#### SHE HAD SEEN HER.

#### Incident Which Shows That One Should Not Talk Too Much.

Here is an incident which, to be ap preciated, needs a glance at the sweet womanly face of the young Mrs. Stanton: Mrs. Stanton was summering at Saratoga, eagerly enjoying the delights of that fascinating young watering place half a century ago - a merry young mother, in great demand for her agreeable manners and sparkling conversation, as well as for her talented performances upon the guitar. Chatting with a friend one day, the woman question-that bugbear of the moment-was brought up. "Isn't it dreadful," he remarked, "to think of a woman so unsexing herself as actually to appear before the legislature at Albany ?" Naturally enough, the heroine of this very shocking procedure protested against this interpretation of woman's sphere; yet, amused by her friend's faux pas. mischievously she led him on.

"What kind of a woman is this Mrs. Stanton?" she inquired.

"Oh, a dreadful kind of a woman!" was the reply. "Just the kind of woman one would expect would do such a thing.

"Do describe her," pleaded his tormentor. "Tell me more about her."

And he, nothing loath, went on: "Well, she's a large, masculine-looking woman, with high cheek-bones and a loud, harsh voice-don't you knowjust one of those regular woman's rights women."

"Have you really seen her, or is this taken from the papers?" she asked, quietly.

"Of course I have seen her; did I not tell you that I heard her before the legislature?"

"How did she sneak ?"

"Frightfully; it was simply awful. Her strident voice and her masculine appearance should have been the deathknell to her cause."

"What is her name, did you say?" "Mrs. Stanton-Mrs. Henry Stanton, in fact."

"Why, that's my name!" she said. "Of course-she's your namesake, so I thouht you would be interested. But I knew it could be no relation of yours.

Ha, ha, ha!" Mrs. Stanton rose. "I am afraid I am

she," she said. Of course there was nothing for him

to do but to confess and grovel.

#### A Pennsylvania Snake Story.

Our zoological fr end, Thomas Kuhn, while out in the woods was charmed by a display of animal instinctum magnum that ordinary mortals seldom see. Ing toward the other. Twelve feet from In a cool, grassy part of the deep forest the body of the tree they unite again, near Marshall's mills he discovered making a perfect oval, and out of this a mother blackanake playing with her grows two smaller branches. As if not around one tree and her tail around an- its base grows another white oak, less other. She was swinging back and forth than half its size, and no sooner does like a jumping-rope and the little the smaller tree arrive at the charmed snakes were jumping the rope. They circles of those branching limbs than played for some time, when the old one of them grows right into it, and is snake and a couple of young ones absorbed. The second tree is very much crawled upon a large rock. In a short larger twenty feet from the ground time a young make appeared with a than at its base. frog. The old snake divided it un among the baby snakes, who rewarded

her by going a way and catching a frog for her. The old snake was twelve feet London who are reputed to spend over four inches in length .- Latrobe (Pa.) \$2,500 per year on cigars. This is con-

### S FOND OF BRIGHT COLORS. Mrs. Aiva Vanderbilt Dotes on Florid

Ornamentation One of the large drawing rooms of the New York residence of Mrs. Alva Vanderbilt at Madison avenue and Seventy-second street is forty feet deep, and its chief feature is the magnificent fresco work on the walls and ceilings. Mrs. Vanderbilt has always been fond of a great deal of color in the ornamentation of her numerous homes, and the mass of richness to be found in these apartments is almost oppressive. But the fact that the ceilings are very high tones down the wealth of color, and the dainty furnishings give a bright and cheery effect to the whole. Many of the art treasures of Marble house at Newport have been moved to this house, for it was the intention of the mistress to make the bravest possible showing when all the fashionable world came to see her daughter made a duchess. One of her treasures is a screen in three sections, representing "Wine,

Women and Song." It was painted by a notable German artist, and, although but about four feet high and about the same in breadth, cost the neat sum of \$7,000. The first section shows a Bacchanalian cupid holding a wine cup; the second, two cupids dancing atthe third a singing cupid. The frames are covered with velvet and the ornamentations at the top of the standards are of gilt. This is said to be the finest

screen in the country. The walls of the drawing room are nearly covered with Gobelin tapestries, the intervening space being devoted to magnificent panels and medallions of a beautiful decorative character. It is not proba-

ble that elaborate floral decorations will be used to ornament the house, as it has always been Mrs. Vanderbilt's policy to rely upon the permanent

splendor of her home. This was the case when she gave her famous ball at Marble house last August in honor of her daughter. All the art treasures which she had collected during the last twenty years were exhibited, giving guests at the dance more pleasure than the customary profusion of flowers.

#### A Remarkable Tree.

There is a wayward white oak tree near Laporte, Ind., that may puzzle nagrowth. The tree is nine feet in circumference at the base, and there are no branches of any size below fifteen feet from the ground. There the great bole divides into a number of limbs. Two, leaving the trunk about twenty inches apart, grow west, their lines diverging for some six feet, and then each rendfamily of six litt's ones. The old one satisfied with that expressed disregard was suspended between two saplings for the laws of nature, this old tree has eight feet apart, her head was wrapped performed another feat. Six feet from

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"Pipe Stories."

"There is one favorite Chicago expression that I don't hear in Washington so often," said a correspondent from the Windy City to a Post man. "It is 'pipe' stories as synonym for fake or canard or ghost stories.

"Where does it come from? Oh, it came from the West, along with the did was done because he considered it Chinese, and I suppose you will get it here when Chinamen and opium joints become more numerous. There are lots of white hop flends in Chicago. If they get hold of a green reporter or a green policeman they are liable to have lish paper. them chasing all over the universe at dead hours of the night looking for suppositional events and their mendacinations are known to the police as 'pipe stories' or 'talking pipe.' That is the symbol in Chicagoese for anything that is without foundation in fact.-Washington Post.

"A Human Arrow."

From the London Weekly Telegraph: A novelty at the Westminster Aquarium entertainments is the shooting of "The Human Arrow." The "arrow" is a girl 16 years of age, and she is shot from a monstrous bow at a target. She passes through the target, and is caught by another girl who is hanging by her feet in midair nearly twenty yards away.

A Difference of Opinion.

"Aha!" said Mrs. Strongmind, as she and her husband sat in one of the Paris cafes listening to the band. "See there -there is a woman playing in that orchestra. She is gradually getting her rights here in France, anyhow."

"Think so?" laughed Mr. Strongmind. fiddle."

sidered very large over there, but several American millionaires are said to exceed this. One of them is reported as spending \$10,000 annually on cigars. tants, is the New York, the London, the An English nobleman who married an American woman, who brought a bag Canadian coast. They must buy and of money with her, has astounded London with his extravagance in cigars. and always trades with one dealer, who posts a sign to that effect in order to attract customers. Several prominent ARE YOU WITH US ? Englishmen, among whom is said to be Labourchere, buy cigarettes imported from Turkey, at a cost of 10 cents each. One of them smokes and gives away 100 in a day, which is probably the rec-

> Characteristics of the "Old Roman." "Thurman's most notable characteristic in the senate," says ex-Senator Edmunds, "was his command of pure, strong English. He was powerful in debate, never mincing matters, but calling things by what he considered their right names. He was brave in his convictions, and was always working for what he thought the good of his country, and not for the hire. Although I did not agree with him upon political matters, I could not help liking him for his earnestness. What he

ord for expensive cigarette smoking.

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#### Labor of Love.

That is a beautiful little story which is told in a recent number of an Eng-

A man walking along a country road saw a little girl carrying a boy much younger than herself, but who appeared far too big and heavy for her strength. He began talking to her and suggested that the baby was heavy.

"Why," said she in astonishment, 'he's not heavy; he's my brother."

#### France Wants Treasures.

The French government has paid the Persian shah \$10,000 for the right to dig up antiquitles anywhere within the ancient empire, and the bargain is regarded as an excellent one for the western nation. Several of the great cities of the bible lie buried there, and archaeologists think that they contain better treasure trove than the world has ever gained from the orient.

Better Late Than Never, Parent (at the breakfast table)-

Willie, where is the morning paper?" Willie-"I let Freddle Jenkins take it. He said that he would fetch it back to-morrow."-Exchange.

Speed of a Cannon Ball. A cannon ball fired from one of the "I don't. That woman is playing second great Krupp or Armstrong guns travels at the speed of 2.887 feet per second.