csar to hand him over Europe than he conceived the idea of marrying Alexer's sister. Trusty ambassadors were sent to St. Petersburg on this delicate mission. The czar received them courteously, but showed disincilnation to favor the marriage. This he was entitled to do without giving offence; but it is said that a court busyheard Alexander privately say that nothing should induce him to allow his sister to marry "the Corsican parvenu."

This was assiduously reported to Napoleon, who, from that moment, plotted that mighty invasion of Russia, which cost him 150,000 troops left in the snow, and proved "the beginning of the end."

HERE'S REAL SAFETY ENVELOPE. Ingenious Device for Double Locking a Letter.

A new envelope made in Paris is proof against the thief or the meddler who opens a letter to extract or to read its contents and then reseals it so cleverly as to hide any sign of it having been tampered with.

The new envelope is really two envelopes. Each is of thin paper, one a pronounced blue, the other lighter in color and different in texture. Each has a gummed flap.

The letter is first placed in the blue envelope, which is slightly smaller than the other. Instead of sealing this it is placed in the outer envelope and the inner flap brought outside and gummed down on to the larger en-

The outer flap is still unsealed. It is much larger than the inner flap and reaches down to a -good sized starshaped opening which shows through to the inner envelope, so that when the outer flap is scaled it sticks not only to the outer envelope but also through this opening to the inner one. The letter is thus practically locked and double locked.

Act Singly.

Fear never but you shall be consistent in whatever variety of actions, so they each be honest and natural in their hour. For of one will, the actions will be harmonious, however unlike they seem. These varieties are lost sight of when seen at a little distance, at a little beight of thought. One tendency unites them all. The voyage of the best ship is a zigzag line of a hundred tacks. This is only miroscopic criticism. See the line from a sufficient distance, and it straightens itself to the average tendency. Your genuine action will explain itself, and will explain your other genuine actions. Your conformity explains nothing. Act singly, and what you have already done singly will justify you now .- Emerson.

Beginnings of Graft.

Frequently one has to deal with chiefs, in fact in every village the traveler will probably be welcomed by the chief. An interchange of greetings through an interpreter establishes a good understanding.

An interchange of presents is usual on these occasions and is an almost universal custom. Etiquette requires the chief to give a present in return. As a rule a chief can only offer a bunch of bananas, some pawpaws or possibly a scat or two, some of which may possibly be welcome.

On a special occasion the chief may offer the traveler a wife, a gift which he will probably donline with a great profitsion of thanks.-The Engineer.

In Memory of Old Hickory.

If the spirit of "Old Hickory" should decide to journey to the spot near which he entered the earthly house of this tabernacle in 1767 he would hardly recognize the place, so great has been the change. The wilderness has been made to bloom, and in its mildst stands the thriving town of Waxhaw. He would soon discover. however, that he is not forgotten, for a bronze tablet on the railroad station proclaims the fact that near this place Andrew Jackson was born. And Squire Henry N. McWhorter, who Hves hard by, is always ready to greet the spirit of the great Andrew with

Irish League Honors President. T. P. O'Connor was presented with his portrait in oils at Lee is by the Wrish league of Great Britain, in commemoration of his unbroken prestdoney of the league for 25 years. John E. Redmond made the presentation and pald a tribute to Mr. O'Connor as a safe, consistent and courageous guide for the Irish people in Great Britain. John Dillon also spoke

"Welcome, dear guest and ghost."

Rich Indeed.

Dospite all your wealth," said the soynic, "your very name will be generally forgotten 20 years after your

"No, it won't," replied the financier. My ostate is large enough to keep my heirs' lawyers squabbling longer than that South and the Bank beautiful

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Stranger Asked for Directions at Un fortunate Mements

"I ber your pardon," said the stranthe sidewalk and steadying himself by putting his foot on the curb, "but I am looking for a restaurant where I can get a good meal. Can you direct

The man whom he addressed was standing in front of a store, trying to rub a grain of sand out of his eye with one hand and holding his hat on with the other, for it was a windy say, and it first he made no response. But

presently he spoke. "Go to the next block," he said, "and turn to the right. Four doors down you will find a restaurant."

The stranger thanked him and rode on. About an hour later they accidentally met again. The stranger was on his way out of town. He stopped and spoke.

"My friend," he said, "I followed your directions. I went to the restaurant you directed me to, and I got the worst meal I ever had in my life."

"I thought you would," answered the other. "If you had waited till I got that grain of sand out of my eye I should have sent you to a a od restaurant, but you didn't. I just had to divide my misery with somebody, and you happened to be handy."-Youth's Companion.

TOMMY AS GOOD AS A CHART.

Nurse Had No Trouble Remembering Time for His Medicine.

A Boston physician tells a story of a youngster of his own that an overstrenuous vacation had nut on the sick list. The father had an appropriate prescription filled, and left the bottle with the child's mother. As she, however, is very forgetful, he gave her a chart, and suggested that she set down the hours when the medicine should be given, checking off each dose as taken. Upon returning from his evening calls, however, he found the chart

"Good gracious, Mary," he exclaimed; "surely you haven't falled to give Tom his medicine?"

"Oh, no. I did not miss a single time," his wife assured him.

"How in the world did you remember it without the chart?" he asked. She smiled. "That was easy, I just told Tom this

morning at what hours he was to have it, and half an hour before each time he would begin hallooing that he wouldn't take it.'

Devil-Tempted Young Men.

There is no one so devil-tempted today as the young custodian of the cash drawer. He is tempted because he assumes he is not paid enough; tempted because he cannot indulge himself as some who are better paid: tempted because he is vain of a good appearance; tempted because wants to shine spelphy patemped because he loves devotedly and cannot shower gifts from his thin pocketbook; temeted because he is a neorhyte in forbidden mysteries; tempied, most of all, by the desire to emulate some other apparently successful young men who have made great "killings" on the race track or the stock exchange.-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Turks as Beggars.

Beggars are never suppressed in Turkey. An American lady by mistake gave a beggar of Constantinople a gold piece. The man had left his post when she returned, but one of his colleagues told her where he "resided." It was a fine house, and at the door was a servant who politely informed the lady that "my master is dressing. He will be down soon." And then the well groomed beggar. dressed for dinner, appeared and gladly returned the gold piece, exclaiming in the meanwhile that such mistakes were highly embarrassing.-Charities and The Commons.

Looking Into the Future.

A minister of a church in Edinburgh, Scotland, recently surprised the congregation at a Sunday evening service by handing in his resignation. He was only 60 years old and was in good health and vigor. The following Sunday a committee of the members waited upon him and expressed their regret at the step he was about to take. They said to him: "You have plenty of work in you yet. Why re-"Yes," he replied, "I know sign?" but you had better accept my resignation now. When I am 70 you will not be able to get rid of me."

Rule of Character.

Our own problem looks exceptional to us, but it is not. The next man we meet has an equally hard sum on his slate and is working it out or giving it up, quite in our own fashion, We think, perhaps, that riches would solve our difficulty for as in no time, or pleasure would soften it, or change would substitute air easier one. But in reality the a is only one rule by which to work it out-the rule of character.

The Only Way.

Towne-Of course the scheme is a good one, but do you think yor wife will approve of it?

Browne-Yes, if by careful binting I can get her to formulate it herself and make her believe it's her own.

Proof of Wealth. "Has your friend much of a for-

"I should say so! He has nine children, and can afford to write

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DEVOTION THAT WAS SUBLIME Grand look, Equalizes

Escomer, the great French cock, said at a dinner in New York that a good cook had the spirit of cookery born in him.

"It is born in him," said M. Escot-Rer, "and in him it never dies. His first lisped baby word is of food; and a sauce or a navarin is the subject of his last dying breath.

"Did you ever hear of poor Gaston Laurent, the distinguished cook of Paillard's?

"Gaston went on a voyage to the South Seas in '95; his ship was wrecked, and he and his party were captured by cannibals.

"Being plump, Gaston, alas, was the first of the Ill-fated party to be consigned to the great fron casserole.

"And the survivors say that nothing could have been more touching and more sublime than Gaston's last ery from the great pot, as the water began to smoke and bubble and he began to cook-Gaston's last calm cry of a great artist:

"'Come, come! It is already past the time for the pepper and salt!"

Odd Shaped Stones to Ward Off Effects of Snake Poison.

There are still to be found in Malta a number of small stones shaped and colored like the eyes, tongues and other parts of serpents.

The superstitious among the Mal tese connect these with the tradition that St. Paul when shipwrecked was cast on their island, and that it was there that while lighting a bundle of sticks for a fire a viper fastened on the apostle's hand. St. Paul calmly shook the reptile off into the flames and no harm followed. The natives wear these stones as talismans, in which character they suppose them serviceable in warding off dangers from snake bites and poisons.

They are found in St. Paul's cave, inhedded in clay, and are set in rings and braceleis, and when found to be heart are hung around the neck. They are also taken internally, dissolved in wine, which method is attended, according to some people, by more immediate results.

Quaint Fijian Plant.

so quaint, so weird and witchlike as the pandanus prairies of Fiji. The pandanus, or serew plant, as it is called, is a most grotesque sperimen of the vegetable kingdom even at the best and in the early stages of its trowth. In its very young days it is of an extraordinary screwlike shape and looks as though some unkind hand had taken hold of its long, swordlike leaves and twisted them round and round. Later on it straightens out a bit and from it grow a number of tall wooden stilts. Its foliage is simple, a number of drooping, ragged tufts for mournful locking. Among these mops hangs the fruit, in shape like a pineapple, made up of hard red and yellow kernels, woody and fibrous, and quite uneatable from a European's point of ,

A One-Sided View.

"A member of the Georgia legislature,"he remarked, "introduced a bill which provides that any man who is lured into marrying a woman who has by artificial means enhanced her beauty may, if he wishes, have the marriage declared null and void. That is to say, if the bridegroom discovers that the bride is compelled when she goes to bed to hang any of her supposed charms upon a chair he may consider himself free to wed again."

"And what about it," asked the lady, "if a bride discovers, after the ceremony, that the groom wears a wig or dyea his mustache?"

"Any woman who is foolish enough not to know a wig or a dyed mustache when she sees one ought never to make any complaint about it."

His Vacation Method.

Miss Lillian B. Hill, the writer of humorous advertisements, told a number of Duluth jewelers, at a recent jewelers' banquet, a good way to get off for a vacation without being missed from business.

"During the last Easter holidays," she said, "I met a jeweler at a seaside

"Why, I thought you were such a busy man,' I said. 'How do you manage your affairs here at the shore?"

"'O,' said he, 'I am just keeping my advertisements out of the papers until my return, and so, you see, there are no affairs to manage."

Fresh Air.

I hold to the maxim "Die and let die." It any one chooses the fresh air method of departing this life by all means let him take if, but let him respect the right of other people to choose their own method for them selves. Fresh air has its victims no less than foul. The tobercle bactilus does not enjoy fresh air, it is true, but p are plenty, f other bacilli which Acjoice m. umptives thrive out of doors, the subjects of bronchitis are generally only safe when they stay in. Dr. J. H. Clarke, in London Chron-

Gough Up.

"The race for an office is like a street car." "How so?"

"Always room for one more." "It also has the pay-as-you-enter

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Queer Bird Friendship.

I am deeply interested in watching the strange companionship of one of the largest black and white woodpeckers with red crown I have ever seen and a sparrow. For two weeks they have been about the yard constantly the author of "The Long Day" had together and seem to be the very best all the world like mops, and very great deal of their time in a dead she had read it four times, and that mournful locking. Among these more horse chestnut tree. Near the top of she meant to read it again some day. one of the trunks is a very large hole While Mr. Woodpecker goes in to find some delicacy. Lady Sparrow flies about the top chirping merrily. By their actions when Mr. Woodpecker comes out he must drop a "goodie" down Lady Sparrow's throat. I have never seen his mate around or any other sparrow when they are together. Just these two, who are so different in every way and still seem to be such good friends. Wherever he goes she follows, always flying about the tree

His Incorrect Diagnosis#

where he is working.-Exchange.

He was not a regular traveling man, or the break he made at a little Missouri hotel never would have occurred. The waitress limped up to him with the graceful gait of a crippled duck.

"Steak pork chops ham an eggs an ccle-meats."

Not hearing anything in the tele scoped sentence that appealed to his city-bred as posite, and not realizing the limitations of the hotel, he looked up and asked:

"Have you got frogs' legs?" "Nah!" said the waitress, indignantly. "Roomatiz!"-Chicago News.

"On Himself."

A house painter in a New Hampshire village was proceeding down "the main street" one day when he was accosted by a fellow townsman. "Hello, Tom!" called the latter. "Why, I thought you were working on

old Spinner's house to-day." "I was about to commence the job." said the painter, "when the old man picked a quarrel with me. He said be'd put the paint on himself."

"Do you think he'll do it?" "Well," said the painter, with where he had put a great deal of it."

Professional,

The little daughter of a homeopathte physician received a ring with a pearl in it on the Christmas tree. Two days later she poked her head tearfully in at the door of her father's of-

"Papa," she sobbed, "papa, I've lost the little pill out of my ring."-Har-

Justice. The American embezzler arrested in

Honduras was arranging terms of es-"You're a robber," he exclaimed to the pative official. "Why, I might

about as well go bome and hire

lawyer

Factory Workers' Criticism of Louisa M. Alcott's Great Story.

ROMANCE MORE IN THEIR LINE.

with two of her workmates at a box of friends. In front of the window factory, she spoke enthusiastically where I am writing they spend a of "Little Women," and told them bow "Little Women" was unknown to them, but their curiosity was roused over the unheard-of thing of anybody ever wanting to read a book more than once, and they pressed her to repeat the story for them. This she did with great accuracy of statement, and with genuine pleasure to herself at being given an

Meg and Jo and all the rest of that delightful March family. When she finished, Phoebe stopped work and Mrs. Smith looked up from her label-pasting, saying: "Why, that's

opportunity to introduce anybody to

no story at all." "Why, no," echoed Phoebe, "that's no story-that's just everyday happenings. I don't see what's the use putting things like that in books. I'll bet any money that lady what wrote it knew all them boys and girls. They just sound like real, live people; and when you was telling about them I

could see them as plain as plain could be-couldn't you, Gwendolyn?" "Yep," yawned Gwendolyn, undls

guisedly bored.

"But I suppose farmer folks likes them kind of stories," Phoebe generously suggested. "They ain't used to the same styles of anything that us city folks are."-Youth's Companion.

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How do we hit with mortars? An observer near the shore who sees the target communicates the horizonta: and vertical angle at which to lay the mortar and the instant of time in which to fire, and the gun does the

If you were standing at the center of a large clock dial laid flat on the smile, "when I passed just now, that is ground, and wanted to hit with a baseball a man walking around on the outside, you would notice how long it took the man to get from I to II, and sain from II to III; then you would decide whether, if the ball were brown over a point half way between IV and V just as he arrived opposite IV, the man and the ball would reach. the same spot at the same time-it being understood, of course, that he maintained uniform speed and direction and that the ball was thrown with proper force.

> Instruments give us the range and observations, and mechanical devices give un the range differences, increas has on decreasing by cortain short in threats of time, too where for a ship of any size to escape by attompting to change direction of speed. Our ob street's circle has 36,000 divisipps. Capt. Howell, in Scientific American.

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The Black Sheep. "What," asked the man who had returned to his native town after an absence of many years. "became of Ed

Ferguson ?" "Ed? Oh, he's doin' fine. Got the best Hery stable anywhere around here and runs the depot back."

"Let's see; he had a younger broth-. hadn't be?"

"Yes: Lem. He never amounted to much. Wrote poetry and painted pictures. I guess the family kind of disowned him. At least, he went away several years ago, and I dunno whatever became of him."

Force of Habit. . German merchant's wife complained to an intimate friend re-

cently: "If only my husband were not so absent-minded! The other day, when we were dining at a restaurant, the waiter brought him some bad fish and all of a sudden Fritz threw the whole thing, fish, plate, bread, all at my head. I was ashamed."-Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Australian Accent.

We follow England very closely. We speak of "atta" as an Englishman does, and not of "elevators," as the American, but we have "paddocks" instend of "fields," and "creeks" instead of "streams," and "scrubs" Instead of "woods," and "pannikins" and "quart pots" and "billy tea" at picules and all sorts of lovely Australian things, which make one perfectly homesick to think about. All the same, I am never homesick for the crude Australlan accent.-The British tralian.

' - Physical Hardships. "It's a pity that the band's tour is a failure, but don't be too much cast down. Come, face the music." Priow can I, when I'm backing it?"
-Baltimore American.