

New Street Pavement in Paris.

For some time past the attention of Parisian engineers has been drawn to reinforced asphalt, a new paving process designed by M. Arthur Metz. This consists in incorporating an aggregate of crushed granite in the asphalt matrix. The material thus secured shows a durability comparable to that of the hardest rocks. In laying this pavement a concrete foundation is first prepared and the granite asphalt is poured over this upon a bed formed of little granite pyramids which are set by hand in an elastic bituminous coat adhering to the concrete foundation and forming a solid mass with it. It is actually a granite reinforcement which gives to the completed structure the name "reinforced asphalt." Pavements laid under this system (among other, on the Quai aux Fleurs and in several Paris streets) gave excellent results. The thickness of the asphalt layer is from five to seven centimeters for roadways and only twenty millimeters for footways. The wear of the granitic asphalt appears to be slow and uniform, thus permitting its use under dense traffic. Furthermore, it does not soften under solar heat, and the surface gives such good adhesion that it is used with advantage and economy on a steep grade (three per cent.) in the neighborhood of the freight station of the Paris-Lyons-Mediterranee Railway, where very heavy vehicles are constantly passing. The maintenance and repair of reinforced asphalt are most simple, for instead of tearing up the whole surface for renewal it suffices to spread a new layer of proper thickness, as this unites perfectly with the old surface. The cost of laying this pavement, for which a most promising future appears to be assured, is but fourteen francs a square meter for roadways and five francs for sidewalks (about \$2.20 and eighty cents respectively per square yard). —Engineering Magazi⊀e.

A Public Benefit.

Georgia last winter removed a standing reproach from her penal policy by bringing to an end the leasing system for her convicts, and to give them labor that shall benefit the State they are to be farmed out to the counties to work upon the public roads. Of the 146 counties in the State over a hundred have voted to take the number of convicts allotted to them on a population basis and put them at work on the highways.

The State will thus dispose of about two thousand men. Of local misdemeanants there will be as many more, so a new army of four thousand men will "go marching through Georgia," not to devastate but to upbuild. The new arrangement went into force the first of the present month. It is a benefit to those who have been released from the tyranny and cruelty of the private lease system and a greater benefit to the public interests. "It is confidently expected," says a report from that State, "that a few years will see a network of well paved roads extending north and south and east and west across the State." The counties that have taken advantage of this new opportunity and those that will do so will provide the conditions for continuous lines of improved highway. This will be not only a gain to her public utilities, but a gain to her civilization as well. - Boston Transcript.

Cost of Oiling Roads.

A recently published report of the Boston Park Commission is interesting. In 1906 twelve miles of road were treated with oil to keep down the dust and the result was so satisfactory that in 1907 the whole extent of more than forty miles was treated in this way. Mr. Putnam, the engineer, has carefully computed the cost, and he says that the annual Eaton suburb of the city, from the cost of sprinkling a thirty-foot road- middle of May to the middle of Ocway was \$489 per mile, whereas the tober, for 100 children, to be drawn cost of oiling the same roadway thirty from the elementary schools on acfeet wide was \$375. In addition to count of some physical weakness, laying the dust the asphaltum in the oil had a binding effect on the surface | half past 8 in the morning till half of the road and very materially past 6 or 7 at night. The children lessened the cost for repairs. The oil is put on in an emulsion in which fifteen pounds of soap dissolved in fifty gallons of water is mixed with 100 gallons of crude oil, the whole emulsion and then 150 gallons of this is mixed with 450 gallons of water and sprinkled on the roads.-Utica

California Joins.

California is joining the good roads procession, and for the same reason that has actuated other communities. California finds that poor roads are serious drawbacks to the development of the State and that good roads are an economic advan-

A Plausible Reason.

Scientific Parent (on a stroll) son, a simple illustration of a principle in mechanics. The man with that the health and complexion, as the cart pushes it in front of him. Can you guess the reason why? Probably not. I will ask him. Note his answer, my son."

To the Coster-"My good man, why do you push that cart instead of pulling it?

Coster-" 'Cause I ain't a hoss, yer old thickhead."-Tit-Bits.

Human.

The young man, leading a dog by a string, lounged up to the ticket office of a railway station and inquired: "Must I-aw-take a ticket for a "No; you can travel as an ordinary passenger," was the reply. -Universalist Leader.

Tre Mexican Government pas completed arrangements with the Krup;'s to establish a plant for the manufac. ture of Mauser bullets, smokelees powder and gan cotton.

Smith Ely, Formerly Mayor of Secret of His Longevity.

Everybody with a taste for pastry or a weakness for sweets will hail with joy the explanation of Smith Ely, Mayor of New York City in 1877-78 and now eighty-five years old, as to his prolonged life.

'Sweets did it," says Mr. Ely in an article contributed to the Medico-Legal Journal. "I don't know that this diet of sweets has benefited my disposition, but it has given me strength to undergo the nervous strain and excitement of a political career in Albany, Washington and New York that would have shortened the existence of a beef eater. "My parents, like many others,"

says Mr. Ely, "thought that sweets of any sort were unwholesome for children, and I enjoyed only such things in my childhood within strict limitations. Consequently, when I attained the age of sixteen and found employment down town, with permission to dine as I pleased, I made up for lost time. My regular meal for many months consisted of three or four pieces of baker's pie. At all periods of my life the dessert has almost always been the better part of the meal.

"I resided for more than twenty years in the neighborhood of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and during all that period it was my regular habit, on my way home from clubs and entertainments, to stop at Maillard's and have a meringue glace, followed by a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream.

"It has been, and still is, my habit to place a jump of confectionery of some sort in my mouth upon retiring for the night."

Harry Lauder's Stories.

Harry Lauder, before he departed after his third American tour, was asked at a dinner given him what he regarded as his funniest stories.

"They are not what you might call the funniest," he answered, readily, "but I'll tell them to you with pleasure. The humor in a story is in the point of view of the hero or heroine of it, I say. For instance, there's the canny Scot whose neighbor met him flitting. The Scot had wife and children and household furniture piled atop a wagon, and he was solemnly driving his one horse along the street. "'So ye're fittin',' says the neigh-

"'I am. I want to be near me work.

'And where's your job?'

"'I haven't got one yet.' "And the woman who paid a visit of condolence to her widowed neighbor. She carried a parcel of consolation, and when she opened it up this was what was in it: 'You belong to a benefit and they paid up, didn't they? Well, then, you have a dead man and \$100. What more d'ye want?' "-Chicago Record-Herald.

Advantage in Employing Sisters.

A Cleveland merchant had two sisters employed in his office. "If you need two girls in your ofadvertised for two while to get what I wanted because sisters who are competent stenographers and both open for a position. But I got them at last, and I'm glad I waited until I got what I wanted. They do twice as much work as any two girls not sisters would. You see when they've been to a dance or a show the night before they do all their talking about it at home. By the time they've finished their breakfast they've used up all the small talk in their systems and can work right through the day without saying a word to each other." - Cleveland

Open Air Elementary School.

Plain Dealer.

The Norwich Education Committee yesterday approved the holding of an open air school at Belle Vue, in the This novel school will be open from will be conveyed to and from the school on tramcars and will have three meals a day there. The school will be open for five days a week for twenty weeks, and voluntary contribeing agitated to the proper point of butions will be invited toward the cost of the meals provided. The object is to improve the children physically and enable them the better to receive their education. - London

Bonny Clabber For Health.

Bonny clabber is better than buttermilk. It is made by letting the whole milk and cream set and sour for several days outside of the refrigerator. Shake up the creamy top and bottom whey and curds to the consistency of buttermilk. Some farmers keep clabber until it so sour it will make a pig squeal, and the sourer the better. Bonny clabber is much "You see out there in the street, my | the same as Metchnikoff's preservative against old age. It is fine for west coast of Ireland people show, who almost live upon this and potatoes .- New York Press.

Cathedrals of Uganda.

There are three cathedrals at Mengo, Uganda, all on neighboring hills. The Mengo cathedral of St. Paul, Church of England, has a congregation of 3000. The other cathedrals are Roman Catholic, one English, the other German, both large buildings.

Thinking One's Self Old.

If at thirty you expect to be an old man or woman at fifty-five you will be one, because the mind makes the material correspondence of whatever it sets itself permanently upon .-Realth Record.

Three thousand persons are engaged in the shell and pearl industry of the Western United States.

MOST MARVELOUS TRICK HORSE IN THE

New York, at Age of 85, Reveals | Pedigree and Accomplishments of Excelsior, Jr., the Bright, Particular Star of Old Dan Rice's One-Horse Show---The Famous Clown Called His Blind, Milk-White Wonder "The Very Quintessence of Quadruped Grandeur, Without a Rival in the Equine five feet in diameter and was made Circles of the Circus World."



EXCELSIOR, JR.

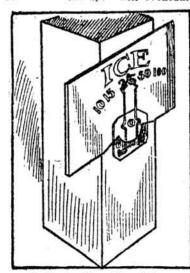
The elder generation of our read-| from seeing in early times the wagers who patronized the "One Ring oners of Pennsylvania driving their remember the remarkable trick horse sior, Jr., both owned, trained and exthe only one now in existence, and of instinct and intelligence. for which Colonel Rice offered at one time the sum of \$500, subsequently cerpts from the diary of Colonel Rice. and son, are of interest:

susceptibility of the two horses, the than his son. He was sired by the Envoy, imported to this country by Judge Wilkins, of Pennsylvania, who was Minister to Russia. Excelsior, Sr., was bred and owned by Dr. Thomas, of Hawesville, Hancock County, Ky., and in the fall of 1850 ton track in 3.51. I educated him artistic in the way of graceful movements and grand and imposing attitudes. Excelsior, Jr., was a keystone Show;" for in those days he formed the "whole stud" of that much-talkedof institution. He was a very quinfice it's the only way," he explains. by his elegance of carriage. With a possession of Excelsior, Colonel Rice milk-white skin, and mane and tail of could stenog. It took me a long remarkable length and fleecy white- once into the ring, and he responded it isn't every day that you find two and perfect reach of arch; in truth, that it can be truly stated, he was formed was this noble brute, there ly under the eye of the public. should be scant surprise that he was universally regarded and enthusias- age twenty-eight years, at St. Louis, tically conceded to be, in intelligence, Mo. Three days before his death, color and general conformation, with- Colonel Rice, who was compelled to out a rival in the equine circles of the come East to fill an important engage circus world. So widespread was his ment, went to the stable of Jerry Arfame he attracted the notice of Rosa not, in St. Louis, where Excelsior, Bonheur, who wrote the famous pho- who had been ill for some time, was tograhic-artist Sarony to forward her being faithfully looked after. Colonel photographs of the blind marvel. Rice called him out of his stall in After spending several weeks study- order to test his strength and discover ing Excelsior in every possible pose, a | if he could be safely removed to New reached their destination. The poet sior's most ardent admirers. One pitiable way. Colonel Rice sought to night at the close of the performance console the sorrowing animal as he paddock, and whilst caressing the avail. There were many prominent sightless wonder said: "This horse people present who had come to visit is so human in his conduct, so beau- the sick horse, among whom were tiful in his presence, so patient and Superintendent Talmage, of the Union confiding in his affliction, that real- Pacific Railroad, and Mr. Chas. Lucas,

horse heaven after all." no doubt strengthened his hearing was said to him. So keenly sensitive larity.—From "The Life of Dan was he of sound, that, speaking once Rice," by Maria Ward Brown. in a sibilant tone to my ringmaster some fifty feet distant, this whispered remark caught his ear, although not heard by Mr. Rosston: "I must shortdistinguish sounds. I took the idea field Republican.

Ice Card Holder.

The old familiar cry of the iceman: "Ice? No! Git up!" will eventually



Indicates Quantity of Ice.

Circus," in their salad days, doubtless | spike by word of command. I worked at the principle until I reduced the Excelsior and his son, Blind Excel- theory to a science, knowing the horse had the most acute hearing of hibited by Colonel Rice. The illus- any of the animal creation, and the tration of Blind Excelsior is of mani- greatest memory, not excepting man, fold interest. It is not only a perfect for a man frequently forgets-a horse likeness of the wonderful horse as never does. In short, I worked on he appeared in his declining years, the principle that we know the meanbut it is the last picture made by the ing of words by their sound, and in master hand of the lamented Herbert educating both horses demonstrated S. Kittredge. This priceless painting, that the horse is next to man in point The feats of this famous animal

have been made so familiar to the became the property of Mr. Chas. T. reader throughout the pages of this Harris, then on the editorial staff of | biography proper, that further at-Wallace's Monthly. The following ex- tempts to add anything of interest would be superfluous. Perhaps his concerning the characteristics of sire | most wonderful achievement was the ascension and descension of the stair-There was a slight difference in the case, going up and down both backward and forward, in an almost peroriginal Excelsior being purer bred pendicular position, with a rubber ball balanced between his ears-a racehorse Gray Eagle, that ran feat no horse but him could ever be against Wagner at Louisville, Ky., in instructed to acquire. He was par the early sixties. His dam was by excellence the premier performer of

the circus world. Dr. Knox, from whom Colonel Rice obtained Excelsior, was a regular attendant during the days of the One-Horse Show, and being also a personal friend of the Colonel, his adran a two-mile race over the Lexing- miration for the jester was very sincere, and his faith as to Excelsior's with less trouble than I had with his ability was the result of an idea that son, but his performances were of a a horse bred in Kentucky, even different character, being classic and though he was untrained, must, under any circumstances, win. Colonel Rice secured a first-class groom. Jeff Posey, from Daniel Van Wonder, a to the arch of the original "One-Horse butcher in Cincinnati, whose skill as a horseman was unsurpassed, but he gracefully shared the honors with Wilson Turner, who took his place tessence of quadruped grandeur. His when Posey eventually became manmarvellous sagacity was only equalled ager of the stud. After coming in introduced the intelligent creature at ness, a neck of extraordinary mould so easily to the requirements imposed, so powerfully and symmetrically broken to his performing feats direct

Excelsior died November 17, 1878, score of superb specimens were sent York. Whining piteously, the thorthe great French artist, aboard the gughbred staggered with weakness as ill-fated Ville de Havre, and so never he backed out towards his master and placed his head on his shoulder, shed-Longfellow was also one of Excel- ding tears and quivering in a most he accompanied Colonel Rice to the led him back in his stall, but to no ly, Mr. Rice, I am almost persuaded the millionaire merchant of St. Louis. to believe there must be a sort of All were visibly affected. His funeral, which was nearly a mile long, was one The loss of sight in Excelsior, Jr., of the most remarkable tributes ever which occurred in his second year, paid to one of his race, and still survives in the memories of thousandsand made him more attentive to what an enduring monument to his popu-

Endless Telephone Chain. At the recent election in Aurora, Ill., the women were urged to form en the programme-Excelsior will as- an "endless telephone chain," each cend the stairs." Before I could ad- woman pledging herself to call up vance to the horse to give him his five male voters every day and urge cue he arose on his hind legs and pro- them to vote right. If it takes as ceeded with his forefeet to climb an long to get people on the telephone imaginary staircase. Of course this in Aurora as it often does in Massawas after many years of arduous toil chusetts, the women could have voted in teaching him to understand and themselves in half the time. - Spring-

cently patented by a Missouri man. It is called an ice card. Its purpose is to designate to the iceman the quantity of ice required that day, doing away with the custom of having the driver shout his interrogation over the back fence. It is very simple in form, comprising a pivoted card which moves in front of an indicator. Printed on the card are the figures 10, 15, etc., designating the different quantities up to 100 pounds. The householder merely sets the indicator by moving the card around until the pointer registers with the quantity she desires. Besides doing away with the necessity of the householder being on the lookout for the iceman the latter also saves considerable time, as he does not have to wait for an answer.

The Easy Way. Knicker-"Did he give his son a

college education?" Bocker-"Yes, he bought him a be done away with if householders phonograph with a yell in it."-New universally adopt the contrivance re- York Sun.



This world's most powerful searchlight is now part of the equipment of the Connecticut of the United States Navy. The great mirror is for the Government in Germany. The searchlight will throw such a powerful beam of light that it will be able to detect a submarine or torpedo boat at a distance of ten miles.

From extended experiments that have recently been made at Macon, Ga., it has been found that a fine grade of paper can be made from pulp prepared from the okra stem, and a plant for making paper from this source is likely to be erected in that city at an early date. Okra is easily grown in the Southern States, and could be produced in large quantities as a paper making plant. The plant in an herb belonging to the mallow family, genus hibiscus. Its botanical name is hibiscus esculen-

An interesting development of the use of flowers for food is recorded in the daily papers, says the London Globe. The use of the candied petals of the violet as a sweetmeat has long been known, but the practice is now arising of preserving flowers whole. You may now buy a bunch, say of violets, for your buttonhole, and afterward eat them. As a matter of fact, a number of flowers are habitually eaten. Cloves, capers, cauliflowers and artichokes are all flowers. of parts of flowers, before the blossoms have expanded.

As an evidence of the thoroughness which marks the practice of the United Steel Corporation, says the Scientific American, it may be mentioned that they are about to institute a new departure in steel works practice by establishing near Duquesne, Pa., a special bureau for scientific research. Systematic experimental work will be carried on in the laboratory, which is to be built, with a view of improving the processes of steel manufacture as practiced by the many constituent companies of the corporation.

A new method of cooling water to be used in mineral water production is described in the Zeitschrift for Eis and Kalte Industrie. It is by means of a direct expansion surface condenser, invented by Messrs. Schlutter and Gsell, consisting of tinned copper coils joined into an unbroken corrugated surface by means of soldering and copper bands, so that the water to be cooled runs down over the cooling surface in an unbroken sheet. The water is equally distributed above by a special apparatus to run over both the inner and outer surfaces of the condenser, so that the whole of the cooling surface is taken advantage of. The cooler is inclosed in an air-tight cover isolating it from the air and the bacteria it may contain. A glass window is provided in the inclosure to inspect the movement, and to read thermometers, etc. To cool the water, compressed and evaporated gas is employed as usual to course through the coils and remove the heat.

FLOWERS KEPT BY FREEZING. Method of Bringing to the North

From Tropical Regions. Freezing flowers to keep them fresh is a modern idea. They are picked in the bud and preserved by refrigeration while being transported. They can travel safely in this way for several weeks. When unpacked they are found free of damage and when placed in water and left alone they. slowly awaken and come into full

bloom. ing made in South Africa with a view to despatching them in this way in insurance is kept up, that you alone bulk at the seasons when they are have the key to your strong box in scarce elsewhere. The flowers un- the safety vault. Do not leave your dergo no deterioration from their treatment either in the beauty of their color or in their longevity after | no need of them. If he isn't you immersion in water. Curiously don't want him to handle your propenough growth suspended by refrig- erty. The wonder is that with all the eration appears to resume so slowly confidence reposed in financial matthat the blossoms thrive in a room | ters there are so few defalcations. for a considerably longer period than | There is no use in making it easy for if placed there immediately after being cut in the garden.

troduce to our notice many beautiful | be careful to the last degree in seemembers of the horticultural family ing that they are fully protected in with which at present we are unfamiliar, such plants as the gorgeous iris, which grows wild in luxurious profusion in South Africa, or those which abound on the slopes of the Andes in South America.-Chicago Tribune.

Danger in Eye Poultices.

Do not poultice an eye in any circumstances whatever. Binding a wet application over an eye for several hours must damage that eye, the assertions of those professing to have personal experience in this to the contrary notwithstanding. The failure to aggravate an existing trouble by binding a moist application over an inflamed eye, which application is supposed to remain for an entire night, can only be explained by the supposition that a guardian angel has watched over that misguided case and has displaced the poultice

before it had got in its fine work. All oculists condemn the poultice absolutely, in every shape and in every form. Tea leaves, bread and milk, raw oysters, scraped beef, scraped raw turnip or raw potato and the medley of other similar remedies popularly recommended are, one and all, capable of producing irremediable damage to the integrity of the tissues of the visual organ.-Family Doctor.

Lightning Flashes. Accumulating evidence shows that

lightning flashes may have a much more varied structure than was formerly supposed. Photographs of A Larsen, a Danish photographer, indi sate that flashes may be made up o small electric discharges, or rushes of which forty may follow along nearly the same path in half a min

LOCOMOTIVES OF 1908.

Few Actual Novelties, But Some New Developments.

The actual novelties in locomotive design in the last year are comparatively few, though the number of interesting designs is considerable, but, according to Cassier's Magazine, the main features of the world's locomotive practice in 1908 may be briefly reviewed as follows:

1. The extensive introduction of "pacific" locomotives in France and the initial introduction thereof in England and Germany, both of the latter, however, being really toward the close of 1907, though usually associated with 1908.

2. The extensive introduction and development of articulated locomotives in the United States and the construction of such locomotives by British and American firms for use in other countries.

3. The somewhat extensive building of locomotives of moderate dimensions for use on railways already using larger engines, these smaller engines in some cases nearly or exactly corresponding in design with engines built some years ago or being developments of such designs. This has occurred particularly in Great Britain, but is also characteristic to some extent of Continental railways. 4. The extension of the use of

super-heating apparatus. 5. The introduction of several new wheel /arrangements and of at least one engine which is a very radical departure from usual methods of

A Feline Firebug.

The origin of a mysterious fire is explained thus:

design.

An east side shop proprietor had et a lamp on the edge of its base, tipped at an angle so that the very slightest pull would tip it over. The touch of a feather almost would have tipped the lamp from its equilibrium. Then he lighted the lamp and suspended a piece of wire from the top of the chimney. To the other end he firmly affixed a piece of raw meat. For two days he had kept a large cat in the cellar. He had not fed Tommy, and the cat had become ravenously hungry by the time it was ready to put the scheme of arson into

The trap all laid, the shop man opened the cellar door and let up the cat. He (the proprietor) went out of the store the usual way. The cat, hungry enough to eat a two-inch plank, moused around that store and smelled the meat. He sprang up to the elevation where the lamp was and grabbed the meat.

The rest was easy. Over went the lamp and there was the fire, and the boss was a comfortable distance away. Can you beat that for ingenuity?-Manchester (N. H.) Union.

Bold Chinese Brigands.

Whole districts in the province of Kiangsu, China, are reported to be terrorized by brigands. East of Yaowan, on the Grand canal, close on 100 cases of kidnaping have occurred during the last winter. Scholars on the road to school, rich men and even men worth only \$50 or \$100 have been caught and held for ransom. The prices paid have ranged from \$20 to \$1000. Schools are being closed and men are afraid to go from home In Pichow the conditions are said to be worse. Recently a man who was acting as a spy on the robbers was found by the roadside with his heart cut out. The brigands have established a regular tariff of blackmail. While the supineness of the authorities is largely responsible, their difficulties are increased by the fact that the people compound with the robbers and agree not to report and prosecute on the promise of immunity.

Look After Your Property.

It is a safe rule in this world to look carefully after the details of It appears that experiments are be- your own property. Be sure your title deeds are recorded, that your securities with your broker. If he is doing a conservative business he has some one to get your property. In this world it is hard for most persons The process would also serve to in- to acquire anything, and they should it.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Doctrine of Rest.

Dr. Hutchinson preaches the doctrine of rest and believes that "pleasure is nature's stamp of approval." If one feels like running, jumping, shouting or otherwise exercising, that is the thing to do; but if there is no spirit in one, the thing to do is to sit | nal. down in the fresh air and rest until the tired muscles have recovered themselves. Learn to be idle when the body is tired, and while you think you are doing nothing thousands of cells are busily at work repairing the wastes of office or shop. Sit still and "invite your soul" and you will be the better for it, rather than forcing yourself to exercise that you do not nced.

Children Need Acting.

The Rev. Perry Grant, of New York, thinks that acting is a psychological need, and is looking for the rich man who will build a theatre for enildren. The purpose of such a theatre, he says, is educational and is in keeping with the discoveries of Froebel, who knew that play is an instinct implanted by nature for educational purposes.

Fashion in Names.

There is a fashion in Christian names as in most other things. In a whole school full of children nowadays it would be rare to find a Fanny a Rosa, or an Eliza. Yet all these names were in the first rank of fashion a few decades ago, as the signatures of many elderly women attest. -San Francisco Call.

A cubic foot of gold weighs 1210 rounds, silver, 655 pounds.



Twinkle, twinkle, little star; Of course I know just who you are. I saw you with a burlesque show— Twas more than fifty years ago.

Odd.

"She's very homely, but doesn't eem to realize it." "Hasn't she any women friends?" -Puck.

Of Course They Are. "Shad is a fine thing."

der if either is worth the trouble."-Louisville Courier-Journal. He Does.

"So is marriage. Sometimes I won-

"Vacations are good things." "Yes; a man certainly needs a rest after planning and packing for one." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Cooking Up a Reason. Nan-"I like a play with a stirring

Fan-"That's the kind that thickens, isn't it?"—Chicago Tribune

A Sure Way.

"Since I've come back I find I'm forgotten by all my friends." 'Why didn't you borrow money of them before you went away?'

Judge.

He Wonders. "Some poets claim to be inspired."

"Well?" "I wonder if that includes any of those who write dialect verse? Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Modern Sapphira.

Chief Clerk-"Here comes the lady who wrote those articles on 'How I Live Regally on Six Dollars a Week. Satan-"Put her over there with the other liars."—Lippincott's.

A Business Formula.

"I must say he was very businesslike with his proposal.' "As to how, my dear?"

"Told me to consider myself engaged."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Allgall.

"Who's the woman who calls every day to use our telephone?" "The one who complained because

our children take a short cut through her yard on their way to school."-Cleveland Leader. Balky Women.

She (with a pout)-"A man always treats his second wife better."

He (blandly)-"After a man has been once stung with a balky horse he uses more intelligence in picking out another."-Judge.

Booming

Friend-"How's business going

these days?" Promoter-"Flourishing. just added two more stories to the rubber stamp of o r thirty-eightstory building."-Puck.

Cleaning Up the Record.

"How is that?" the stalwart young fellow asked, as he finished wiping up the floor with his hated rival. "Dear," she answered with shining eyes, "it was a sweeping victory."

It's a Toss-Up.

-Baltimore American.

Hicks-"My wife never says 'I told you so' when my plans go wrong." Wicks-"By Jove! she's a treasure,

wish-" Hicks - "She merely remarks, 'Didn't I say so?' "-Boston Tran-

That's the One.

"What's that old proverb?"

"What old proverb?" "The one illustrating lack of foresight."

"You mean about locking up the garage after the auto has been taken out for a joy ride?" - Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Spartan.

"Sir, your son has joined a college fraternity."

"Is this a scheme to break some bad news gently? If so, your trouble is lost. Tell me immediately what has happened and what hospital he is at."-Louisville Courier-Jour-

In Doubt.

Judge-"Do you plead guilty ic running your auto at law breaking

Speeder-"Well, I dunno, Judge. You see, my speedometer showed thirty an hour, but my lawyer has convinced me that I wasn't going over eight."-Chicago News.

Defective Memory.

"Rastus," said the solicitous employer, "didn't I warn you against the dangers of intemperance?'

"Yessir." "Didn't I tell you not to drink any

thing stronger than ginger ale?" 'Da de word dat done bother me, i jes' couldn't remember dat ger-ale part. I done my bes', but all I could recoleck were de first syllable."-

Washington Star. A Burst of Confidence.

An elderly farmer up in Maine lost his wife and his nephew was taking the old man back to his empty farmhouse.

"Well," said the old man, after a long silence, "forty-six years. I suppose she was a good wife to me. She was a good cook and a good housekeeper and she kept me well redd up, but, do you know," he added, "I never liked her."-Success.