SOME TALES OF MATRIMONY.

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The Best of the Bargain.

Sally an' me was courtin', an' liké enough ter be spliced, When I been o' suthin' I calkilate needn't be

Fer when we druy ter the village my fun was ailus spiled

By the folks a-undgin' an' snickerin', till
their actin' made me riled.

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So I clum right cout o' the waggin', fer Dob-bin wouldn't skeer.

An' I went straight up ter a gawky, an' sez I,

"Neow look a here,
What he holist a there.

What be laffin' at, darn ye! a winkin' at me an' Sal'
"Why," he sez, "yeon're drivin' an old white
hoss an' beauin' a red-haired gat!
Anybody'll tell ye, an' it needn't git ye cross,
Wharever that's a red-haired gat yeon'll see an old white hoss.

The crowd all sez, "W'y, sartin," so up ter seat I clum. Shook up the lines on Dobbin an' thoughtful meandered hum. After a power o' thinkin' I traded the hoss

next day Ter Jedekier Hawkins thet lives down the

village way.
I hed an oneasy feelin' thet I'd swopped him nt a loss. But I vowed I'd ruther stick ter the gal an'

Wall, I went one day ter Sally's, whar I'd often been afore.

An' it tuk me aback, fer the old white hoss was a standin' afore the door; An' under the honeysuckles, as comferable

Was Jedekier with Sally, a helpin' her shel-

I went hum sayin' nuthin', fur 'twarnt no

An' I set deown cout in the woodshed, an' uminated thus "Things is agin ye, Hiram : deown in yeour

profit an' loss Yeou ain't got nothin' ter put against yer gal an' a good, strong hoss. Things is agin ye, Hiram; better ter be re-Get used ter seein' thet old white hoss with

Sally an' him behind." sorter seemed ter console me when I thought what folks had said. Thet thar's allus a pesky temper inside of a carrot head.

Neow they're up an' married, an' ter-day Jed come ter me An' begred me ter take back Dobbin: "Fil trade him cheap," sez he.
But I shook my head an' answered, "I'm
afraid thet wouldn't dew,"

For Sally is dretful shrewish, an' I dreaded Advantages of Early Marriage.

Judge: It is better to be a young fool than an old one. You don't run the risk of dying an old

The unmarried girl feels she is growing old too quick. If you make a bad match you can

blame it to inexperience. If you wait till you are thirty it is hard to get a young husband.

When you are getting old no one will take you but a widower.

It prevents your married friends from sympathizing with you. The man who marries an old woman

always wants something thrown in. You are apt to get shopworn if you remain long on the matrimonial mar-You have a better chance to catch a

husband if you happen to lose If you catch a millionaire's son you will have him before he has blown in

his fortune. You avoid the pleasure of having all your girl friends tell you how happy

they are with their husbands.

Markets for Wives.

Philadelphia Press: The four great markets for wives in New York are the Sunday school, the big stores and fac-tories, the street and the boardinghouses. I have purposely arranged them in the order above because the greatest matrimonial markets are the Sunday schools and the least are the boarding houses. Marriages are made in boarding houses, but the average boarding house keeper's daughter is more apt to end an old maid than a wife. It takes the romance and poetry out of the wife hunter's head and the charm from a girl's personality for her to be seen on her knees scrubbing, or sifting ashes in a slovenly wrapper. Of course there are girls who can do every sort of housework with such an air and grace that even a level headed lover will try to steal the broom or ash sifter she has held in order to have it for a keepsake but those girls are not apt to be developed in the dull and cruel grind of boarding house routine.

In the Sunday schools the girls look their very best. Not only do thousands of tender-hearted young fellows attend them in order to develope a circle of lady friends for themselves, but just so do the myriad young women, who are either here without their families or who are shut up in factories all day and live in parlorless tenements by night, seek the same religious resorts for similar ends. It is a curious function that New York Sunday schools perform. They are resorted to by about seven hundred Chinamen, who go there simply to learn English, and by thousands of christians who go there to get mated. When I say the big shopping stores

are great matrimonial markets II do not mean to have it inferred that the girls who stand behind the counters are given to wedding the male customers they wait upon. Such things do hap-pen, I suppose, but not frequently enough for consideration; the fact being that nothing could be worse for a coun-ter girl in a big New York store than for her to be courted while on duty. If her employers did not discharge her the other girls would torment her beyond endurance. Meetings between the girls and their beaux on their way home from work are not to be taken into consideration, for the lasses go home in troops and are merciless teasers, so that this is also a rare occurrence. One of the big shopping stores, by the way, employs detectives to see that no young fellows hang about the store at closing time to meet the counter girls. But there is a field of matrimony that is directly in the stores and is exceedingly fruitful. The male employes-buyers, heads of departments, male clerks, cashiers-and even the members of the firms, get very many wives from among the girls whon they meet every day and grow to admire, if their qualities are such as recommend them. Acquaintance thus made lead to visits to girls' homes, to evening companionship and to wedlock. These same men and women in the big

stores, by the way, are among the hosts that attend the Sunday schools. There are actually streets set aside for courtship by the partoriess poor. Upper Eighth avenue, where the little shops are: lower Second avenue 'past the houses of the old fogy rich, and the bottom of Broadway, where all the great shipping and express offices are closed

and dark-there are the great flirtation promenades of the tenement boys and girls. There are stupid folk who see the long processions of giggling girls in their best bows and streamers and imagine them to be off the path of virtue, or slipping off. But these are not the places where such girls are found, and he who thinks ill of these girls had better not presume upon his ignorance or he will find them well able to take care of themselves. No; they have put on their second best gowns and the young mechanics and porters have put on their best coats and plas-tered their locks with oil, and both sexes have sailed out to meet and flirt and pair off and walk home They on't know it. but they cannot help dong so. It's nature.

An Architect's Big Catch.

Mrs. Mark Hopkins was married at Trinity chapel, New York, Nov. 8, to E. F. Searles, of Boston. The marriage was no surprise to the people of Great Barrington, where they have lived together most of the time for two years. Searles was born in Methyen, Mass., and is supposed to be about 15 years old. He was in the employ of Herter Brothers, the New York decorators and furnishers, and went to the houses of customers to oversee work. He was sent to San Francisco to direct the decoration and furnishing of Mrs. Hopkins' house, and there probably first made her acquaintance. Subsequently, in 1880, he was sent by Herter Brothers to Great Barrington to newly furnish Mrs. Hopkins' old Kellog terrace house. which she had inheirited from her Again in 1882, when she built the \$75,000 Congregational parsonage in Great Barrington, the memorial of Rev. Dr. Samuel Hopkins, Searles had the oversight of the furnishing, and when in town, instead of going to a hotel, he always was her guest. When the million-dollar house in

Great Barrington was projected, Searles became her confidential adviser and left the employ of Herter Brothers, becoming an inmate of her home and her almost constant companion. In the meantime work on the new house had begun, and Searles had begun to work out plans to be master of the situation, McKim, Mead & White of New York were the architects, and Scarles managed to make their undertaking so uncomfortable that they abandoned it, leaving him advisory and directing architect nominally, but with a professional architect to do the work. A large quarry was in operation on Mrs. Hopkin's estate under the superintendence of a local director, whom Searles suc-ceeded in discharging, leaving Searles in possession. He seemed finally to have secured control of Mrs. Hopkins business of all kind.

Wedded on the Sidewalk.

Dallas (Tex.) News: "Halt dar!" This warlike summons was given in an elevated and animated tone by an apparently enraged old colored man, be sides whom stood a meek-looking colored youth, attired in ecclesiastical array and linked to a goodly sized bible. The hour was 1:45 p. m., the place Elm street, between the Central railroad and Preston street, and the circumstances such as might occur in any well regu-

lated family.
It wasn't the cold "halt" of the weary sentinel in front of an enemy, when hard-tack is scarce and the mercury curled up in the bulb. It was more of the irate order, raised to a white heat and bordering on the dead line.

D"Oh Feether!" This exclamation of

surprise came from a young colored girl of eighteen, whose arm, according to the most approved fashion, was held in the clutch of a dark young negro with a Jim-dandy-rough tout ensemble. He looked like a daisy, and was perfumed with its essence.

"We'se jes come up to de fair, me and Mary," he said, addressing the old man with a semi-idiotic grin, such as comes

natural in a tight place. "Get out dat book, Parson Leason, saying which the enraged paterfamilias swung the couple around until they were face to face, the groom standing in the gutter and the old man bending over him in a fighting attitude.

The parson reverentially obeyed the summons, and in another moment Charles Chambers and Mary Flourney were made one-a sort of hook-and-eye in colored society.

The groom was married with his hat on, but when the thing was over he made amends by taking it off as a preface to a conversation with his father-

"Well, now, old gentleman," he said 'it's all right now, isn't it?" "I seed dat it was," was the selfish re

y. The bride then hugged the old man. again uttering, "feether," and the old man hugged her back and the groom put his hand in his pocket as if looking for a fee for the young parson, who stood by with languishing looks. The hand, however, came out empty, the groom remarking, "Dat's all right, bud; I need all the money I has now, but I'll settle

wid you when we gits home."

As the wedding party started off, the bride being the happiest looking of the crowd, a News reporter stepped up to the old man and asked:

'What's behind all this?" "Boss, I tells you, dis hayr thing is bad enough for white folks, but it ought to be stopped among dose fool nig-

"Where did you all come from?" "Me daughter (theatrical) an dis man came hayr as it was to de fair-you knows how dat is, boss—and I cum after em and brought de pasture and his bible along to fix it up.

"What part of the state are you all "East Texas."

"Did you secure a marriage li-"Deed I did, boss, I don't go against de government," saying which the old man started off to join the wedding

outfit. An Empress' Bridal Outfit.

Pall Mall Gazette. The choice of the bride for the young emperor of China has at last been made, and in due time the daughter of the duke of Chao, the brother of the present empress, will be empress of the celestial empire. Although the wedding will probably not take place before 1859, thousands of hands are already busy with the lady's trousseau and wedding presents, which have probably never been equalled in wealth at any other court. The follow-ing, for instance, are the presents which the young emperor is presenting his fiancee before their marriage, after the actual engagement present, which con-sists of a gold seal, richly inlaid with jewels, the handle being formed by two gold dragons. Up to a month previous to the wedding the lady is presented with 10 piebald horses, with complete trappings; 10 gilt helmets and cuirasses, 100 pieces of satin of the first quality, and 200 pieces of cotton material. As wedding presents the bride receives 200 ounces of gold, 10,000 ounces (taels) of silver, one gold tea service consisting of teapot and one cup with a lid, one silver tea service, two silver wash basins, 1 000 pieces of satin of the best quality. twenty horses, with complete trappings; twenty horses without trappings, twenty saddles for pack horses and mules. The parents of the lady re-

ial, six horses, completely harnessed; back a helmet and cuirass, a bow and a fee, quiver, with arrows; each parent one men court dress for summer and one for winter, one every-day dress, and a sable coat. The brothers and servants laws relating to colored people is a relic of the bride also received rich and of the slavery days; but it is still costly presents. The bride's hats are force, mainly by the consent of the the most remarkable articles among ored folk themselves, who save dollars the rich trousseau. The winter court hat has a rim of sable; the crown is made of red velvet, from the center of which rises a button composed of three parts, each of which is ornamented with three small oblong pearls of particular beauty and seventeen ordinary pearls, while in the center of each part ordinary splendid pearl is set in gold and surmounted by a gold phoenix. The button is surrounded by seven gold phornixes, of which each is inlaid with seven large and twenty-one small pearls and a cat's eye. At the back of the hat, below the button, a gold pheasant is placed, with one cat's eye and sixteen pearls. The tail of the pheasant is divided into five parts by 302 small and five large pearls, forming a pendant, the center of which is made of a lapis lazuli surrounded by pearls. At the end of the pendent a big coral is suspended. A collar is fastened at the back to the hat, the outside of which is of sable, the inside of bright yellow ma-terial, with velvet ribbons embroidered at the end with diamonds. The three gala court dresses are of a dark-blue color, with borders of gold embroidery and large dragons embroidered all over the dresses, while down the front are sewn in gold thread the words, "Wan-Fu" (eternal happiness) and "Wan-Shen" (eternal life). The necklaces and chains are of enormous value, and composed for the most part of pearls, turquoises, corals and diamonds. A handkerchief, which is worn in the belt, is green, richly embroidered, trimmed with tassels of jewels and yellow rib-

every trade brisk throughout China, Determined to Marry a Blind Man. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 22.-James Golden, a blind carpet weaver, lives in the town of Parsons. Miss Mary Moran, a highly accomplished young lady, took an interest in him, and assisted him in many ways, but the relations, socially, between the two were such as exists between mistress and servant. No one for a moment imagined that the two were lovers, but such they were. Golden came to Wilkesbarre yesterday and procured a marriage license, and Miss Moran was ready to receive him on his return home. Her mother asked why she was dressed so extravagantly, and her daughter replied that she was go-ing to get married to the man she had loved for years. Her answer was looked

A gala apron of red and blue

satin, trimmed with otter skin and em-broidered in gold, dragon fans, and

skirts of many different kinds, are also

part of this gorgeous outfit, and the fur-niture for the future empress is keeping

ipon as a jest, but it was far from it. Miss Moran met Golden at the depot, and they went on their way to the church, the girl leading her blind lover. to be married. The girl's parents made haste and headed the couple off at the church door, took the girl home, and locked her in a room. Golden followed and begged the parents to let the marriage ceremony be performed. Mr. Moran says his daughter must be crazy to think of marrying a blind man. The daughter is twenty-three years old. She says she is old enough to know her own mind, and intends to marry Golden despite the opposition of her parents. Golden is good-looking and well built.

Colored Bride-White Groom. New York World. Following the eximple of Frederick Douglass, Miss Flora Batson, who is recognized as the great-est female ballad singer the negro race has ever yet produced, will shortly marry a white man, the gentleman who has for several years been successfull conducting colored concerts in which she has appeared as the star. The happy groom is Mr. Jas. G. Bergen, who bears relation to the Bergens after whom New Mr. Bergen is a handsome man of the blonde type and has seen about forty-live summers. He was born in Petersburg, About five years ago he conceived the idea of organizing a concert com-pany of colored singers to give concerts for the benefit of colored churches. His iden was to give money prizes to those who sold the highest number of tickets and a certain sum from the net profits of the concert to the church for whose benefit the concert was given. By this method he managed to have large and profitable audiences chiefly made up of

colored people.

At first Mr. Bergen tried the novel method of having colored and white artists appear together. Of the colored artists there were Mme, Nellie Brown Mitchell, Adelaide G. Smith and Mme. Montgomery. Of the whites there were the Silver Lake quartet, with Marshal P. Wilder as humorist. It may be remarked that in these concerts Mr. Wilder achieved the first great success as a "funny man." The quartet and Mr. Wilder finally withdrew it is said, because they found it more congenial to appear before intelligent white audiences with a strictly caucasian company. Mr. Bergen then employed all colored artists and succeeded admirably.

About two years ago Mr. Bergen heard the wonderful voice of his in-tended bride, who was then singing in a colored church choir in Providence,R. . He brought her to New York and she electrified her audience. Since then she has been Mr. Bergen's "star." Mr. Bergen has been a widower about

year. He has a son about twelve years Miss Flora Batson was born in Washinton twenty-three years ago. She be gan to sing at nine years of age. When he was four years old she removed to Providence, R. I., with her mother and there joined the Bethel church choir, of which she became the leading singer. She sang for two years in the interest of

Storer college, at Harper's Ferry.

Much indignation is felt by the colored people as the race in general, is opposed to a prominent member marrying a white person, but whatever may be the feeling of either the colored or the white people in the matter, it is certain that the alliance will be highly agree-able to Manager Bergen and his spouse. When asked by the writer, why, unlike her sex, she readily admitted the engagement, he said she thought too much of him to deny it. Mr. Bergen says he wishes to see the color line broken, and if his action will contribute to that end he will bear the brunt. It is said that the profits from Miss Batson's concerts have amounted to

Queer Marriage Laws.

The marriage laws of Delaware are rather unique in some respects. Every white couple who wish to marry must take out a marriage license and give bond to the state, with good security, in the penal sum of \$200, with conditions that if — and — may lawfully unite themselves in marriage, and if there be no legal objection to celebrating the rites of marriage between them. then the said obligation shall be void, otherwise in force." This license costs \$2, with an additional fee of fifty cents to the clerk of the peace (clerk of the courts) who issues them. Justices of the ceive, also, 100 ounces of gold, one gold tea set, 5,000 taels silver, one silver tea ever, by buying them of the clerk of the set, one silver wash basin, 500 pieces peace for \$2.50 each; then the justice

silk, 1,000 pieces of cotton mater- | charges \$3 apiece for them, so as to get back enough to give him his fifty-cent fee. The bonds as a rule are signed by men of straw, as they are of no value, force, mainly by the consent of the colby the law made for their especial "benefit." For the certificate or permit issued the applicant pays the justice fifty cents. Most colored couples, when about to marry, procure a certificate. Those who do not are not interfered with, and no marriage has yet been questioned where the section just quoted was not complied with.

The Hurricane Geyser. Correspondence St. Paul Pioneer Press: The most wonderful of all the wonders at the Norris basin, Yellowstone park, is known as the Hurricane geyser. It is a recent outbreak, scarcely a year old. The crater is about twenty by thirty feet, and is inclosed by lya year old. a solid wall of rock, about ten feet in depth, to the surface of the water, and no one can tell how far below this rocky inclosure extends. Several days ago we could sit on the north end of this rock rib and watch the torrid waves rush down the inclosure, strike the wall beneath our feet and sink into the earth, to reappear at the upper end with undiminished force. Now, eight days later, we find that the boiling flood shoots out over the wall where we for-

merly sat.

The Hurricane presents the appearance of a revolving liquid globe. There is a huge bowlder in the center of the quadrangular crater, over which the water dashes with such force as to give it the appearance of an immense wheel in perpetual motion. The intense heat may be realized, in a measure, when it s stated that the rocks ten feet from the edge are so hot that the naked hand can only be held on them for an instant. The water is turbid and bears evidence of the fact that the subterranean chambers are being enlarged. They are evidently absorbing the material that has been discharged at other

CONNUBIALITIES.

Charles Osborne and Eva Newman, of the Star Opera company, were lately married at Pottstown, Pa. There is no truth in the published reports that Mrs. Emeline Rickaby is married to a

rich Nebraskian. General A. L. Burdick and Miss A. A. Eaton, of Newport, R. I., were married in Providence on Wednesday.

Miss Flanagan, recently of the "Arabian Nights" company, was married recently to Henry S. Blake, of New York city. CA preacher of Upson county, Ga, has mar

ried 111 couples since he has been in the min istry, and has received only one fee. Miss Alice Washington Weir, a greatgreat-grandneice of George Washington, was married in New York last Wednesday. A runaway couple, seated on the back of a small mule, rode up to the court house at Mil-ton, Fla., the other day and were married by

the county judge. Dispatches from Madrid announce the marriage of the ex-Prime Minister Canovas Del Castillo to Joaquina, daughter of the Marquis Puentey Sotomayor.

Charles Carroll, of Maryland, who has just married Historian Bancroft's granddaughter, is a young man of twenty-three, stout in figand very dark in complexion. Postmaster General Vilas has permitted a young woman clerk in his department to marry one of his male clerks without dis-

missal. This is contrary to precedent, but seems to agree with common sense. Besides, they are all male clerks in Vilas' department An item in the New York Evening Sur rends: "Professor Elliott Coucts, of the Smithsonian Institution, whose first wife got a divorce from him two years ago on account of his devotion to theosophy, has married Mrs. Emily Bates, of Boston, and will con-

tinue to reside in Washington. James C. Barkley of Longmont, Col., and Miss Anna Powers of Brownville, Pa., have just been married. Eighteen years ago they were betrothed but decided not to marry for nineteen years. They were separated for sixteen years, and when they met a short time ago decided not to wait until the tim set in the original agreement had clapsed.

Bishop Potter is credited with the follow ing joke: A young clergyman, not far from Harlem, being on the eve of marriage, and not wishing to trouble any of his clerical brethren, wrote to the bishop inquiring if, as he had already published the bans from his own pulpit, he could not marry himself. The bishop at once capped the query with an other: "Could you bury yourself!" Tha settled it.

A country dark applied at the ordinary's office in Albany, Ga., one day last week for marriage license. Mr. S. J. Jones, who was marriage license. Mr. S. J. Jones, who was acting for Ordinary Odom, procured a blank and prepared to issue the necessary paper. When the darkey was called upon to furnish the name of his fair inamorata he looked puzzled and then a look of consternation spread over his ebony-hued countenance as he luzubriously said: "Fore God, boss, I'se done forgot dat gal's name and she jess tole me dis morning." The darkey hastened off and soon returned with the name of his intended spouse and left rejoicing with the marriage license. marriage license.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

You cannot tell how old pigs are by their

"Held by the Enemy"—The ulster which we are unable to redech. Two heads are better than one if a person s desirous of entering the freak business.

There is a new kind of 'alf-and-'alf sold now in the saloons-'alf beer and 'alf froth The most unkindest cut of all is to be found n the average eight-dollar suit of clothes. A furniture dealer advertises that he has marked the prices of his cradles down to bed

Perhaps the first ship to go through the Panama canal will be drawn by a Keely mo-

A poet sings: "Two Chords I Struck. Perhaps he struck because he was too lazy to The law is for the poor as well as the rich but those who are able to hire the best law-

vers get the most out of it. Never disturb a contemplative man. It is not safe to get near a train of thought when it is in motion.

The descendants of the New York and Chicago boodlers will not be fond of referring to their ancestral hauls. Prize fighting is a disgrace to civilization, but some how or other we all seems to take al ittle interest in which man licked.

France—You'd better not tread on my tail! Germany—Why, I am treading on it. France—Ah! I mean with both feet. It is one thing for a person to know a good thing when he sees it, and another thing for him to seize a good thing when he knows it. "Never allow a fish to lie if it can be hung

conveniently," says a popular cook book. This is also a good rule to apply to fishermen The interest most people take in other people's bank accounts is a good deal more on an average than three and one-half per

Edismarck runs a paper mill and a distillery. He also runs the German empire, but the two former bring him the most A stranger cannot judge of the hospitality of a city by the eagerness with which hack and all sorts of carriage drivers ask him to

take a ride. "It is interesting to reflect when looking at a battered tough working out a sentence for plain drunk that his father once treated the crowd through joy over his birth.

Before you call attention to the fact that a pig has no use for his tail please remember that you have two buttons on the lower back of your coat that don't button anything. If there is any one sight in this world more saddening than that of a bachelor at a baby show it must be the spectacle of an old maid among the spectators in a divorce court. People who have studied into the origin of phrases will agree that the saying, "I ac-knowledge the corn" was invented by a man.

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The following is a notice of the opening of the "Red Barn." in Dakato: "First night of the dancing goat, who goes through the intricacies of a cotillion like a feller critter. The performances of the dog Billy, a quadratic performance of the dog Billy, and the second performance of the dog Billy, and the second performance of the dog Billy and the second performance of the second performance of the second performance of the dog Billy and the second performance of the se ruped that reckons up figures like a chalk and works problems in algebra with one leg tied behind him. Admission ten cents. No corn will be taken at the door."

HOME DECORATIONS.

A very handsome effect is obtained by cov ering the ceiling with canestrips and the walls with matting. It is very rich-looking, yet it

is cheap. The favorite device in a wrought-iron con-dlestick is that of a black snake coiled around the candle for a socket, with glittering jewel eyes at the bottom, where the upraised head forms the handle.

Wall paper and woodwork establish the true color scheme of a room and fix the tint of the principal masses, such as carpets and hangings. Your "bits of color" must be confined to the minor matters.

Showy embroidery must be well done. you want it on porticre or plano scarf, go to the art stores for it. The standard in this ort of thing has grown too high for amateur efforts to be conspicuously displayed.

Portieres are fashionable, and always will be, because they fill a want. But they have their limitations. Doors are useful in their way, and you never realize how much so until you have superceded them with portieres. It is not necessary to dwell in either an E'izabethan villa or a Queen Anne cottage to have a beautiful home. The squarest city house can be made a thing of beauty if taste is displayed. Let decorative treatment accord

with the architectural design, whether old English, early renaissance, or very new New York, and the result is apt to be pleasing. Painted doors are preferred for bedrooms, as they are supposed to be more healthy; and then of course, rugs are used, and as they can be easily taken up and shaken a room can be kept much neater. These are sometimes

made of carpeting, with a border around, but oftener the Turkish or the more expensive American rug is used. These last come in very good colors and will wear fairly well. There are charming screens and splashers for washstands made of mutting and painted with figures or flowers, and some of the new toilet sets ore lovely, the bowls being very deep and somewhat oblong in shape and the pitchers are low, with large mouths. A good many are in imitation of royal Worcester—that is to say, gold and white—and others are very old-fashioned looking, with quaint bright

A lounge is an article that might nearly be called a necessity, and for bedrooms the box lounge is certainly the best, as there is no place so good for putting away ball dresses or any others that are little used. A low table placed at the head of the lounge and only just large enough to hold a tete-a-tete set is quite an addition, and chairs must be added to suit the occupant. In dressing the bed, unless a colored cover or a bolster-roel is used, a plain white spread and two sets of pillows should always be on. Those placed at the foot are to be used at night and can have a hemstitched ruffle, or they may be trimmed with lace, the ones at the head should have hand somely embroidered pillow-slips. Shams are now but little used and should also be edged with lace.

The dressing bureau made now is a compar tively light piece, and many people dispense with this and use only a toilet table, which can be made very pretty with lace and muslin. If the bureau is used it should always have an immaculately white cover, either trimmed with lace or hemstitched, and a trimmed with lace or hemstlened, and a small cushion which is to hang on one side of the bureau or far back on the top. Large cushions seem to be entirely out of style and are very little used. On the bureau should be fancy trays for pins and hairpins, toilet bottles, and in fact everything that will look

well, for a very crowded appearance is much to be desired. A chest of drawers is a very useful piece of furniture and a cheval glass is almost indispensable, for it is light and takes

up almost no room. BRIGHT LITTLE FOLKS.

Father—Come, Bobby, you are all tired out; so hurry off to bed. Bobby (with a slow and reluctant movement)—Pa, you oughtn't to tell a boy to hurry up when he's all tired

Little girl (looking at a one-legged man)—
"Oh, mamma! Where was he made!"
Mother—"Made in heaven, my dear." Little
girl—"Why don't he go back and get finished!" "Mamma, what is color-blind?" asked little Nell. "Inability to tell one color from another, my dear." Then I guess the man that made my geography must be color-blind, because he's got Greenland painted

The two and-a-half-year-old was watching the fog effect the cold had on his young breath, and tickled with it he was breathing his lungsout. "What are you doing that far!" said his mother. "I'm blowing the dust out

It is the father of a precocious two-and-a half-year-old who tells that the child was once watching an old lady making her toilet. The old lady had removed her false hair and teeth, when the astonished small boy said "Bet yeh can't take yez neck off!"

"Helen," said auntie, "bring me a clean apron to put on you." Now Helen and sister had aprons alike, and through mistake she got one of sister's, and looked with surprise at the sleeves, which came over her hands. "Well, auntie," she exclaimed, "I dess my apron has outgrown me."

"Six-year-old Ned was enjoying the first ham and eggs of the season, and as the horse radish bottle was passed thought he would have some too. When he had recovered somewhat from the burning, and had settled down to his breakfast again, he explained the situation with: "I guess I'll wait until that gets cold 'fore I try it again."

Mrs. Natick went up to put her youngest and livilest son to bed a few nights ago, and found herself invited to dictate an uncommonly full number of prayers. "Say 'Gentle Jesus,' "demanded her son. She said it. "Now say Now I lay me." This, too, was said, and at the 'amen'! the shrill voice of the small boy piped in eagerly: "Now, mamma, say 'Frog's gone a-hunting.'"

Mrs. G-'s little son came home from school in a very dilapidated state the other day. "Howard," she said sternly, "you have been fighting again." "I know it, replied the little fellow manfully, "but I didn't strike the first blow." "Are you telling the truth, Howard!" "Sure pop, mamma," was the earnest reply. "If you don't believe me, you can ask God."

SINGULARITIES.

Snakes six feet long with bright red rings around their necks are reported to have been seen recently on a farm near Decatur, Ill. In the northern part of Michigan two bucks that had their horns locked so that they could not get apart were killed by hunt

fish into a gully in front of the bathing houses at Angiesea, N. J., and wagonioads were taken out. A cat in Portsmouth, Va. deliberately com mitted suicide by taking a position in a cellar that was rapidly filling with water, and sit

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ting still until drowned. Texas prospectors recently saw a battle

between eight big gray wolves and a herd of 300 cattle. The wolves separated a cow and calf from the rest and attacked them. The herd came to the rescue and drove the wolves away.

R. P. Gahir, of Passadena, Cal., found pumpkin seed that had sprouted and begun growing inside the mother pumpkin. Mr. Gahr found the young vine growing nicely

inside the vegetable when he cut it open to feed it to his cows.

Mrs. I. T. Smith of Brunswick, Ga., has a curiosity in the shape of a cedar bush growing out of a solid piece of limestone rock. The rock was simply lying on the ground, not imbedded at all. The bush is as green as if it was growing in the natural soll. Seven boa-constrictors from Cuba arrived

at Berlin. A few days later one of them laid four eggs and died in the performance. On opening it ten more eggs were found of the size of a man's fist. Out of the four eggs four snakes emerged, each about twenty inches in For about twelve years three big horned For about twelve years three big horned owls have monopolized everything in the hooting line on old Slide mountain, N. Y. Bill Plank, who lives near Rondout, celebrated last Fourth of July by setting a steel trap to catch one. The next day the trap was missing. On election day party of hunters shot an immense owl over in Jewett Heights that had Plank's trap fast to its large.

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Mrs. A. E. Bennett, of Paynesville, Minn.,
thought she heard a dog following her as she
walked home the other evening, and, looking
around, saw that a slender little animal was
trotting along close behind her. It followed
quietly until she reached home, and when
she opened the door hesitated a moment and
then darted in the house and up-stairs. It
was a mink, which very soon made itself perfectly at home, and with the Bennett family
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is as tame as a kitten, but very shy when A seven-year-old child of Herman Meyers, a few miles southwest of Waitsburg, died a few days ago. The child had, from its in-fancy doubtless, been dead to all five senses fancy doubtless, been dead to all five senses—hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling and seeing. It never walked, stood nor sat—nor even attempted to—yet it grew physically all the time, and at the period of its death, was as tall as ordinary children of its age. It never in any way helped itself, nor attempted to do so. It would eat what was put in its mouth, and whenever food was put there. Its eyes were as bright as ever seen, but they seemed to be useless. It showed no signs of life at any time, except that it breathed, ate and digested its food.

A most remarkable freak of nature here is attracting great attention at Chattahoochie, Fla., and hundreds of people are coming miles to see it. At Barney Hill, a small colored settlement ten miles from here, a colored woman some weeks ago gave birth to a boy child that nearly scared them all to death. The infant was healthy and well developed when born, and has continued in

death. The infant was healthy and well deveveloped when born, and has continued in good condition since, but the strangest part is its color. It is divided into two halves, as it were, each representing the Caucasin and African race. One side from the centre of its forehead down is a black as coal, while the other is equally white and fair. Another monstrous freak of Dame Nature is shown by the fact that the Caucasin side has thick lips and flat nose, kinky hair and black eyes, in fact all the African characteristics, while the dark side has fair and good features, blue eyes, and soft, silky hair. It is in perfect health and grows fast. Its arrival created a terrible hubbub in the settlement, and the negroes were inclined to regard it as an the negroes were inclined to regard it as an

The Westinghouse people have a con-tract for lighting the senate chamber at Washington with 1,300 electric lights, ranging in candle power from 9 to 150,

A company has been formed at Yankton to establish an Edison central sta-tion. The power is to be obtained from an artesian well by means of a turbine

Sudden changes of temperature, and humidity of the atmosphere often pro-duce disorders of the kidneys and blad der, use Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm to check these troubles in their incipiency.