### THE SEXTON OF THE SEA.

You scatter flowers on the grassy mound That marks the spot where your loved ones be;

You bring them emblems with never a thought

For the dead beneath the sea.

For every ship that the hands of men Have builded with chart and wheel, The bones of men in a hundred-fold Are laid beneath its keel.

A canvas shroud and an iron bar At the weary head and the wasted feet, And lo! from the deck they move away, From the hearts that throb and beat!

Soldiers and sailors and captains grand, Babes with a mother's breast Wet with the lips that will touch no more, Come down in my arms to rest.

And I lay them gently alone to sleep, Where the bed of the sand is clear; And none may wander, and none shall stray.

For I keep them, oh, so dear!

And hark! When the bell-buoy tolis at night.

Above the wave where the fishes swim, You may know that I keep my Father's watch,

For the day I shall give them back to Him!

-Leslie's Weekly.

# AN ACTOR'S RUSE.

**7** HAT is my particular forte? Low comedy, sir, though if any one had told me that I'd make a hit in that line when I first before knew how much of a man's evil went upon the stage, I'd have felt nature could be depicted upon his feamuch insulted.

It doesn't make much difference now what my aspirations were years ago; still, the shades of Hamlet haunted my dreams then, and I was possessed to shine as Romeo. Humph! The manager cast me for second grave-digger in the first and Gregory in the second. tell; I know I was never invited to do the melancholy Dane, neither was I ever asked to clasp a fair Juliet in the dim-lighted chamber of the Capulets.

I became reconciled to disappointment after awhile, and, after struggling stretched before him-and now he through the lesser characters, I finally stood there still alive and breathing. was given the position of leading low | With a loud oath which could be comedian in the stock company. Perhaps you'd take me for anything but a low comedian. How fairly well I do the business, the bills tell that, In the year 1860 I was playing in a stock company in New Orleans, and the city was wild with rumors of the dawning conflict. As the company was composed of a number of Northern people, many vacancies were created by the deserters who hastened homeward. The first to leave was our leading man, and the manager was anxious to secure a competent successor, who soon presented himself in the shape of a fine Texan, of much reputation among the ranks of amateurs. He was a tall, well-built chap of 21 or 22, possessing one of those peculiar voices, such as Hal Montague's, not ranty, strong, but plain, distinct, and pleasant; in all, well qualified for the rendering of juvenile leading parts. I took to the youngster from the start, for I plainly saw that he was one of those talented chaps who, if they fall into judicious hands, can be made much of-as well as spoiled, if they come in contact with old stagers. For some time back I had noticed that the heavy man had been smitten with the charms of our leading lady. I also saw that she did not favor him in the slightest. When her part made it necessary for her to come in contact with him I saw a shrinking as of more than feigned disgust, and off the stage she treated him pretty much the same as on-with scorn and loathing. Well, a short time after the new leading man came there sprang up between him and the heavy man an enmity. I was standing in the wings one night, waiting for my cue, while we were playing one of those good, old-fashioned melodramas; lover had a secret foe who is endeavoring to win the good graces, fortune and hand of the fair one, and all that sort, by underhanded ways. Discovery of the false friend and secret foe follows, and the usual duel takes place. Of course the traitorous foe falls, and the curtain drops while the victor clasps the fair one to his breast. I was waiting my cue, as I said. The handsome young leading man was bending over the leading lady, his hand searching for hers, her face against his. I was watching all this, and I saw it was more than stage love. It was the genuine, pure article. It was my business to rush in just then, and thus cause a great deal of commotion. heard a muttered: "Curse him!" turned quickly; it came from the lips of the heavy man, who was standing at my elbow. Such a look of fiendishness upon a human face I never before saw, and as his was ugly by nature without the added features of the makeup, he looked indeed like a devil. The play passed off smoothly, as usual: the hero and traitor met, the duel took place, and the regular denouement followed amid the applause of an appreciative and satisfied audience. I kept my eyes open after that, for I 45 inches round the stifle or knee joint. knew there was something in the wind 95 inches girth, 341/2 inches round the destined, if possible, to work wrong hip and 11 feet 4 inches in length. It against the young leading man, who by this time had become a prime favorite among the members of the stock horse has been known to stand 18 company-the heavy man excepted. About a week after I had witnessed while one of Wombwell's menagerie the villain's rage, happening to pass by horses was once shown at Oxford, his dressing-room door, I heard a muf-1 measuring 17 hands 3 inches in height. fled, clinking sound, as of some metal- The Thames Bank Distillery at the lic substance coming in contact with | Cart Horse Parade of 1895 exhibited the like. I drew nearer, placed my eye | a handsome pair of bays, each of which to the keyhole, and peeped through. stood 18 hands high and weighed near-The man was seated within range of | ly a ton. The weight of the average my vision, upon a trunk, a pistol be- horse, according to an authority, is tween his knees, and he was ramming | from 660 pounds to 1,540 pounds. a bullet into the barrel.

young leading man. He would meet his would-be victim in the duel scene, kill him, and escape the penalty of the law by advancing the plea that he never dreamed that the pistol was loaded. I was thunderstruck. I knew the fellow was a morose person, a man of strong dislikes and few likes, but I did not think him capable of such a dastardly deed as he contemplated. Thank heaven! I had witnessed the little scene behind closed doors.

Hearing his call from the callboy, I withdrew behind some packing trunks and soon heard him treading the boards above. I knew that he would remain on some time, so I went into his dressing-room and quickly withdrew the bullet from the pistol. Then I went to my post above and found the play progressing smoothly as usual. I never saw the leading man do as well; as for the leading lady, she was accepting his love with word, glance, and sweet gestures which told plainly that she was in earnest. He was making real love to her; yes, sir, such love as you do sometimes see on the boards. We old stagers can tell the difference between downright love and the makebelieve article every time.

When the rivals met in the duel scene, I can assure you I was more than an anxious spectator. He, the hero, met the muzzle of the rival with the same cool demeanor as hitherto. I wondered would he appear as cool, as brave, had he known of the scene behind the doors.

The face of the villain was a perfect picture of hellish ferocity, and I never tures. The word was given to fire. The sharp crack of the pistols followed and the smoke passed up into the flies. Ah! The villain had forgotten his fall! He started quickly forward and gazed upon his rival's smiling face. Then a painful silence followed, as there always does when a break mars the How well I carried the parts out I can't play. The leading man whispered in an undertone:

> "Fall, man! Why don't you fall?" But the villain had no ear for hearing; he had expected to see the bloodstained corpse of his hated rival heard in every part of the house, the defeated villain sprang by his rival, dashed through the little crowd of stage people who had gathered in the wings, and plunged through an open window, falling with a sickening sound upon the pavement below. Of course this was all a deep mystery to every one but myself. The curtain dropped, and surrounded by my companions I told the whole story. I could see the leading lady clasp the young fellow's arm tightly when I told how I had balked the villain-now a broken, senseless mass of flesh and bones. I staid with the company long enough to see the young people happily wedded. This ring, a pure diamond of the first water, was presented to me by the bridegroom for my taking, for the once and only time in all my life, the leading part in a tragedy.-Exchange.

# OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF THE PAPER.

Quaint Sayings and Cute Doings of the Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and Printed Here for All Other Little Ones to Read.

> An Unfortunate Caller. Alice Rawling Went a-calling On some friends Both tried and true, But she couldn't Reach the door-bell And her kind friends Never knew.

Then she visited Some neighbors; But she took them Unawares. They looked at her From the window, But they wouldn't Come down stairs. -St. Nicholas.

Not Afraid of His Father. Here is a boy who is never afraid that his father will threaten to chastise him, for what parent would have the courage to send Willy after the strap when Willy goes about banging his



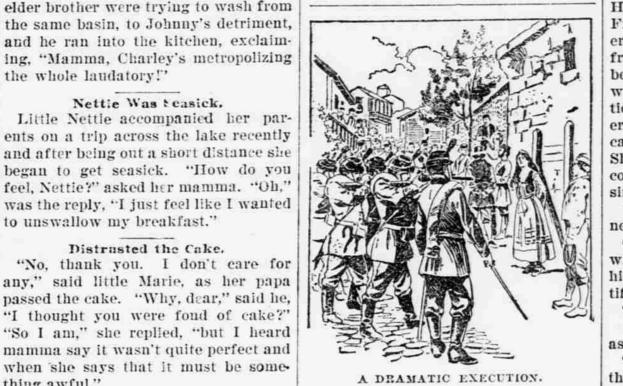
### head against the ceiling and disturbing the family furniture when he conde-

### "Well, I guess not. I'd be ashamed SERVIAN WOMAN EXECUTED. to kill such a patient little fellow just

Convicted Murderess Placed Against a for nothing."-Kindergarten Review. Wall and Shot.

The people of Servia have no objec-Mamie, a Chicago miss of 6, was entions to the infliction of capital punishtertaining her 5-year-old cousin from ment upon women; or, if they have ob-Boston, and one day while out walkjections, they were forced to swallow ing the little hostess suggested some them when Mme. Jevrem was executed refreshments. As they neared the place for murder recently. She was neither Mamie said, "I'm going to get a milkhanged nor placed in the electric chair. shake; what are you going to have?" She was placed against a wall and "Oh, it's immaterial," replied the little | shot. Bostonian, "I shall probably order a

This happened in a Servian village near Prokuplje. A Greek priest named Irie Jevrem had been killed. His wife and a peasant with whom she had become infatuated were found guilty and condemned to be shot. On the day of their fate the two culprits were taken



to the public square and faced a firing squad of soldiers with loaded rifles. ehind the squad stood a huge mass of spectators from far and near.

The execution lacked no element of the dramatic. The man wept and lamented and begged for mercy. The woman was calm. The squad had made ready to fire, when an aid came dashing through the square on horseback. His coming merely prolonged the strain upon the two criminals. The man embraced his knees in the hope that he brought a pardon; the woman turned more pale, but was silent. Mercy it was, but only partial. The aid Nature and people are much bore a reprive indeed, but only for the man. She begged her companion to remain with her to the end. But the fellow followed the guards away without even addressing one word of pity to the woman. And then-but is there any need to tell the rest?

A Theory.

"Why is it that a young widow is so attractive to the average man?"

"I think it must be because he knows that she, having been married once herself, will not have the nerve to make him declare she is the first girl he ever loved."

### Most Expensive Drug.

The most expensive drug is physostigmine, an ounce of which would cost nearly \$1,000,000. It is prepared from the Calabar bean, and is used in diseases of the eye.

The Argument Was Convincing. Counsel for the defense was addressing a country justice of the peace of the "old school." Said he:

"I realize that I stand in the presence of a descendant of the grand old Huguenot family that emigrated from France to escape from religious intolerance. Many able jurists have sprung from that family and embellished the bench and bar of the union. Their watchwords are honor, truth and justice, and their names are spoken in every home. The law is so plain in this case that 'he who runs may read.' Shall I insult the intelligence of this court by reiterating a proposition so simple? Need I say more?----"

"No," interrupted the judge, "'tain't necessary-I'll give you a judgment."

Counsel sat down, while the judge with emphasis knocked the ashes from his cob pipe and counsel for the plaintiff began:

"May it please the court-"

"Squire, what are you fixin' to do?" asked the judge.

"I have the closing argument," was the reply.

"Well, you jes' as well set 'own. I done got my mind sot on the other side. Judgment for defendant."

# Spring Unlocks The Flowers

To Paint the Laughing Soil." And not even Nature would allow the flowers to grow and blossom to perfection without good soil. Now alike; the former must have sunshine, latter must have pure blood in order to have perfect health. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood troubles of all sorts. It is to the human system what sunshine is to Naturethe destroyer of disease germs. It never disappoints. Poor Blood-"The doctor said there were not seven drops of good blood in my body. Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up and made me strong and well." SUSIE E. BROWN, 16 Astor Hill, Lynn, Mass. Dyspepsia, etc.-"A complication of roubles, dyspepsia, chronic catarrh and inflammation of the stomach, rheumatism, etc., made me miserable. Had.no appetite until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acted like magic. I am thoroughly cured." N. B. SEELEY, 1874 W. 14th Av., Denver, Col. Rheumatism - "My husband was obliged to give up work on account of rheumatism. No remedy helped until he used Hood's Sarsaparilla, which permanently cured him. It cured my daughter of catarrh. I give it to the children with good results." MRS. J. S. MCMATH, Stamford, Ct.

Nettie Was teasick, Little Nettle accompanied her parents on a trip across the lake recently and after being out a short distance she began to get seasick. "How do you feel, Nettie?" asked her mamma. "Oh,' was the reply, "I just feel like I wanted to unswallow my breakfast." Distrusted the Cake. "No, thank you. I don't care for any," said little Marie, as her papa

passed the cake. "Why, dear," said he, "I thought you were fond of cake?" "So I am," she replied, "but I heard mamma say it wasn't quite perfect and when she says that it must be something awful."

The Bostonese Vocabulary.

Liked Long Words.

in his conversation every big word he

happened to hear, regardless of its

meaning. One morning he and his

Johnny, aged 5, had a habit of using

lacteal vibration also."

the whole laudatory!"

### RECENT INVENTIONS.

In a new variable-throw pedal for bicycles a revolving disk is placed in the end of the crank, to which the pedal is rigidly fixed in an eccentric position, causing it to run closer to the center of the crank shaft on the rear half of its movement than on the front half.

A new brake for bicycles is formed of a disk attached to the front sprocket wheel and surrounded by a steel fric tion band having one end attached t. the frame and the other end connected with a brake lever mounted in any de-



There are three times as many muscles in the tail of the cat as there are in the human hands and wrists.

Pet dogs in London wear chamois shoes when in the houses to protect colished floors from scratches.

Washing is done in Japan by getting into a boat and letting the garments to be washed drag after the boat by a long string.

Naturalists are at present discussing the question whether or not the bees have an actual language. Those best informed on the subject regard it as being possible.

Most of the railroad stations in Russia are about two miles from the towns which they respectively serve. This is a precaution against fire, as many of the Russian dwellings are thatched with straw.

In a certain class of Russian schools the highest reward given is the initial letter of the empress' name. It consists of the initial in solid gold, an inch and a quarter in height, on a blue bow. Should its possessor ever become a governess it will entitle her to a higher salary that she could otherwise obtain. The most widely separated points between which a telegram can be sent are British Columbia and New Zealand. The telegram would cross North America, Newfoundland, the Atlantic, Britain, Germany, Russia (European and Asiatic), China, Japan, Java and Australia. It would make nearly a circuit of the globe, and would traverse over twenty thousand miles in doing

seends to sit down?

This prodigious boy is attracting a great deal of attention at London music halls.

# The Little Castaway.

"What harm has that little creature done that you should try to destroy it?" Uncle Waldo asked, watching Tom's unavailing efforts to dislodge a little gray spider from his home under the eaves of the woodshed.

"No harm; it's just a useless, ugly little thing, that's all," Tom answered. carelessly. "I kill all the spiders I come across, 'cause they're in everybody's way.'

"Because you think they're useless and ugly. And I don't see that he is in your way, either; it looks rather as if you were the one in the way."

"Well, spiders haven't any sense, anyway," Tom added, lamely.

"Suppose this little fellow should prove to you that he is quite as intelligent as you, in his own sphere; in fact, could do even more than you to help himself along in the world; would you promise then to let spiders alone for the future?"

"Yes," Tom answered, unhesitatingly: "but I'd just like to know how he's going to do that!"

"What would you do, supposing you were thrown on a desert island?" asked Uncle Waldo.

"I'd make a flag and wave it at the ships sailing past," Tom answered, readily.

"If there happened to be other ships sailing past, that would answer your purpose very well. But we're supposing that you were to depend on your own efforts altogether."

"Why, I couldn't do anything with out tools, of course. Couldn't swim across the ocean."

"Well, then, I will prove to you that the innocent little spider which you are trying to destroy has more intelligence in that direction than you."

Uncle Waldo caught the little creature and placed it on the handle end of a broom, at the same time thrusting bag. the brushy part of the broom into the

water tank.

"Now, wait a while and see what he will do," he said.

First the little castaway spun a long web which he fastened in the middle to the top of the broom handle, and then he let himself down one end while the other and longer end of the web floated about in the breeze. He watched the long end intently, evidently hoping that it would find anchor and afford a means of escape. But his plan was not successful; so he spun other threads and let them down on different decidedly Western in tone. sides; but all to no purpose. Then he set about making a curious little silken pouch, spinning a stout cord by which to attach the pouch to the broom handle. The pouch rose balloon-like in the air and the little spider ran up the rope and went inside; but no sooner had he done so than the pouch sank beneath his weight as far as the rope would allow. Evidently it was too small. It had taken a long while to make the pouch, but the little builder was not discouraged at its failure. With cheerful patience he hauled it down, took it France." apart and began remodeling it after safer, larger plan. Tom did the choremeantime. When he returned to the tank he found the spider putting the finishing touches to his second balloon, which was larger and stronger than the first. As soon as the spider had satisfied himself that it would bear him safely, he reached out and snapped the rope that bound it to the post and sailed away, light as a thistle-down. "Well, if that wasn't clever!" said Tom, in genuine admiration. about \$335,000. Waldo said, quietly.

sired position to cause the band to grij the disk.

A German inventor has designed a new wind motor in which a horizontal wheel mounted on a spindle carries a number of masts which are stayed to the wheel and to the central mast by suitable rigging, a pair of yards being placed on each mast to support a canvas or sheet metal sail.

A Prussian inventor has patented an automatic alarm apparatus to indicate the presence of fire-damp in mines, a large metal funnel being placed over the coal, with a counterpoised aluminum plate at the top, which is lifted by the light gas and completes an electric circuit.

Candles are prevented from dropping grease when tilted by means of a new ly designed candlestick, in which the candle socket is mounted upon a ball resting in a circular opening in a supporting arm, with a weighted projection underneath which maintains the candle in a vertical position.

Umbrellas are locked in a closed posi tion in a new invention by placing the tips of the ribs in slots in a fixed sleeve on the handle, a sliding sleeve covering the slots, the latter being provided with a combination lock in which a series of figures must be placed in the same relative position before the sleeve will

Killed by Shakspeare.

How many important personages did Shakspeare kill. In his works the great dramatist dispatched about ninety altogether, each one of whom rejoiced in a name. Of course hundreds of minor individuals were slaughtered wholesale on the field of battle and elsewhere. Of the ninety at least twothirds died by cold steel, twelve from old age or natural decay, seven by decapitation, five by poison, two suffocation (or three if you include Desde-

Some time ago, when the Dowager Empress of China deposed her son and assumed power in his stead, it was reported that she was incensed because he had worn a suit of clothes of European cut. However that may be, the haughty ruler of the Mongolian millions has herself succumbed to the fascination of social law in Europe and America and recently presided at a pink tea in the palace at Peking. She received her guests graciously and cordially, and altogether the affair was

Climate Bothered the Frenchman. ountry as in the city?" A recently arrived Frenchman, who "Better. We don't have swarms of nesota and list of lands; sent free. visited a well-known Boston establishbargain-hunters to contend with. A ment one day to fit himself out for a man doesn't hitch up and drive ten or long journey to the West, says the Bosfifteen miles to buy only a few yards ton Transcript, west complaining bitterof prints. But he does buy the prints." ly of the cold. "Don't you have cold weather in France?" asked the sales-Disinfection of Streets. man who waited on him. "Why, cer-The London streets in summer are tainly, we have ze cold weather in carefully disinfected by means or wa-France," was the reply, "but we do not ter carts, which are at work by day and have ze all four seasons in one day in night, while the openings of the sewers are also strewn with a disinfectant powder of the same sort as that used A New Brain Every Sixty Days. in solution for the water carts. The A German biologist has calculated powder used in watering the streets is that the human brain contains 300,000.commercially pure potassic perman-000 merve cells, 5,000,000 of which die ganate, or permanganate of potash, a and are succeeded by new ones every powerful oxidizing agent. One ounce day. At this rate we get an entirely is sufficient for 100 gallons of water. new brain every sixty days. The Great Bell of Moscow. Eggs Used in Calico Works. The great bell of Moscow weighs 250 Calico print works use 40,000,000 doztons, and the value of the bell metal en eggs per year, wine clarifiers use alone, not counting the gold and silver 10,000,000 dozen, the photographers ornaments which were thrown into the and other industries use many millions, "Don't forget your promise," Uncle pots as votive offerings, is estimated at and these demands increase more rapidly than table demands.

A correspondent of Printers' Ink sends the following to that journal:

West Union, Ia., has a population of 2,000. One of its progressive firms is the dry goods establishment of Thomas & Magner, the latter a young man with a training gained in selling goods for Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., of Chicago. The writer called upon Mr. Magner recently, and found him engaged in preparing a 6-column advertisement to appear in each of the three county scat papers.

"I have noticed, Mr. Magner," said the writer, "that you are departing somewhat from the usual lines in country advertising. Do you find that the regular use of page ads is helping your business?"

"Well, yes," said Mr. Magner, "something is helping it, and I don't know what else to blame for it. We have been compelled to put on extra clerks this week, and still people have been kept waiting."

"What do you find to be the taking feature of your ads?"

"Prices," said Mr. Magner promptly. 'Our advertising is all prices. We quote low figures on goods of known quality, and we set apart a certain hour of the day when we will sell a certain sort of goods at a cut price. We also have special sales, from a week to a month, at which we offer special inducements on special lines."

"Do you find that the trade resulting from this is largely confined to the spacial lines, or is it general?"

"General. We seldom sell a customer-especially a customer from a distance-only the goods used as a leader. It is my idea that when a farmer comes to town to buy dry goods he has a "little list' that has been in process for weeks, perhaps months. If we can induce him to come to our store, we check off the entire list."

"Then it is your opinion that the making of leaders is as good a plan in the



Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating an1 the only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.



## RUBBER DUCK CALL

This Call is made entirely of Rubber and will not shrink or swell. It is the best Duck Call made. All hunters have experienced this difficulty with the wooden call; because when a call shrinks or swells it changes tone, and to continue to blow it will do more damage than good.

The Plug and Tongue of this Call are in one piece, and will not fall in pieces when taken apart. This Call is tuned to the perfect immitation of a wild duck, and anyone with a little practice can immitate any Duck that flies

WILL SEND CHE TO ANY ADDRESS BY MAIL ON RECEIPT OF 750 RUBBER DUCK CALL CO., 413 Fourth Street, Sloux City, Iowa.



Farmers and Land Seekers." For cheap wild lands and choice improved farms, within 30 miles of Iowa, on crop payments and easy terms, call on THOMAS E. SIME Windom, Minn. Write him for fine map of Min-

mona), two by strangling, three by snake bite, one from a fall, one 'drowning, and one, Horner the arm er, by being banged to death by a sand-China's Empress Gives a T a.

slide down to release the tips.

It was all as plain as day. The fiend was preparing to murder the handsome | real knowledge of life they ever had.

### Heavy Horses.

A Clydesdale exhibited recently in New York is without a doubt the heaviest horse in the world. He weighs 3.000 pounds. This monster is 201/2 hands high, and, although only 5 years old, measured 32 inches round the arm, was of perfect proportions, with a head 36 inches in length. A British dray hands high and weigh nearly 18 cwt.:

Death brings to some people the only



rects a right beginning. Gregory's Seed hours the most successful ending. Get the book now; it's free. Jas. J. H. Gregory & Son. Marblehead, Mass.

FILL your TEETH with "Dent-Oss." Stops time. Write for circular. Pioneer Dental Co., St. James, Minn.

WHEN WRITING TO ADVERTISERS please say you saw the advertisement in this paper.

