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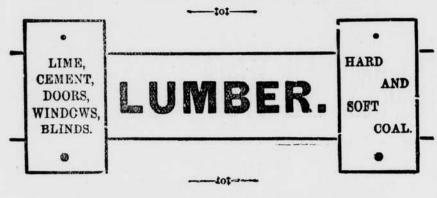
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### A VILANELLE.

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The heart in the throes of its first white heat

Enjoy while you can such moments fleet— Those transient spells of a fond delight; Kisses are balm when young lips meet.

Glad as the morning, Marguerite.

Are your girlish face and your bosom white; Love in the dawn is honey sweet. The lilies smile at our very feet,
The roses blush to our left and right;
Kisses are balm when young lips meet.

Wedded today in this bower discreet Our lives shall fall upon lines of light; Love in the dawn is honey sweet— Kisses are balm when young lips meet!
—Eugene Davis in Kate Field's Washington.

Met With a Serious Fall.

"You are very late this morning, Mr. Baldwin," said a dry goods merchant recently to one of his clerks. "Do not let it happen again."

"Very sorry," said the clerk humbly. "I met with a serious fall." "Indeed" replied the merchant, relent-

ing. "Are you hurt much?"

"Principally, sir, in your estimation,"
answered the clerk respectfully.

"Oh, never mind that," said the mer-

chant kindly. "I am very sorry and had no intention to be severe. We are all liable to accidents. How did you get the

"Well, you see, sir," said the clerk confidingly, "I was called quite early this morning—earlier, in fact, than

"Yes, sir; but somehow or other I fell asleep again."

"Go to your desk, sir, and don't try that on again," exclaimed the merchant, with an air of severity which was belied by the twinkle in his eye, which denoted that he enjoyed the joke.—New York

Lightning's Strange Selection.

that which took place in one of the east- ceivers and to report to the court a plan ern counties lately. A man was shear- for an immediate dividend to the claiming a sheep. Another man, passing on a ants, with the draft of a decree ordering pony, stopped to exchange a few words such a dividend. Judge Bumpus has with the shearer and watch the clipping taken such a course of inquiry as will operation for a minute or two. He had been standing there but a very short time when a sharp crack of thunder was ly having come to the conclusion that preceded by a blinding flash of lightning. | the only way to settle them up is to take The shearer was startled almost out of a common sense view of the matter and his senses by seeing the pony and its arrange a settlement which will not alrider suddenly collapse in a heap, but in low long litigation ending in a wasting a second the man was up, quite unhurt. of the assets.—Boston Letter. Then the shepherd, happening to glance at the animal beneath him, found that the lightning had served it as it had dead! This, it may be as well to state, reported to have happened at the Bologna

Suppose French politeness is a myth, it is one to be cultivated the world over. Even the humblest peasant in the smallmore frequently if the arbitrators of James Gazette. great affairs would but remember to bring into their business life a little more of the softening influence or refined courtesies that are the flowers in a meadow of rank weeds.—New York World.

The Best Language For Telephoning. Some English words are especially difficult of transmission by telephone. The word "soldier" is cited as one of these. and intelligent conversation which the is almost certain to be in range.—Kanear cannot possibly catch. These must sas Cor. Chicago Herald. be spelled out, involving delay.-Elec-

Considerable Mutuality. Mrs. Lakeside-You are Mr. Porkchop's second wife, are you not?

Mrs. Porkchop-Yes, he was married once before.

"That's unpleasant. Whenever you first wife and brag about her goodness."

## An Illustration.

"There," said Miss Frances E. Willard, closing her fist and presenting it as an object lesson to her interested audience, "is union-and that"-suddenly letting every separate finger fly limply apart, "is diversity. Which is the stronger?"

The Lydians had gold coins at the close of the ninth century, B. C., and Greece proper at about the close of the eighth century. The Romans coined their first silver in the year 281, B. C., and gold 73

The philosopher Schopenhauer says that a man's intellect may be measured by his endurance of noise. He adds that he never knew a man with a barking dog in his back yard who was not a fool.

We never see everything that is about us, and no two of us ever see precisely the same things. Each sees what his previous training and his habit of mind have prepared him to see.

The milk of cows is not considered | Springfield (Mass.) Graphic. good for food by the Siamese. The milk in the cocoanut, however, is much used. Cattle are raised for beef.

Burial within city limits was in heathen times illegal, a very wise provision to which moderns are returning.

Corsets and Christianity

Whether women should or should not wear corsets, they wear them all the same, and the harn: done by voluntary tight lacing is balanced by the recent noble deed of Dr. Warner, corset manu-facturer, of Bridgeport, Conn. Next to articles of luxury, the last things on earth to be purchased in these hard times are corsets. A pair of corsets may justly be said to have great staying qualities. Panics may come and panics may go, but well made corsets will go on forever. Naturally, therefore, Dr. Warner feels the financial stringency keenly, and not only is he obliged to reduce time to three days in the week, but is forced to "lay

off" many women employees. Does he leave them to choose between starvation and the street? No. Dr. Warner actually does unto those unfortunate women—as innocent of the present wicked panic as the rest of their sex -precisely as he would be done by. He has read his New Testament aright and applies to this century Christianity as taught by its founder 1,800 years ago. Dr. Warner offers his ex-employees free board during the continuance of trade stagnation. They have helped him make the money which he returns in the hour

I want to shake hands with Dr. Warner and to thank him for setting so noble an example. In this era of criminal For a Lame Side, Back or Chest Shiloh's Porous selfishness, which makes many men a little lower than cutthroats, such evidence of humanity stands out like a diamond glittering amid offal.—Kate Field's Washington.

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A strange railway accident, which served the pony. The sheep was stone | might have had terrible consequences, is is a perfectly true story.-London Tit- station on Friday. The stoker of an engine which was stopping at the station of Galliera on the Ferrara-Bologna line, in the engine driver's absence and apparently in a sudden fit of madness, set the engine going at full speed, running toward Bologna. The telegraph was est province is endowed with an all con- immediately set in motion, warning Boquering courtesy that is brought into logna and the four intermediate stations, play in the most commonplace matters. and fortunately the line was clear, and If our men could only be taught some of the engine was shunted onto a side line it, how much more easily would run the where there were only six empty carwheels of life's machinery! Business is riages, and into these it dashed at full business, of course. The rush and worry speed. The stoker had during the whole the real nature, | time continued to heap coal on the fire. yet at the same time stocks would act no The engine and carriages were of course more irregularly, bills would be no less telescoped, and the stoker was so badly ready to be paid, panics would occur no hurt that he died soon afterward.—St.

## Insect Life In Kansas.

The hot, stifling air brings fresh terrors in the form of winged insects and things that creep. Bugs as big as clothes-pins pounce upon the wayfarer and claw The French language, it appears, is better adapted to the purpose of the tele
better adapted to the purpose of the telea green bug which comes out of the and scratch until hurled from the neck phone than the English. It is stated that night like a rifle shot and sinks all its the large number of sibilant or hiss syl- feet into one's flesh. This beast is now lables in English renders it a less easy in season. Grasshoppers as long as the and accurate means of communication. little finger of a grown man crawl leisurely up the screen of your window, stopping from time to time to take ob-Proper names frequently occur in the into the street to find temporary lodgservations and finally tumbling back midst of an otherwise perfectly audible ment in the whiskers of the native, who

Don Jose Galendo, mayor of the city of Alba, is in a parlous plight indeed. News from Madrid proclaims that his worship has been taking unreasonable liberties with the public treasuries and has in fact been proved guilty of 217 have a little row, he can bring up his distinct forgeries, robberies and so forth. The penalty for each separate crime is 14 "He never tried it but once, and then vears' imprisonment, and as sentences do I told him about what nice men my three other husbands were."—Texas Siftings. years. This would amount to life sentences for three or four Methuselahs .-

## A Humble Dress Reformer.

Black and White.

At Muncie last night Freight Conductfrail looking girl on top of a box car of his train dressed in boy's clothes. The girl said she was from Steubenville, O., and had taken to the life of a perennial tramp in order to see the world. She excused the garb she wore by declaring that she was in favor of dress reform for women. The venturesome miss refused to give her name and acted very independent.-Indianapolis Journal.

## A Railroad's Meanness.

The recent cutdown in wages among employees at the general office of the B. McCook Transfer Line and A.road seems somewhat incongruous with the yearly report, which showed a wonderful increase in the net earnings of the road. It seems to be only a case of a "cussed opportunity," not to be resisted by a railroad company any more than the man whose wife is out of town .-

The company that proposes to lay a cable between Australia and California will obtain a subsidy from the German government for the sections of the line between the Feejee and Samoan islands and Honolulu.

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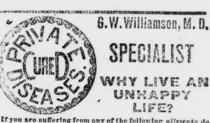
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