MRS. NEWPOP'S RIVAL.

Poor George Has a Hard Time Trying to Understand. "Home, sweet home!"

As George Newpop murmured the day's work was done, and mamma and quirer, baby awaited him in the window above. Bounding up the stairs, he kissed the again. An instant later his light heart | The letter reads: became heavy. The conjugal temperature was dropping a score of degrees a second.

"What's the matter, dear?" he inquired, gently.

"There's there's nothing the matter." Mrs. Newpop replied, brokenly, and her tone confirmed his worst sus-

picions. "Yes, there is," he persisted. "I am unconscious of having done anything to-"

"Men always are. They never do wife who is to blame!" cried Mrs. Newpop, bursting into tears.

"For heaven's sake tell me what I've done," pleaded Newpop. "You-you kissed the baby-four-

fourteen times." "Well, what of that? Why shouldn't

I kiss him fourteen times, or fourteen hundred?" "But you only k-kissed me th-th-

thirteen, and I wish I was dead " "Were dead, dear; were dead." "Well, were dead, then. You only

kissed me thirteen times." "Is that so? I did not intend to dis-

criminate, dear-" Yes, you did. Since baby came you have not loved your wife a bit. You 1-love the baby all the time and I'm in second place, and-and I wish I were dead, so there!"

"But I never thought anything about it, and as for the baby-don't I always call him the sweetest thing on earth except his mother?"

"You used to, but do not any-any

"What nonsense! Compared with you the baby is nothing to me."

"Now, don't add prevarieation to your other sins, George Newpop." "I'm not, dear. The fact is I've never cared very much for the baby since he was born," Newpop protested,

eloquently. "What, don't you love that baby?" "Not much-he keeps us awake

nights and yells days and-" His further utterance was cut short by the most heartbroken wail that had

yet escaped Mrs. Newpop's lips. "Wretch, wretch! Unnatural creature, baby!" she cried, rushing from the

For a moment the astounded Newpop stood gazing after her like a man suddenly confronted with the riddle of

"Well-I'll be-jiggered!" he cried at next?

### Horses Will Remain.

main so, notwithstanding the arrival of the bicycle and the motor wagon. When the reaper was invented pessichine was bitterly fought by people stress. The world to-day knows the results. It is true that electric street railways have dispensed with the service of many thousand horses and that the bicycle has decidedly injured the livery business, and yet it is a fact that the export trade in American horses is making giant strides forward. The exports for 1895, just compiled, are \$3,000,000 in value-about twice that of 1894. Europe will keep on buying American horses, and the equine which at home has survived the competition of the steam railroad and the trolley line will hold its own with the "bike" and the horseless wagon. Horses will be cheaper, just as watches are cheaper now than formerly, that is all.-New York Journal.

French Colonial Policy Illustrated.

An important discovery has been recently made in Madagascar which will have the effect of considerably increasing the value of that island for France. Gold has been discovered between Tamatave and Antananarive, where the conformation of the country is very similar to that on the Rand. Already some twenty-eight prospectors have left the Transvaal for Tamatave. The French, however, are placing every possible obstacle in the way of allowing foreign prospectors to commence digging, and a 25-franc license is now required to be taken out before operations can be commenced. The authorities seize upon the slightest pretense for refusing this license, and every effort is being made to keep all claims in French hands,-Westminster Gazette.

Too Many Regging Letters.

The emperor of Germany has received recently so many letters from children begging for presents of varions kinds that he has issued through the minister of instruction an order to the public school teachers to discourage the writing of such letters by pupils, except in cases of necessity,

Cunliffe-"Did Roarer ever realize any of his political ambitions?" "No. poor fellow; he never got any higher than the position of a favorite son."-Philadelphia North American.

Superstition.

Superstition has no place in God's reworking miracles that ever was on earth fool way of writing "James Samuel is on earth now.—Rev. J. E. Roberts. Brown." is on earth now .- Rev. J. E. Roberts,

PANAMA BELLS IN CINCINNATI. Three Hundred Years Have Vanished

Since They Were Cast. Two old and remarkable bells have eyes, says the New York World. His South America, says the Cincinnati En-

The gentleman who shipped them from Panama states in a letter that baby and kissed its mother again and these bells have an interesting history.

> of these two old bells sent you outside was cast in the year 1600 and the large one in 1720. They have been useless of ten smoke them during the day, alas bells for years but have served to though at night when comfortably dicarry back the thoughts of the Spanish continent was not so great and so thickly populated as at present.

"I am sorry that public spirit was not of a sufficient character to keep them as a relic of the days when our foreanything, of course. It is always the fathers fought with the natives and the wild animals, which in that time were

plentiful in this region. "The small bell was first placed in a alarm when there was danger from a new church at about the year 1700. From this edifice it was again moved pomp and ceremony and each time conuseless and thrown among a lot of church rubbish, though it had a history of the country and is probably the oldest bell in America.

"The history of the large bell, cast in 1720, is similar to that of the small one, excepting that it was placed in the steeple of the San Rafael church and remained there until it had become useless."

The bell cast in 1720 bears the fol-

lowing inscription: "S. Rafael, Anno Domini De, 1720." These two old bells are peculiar in shape as compared with those of the present day. The top of the bells is nearly as large as the base. They are made of the highest quality of copper, with a mixture of silver. Both of the bells indicate that they have received Republic. rough usage. From all appearances it seems that after the clappers were lost a sledge-hammer was used to strike them. The Cincinnati Art museum has made application for these bells and they will be placed on exhibition there. The small bell weighs 100 pounds and not to love that dear, sweet, angel the large one 200. The crown by which the bells were hung seems to have rotted away in part from old age.

Nothing to Do.

Sensible men who have been hard workers are always talking about the fime when they can retire from busi-"I wonder if Solomon, with all ness. They have kept regular hours his wives and all his wisdom, ever and had busy lives, full of interests really knew what a woman would do and cares and they imagine they want to lay these aside and rest. They do not know they have lost the ability to enjoy rest and that the great pleas-The horseless age is a long way off. ure of life is in work, not in idleness. It is out of sight, and is likely to re- Frequently men carry out their plans. They go out of business. They have nothing to do and they find out for the first time how interminably long a day mists foretold the starvation of the can be that has no duties in it and agricultural laborer. The sewing mathemy wear themselves out trying to have a good time. Generally a man who saw nothing in store for the seam- then makes the discovery that he has a liver, or the gout, or some ailment that he can nurse into a disease. He sits with his fingers on his pulse because he has nothing else to do; he undertakes to teach his wife how to keep house and makes himself a nuisance to his friends because he has nothing else to occupy his mind. It is reported that Bismarck, when he had But tomorrow came and her smiles were the reins of power taken from him, chafed at inaction and said that it was a curious feeling to wake up in the And my riches were rolled in a winding morning and feel that the only thing he had to do was to wind up his watch. That may be enough occupation for a hair-brained chappie, but a man who has led a busy and useful life wants something better to do if he is to keep healthy in mind and But tomorrow came and the Styx was body.-New Orleans Picayune.

Noiseless and Smokeless Locomotives

There is now in use in the Grand Central station, New York, a locomotive which switches passenger cars without any noise. While the engine glides up and down the tracks shunting rows of cars no smoke is to be seen nor can the noise of escaping steam be heard. The big engine exhausts and uses its own steam. It is what is known as a compound locomotive, and was designed by William Buchanan, master mechanic of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad. He has succeeded in doing away with the objectionable sound of the exhaust.

Applying the Proverb.

dem wot helps demselves." Ragweed Reggie-"What makes yer t'ink so?" gone an' helped ourselves to dat cold ham in de kitchen we'd never seed dem summer suits hangin' up dere."-Washington Times.

A Property of Salt.

crease is mere water, the bread gains vid Philipson. nothing in nutritious quality.

Jaysam's Weird Way.

"Jaysam Brown" of Kansas seems less eccentric when you analyze it, ligion of this age. All the power of and discover that it is only a blame WETTING THE PIPE.

Prevents a Brierwood from Burning Rapidly Away Inside the Bowl. "The practice of wetting the bowl just been received by the Cincinnati of a new brierwood pipe before filling words there was a happy light in his Bell foundry company from Panama, it with tobacco for the first time is an essentially German custom here in New York," remarked a tobacco dealer in lower Broadway the other day as a man who had just purchased a pipe walked over to the water cooler and filled the bowl with water, relates the "You might desire to know something New York Journal. "A brier pipe is the easiest thing to hold between the of a commercial value. The small one teeth when you are working at a desk or on the street, and nine Germans out gesting dinner they prefer to puff away populace here to the old days when this at a long-stemmed affair. The reason for wetting the pipe first is simple enough. The wood gets bone dry after having been in the shop for months, as most pipes are, and if it was not wet it would burn out in a comparatively short time. If you allow a pipe to soak for a few minutes before lighting it for the first time the wood will char very gradually, and as time goes rudely constructed catholic church. It on it will absorb more evenly the nicoserved both as a call to worship and an tine, which will make it sweet to the hardened pipe smoker. Most people the natives. For many years it re- think that there is a vast difference in mained in this old church but was the quality of the wood between a eventually transferred to the steeple of brier pipe that costs \$2 and one that costs 25 cents, and nearly every dealer is glad to foster this idea. But the to a newer one, always with great fact is that the difference in price lies in the mouthpiece. The \$2 pipe has secrated by the bishop. But, like all a mouthpiece of amber, and the finer other things of earth, it became old, the quality of amber the higher the broken and was finally abandoned as price. But the quality of wood is about the same in a cheap pipe as in one that costs dollars. Of course, in a cheap pipe there may be flaws in the wood that have been deftly puttled up. but a careful buyer, when he has a number of pipes to choose from, can easily detect these if he looks sharply. A 25-cent pipe, if judiciously selected, will smoke just as well and last as

> UNABLE TO FIND A MATCH. The Lovers Could Not Tell One from

long as a more costly one."

Toothpick. It was dark in the hall, her economical parent having turned out the gas, and the late young man could

not find his hat, says the St. Louis "Give me a match, dear," she whispered, and he felt with his disengaged hand for a match, assuring her at the same time that it was impossible he

could find a match for her and little imagining that he was speaking the bitter truth. No flame followed her feeble attempt to strike a match on the wall paper and the young man produced another, and another, until it seemed as if he must be a peripatetic match factory.

But no glimmer of light appeared. "Those matches cannot be the kind they make in heaven," he said, and just then a stentorian voice from the

upper story called: "Mary Eller! What idiot is keeping you up to this hour of the night!" And the young man said in the dulcet tones of love's young dream that he would take the first hat he could find and forthwith departed into picking them up. Capt. Moss says that the cold, hard world.

And the next morning at breakfast the old gentleman said he'd be blamed if he wanted to keep open house for a pair of idiots who didn't know the difference between a sulphur match and a toothpick,

To-morrow and To-morrow. "Tomorrow," I said, "I will cleanly

live: But I spoke with a drunken mind;

"Tomorrow," I cried, "to the poor I'll give.

As I scattered my wealth to the wind.

And the wine was sparkling and red;

sweet,

And the poor had to beg his bread.

"Tomorrow," I cried, "I will go to Christ.

For Tophet's too hot today;" And the devil there was to pay,

And all my good is in after-now, And the present is always here; And I know how the voice of my pres-

ent vow Will sound in Tomorrow's ear.

For Tomorrow will ever a prospect be, Unborn in the future's womb, Till I see it stand in God's chancery, My judge at the crack of doom.

State Rivalry in Ex-Governors.

-Temple Bar.

The death of ex-Gov. Robinson of Chicopee leaves Massachusetts with only five ex-governors living. Connecticut can do better than that. She has seven to show in ex-Governors Roadside Jim-"Dere seems to be Hawley, Ingersoll, Andrews, Harrison, Roadside Jim-" 'Cause if we hadn't er ability and character also.-New Haven (Conn.) News.

The greatest barrier in the way of the acquisition of true knowledge is conceit. The conceited man cannot be-Salt has the property of causing come truly wise. The most striking Egypt." "Yes, your excellency; that is dough to take up more water than it instances of humanity have been furotherwise would, and thus increase the nished by those whom the world has case, Henry, dervish is father to the weight of the bread, but as this in- accounted the wisest men.—Rabbi Da- thought."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Tele-

Not Located.

Joe Cose-"What has become of that stale messenger boy joke? It seems to have disappeared." Sribbins-"Some one must have given it to a messenger boy to deliver to the papers"-Philadelphia North American.

CROSS ROADS RELIGION.

Extracts from the Bible Find Space on

Eastern Milestones. The practice of putting up religious signs at country cross roads is becoming quite popular "down east." One sign put up recently on a milestone reads as follows:

Reader, this is what you would like to be. It is quite natural. All people want to be happy. But remember my words this day: The true Christian, the believer in Christ, the converted man, he is the only happy man. Such a one is an ark. When the last flery deluge is sweeping over all things on the surface of the earth, it shall not come nigh him. He shall be caught up, and borne securely above it all. He is in Christ. Such a one is in a hidingplace. When God arises to judge terribly the earth, and men are calling to rocks and mountains to fall upon them and cover them, the everlasting arms shall be thrown around him, and the storm shall pass over his head. He shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. He is in Christ. Such a one is in a city of refuge. The accuser of the brethren can lay no charge against him. The law cannot condemn him. There is a wall between him and the avenger of blood. The enemies of his soul cannot hurt him. He is in a secure sanctuary. He is in Christ. Such a one is rich. He has treasure in heaven which cannot be affected by worldly changes. He need not envy the richest merchants and bankers. He has a portion that will endure when bank-notes and sovereigns are worthless things. He has Christ. Such a one is insured. He is ready for anything that may happen. Nothing can harm him. Banks may break, and governments may be overturned. Famine and pestilence may rage around him. Sickness and sorrow may visit his own fireside. But still he is ready for all-ready for health, ready for disease, ready for tears, ready for joy, ready for poverty, ready for plenty, ready for life, ready for death. He has Christ, Reader this happiness may be yours. Seek Christ and be happy. Repent, believe, follow Jesus, and you will be a happy man.

Monkeys as Gold Miners.

Competition is very keen in the gold mines of the Transvaal. Some twentyfour monkeys were recently put to work as day laborers in the mine operated by Capt. E. Moss of Boston. Their work is so satisfactory that their services are accepted in place of ordinary workmen. Capt. Moss recently published an account of his remarkable monkey miners in the Boston Evening Transcript. He says the twenty-four monkeys do the work of seven ablebodied men, and they do some of the work more satisfactorily. There are besides no strikes or other labor troubles among these new workmen. The monkeys' work is the gathering of small pieces of quartz, which they carefully pile into little heaps. Their sharp eyes detect the small gold-bearing pleces of quartz, which an ordinary workman would pass over, and they are exceedingly skillful and quick in when he commenced digging gold h had two pet monkeys which constantly followed him about the mine. One day he noticed that they were busily engaged in gathering up little bits of quartz and carefully placing them in piles. They seemed to enjoy this work very much. It did not take the captain long to learn their value as laborers and so the monkey gang was at once increased. The monkeys that have had experience in the mines teach the new monkeys how to do the work .- New York World.

Flower-Adorned Wheels.

Wheelmen who come back from the suburbs with branches of blossoms tied in front of their wheels have a lot of trouble getting home with their prizes. If their return take them up the east side they find it pretty near impossible. Children beseech them for a flower with every variation of entreaty. Youngsters wheedle them with clasped hands and pretty pleadings and little "tarriers" snatch at the petals with violence enough to turn the wheel out of its course. Half-grown girls make no gandage, and the exquisite from Murray Hill has sometimes to run an embarrassing gauntlet. The jovial among the cyclists attest at once their skill and good nature by supplying themselves liberally with branches, from which they tear off and distribute the blossoms as they ride along without slackening their pace. This is known in the inner circles as "throwing bouquets to the masses,"-Exchange,

Poured Water in His Boots.

The Rev. Leonard B. Worth of the Baptist church has begun a suit for divorce from Elvira W. Worth in Oklahoma. The clergyman alleges that his wife asked him to deed all of his some truf in de sayin' dat heaven helps Waller, Lunsbury and Bulkeley, and property to her and made threats that they will average up quite as well as if he did not she would not live with those of the Bay state in point of him, but would make it hot for him all his life. On one occasion, he says, she filled his Sunday boots with water.

The Worst of All.

"Henry!" "Yes, your excellency." "The English think they will have

Degeneration

Many churches are degenerating into mere monkey making machines, fashionable clubs or bureaus of entertainment, and there is a danger that the divine life is being allowed to die out .-Rev. Dr. Cartwright.

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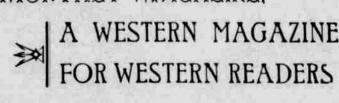
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