The cupboard-latches clink a tune. And mother from her knitting stirs To tell a hungry boy of hers That supper will be feady soon: And then a slab of ple he takes, A cooky, and a quince or two, And for the breezy barnyard breaks, Where everything cries: "How d'y do." When Jimmy comes from school.

The rooster on the garden fence Struts up and down, and crows and crows, As if he knows, or thinks he knows, He, too, is of some consequence; The guineas join the chorus, too, And just beside the window-sill The red-bird, swinging out of view, On his light perch begins to trill,

When Jimmy comes from school When Jimmy comes from school, take care Our hearts begin to throb and quake With life and joy, and every ache Is gone, before we are aware: The earth takes on a richer bue, A softer light falls on the flowers, And overhead a brighter blue Seems bent above this world of ours, When Jimmy comes from school!

-James N. Matthews, in Ladies' Home Jour-

MARK'S MOTHER-IN-LAW.

A Story with a Moral for Married Men-

bursting into the parlor where Mrs. Ward, his married sister, then on a terfering!"

his mother-in-law, also on a visit at the Howells'.

"Mark," said Mrs. Ward, looking up, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I am older than you. I have been, in some respects, a mother to you; and, therefore, I speak plainly. And I must say that I think you talk scandalously of your mother-in-law."

"Why can't she mind her own business?" he said, wrathfully. "Here she's ingly, taking up her sewing again, been talking May over about the new | which she had laid down in the heat of nurse for Johnnie. The one I like, I'm discussion, "you are jealous. That's the told, won't do at all; and it's all, I do whole story. You want to monopolize believe, because the girl's young, and has pretty manners. Instead, they're to have some sour old thing as prim as a drill sergeant and as ugly as a Chinese idol

"I confess I am on the side of your mother-in-law," his sister answered, very jealousy that is at the bottom quietly. "The girl you fancied was en- of the general dislike on the part of tirely unfit to be put over Johnnie. new husbands towards mothers in-law. He'd wind her round his finger. And 1 You lords of creation, even in matters don't believe she cares for anything but | which ought to be left entirely to the dress and admiration."

had been accustomed to regard his sis- take things in hand. You fret and ter as the perfection of wisdom, espe- champ the more, when the woman is cially in housewifely matters. He the one wost fit to interfere-a motherlooked blank, for a moment, but soon in-law. You don't like to play second fiddle," with two of three merry

when there's nothing prettier than to terference, and would resent it from see his fat chubby legs."

"Nor anything more unhealthy. I pity the poor little legs on a cold day."

town go barelegged." "And the consequence is that half those who go barelegged catch colds and fevers from which some never recover. You are fond of your bay mare, Mark; but you are careful in a sharp wind to have a horsecover put on her; while you never think of covering up poor Johnnie's legs, no matter how bitter the day. Do you suppose your child

is stronger than your horse?" "But it hardens him," said Mark, a little staggered, nevertheless.

"Why wouldn't exposure harden your mare? No, Mark, you're wrong in both cases, and your mother-in-law is right.'

Mark bit his mustache and growled: "But a fellow doesn't like anybody interfering between himself and wife, you see. May's mother is very nice, generally, I admit; but let her keep to her own affairs."

"But are not these her own affairs? of the lecturer's best points. Johnnie is her grandchild. She naturally wants him to be well brought up, and be healthy; and so in advising your | troduced a lecturer, and their "few | the vote. In order to force the recordwife about a nurse, and persuading her to cover Johnnie's legs, she is only duty. You ought to be thankful that equal to the occasion. He spoke about declined to vote on the first ence than May, to tell her what to do. his watch, said: No young mother can learn everything never, so far as I have seen, forced her opinions on May. Has she?"

"No," said Mark. "She doesn't nag, if that's what you mean. But she talks | board a small American vessel. May over."

fair. Look at the subject without ding was placed on the table, and the prejudice." "I do."

"Not entirely, I think. For example, in both these instances Mrs. Barker only advised what was best. Now 1 | does;' and the captain cut the pudding have been here a fortnight and I have in two, giving one end to the mate and never known her to advise May wrong. appropriating the other." The audi-More than that, she hardly ever gives ence saw the point, and heartily ap- an exposition in 1895 at Hiogo, the old advice at all unless she is first asked | plauded.

is in plenty of others," retorted Mark, stinence. Being nobody in particular, going back to the old ground as ob- he was placed last on the list of speakstinate people do. "She always takes ers. The chairman also introduced seva different side from me, and always | eral speakers whose names were not on

me. Confound her!"

"Now, Mark, don't be silly. Don't now give us his address." quarrel with May, too, and for no betnatural? I often think how unjust night."-Youth's Companion. men are to mothers-in-law, as a class. You took May from a home where she had lived for nineteen years, and in looked up to and believed in her mother, | Eyes upon the Death of Children." as all good children should. You and I looked up to our mother, and I hope Johnnie will look up to his. Now, general principles of morality, though found sensation in France

all believe it is wrong to lie, or steal, or covet a neighbor's goods, there is the very greatest diversity of opinions between different families on the minor points of life. This is natural. It is natural, too, that a daughter should hold the same views as her mother about these things, and that, even after marriage, the influence of the home atmosphere should hang about her. Why, you yourself, on some of these very points, cling more obstinately to the traditions of our family than

May does to hers." wife ought to adapt herself to her hus-

band's tastes." must give her time. She can't undo fight over the adoption of the new quothe work of nineteen years in a few rum counting rule, and the galthing else in life, is a matter of give that committee last Thursday, he imwife to remodel her whole character in mother, of her own family traditions, desk as follows: cannot be shaken off so easily; and a husband is wrong to expect it. Yet 1 and 2 the following as clause 2 and change this is what you many whom you are the number of clause 2 to clause 3: this is what you mean, when you say that May always goes against you and takes her mother's side."

"So she does." Mrs. Ward, stoutly, looking him reso-"Confound her!" cried Mark Howell, lutely in the face, "and you know she doesn't. You are angry, or you would to those responding, to make a quorum not say it. May sometimes goes against visit to him, was sitting, quietly sew- you, and with her mother; but she ing. "Confound her, she's always interfering!"

much more often follows your taste, shall cause the list to be called from the even when it is more than an open cierk's desk and recorded in the journal, and His sister knew well enough of whom | question. And what does it matter, he was speaking. He was speaking of after all? For I am talking of things indifferent in themselves. A man ought to be too much of a man to want to when their names are called, record their tyrannize over his wife in little things of that kind."

> Mark began, by this time, to realize that he had the worst of the argument, so he made no reply, but stroked his mustache-a favorite trick with his kind in similar circumstances.

"The truth is," said his sister, laughevery look, and word, and action, and even thought, of May's. You want to be master, to the minutest detail. You are like most young husbands in this, however; and I will not be too hard on you. It is this women, fret and champ the bit, when This rather staggered Mark, who a woman comes in the nick of time to "That is not all. She has persuaded shakes of the head, "even when it is May to put long stockings on Johnnie, necessary you should. You resent inanybody, only you make the mother-in law the scape-goat."

"Well," said Mark, who had recov-"Unhealthy! Half the children in ered his temper by this time, and who had the good sense to acknowledge, at least to himself, that he was in the wrong, "a woman, they say, will always have the last word. So I let you

have it" "What a blessing, though," retorted Mrs. Ward, with another gay laugh, and another shake of the head, "that it's a sister, in this case, who will have the last word, and not a mother-inlaw!"-Woman's Journal.

INTRODUCING A LECTURER.

An English Custom Which Might Be Better Honored in the Breach.

One of those English customs which would be more honored in the breach geant-at-arms a yea and nay vote was than in the observance is that of pre- secured, and this gave the first pracsenting a lecturer to the audience by a tical illustration of the operation of chairman. This unnecessary presiding the new rule. The speaker named officer, having read up on the subject, Messrs. Dockery (dem.) and Cogs-"rises to say a few words of introduc- well (rep.) as tellers to watch the tion," and sometimes anticipates some count, and if necessary count mem-

at once. Besides, Mrs. Barker has leave that I may catch my train, but I swered to their names. As the result will ask your permission before I de- of the vote, 226 to 5, showed that a

"And naturally. Come, Mark, be senger dined together. A roly-poly pud- charged the warrant issued to the sercaptain said to the passenger: "Stranger, do you like ends?"

"No." "'Oh, don't yer? Me and my mate call of the committees.

An Englishman, a temperance lec-"It's not only in these two things; it turer, was invited to speak on total abgets May to go with her and against the list, and the audience were tired tion will be very interesting to forout, when he said: "Mr. Bailey will eigners.

"My address," said Mr. Bailey, rister reason than that she is led, in ing. "is 45, Loughborough Park, Brix- Tex., April 19.—Official dispatches remany things, by her mother. Isn't it ton Road, and I wish you all good ceived here from Desterro, where the

-A London second-hand bookseller former flagship, the Aquidaban, has growing crops and property. At Kingrecently advertised a little book of rewhich the great authority in all mat- ligious consolation. It was published Nictheroy. President Peixoto's fleet trees and best wheat and oats into the ters, not only on dress and health, but in 1630, and bears the consolatory title: made an attack upon Desterro, and the ground. everything, was her mother. She "A Handkerchief for Parents' Wet insurgent forces there, aided by their

-Sir Isaac Newton's treatise on "Optics" attracted no attention in his Aquidahan to the bottom they gave up though all families bold to the same own country until it had made a proernment forces

BY A BIG MAJORITY.

The House Adopts the Rule for Counting a Quorum.

Every Member Present Will Be Counted Whether He Votes or Not - The Practice of Filibustering Probably at an End.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, April 19.-By a vote of 212 to 47, the republicans voting for "But," said Mark, stubbornly, "a it, the house adopted the quorumcounting rule. There was a very large attendance on both sides of the house "Well, even if we grant that, we when it met in anticipation of the months, or even a year or two. In leries were also unusually well matters that involve no question of filled. Without a single preliminary the right or wrong it is generally wise for house plunged into the contest. In a wife to yield to her husband, if he in- order to prevent parliamentary comsists on it. But to insist on minor plications Mr. Catchings, from the comthings too much is neither wise nor mittee on rules, secured recognition fair. There ought to be mutual con- before the journal was read, and after cessions; for matrimony, like every- withdrawing the rule reported from and take. But it is absurd to expect a mediately presented the report agreed upon just before the house convened. a couple of years. The influence of her The report was read from the clerk's

"Amend rule 15 by inserting between clauses

"Upon every rollcall and before the beginning thereof the speaker shall name two members, one from each side of the pending question if practicable, who shall take their places "As a fact, she does not," replied at the clerk's desk to tell the names of at least enough members who are in the hall of the house during the rollwho who do not respond, when added If a quorum does not respond on the rollcall, then the names of these so noted as present shall be reported to the speaker, in determining the presence of a quorum to do business, those who voted, those who answered present and those so reported present shall be considered. Members noted may, votes, notwithstanding the provisions of clause

> Amend clause I of rule 8 by adding the follow ing words: 'And on rollcall, should be not vote, he shall answer present, so as to read; Every member shall be present within the hall of the house during its sittings, unless excused or necessarily prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the event of such question, and on a rollcall shall he not vote he shall answer present."

The struggle was short, sharp and decisive. There was a half-hour's talk on both sides. The vote on the new rule was then taken and resulted -yeas, 212; nays, 47. Immediately the vote was announced the republican members crowded into him warmly shook his hand, while Speaker Crisp pounded for order. Just as the last man in the line passed Mr. Kilgore (Tex.), the great filibuster, walked over and congratulated Reed Thereupon the house set up a yell, even Speaker Crisp's stern countenance relaxed for a momentary smile, and the

business of the house was resumed. It was thought that Mr. Reed would ous vein, ending just before the vote, that they have such right and that the as they supposed, he had a good rewhich it is about to make." sufficient. His face showed his gratification, how-

After the adoption of the new rule the parliamentary wheels again began to move. Mr. Reed said a grave question of parliamentary procedure was involved in the order of arrest of members, and in order to have the law investigated he submitted a resolution reciting that the order of arrest was void. He asked that it be sent to the judiciary or rules committee, in order that the right of arrest might be authoritatively determined and a careful precedent established. The speaker ruled out the resolution on the ground that the first business was to discharge members now under arrest before taking up general principles.

On the motion to discharge the serbers present, but not voting. They In an English village a loquacious took their places at the side of the squire and a garrulous rector both in- clerk, each keeping a separate tally of words" occupied nearly all the time ing of members as present but not votwhich had been allotted to the lec- ting in accordance with the provisions keeping within the strict line of her ture. The lecturer, however, was of the new rule, the republicans there is somebody with greater experi- twenty minutes, and then, looking at roll call, but finding that a quorum had voted they changed "Ladies and gentlemen, I must now their tactics on the second call and anpart to suggest for your consideration quorum was present the tellers made an occurrence which took place on no report. Messrs. Dalzell (rep., Pa.) and Johnson (dem., O.) instead of vot-"The captain, the mate, and a pas- ing responded "present." This disgeant-at-arms under date of March 21. A regular gorge of committee reports, blocked by the filibustering of last week, were presented under the

World's Fair in Japan. London, April 19 .- Japan is to have capital of the empire. It will cover the subjects of manufactures, fine arts, agriculture, education and science. water productions, mines and mining and machinery. Foreign goods may be exhibited for purposes of comparison, and it is expected that the exposi-

Sent to the Bottom. RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, via Galveston, rebels set up their provisional governland batteries and guns of the Aquidaban, made a stout resistance at first, but after the Nictheroy had sent the the fight and surrendered to the gov-

STRIKERS STRIKE A SNAG.

A Federal Court Enjoins Them from Interfering with the Great Northern.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20.-The Great Northern officials have aroused. In the circuit court of the United States for Minnesota and North Dakota, Judge Sanborn issued orders enjoining strikers and all others from interfering by threats, force or intimidation with the business of the Great Northern Railway company or with its property or employes, and the United States marshals sent out on trains large forces of deputy marshals to serve the orders. Nothing will be left undone to afford adequate protection to the company's employes and its proper-Trains will be moved lines. The company claims that it has the assurances of the men on the different branches that they are ready to move trains and discharge their duties if they can be protected. It is reported that the interference hitherto has been from outsiders and discharged men. The company has received offers from hundreds of men who want work, but has taken no steps to replace the men in its employ.

Except on the St. Paul division and the Minnesota Eastern, the branch line to Duluth, only an occasional train is running. It is stated at labor headquarters, however, that the sidetracking and uncoupling of trains will be discontinued until the strikers can take legal advice.

Vice President Howard, of the American Railway union, said that the issuing of the injunctions would not affect the present situation and that the men would continue at work in St. Paul and Minneapolis up to to-day, at all events.

It is learned from inside sources that the Great Northern has had applications enough already from new men to fill every position on the road, and the officers would doubtless begin putting them to work at once, but for the position assumed by the Brotherhood of Firemen. Engineers and Conductors, who stand ready to move their trains, but say they will not work with nonunion men.

It is said that President Hill is considerably nettled over the attitude assumed by the mayors of St. Cloud, Devil's Lake and smaller places. The company has been refused assistance by sheriffs and police officers in several towns when the company claims the strikers were committing overt acts.

Washington, April 20 -An opinion Reed's aisle and as they passed has been given the post office by the attorney general which has an important bearing on the Great Northern railroad strikes. The case arose in California where the strikers sought to interfere with trains carrying the United States mails. The post office officials wanted to know if self surrounded by a pack of beunder such circumstances they have tween forty and fifty gray wolves. the right to call the aid of regular troops in protecting the mails and se- and would lunch at his expense; but make a long speech; instead, he spoke curing uninterrupted transit of mail they made one slight mistake. Infor only two minutes in a semi-humor- trains. The attorney general holds stead of being armed only with an ax,

FIERCE WINDS.

It Is Reported That Ransom, Ill., Has Been Totally Destroyed.

STREATOR, Ill., April 20.-A violent wind and rainstorm visited this city Wednesday afternoon. Trees were blown down, several small buildings wrecked and plate-glass fronts in the business part of the city demolished. A large frame school building which was being moved to make room for a new brick structure was wrecked. It is rumored that the village of Ransom, 10 miles north, has been almost totally destroyed, but the report cannot be verified.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 20 .- A heavy storm of wind, rain and hall visited Springfield about noon Wednesday. The wind blew 40 miles an hour and considerable damage is reported to trees, fences and buildings in the country. The bridge over the Sangamon river at Carpenter's mill was destroyed. The hail covered the ground completely and broke a great many windows.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., April 20.-Severe local storms prevailed throughout this region Wednesday and a great quantity of rain fell in McLean county. This was most urgently needed for all the crops, the grass especially. worst storm in many years swept over White Oak township and the village Carleck at 12:30 p. m. The hail was furious and the rain feil in sheets. Barns and sheds were demolished and all the plate glass in Carleck was Several houses were torn from the foundations. Lightning at noon set fire to a barn in the north part of the city and it was consumed.

ELECTRIC PLANT BURNED.

Fire at Sacramento Paralyzes the Street

Car Lines-Loss \$300,000. SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 20.-The entire electric plant of the Capitol Gas company, which holds the contracts for lighting the city and running street cars, was burned Wednesday morning. Twenty-four dynamos were burned and half a dozen of the most powerful engines on the coast were practically destroyed. The total loss amounts to \$300,000. Unless the car company can make arrangements to secure horses to operate its extensive lines the people here will be entirely without streetcar accommodations.

Wheat Damaged by Hall. TOPEKA, Kan., April 20 -Central and southern Kansas and the Cherokee strip were visited by a damaging hailstorm, followed by heavy rains, Tuesment, assert that Admiral Mello's day evening, doing much damage to been sunk by the dynamite cruiser man, Kan., the hallstones stripped the

Iowa Farmers Swindled. DES MOINES, Ia., April 20.-Confidence men have been swindling Iows He dropped a lump of ice down that farmers by buying their lands, giving Boston girl's back.' a large check in payment and getting

the difference in cash.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE RETURN OF THE ROBIN.



It is said that the robin redbreast never sings while he is spending the winter in the south.] Robin in the apple tree,

Prithee sing thy song to me; Tell me. Robin, tell me true. To what pleasant land you flew, When the autumn passed away, And gave place to winter day? We have missed you now so long-Missed the music of your song; Looked around for you in vain, Through the sparkling, frosted pane, And wondered where you had your nest, Robin with the gay red breast! Did the sunshine smile on you. In that land to which you flew! Scattering fragrance through the air: Blossoms on the orange tree, Beauty on the silver sea-Where the pulses throbbed and stirred With the song of mocking bird? Did you tune your little throat, And send forth a merry note, Just as when you sang to me, Last summer from the apple tree?"

" To a beauteous land I strayed, I will tell you, little maid; All things there were fair and bright, Life itself a rich delight! Softly blew the balmy breeze, Mingled with the hum of bees: Deeply lustrous were the skies, Vocal with sweet melodies, And the streamlets laughed with gles, As they rap to join the sea! But my son# I could not sing-I was yearning for the spring; Dreaming of past happy hours, 'Mid the northern trees and flowers; Longing for the promised day. I could rise and fiee away! Now I'll sing my song to thee,

-John V. Rood, in Golden Days.

BATTLE WITH WOLVES. Exciting Adventure of a Timber Hunter

in British Columbia.

Of the very few instances of the gray wolf attacking man, one is related by John Fannin in Forest and Stream of eling quite alone through an immense forest, searching for the best timber, They thought they "had him foul,"



AN AMERICAN GRAY WOLF.

of drawing the rest after them, when the whole band started away on the full jump, howling as they went. I found sixteen of their number dead. and probably not a few were wounded." As a rule, the gray wolf soon disapfatal effect. More deadly than the brought to bear upon his most vulnerable point-his ravenous appetite. Even any other position. during the last days of the buffalo in Montana, the hunters poisoned wolves by hundreds, for their pelts, which were worth from three to five dollars each. Now it is a very difficult matter to find a gray wolf, even in the wild west, and in Montana and Wyoming they are almost as scarce as bears,-W. T. Hornaday, in St. Nicholas.

Snake Defeated by a Frog. A North Carolina farmer witnessed a curious encounter between a black snake and a huge bullfrog. The snake, looking for his dinner, had seized the frog by the hind legs and attempted to swallow it, but the frog was not inclined to consent. Seizing hold of a bamboo brier with its mouth, it held on like grim death, while the snake, wrapping its tail around a convenient shrub, pulled back with a will; but it was no go. The frog held on firmly, and, as the snake could not pull him loose, it finally released its hold and

The Only Alternative. Ralph-Suppose a fellow's best girl gets mad when he asks for a kiss? Curtis-Take it without asking. Ralph-Suppose she gets mad then?

Curtis-Then he's got some other fellow's girl.—Brooklyn Life.

Burned Her. "That was real rude of Chumpleigh.

"What did she do?" "She screamed 'firel' "-Puck. A FISH THAT FISHES.

The Ugly Lophius and How It Secures Ite Daily Food.

"Would you think, Tommy, that a

fish would be cruel enough to fish for other fishes?" "Why not, mother, he has got to

make a living?" "But why does he not catch worms and bugs and snails and live on seaweeds, instead of catching little

fishes?" "How does he catch them, mother, and what is his name? I never heard of such a fish."

"One thing at a time. There are many things, Tommy, that you know now, that you did not know a year ago. It is a very silly thing to say, as many girls and boys do, when told anything. 'I never heard of that before." Why should they have heard of it? If they don't inquire and read, and use their eyes, how are they to learn anything they did not learn be-

"Yes, mother, but do not many fish catch and devour other fish?" "Yes, Tommy, but this fish that I was about to tell you of is a fisherman and does not chase fishes, but catches them as you do."

"What, does he go out with a fishpole and an angleworm to fish?" "Pretty nearly! He is called the Lophius or fishing frog, or by some the frog fish. It is a sea-fish, which is shaped like a bull head or catfish, and sometimes grows to the length of two feet, but its head is more than half the length of the fish. Its broad mouth is armed with sharp, curved teeth, and it catches its food in a very curious way. It will settle down at the bottom of the sea, where the water is shallow, and lie in wait with its mouth wide open. On the front of its head are antennæ, or 'horns,' I suppose you would call them, being long flexible spikes, shaped like a whip, which end in a silvery ornament like the cracker on the whip. Then, as he lies there, almost invisible in the mud, he sees with his half-shut eyes, a small fish come playing along, like a boy going to school and looking in the win-

"Mamma, does he go to a school of fishes?"

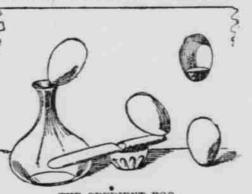
dows to find goodies."

"Tommy, you must listen; when the little fish sees this silvery bait dangling in the water, he thinks it must be something good to eat, and says to himself: 'O, here is a chance to get my dinner cheaply.' So he plays about it awhile, as the Lophius or 'loafer,' as we had better call him, waches the little fellow through half-shut eyes. Then a Mr. King, who was a timber hunter the little fish rushes at the bait, and in British Columbia. Once, when trav- tries to swallow it, when frog fish jumps forward and catches the little fish in his big mouth, and devours him, and camping wherever night overtook while the mud stirred up at the bothim. Mr. King suddenly found him- tom spreads in a yellow cloud through the water and hides the murder."-N. Y. Advertiser.

THE OBEDIENT EGG.

How to Make It a Source of Veritable Mys. tery to Your Friends.

Some curious tricks can be performed with this sentence: "I congratulate troops can be employed for such pur- peating rifle and plenty of cartridges. with eggs prepared in the following the Fifty-third congress upon the wise pose where the local authority is in- "Well," said Mr. King, "the fight, if way: Pierce an egg with a pin, and it could be called one, lasted about empty the contents of the shell. When half an hour. Then a few of them the interior is quite dry, pour into it broke away into the timber and com- some fine sand until a fourth of the menced howling, which had the effect shell is filled. Then seal the hole with a drop of white wax. You can then place the egg on the edge of a knife or the margin of the decanter, and it will stay where you put it. Take care to shake the egg well before placing it in any of these positions, and thus bring the center of gravity to the place



THE OBEDIENT EGG.

where you desire it to be. To make a pears from settled regions. In the disobedient egg introduce into an United States there is probably not empty egg shell some grains of shot one wolf to-day where twenty years and sealing wax. Close the hole, and ago there were fifty. The killing of hold the shell over a flame until the the ranchmen's cattle, colts and sheep wax inside has melted. The shot and was not to be tolerated, and a bounty | wax will then adhere to the bottom of was put on the gray wolf's head, with the egg. When cool place the egg on the table, and it will stand upright, steel trap or the Winchester, the like the one shown in our illustration. strychnine bottle was universally The egg will be a source of mystery to your friends, as it will refuse to assume

A Camp Prayer Meeting.

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During the war with England in 1812, Gen. Jackson, commanding the American army at New Orleans, issued an order that work of every description should be suspended on the Sabbath, and that all uncommon noise in the camp was strictly prohibited on that day of the week. The following Sunday one of the officers of the general's staff reported to him that a number of soldiers had assembled, and in violation of his orders had opened a prayer meeting, and were singing and exhorting.

"Go and join them," replied the gailant old soldier; "and request that they will not forget me in their prayers. God forbid that praying should be an uncommon noise in my camp."-Harper's Young People.

Cruelty to Animals. Two little girls, whose father was

an earnest member of the Society for retired in search of something better. the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, were taken to a menagerie by a visiting aunt. When they returned their father said:

"I hope you didn't see any cruelty tothe poor beasts."

"Oh yes, papa," said the older girl, "there was one case of it." "What was it?"

"Why, the lion-tamer put his head right in the lion's mouth-"Well, what was cruel about that?"

"Why, you could see, just as plain as could be that the horrid man had hair oil on his head!"