal," he explained, his eyes fixed admiringly on Rosette.

"W'y, if it ain't Mr. Lanford!" exclaimed the old man with enthusiasm. "We'd probably bin playing with the fishes 'bout this time of ye hadn' chested voice from the depths of the steered up jest as ye did. Look there!" shadows, and the owner of the Water A flapping awning and a smokestack Sprite appeared—a thick-set personage | was all that was left of the once vig-

Rosette pushed back the muslin draperies of her window and bolstered her curly head upon a round, white arm. Through a breach in the darkness above a stream of light trailed across the lake and turned to silver the tossing whitecaps in its path. For one instant its rays fell upon a launch which shot across the shining track and then was lost in the darkness be-

"It was to be," murmured Rosette with conviction, as she watched a vagrant moonbeam that rested for one brief moment upon the snowy billow, and recalled Cassius Lanford's look as he bade her good-night. "Dear Aunt Louise"-the sound of steps below brought a sudden recollection-"she shall have that potted chicken to-morrow if I have to go after it myself."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

WHY HE WAS WILLING.

A warning against probing too deeply into the motives of a man is contained in his story from the New York Sun. A tale of jurymen appeared before a certain Missouri judge, and every man explained that it would mean disaster to him to serve at that term of court-all but a little fellow at the end of the line, a hunter who had lived in a cabin on the creek all his life.

asked the surprised judge. "No. sir."

needing your attention?"

"What about your crop?" "Don't raise anything." "No fence to fix up?"

to serve on a jury two weeks?" "Sure."

the elerk, who shook has head in per-

plexity. Then the judge's curiosity got the better of him. "You are the only man who has got the time to serve your country as a juryman," he said. "World you mind

telling me how it happens?" "Sure not," the little man replied, promptly. "I heard you was going to try Jake Billings this term. He shot

Hardest Part of the Job. Citizen-What'll you charge me. Un-

Uncle Rastus-About two dollaha,

Citizen-Isn't that very high? Uncle Rastus-Yes, sah, jes' fo' cahtin' away the stone, but I got ter hire

THO-RAD-X, THE NEW RADIUM.

Rays That Cost Little and Have

Fine Curative Properties. The-rad-X is a combination of rare radioactive substances, the formula of discussessessessesses which I shall later give to the profession, says Frank H. Blackman in Harper's Weekly. It is a flexible, soft, non- Oh. irritating substance, made to cover any desired area; easily sterilized by flame, alcohol, ether, boiling water or antiseptics, incapable of absorption of effete products or antiseptics or, in fact, of any material or substance Oh, honey, we've our pockets full of

Its therapeutic action is slower than Will you trip, trip, trip, will you trip it that of radium, absolutely safe, and its cost within reason. Around it we For the wind is in the sail and the thuncan associate all the physical phenomena associated with radium. The clinical evidence demonstrates its positive value in the treatment of disease.

The rad-X cannot be called a discovery. It is the natural result of work

and therapeutic experience. The therapeutic value of tho-rad-X has been established beyond question during the fourteen months in which we have been using it for the treat ment of disease. It has never failed to give reilef and in many cases it which it acts successfully are cancer, the wedding bells a-ringing.
tuberculosis of the skin. ulcers, birth And the parson has pocketed his fee. marks and nervous affections. Its rays are as effective as those of radium, although it does not act so quickly, Its moderate action keeps it from being harmfully caustic, as radium is likely to be when in the hands of un-

skilled persons. fear that I should seem to be going beyond the mark. There is no doubt at all that the-rad-X possesses every quality and all the curative virtues of radium. It will be sold to surgeons, physicians and laymen through a central agency to be established in Chicago at a cost merely sufficient to defray the expense of manufacture.

SHORT METER SERMONS.

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Faith.

Faith, the appropriation of the ideal, is the secret of a successful and inspiring life.-Rev. E. L. Powell, Christian, Louisville, Ky.

Graces of Temper. To bear evils with patience extracts from them their sharpest thorns and gathers from them the sweetest graces of temper.-Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, Lutheran, New York City.

Ambition. Ambition is right and proper and necessary when kept within proper bounds, but when it brooks no restraint it leads to crime and shame,-Rev. S. H. Burgin, Methodist, San

Antonio Texas. Shallow Satire. Angeles, Cal.

The Way to Heaven.

Right Praying. pirations and emotions climb to the passed him, this humble Othello. With very highest tablelands they are cap marvelous dexterity he was fashtonable of reaching.-Rev. C. A. Buskirk, ing in bamboo an angel with out-Christian Scientist, Louisville, Ky.

Making a Life. a life and making a living. With but victs were making uniforms for the little effort anybody can make a liv. army. Piles of the finished garments ing; but it requires the strenuous en- lay on the shelves around the shop deavor of a manly soul to make a life. and here again the workmanship was -Rev. Weston Bruner, Baptist, San perfect. And how they worked! The Antonio, Texas.

Christianity the Foundation. A cupola or a lightning rod you the weavers were old "lags." Baptist, Providence, R. I.

The Plons Fraud. fortunes should be denounced, the men | coolie can live on 50 sens a month." who help to build the churches, but Schanfarber, Hebrew, Chicago, Ill.

Stupid Mankind, Notwithstanding our boasted civil-Ross Baker, Baptist, Spokane, Wash.

The New American. What will the New American be like? Will he take away the artistic sense of the Italian and leave behind his love of revenge? Will he take away the German steadiness and leave only brutality and drunkenness? Will he take away the keenness of French intellect and leave only the sensuality of that nation? Will the people we have received from foreign shores absorb only our political corruption and sensationalism? It rests with you. Charles A. Enton. Baptist, New property. ork City.

"One girl whem I knew," be said, ctuelly died for love of me. I was " last thought."

I should think," remarked one of in. "that you might be anybody's of thought!"- New York Times.

and can afferd it or not, every womn coss on a o rear if a fortune teller old her add was going

### 49999999999999999999999999 Old Favorites

The Three Sallor Boys. h, we're three jolly, jolly sailor boys, And we're newly home from South Amerikee,

With our hearts still tingling with the salt, salt wind And the tumbling and tossing of the

on the quay?

der in the gale, And the good ship plunging to be free.

There were three pretty girls in merry Portsmouth town And each was like a posey on the

There was great-eyed Margaret and trim-And sweet Kitty from the north coun-

tree: No, honey, the' your pocket's fall of

We won't trip, trip, trip, we won't trip it on the quay, has cured. Some of the diseases on Till you're set the clerk a singing and

> Then up we spake, we jolly sailor boys, All arm in arm, so jolly for to see, "There are girls beside the waters of Janeiro or Gibraltar

Who can dance right merrily as ye. So, honey, while our pocket's full of In fact, the discovery is of so great Come trip, trip, trip, come and trip it on

importance to humanity that I heat the quay, the quay. For we sailors love the ocean, and the change and the commotion, And the good ship plunging on the sea." Theo Marzinis

A Builder's Lesson. "How shall I a habit break?" As you did that habit make. As you gathered, you must lose; As you yielded, now refuse. Thread by thread the strands we twist, Till they bind us neck and wrist; Thread by thread the patient hand Must untwine ere free we stand. As we builded, stone by stone, We must toll unhelped, alone, Till the wall is overthrown.

But remember, as we try, Lighter every test goes by; Wading in, the stream grows deep Toward the center's downward sweep; Backward tarn, each step ashore Shallower is than that before. Ah, the precious years we waste Leveling what we raised in haste; Doing what must be undone Ere content or love be won! First across the gulf we cast Kite-borne threads, till lines are passed, And habit builds the bridge at last! -John Boyle O'Reilly.

LIFE IN A JAPANESE PRISON.

Industrious Convicts Sometimes Support Their Families. In the bamboo-carving shed was a It is a shallow satire which seeks to different class of men. The physiogridicule all forms, manners, fashions, nomy was a revelation-large, intellecobservances, as mere manacles or tual foreheads; bright, intelligent warts upon the hands of freemen .- eyes; clear-cut mouths. Only one man Rev. C. E. Nash, Universalist, Los reminded me of other convicts I had seen in England. He was short in stature, the eyes were small and If we would live the life which leads oblique, the forehead narrow and reto heaven, we need only to intend to ceding, the ears large and the jowl do right voluntarily in preference to flabby. His crime was mansiaughter. doing it by compulsion of circum- He was the chief actor in a drama of stances against our will.—Rev. Hiram jealousy that was played to a fatal Vrooman. Presbyterian, Providence, finish in one of the hovels of Tokyo's east end. A faithless wife, a hypocritical friend, a surprise and in the nar-When we pray aright we are com- row hovel a fight to the death had muning with the true and only God; been waged, the guilty wife the only when we pray aright our thoughts, as- witness. He did not look up as I

stretched wings, a writer in the Wide World magazine says. There is a vast difference in making. In the weaving department the conshuttles were thrown through the warps by hand and it was obvious that

may have, but a foundation you must "It pays them to be industrious," have, and that foundation is Chris said the warden. "The average contianity. Christianity furnishes the vict makes 10 sens (5 cents) a day; foundation, and no man can get on 4 sens go into his own personal acwell without it.-Rev. T. E. Bartlett, count. A skilled worker will make 20 sens a day. 8 being his own again. Some of these men actually support The wealth of the pious fraud, the their families on what they earn in voif in sheep's clothing, whose stolen prison! As you know, the average

One old man, whose eyebrows reat the same time exact their usurious minded me of white feathers laid on returns from the tumbledown, ram- the forehead of a bronze statue, was shackle, tenement houses.—Rev. T. critically regarding a newly-made khaki coat. He was an old burglar, who had spent most of his declining years in the prison. He had become tzation, mankind, as a rule, is more an expert tailor and was held by the stupid than the ox and the ass, be authorities in something akin to escause those creatures know their teem. He had sons who had fought masters; but mankind, during the for the Emperor in Manchuria; one long ages of its pupilage, has not followed Nogi to Port Arthur and nevlearned to know its Father.—Rev. C. er returned. I tried to read the old man's thoughts as 'I watched his nervous, wispy fingers fold the dun-colored coat. I wondered if he ever pictured in his mind a bruised, shellmaimed, huddled form lying on the slopes of that mighty fortress of the east, a form enfolded in a garment that his old father might have made in the peaceful calm of Sugamo orison.

### Wasted Opportunities.

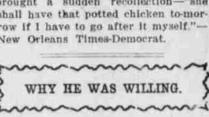
The view of the proper uses to which money may be applied depends wholly upon the Individual. There anded by the Civil War veterans - a departed relative had made of her

> "I dunno what good Elizabeth's money ever done her," said Mr. Sage, reflectively. "She spent it all. Give it away here and there, and bought things with it.

> "No, sir," he continued, "it wasn't much good to her. She didn't leave a

> This insurgent move you hear so much about in Congress is no novelty; every family has an insurgent or .wo, although, perhaps, they are known by another name.

If the hairs of a weman's head are also numbered, the hair census will show a healthy increase this spring.



"You have no excuse to offer?"

"Haven't got a sick mother-in-law "No, sir; I ain't married."

"Haven't got a fence on the place." "You think you can spare the time The judge sat a while and meditated. Reaching over, he whispered to

a dog o' mine oncet."

cle Rastus, to cart away that pile of

a man to help me hahness de mule .-Exchange. The less a man has to fuss about the

Unappreciated. The lady killer was boasting of his

They eyed him malevolently.

It makes no difference if her hus-

The pairiotism of to-day calls for a are many who will see nothing funny more terrific sacrifics than that de in the old man's comment on the uses