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The manager of a New York restauant, where several hundred persons at every day, has discovered that ome of his customers have solved the problem of faring sumptuously on a lime, and the head waiters are on the lookout for these clever beats. The restaurants rambles through several rooms and has entrances on two streets. The man who has discovered how to make 10 cents satisfy his hunger goes into one of the side rooms and orders soup, receiving a check calling for the payment of 10 cents. This course properly disposed of, he goes out into the main dining room as if looking for a seat and finding a place to his liking he orders meat, vegetables, dessert, and coffee, and rolling the check up into a little ball he drops it under the table. Going out by the entrance most remote from where he has eaten last the man presents the first check he receives and escapes with the payment of 10 cents.

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought. "Dey am some men dat got too much conscience t' fool wid money," said Charcoal Eph in one of his ruminative moods, "an' den dev am some dat got too much money to' fool wid conscience, Mistah Jackson,"-H. E. Warner in Baltimore News.

lowa Banking Law. Iowa authorities have decided that any one can open a savings bank in that state so long as he does not use the word, "savings bank" or "savings institution" in describing the business of the concern.

American Brewery in Ghent. An American brewery has been established at Ghent, Belgium. The entire plant of the American brewery, with the exception of some copper vessels, has been brought from America. The nine glass-enameled steel tanks. each weighing 5,500 pounds empty and holding 135 hectoliters (3,445 gallons) when full, were likewise sent from Both prize-winning bulls of the Pan-American, heads the Ak-Sar-Ben home herd of Shorthorns. Young ized air only is admitted, under perfect regulation, during fermentation. The yearly output will be about 300,-

A Test of Faith.

000 gallons.

"Now, brother," said the conservative, "I want to convince you that your what you call higher criticism is wrong, and that the only way to do is to take the Bible as a simple act of faith. I have answered every one of your arguments, and, looking at it fairly, why shouldn't you believe as "Do you believe," asked his opponent, with solemnity, "literally believe, that the whale was swallowed by Jonah?" "Of course I do!" replied the conservative, eagerly. "Well," the other observed, over his shoulder, "I am afraid you will never convince me Good night."-Washington of that.

Good Guessers.

It is quite remarkable that not less than six persons guessed the exact number of votes cast at the recent election in Kansas, and more than half a dozen came within one vote of approximating the actual ballot. The true figures-287,168-were not what seems little less than marvelous that they should have been foretold, without any data excepting the returns of previous elections.-Kansas City (Mo.) Star.

Wife or Donkey. It may not be generally known that amongst the peasantry in Connemara it is the custom for the women to draw turf and seaweed in baskets on their backs whilst the men stand about and smoke. A bank manager was once electrified by being solemnly asked by a young peasant whether, as the turf season was approaching. he ought to marry a wife or buy a

The Season.

donkey.

"Ah!" sighs the gentle damsel, "see the bare limbs on the beech. Does the sorrowful fact that summer has comes to those less gifted." gone? How many pleasant recollections of the summer such a sight calls up, don't you think?" "Well, to tell you the truth," replied the cardid youth, "I have never been ca the beach in summer"- Indge.

Old Egyptian Manuscripts.

The National Museum at Washington helps with funds to support the explorations in Egypt which Dr. Flinders Petrie, the great Egyptologist, is making. As its share of this year's finds it has just received ten papyrus manuscripts, dating from about the birth of Christ. They are mostly bills of lading for camel trains, receipts

for goods, etc. Value of "Worthless" Material.

In addition to the collection of old junk from private houses the Salva tion Army colony in London is now systematically gathering up waste paper. Nearly 6,000 tons of this material as collected last year, sorted and reold, nearly 2,000 business houses beng visited every week. The colony low gives employment to 360 men simply in recovering materials that would ordinarily be destroyed.

Growth of Japanese Navy.

An idea of the wonderful growth of the Japanese navy within the past few years may be gained from the fact that Japan has decided to establish a squadron on our side of the Pacific ocean, and is also thinking of stationing a fleet in European waters permaAged Inmates of Poorhouse.

In Sculcoates workhouse, Hull England there are sixteen inmates wnose united ages amount to 1,218 years.

Cur Superiority in Coal. Britain's coal measures cover 9,000 square miles, against the United States' 222,500 square miles.

"Coming" and "Arriving." "And so," said the tallative person to the man who had just undergone that particular form of financial hemorrhage known as crossing the continent, "you came through without change?" "No," responded the patient man, "I didn't state it so. When I used the term 'wholly without change' I referred only to the condition in which I arrived here."

Nelson's Old Flagship.

Nelson's old ship, the Victory, is still to be accessible to the British public, although she is shortly to be superseded as the admiral's flagship at Portsmouth.

Chamberlain's Trip to Africa. One hundred thousand replicas of a special medal struck to commemorate Mr. Chamberlain's tour have been ordered for the Cape.

Celluloid Eye Shade Burned. Congressman Hilderbrandt of Ohio is going about Washington with a startled look in his eyes and no prows above the optics. Mr. Hildebrandt was sitting at his desk in his committee room, wearing a green celluloid eye shade. He struck a match to light his cigar, and the flame touched the celluloid. The shade and his eyebrows went up in the same puff .- Philadelphia Press.

Kansas Working Overtime. Two crops of strawberries and the second yield of early apples is the reported record of Kansas during the past season. What's the matter with the Sunflower State?

Blessing the Danube.

In Roumania there is a custom of publicly blessing the River Danube on Christmas day. A large cross of ice is carried before the procession.

Not a Protest.

Representative Mudd of Maryland has frequently been in conflict with the other members of his delegation over the question of patronage. "At last I have succeeded in placing two men without receiving protests from every other member of the delegadeclared Mr. Mudd. Who are tion." they? Charles Carroll of Carrollton and John Hanson, two of Maryland's most distinguished sons." Mr. Mudd meant the two new bronze statues Maryland has placed in Statuary hall.

Trees in England.

Christmas trees were unknown in England until the reign of Queen Victoria. The first one was ornamented by Prince Albert for the amusement of the Princess Royal and the Prince of Wales, who were children of 3 and 4 years old at that time.

Work of American Astronomers

Within twenty-five years American astronomers have won as many annual medals of the Royal Astronomical Society of England as astronoare called round numbers, and it mers of all other countries, except England, combined.

> The Largest Holly Trees. The largest holly-trees in the world grow in the Northern United States and in Canada, where the tree attains a height of 70 feet, and a girth of six to eight feet.

> Superstition in Venice. There is a curious superstition in Venice that if a stranger dies in a hotel the number of his room will be lucky at the next lottery.

Brilliancy Versus Plodding. "Some men," said the original philosopher, "see more than others see at first sight and then devote so much time and energy to the task of being pleased with their own brilliancy that they miss all the benefit of the sober not that bring forcibly to one's mind and maturer second thought that

Irrigated Lands in America.

The irrigated area of the United States is 7,510,598 acres, of which Colorado contains 1,611,271 and California 1,446,119.

Origin of "Gazette."

The earliest newspaper was published in Venice and called a gazette from the name of the coin for which it was sold.

BRO. DICKEY'S PHILOSOPHY.

"Don't rein' a man w'en you hear him sayin' de devil's to pay. De devil is de patientest creditor in de country.

"I makes no doubt but what deys few politicians in heaven-but dey ain't makin' no stump speeches ter do

"De sayin's is, Poverty teaches lessons ter folks, but w'en I sees him comin' I mighty quick decides dat I den't need a eddication.

"Ef dey wuz a railroad runnin' ter heaven some folks would wake up too late ter ketch de train, en den blame de engineer for not blowin' de whistle.

"Dey's so little er de place what Satan lives at preached in dis day en time dey has ter put stram heaters in de churches ter climatize de sinners." -Atlanta Constitution.

THOUGHTS OF PRAYER.

"Pray often, and you shall pray

"God is nearer to us than we are to ourselves."

"Are you living for the things you are praying for?"

"Let us ask God to teach us what he would have us do, and do with-

"Prayer is the attitude of the needy, helpless soul, whose only refuge is

Tombs of Cur Presidents.

An argument in favor of having our dead presidents buried in a national cemetery at Washington may be found in the proposition to increase the guard at the temporary tomb of President McKinley. It is proposed to put the garrison on the basis of an army post. Hospital and dispensary facilities are to be increased, and a new site selected to accommodate sixty-five

Recommends "Volcano Cellars." Prof. T. A. Jagger, Jr., Harvard, who has been making investigations of the eruption of Mont Pelee, believes that people of volcanic countries can escape destruction by building cel-

lars or chambers of masonry in which they can seek shelter when the eruptions occur.

The Liberty Cap. headgear of the galley slave. The power, I know, but is it right?" Swiss of the Chateauroux regiment. the Nancy riots, on their release returned to Paris with their caps and were hailed as victims of despotism.

Many Specimens of Clover. Specimens of four, five, six, seven. been presented to Queen Alexandra by give false advice?" a Welsh lady.

Few Churchgoers in London. The bishop of London says that only one in every eighty of the population of London go to church or chapel.

Pin Has Seen Long Service.

At the marriage of Miss Aimee Stagg and Augustus Post in Paterson, N. J., recently, the bride wore a pin which had been worn by sixteen other brides in the same family. It was first worn by her grandmother, Mrs. Stephen Courter, 66 years ago, and since then all the girls in the family have tried to make it a part of their marriage outfit.

Australian Song Bird.

Another marvelous voice has come out of Australia. It is that of Miss Marie Narelle, and is described as "the nearest approach to the pure dramatic soprano that New South Wales has produced since Miss Kate Slattery retired from the concert platform." Miss Narelle is now having a large success in London.

Merely Precautionary.

"You succeeded in life in spite of the fact that you did not give much attention to study during your youth." "Yes," answered Mrs. Cumrox. "But dismissed looking, with silent that doesn't prove that education isn't a good thing. I was so much afraid that people would make fun of my spelling that I was compelled to hustle and get rich in self-defense."

Status of the Lottery. It is told of an East Indian law student that he once threw his examiners into confusion by declaring matrimony to be an illegal state. "How so? How so?" he was asked by the perturbed examiners, many of them married men. The student smiled beatifically. "Marriage," quoth he, "is a lottery, and lotteries are forbidden by law."

Long Lawsuit Decided.

The ownership of a plot of land near Brooklyn has just been decided by the courts after a lawsuit of thirty-five years.

Oldest Printed Calendar.

The most ancient printed calendar in the world has been found in Wiesbaden. It was printed by Gutenberg

Tailors' Resourcefulness.

If men knew the many artifices the tailor has to resort to in order to make them presentable they would be less ready to make him the butt or ridicule, says the Tailor and Cutter. Truly the tailer has need of padding and wadding, haircloth and canvas, to enable him to clothe his customers in such a way as to hide their deformities and bring into prominence their points of beauty.

BITS OF PHILOSOPHY.

Remedy the follies of the past by omitting them from the future.

The touch of kindness that makes the world kin is seldom applied.

Men who travel in a circle will get home occasionally, at all events. Life's comedies do not hesitate to

tread upon the heels of its tragedies. It is easier to criticize another's mistakes than it is to avoid them

yourself. It is probably impossible for a man to be on the right side of every ques-

the right side of some of them.

tion, but he should manage to be on

BY THOMAS BARGE.

(Copyright, 1902, by Daily Story Pub. Co.) In the background among the shadows behind the desk-a man of medium size with white, luxuriant silken beard and mane, thin of frame, albeit somewhat wiry, with white anaemic skin, a marvellously shaped head, showing great intellectuality and dominant will power, albeit strangely uneven; light-blue eyes into pleased your holiness to give her to which shot now and again the lightning flash of the eagle and the shifty uncertainty of the lunatic-altogether a most compelling personality. In the foreground a woman bearing at once the marks of refinement-those unmistakable evidences of "quality folk" which never come except to those possessed of birth and breeding; not a strong face, however, the weak retreating chin and nervous mouth killing the effect of the high forehead, which latter, truth be told, was a trifle too bulging. She was well dressed and her entire aspect bespoke a person well to do. Near the door a burly man with burning, fanatical eyes, stout jaw and heavy beard, standing with arms folded across his brawny chest, grim and menacing.

This was the inner sactum of Dowfurth, the self-announced Prophet and reincarnation of the Delty-according to his own claims and those of his followers. "I will willingly give all that is

fairly mine to the cause," the woman was saying in pleading tones, "but is it right to give up that which be-The red liberty cap was really the longs to the boy? I have the legal

"Oh, thou of little faith," replied sent to the galleys for their share in the Prophet in deep solemn tones, at which the woman shuddered and bowed her head contritely, "how long must thou go on stumbling in the darkness? How long before thou acquirest faith and walk in the light?" Then raising his voice into a meneight and nine-leaved clovers have acing key: "Would the chosen of God

"Oh, no, no," she replied passionately, "I do believe, I do, I do. But-" "There are no 'buts' to the true believer," the Prophet interrupted imperatively. "I see that thou art not fit for communion with the elect. Deacon, see that the sister leaves Elysium at once. Her presence here can only contaminate the elect."

"Verily, I hear," replied the heavy man near the door, grimly moving a step learer the woman. "Oh, no, no; not that," screamed the woman, paling, "I will sign the

papers. I will do what you say. You know what is for the best. Who am I to set my judgment against yours?" "Very well," replied the Prophet, permitting no sign of triumph to come into his voice, and extending a pen toward the woman at the same time. But I fear a long course of training will be necessary before you learn to submit your strong and obstinate

worldly will to come into subjection

to the Holy commands." Weeping silently the woman signed her name to the paper, relinquishing all her right and title in the property left her by a provident and trusting husband for the maintenance of herself and the curly-headed little boy who bore the father's name. Silently the burly figure near the door signed his name as witness and the woman was pathetic appeal, but in vain for a sign of aproval from the Prophet. His face was set and stern. When the door closed on her retreating figure, the

Deacon relaxed just a trifle to say: "Blessed is the name of the Lord,"



"Oh, no, no," she cried passionate-

ly, "I do believe, I dowould speak with you about the woman-McClellan-who has abode with us for the past two months. I would take her to wife. Most Holy One. She is comely, and I am passing lonesome since Jeannette passed to the other shore.'

The Prophet started and frowned slightly. "It would stir up trouble, Jonathan. She is married according to the law of the land, and the outside world do not yet understand our

divine law." "But she is married to an unbeliever and renounced all ties when she became one of us. The infidel husband shall never know. Verily outsiders know naught of what happens in Elysium."

Then raising his voice until there was a suggestion of menace in it he continued: "I have been a faithful disciple, and if the rewards are not for the elect who are to have them? I do not question the stewardship of the funds and the properties. It is due that I should have some of the joys of the world."

The two men looked into each Prophet and his followers,

In the House of the Prophet. other's eyes a moment. Then the

"It shall be as you wish. I will speak to her this evening."

The door opened and there entered a thin, lanky man with a lanky law and a scrawny growth of beard. His eye was furtive and he seemed to glide rather than walk.

"Well, Benjamin?" said the Proping interrogatively.

"It is about the girl, Rose," replied the newcomer deprecatingly. "I' me to wife, and she will have none of me, nor does her mother urge her she might. She has a goodly inher ance. It should be kept in the fold. "Summon the girl and her mother." commanded the Prophet to Jonat

Presently they came, a thin-fashifty-eyed woman and a girl of m beauty just budding into you womanhood.

"I hear that the girl is obstire and refuses to obey the will of



Prophet." remarked Dowfurth stemily, addressing the elder woman. "Listen: unless you make her see the error of her way all your sacrifices shall 'a as nothing and you will be cast out of the fold."

"The woman trembled, and replied "I have told her she must. What more can I do?"

"She is your daughter. You mu make her obey. To-night at r o'clock Elder Lanson will come your room for his bride. He will with him enough of the elders to sure her obedience if you show proper authority. See that she is arrayed for the bridegroom.'

The girl wrung her hands in despair. During the months she had resided in Elysium she had and enough to know how helpless "Oh, mamma, mamma; not to

crawling thing. Let us leave

terrible place. Or you stay and lot me go. I can make my own way. I know I can. Let them have my inheritance, but let me go." Just at this moment the door opened, ar' an illy-dressed, foolish-looking

boy shuffled in with a pail of ware in one hand and some cloths in the other. "Who is that, and what does he in here?" exclaimed the Prophet, from "

ing. work. I took him in because he said he was a believer in the faith. What do you in here boy."

dows." "You have made a mistake-not at this hour. Get out."

"I was sent in to wash the win-

Jonathan strode toward him to eject him and the Prophet turned toward the woman. "It shall be as you say," she replied. "The girl will be ready."

The girl threw herself on her knees

in a paroxysm of grief. "Oh, Harry,

Harry," she shricked, "save me; save me now or it will be too late." And then a rew kind of miracle happ ned in Elysium. Jonathan had just reached the boy and reached out his hand to eject him when the lad lost his shuffling gate and foolish looks, straightened up into an athletic young man, and gave the Elder a punch in the pit of his stomach that doubled him up like a jacknife, and followed it with a blow under the chin that sent him rolling to the floor in contortions Quick as a flash he let Elder Lanson have one in the chest that caused him to expectorate blood for many days. Then seizing his pail of soapy water he dashed it into the face of the Prophet who had risen to give an alarm. Then throwing open the win-

verand: he exclaimed: "Rose, Rose; now or never. Come." With a startled cry of "Harry," she sprang toward him, and they leaped from the veranda and in a moment were tearing out of the grounds surrounding Elysium in the Prophet's own carriage, which had been stand-

dow which opened onto the broad

ing awaiting for him. When the carriage and horses were returned late that afternoon the burly colored man who drove them carried also a note to the Prophet. It read as

follows: "Lest you should want to take any action regarding the escapade of this afternoon, I will give you my correct name and address. Should you do so, however, or make any sort of trouble regarding the estate of my wife, nee Rose Walker, I will be pleased to meet you in a legal battle that will go a great deal further than

you suspect." "Harry L. Pearson, "Room 114, No. 327 Fir.h St." There was no sign from the