How Wells Clock Strikes.

The great clock of Wells cathedral in England was built in 1322 for Glastonbury abbey and ran 250 years before it was removed to Wells.

The striking mechanism of the clock is very curious and elaborate. Above the dial is a little battlemented turret, with four knights on horseback, armed with lances, standing guard round it. At some distance from the clock itself, near the end of the transept, is a life size painted figure, quaintly ugly, with a battleax in its hand, while outside the cathedral is a second large dial, guarded by two tall figures of knights

When the gilt stars point to the hour, the painted figure (Jack Blandivir, as he is called by the country people about Wells, no one knows why) strikes the quarters by striking his heels against two bells behind him and then tolls the great bell of the clock by striking it with his battleax. The two standing knights in armor strike the outside bell with their halberds, and at the first stroke of the great be'l the four knights on horseback over the inside dial start at a gallop and rush round and round the turret in a mimic tournament, in which one knight is thrown from his horse and regains his sent in every revolution.

Out of Tune.

A piano tuner employed by a city firm was sent to a certain suburb to tune a piano. He found the instrument in good condition and not in the least need of attention.

A few days later the firm received a letter from the owner of the piano, a lady of musical intention, stating that the piano had not been properly tuned. It was no better than before.

After receiving a reprimand from his employer the hapless tuner made another trip to the suburbs and again tested every note, only to find, as before, no fault with the instrument. This time he told the lady so.

"Yes," she said, "it does seem all right, doesn't it, when you play on it, but as soon as I begin to sing it gets all out of tune again.'

Javanese Music.

The Javanese musical instruments are made mostly of bamboo. They also played upon a pipe or whistle, which was about three feet long and six inches across. This sounded like the hollow roar of a lion. Another was a bundle of tubes of different lengths, which covered the small boy who carried it like a big saddle. A log hewn out with two strings stretched across it served as a drum. A zither of sixteen strings and a mandolin of two completed their outdoor band, while inside one could hear other music made by , ings of wonderfully pure and beamiful tone.

A Donkey Decoy.

A traveler in central Africa tells of a native hunter of the Wanderobo tribe who was the possessor of a most accomplished donkey, which, with an antelope's horns strapped to its head, its body covered with a skin or painted to resemble the animal its master intended to stalk that day, was the means of de ding many an unwary creature into falling a victim to the poisoned arrows of the hunter crouching behind his four footed assistant.

At the Reception.

"I'm anxious to get the names of all present," said the reporter. "Will you

"Oh," said the meek man, "you may | posned!" out down 'Mrs. Henry Peel

"You mean 'Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peck,' don't you?"

"I would prefer that," he replied, with a furtive glance over his shoulder, "but for goodness' sake don't say I gave it to you that way."

The Persian Way.

They have curious methods in Persia of insuring law and order. A fallure of the crops had resulted in a dear loaf, which much enraged the populace. In order to quell the tumult the shah ordered a number of bakers to receive several hundred strokes with a od, besides a few minor little attendons, such as the amputation of an ar or two.

Her Status

Why do you still call her a fin de cle girl?

What's the matter with that?" Why, since that means literally the of the century girl' it was only in speaking of girls toward the of the last century."

'ell, that's when she was a girl."idelphia Ledger.

Great Scheme.

ve you decided yet upon a name at new suburb of yours?" I am going to call it Lookout."

n't see anything striking or orlgbut that." can't. Think how everybody in

will run to the windows when eman calls out the name of the -Chicago Tribune.

torse Same as Man. man's best friends is the

esponded the man with the habit. "But did you ever it a terrible faculty your best ve of disappointing you in ney?"- Washington Star.

Lowell and Bret Harte. Bret Harte, flushed with first fame, was Mr. Howells' guest for a week in the early seventles. Harte's breezy Bohemianism delighted Cambridge and its environs, which quite as thoroughly

amused the young Californian journal-It was fine to see him humorously accepting the humorous attribution of scientific sympathies from Agassiz in compliment of his famous epic describing the incidents that "broke up the society upon the Stanislaus." It was a little fearsome to hear him frankly owning to Lowell his dislike for something overliterary in the phrasing of certain verses of "The Cathedral." But Lowell could stand that sort of thing

from a man who could say the sort of

things that Harte said to him of that

delicious line picturing the bobolink as

Runs down a brook of laughter in the air. That, Harte told him, was the line he liked best of all his lines, and Lowell smoked, well content with the praise. Yet they were not men to get on well together, Lowell baving limitations in directions where Harte had none.—Harper's.

Patti and William I.

The story of Adelina Patti's first encounter with Emperor William i. is worth repeating. It was at Homburg that the meeting took place, and the diva was then quite a young girl. On the evening of the same day an invitation came to her and her father to meet his imperial majesty next morning at the springs at 7 o'clock.

"I get up at that hour," cried the spoiled child, "to please any emperor? No, no! I wouldn't think of it! Tell him so."

William I., ever good natured, laughed heartily over her ultimatum, which greatly amused him. The last time his majesty saw Patti was in Berlin, and he was then a dying man. When she called upon him at his box he welcomed her with his most genial smile.

"Ah," he said, "you remember Homburg? But you don't mind waiting upon me now."

The Naval Academy.

The line officers of the navy are arranged in one straight line from admiral to the lowest midshipman. After they are graduated from the academy, in order to merit their respective classes their relative positions never change except when advancement in numbers for special heroism is earned in war or a court martial decrees the reverse. If a boy loses place in his class, he loses place in the ladder of promotion. Whether he is graduated at the top or bottom of his class may determine whether or not he shall reach an admiral's stars. In no other calling does a boy's college standing thus directly influence the success of his entire professional career.-Independent.

A Diplomatic Auswer.

"Now, how old do you think ! am?" coyly asked a literary spinster of a man whose unfailing courtesy was supplemented by his wit on many occa-

"My dear lady, that is a hard question for one who can scarcely remember his own age," said the man cautiously, "and in your case it is particularly difficult, for you look five years younger than it seems possible you can be when I consider what a we terful amount you have accom-

Mad Matters Worse. "I am the unluckiest man alive!"

"What's the matter?"

"Why, I heard that she was engaged, so I went round and proposed to her so that she wouldn't think I had been trifling with her." "And wasn't she engaged?"

"Yes, but she broke it off. She said by January 1, 1904. I my love was more sincere than the other fellow's."

Unprofitable Bother.

"Dear me!" sighed Mrs. Oldcastle. "I don't know what we are to do with the hoi polloi."

"Josiah," replied her hostess, "wanted to have ours put in a box and set in the library window, but I just told him we'd have new ones set out next spring if the frest killed them off."-Chicago Record-Herald.

The Beginning. "How many stars can you see?" she

asked.

"Two more than you," be said, "How do you make that out?" she asked.

"I can see your eyes," he said, And that was the beginning of it all.

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"My boy used to be troubled a good deal that way when he was little," remarked Mr. Gaswell. "We always

The Retort Sarcastic.

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Smar'icus-You might put on an intelligent look,-Baltimore American.

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