ness un-spring."
"Indeed?" interrogated the editor weari "And in what channel does your son's alent run?"

"Oh, it's all to writin," came the answer; "all to writin. 'Pon my soul, it jess bents all the way that boy kin write. Why, sir, he's got yards an yards o' stuff writ out up to hum, an I'm swashed if he can't beat anything I ever heard. He writes po'try. you know, an that's mighty hard to write. We've only had 'bout a dozen real poets, mind yer, so says the teacher to hum, an

my boy's a-goin to make another one." The editor gave a sigh and looked as if he would like to hear Gabriel sound the note that time was no more.

'Now, this here, as far as I kin remember," went on the hayseed visitor, scratching at his head, "is one of his pomesomes, mind yer, an my boy writ it:" "The trees wuz full of leafy leaves;

The sun shone bright an fair; The birds wuz singin sweetly, an The wind blowed through the air. "Now, what do ye think o' that? Don't that rhyme immense? Well, my boy writ that, an he's got barrels more jess like it.

Now, I've heerd as how some men make mighty big wages writin stuff fur papers, an I'm in town today to make arrange-ments fur my boy." "Well," the poor editor managed to say,

mising his eyebrows, "if you want your boy to enter a newspaper office, I think I can give him a job." "That's the way to talk. What'll it be?"
"I can make him the 'devil.'"

"Devil? I s'pose that's one on a paper that jess writes stuff what makes people roar an keeps up the old Harry all the time,

"Reckon it's one that prints the paper hen?" not so hilariously.

'Well, what is it then, and how much'll he git?"

Well, it's the position of one who is just learning the printing trade. He will be required to delve in grease, oil and ink,

and his wages will be \$3 a week."

"Hah!" exclaimed the farmer, jumping to his feet. "Delve in grease, oil and ink an git \$3 a week! Why, you old baldheaded jackass, if my wife'd hear you say such a thing she'd fill yer mouth full o' smashed eeth. Delve in grease, oil and ink! Say, look-a-here! If you'll jess lay down that there pen an come out on the side gum dast if I won't scatter y a constitution over the huil of the old paper for \$47!"

And the door banged after him. - Boston

His Conclusion.

When General Tom Thumb and his wife were on their return from their wedding tour in Europe, they stopped for a day or selves on exhibition.

There happened to be in Hartford at the time an old farmer from the neighborhood Litchfield Hill, who heard that Tom humb was in the place and resolved that would see him before he went home.

The farmer found his way to the hotel here Tom Thumb was stopping, and was seld to go, if he wished to see him, to a certhe door.

The farmer went up and knocked, as he was bidden. But it happened that the room was occupied by a certain Colonel Jones, a prominent politician who lived in an adjoining county and who was a man enormous stature, measuring almost 7

The colonel had already been railied a little on the fact that his next door neighbor down the corridor was Tom Thumb, and when the visitor knocked at his door he was rather out of humor.

"Come in!" he called out. The farmer opened the door and peered in.
"I'm a-lookin," he said, "for General Tom

Thumb. "Sir," said the colonel, raising himself to his full height, "you see him before you!"
"I want to know! Be you Tom Thumb?"

"You don't say so!" said the farmer. "Waal, I guess you've growed some sence you had your pictur' took, hain't ye?"— Youth's Companion.

A Laughable Story.

A few workingmen were discussing the ames of great scientists in Manchester. The name of Darwin cropped up. One of the company, less learned than the rest,

"Darwen; I kna that place. A've been ther monny a toime.

"Get out, you fooil," said another, "We're nut talkin about the place called Darwen, but the mon. Hevn't ye nivver heerd o' Darwen! Why, if it hadn't been for Darwen we s'ould all hev been chatterin monkeys, and nut gentlemen, like we are."field Telegraph.

A Philosopher.

"Terrapin," said Mr. Dreffleshort, "is one of those things that come high that you don't have to have.' And he laid the bill of fare down and heerfully ordered fried liver. - Chicago

Bore Traces of His Guilt. "Harold Honesteele," said the beautiful girl in scornful tones, "'tis useless for you

to try to deceive me. You have been shaving yourself; your face betrays you!"-

The Very First Thing. May-if you were I, what would you do? Jack-Well, first of all, I'd let me kim

Found Out.



Claudia—Oh, I was so very, very sorry to and you out when I called yesterday. Elvira-I, too, regretted it of course. But do tell me why you were so very, very sorry. Claudia-Because I'd just seen you enter he bouse five minutes before -Truth.



No. 383,-The Coming of Santa Claus. Coming with merry feet to young and old, Where snow and ice would block his onward

Strive they in vain his eager step to stay. For Santa Claus is curious as bold, Why should he not know what the ovens hold? Such odors tempt him, and he must obey. Schoolboys and matrons, grandsires, maldens

Forgive him if he warms his fingers cold While waiting. Arrows from his mystic pack— Wise fellow, see him choose! "These (from my

With shaft of silver, tipped with jewel rare, Aimed with the skill which love alone impart Shall strike the center of the coyest hearts. Lest Santa Claus be slighted, then beware!"

Take one letter from each line of this verse and you will find an acrostic which spells a Christmas greeting. The letters will be the same in distance from the beginning of each line.

So. 384.—A Coin Puzzle.



Insert the name of a United States coin wherever a coin is shown in the illustration. How will the sentence then read?-

No. 385. - Double Acrostic. The letters in each of the following 18 groups may be transposed so as to form one

word. When these are rightly guessed they will answer to the following definitions: 1. Relating to color. 2. Half a poetic verse.

Pliny, because the aquatic species grow where frogs abound.

8. A name for buttercups, given them by

5. Benumbed.

- Shaped like a top. 7. The summer solstice, June 21.
- 8. Mineral pitch. 9. Layers of earth lying under other lay
- 10. The more volatile parts of substances,

eparated by solvents. 11. Accused.

12. The goddess of discord.

18. The utmost point.

1. I match roc, 2. She hit mic. 3. I run clan U. 4. A limp rat, I. 5. Fed, I set up. 6. I run at Bet. 7. Rimm mused. 8. Put a sham L. 9. As tar tubs. 10. I rust cent. 11. Dime peach. 12. Cari is odd. 13. Extry time.

When the above letters have been rightly transposed and the words placed one below the other, the primals will spell a festal time, and the finals will spell an anniversary of the Church of England held on the 28th of December.

No. 386.—Something Nice.

Johnnie enjoyed his Christmas dinner greatly. Oh, yes; but there was something lacking, in his opinion, so he set about supplying the deficiency. First, he took a quarter of a mince pie, then a very small piece of chocolate, next a crumb of tread, and to these he added a bit of cranberry sauce and the last of the turkey. After combining these he had something so white and so deliciously crisp that he knew at once that the missing article of food had been supplied.

A Literary Curiosity.

A western paper is responsible for the following: A few days ago a supposed dead bull was seen lying by the side of the track on the Northern Pacific. The matter was promptly reported to the superintendent's office, and he in turn sent out an order instructing the section foreman to remove the dead animal. Shortly afterward a reply was received which distinguishes the foreman as a man of superior tact, although his rhetorical powers have doubtless been sadly neglected. The epistle runs thus:

"The Supt. Sir. The bull that was killed by the train, was not killed, but she died from eating too much buckeyes and ain't ded yet, but will bury him tomorrow. Answer if I shall skined him. Thos. O'Flaherty, Sec. Forman."

Confiding.

Down in Virginia a robbery had been committed. The finger of suspicion pointed to a negro servant, and he was arraigned before the local justice, who happened to be the negro's old master, to whom he was still intensely loval.

He made no defense or denial as the judge laid the evidence point by point, against him, and sentence was about to be pronounced when suddenly the real culprit was discovered.

"Why didn't you say you didn't do it, George?" asked the justice.

"Why," said the faithful old servant, 'you's a hones' man, judge, an if you say is the man, den I is the man, but you see ain't the man."-Youth's Companion.

No Puller.

The man was driving a sorry old horse along the road, hitched to a light wagon, when he met a chap from town.
"Mister," he said, "air you from the

"What do you think this horse of mine

ought to bring there?" "He ought to bring a load of wood or truck, I should say," laughed the traveler.
"But he won't," sighed the owner, never letting on he saw the joke, "and that is why I want to sell him."-Detroit Free

What Decided Him.

"It's no use." said the poet to the barber, I will have to get my hair cut." "All right. Want it pretty short?"
"Close up. 1 want the job attended

boroughly. "Long hair isn't in style any more," venared the barber in an effort to be genial. "It isn't the style I care for. Just a few minutes ago I was introduced to a man, and he said, Which do you play, football or the plano?" -- Exchange

His Argument.

"But why should I give you money in-ead of work?" said the householder to the

"It's very simple, sir," returned the manp. "If I did the work, you'd have to tramp. "If I did the work, you'd have to have it done ever again. I'm such a poor hand at work. It's money in your pocket to pay me and let me go."—Harper's Bazar.

The Star Boarder Again. Star Boarder-Here is another fly that Landlady—Where is it? Star Boarder—In this pitcher of milk.

Why Mr Charles B Noble is Being Congratulated

A Remarkable Case of Being Completely Cured of Paralysis After Nearly Three Years of Suffering and Eminent Physicians Had

Declared Their B st

Efforts Baffled.

Newspaper men as a rule place little credence in patent medicine stories and seldom bother to even read them This is not to be wondered at when it is taken into consideration how often they are called upon by unscrupulous persons to fabricate and publish stories of remarkable cures and perhaps print a picture of the mythical man or woman supposed to have been cured. That all medicine advertisements are not mere "fakes," and that all newspaper menare not equally prejudiced is proven by a story published in the Cincinnati Times-Star of a well-known newspaper man whose life was saved by reading an advertisement. So remarkable and interesting is the story that it is here reproduced as published in the Times-Star.

Mr. Charles B. Noble, the well-known litterateur, who has been suffering for nearly three years with paralysis, was upon the street today, cheerful and active and the recipient of congratulations from his many friends. There is a bond of unity between all newspaper men, so that Mr Noble's case appeals to every member of the craft as well as to every one afflicted as he was. Mr. Noble has spent the last three years in Sure Cure for t aveling from city to city seeking skilled physicians, to whom he has appealed in vain for relief. Knowing this, a reporter expressed surprise at the amarkable cure, but Mr. Noble, after executing a jig to show that he was as sound as he looked, let the reporter in-

to the secret of his cur.

"It was a hard time I had of it," said he, "but the last medicine we take is always the ope that cures, and I have calen the fast. I was paralyzed on March 9, 1890, while in the emoloy of the David Williams Publishing Company of New York City as their representative from Cincinnati I found the traveling a great help to me, both in a traveling a great help to me, both in a fin speial and a literary way, but suddenly stricken down as I was at Somerset, O, 150 miles from Cincinnati, I was incapacitated for both writing and money making. Luckily my literary produc-tions had been remunerative, and I had snug bank account laid up, but these three years have made a drain on it,

"I scught a score of physicians, going to the best specialists in Cincinnati, Chattanooga and Pittsburg. Twelve Cincinnati doctors, pronounced my case incurable, but I would not give up, and after seeking in vain for relief in Pittsburg and Chattanooga, consulted the best medical talent in Chicago. Up to January 17, 1893, I had spent \$2,500 for doctors and medicine and was about to give up in despair when I got hold of Dr. William's Pink Pills for Pale People, through reading the advertise-

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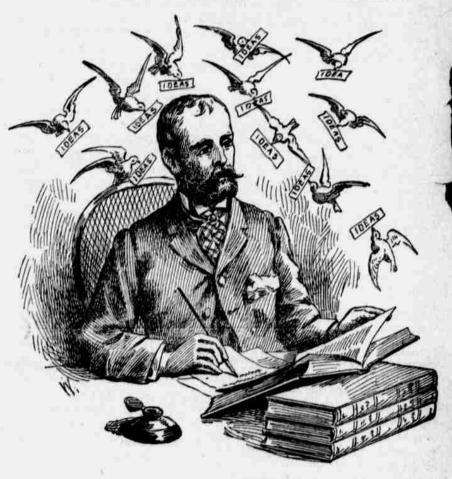
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