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asked out to look it over. One ele-

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overhead wires an allowance is made

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nary weather, and in wet weather and

fogs the loss is much heavier, as every-

one knows who has tried to talk over

Burning Brick With Browncoal.

coal in a raw state is used for burn-

ing brick, stoneware and drain tile,

In Germany and Austria brown-

VARIOUS COMICALITIES.

BRILLIANT FLASHES OF WIT FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Miss Alexander Discovers Why Reginald Marston Could See In Her all the Graces Peculiar to Womankind--Other Squibs.

Why She Wilted.

Reginald Marston had been talking with Miss Alexander for at least two hours on the piazza, where Fred Wheelington had presented him to the heiress. All his best powers had been exerted to please her, and it was quite evident that he was more than successful. As Wheelington came out at 11 o'clock into the fragrant summer air of the night, Marston arose to go. "Not yet, I hope," said Miss Alex-

ander detainingly. "Yes, I have stayed too lot al ready." Marston almost was pered, as

he took her hand. With a short good night to both, he left Miss Alexageer and Wheelington on the peasen.

Wheeleston took thechair Marston had vacy I and with the familiarity of an old friend drew it nearer that of the young woman.

"What have you been saying of me to Mr. Marston?" she began impulsive-

"Not a great deal of a complimentary character," he replied banter-ingly. "There isn't much to say, don't you know."

"Oh, of course not," she laughed "but you must have said something," she msisted, "for I never saw a man so earnest, so honest so persisteni in finding in one all the graces of woman-kind. He aid it so gracefully and so charmingly, too, that really I have quite fallen in love with him." Wheelington coughed significantly

and laughed.
"Indeed?" he said briefly. "Tell me," she urged, "now that's a real nice big brother," and she took his hand caressingly in hers. "That he said after a moment, "not

"Oh, but it must have been a great deal.

"No, it was only a word or two." "Pshaw," she exclaimed, snatching her hand from his, "you couldn't tell him anything about me in a word or two which could possibly have had any influence upon him."

"It seems, however, my dear Miss Alexander, that I did," he said exasperatingly. She jumped up from her chair and

walked across the piazza, where she stood against the rail pulling a honeysuckle to pieces. "How perfectly idiotic," she ex-claimed, throwing the flower to the

"What was it?" "I told him you were very rich." She crushed the flower under her foot and went into the house.-Detroit Free Press.

What He Really Is, "See him! See him!" he said excit-

edly. "Yes. What of it?"

"He's one of the regulators or something of that sort down south." "Indeed!

"Yes. They say when he gets at the head of a crowd with a mask on his face he looks simply terrible."

"Been in lynchings, I suppose."
"That's what I refer to. He hasn't missed one in the ten years he has been in the parish.'

"Dead coward, eh?" "What! Coward! Why, man, didn't I tell you that he took part in all those troubles down there? He's been at the head of five or six negro lynch-

ings to my knowledge, and that's outside of the whites." "And the man lynched never had a

"O, well, of course, they weren't go ing to take any chances-"And he wore a mask."

"Certainly. It wouldn't do to be recognized you know." "I understand. Afraid to give the

man they were going to kill even a chance for his life against big odds on the one hand and afraid to face the Government on the other. What was that I said? Coward? Well, let it go at that."--Chicago Tribune.

A Reminiscence of the Late Census Census-taker, to the queen of a certain kitchen on Maryland Avenue, Baltimore-"What is your name?" Queen of the Kitchen-"My name's

Ma'y 'Liza Jones." Census-taker- "Where were you born?"

Ma'y 'Liza-"I wuz born in Glou'ster Cote-House, Faginia."

Census-taker-"How old are you?" Ma'y 'Liza-"I reckon I'se 'bont twenty-three years ole."

Census-taker, examining the elderly black countenance before him with a puzzled expression-"Were you born before the war, or since the war?"

Ma'y 'Liza, indignantly-"I wus born 'fo' de wah. I ain't no sence de wah nigger. Dese here sence de wah niggers am't no 'count. I's a 'fo de wah nigger.'

Census-taker-"Are you married?" Ma'y 'Liza-"I reckon I is. I got a married daughter wheregot one chile.'

. Census-taker-"How long have you been married?" Ma'y 'Liza-"I speck I been married 'bout twenty years. I got seven chillen, an' all dem's grown."

Census-taker, reading aloud-"Mary Eliza Jones. Born before the war at Gloucester Court-House, Virginia; aged twenty-three years; been married twenty years; and the mother of seven grown children."

Really Quite Merciful.

It was in the New York Central de pot. A well dressed lady with her Little Lord Fauntleroy son approached the door to an leading outgoing train. Both were laden with bundles. A railroad official stood by

"Open the door or I'll punch your head," exclaimed Fauntleroy in a very swagger voice, and the official, amused by the six-year-old's audacity, conented to become doorkeeper for the

occasion and complied.

The mother showed that she was angry as she swept through the door, and as it closed she seized Fauntie-roy by the shoulders and shock him

she asked, "to be so impolite to the gentleman.

"She, mamma," replied Fauntle-roy, "I was only jest foolin'. I wouldn't 'a' punched him?"—Synacuse Journal His Brother Was a Genius.

man, "my brother Hiram is the genius of the family. Perhaps you have heard of my brother Hir-

"Not that I remember," replied the

"Yes," said the spectacled literary

caller. "Is he a man of some dis-"Is he? My brother Hiram, sir," rejoined the scholarly author of "Twenty Systems of Religion Criti-Analyzed and Compared," cheerfully emptying another coal scuttle full of unsold copies of the book into the stove that warmed his meagre apartments "is the inventor of a toothpick that will not climb out of the pocket and get lost, and he is rolling in wealth, sir—sim-ply rolling in wealth!"—Chicago Trib-

A Lucky Woman.

Prospective father-in-law-And you ove my daugnter?

Son-in-law-Yes, devotedly. "And I suppose you want to marry

"Undoubtedly I do."

"But she is my only child. Her future welfare is my greatest anxiety. My own prospects for leaving her well proyided for are not bright, and I can-not part with her unless I know to a well grounded certainty that the dear child will never come to want. Who are you and what are you?"

"I am a New York hotel clerk. "What! Oh, joy! Take her and be happy! Fbuilt a little high, to be sure," but never looked for a streak of luck like this.

An Insuited Politician.

During the recent election in New York a candidate approached a man who had considerable influence with the voters and gently intimated that he, the candidate, might possibly make it advantageous to the other party if he used his influence in his be-

"Do you mean to insinuate that I would take a bribe?" exclaimed the insulted party; "that I am one of those venal wretches who can be corrupted with a paltry sum of money? You insult me, sir. But suppose I was that sort of an infernal scoundrel, how much would you feel like giving

"About \$50," replied the candidate.
"It's a whack!" replied the unbribed and unbought suffragan. They shook and smiled .- Texas Siftings.

Changed the Subject.

He, gently-"Are you not afraid some one may marry you for your money?"

She, sweetly-"Oh, dear, no. Such an idea never entered my head." He, tenderly-"Ah, in your sweet

innocence you do not-know how coldly, cruelly mercenary some men

She, quietly-"Perhaps not." She-He, with suppressed emotion-'I-would not for the world have such a terrible fate happen to you. The man who wins you should love you for "He will have to. It's my Cousin

Jennie who has money, not I. You've got us mixed. I haven't a cent." He-"Er-very pleasant weather we're having."-New York Weekly.

False Pretence.

I want my money back," said the square jawed woman. "This stuff ain't what it's cracked up to be, by a heap.'

"No?" ventured the druggist.

"No, indeed. Doesn't it say on the bottle that 'three applications to the hair will convert the most pronounced brunette into a charming blonde?"

"I guess it does." "Well, it didn't work with me. I'm blonde enough, but I don't seem to charm for a cent. He's gone and married that pug-nosed widder on Central avenue."—Indianapolis Jour-

Had Children Himself.

Gentleman-"Is Mrs. Matronne at home?"

Servant-"No, sir."

Gentleman-"I am a relative whom she has not seen for many years, and I am very anxious to find her, as I can remain in town but a few hours." "I don't know where's she's gone

"How many children has she?" "Eight, sir.

"Ah! I'll soon find her, then. She's in one of the shoe stores."-Street& Smith's Good News.

Why He Was Sent to the Asylum, Bagley .- I notice that the judge sent Smugg to the lunatic asylum instead of the penitentiary for taking

your note. Quagley .- I wonder why he did

that? Bagley .- I presume he thought that anyone who took anything but cash from you was non compos men-

Rather Out of Place.

Mrs. Shoddy-I want to make my son's wife a birthday present.

Jeweler-Would you like to see our styles of diamond necklaces?
Mrs. Shoddy—Yes, I want to get her

something handsome to wear around her throat. Give me some of those diamond tiaras I have read about in

Just in Time

A Texas teacher was calling the roll. Just as she called out "Bob Smith," Bob pushed open the door, out of breath, and answered "here, mam." "Robert, next time you must not answer to your name unless you are

"Yes, mam, I'll try not to."

His Recommendation, Briggs-"How do you like your new

furnace, Griggs?" Griggs-"Ohhit's just aplendid!"

Briggs-"Can you recommend it as bang-up good heater?" Griggs-"No; but I recommend it as a bang-up good refrigerator."

SOME RECENT DISCOVERIES BY MEN OF SCIENCE.

Aluminium Light--Ships of the Angested--New Plan of Electric Transit,

Marvels of Electricity.

Wonderful as the advances in our knowledge and use of electricity have been in the past few years, there is a telephone on a rainy day. reason to believe that we have yet hardly crossed the threshold of discovery in this direction. Hints of what is to come occasionally escape from the laboratories and studies of the men who are now pushing on the outposts of electrical science, and these hints sometimes fairly take away the reader's breath. Men of sci- ufacture of brick, fire brick and tiles, at ence have not yet settled the question | an extremely low price is thus rendered of what electricity is, but every new discovery shows more and more plainly that, whatever it may be, there is hardly any natural phenomenon in their coal, even what would otherwhich it does not play a more or less important part.

of the esher, that strange medium raw brown coal gave better results

marvellous powers and possibilities that the continued advance in our knowledge of electrical phenomena seems about to place within our

and cheaper sources of energy by means of which he may drive his engines and carry on, in its fast-multiplying forms, the work that civilization demands to have done. But men of science, like Professor Crookes, say that in a single cubic foot

Man is constantly searching for new

of the ether, in which the earth is submerged, ten thousand foot tons of energy-that is, force enough to lift ten thousand tons one foot-lie imprisoned, only awaiting the marie touch of science to be loosened for the service of man. They tell us, also, that the latest re-

searches give us reason to hope that

these stores of power may actually be opened and drawn upon. Professor Nicholas Tesla has already succeeded in producing in a room an electrostatic field, into which if a glass tube exhausted of air is carried, the tube will glow with light and illumin-ate the room like a lamp. It now ap-pears, as Professor Crookes says, that "A true flame can be produced without chemical aid-a flame which yields light and heat tithout the con-sumption of material and without any chemical process." Those who have studied "the chemistry of the candle" will appreciate what this

means. To telegraph without wires, to get light without heat, to make solid walls in effect transparent-such are some of the strange possibilities after which students of electricity may now strive with fair hopes of success; and the attainment of these ends would mark but a single step in the advance of modern science.

Aluminiun Light.

A very intense light, such as is required for photograpic or occasionally for medical purposes, may, as is well known, be readily obtained by burning magnesium ribbon which has, however, the disadvantage of being somewhat expensive. An excellent substitute has been found by a French chemist, M Villon, in aluminium, which is about a third of the price of magnesium, and which may be utilized in the same manner by burning it in a spirit lamp, or, if a flame of more intense brilliancy is required, in a coal, gas, or spirit flame supplied with a jet of oxygen.

fames, in which respect it is superior aluminium has a high actinic powernearly as high, indeed, as that of magof obtaining a very intense light, accenter of its flame, into which powdered aluminium mixed with a quarter of its weight of lycopodium and a twentieth of its weight of nitrate of ammonium can be projected by means of a tube furnished with an air ball.

an intense light by means of gun-cotton, but is somewhat dangerous. Probably the best plan for medical photography, or for laryngoscopic and auroscopic and other demonstrations, would be to burn a ribbon of St. Louis Republic. aluminium in an ordinary spiritlamp. Of course, if oxygen and oxyhydrogen, or an oxyalcoholic lamp were at hand a much more intense light could be obtained .- The Lancet.

New Plan of Electric Transit. A new plan of electric transit, which

poles-and which is pronounced as cheap of construction and of operation as the troiley system—is to be of being at once a substantial curb tried in St. Louis. The following de- and a safe and convenient receptacle scription of the method of operation is found in the Brooklyn Eagle. The current is carried by an insulated wire in the conduit, connected with a series of pendant switches 12 feet apart. The switches are insulated when they hang vertically, their natural position. Underneath the car, attached to it by thin metal posts ruming through a slot slightly narrower than that in a cable road, is what is called a shoe. This shoe is a thin piece of metal with an insulated bottom 13 feet long, about 8 inches wide, and with the insulator inch or less thick. As the forward end of the shoe touches the bottom or brush of one of the pendant switches it pushes it out of plumb, and in that way establishes a connection through the switch with the insulated

current-bearing wire. The switch is kept pressed at an angle allowing a free flow of the current as long as the shoe touches it. When the shoe passes the switch falls back by its weight and the current is cut off. But the switches are 12 feet apart and the shoe is 13 feet long, so that before it lets go of a switch behind the forward end has caught an-

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wise be refuse.

At one of the large brick works on Professor Oliver J. Lodge thinks electricity is a mode of manifestation inixture of browncoal briquettes and which is supposed to pervade all space, and to carry light from sun to planet, and from star to star.

In a recent address Professor William Crookes points out some of the marvellous powers and coardilities. their browncoal for use in this man-

such firing purposes, or under steam boilers and elsewhere, due attention is given to the arrangement of the is given to the arrangement of the fireboxes and grates to suit the fuel. If a flat grate is used the grate bars are made very narrow and with small in-tervals between each. The favorite grate, however, is called the "treppen rost," and is a grate arranged in a series of steps by which the air gets proper access to the browncoal without need of a blast sufficient to carry away the smaller particles unburned.

Ships of the Ancients.

Large ships were not unknown to the ancients, and some of the most roomy attained dimensions equal to COL JESSE HARPER ships of modern times. Nevertheless, they were unmanageable monstrosities, almost at the mercy of wind and wave, and utterly unfit to cope with the fury of a nurricane. Doubtless we are ndebted to travelers' tales for the detailed descriptions that survive the lapse of ages. Constantius conveyed from Heliopolis to Rome an obelisk weighing 1,500 tons, and, in addition

an even keel. In 268 B. C., Archimedes devised a marvelous ship for Hiero of Syracuse. Her three lofty masts had been brought from Britain, whereas our ship's masts are of iron, and obtained from New Zealand, or from Vancouver Island. Luxuriously fitted sleeping Homes and Irrigated Farms, Gardens apartments abounded, and one of her and Orchards in the Celebrated Bear banqueting halls was paved with agate and costly Sicilian stone. Other floors were cunningly inlaid with scenes from the Iliad. Stables for many horses, ponds stocked with live fish, gardens watered by artificial rivulets, and hot baths were provided for use or amusements. Ptolemy Philopater possessed a nuptial yacht. the Thalamegron, 312 feet long and 45 feet deep. A graceful gallery, supported by curiously-carved columns ran round the vessel, and within were temples of Venus and of Bacchus. Her

certain class of people for at least 2,000 years—perhaps twice that long.

Its effect upon the tides has long been and Home Markets exist for every kind an established fact; and, if itcan exert such a power over the huge bodies of neighboring cities of Ogden and Salt water which go to make up our seas and oceans, why not over the mists In these it burns without emitting such a power over the buge bodies of to magnesium. The light given by and oceans, why not over the mists of the atmosphere? Exactly what effect Luna has over the waters and nesium. The most convenient way atmosphere of our world it would be unsafe to venture an opinion upon; cording to M. Villon, is to use a lamp certain it is however that there are provided with a jet of oxygen at the phases of the moon that may approprintely be termed "wet," and others which may with equal propriety be called "dry.

This opinion has the support of Newton, Herschel, Mitchell and many other noted scientists. The Scandi-navians, the English and the Germans This gives an exceedingly intense light, without smoke. A mixture of aluminum powder with chlorate of lore than any other class of people. potash and sugar can be ignited, giving Occasionally a person may be found who has a superstitious belief in the effects of the moon upon vegetation, but science has demonstrated that these results may all be attributed to the conditions of the atmosphere .-

An Inventive Suggestion.

A gentleman of inventive mind, suggests the following method of getting rid of the overhead electric trol ley, telegraph and telephone wires: Let a suitable conduit of cast iron be devised, which shall, at the same time, does away with the trolley wire and serve the purpose of curbstone to the sidewalks. It can then be placed in position, be easy of access by proper for the now unsightly, annoying and dangerous wires on poles in the streets. Some difficulties may be encountered on the score of induction and otherwise, but minor and secondary troubles, such as these, in most inventions are generally overcome. The idea at least seems plausible, and the suggestion is worthy of consideration. -Trade Journal.

Director of the Sun.

The petty sovereign of a tribe of North American Indians has a custom by which he displays his superiority, not only to all the world, but to the heavenly bodies as well.

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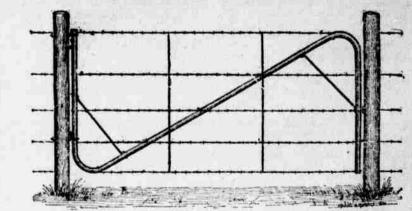


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