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It has furthermore been observed that these sable emblems are to be seen only on the breasts of the Polanders, therefore, the question that comes up is, why should the citizens of that particular nationality thus distinguish themselves at this time from every other class? Being black the badges are evidently signs of mourning. But why do the Polanders mourn? Who are they mourning for? No greatly distinguished son of the race has died recently. There is nothing new in the shape of a national calamity to call for expressions of

Max Drezmel cleared the mystery recently by saying that this year is one of universal sorrow among all good Polanders throughout the entire world who have any feelings of affec-tion for their native land. It is the centennial anniversary of Poland's complete obliteration as a distinct and self-governed kingdom. In order to make the sad event somewhat memorable native Poles, wherever they may be found, have agreed to live the twelve months of 1895 as a period of lament. This means that they intend to deny themselves all the frivolous and gay pleasures they have pledged themselves, says Mr. Drezmel, to abstain from festivals, dancing, picnics, theaters; in fact, amusements and pleasurable entertainments of every kind.

PHILOSOPHY FROM A DEBTOR.

Showing How He Was Valuable to the

Persistent Bill Collector. A collector of unpaid bills has a hard time of it, but one met a pholosophical debtor recently who convinced him of some astonishing facts, says the Amusement Journal The collector said that he had been chasing the philosophical debtor for about six months and was getting tired of it. It was always "Come around to mor row," or "Haven't got it now."

"Say," he said, when he had made his last trip, "are you ever going to pay this bill?"
"Why, yes, some day," the philoso-pher replied. "But look here, young

man, I want to show you a thing or two. How many bills have you in that pack?"

"About forty," said the collector.
"How long does it take you to visit
all these people?" the philosopher inquired.

"About a day."

"What if all paid up promptly?" "Why, that would be great." "Would it? What would you do for living if all these debtors paid up in

a day?' The collector looked blank for a moment.

"Great Jerusalem! I'd be out of a

"Well, then, don's be so anxious to way.

STOOD ALL TESTS.

The Truly Good Man Has Been at Last Discovered. Manifold essays, treatises and spems have been written, with more or less success, to describe the qualities which make up a "just" man, a "religious" man and a "sympathetic" man. Moralists and philosophers have managed to give a pretty fair definition of these terms, but fell short of the reality when they came to limn a "good" man. Where Plato and Seneca and Boetius failed, a vestryman of Battersea named Turnor has triumphantly succeeded, as the

following dialogue proves:
An officer, about whose conduct some question arose, was asked: "Did you not swear at the child who

opened the door to you?"
"No," was the reply. "I never swear at any time."

"Not when you knock your head against a door?" asked Mr. Turnor. "No," answered the officer.

"Then you must be a good man," said Mr. Turnor; and the guardians, feeling that it would be waste of time to improve upon this philosophy. shortly afterward adjourned.

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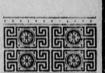
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