THE MODEST MAID.

Chicago News.

This is the modest little maid. Who always used to be afraid.

And in a bathing suit arrayed She doth exhibit undismayed Her leveliness.

"A dress when cut decollette."

This modest damsel used to say, "Affords a deal too much display

Of neck and arms."
But—mark the inconsistency—
She now meanders by the sea
In dress descending to ner knee,
Without alarms.

Though she is of such modest mien That ever would she blush, I ween, Were but an inch of ankle seen By boorish churts;

Yet admiration doth she court. As on the bench she doth disport, Attired in skirts, I vow, as short

As ballet girls'.

And what is more, 'tis her delight
To keep exhibited in sight
Her neck and arms sup-emely white
To win a smile,
Yet this is she whom none could press
To don a low-necked ball-room dress.
Ab, well, the reason you can guess—
It is the style.

nable combination.

red and yellow.

dress is limited.

ah of contrasting color.

gns as well as in plain colors

overed with tiny gold spangles

with skirts of different material.

essory of day and evening dresses.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Danish cloth is shown with printed de-

Black fans edged with Chantilly lace are

Velvet bodices will be worn this autumn

Ribbon continues in high favor as an ac

Dog collars of beads of every description have pendants and epanlets to correspond.

Straw bonnets and hats of dark shades, the atter faced with velvet, will be worn late in

It is a bold girl who will allow ner best young man to see her maiden effort at getting into a hammock.

Crepe ruching, arranged in shell forms, is in all the evening colors, and also in dark

Gauze fans in all colors are painted with

bird and flower tancies, and the edge is cut out following the contour of the design.

The Princess of Wares is the Empress Eu-

genic of England, but her daughters would not pass muster at Saratoga. Their taste in

Felt bonnets and hats for autumn wear

are already shown by the importers. The shapes do not vary in any great degree from those worn during the summer.

A girl may sing and a girl may dance
And on the plane may play;
But she wou't sit astride of a fence very long,
Because she ain't built that way.

In style of coiffure the low-coiled "emigrant wist" is for the moment waging war with

the more stately fashion in hair-dressing known as the "Josephine coronet."

A girl looks well in a big apron, with her

sleeves rolled ap and her plump arms bared, deftly kneading a batch of dough, but she generally has the rolling-pin handy then.

"Josephine," said a lady to her servant,
"you have cracked another cup, I see." "Yes,
madam, and hekily it just makes out the
dozen; it was the only one left out of the

Something new in feminine locomotion is

called the "unnus strut." It is quite gen-erally adopted by the girls of the period, and it does not matter that it is undignified so

ong as it is fashionable.

# THE WORK OF THE WITS.

A Variety of Pleasantries in Prose and Rhyme.

SALVATION'S FIRE ESCAPE.

The Smart Alexanden and the Base Ball Pad-Some Tests of Friendship and Wifely Comforters - Pointed Paragraphs.

#### The Fire Escape.

Trou Buildet. There's a massive notel that looms up from Should you enter its portals this legend you'll

Its meaning is simple and patent to all—
"Thorn's a tire escape placed at the end of the hall."

This led me to think how many there are That pass through the world with a record mite fair Who will look for, but miss, when an end comes to all, Some fire escape at the end of the hall.

There's the woman of fashion, all diamonds and lace, Who has purchased a claim on salvation and grace, But whose name's never mentioned at Char-Will she find the escape at the end of the hall? And the miser whose life is devoted to gold, Though thousands may suffer in hunger and will his gold be sufficient, when Death sends

To buy an escape at the end of the hall? And the man who has hundreds at work in his mill,
Who are slaves to his greed and bound down
by his will;
On that reckoning day, if there's justice for

He'll a fire escape need at the end of the hall Then there's good Deacon Jones, who stands well in the church.

That his creditors left years ago in the lurch,
But whose ill-gotten gain is now cover for all;
Will he find an escape at the end of the hall?

And that saint, Brother Brown, who serves Who gives largely to missions far over the seas, But has never a dollar for Poverty's call:

He'll a fire-escape need at the end of the hall.

There's the Judge who in ermine sits high on the throne, With a sentence severe for what Poverty's done, But for girded transgressors has nothing at Wall he find an escape at the end of the hall? The breadless, the homeless, who suffering wear, We hearken not to them, nor heeded their Shall we wish, when too late, for the mountains to fall, And that fire-escape miss at the end of the

Take heed then and listen; thy brother's a man, Then render such help as with justice you can, In kindness of spirit that he who rules all May a fire-escape place at the end of the hall.

The Smart Alexander. Pittsburg Commercial Gazette: One of those smart Alexanders who travels on his cheek and the inability of the public to change \$20 bills for a glass of soda or four tobies got on a Penn avenue car the other day and tendered the aforesaid \$20 for his fare. Of course the conductor could not change it and so he got his ride free. This was repeated until the conductor got tired of it, and after the fourth or fifth time of its repetition he determined to get even with the fellow. By visiting the toll houses, and other means unknown, the manipulator of the bell punch managed to scrape up

\$19.95 in pennies. Placing these in a little bucket he quietly waited the appearance of his victim, having posted the driver and some other intimate friends who happened to be on board. When the unsuspecting man with the plethoric pocketbook put in an appearance and promptly pro-duced the "twenty" with many apologies, the conductor pocketed the bill and pro duced the little bucket, and amid the grins of the spectators presented it to his customer. The young man looked pretty cheap, and after feeling the heft of the bucket thoughtfully got off the car and disappeared around a corner. Then the conductor took the bill from his pocket and proceeded to fold it up nicely so that it would fit into a convenient corner of his pocketbook. Some thing in the appearance of the bill caught his eye, and, as he examined it a little closer, his jaw dropped about a foot. The oill was of the genus denominated by the sporting fraternity as "queer, The young man had also been laying for

Resemblances.

the conductor.

Boston News: Lieutenant George Monroe had a day off and went to Nan tasket. On the boat, with several friends, there was a talk about personal resem "Wohl! I have been daken for Bis

marck, in Berlin," said a German gentleman. "Aussi, of a time in Paris, I was, as the Count de Paris saluted, so like him I resembled," said a teacher of French. "That's nothing," said Gearge: fellow came up and slapped me on the back, right on Tremont street the other day, and cried out-'Great Casar! Is that you?'''

The Auricular Incoherency. The Judge: The Troy Telegram finds that the telephone has a tendency to make people deaf in one ear. We recall a case in point. "Hi there, William M. Evaris! What about the silver question?"

"Hey?" "What do you think of the silver situa

Heyy

Tend that dinner to night, William? Wherefore he must have turned the

The Telgram is undoubtedly right. Another case in point:
"Helio, Grover Cleveland! What do you think of Garland?" 'Sir, the last man who applied for a

"None o' that now. What about Augustus Garland?"
"H'm! Hey?"

The boys are going a fishing. Come and join 'em."
"All right. You furnish the bait."

He must have turned the other ear too.

## Sure Test of Friendship.

Detroit Free Press: "You say," continued the lawyer in the cross-examination of a witness, "that Jones is your

"Yes, sir."
"What reason have you to believe that
he is your friend?" We have associated together for ten

"We never had a word of dispute." "Well!"

"I have always found him fair and square."
"That may be, but did you ever ask him to back a note at the bank for you?

'No. sir. Mrs. Pikrust did not know "Because my grandmother is dead and "Then you don't know him-don't be-

you shouldn't assert that you did.

Three Stages of Base Ball.

gin to know anything about him, sir, and

THE PAST.

I recollect, before base ball became a pastime t a total . And ere the betting on it was so reckless and irrational; Before the days of leagues and ere the pitcher

Compelled the spinning sphere to make its present curves erratical.

The man behind the bat—who now, protected, fumes and fidgets—

Was wont to catch the swiftest balls with un-

protected ducits.

Nor would be after in the least his mien serene and joeular.

When madly rushing foul-tips smashed his nose or closed his ocular.

THE PRESENT. The catcher or the present faces volleys hot and curving.

And scarcely can be blamed because he finds working unnerving.

Although I'm no poltroon, I do beseech you don't think that o' me; I don't like things conducive to an incomplete anatomy.

The gentleman who now disports behind the bat of willow

Is guarded by an armor like a cashion or a Although his mask gives him a look which No foul-tip bids bim make investigations

astronomical. THE FUTURE. And now, methinks, we shall behold the catcher of futurity Cayorting round behind the bat in absolute security.
His belief and his brassets and his other things armorial
Will most assuredly prevent all injuries cor-With tron gauntlets on his hands, a bird-eage on his visage.
Oh, happy will the eatcher be who plays base ball in his age,
For he cannot be damaged by the spinning missile spherical

Unless by some occurrence scarce less won-drous than a miracle, She Was Used To It.

Detroit Free Press: "Lucy," she said to the new girl when the question of wages had been settled, "there are times when my husband comes home in a-acondition." "Yes'm." "In a befuddled condition" "Yes'm." "Caused by overtaxing his brain in the office." "I inderstand, ma'am, and if he comes into the kitchen and puts his arm around me I'm to—" 'Retain your dignity."
"That's it, ma'am. That's just what has
happened in my last two places, and I'll I can behave in such manner that he'll take me for the lady of the house; don't you let the befuddled condition worry you as long as I remain ma'am.

Knew What He Was Talking About Arkansaw Traveler: An Arkansaw justice of the peace who had just married couple turned to a man and said: don't believe that the woman will love, don't believe that the woman will love, serve and obey him." "I don't know," some one replied; "she seems to be a very amiable woman." "I don't think she is," replied the justice. "Why so?" Because she used to be my wife.

He Pinched the Wrong Limb. Boston Globe: A few evening, ago at a dinner party in Middletown a clergyman was seated between two ladies. One of the ladies noticed that the reverend gentleman was somewhat abstracted in his manner, and in a sotto voice asked him if he was not feeling well. The elergyman replied that he was somewhat alarmed about his health, and was tafraid of a stroke of paralysis. He said: pinching my leg ever since I sat down to the table, and there is not a particle of feeling in it " The lady told him not to be alarmed at all, as it was her leg he had been pinching. The dominic immedi-ately recovered his health.

A Wife's Experience. Washington Hatchet: At a dinner party last winter the cool weather had done considerable duty in supplying couversation, when a plump, happy-looking narried lady made a remark about cold cet. "Surely," said a lady opposite, 'you are not troubled with cold feet?" Amid an awful pause the lady naively answered: "Yes, indeed. I am very much troubled—but, then, they are not my own." Her husband blushed searlet.

Disenchantment.

He took her down to the beach with him On a sultry summer day, And he much admired her rounded form In its fashionable array.

She complied with his request; But when she came out of the bath-house In her bathing costume dressed,

He gazed on her leau, lank figure, Exclaiming: What's this I see? This surely is not the maiden That came down in the boat with me!

The Right Position for a Kiss. Boston Globe: Mrs. De Blank-"There now, John, just read that and maybe you Mr. De Blank - 'Read what?'

"Why, this in the paper. A member of the recent Women's congress says: 'It is a nice thing for a man to keep his mouti it to be kissed.""
"Humph! That may all be, but it is dso a mee thing for a woman to keep er mouth in the right position to be

"The right position?"
"Yes -shut."

WHe Had a Good Job Already. Monongahela City Republican: boys tell a good story on Chaplain Mc Grew, which is worth repeating. In his rounds last Sunday afternoon with a few tracts and many good words he was dis-pensing counsel and advice. By chance he came upon a Hungarian, who was employed in digging trenches for the gasoipes around the camp. The chaptain

"Are you a christian, my friend?"
"Na, na; me Hunga." "Don't you wish to join the army of the

Na, na; me got a good job now, A Remarkable Youth.

"Have you any offspring?" inquired the severe, long-haired passenger through his nose of a stranger by his "Oh, yes, sir," was the polite reply, "a

pretty token.

A hen belonging to Jonathan Scott of Parma, Mich., made her nest at the branches of a willow tree, fifteen feet from the ground. She was allowed to keep lifteen ezgs, and in due course of time she commenced setting. After three weeks of close application she flew down from her lofty nest and twelve chicks came tumbling after.

Asa Snyder, of Cattskill, N. Y., owned a hog which grew amazingly fat. Its rapid increase of adipose tissue attracted the attention of the neighbors, among them Dr. Bogardus, who told Asa that the hog had dropsy and then tapped it. Sixty-three gallons of water flowed from the tapping, and the hog diminished in size quite as fast as it had "Ah, indeed Does he use tobacco?"
"Never touches it in any form." "I'm glad to hear that. Tobacco is monstrously sinful. Does he indulge in spiritnous liquors?"
"Never tasted a drop in his life." The huge deposit of oyster shells at Damariscotta, Me., is being removed. The Portland Transcript speaking of the removal says but few relies have been found thus, far, but

"Excellent. Stay out nights!"
"No, sir. Never thinks of going out after supper." "I'm very much pleased to know this, Your son is a remarkable young

"Oh, he's not a young man. He's a two months' old baby." How She Got Off an Old Chestaut. Nashville Journal: "My dear," said a jocose farmer to his wife, "why is your

leceased grandmother like my threshing "I don't know, why?" "Because she is no more and my thresh

ing machine is no mower."

"That is a good one," said the lady,
"and I must go and see if Mrs. Pikrust When she saw Mrs. Pikrust the lady

tain the badiy digested food from the stomach, and obsorb deleterious matter, which by thus poisoning the blood gives rise to other serious derangement. Use Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Raim. "John has told me such a good conun-drum. It is this: 'Why is my grand-mother like a threshing machine?"

you can't mow with a threshing machine," was the triumphant reply.

Metamorphosed.

She used to warble comic songs, In high and shrill soptano, And wrought full many grevious wrongs

Whatever tune she heard, forthwith She seized and then arranged it, Her name of yore was Lucy Smith, And now I see she's changed it.

But then she went across to Rome To study with Fizzini; And now I learn she's coming home As Lucia Smithini.

She Wanted it Then. Boston Record: A little girl out at Maiden, who held with genuine orthodoxy to the infantile theory of what prayer is for, prayed thus the other night, "O Lord, I want a white rabbit." She waited for a while for developments and then repeated her prayer a little energetically, "O Lord, I want a white rabbit." Another nause for developments with unsatisfactory results, and then a vigorous outburst, "O Lord, I want a white rabbit and I want it now,"

Daniel Saved Him.

Washington Critic: "Daniel!" "Yes, madam."
"In cleaning out rooms, etc., preparatory to finding places to hide away canned goods for the winter, I find in one of the wardrobes this great heavy pair of rubber boots, with such long tops. Whose are they?" 'The president's, madam.''

Down in the leg of one of them I find this black bottle with a high cork. What is that for?" "And in the other leg is an old pack of

cards wrapped in an oilcloth. Whose "Oh! I see. They are a pair left over by President Arthur. Thanks, Daniel!"-from the adjoin

Enough Said. St. Paul Globe: He got out of a box car. Looking in every direction as if expect ing an assassin to jump out from his se-cret hiding place and assail him, he spied a policeman. Beckoning the latter to train, he said: "Is the coast clear, and will it be safe

for me to run to E hotel?"

The policeman looked all about and then answered the question in the affirmative, whereupon the stranger disap peared from sight as fast as his legs would earry him.

"That fellow isn't a tramp, is he?" asked a man of the policeman, referring to the late occupant of the car. "No," said the policeman.
"What was the matter with him?"

"He's an umpire."

No Rest for Him. Boston Courier. When the summer rain is pouring Down upon the city bricks And the mercury is soaring

Daily up to ninety-six. When the editor is writing, Writing with his sleeves unrolled, And the pesky files are biting Hard where er they catch ahold.

When the fair and gentle maiden Gathers flowers at early dawn, Where the breeze with balm is laden, In a dress of snowy lawn— Then to mountains, or to beaches.

Fly the bloated millionaires; Where no torrid heat e er reaches, Where they throw away their cares.

But the editor, poor fellow, Lacking necessary wealth, Though his eyes and cheeks are yellow With a liver out of health,

Life-can't join the mercy throng,

So his liver-pad he tightens
And keeps toiling right along.

Tid-Bits. "I saw a reference to dirigible balloon' in the paper. Fangle emarked Snaggs; 'what are they? 'Dirigible' means manageable; so, course, 'dirigible balloons' are balloons that can be managed." "Oh! I see. Say, Fangle?" "Well." "Do you think there will ever be such things as dirigible

Even Water Sometimes Has Its Uses Pittsburg Dispatch: Kentucky Col onel-"Waiter, something to drink!"

Waiter—"Yes, sah; watah, sah?" Kentucky Colonel—"Young man,I said omething to drink: I don't want to take

A Candidate for the Museum. Texas Siftings: "You say you were in the Union army during the war?" Yes, sir; I was at Gettysburg." "At Gettysburg? Well, I suppose you have written a magazine article about the mistakes of the battle?"
"No, sir, I have not."

NATURAL CURIOSITIES.

White woodchucks have been seen this summer in Redding township, Ind.

An eagle near Chambersburg, Pa., recently tried to carry off a boy, but the youngster was too heavy. The lad's face and clothing

A resident of Trebein O., owns a masto-don tooth which is fourteen inches long, ten inches broad, and twenty-seven inches in

recumference and weighs thirteen pounds.

A curious specimen in the shape of a double

upple is exhibited at Huntington, Ind. It has two distinct ends and two blossom ends,

though it has grown firmly together as one

shown a lingering affection for his former commander by shipping the wildest kind of Rocky mountain wild cat to General Backus

it San Francisco with a request to deliver the

og diminished in size quite as fast as it had

stone tools and human bones have been dis-covered. Shells have been found fourteen inches long, and those twelve inches long are

common. One pair twelve inches long and six luches wide has been found, and it is estimated that the oyster which they con-

tained would have nearly filled a pint meas-

According to the last Israelitish Annual, the number of Jews in the world at present is but 6,300,000, of whom 5,400,000 are in Europe. There are 230,000 Jews in the Uniterope. There are 230,000 Jews in the Uniterial Hungary, 683,000 in Russia, 1,644,000 Austrian-Hungary, 683,000 in Germany, and in France, not with standing all the fuss that M. Drumout makes about them in his "Jew France," only 63,000.

When the liver and kidneys are dis-ordered the bowels become inactive re-

suffered severely in the battle.

Dark blue of the shade known as the "Princess of Wales" blue is perhaps the most popular of all celors just now. The universal becomingness of this particular tone in blue renders it an unusual favorite, and then it is never obtrusive, it does not fade in silk or all-wool fabrics, and it is agreeably relieved in white, cream, ecru, or "Why, my dear sir, you needn't beg. You are the only soldier living who has not written an article on the subject ed in certain shades. Why, man alive, you are a freak, you can get \$10) a week in a museum."

Pean debete is the new plush, in close rereal departs in the new push, in cose re-semblance to the pelts of wild animals, that is used for trimming hats. A high brown felt hat has the turned up brim bordered with plush in imitation of the wildeat. Loosely draped loops of brown ribbon are arranged in front, while at the right side, alling over the turned up brim is a cluster

Although the dog star rages, and fabries

light as air and hats sombrero like in size are the order of the day—although the grass-hopper is a burden and one is tempted to cry. "Oh! that this too, too solid flesh would nelt"

-yet autumn materials are filling the places held by the dainty summer stuffs.

In the list of new handsomely-colored French cashineres are patterns with wide stripes, the designs woven thereon closely mitating Kensington embroideries. initiating Kensington embroderies. These falpries are mostly employed for the skirt, while the bodice, tunic and sleeves are of plain cashmere, with trimmings of the stripe. The tunic is long and ample, concealing a greater portion of the skirt, but invariably draped so as to reveal the stripes on both sides of the skirt.

sides of the skirt. sides of the skirt.

"Ma can't see you," said a Cass avenue girl of ten, as a peddler ascended the front steps. "Is she at home?" "Yes, sir, but she's very busy," "Will you ask her to step to the door?" "No. sir; she's up stairs trying on her bathing suit before the big mirror; when she gets it on she's going to pose; if she looks picturesque we're going to the seashore; if she just seems to be common we're going out in the country to Uncle William's. Please goaway and don't disturb the One of General Sheridan's old scouts has

liam's. Please go away and don't distorb the poses." Combinations of materials will be quite as Combinations of materials will be quite as much worn as ever this fall, and there is now hardly a fabric in the market that has not some other provided to blend with it. There is no set rule to govern these combinations, but usually a plain fabric is more becoming for the watsyand sleeves unless the figured goods used in conjunction is of small design or is managed very judiciously in the cutting. Another convenient and economical fashion which will continue in popularity will which with continue in popularity will be the wearing of a velvet jacket with skirts of a contrasting material. It is not all essential that velvet should enter into the construction of the skirt, for this partion of the costume may be of one and often two materials bearing no relation whether to the velvet bears. lation whatever to the velvet basque. Black, dark blue, deep garnet, and some beautiful shades of golden-brown velvet will be especially chosen for this purpose.

## PEPPERMINT DROPS.

Why do summer roses fade Why do summer psusies pale? Why are old-time statesmen played. And why are last year's birds' nest stale? What is the great need of the hour? night key with an electric light on the end of

There is a vast fortune in store for the man who will invent an automatic campaign lie three months during the rebellion whether he was ever wounded. This world is filled with men whose chief.

occupation is parting their hair and arrang-ing their neckties. Barnum offers \$20,000 for the sea serpent, dead or alive, but we fancy that he would prefer to receive it dead. The best plane tuners are blind. But they

can make out bills just as well as if they could see out of three eyes.

A Florida woman recently killed a bear with a long pole. Had it been a mouss she would probably have fainted. A Knight of Labor says that lawyers are Her charms would be o'ermuch displayed, By balt room dress; But to the senshore she has strayed,

A Knight of Labor says that lawyers are denied membership in that organization because they produce nothing. Just let blin hire a lawyer and ask him to produce his bill and he will change his mind.

J. V. Dexter, of Denver, has a pair of ancient pistols which were used by Burr when he fought Hamilton. It we are not mistaken. Mr. Dexter is the twelfth gentleman owning these pistols, so there can be fittle doubt as to their being the identical pair.

It is astonishing how much higger a lanch.

It is astonishing how much bigger a lunch basket looks and how much lighter it feels when a joyous assembling starts on a po-nic excursion, than it does after the only man of the party has higged it about for five hours over the sand and rocks "Just throw me half a flozen of the biggest of those trout," said a citizen to the hish

of those trout," said a citizen to the fish dealer. "Throw them?" queried the dealer. "Yes, and then I'd go home and tell my wife that I caught 'em. I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no flar." "Keep out of this water millin pache," is a

significant nation to a farm tence a little east of New Brighton, Conn. Some wag turned the board over and wrote thereon; "Take one," and the poor farmer has been almost bankrupt in consequence.

Tombstone dealer (to widow)—Would you like the cause of your husband's death explained on the stone madam? Widow—Well—er—perhaps it might be appropriate to engrave a couple of cucumbers on it, if you will.—[New York Sun. "Prendful odor in this neighborhood," re

"Treadful odor in this neighborhood, remarked Muggs, as they strolled up F street.
"I wonder what it is?" "H'm," said his friend, with an investigatory snift. "Most be the bad air that German band's been playing on the corner," and they turned into the family entrance for a disinfectant. Shawls with tinsel and colored stripes are A New York Chinaman sells birds' nest "There!" exclaimed young Spriggins, suddenly, as they were sitting on the piazza. "I must go and get shaved. My face is as rough as a cow's tongue. I tell you it feets uncomfortable to have these little short pristly hairs all over a fellow's chin." Miss De Puyster always gushes when young Spriggins says anything. "I know it." said she effusively. And then everybody leaned forward and asked her all at once how she knew Wide scarfs of India mull, edged with face, Watered silk and camel's hair are a fash-Skirts of crocheted silk are worn over sur-Silk gloves are elaborately embroidered the whole length of the arm.

ward and asked her all at once how she knew it, but Miss De Puyster only blushed pain-ully and said they were horrid things. In the days of "49" a member of a party of niners strayed away from his companions and was destroyed by wild beasts. The and was destroyed by wild beasts. The friend upon whom it devolved to "break the news gently" to the bereaved parents showed dinself equal to the occasion by writing the ollowing letter: Mister Smith Deer sur the Kiotes has ete your sun's hed off Yurs Jones.

At the Matinee.

Hoston Courier.

1 saw them at the matinee; In front of me they sat: "hey were attentive to the play;

Each wore a low-crowned hat. Yes, low-growned hats that did not hide The actors from my view; With wonder I sat stupefied, For they were silent, too.

They were two maidens young and fair, Two maidens fair were they, And I beheld them sitting there Attentive to the play,

And then to think that I could see The stage! Twas all in view. Twas such a great surprise to me, I scarce knew what to do. They did not chatter. Neither spoke-

So strange it all did seem! I thought—but just then I awoke, And found it was a dream.

IMPLETIES.

The position of captain in the Salvation rmy is not always a sinner-cure. Sum Jones says that a man who has more sense than religion is a rascal, and one with more religion than sense a fool. This would keep the majority of mankind teetering on he fence most of the time.

Ingersoll says no such man as Noah ever existed. The mischief he didn't! After whom, then, was Noah Webster, the dictionary man, named? Don't Noah, "Who held up Moses' hands while Joshua fought the Philistines?" asked the superin tendent. "Hur and Aaron," shouted the good boy. "She and Aaron," softly corrected the new schoolma'am, whose strong point

A small table, round or square, can be made into a beautiful ornament by covering the top with velvet, plush or satin, and tack-ing on ribbons of various colors with gilt crescents or stars at the ends. was grammar. out where are the nine? "Yes, I'm opposed to girls marryin' furrin-ers," said old Mrs. Sipes, "I'm just that opposed to it that if my girls can't marry people of their own sex they needn't marry at all, and that's all about it." taken by a Brooklyn minister last Sunday. The chances are, dear brother, that while you was propounding the earnest question they were out on some flat and open field trying

o wax some other nine. Rev. Mr. Lawson (continuing his conver-sation): "And as I came in, Mrs. Buggins, I became convinced that Mr. Buggins had ex-The superstitions believe that while at the washtub if the suds splash and wet the clothes you are wearing you will have bad luck. This must account for the preference young ladies of to-day show for the prano. perionced a change of heart. I saw him praying in the carden on his bended knees," N. B.—Buggins was digging worms for a "Laura," said Mrs. l'arvenue, on the hotel plazza, to her daughter, "Laura, go and ask the leader of them orchestras to play that sympathy from Meddlejohn over again. It's such an awtul favorite of mine and your Sunday fishing trip, and she knew it.

New Orleans Picayune: Lightning struck a liquor saloon in Houston Thursday, and knocked senseless the proprietor and killed a customer who was waiting for drinks. This should be a terrible warning. It teaches the lesson that saloons, as well as church steeples, should be provided with lightning

Not far from the city lives a little boy be tween four and five years of age. A short time ago a playmate of his died and his mother was anxious that he should be im-pressed with the solemnity of the event, and she said to hun, "Dear little —— has gone to heaven," "Has he," he said, "where will he go next?"

go next?"

Rev. Mr. Unity was quite liberal, but so absent-minded. They were making up a whist parly, when Miss Mabel said to him: "Mr. Unity, won't you join us? Mr. De Beans is going to take a hand and be my partner," Mr. Unity wakes up with a start, and breaks everybody up by remarking: "Isn't this rather sudden?" Have you got a license?"

Country parson (to city visitor); "Didn't I see you at church to-day?" City visitor: "Yes, and if you will believe it, it was the first time that I can remember when I didn't go to sleep before the sermon was half over." Country parson: "Indeed! but I am afraid you are trying to flatter me." City visitor: 'Oh, dear no, it wasn't that; it was the flies." Country parson, "Oh!" First Minister-Well, there doesn't seem to be much money coming in at my church for the heathen nowadays, Second Minister—No, nor in mine either, First Minister—It it wasn't a game of chance I'd propose having a baseball game one day every week for that object, to be divided among our missions.

second Minister-Game of chance! Humph

it isn't. We can beat you any day in the A minister of a certain church in Logan, Ia., when about to ascend to the pulpit to be in the services last Sunday evening, left his fine silk wedding hat upon the front seat. What was his consternation, while announcing his text, to see one of those over-dressed stylish, ladies enter, walk up the aisle, and, facing the pulpit, sit down square and plump on that hat, mashing it flat as a door-mat, and holding it down until the close of the service. It must have been a trying ordeal, but the hero continued his sermon without betraying the slightest indication of restiveness.

Among the many laughable stories told of the late Dr. Kemper of Nashota, Wis., is the following: On his way home to dinner one day, meeting one of the divinity students, he cordially invited the young man to accompany him, adding that he did not know as there would be much to eat. The invitation was accepted, and immediately upon being scated at table the doctor commenced carving a holled ham that was doing duty for carving a boiled ham that was doing duty for the second or third time. "Why, my dear," exclaimed his wife in surprise, "you have forgotten something. You have not asked the blessing." "Yes, I have, too," bluffly responded the docto.t "I have asked the Lord to bless this old ham all I'm a-going to.

He Held the Wrong Cards. Estelline Bell: The son of a prominent Chicago minister went out to Montana to look up a business opening but soon returned with an empty pocket book and

watch and chain. "I am suprised to see you back so on," said his father. soon," said his lather.
"Well, I feel somewhat that way my-

"Didn't you strike a business chance out there that you could take advantage

"I struck plenty of chances, but the fact is, father, I never held the right kind of a hand to take advantage of them. Can you let me have about \$57'

is that turned out this season by Chautauqua, which numbers 4,000 members.

The largest graduating class over recorded

OMENS. Annie M. Libby in Good Honorheeping. The cornsilk tassels on the ridge Are bronzing in the sun! The elderberries by the bridge

Grow purple through the golden days; Barberries by the wall Glow crimson in the silver haze That ushers in the fall.

Old ocean dreams in slumbers deep Of wintry storms to come; In far-off mountain caverns sleep. The winds; the brooks are dumb.

The partidge, in lone country land, Whits low a speckful wing; Silence through all the woodland reigns. The birds torget to sing.

From yellow cornfields slowly pasa The crows, with clanging cry All day upon the orchard grass Ripe apples fail. A sign

Escapes the earth at thought of death, For summer's life so brief, And, fluttering down on that sigh's tain Falls down the first red leaf.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Verdi, the composer, is busy on his opera The librette to Verdi's new opera of POtello' is written by Boito. McKee Rankin will produce Clay Greene's 'Golden Giant' this season. Mile, Aimee has returned from France with

er new musical comedy, "Marita," by Sar Mme, Emma Nevada became unexpectedly udisposed in London last Thursday. It

Miss Margaret Mather has received the praise of the San Francisco critics for her Victoria Vokes will join her sister Rosina's comedy forces during her coming American tour.

Frederick Warde has been well received during the past week at the Windsor theatre, New York. Jenny Lind's daughter, who is spoken of

s having a marvelous voice, is coming to this country. A Brooklyn stock company is to shortly build a casino, for which \$25,000 has already been contributed.

Kiralfy has, besides his new premises rought from the Albambra, London, thirtytwo of their best coryphees. The coming season at Vienna is to witness by way of novelties Massenet's "Cid" and Hagar's "Marifa" and "Korrigane."

Two American vocalists, Miss Gertrude Griswold and Miss Jennie Dickerson, are gaining fame and money in London operatio Ella Russell, a fair American debutante upon the London operatic stage, is turning the heads of the London lords crazy, although

that is not hard to do. Edwin Booth's engagement at the Chicago opera-house will begin on the 4th day of October. Mr. Booth has not been seen in Chicago for over five years. Upon Irving and Terry's return to London

"Faust" will be resumed and a new scene added—the witches' kitchen, "Faust" was not nearly worn out when Irving closed to visit America.

The new score of "Werther," by Massenet. is to be composed on Wagnerian principles. Every character to be distinguished by a typical melody, but no duetts, trios or chorus. The author of the libretto is Milliet.

The song which is sung in the second act of "Mikado" on the arrival of the great ruler, is said to be a genuine Japanese song, which was very popular during the revolution of 1836. Mme. Modjeska is playing this week at

Denver. That engagement ends her Cali-tonia "tour." From there she goes east to rehearse for the opening of her season, which begins the last of October, at the Union square theatre. square theatre.

Gounod is at work upon a piece for the stage founded on the story of "Abelard and Heloise," the loving monk and nun. It is to be in a new form between opera and oratorio, with chorus more prominent than usual, but with only four or five solo parts.

Genevieve Ward returned from Europe by the City of Richmond, and is full of enthas-usm concerning her coming season in "The Queen's Favorite," which is an adaptation of Eugene Scribe's "La Verre d'Eau," In it she impersonates Sarah, duchess of Marlbor-

Madame Judie has gone back on her pre viously announced determination to retire from the stage and has consented to return o the varieties next season. In September the popular diva of operetta goes on a pro-fessional tour to Copenhagen, Stockholm Christinia, receiving £1,200 for fifteen per-

The great Milwaukee festival was finan-The great Milwaukee festival was financially as well as musically a success. It was not necessary to touch the guarantee fund of \$170,000, and after payment of all expenses a small balance is expected to be in favor of the Sangerbund. As some of the salaries were heavy this is satisfactory. Mdlle Lili Lehman had a fee of about \$3,000.

When the Barnam circus parade was about to start at Madison, Wis., last Thursday the bonnet of a Mrs. Reiff, of that city, was blown into a panther's cage by the wind, and while the lady stooped to pick it up a panther seized her by the hair and planted his claws in her face. The lady's life was

his claws in her face. The lady's life w saved by the keeper, but she was taken her home with a badly mangled face. Mary Anderson, who has spent some day or her holiday in the lake country, England

is now located at the Derwentwater hotel Portinscale, on the margin of the Queen o the Lakes, a mile from Keswick, the metro solis of the lake country. Miss Anderson went to the lakes by the advice of her physi-ian, to secure complete rest after her very aborious season lately concluded. Johann Strauss is at work on a new peretto, whose libretto has been furnished by Herr Schnitzer, the author of the "Gypsy Baron." Strauss is said to compose in a very unmethodical way, jotting down his ideas of

any piece of paper lying near him, and n infrequently on a bank note. His caref wife generally inspects his cuffs to se whether they do not bear traces of her his band's genius. When Madaine Adelina Patti adpeared fo the Mapleson benefit recently the stage of Drury Lane theater presented the appear-ance of a lovely flower-zarden. One of the finest offerings was a ship of flowers, the sails of which were made of ferns; and Mr Mapleson handed to Patti a gigantic baske of roses. A fine wicker tripod of flower

was also conspicuous amongst the floral of ferings. The number of different bouquet and the variety of shape exhibited in thei artistic designs were also noteworthy. A recent letter from Rio Del Janeiro says A recent fetter from the Del Janeiro says:
"The Brazilians have become indifferent to
allurements of Surah Bernhardt since she
horsewhipped a lady member of her company. Business at the theatre has fallen off
and, to add to Bernhardt's troubles, the
police have been instructed to prevent
her departure from the without a passport in
consequence of the laget magistrate hereing

her departure from Rio without a passport in consequence of the local magistrate having been nublicly in-ulted by the eccentric Dona Sol. This preceding may cause the mana-ger much inconcentence."

Herr Niemanu, the famous German tener, has been engaged for the next season at the New York Metropolitan Onera house. Nie-mann is without a rival as Tounlenser, and mann is without a rival as Taunhauser and mann is without a rival as Tannhauser and as Tristan, besides being noted for admirable work in "Lohengrin," "Siegfried," "Die Walkure," etc. Warner bids fair to be represented at the Metropolitan next season by at least seven operas, the five already given—"Rienzi," "Tannhauser," "Walkure," "Moistersinger" and "Lohengrin"—and by two new to this country—"Tristan" and "Siegfried." The news that Mone, Cavalazzi will lead the ballet at this house mates cartain a vast improvement in this denartment. tain a vast improvement in this department.

CONNUBIALITIES. Pushaluck is the name of Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" Indian who cloped with a Newark, N. J., girl.

Charles H. Hoyt, of the "Tin Soldier," is reported as to be shortly married to Flora Walsh, a member of his company. A Bridgeport, Conn., man was astonished the other day by receiving an invitation to the wedding of his divorced wife of only two

Perislan brides are discarding the costly but imbreoming lace vell for the airy tolle, which envelops the figure with delicate cloud Jennie Winston, who lately obtained a divorce from her husband, is reported as about to re-enter the matrimonial sphere at Port-

Miss Van Veehten of Albany, who was at one time considered the coming mistress of the white house, will return from Europe Sept. 1. Kanor now has it that she will be-

Mr. Bradford Dunham, general manager

of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was marjed at Baltimore last week to Miss Sophle
Dannington, daughter of Mr. Win E. Dunnington. The westling presents were very
numerous and handsome. Mr. Dunham's
triends and former railroad associates all
over the country remembered him.

The marriage of Peter Doelger, ir., to Miss
Carlolla Ebling, on Thesday, unites two
families of New York brewers, both having
wealth amounting to millions. The bridat
pair have gone to Europe on a wedding tour. wealth amounting to millions. The bridal pair have gone to Europe on a wedding tour, and on their return, the groom will become a partner of his lather in the brewing of beer.

Miss Murree, the novelist-otherwise Charles Erbert Craddock -is in Washington visiting the daughter of Congressian. Richardson, of Tennesee. At the beginning of next month, she will return to her Tennesee home in company with Miss Richardson to make final preparations for her wedding which will take place early in September.

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An olderly couple was married by Squire
Foreman at Louisville, Ky, on Tuesday
atternoon. The groom, aged sixty-three, and
the bride, aged afty-nine years, were engaged
when they were young and a quarrel estranged them while he was endeavoying to
acquire a sufficiency. Lately they talked the
matter ever and concluded that they could
yet be havny together.

Vacation's End.

Show how much fun they've had, They're coming back retreshed for work— And yet they don't seem glad. Now is it not exceeding strange,

Their sunburnt faces deeply tanned,

That they should feel that way? That they should hate to go to work After two months' of play?

Three great grandsons of Charles Wesley re now clergymen of the church of England. Bishop Riley paid \$35,000 for the Protestant Episcopal church property in the City of Mexico, and now the same property has a value of \$1,000,000, so great has been the in-

crease. The nineteenth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association and evan-gelical churches of New Hampshire will be geld in Dover, N. H., from September 30 to

A camp meeting will be held at Aurora, III, from September 1st to 12th by the Advent Christian association. Nearly a hundred ministers are expected to take part in the ervices.

tween various prominent Congregationalists concerning the theological tests submitted to candidates for missionary work under the American board. The Catholic Review states that the in-

According to the oblight report of the gen-eral of the Jesuits, lately issued, this order is now 550 years old, has furnished 248 saints, 1,500 martyrs, 15 pones, 60 cardinals, 4,000 archbishops, 6,000 authors, and now numbers 2,500 missionaries.

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Lieutenant Governor Ames, of Massachusetts, has donated to the Memorial Methodist church at Plymouth, Mass., a bell cast by Paul Revere, and which was once known at Boston as the "Liberty Bell," it having been customary to ring it on the issuance of pardon proclamations by the governor.

Rev. Dr. Lathrop, pastor the Baptist church at Stanford, Conn., having offered his resignation, the pastors of the Episcopal, Congrecational, Methodist, Universalist and Roman Catholic churches have requested him to re-

on record. The number of persons admitted to the Presbyterian churches of the country last year "on examination" was 51,177, the argest number in the history of the churches,

1,000 than in 1884. cisco there are 248 members, connected with the Chinese and Japanese, churches, 58 hav-

or which the psalm singing churches stand. The journal of the centennial convention of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware gives the following agures: Clergy, 23; parochlal and missionary, 19; total, 48; parishes, 27; churches and chapels, 38; baptisms, infants. 23); adults, 29; confirmed, 162; communi-cants, present number, 2,283; Sunday school teachers and scholars, 2,853; total contribu

Young Men's Christian association work is making great progress; e. g., there are now ninety association buildings in the United States and Canada, and the net value of association property aggregates \$5,040,178; 565 associations own libraries of 272,624 volumes, worth \$355,16s; 444 reading rooms, with a total daily average attendance of 22,587 are total daily average attendance of 22,587 are reported; 131 associations report gymnasiums and other means of physical culture, such as rowing, base ball, and outing clubs, bowling alley, etc., and 522 report 666 bible classes, with an aggregate average attendance of 7,340; 3457 men are devoting their whole time to the work as general secretaries, librarians, and gymnasium instructors. There are 1,066 associations in the country, neluding the college, railroad, German, colored and Indian branches. The annual cur-rent expenses of these thousand societies amount to over \$800,000. There are 650 of these associations in Germany, 79 in France, 570 in Great Britain, 491 in Holland, 8 in Russia, 2 in China, 3 in Japan, 6 in India, 12

A school history of Ohio will be compiled fluent in five languages, but three of them are Pinte dialects. The others are Spanish and English.

Degining of the new school year.

The tube of the great Lick telescope now constructing will be lifty-six feet long, and, with the enormous spectroscope attached, the extreme length of the instrument will approach sixty-five feet. The only novel feature in the plans of the observatory is the use of tydraulic power to raise and lower. use of hydraulic power to raise and lower the floor of the dome, thereby obvinting the necessity of an observing chair.

ot the hair, eyes and skin among the German school children. Six million seven hundred and afty-eight thousand eight hundred and and atty-eight thousand eight bundred and twenty-seven pupils were examined, being nearly four-diths of all the yeath of "A B C" age. Of these 2,142,047-51.08 per cent-belonged to the blond type, 49,842-14.05 per cent-10 the brunchie, and 2,025,978-54,15 per cent-to the blond-branette or mixed type, distinctly showing that more than one-half of the catire number are in the latter category, two-thirds of the remaining 46 per cent being blonds.

Haven.

yet be happy together,

The summer season's almost gone, The days are growing cool, The children are returning home In time to go to school.

It's very hard to understand. I'm much surprised. Aren't you? And yet, now come to think of it, We used to feel so too.

RELIGIOUS.

October 3.

There is a warm discussion going on be-

stinct of Catholics, faithful to the tradictions of the church, has been always and everywhere manifestly against the unchristian rite of cremation, no matter how specious the aruments in its favor.

According to the official report of the gen-

Cathoric churches have requested him to re-call it, which is one of the most remarkable instances of Christian unity and sympathy

and an increase of 8,205 over the previous year. Notwithstanding this fact, the net in-crease of membership was smaller by over In Denver, Colo., out of a Chinese popula-tion of 500, 175 are in schools and 100 under decided religious influence. In San Fran-

ing been added during the past year. There are 659 pupils in their schools. There are also 4 Chinese Sunday schools in Chicago. A convention of representatives of psatm singing churches is to be held in Holland during the coming autumn. The churches in Ireland, Scotland and America who bear the name of Reformed Presbyterian, have appointed deputations, and, while the con vention will not probably be large, it will be very determined in support of the principles

tions, 844,328,78,

## in Africa, 14 in Australia, etc.

EDUCATIONAL. by a Columbus professor.
Sarah Winnemucca, the Indian princess, is

Women, it is well known, are excluded from the colleges and universities of the German Empire. Both men and women look with derision and disdain upon the girl aspirant to academical honors. The two colleges of the Baptist denomination in lows, one at Pella and the other in Des Moines, have just been consolidated into one, the school at Pella being removed to Des Moines. The change will take effect at the beginning of the new school year.

Professor Rudolf Virenow, the learned surgeon and physicist, has lately prepared some interesting tables concerning the color

The American Social Science association The American Social Science association begins a free days sossion at Saratoga Septenber 6. The programme this year includes an opening address by Carroll D. Wright, president of the association, on "Popular instruction in social science;" a felowir on "The teaching of social science in colleges and universities," in which Novelist Cable is announced to take part; an address by Dr Titus Munson Coan, of New York, on "Mineral waters at home and abroad," and papers on "Boycotters and the law" by Rev. T. R. Bacon, of New Haven, and "Shall foreign immirrations" by Rev. Dr. T. Munger, of New Haven.