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RAILWAY TIME CARD-Continues	THE SPRING BRIDEGROOM
Local Shoux City	A Necessary Part of the Ceremony, but S am Neverthele s a Nonentity.
Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul Limiteda 7:50 pm a 8:0 Minneapolis & St. Paul	5 mm IMPRESSIONS OF ONE WHO WAS THERE
Chicago Local	5 pm Overwhelming Importance of the Bride Casts a Deep Shadow on the
St. Louis Expressal0:00 am a 5:3 K. C. and St. L. Exal0:50 pm a 5:1	what Graciously,
Leave Arr Leave Arr Leave Arr Leave Arr Back fillis, Deauwood, Vyoming, Casper and Douglas	The idea of a bridegroom in being scared at the altar, says the New York Sun, sug- gests a wasteful excess of unusual feeling, for no one notices and no one cares about him. The attendants at the church or bouse function are interested only in the bride, her appearance, the cost of her frock's trimmings, and, incidentally, her emotions. Who, for instance, is troubling himself as to the manner of the bridegroom's dress- ing for the occasion? And yet there are few who, even if they have not been pres-
Twin City Passengera 6:50 am a 9:1 Sioux City Passengera 2:60 pm all:: Oakland Localb 5:45 pm b 8:0 a Daily. b Daily except Sunday. d	biam pictured the scene of the dressing of the bride over and over; the weeping mother,

except Saturday. e Daily except Monday. BURLINGTON STATION-10TH & MASON

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RELIGIOUS.

Dr. F. E. Clarke is soon to leave Boston on a southern tour in the interests of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Old Christ church, Boston, is in need of repairs. The iron railing in front of the church will soon be replaced by a new one. Bells are never used in Mohammedan mosques. The Moslem race detests bells, under the delusion that they cause the as-semblage of evil spirits.

what kind of dinner took place by the length of time which elapses between it and the ceremony proper. Sometimes a week or ten days intervene, and the bride, if she be a sensible young woman, will not demand too much of her fiancee's time and attention in that interval. As he will probably tell her, if she asks, the last few days should be spent in thoughtful meditation-a general sobering up, so to speak.

he opportunity comes.

The Proposal.

In the bright lexicon of mutual admira

tion, forever means perhaps a year, and

One bridegroom interviewed will do for

"What did I say to her when I asked

her?" he repeated, walking up and down

with his hands in his pockets and looking a

"Well, do you know," he went on, with

ever since the engagement was announced

"do you know, I suppose it might be said

that I never-er-really asked her, right

something come up about her father, and

"'O, by the way, Fanny, I believe I never

"You see we had decided on the color o

the dining room paper and just how much

we might leave toward wedding presents.

"But Fan isn't a girl to stand on cere

mony. She laughed and said 'Certainly,'

just exactly as if I had asked her to have

at all conventional; in fact, I believe we

never were really introduced in the Mr. Sc

house party and took the matter into our

Speaking to the Governor.

"What did you say to her father?" he

The bridegroom lost his air of pleasing

"That," he admitted, "was the mos

awful experience I ever had. "For days I felt pretty savage toward

Fan. It seemed to me that as she had been

clastic about other conventionalities she

might stretch a point here, but I believe

"As it was her father, not mine, I felt as

if she might run the affair and just say to me kindly, 'Now, dear Tom, don't you

worry about pa. I'll tend to him-you just

come in to supper Sunday night and it will be all fixed.' There didn't really seem to be

any starving need for me to make myself

miacrable, and at first I thought she would

look at the affair just as I did-as some-

So I said, one day, in rather an offhand

" 'I suppose it will be necessary, Fan, to

say something or other to the old man,

I dragged her back quickly by the skirt-

awfully obtuse. Then she spoke right out

and asked if I didn't want to see him-for

"'Not now,' I said, hastily.

say, 'Oh, it isn't necessary.'

'Would you like to see him now?' she

thing to be avoided rather than run into.

she enjoyed my discomfiture.

"She started right up."

heard the lining rip.

"That's what I like about Fan, she isn't

asked you. Will you have me?'

and it did seem a little late.

a lemon ice.

own hands."

vas asked.

mannor:

asked.

won't it?

your hurry?'

eminiscence.

So

out, I never thought of it until-well-

osals of Alphonse are rarely in a typewritten letter



Curious Old Blades Two Connecticut Me Have the Razor Fad

Mr

There are two men in Southport, Conn., who have the razor fad. There is a good deal of rivalry between them, though it MPRESSIONS OF ONE WHO WAS THERE has not yet come to a clash of weapons. The reason is that the two men have become adepts, not so much in wielding verwhelming Importance of the razors as in collecting them, studying their Bride Casts a Deep Shadow on the material, telling their age as a farmer does that of a horse by its teeth, and relating stories of who used them, or how they were obtained from some distant ountry or strange civilization.

The idea of a bridegroom in being scared The two Southport razor connoisseurs relates the New York Tribune, are H. t the altar, says the New York Sun, sug-H. Perry and Francis P. Sherwood. The ests a wasteful excess of unusual feeling, first prides himself on being the "Father or no one notices and no one cares about of Razor Collectors." while the second. The attendants at the church or although confessing he first obtained the ouse function are interested only in the Idea from Mr. Perry, nevertheless Believes ride, her appearance, the cost of her that he has a superior collection. rock's trimmings, and, incidentally, her wood can fall back on 150, including some Who, for instance, is troubling himself

less and happy?

the trivial at such a time.

all my goodly words I thee endow?"

where it was all going to end?

standpoint?

she surely will?

Or is he fortunate epough to possess a

valet, one of those mysterious French

products who come from some unknown

chaos of like experience and have about

them on the morning of the ceremony a

extremely rare blades s to the manner of the bridegroom's dressng for the occasion? And yet there are The members of the Perry family were ew who, even if they have not been presnot only good shavers when young, but nt at such a sentimental time, have not when grown men as well. So many razors ictured the scene of the dressing of the lay about his house that, eight years ago, ride over and over; the weeping mother, Mr. Perry cut himself with the idea of he deft maid; the presents arriving at the making a collection of razors. Accordlast moment; the bridesmaids crowding

ingly, he asked all his relatives to send into the apartment, in their frilly frocks; him old razors, and soon he had obtained a the bride timorous and doubtful, or carelarge number. Many of these razors have a family history. One shaved his grand-But what of the bridegroom? Who father, and another scraped off the first dresses the bridegroom? Does he tie his down from his father's chin.

own tie, put his own studs in his linen? But the family collection only sharpened Does he have to pack his own bag and for-Mr. Perry's ambition. Every razor he got get his own toothbrush, as is the proper seemed to whet his desire for more. Mr. way with bridegrooms?-there is a certain Perry then began visiting pawnshops in largeness of view about a man who forgets this city, Boston, New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport, and whenever he saw a Does his favorite bull pup chew the shoe razor in a window within the shadow of that he has forgotten to put on in his the emblem of St. Nicholas he would ask nervous haste? Does he solace himself to examine it, and would, in most inwith a highball while he keeps the open stances, buy it for a few cents. When Mr. book before him and recites loudly, "With

Perry and his wife went abroad last fall he continued his hunt for razors and drove many a sharp bargain with European cutlery dealers and curio merchants. Mrs. Perry also began to take a keen interest has seen things more beautiful. She sometimes worried over her husband in his ex-

rather sardonic grin, as if they knew well plorations after razors, and feared he Who will throw light on the conventionmight get into a scrape, but as yet, she alities of this time, from the bridegroom's snys, he has always come off without a scratch. What does he think about the "obey

of the marriage service, which some of the more radical fathers are willing, if properly anything. One time I had an awful head- | over his spectacles-you know the way an approached, to omit from the service? ache and couldn't brace myself up and the older man does when he wants to make Does he have a few inward qualms as other time I had had a cocktail with my to the first time when, a difference of opinion arising, he may quote with emphasis dinner and I wouldn't insult any girl by pickles. He gazed at me fully a minute the fact that she promised, and wonder asking her father for her at such a time. what he will do or say if she laughs-as

"Then she began to treat me rather oddly, and I saw that something was wrong. The one unfalling statement that is made could not imagine what it was, but after I about the bridegroom is that relating to had surprised her in tears a few times, I his farewell bachelor dinner. This is where made her tell me. She told. "I made a clean breast of it. I was deadly

he scores. Such an important item as this could not be omitted, and is, consequently, afraid of her parent and admitted it. I rescued from the oblivion which hovers would rather have faced a den of lions with about the rest of his actions and thoughts. the door open than go down and ask for There was a time when the bachelor Fan's future of her father. dinner was given the night before. For "It rather amused her for she had always obvious reasons this custom has bowed to

builted her paternal relative a little and a happier one, and it is easy to tell just could not believe that anyone would be really afraid of him. I argued with her, but it made no difference; she was simply obdurate, unconventional in everything else, she was conventionality itself in this.

"I must ask him; that was the sum and substance of it all. "Finally a brilliant idea struck me. 'I'll write to him,' I announced gayly.

"'That would be fine," she answered with a gentle irony, 'particularly as he knows you are here every day. It is so the rest of the evening. romantic, too, to ask a girl's father for her

traditions twined about them which ways endeavored to obtain steel which had heighten their value in their owner's eyes. a character of its own. He wants a razor One is said to have shaved the chin of Napoleon, having been picked up on the has a Roberts razor over a century old, field of Waterloo, where it was found in which was found in a secret drawer of an the deserted baggage of the French emperor. It was made by Shepherd, and was attic. Here it had been since its former discovered by the collector in a New York owner had parted with it. This razor, Mr pawnshop. For certain reasons, however, Mr. Perry has never believed in the truthfulness of the Gotham broker. "Napoleon had such a close shave at

Waterloo," says Mr. Perry, "that he didn't need a razor." Another razor in the collection, according to the story told by a friend of Mr.

Perry, who gave it to him, was used by ger than a razor. Lafayette. The French officer is said to " have stopped at a Connecticut house for Perry now has 400 racers, while Mr. Sher- "the night, and not wishing to appear be fore the maldens of the community with an unshaven face he used the razor which

his host kindly lent him. There is nothing on the old blade now, however, which could be used to prove the story.

At the present time the Perry collection tion beneath his feet. On another wide old-fashioned, heavy blade, made by George includes representatives from the United Savage & Sons, Masonic emblems have States, England, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Syria, Italy, France and China. Many of them are of a goodly age. into being its user. On a third are three links to eatch the Odd Fellows' trade. and though it is hard even for a connoisseur to tell how old a razor is, Mr. ments is shown in several specimens,

Perry prides himself on always hitting it right, within a year or a few months. The razor which he regards as his oldest there is stamped "New York." and on the opposite side "Independence." A reminder is one made by Simon Butcher, the predecessor of the famous firm of Wade & Butcher. According to Mr. Perry, it was made about 1750. Like all razors of that period, it is hand wrought and shows the marks of the hammer on its steel. It is twice as heavy as the 1903 razor, and one would hardly think now of using it for its original purpose. There is a Tally Ho razor in Mr. Perry's collection, which its

ing to Mr. Sherwood, is a handsome razor owner regards as almost as old as the made by Milnes of London, with a handle ancient Butcher. At any rate, it is far of tortoise shell, in which are depicted more valuable. There are not more than four hunting scenes. The first picture is three or four of its kind in this country, that of a man loading an old-fashioned in razors, although acknowledging that she and Mr. Perry says it is worth about \$15. flint lock musket. The second portrays the hunter starting for the woods with his

Mr. Sherwood, the rival razor collector, dog. The next scene finds him firing his only began his collection of razors two fowling piece, and in the fourth the sportsyears ago, but he has given Mr. Perry man is returning home with the droop of such sharp competition that he now has fatigue, but nevertheless with a goodly almost one-half as many blades. In his bunch of game.

"Then he yawned a little.

other in its place in the book.

yourself perfectly at home."

"That was all.

were better acquainted.

returned, 'as what I said.'

lost, so I recited it to Fan.

colors

antly.

ernor La Follette's office in Madison, Wis., while President Roosevelt was holding a reception there. The Milwaukee Free Press describes two little girls who edged their way into the crowd in the office. Their dress indicated that their home was not furnished with all of the good things which children like to have. Governor La Follette, seeing the children, asked them if they wanted to see the president. The smaller of the two shook her head, abashed by the big crowd. The governor pressed them to see the president, when the larger one spoke up and said: "We don't want that, but we would like something else."

ernor. "We'd like that flower," replied the little

tot. "Papa is sick at home and could not come, and we'd like to give him that flower."

and she was so happy that she cried with joy as she seized the large American Beauty rose. Willing hands stripped several

of the vases in the governor's office, and the

tleing the same deception on the birds CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE Two Connecticut Men Who and getting the birds every time."

The following notice was posted the other Business Rather Quiet Last Week Owing day on the bulletin board of a famous Lon-Partly to Gool Weather. don club;

Some of the Perry, razors have stories and search for razors Mr. Sherwood has al-"Will the nobleman who purloined Captain --- 's umbrells kindly deliver it to the ball porter?"

with a past, so to speak. For example, he A well known peer, taking umbrage at

this slight on his order, accosted Captain

- and demanded an explanation. ancient sea chest in a Fairfield farmer's "Well, you see," was the reply, "the rules state that this is a club for noble-Sherwood says, recalls the time when Fairmen and gentlemen. I am certain no gentleman took my umbrella; hence there was field was a busy shipping center, and no other conclusion to come to. cargoes of rum, molasses and all kinds of

queer things, found their way into the port from the blg world outside. An-It is fortunate for one Georgia youth other razor of the Sherwood collection came that Governor Garvin of Rhode Island is a

from the bottom of a well, where it had physician and surgeon of standing. 'The been resurrected by a farmer, and ground governor and a number of northern friends down so that it now looks more like a dagwere at Andersonville to attend the dedication of a monument in memory of Rhode Island soldiers who died in Andersonville Among Mr. Sherwood's collection are prison. While the exercises were in progmany specimens of finely etched blades, ress a carriage team took fright, ran away although rust has obliterated some of the and upset the vehicle. Edwin Callaway, more delicate markings., Thus there is a one of the occupants, had his leg broken, nicture of George Washington on one blade the jagged bone severing an artery. Govdressed in full Continental uniform, with ernor Garvin, on hearing of the boy's his name above his head and an inscrip-

> ered artery and cut the broken bone, just in time to save the sufferer from bleeding to death. The oldest family in the world, not in

point of pedigree, but of longevity, is said to live in Bell county, Kentucky. Lewis Green is 93 years of age; his wife, Virginia Green, is 92 years old. They were married seventy-three years ago and went to live on a farm at the mouth of Bingham's creek, in a bend of the Cumberland river. They are still living in the same house to which they went as bridegroom and bride three-quarters of a century ago. They have ten children, the youngest of whom

is now 43, and there has never been a

The young women were giving a "stag party," when it occurred to one of them that it would be a lark to show them-

selves on the street, but, now that they realize how they have shocked the community, they are most regretful of their boldness.

As they walked, two abreast, down on of the principal streets of the city they

neighbor, Kansas. A man walked into the prison at Lansing a few days ago and presented a letter to the warden, which

years. As he was known to be honest, the

said the bearer had been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced for a term of four

services of a sheriff were dispensed with on the ground of economy. STUDY OF GAELIC TONGUE

ments promptly.

Strikes Prevent Jobbers Making Shipments Early in the Week, but by the Close They Had Again Caught Up with Orders,

VERY FEW CHANGES IN RULING PRICES

Trade with Omaha jobbers last week was rather light. Comparatively few buyers were in the city and mail orders for im were in the city and mail orders for im-mediate delivery were also moderate. In a great many lines this is what is called a between season period, as retailers have received their spring and summer lines and there has hardly been enough trade as yet to break retailers' stocks to any extent. With the advent of warmer weather the demand in the country will undoubtedly show a marked increase, which will, of course, make a big improvement in the re-order business with local jobbers. The strikes in Omaha have very naturally had a bad effect upon business. The first part of the week freight was badly con-gested, but the latter part of the week more teaming was done, so that jobbers cleaned up their immediate orders in very satisfactory manner. A great many of the jobbers, such as the wholesale grocers and hardware men, have trackage of their own, so that they were enabled to fill their or-ders promptly and their customers received their goods on time. The general opinion, as expressed by the wholesalers, is that from this time on they will have no trouble whatever in shipping out their orders with the usual promptness. But while immediate business has been quiet, future orders are coming in very freely. Traveling men have been meeting with unusually good success and as a result they have captured more orders for fail de-livery than ever before this early in the season. They are very confident that they can continue to show a good increase dur-ing the remainder of the season, as the out-look for a good fail trade seems to improve each week. The markets have shown very little mediate delivery were also moderate. In a

plight, hurried to his help, tied the sev-

each week

markets have shown very little The is now 43, and there has never been a death in the family. No greater sensation was ever caused at Butte, Mont, than by the appearance on the street recently of twelve young women in men's evening dress. The young women were giving a "stag

Sugar Market About Steady.

The sugar market is in just about the same position it was a week ago. The de-mand is increasing quite rapidly and prob-ably will continue to do so for some time to come. Prices, though, are the same as they were a week ago. The cheese market is a trifle firmer and all offerings are being freely taken. The demand is apparently in excess of the sup-ply.

and finally had to fiee from the gathering tumult to their homes. The matter has been taken up by the leaders of society, who threaten to ostra-cise the young women who were concerned. The story of the Indian who, sentenced to be hanged for murder, was allowed his freedom without bonds upon his promise to appear at the time and place fixed in the decree for his hanging, a promise which was faithfully kept, is matched by another tary, its criminals are cared for by its neighbor, Kansas. A man walked into the

Dry Goods Trade Rather Quiet.

Local dry goods jobbers report trade with them as being only fair. Very few visiting merchants were on the market, and while traveling salesmen picked up a good many orders they were not very large. Merchants' stocks are quits complets, as

trade in the country has not been very beavy as yet owing to the lack of warm anther. In a short time jobbers hope to see a big improvement in the sizing-up

and I stood turning at least three different 'You want Fan?' he said. 'Her mother told me. I hope you will be happy. Make "He shook me by the hand, keeping his "Then I went back to Fan. I don't think I ever felt smaller. I determined to get even with him some time, when we "'What did he say?' asked Fan. "'It isn't so much what he said.' I any

swered gently, my lost composure having

"I thought it a pity that the speech conned in the midnight hours should be

"She was awfully overcome. I never saw her so gentle and sympathetic as she was "I have often wondered since then if Fan

younger one feel as if he were as green as A pretty little incident occurred in Gov-

"What would you like?" asked the gov

"That is what I said,' I ended triumph-She was told she could have the flower,

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

been etched, doubtless to convert a Mason

This idea of catering to certain senti-

mainly of English manufacture. On one

side of the handle of a Joseph Eilliot blade

of civil war times is to be found in a razor

which bears on its blade, "The Union Must

and Shall Be Preserved." More recent

specimens of steel etching show the Crystal

Palace of London and the Chicago World's

The gem of the whole collection, accord

fair buildings.

Mrs. J. E. Scott of Evansion, Ill., has been re-elected president of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society of the

The Baptist denomination has five associ-ations and 108 churches in Russia, 113 preachers, 130 chapels, 457 preaching places and 21,110 church members.

The new Dominican House of Studies is to be immediately begun in Washington near the Catholic university. When finished it will be the largest Gothic monastery in the care of the loquacious sex. This, of America.

course, does not imply that some do not Oxford university press issues on an average forty bibles every minute, and this number can be readily doubled. Every year 600 tons of paper is used for Oxford take it, by force of arms, so to speak. would never forget to say that he was the les alone Bishop Satterlee, in a recent address said: "The Jews are preserving the home and family better than we Christians are doing. I do not know how to account for is, but I do know it to be a fact." only one she ever loved, as Alphonse is so apt to do.

eternity a decade, and she would never falter over these words, having learned them in that volume. Alphonse is liable to stammer at these times, carelessly using

Rev. Aloysius M. Blakely of the Passion-ist fathers of New York has obtained per-mission to return to Bulgaria to continue his missionary work, which the persecution by the Turks interrupted several years ago. There are nearly 14,600,000 scholars re-ported in the Protestant Evangelical Sun-day schools of the United States and Canada, and there are more than 6,000,000 members in the young people's societies of these countries. the unabridged edition. many.

these countries. Prof. Henry C. Vedder, D. D., in his new book on "The Baptists," says there are now 58,000 Baptist churches, with 5,454,700 members, in the world. Adding the num-ber of those sects that are essentially Bap-tist, the grand total is nearly 6,000,000. little as a child looks when caught with his fingers in the marmalade. look of engaged fright which he had worn

Bishop Thoburn, who has just arrived in this country from India, speaks most en-couragingly of the mission work in that country. The improvement among the famine orphans is, the bishop says, amaz-ing and wonderful, and many of them promise great usefulness. Row Alexander E Invice last Burdey

ing and wonderful, and many of them promise great usefulness. Rev. Alexander F. Irvine last Sunday preached his final sermon as pastor of Pilgrim church, New Haven Conn. In the course of his address he made a few biting remarks, these among others: "A man in this pastorate may degenerate and conform to type, he may stay three or four years by aid of diplomacy and much grace, or he may go mad. Therefore an essential quali-fication for this pastorate is a keen sense of humor. Here we have the anomaly of a church increasing in membership by the hundreds and at the same time its business affairs going to ruin, although managed by business men who are successful and wealthy. Their idea of a church is a place to come to once a week and hear something that won't jar on their sensitive nerves and go home again. The preacher is their hired man. He may be brainy, but must not be too brainy; social, but not too social; religious, but not too religious. He must trim his salis to suit every breeze." then it occurred to me that I had never exactly treated her right in the matter. then I said: and So let me present you to Miss So and So style. We just met at a picnic or a

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Nearly all the royal families of Europemploy American dentists.

One factory at St. Etienne, France, made last year 29 cannon to be used against hallstorms.

Seventy-nine per cent of the population of the United States were born within th

of the United States were born within the state or territory of their present residence. Mrs. Mary Meeker Neville has just cele-brated her 19th birthday at Youngstown, O. Her six sons, veterans of the civil war, are all living.

O. Her six sons, veterans of the civil war, are all living. A speed of eighty-two miles an hour for fifteen miles has been attained on the Mid-land Railway of England, with their new compound locomotives, with a 350-ton load, A proclamation has been issued in China to the effect that the persons "dealing in magic spells to befool people and those propagating evil teachings and evil arts" are to be beheaded.

to be beheaded.

The mountain laurel has caught the fancy of the legislators of a New England com-monwealth, who prefer it as a representa-tive state flower to the coy and modest but delictous trailing arbutus, the mayflower of the Pilgrims and the Puritans.

of the Pligrims and the Furlians. Pierpont Morgan has a gold dinner serv-ice, said to be worth \$80.00\$ which was pre-mented to him by William H. Vanderbilt when he (Morran) made an extensive sale of New York Central stock in Europe. It is a reproduction of a rervice in the British royal family, but the Morgans are not food of display and selfom use R. Because he would not out a come here

Because he would not put a crupe band on his hat when his partner's wife died a Brooklyn man has been shut out from the former's will. The bereaved husband re-sented the fact that his partner would not show him even 75 cents worth of sympathy in his loss.

In his loss. It is interesting in view of recent licensing legislation in England to note that between 200 and 400 public houses are owned by members of the House of Lords. Lord Derby is by far the largest owner, with seventy-two licensed houses. The duke of Bedford has half a hundred houses. One member of the cabinet-the duke of Devon-blic-has forty-seven. gently that her father was home, but I was ahire-has forty-seven.

made in the manner stated in the modern 'It don't have to be typewritten,' I novel. Alphonse is very apt to forget his sponded gloomily. lines or his cue, and with whatever forethought he may have approached the psyevening paper to worry over your handchological moment, he is liable to get as writing?

rattled as Maeterlincks adjectives when "That was a facer, but it was deserved. I had to give up the letter-writing scheme. It is a pity that that particular part of

Solving the Problem. marital preliminaries could not be left in "'Couldn't I just drop into the office casually, hand him a good eigar and ask him then?"

"She sighed wearily. A woman would do it so gracefully. She "'Pa would just look over his spectacles at you and growl out: "Well, young man,

I'm very busy. What can I do for you?' You'd run, I know you. Besides he always has three clerks in the office with him; you don't want to ask before them, do you? 'Couldn't I meet him on the corner?'--this was the desperation of weakness and I showed it in my voice and manner.

"''He doesn't wait on corners, as a geners thing, for young men to come up and ask for his only daughter.' "Then I meditated a little. As long as it

had to come, it seemed to me that perhaps it might just as well come then. "I had not slept for two or three nights worrying over it, so I said with assumed courage: 'Where is he?' She pointed toward

the door that led into the library. Then she turned away and buried her head in the sofa cushions.

"I thought at the time she was a little worried herself notwithstanding her apparent surety, but I believe that she was in fits of laughter; in fact, she confided to me that she never saw anyone with such a woehumor is wonderfully acute.

"It is easy to imagine that a man who has lived through his days of sentiment and is busied with money-getting and the rise and fall of stocks only must find it a little ri-

diculous to have a young man speak of his daughter, with whose shortcomings he has been acquainted for many years, as the fireside angel or, I should say geslog angel, the only comforter, the joy of the home and

similarly complimentary terms. "But so long as it was incumbent upor me to do as Fan wished, I had determined to do it in style. I would make just as flowery a speech as it was possible, one that I would not be ashamed to repeat to

Fan when I returned. I had practically tabulated it in the night watches, but, in the trip from drawing room to library, went all over it again; it ran as near as

can remember something like this: "''Have sowed my wild cats; not an since I met your lovely daughter. "'Attracted many times; susceptible to eauty in its various phases, perhaps, sir, you can understand this, having been-sh!

'Never really loved but once-her. " 'Bright star of hope; the only girl. "'A dutiful, loving son-to be. 'Income-\$3,000.

" 'Prospects-grandfather, 84, feeble. " 'Family-simply delighted. She will b daughter.

"'We love each other.' "Now, I don't think that was bad for Of course I intended to amplify starter. it a little and make it less staccato in style.

"But some way, when I looked in the der and saw him sitting there reading a book, his feet in his slippers and the evening

simply dried up. I couldn't think of thing to say. "I felt in my pocket for a clgar. I redown two shares and I remembered that

me that pa was deeply interested in -Ritting the Pipe.

"I had assumed, of course, being a girl of such fine, delicate feelings, she would little, but he apparently did not hear. "Then I coughed; still he did not hear "After that two or three times, she hinted

"At last I mustered my few flickering gleams of courage. " 'Would you be so good,' I stammered.

"He looked up then and glanced at me body laughed.

ver asked her father what I really did say. I don't believe she ever did, for she's aw fully proud of me and she certainly could "'Do you suppose pa would give up his not be if she knew."

When it comes to the financial part of the ceremony, the spring bridegroom, although he may be more or less of a nonentity at other times, has no reason to complain of oblivion. He may not only pay for the

bride's gift, the souvenirs for groomsmen, the bouquet for the brideamaids, but a hundred other incidental expenses will keep him from sinking into utter forgetfulness. Said another bridegroom interviewed con-

cerning this important event in his life: "The one memory that stands out in my mind with startling distinctness is the

fact that I forgot to pay for the bridesmaids' bouquets. I had asked my flances to order them and have the bill sent to me, as I thought she would know so much better what was appropriate. Then the mat-

ter was entirely out of my mind. "When we returned after a long and, might add, expensive; honeymoon, one of the first callers at our nest was father-inlaw. Did he come to see how the turtledoves were getting on? Not at all. After he had looked disapproval at several expensive furnishings, he drew the bill from

the florist from his pocket and handed it to me, saying he thought there had been a little mistake. "The bill was for \$100 and I wondered

how I could have been such a fool as to have said it didn't matter how much they cost. It did matter a good deal. It seems to me that if father-in-law had been a man of fine feelings he would have paid that begone face on as I had, and her sense of bill without saying a word. No man likes to face his past in that way."

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Sunday School Teacher-Well, who sorry at the return of the prodigal son? Little Girl-The fatted calf.

"Oh, mamma," exclaimed 3-year-old Margie the first time she saw hall falling, 'tome look-it's wainin' pills!"

"Willie Taddells," said the school teacher firmly, "you have a big piece of chewing gum in your desk. Bring it to me instantly." "Yes," replied Willie; "but it ain't the

flavor you use. Yours is orange an' this is wintergreen."

"I'll take the biggest piece you've got, please," said Willie to the hostess, who had asked him to have some cake, "Why, Willie!" exclaimed his mother

in dismay. "Well, Ma, you told me not to ask for

a second piece." The minister called at a certain West

Philadelphia home just after he had come to his new pastorate. The small boy was present long before his mother came downstairs to greet the dominie. Trying to be cordial, the minister said: "How old are you, my little man?" "I'm 5 at home, 6

in school and 3 on the cars," was the delightful reply.

Clarence's entrance to the kindergarter was delayed by a severe cold in the head paper by his side, my new-found eloquence When he was finally able to take a fling at knowledge in its rudimentary forms his mind was still embittered with memories of past sufferings. When the teacher membered all at once that 'Nip' had gone showed him the picture of a man and put a few simple questions to him concerning Fan in a burst of confidence one day told the five senses he could not put the painfu thoughts entirely aside. Still his answer did credit to his native intelligence. H "He had his pipe in his mouth and he was said that the mouth was to eat with, biting it hard. I rattled the curtain a eyes to see with, and the ears to hear with but when he came to the nose he fell down. "And what is that for ?" asked the

teacher. "To blow," replied Clarence, and he couldn't for the life of him see why every-

children had all of the flowers they could carry to cheer up the sick father, whose happiness they thought of amid all of the excitement of the presidential reception.

President Andrew Johnson lived at Green During the last few years there has been ville, a town of 1,800 population and one a remarkable advance in the study of naof the oldest in the state, about sixty tive Irish, or Gaelic, a tongue which was miles northwest of Knoxville, Tenn. The in a way to become wholly forgotten when building he occupied for a shop when folpatriotic Hibernians started a movement lowing his trade still stands, and the old to rescue it from oblivion. Many societies sign is allowed to remain in its place over were organized in Ireland twenty-five years the door, reading ,"A. Johnson, Tailor." ago for fostering the study of the language Every now and then some old citizen turns art, music and literature of the country's up one of his receipted bills for making or ancients. They were just in time, for tho repairing garments. He left no son, and disuse into which the Gaelic had fallen way the Patterson family, the descendants of so pronounced that its scholars easily were his daughter, still occupy his former resinumbered. The Irish societies at home were suppledence. mented by others in various parts of the

Henry Streitz of LaCrosse, Wis., was re pairing a pump when the curbing caved in. musical festival last week, and the pro gram was largely composed of songs writburying him in debris up to his shoulders. A. Wolf, who saw the accident, ran to a ten in the old tongue. There are similar ornearby barn and brought the garden hose, one end of which Streitz put in his mouth. A second cave-in then occurred, burying movement is not confined to the Irish, however, for scholars of all nations have begin Streitz under twelve feet of earth. On account of the continual cave-ins it took four hours to get him out. He was unhur and smiling when taken out.

The Scandinavian bridegroom presents to his betrothed a prayer book and many other gifts, which usually include a goose. She, in turn, gives him, especially in Sweden, a shirt, and this he invariably wears on his wedding day. Afterward he puts it away, and under no circumstances will he wear it again while alive. But he wears it. in fils grave, and there are Swedes who earnestly believe not only in the resurrection of the body, but in the veritable resurrection of the betrothal shirts of such husbands as have never broken any of their marriage vows. The Swedish widower must destroy on the even of his second marriage the bridal shirt which his first wife gave him.

It is doubted if any negro in the state of Missouri ever had a list of more distinguished wedding guests than did "Judge" Addison Greene, the venerable janitor of the court of appeals, who was married to Ellen Jordan of Jefferson City by Judge Guinotte the other afternoon. Those present included the entire bench of the court of appeals, clerk of the court, his deputy, the marshal, the criminal judge, ten county officers, five prominent lawyers and a score of deputies.

has hit upon an odd use of corncobs. He says: "I made a trip throughout a big part of Iowa recently, and I found several grain newspaper, the Freeman. Today, on the shipping towns that had corncob sidewalks. other hand, the Gaelic league publishes a In spite of what one would think about it, monthly magazine and a weekly newscobs make a pretty good walk. They are paper in Irish, three private weekly pub a little rough at first, but when the cobs lications are urging the study of the litera become trampled down the walk is smooth." ture and art of the ancients, and nearly

every periodical of Ireland prints between Joseph Park, New York millionaire, head a column and a page in Gaelic of the Park & Tilford Grocery company. In 1880 it was said that Irish music had left a will disposing of an estate worth between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. Most of disappeared and that it was no longer to be heard at Irish concerts, but nowadays the property is bequeathed to his two sons. overy concert given by a typical Irish or-Hobart and George C. Park. Mr. Park leaves a large sum for the endowment of ganization devotes at least a part of its program to native songs. Less than fifty Christ Episcopal church at Rye-on-thepersons attended a conference in the inter-Sound, of which he was a member. Mr. est of the Irish language held in Dublin in Park, it is said, set aside \$30,000 for the 1982, and the meeting excited little public maintenance of Sam Brown, his aged negro attention even at home, but in last year's coachman, and wife. onvention, which lasted more than a week,

there were 600 entries for the literary and That the rattlesnake uses his tail to de musical competitions, and the visitors num coy birds has been observed a number of bered thousands that came from Ireland, times by a correspondent of the Scientific England and far-away countries. American, who says: "The snake hides him-Many wealthy Irishmen have given money self in the tall grass and imitates the

to the movement, and this year there are bussing of a bee. The insectivorous birds, plans in the wind to establish a college such as the phoebe and kingbird, are atwhere nothing but Gaelle will be spoken, as tracted by the sound and become an easy

well as to found libraries for Irish books proy for his makeship. I have seen rattlesnakes concealed in the dense foliage of and conservatories where Irish melody will trees twenty feet from the ground prac- have its place .- New York Times,

Rescue Irish Literature and Music From Oblivion.

world. The one in this city gave its annual

ganizations in Russia, Central Europe and

to take an interest in it, on the ground that

the ancient literature is worth preserving

and convention of the Gaelic league in Dub-

50,000.

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different Irish centers of America.

for other than sentimental reasons.

business. The market on cotton goods continues very strong, and those who are in a posi-tion to know say that the price of raw cotton seems to be up to stay, at least until the greater portion of fall goods have been made up, as no new cotton will be avail-able until October or November. The strike situation at the eastern mills is also making leading lines of goods scarce and manufacturers are notifying their customers that they will be unable to fill any large orders on Cantons, domestics and blankets made by mills involved in the strikes.

and blankets made by mills involved in the strikes. Advance orders for fall goods are still commig in very freely and are more general than ever before. As has been previously mentioned, merchants are straid that un-less they buy early they will be unable to ret their customary line of roods, which explains in part the large number of orders that jobbers now have on their books.

Hardwore Just About Steady.

The hardware market is in just about the same position it was a week ago. There have been a few minor changes, but none of enough importance to be worthy of men-tion. The same conditions govern the mar-ket as have been previously reported. A liberal demand and a shortage of desirable lines of goods. The volume of business being transacted locally is limited only by the amount of stock that can be obtained. During last week business was affected to some extent by the strikes, but still not enough to do any serious damage as the wholesalers have trackage of their own which enables them to get out their goods promptly. promptly.

Not sinch Demand for Leather Goods,

Boot and shoe men are still calling the reorder husiness rather quiet. They are waiting for wormer weather, when people will have to lay aside their winter foot wear. So far this spring the weather has rot been warm enough to bring oxfords into demand, and it is that class of goods that will be worn very largely by both men and women. Retailers are very confident that they are going to do a very nice busi-ness, and although they bought outle freely at the beginning of the season it is thought there will be a good reorder busi-The local organization's history has been contemporaneous with the general progress of the work, for the advance of the movement has been witnessed almost entirely within the twenty-five years during which the New York society has flourished. A quarter of a century ago the Ireland of Coloncile, the learned Cormac, the heroic Brian and the "Golden Age" was but little known-so few could read its story. The hought there will be a good reorder busi Society for the Preservation of the Irish

ness. Traveling men are meeting with good success in landing future orders, so there is no complaint on that score. Orders for fall rubbers are also coming in very freely owing to the prospects of higher prices after June 1. Language, a Dublin association, was at work in 1878, but its total membership, in clusive of several branches, was less than 1,000. The growth of the movement is shown by the fact that last year's "Oireachtas

Fruits and Produce.

Fraits and Produce. The demand for fresh fruits was just bout normal last week. The strikes, no doubt had some effect upon frade, but still periabable goods were kept moving, so hatter part of the week jobbers reported that they were filling their orders as fast is they arrived. There have been very few changes in the market during the week. Strawberries are naturally the most popular in and are selling at about \$1. Applet are now practically out of the market, as most of the stock that remains is not in the sendence of prices on vegetables is have not been very heavy owing to the sould weather, and consequently prices have not doesned the stock is getting pretty wellen. The market for butter, esses and poultry hypers, as supply and demand have they week, as supply and demand has been, the butter market is a little weaker. lin was a gathering representing an affilia tion of 475 branches, with a membership of In 1880, out of a population of 5,45),000 Irishmen, there were less than 750,000 who could speak Irish, but last year it was estimated that there were 700,000 who spoke the language, though the total population had dwindled to 4,500,000. In this estimate it was calculated that the loss by emigration from Ireland fell largely on Irish-speaking

communities. While the school authorities of Ireland declined to have the language taught in the public schools in 1887, it is now taught in 1.600 different institutions of the island. In 1850 a couple of paragraphs printed in Irish was all the periodical literature the ancient tongue boasted. These appeared in a remote corner of a Dublin

Parental Confession.

When Kate comes home from school I sit And gaze in wonderment. I used to scold her quite a bit-Them scoldin's I repent. She calmly throws her book aside. So queenly and so cool; We view her with respect an' pride. When Kate comes home from school. When Kate comes home from school,

She knows a lot o' words so long She knows a lot o' words so long They simply the your throat; She really can't abide a song Unless it's sung by note. We never chat nor sing, though We used to as a rule. It's grand, but kind o' glum, you know, Since Kate come home from school —Washington Star.

What We Want,

We live on scientific fare: No single day seems good On patent breakfast food.

We've countiess kinds of mait and ests, We've fifty kinds of wheat, But, Oh, that we might have not foods, But something good to eat! —Washington Post.

A man who has been traveling in Iowa