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Humiliation. "'Twasn't a wrack," said the old "What wasn't a wreck?" inquired

the reporter. "The wrack of the Kearsarge. It was a case of cold suicide." "Suicide! How do you make that out?"

"Why, I have followed the sea, man and boy for nigh onto fifty years, and many a night in the sixtles have I slung my hammock aboard the old Kearsarge"—and he shook his head dubiously. It was noticeable that as the old sailor got engrossed in his subject he called the ship alternately "Kersargo" and "Kearsarge," with a predilection for the latter pronuncia-

"Well," said the reporter," what has that got to do with the suicide?" "Got to do!" replied the old sailor.
"Why it's just this: The old ship, after the way she fit in the war, and after all the service she done, saw they wa'n't nothin' more fer her to do but dilly-dally roun; and she give it up as a bad job, choosin' death on Roncador rather than life under the circumstances. She done it herself. I know the old ship, and I'm sure she done it."

The idea was at least an original one, and as the reporter went away he was half convinced that the old sailor was right. As he departed he heard the old man singing softly to

"Twas on a Sunday mornin;
In the year of sixty-four.
The Alabama she steamed out
Along the Fronchman's shore
Long time she arrised about,
Long time she lay.
But now beneath the ocean,
She lies off Cherbourg bay."

HIGHEST TREES.

they Are of the Eucalyptus Tribe of

Gums and Are Found in Australia. In the Victorian state forest, on the slopes of the mountains dividing Gipps Land from the rest of the Australian colony of Victoria, grow the highest trees in the world, the noble gum trees of the genus eucalyptus. These trees range from 350 feet to 500 feet in height. One of the huge trees that had fallen was found, by actual measurement with a tape, to be 433 feet from the roots to where the trunk had been broken off by the fall, and at that point the tree was 3 feet in diameter. A cedar tree recently felled near Ocosta, Wash., measured 467 feet in height and 70 feet in circumference. Dr. James gives some interesting particulars of these by the success of La Lanterne, the gum trees. The eucalyptus globulus paper he published in Brussels when he grow 40 feet in height in four years, in Florida, with a stem a foot in diameter. Trees of the same species in Guatemala grew 120 feet in twelve years, and had a stem diameter of 9 feet. Other species also attain enormous sizes—eucalyptus diversicolor is known to grow 400 feet high, and trees have been measured 300 feet long without a branch. Boards 12 feet wide can frequently be obtained. In 1860, a monster petrified tree was found in Baker county, Oregon. It was just 666 feet long, and at its butt was quite 60 feet in diameter. Amber-like beads of petrified gum adhered to the sides of the trunk for a distance of 100 eet or more.

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Tom Wolfe was sentenced to a term of two years three months in the penitentiary by a Connersville, Ind., court the other day for burglary. The conviction of Wolfe depended largely on whether a man of his build could have crawled through a seven-inch transom. Prosecutor Smith procured a window sash the size of the one in question and demonstrated his theory before the jury by getting down on the floor and wriggling through the hole. He convinced the jury and clinched his case.

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AN ENGLISH OPINION.

rican Women Snarled at by a Lon

don Newspaper. From a London paper: The American woman must surely be the vainest creature that struts about the earth. Compared to her Yum - Yum, in the "Mikado," admiring herself in her mirror and congratulating herself on being the most beautiful woman in ail the world, is modest. She, at least, utters her conviction only to herself, whereas the lady from Chicago, IlL, or Ciceroville, Me., goes up on the housetops and publishes hers abroad to all who care to listen. Nay, she screams so loud that we are compelled to listen whether we will or no. But, having given ear to her appreciation of her own charms, we go away and think over what we have heard. Then, after due consideration, we go forth in spirit and, finding an imaginary American woman of the sort which writes to the newspapers, we take her gently by the unsubstantial hand of hers and address her—politely, we hope, but above all firmly. "Dearest madam," we say, "you are not bad-looking, and it must be confessed you have gone to one of the best mod-istes in Paris for your clothes. But you are not a lady—the word is out of fashion, but the thing never is—and it is to be feared that nothing could make you one. You are absolutely self-satisfled and you show it every minute of your life, or, as you would say, 'all the time.' You are quite without charm of manner, yet you think that all men worship you. Your education has been of the sort that our board schools give our coachmen's children at our expense Your own comfort is the one thing you think of—and here is a piece of comfort for you. So long as you cover yourself with diamonds in the morning; so long as your voice can be heard from on-end of the Rue de la Paix to the other. so long as your one topic of conversa-tion is your freek and what you gave for it; so long as you sit about in the public rooms of a hotel in a gown in which you might go to court; so legg as you are not afraid to state en pletz table d'hote that the room was not stuffy and the women smelt that strong you'd have been sick right there; so long as you do all or any of these things, be-lieve me, you need have no fear of being taken for the only kind of English wo-

man worth considering."

ROCHEPORTS INFLUENCE. What He fald About Starting a News

M. Rochefort is known in Ex M. Rochefort is known as a Boulangist, as the editor and prop tor of the Intransigeant newspa the wild political agitator who oppose the government of Louis Napoleon in the '60s as bitterly as he attacked the actual republic at the close of the '80s. says the Saturday Review. Englishmen can scarcely understand M. Roche fort's position as a newspaper editor and egitator, and his power is to them almost incredible. Yet the signs of his influence are not impalpable. The Intransigeant has a larger circulation than any French newspaper except the Petit Journal. The truth is that there are only three or four men in France who have made their pen a whip, and so become objects of fear and respect and of these M. Rochefort is the chief for neither M. Cassagnac nor M. Drumont can be compared with him in wit or power of vituperation. His reputation in this sort of journalism dates back to his youth (he is now a grayhaired man), but was first established was exiled from France by Napoleon

Chicago Girls and Matrimony.

I have no doubt that the remaining cause of the low marriage rate is that many men dislike intellectual women whether because such women are really disagreeable or because man's taste is at fault, I shall not try to determine. And even among those who like them as friends many feel as the young man did who made this confession: never expected to marry the sort of s girl I did. You know I always believed in intellectual equality and all that, and had good friendships with the college girls. But you see, you girls hadn't any illusions about us. After you had seen us hanging at the board on problems you could work, and had taken the same degree yourselves, you couldn't imagine us wonders just because we had gone through college, and when I met a dear little girl that thought I knew everything-why, it just keeled me right over; it was a feeling I had no idea of."-Century.

Costly Entertainment for a Prince. The Prince of Wales recently paid a visit to Lily, Duchess of Marlborough. It was for a few days only and "very quiet," yet this little informal stay, it is rumored, cost the duchess \$50,000. The suite of apartments which his royal highness occupied was newly upholstered in pale blue satin and the prince's bath was of plated silver. The main hall of Deepdene was entirely transformed. The statuary was removed and the walls were hung with trophies of

War Against the Wicked.

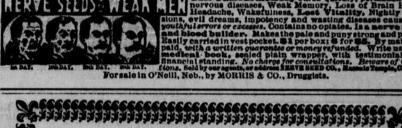
Police Commissioner Lee of St. Loui recently sent a letter to the paston of the different churches of that city asking them if they would uphold him in an heroic effort to enforce the Sunday law in St. Louis on the lines pursued in New York. Most of the pastors have promised a zealous support.

A Remarkable Man.

"At that moment the worthy pastor appeared on the threshold of the manse. His hands were thrust into the pockets of his large, loose coat, while he turned over the leaves of the prayer book and wiped his spectacles."—Paul Lindau.



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