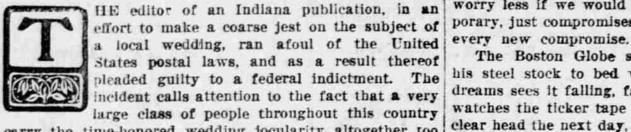
OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Coarse Efforts to Be Funny.



carry the time-honored wedding jocularity altogether too far, and while they seldom go to indecent lengths in their! tune efforts to be funny, as in the present instance, their "humorous" attempts usually smack of a coarseness that is entirely out of harmony with the civilization of the day.

The charivari, or "shiveree," as it is commonly called, is an institution of historic antiquity, and when confined to grace the main street. a drumming that compels the returned groom to produce a barrel of cider and the pipe of peace, is interesting and harmless enough, but the efforts to embarrass the newly married couple before strangers is a different proposition. Starting with the harmless old custom of throwing rice for good luck, it progressed to the matter of playing tricks with the groom's clothing, to tacking ribbons on the traveling trunks, and, finally, to the "send-off" at the train, where some humorist announces to the assemblage of traveling men and other strangers that these people have just been married, and another idiot distributes handbills to the same effect, embellished with remarks more or less impertinent or imbecile, as the case may be. The only possible effect of such performances is to make the bride and groom miserable and cause all other passengers blest with good sense to feel foolish.

The line between laughter and disgust is a very narrow one, and the amateur comedians essaying great jocularity on the occasion of their friends' marriage almost invariably overstep it. It seems a pity there is no way for the aggrieved ones to reach the great majority of them editor was reached-Indianapolis Journal.

Publicity of Modern Life.



HE fierce light that was suposed to beat exclusively upon a throne has come, in our modern conditions, to beat with almost equal fierce ness upon a kitchen. The doings, sayings, and portraits of the cooks of the truly rich are nowadays matters for public record. Meantime our American court calandar includes not only the

daily doings of the presidential family, but also of the famthe of those of our millionaires who are in, and by some supposed exclusively to constitute, "society." Not only this, but there is a system, especially in what would be called in England the provincial press, of recording the doings, movements, and visitations of pretty much everybody in pretty much every community in the country. · * * What effect is all this publicity to have upon the average man, woman and girl? But, particularly, what effect is all this familiarity to have upon the world's sentiment with regard to royalty and high ecclesiastical authority? As to these latter matters, surely there will be palpable effects. Can the sense of awe continue as great when there is so little left of the unknown? One thing is sure; the sentiment toward kings and courts and Vaticans can never remain the same in these new and remarkable conditions. The relation between the former and their subjects and followers may be none the less affectionate, even reverent; it may become more human, more close. But the mystery having departed, there can hardly be the old stress. When the mind is no longer awed and clouded by the dim and the unknown, the appeal to reason must

Do Not Worry.

be reinforced.—Century Magazine.



of our own freedom; if we realized that nothing can hurt us except our own false actions, that worry less if we looked neither too eagerly toward the future nor too soberly toward the past, but concerned ourselves chiefly with the

duty of the moment. We should worry less if we could we took plenty of sleep, if we developed our minds with Bulletin.

our bodies and our bodies with our minds. We should worry less if we would frankly meet our ideals with temeffort to make a coarse jest on the subject of porary, just compromises, aiming simply to gain more with

> The Boston Globe says: "The investor who carries his steel stock to bed with him every night, and in his dreams sees it falling, falling, falling, is not the man who watches the ticker tape with a sharp eye looking out of a clear head the next day, prepared to grasp the hand of for-

> "The merchant who permits himself to suffer long from the blues because his profits this year are less than last year, will always keep a little store around the corner, so long as his brain is active. His show windows will never

> "The mechanic who continually nurses the fear that he will be left penniless in time of sickness, because his earnings all go for the family food and clothing, it but weakening his capacity as a workman and hastening his day of expected misfortune.

> 'The housewife who eternally frets lest the cake fall or a speck of dust be overlooked in the parlor, not only loses the pleasure of the present, but mortgages the joys she might naturally expect for the future.

> Don't worry, and the result will be fewer overwrought minds, fewer exhausted nervous systems, less recourse to bracing drugs, and a marked reduction in the property of cases of insanity."-The Week's Progress.

To Make Bad Boys Good.



T is not strange that there should be a good And a crumb of bread for Robin, deal of sentiment among public school principals in favor of the restoration of corporal punishment, under proper restriction, in the schools. The rule that the teacher who cannot secure discipline and order in his class with. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me out resorting to physical force is not fit to teach

sounds very well in theory, but in practice there are excep. When other helpers fail and comfort flee, tions. There are refractory pupils, whom nothing but the Help of the helpless, O abide with me! fear of physical punishment can keep in subjection, and it is unfortunately true that the example of one or two such boys is more potent as a demoralizing force than the example of the good boys can counteract. Boys are naturally lawless, if they are healthy, and the forceful young rascal [thange and decay in all around I see; who defies his teacher is likely to be regarded as a hero by D thou, who changest not, abide with his schoolmates. There are doubtless many occasions when a good, efficient caning would do more to maintain order and discipline in the classroom than the most earnest appeal to the dormant sense of honor of the boys.

In the case of the boy who drew a knife on his teacher in one of the Brooklyn schools recently, it certainly seems that an earnest application of the cane would have been | Through cloud and sunshine, O abide more efficacious than the arrest of the boy. Imprisonment tends to confirm the vice that there may be in a boy, while the incitement to virtue of a good thrashing, from which there is no honor in the sight of his fellows to be derived, would prove much more efficacious as a reformatory measure.-Brooklyn Times.

Average Marriage Age.



HE average age of marriage for men in the United States is 261/2 years, which, according Shine through the gloom and point me to the New York Sun, is lower than in any other country in which accurate marriage Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's records are kept. In Sweden the average is 31 years. Whether it is better, on the whole, In life and death, O Lord, abide with me that the average age of marriage in a country

must vary according to the character of the country. Early marriages naturally are followed by large families of chil- They Abound There in Great Numbers dren, but young parents with many children are very E should worry less if we were fully conscious likely to be poor and unable to give the children much care. The young ones are forced to leave school and go to work at an early age and thus their minds and bodies no one can hurt us except ourselves. We should are prevented from attaining the highest development of which they are capable. True, a moderate measure of wholesome neglect is good for a child. True, also, that many great men rose like Lincoln and Garfield from the humblest and poorest of early environment. But when always say to the jeering god Failure: "I tried to do my talking of general averages it is a safe proposition that exbest, and that was the best I could do." We should worry treme poverty is a detriment to children. The advantages less if we turned our backs on every Satan of excess-ex- of money, good schools, books and a reasonable amount cessive luxury, excessive work, excessive duty, excessive of comfort and even luxury at home are beneficial. They anything. We should worry less if we ate simple food, if make a finer quality of men and women. San Francisco

"Have you any old clothes, lady?" ! asked the broom peddler. "I'll give pose I'll have to to get rid of you. you a fine broom for some old clothes." "I'm busy now," said the woman of

the house. "Not to-day." She began slowly to close the door, but the peddler displayed one of his brooms-a gorgeous, wide-spreading a battered nickel and five pennies. paired. one with a varnished handle and Then he handed her a small broom, bound with green plush.

"Just a pair of old shoes," pleaded the peddler.

"Wait a moment," said the woman and closed the door, carefully putting the catch on. Then she went upstairs and rummaged through some closets quarter back," said the woman. "I'll gration has a very peculiar character. and at last found a pair of old shoes. - " Here she broke off and spiffed. Until 1890 the percentage of women which she brought down and offered to the peddler.

"They're badly worn," he said.

"Of course they are," said the woman, briskly. "If they weren't I'd wear them myself: Do you want to trade me a broom for them.

The man smiled mournfully and producing a whisk broom said, "I'll let you have this for them shoes and 10 cents."

"Certainly not," said the woman "Give 'em to me."

"Haven't you any others?" asked the peddler. "No, I haven't. I don't need a whisk

broom. I want a carpet broom." The peddler examined the shoes again. Then he said: "Well, I'll give you a carpet broom for the shoes and

a quarter." "I won't do it," said the woman. "Give me back the shoes." "Well, 15 cents, then."

Wedded in Modern Style. There was a wedding yesterday in

"Oh, well," said the woman, "I sup-

She closed and bolted the door again

and went upstairs for her pocketbook,

from which she extracted a quarter,

"Can't give you that broom for 15

The peddler took back his change

"I'll let you have this broom for a

The woman snatched the broom out

of his hand, slammed the door in his

face and rushed to her oven to dis-

cover four ples burned to a crisp. The

peddler walked away, smiling.-Chi-

slowly and the odor of burning pastry

quarter and the shoes," he said.

without any plush upholstering.

that one you showed me first."

cents," said the peddler.

quarter."

grew stronger.

cago News.

Wait a minute."

Graceless Church. Lord Baldknob of Kiltshire, England, married Miss Sallie Panhandle, of East

Pittsburg. The bridal party, including the at- make politics unprofitable.

torneys for both sides, forced in the alcove promptly at 11:30.

name was transferred to his lordship. tender changed hands.

mortgage bonds known to be the tretty they are! Listen to that exquisite bride's possession were handed over.

to his lordship for leaving the bride's krassy marsh comes the discordant cry father enough to live on comfortably until the next rise in Wall street, which is predicted for next spring.

two real estate lawyers and a bar- treeping up the tree, hunting spiders rister, representing the plaintiff, pronounced the benediction.

weeks with his bride at his estates in which the peddler took, returning her | England, after the roof has been re | dove's carelessly made nest, with two

After this, it is understood, they will separate and enter society .- New York | than a canary. That modest little gray "Here," said the woman, "I want Life.

Facts About Immigration.

In thirty years 1,391,076 Italians "Then give me the shoes and the have come to this country. This immi-"Gracious!" she exclaimed, "if my pies was less than 15, but now it has inareu't burnin!' Here, take your pen- creased to 39. This indicates that the nies and give me the shoes and my immigration has a marked tendency to

> Obeying the Law. "Why did you let him get away fron you?" thundered the chief.

become permanent.

me," replied the green detective. "He ran across the grass in the park and-" "Well?"

"Well, there was a sign there, 'Keep off the grass."-Philadelphia Press.

Land Is Redeemed.

By means of irrigation something like 3,500,000 acres of land in Dakota lists get in there, but as a general has been increased in value over \$230. thing they patronize a shop kept by 000,000.

Perhaps the time will come when In the freaks' shop you will find at the intelligence of the people will

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Robin Redbreast. lood-by, good-by to summer! For summer's nearly done; The garden smiling faintly, Cool breezes in the sun; Jur thrushes now are silent. Our swallows flown awaybut Robin's here in coat of brown, And scarlet breast knot gay. Robin, Robin Redbreast, O Robin dear! tobin sings so sweetly In the falling of the year.

Gright yellow, red, and orange, The leaves come down in hosts: he trees are Indian princes, But soon they'll turn to ghosts; he leathery pears and apples Hang russet on the bough; ts autumn, autumn, autumn late 'Twill soon be winter now. Lobin, Robin Redbreast,

O Robin dear! And what will this poor Robin do? For pinching days are near.

The fireside for the cricket, The wheatstack for the mouse, When trembling night winds whistle And moan all round the house. The frosty ways like iron, The branches plumed with snow-Alas! in winter dead and dark, Where can poor Robin go? Robin, Robin Redbreast. O Robin dear!

His little heart to cheer. -William Allingham.

Abide with Me. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide; swift to its close ebbs out life's little

Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass on the duties of a wife. awav:

I need thy presence every passing hour What but thy grace can foil the Tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and stay can

with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; llis have no weight and tears no bitter-Where is death's sting, where, grave, thy victory?

triumph still, if thou abide with me. Hold thou thy cross before my closing

to the skies! vain shadows flee:

-Henry Francis Lyte.

# should be low or high is a most question, and the answer GAUDY BIRDS OF ARGENTINA.

and Most Brilliant Varieties. The birds of Argentina abound in

great numbers and variety, and they are among its greatest and most attractive treasures. One of the peculiarities of these birds is their gaudy, variegated and brilliant plumage. In color they are beautiful and in

songs wonderful. Let us go to the woods bordering the river and see how many we can find. Yonder bird is ;alled the "arm of fire," on account of his bright color. He appears to take great pride in showing himself. There the cardinal with the scarlet crest. white breast and dove-colored back, also the yellow cardinal with yellow lody and black crest. It is so named because its crest resembles the car-At 11:45 the real estate in the bride's | dinal's hat. That beautiful pink line that you see in the daintiest sky is a At 11:50 a million dollars in legal flock of pink flamingoes. They are mearing us. Now they alight upon the At high noon all the railroad first and on the margin of the river. How tong. That is the "bugero," a large A vote of thanks was then passed black bird with white beak. From the of the heron, and the green parrots are thattering in the trees over our heads. They think their scolding will frighten At 12:15 two bishops, four clergymen, bs away. See that lovely golden wren He does not seem a particle afraid of hs. Hear that sweet-voiced robin. The groom will pass the next three They are much finer singers than the tobins of our country. Here we find white eggs lying on the ground. This Bove is very small, not much larger bird is the bulbul or nightingale, which

keeps his sweet song for the night. There is a tree that appears to be covered with balls of cotton, but instead of cotton it is a flock of magpies sunning themselves. They drop their wings and fluff out the feathers of the back until they resemble balls of cotion. They are singular birds. One will catch a frog and run around before the others, apparently to tantalize them. When they bathe they jump hto a pool of water, then out and roll h the dust, then into the water again. "He-er-took a mean advantage of They impose on each other by several iens laying eggs in the same nest.

# PHOTOGRAPHS OF FREAKS.

Specialty Which Proves Lucrative to the Photographer. Not far from Cooper Union is a photograph gallery devoted almost entireby to freaks. Sometimes a few pugi-

street. almost any hour of the day giants and dwarfs, skeletons and fat men, hu- it.

an ex-pugilist a little farther down the

man pin-cushions and sword swallowers-in fact anything that is included in the museum and circus line, on exhibition from 10 cents to \$1. Nothing in the way of a legitimate freak escapes. But once let an outsider—that is, a man whom the patrons of the show do not consider a genuine freak

-get in there, and he gets no picture. The photographer began with picking up chance freaks in the circus about ten years ago. He personally sought out freaks and took commission on the number of photographs sold in the shows. The freak photographer doesn't do that now. He knows that he has a facility for photographing freaks better than anybody else, just as others excel in sporting scenes and some in handsomely gowned women. Every man, of any good, in every profession has his strong point; and that man's is in posing freaks to the best advantage.

His name is on pictures sold in freak shows in New York or anywhere else this side of San Francisco. His bank account would compare favorably with the bank accounts of many fashionable photographers.-New York Times.

The limit of a soldier's credit at the canteen was twenty per cent of his

Americans are making an effort to establish a steel plant at Flushing, many cases not even the precaution of Holland.

The proportion of policemen to population is one to 307 in Paris, one to 408 in London and one to 458 in New York.

American tourists annually spend abroad an average of \$75,000,000, and foreign tourists leave about \$20,000,000

here. The editor of a weekly newspaper in Australia offers himself as a prize to the woman who writes the best essay

Goose quill pens and drying pow- saffron. Now, what effect saffron has ders are still used in English law courts | upon this particular fever no doctor and the House of Lords and in the knows. Certainly there is no peculiar French Chamber of Deputies.

John Stuart Mill was studying Greek at three, had practically mastered the that saffron is merely a dye-principallanguage at seven, and a year later ly used commercially in that role-and was acting as schoolmaster to his younger brothers and sisters. John Ruskin actually produced a manuscript work in three volumes before he reached his seventh birthday.

In Haroldswick, in the Shetlands, a whalebone viking drinking born in good condition was found recently in a grave that contained human bones, together with those of horses and dogs. The grave is probably that of a sea king, buried with his horse and a dog in the time of Harold Harfagr, one thousand years ago.

A pre-historic town near Adichanallar, India, proves to have been of large size, and promises to yield an extra rdinary vari ty of int r sting objects. More than one hundred acres have been reserved for explorations, and the remains are found considerably beyond that ar a. About 1,000 curious objects of bronze, iron and pottery have been unearthed already, together with seven oval-shaped ornaments of pure gold.

# TOO MANY EVAS AND TOPSIES.

The Great Kemenyi's Experience at

an Unc'e . m' Cab a fav. It was while playing a concert engagement in the much in town of Manster, Michigan, that Rom nyl ars, saw a performance of "Un L. Tom's C.bin." At the hotel he u.e. the emerprising manager of this multiple Topsy Marks-Eva aggregation. The manager tr. a.ed him with the most genial profe-sional courtesy. He placed at his use one of the two tiny, lace-curtained boxes, which were the awe and pride

of the theater's pairons. donkeys, and perhaps the brass band chuck, 40. For mutton the pound price that mangled Sousa's music with such is: Leg. 45; shoulder, 30; loin chops, conscienceless exhibitration, excited the 35 to 45; stew pieces, 15. For pork: curiosity of Remenyi. He consulted Leg. 60; loins, 60; corned pork, 45 to 50. with other members of his company, Rabbits are 90 cents each; hares, 75 and it was at last decided to begin cents; calf's liver, 40 cents a pound; the concert sharply on time, cut all encores and to have carriages in wait- 15 to 60; honey, 40, and butter, \$1.05. ing to convey them hurriedly to the Most of the meats are imported, of theater at the end of the concert pro- course, but they are rather necessary

d a guest. And thus it was that the resent the rush until it became acquainted with the reason, and then was generous in forgiving.

The Uncle Tom actors worked right on their mettle. They did their best "to hold the mirror up" to their idea of nature, but the double reflection rather mystified Remenyi. It took him some time to fathom the philosophy of twin Evas, Markses and Topsys. The tears ran down his cheeks when Eva died, until he suddenly remembered the other Eva who had appeared earlier in songs and dances. With a puzzled air he turned to one of his companions and | rious wars?" asked how they were to manage this cumstances. The friend replied that the other Eva had probably washed up and gone back to the hotel and would take her turn at the "gates ajar" the following night.

Later when Remenvi met the flushed and happy manager in the hotel office. he said thoughtfully: "Americans are very enterprising. They believe in having all they can of a good thing."

POPULAR MEDICAL DELUSIONS.

An Old Family Physician Tells of

Some of His Experiences. Tradition and superstition, it is said, die hard, and even in this twentieth century, the age of education and progress, it is surprising what erroneous and delusive ideas prevail regarding medical matters, says a doctor in the London Tit-Bits.

In some of the more common allments of children a doctor hears at times peculiar views expressed. Many patients are quite under the impression that it is for their children's welfare that they should contract while young such diseases as measles, whooping cough and chicken pox, or glasspox, and they will even go so far as to expose them to infection, so as to. as they express it, "get it over and done

As a matter of fact there is no reason or necessity why any child should suffer from any one of these diseases. Happy is the family that escapes them, for then there is a chance of the youngsters growing up healthy men and women and useful members of society.

Most erroneous ideas prevail as to the effect of these complaints of childhood. I have often heard it said, "Oh, it's only measles!" or chicken pox, as the case may be, quite oblivious to after effects. Any one who would take the trouble to read health statistics would soon be convinced that measles especially is not to be trifled with. And yet medical men as a rule find a reckless disregard for isolation, and in calling in the family doctor, the result being naturally that the disease spreads at its own sweet will and often works havoe.

In the treatment of this complaint, again, delusions and erroneous ideas exist among a large number of the community. Tradition, so it appears to me, is more prevalent with regard to measles than almost any other children's disease.

A remedy that has been handed down from mother to daughter for I don't know how many generations is element in its composition that makes it a necessity. When one remembers that it possesses no medicinal value, one fails to understand why it is so universally used. The only thing to be said in its favor is that, while being useless, it is harmless.

A favorite addition to saffron is brandy; but as saffron is harmless, brandy, on the other hand, especially with babies and young children, is positively injurious, and should never be given except under medical advice.

Children are always thirsty in their feverish ailments. Yet how seldom the mother thinks of giving her child water to drink. It is nearly always milkanother popular delusion. Milk is an excellent food, but it does not quench thirst; in fact, it increases it. Give the child cold boiled water and it will become quiet and less fretful.

A very popular error is that spirits keep the cold out. As a matter of fact they do just the opposite. Alcohol increases the action of the skin, opens the pores and makes the individual more liable to contract chills and colds. often with serious results. A glass of hot milk is far better and much cheap-

# Cost of Food in Manila.

Many travelers in the Philippines, as well as many who have had to Hve there on duty, have reported that the cost of living is high, but the particulars have not often been set forth, says the Boston Herald. An advertisement in the Manila Freedom of prices of provisions at the Philippine cold stores affords some specific knowledge on the sub ect. For beef the price per pound is (in

cents): Sirloin, 55; rump, 55; topside, The parade of blood bounds, the | 50; round steak, 45; rib roast, 45; blade sausage, 40; smoked cod, 45; salmon, to the diet of an American. It must The manager of the theater promised be taken into account, also, that the to hold the curtain" for so dis.ingu.sh- | currency is silver. Doubtless there are native diets-fish and rice, for examgreat Hungarian violants was enabled ple-that are cheaper. But the supply to witness the great American classic. of rice is now rather limited, and the The concert audience was inclined to local government is procuring and distributing it to the famishing.

Entitled to Another Dividend. Beggar-Please, boss, won't you

gimme a dime to-Jenkins-See here! I gave you a dime yesterday.

Beggar-Well, haven't yer earned any more money since den?-Philadelphia Ledger.

# Worth the Trouble.

"Don't you find it tiresome," said Marc Antony, "to devote so much time to literature in addition to your va-

"Yes," replied Caesar, "but it pays. dual personality under such trying cir- There is nothing like being your own military critic."-Washington Star.

# Oldest - hip in the World.

The oldest ship in the world, the mail schooner Vigilant, running into St. Croix, F. W. I., although now under the French flag, was built of Essex oak, at Essex, Mass., in 1802.

# Large St Louis Hotel.

The Bonaparte Hotel at St. Louis will be the largest hotel in the United You can't discourage the prohibition | States, and its opening will be simulmovement by throwing cold water on | tadeous with that of the big exposi-