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MAN AND HIS FRIENDS.

They don't come sayin' "Old chap, I'm the When things have got to comin' as a fellow only friend you've got!" wants 'em to,

And "Remember that we're brothers," and When his pockets are all bulgin' and his

that kind of tommyrot-No, indeed! And they don't get jealous over you when friends are what you need.

If a fellow's kind of lonesome and would They come runnin' then to tell you that

he's got, really on the spot,

things are lookin' blue; If the shirt that he's wearin' is the only one And he never showed the public that he's Friends are always mighty plentiful when

stick out their hands and say: tain on his feet,

And has to work like sixty for to get both "We're your friends, old man, we love you; we've the same blood, anyway! No, indeed !

clo's are fine and new,
When he steps out proud and lordly and ain't got a thing to fear, There's a sudden change comes over folks that used to wink and sneer.

like a friend or two
like a friend or two
Just to come around and jolly him when
things are lookin blue:
things are lookin blue:
they're all your friends, and say
they're all your friends, and say
they're all your friends, and say
to help you out some way—

friends ain't what you need.

## **~~\*** THE PROFESSOR'S REVENGE.

postponed."

morning of June 5, some two or three years ago. "Hella! what's the meaning of this?" said Pennington. "The old fellow was could all the time feast his eye unob-

here as late at 10 o'clock last night, served on the vision of beauty not two for I was with him at the science pic- | yards away. nic yesterday, and it was after 10 by mighty quick!'

"Perhaps he hadn't time to get his lecture ready," suggested one. "More likely his mother 's dead,"

said another. "Ten to one he's in love, and gone knew exactly what that age was. If feigned interest, bolted straight ahead you saw him walking home from col- as if he were shot from a gun. In less down at 50, but when you saw his face you changed your mind and said he might be 30.

he lived-absolutely apart from college | Another moment showed him Eva Millife, not even mixing with the other her and young Pennington deep in conmembers of the staff. Consequently he | versation and oblivious of all around. knew little of what was passing around | Quietly and unobserved he turned back, him, and was given credit for knowing and on reaching hir rooms that night

lecture; even when one morning he days. Hence that notice on the class found on his arrival at college that room door. his class room had been burned out in historic notice stared the world un-

"I wonder what it can be," said Eva It seems a very lonely life."

blushingly in the face.

ous thing to do.

"I don't know," said her companion can't marry me she shall marry one doubtfully. "However, it's no concern of the best students Oxford and this of mine, so I'm off to the tennis field | place ever turned out."

instead." Had she only known that it was a

thought. The previous day, as young Pennington had said, had been the science picnic. Much to the surprise of everybody, the professor finally accepted his invitation-though he wrote first of all declining. A perusal of the list of invited "arts" was the cause of his low with brains like that could get anychange of mind. The fact was Prof. thing, no matter who prepared him. McVint was in love-it had taken some But"-with a sign-"I'm very glad for time to convince him of the fact, and her sake." he had argued it out pro and con with himself in every imaginable way. But "she always was proud of her brother. from the conclusion he could not es- Good morning, McVint!" and he was

duction invariably came out: "Therefore. I love her." He began to notice it first in this way: Into h!; mind as he was busy in never before was witnessed by gods or the preparation of his lectures, there men. Students on their way to college would creep the surreptitious thought, stopped, amazed. Amiable old gentle-"What will she think of this? How men out for their constitutional forgot will she take that?" Then he found their amiability, and swore horribly as himself thanking Providence that by they were rudely hustled and pushed its kindly ordering the lady students aside; elderly females screamed, "Hi! sat in the front row during lectures, Stop thief!" butchers' boys whistled and, therefore, more within range of and cackled; servant girls craned their his somewhat limited vision. The next heads out of windows; little dogs barkthing that he was conscious of was that ed and yelped for pure delight; and all he was hunting high and low in his the universe stood still, as Prof. Mcroom for a pair of glasses far stronger | Vint. gathering up the skirts of his than those he generally used and not ample gown, flew down the length of at all necessary for mere reading pur- the esplanade in pursuit of the unsusposes. Two or three times he lost his pecting Smithers. place in his notes and stood confused and put to shame before the class, a as he cought that worthy by the arm; thing that had never happened before "did you say he was her brother?" in all his experience. Finally he came to the conclusion that the tie which a moment. "Oh, I had forgotten," he he had been wearing when the senior said, looking around with an annoyed

thing. Thus it came to pass that on noticing the name of Eva Miller among those invited to the picnic the profese.sor suddenly changed his mind. He was a man of few words and prompt deeds. told Miss Miller of the episode of the He would try his luck that very day To describe his feelings during the had laughingly said: "You poor dear, drive to the scene of action would be and so you really thought Guy and I the middle of the chattering crowd, dis- don't known everything. And to think low a ship for two months without

worse for wear and must be replaced.

and then what he had long suspected

broke fully on his mind. Such a whole-

When a fellow's kind of wobbly and uncer- They don't come crowdin' round him, nor

White.

SCOOPING UP FISHES

Lured by a Headlight, They Are

Poured on Board in a Steady Stream.

The houseboat Atlantic, built ex-

pressly for the purpose of catching fish

by drawing them to the net by means

of a light, lies at the foot of Henry

street. The Atlantic hails from Norfolk,

Va., and was brought up here to have

E. Cole, the paientee of a unique meth-

od of applying the long-known fact

that a light attracts fish. Last season

the Atlantic operated in the waters

near Norfolk, and proved a veritable gold mine to her owner. The novelty

of the plan excited the curiosity of the

guests at the hotels at Old Point, and

Capt. Cole took them out for the night

when they would have a chance to see

the Atlantic's strange apparatus at

work. As many as fifteen passengers

could be taken on these trips and they

paid the running expenses of the boat.

of attracting fish by means of a light

is nothing new. Stand under a light

near the water and you can see for

yourself that the fish flock to it. They

may retreat from the light, but as

soon as they reach the dark they will

To draw the unwary fish to his boat

Capt. Cole had a powerful headlight.

of 4000 candle power placed in the

bow near the water. Experience has

proved that a headlight similar to

those used on locomotives is the best

suited for the purpose. The past sum-

mer Capt. Cole tried a searchlight, but

it threw its rays parallel and they lay

The headlight spreads the rays over

a wedge-shaped surface. All the while

the fishing is going on the Atlantic is

driven through the water at the rate of

In front of his craft Capt. Cole has

another boat which floats the far, or

wide end of a funnel-shaped net. The

net he used was 18 feet at the mouth,

tapering back to about 2 feet, and

four feet high. The rear or narrow

end of the net is supported by a stage.

which gives a place for the workmen

to stand, for the apparatus needs sev-

eral men to attend it. Behind the nar-

row end of the scoop net is a recep-

tacle into which the fish fall. From

there the catch can be dipped up with

hand nets and passed to the men on

the rear boat, who sort over the fish

throwing back those under size and

By propelling the boat when the

fishing is going on a constant stream

of fish, drawn to the trap by the light.

is forced out of the end of the net by

their efforts to reach the light and the

hailstones, and it requires eight or ten

To facilitate the handling of the

catch Capt. Cole has invented a sort of

conveyer, similar in principle to the

machines used to elevate coal, ore, dirt

or other material. Capt. Cole's inven-

tion is made of net, and lifts the fish

from the rear end of the scoop to the

boat behind. By placing paddlewheels

power that drives the conveyer is ob-

drive the conveyer .- Baltimore Herald.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Specimens of four, five, six, seven,

eight and nine-leaved clovers have

Water is so scarce in the Japanese

island of Oshima that it is the custom

for a bride to take a large tub of

On the south coast of England there

is a hotel in which a tropical tempera-

ture is constantly maintained by

means of steam pipes. The guests are

mostly pensioned officials and officers

who spent so many years in India that

they cannot endure the climate of

The most crooked railway in the

world is one from Boswell to Friedens,

Pa, the air line distance being five

miles. The road doubles on itself

four times, and at one point after

making a loop of about five miles, the

road comes back to within 300 feet of

A peasant in the Swiss canton of

Zurich, on a recent morning, found in

his stable a stork that had apparently

been left behind by his companions on

their way to Africa. The bird, which

seems to feel quite at home with the

other animals, goes out for a walk

when the sun shines, returning to the

Chinese doctors are very particular

about the distinction between physi-

cians and surgeons. A Chinese gentle-

man was struck by an arrow which

remained fast in his body. A surgeon

was sent for, and broke off the pro-

truding bit of the arrow, leaving the

point embedded. He refused to ex-

tract it, because the case was clearly

one for a physician, the arrow being

A Viennese engineer has construct-

ed a small sailing yacht made entirely

of sheets of an Austrian daily paper.

The yacht is 15 feet long and three

feet wide, is decked all over and is

provided with a centreboard. The

hull, deck, masts, sails and rudder are

all of paper. The inventor has made

many trips on the Woorth See, in Ca-

rinthia, and has proved that his paper

boat can sail rapidly and safely even

when the water is rough and the wind

Braver.

"Do you think that women are as

"Braver," answered Miss Cayenne.

'You will observe that the scientists

who keep talking with terror about the

An albatross has been known to fol-

bacilli in a kiss are all males."-Wash-

stable in the evening.

inside the body.

brave as men?"

itself on a grade 50 feet lower.

been preseted to Queen Alexandra by

on of the vessel. When the inven-

storing the rest away.

men to dispose of them.

"like a log on the water."

four or five miles an hour.

return again.'

"You see," said Capt. Cole, "the idea

Her owner and master is Capt. W.

steam power installed.

take what he can get—
The people don't come flockin' to be friends

The people don't come flockin' to be friends

friends are what you need.

Yes, indeed !

## "Prof. McVint regrets that, owing to | bold as to amaze himself, the profes-

his absence from town, his lecture on sor sat alone and neglected in a corner "The Aspirate in Greek' is unavoidably of the brake. The kindness of heaven, however, aided a little by the cunning This was the notice that greeted the of man had placed the object of his adcrowd of students as they surged in oration almost opposite him. So, while one mass to class room No. 20 on the he gazed blankly into space, and was supposed by any one who gave him a passing thought to be elaborating a new treatise on "The Particles," he

Lunch eaten, the whole party broke the time we got back. He's gone off up and scattered in all directions, as parties will do till the end of time. Now was his opportunity; he would follow the group containing his idol at a little distance, and surely he would get a chance of speaking with her alone before long. Keeping the group off to pop the question," added a third. in sight and himself out of it, he At this there was a general laugh, in | dawdled and hung about, as is the way which you would have joined if you of people who are doing their best not had known the professor. Tall, lean to overtake a friend a little way ahead. and angular, with a decided stoop, and He walked forward, then back a bit. eyes that were screwed up almost to then on again, then back, then stood vanishing point, he was hardly the stock still for a few moments, pretendpersonage with whom to associate any ing to use his watch as a compass, idea of the tender passion. His age, and then, finding that some one had too, was against him, though no one been watching his mancuvers with un-

lege along the esplanade you put him than two minutes he was upon the group, but, alas! his eyes had played aglow with enthusiasm as he lectured him false again, and she was not there. on the beauties of the Greek particles | What did he want with Jemima Bates? Having tried to explain his sudden swoop down on those unprotected fe-Anyhow, he was not popular. His males, and having dismally failed dry Scotch humor was not appreciated | therein, he turned aside, sick at heart, -it very often bit too deeply into the and entered a small plantation of feelings of his victim to be pleasant, young trees. A narrow footpath led and all who came beneath the lash of through this, and as he neared the his tongue bore him no small grudge stile that opened on the fields beyond for what he made them suffer. Then he saw two figures leaning against it.

he told his landlady he had to go away He had never been known to miss a by the early train for two or three

The professor's dream was over; the night he calmly remarked to the there was but one thing left revenge, crowd of students near the door, "I and the professor settled down to plan think, ladies and gentlemen, with your and scheme how best to obtain it. Penpermission, we will deliver our lecture nington was reading with him for a through the water by her engines, the in the corridor." No wonder, therefore, classical scholarship at Oxford, so the that there was no small stir when this professor saw the way quite clear. Instead of one hour extra in the evening, he gave his pupil two, and sometimes even more, out of his own valuable Miller to her friend Jemima Bates, as time. He looked up all his old notes they turned slowly from the class room and helps, and lent them to his enemy; door and walked away down the cor- he corrected all his work with especial ridor. "Poor man, I am afraid there is care and went to the trouble of writsomething wrong; and he has no one ing out model answers for his pupil to to look after him or do things for him. copy. In short, painstaking and thorough as Prof. McVint had always been, "Oh, he is perfectly happy in his he had never taken such pains or used work," replied Jemima; "he doesn't such thorough methods with a pupil want any one to look after him." Jem- before. Nothing was too much trouble ima judged all men (and women) by for him. "At any rate," he used to drinking water with her to her new her own feelings, which is a danger- murmur to himself, as deep in his home as a kind of dowry. heart he nursed his revenge, "if she

And when eighteen months later the news came that Guy Pennington had very great concern of hers she would pulled off the top "schol," at Balliol have given the matter a little more the professor's revenge was complete,

and his satisfaction knew no bounds. "Congratulate you most heartily, Mc-Vint," said Dr. Smithers, the physics demonstrator, "one of your best suc-

cesses; won't Miss Miller be glad!" "Oh, nonsense," returned the professor, "no credit due to me at all. A fel-

"Yes." answered the doctor, breezily, cape; whatever his premises, the de- gone like a shot. The professor stood rooted to the ground. Her brother! Her brother! What could it all mean? And then was seen a sight such as

"Brother, did you say," he burst out, Smithers stared blankly at him for

student was a freshman, and which he air. "What a fuss about nothing! Of had worn ever since, was a little the course I said brother though he is really only her step-brother, Pennington's father died soon after he was born, and his mother subsequently married a sale revolution could mean but one Miller, I thought everybody knew that, But what dimerence does it make?"

That was a question the professor declined to answer. What difference? Why, this difference-that before 10 o'clock that evening the professor had stile (among other things), and she impossible. Strangely out of place in were lovers. You see, even professors trusting his own powers and yet so we have wasted eighteen months!" l ever being seen to alight,

THE AUTOMOBILE IN SURGERY. What the professor said in reply, history does not record.-Black and



-From Harper's Weekly.

New York surgeons, hampered in the use of the X-rays in private houses, where there is no electric power, have recently devised the scheme of obtaining their power from the storage batteries of their automobiles. The wires are carried direct from the automobile in the street to the patient's room.

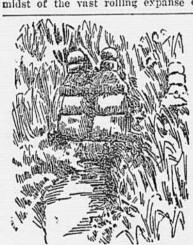
## VENDETTA TOMBS.

Resting Places of Men Killed in Japanese Blood Feuds.

Scattered through the mountain districts of Japan there are many little stone tombs, carved in the conventional Buddhist design of the cube, pyramid and sphere superimposed, and situated in peculiar places-some in the midst of fields, some by the banks of streams, and some in the rocky beds of dried tion is got to work the fish pour in like | feather grass which covers hilltop and valley for many miles, and which is cut only by the narrowest of footpaths, worn by generations of mountaineers.

The Hakone country folk tell the story of how, some ninety years ago, the two young men, who were buried tombs of men killed in blood feuds and buried by their surviving relatives or friends at the places where they in front of his vessel, which is driven died.

The double tomb in the illustration is of two brothers who met death in tained. If it is impracticable to use this a romantic manner on the mountains device, power from the engines can of the Hakone district, near Lake Hakoner, and who were buried in the midst of the vast rolling expanse of

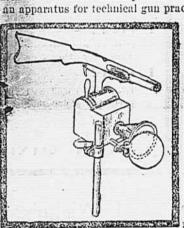


A JAPANESE VENDETTA TOMB.

beneath the feather grass, were sons of a retainer of the local feudal lord. How the feudal lord killed the retainer and appropriated his wife, taking her to Kyoto, very many miles away, where the Emperor held court. At which the two sons swore vengeance and followed to Kyoto, arriving there after much hardship and many adventures. In Kyoto they found the feudal lord of their district and killed him decently and quietly and then fled back to Hakoner. On this mountainside, however, they were overtaken by the Emperor's men and died after a most brilliant battle, which is still sung by narrow footpath that runs by their paper space every year.

tombs, you could, it is said, hear the faint clash of swords and the voices of the two brothers calling to one another to stand firm and strike hard .- New York Sun.

Teaches Shooting. Remarkably curious is a device which will interest military men. It is an apparatus for technical gun prac-



tice, and it consists of a gun-support a pointer, a bull's eye mark, an automatic clamp and tripping arrangement. The support and pointer have universal joint supports, and are so connected with each other that parallelism of the pointer is maintained with the deviating line of the gun sight. The bull's eye mark is located in the line which the pointer occupies when the gun is truly sighted, and there is also an adjustable mirror. which is used for bringing the images of the pointer and the bull's eye within the visual range of the instructor. When the trigger is pulled the automatic clamp serves to lock the parts in the proper positions, and the clamp itself is held in readiness for action by means of setting devices.

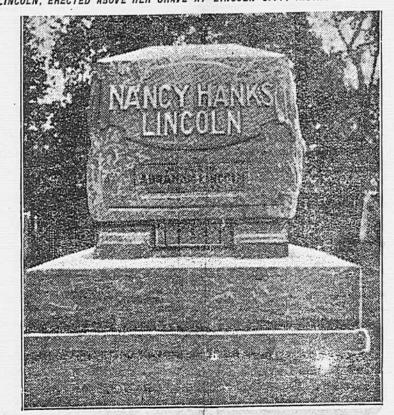
To those ignorant of the art of war it seems rather a complicated mechanism but soldiers will at once see its usefulness.

## Editor to Be Envied.

No wonder the city editor envies his country brothers. Said one of the latter at a press association meeting recently: "I have an income of \$1200 a year. I pay no office or house rent. My provisions cost me little. I travel whenever and wherever I please. The commercial agencies rate me at from \$5000 to \$7000. I have no worries, no debts. At least two days of the week I need do no work unless I wish."

Took More Space. One of the proofs that newspaper adlocal bards to-day. At the place where vertising pays is the fact that the pubthey fell together they were buried by lishing house which first adopted modthe mountaineers, and late a night, if ern display methods to advertise books you should happen to pass over the has increased the amount of its news

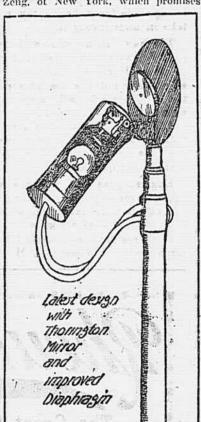
MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF NANCY HANKS LINCOLN, MOTHER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ERECTED ABOVE HER GRAVE AT LINCOLN CITY. INDIANA



EXAMINATION

An Improved Device For the Oculist's Vials, the Uses of Which Are Known

Use. A self-luminous retinoscope has been Zeng, of New York, which promises



SELF-ILLUMINATING RETINOSCOPE.

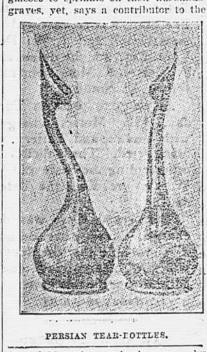
to be very valuable to the ocurist. According to the New York Herald the

PERSIAN

TEAR-BOTTLES

to Few Europeans.

The quaint glasses or bottles depicted recently devised by Dr. Henry L. De in the accompanying photograph are two rare Persian dear glasses of a beautiful blue color, standing thirteen inches high, and having a like circumference at the thickest part. Although it is pretty generally known that widows in Persia collect their tears in glasses to spankle on their husbands'



Strand Magazine, such glasses are by no means common, and very few Europeans, however long they have resided in the country, or however extensively they have traveled therein, have seen them, or, having seen them, have guessed to what purpose they are put. This is chiefly due to the fact that only natives are allowed to be present on the great occasion when "Tazieh," or religious play to com-

improvement consists of combining an widows-or, for the matter of that, men electric lamp of special construction also-shed tears profusely, viz., the

WASHINGTON IN 1785. AGE 53. MODELLED BY HOUDON. From the original marble, in the State Capitol, Richmond, Virginia. Houdon came to the country to model Washington from life for the statue ordered by the State of Virginia. He arrived at Mount Vernon late on a Sunday night, October 2, 1785, and remained Washington's guest a fortnight, studying his host's pose, action and physiognomy. While there he made a mold of Washington's face, head and the upper part of the body, and took accurate measurements of the entire frame. From these he completed the life-size statue within the contract time of three years; but there being no place ready for its reception, it was not delivered until the spring of 1796, when it was placed where it is now. Washington's supreme manhood seems to have paralyzed the power of many of the artists who undertook to delineate him. Even the great Houdon essayed to convey too complete an idea of the man, and thus has overcrowded his statue with symbolism. The cane. the sword, the ploughshare and the fasces take away from the majesty and simple dignity of the figure, until one might irreverently suppose that the "Father of His Country" required a support on either side, or in boyish awkwardness knew not what to do with his hands. The truthfulness and artistic qualities of the head are beyond criticism, and must be the canon of comparison for all other portraits.

little lamp gives, proportionately, more lenses and reflectors the light from this tiny lamp, which is deftly incased

is accumulated and projected as a luminous beam. Everyone has seen an electric searchight-how the rays of light cut the darkness like a sword of fire. The light from this new instrument is really a small and powerful search-

ien visual errors of the eve. With this new self-luminous retinoglasses needed.

Fruit Culture in England.

In the very near future we are hopsome attention.—The Fruit Grower.

Hopeful if Vain.

Baltimore American-

for examining the interior of the eye | memorate the deaths of Hassan and by reflecting a beam of light into its Hussian, the sons of Ali, considered by ing to 15 or 20 feet. Next the top Persians and all Shiah Mohammedans The incandescent lamp used in the to be the rightful successors of Manew instrument has the smallest light homet the Prophet. The drama setting filament ever made. It is only one forth the courage and resignation of one-hundredth part of an inch in the martyrs, the sufferings of their litlength. The average 16-candle-power the children and the heroism of their lamp has a filament of from five to six followers moves the audience to sob inches in length; but this wonderful as if their hearts would break. The women cover their heads with straw than twenty times as powerful a light. to represent the sands of the desert; By an ingenious arrangement of the men make bare and smite their breasts; some strike themselves over the bare shoulders with heavy chains: in and made a part of the instrument, others cut their heads with swords and knives; the track of the cortege on the tenth day, when frenzy runs highest, is marked with blood. An Indiana Golden Goose

There are two birds to which one is tempted to compare a specimen of Inlight adapted so as to reveal the hid- diana poultry which was killed last One is Aesop's goose that laid the golden eggs, the other the Christscope the beam of light, modified to mas goose in the crop of which Sherany brilliancy, may be thrown into lock Holmes found the famous blue the human eye. The light entering the carbuncle. The janitor of a building a kind of bamboo growing to a height pupil of the eye does not cause it to in Indianapolis entered a "goose raffle" appear luminous, but the light that the and won the capital prize, which was retina of the eye reflects 'ack through still alive. He bought ten cents' worth the refracting system of the eye causes of corn, which the goose ate, and then luminosity. The optical expert using he killed the creature. His wife this instrument almost instantly deter- dressed the bird and roasted it in the mines the variation from normal, or familiar manner. So far all was norperfect, sight and can prescribe with mal. The wonders began when she marvelous exactitude the form of mixed the gravy. Glittering particles appeared in the bottom of the pan. She scraped them together and her husband took them to the jeweler, who pronounced them gold. One can imaging to see a great rivalry of hardy fruit line the careful way that goose was culture in England, for this question is eaten. Every slice and sliver was excoming to the notice of the people, and amined before it was swallowed. Here when our small capitalists have been and there the couple found more gold, sufficiently bitten by American and like the pearls of price which every foreign "wild cats," then we may hope one expects some day to discover in that the land of old England may have his oysters. The janitor is now trying to discover the family history of that goose. If he succeeds in tracing it back the quotations for poultry in the amy last."-Chicago Tribune. Most of the men who own flying ma- neighborhood of the bird's ancestral chines are holding them for a rise - home are likely to be high. New York Post.

THE DRONE.

Cashier

Alack for the lay of the indolent man, He's built on an unsatisfactory plan; Weary of rising when morn is aglow, Weary of hearing the ice water go, Into the bath tub with ominous flow, Weary of fried eggs and weary of ham, Weary alike of the oyster and clam, Weary of water and weary of bread, Weary of drinks that ascend to the head Weary of reading the old paragraphs. Weary of news items, weary of laughs, Weary of novels and weary of plays, Weary of nights and weary of days, Weary of smiles and weary of frowns,

'Tis useless to chide when he chooses to Can you blame him for being too weary to -Washington Star.

Weary of mountains and weary of towns;

HUMOROUS.

"People call me flighty," she said. "Do they?" said he. "Then fly with

·Considerate Little Girl-Please, Mr. Keeper, wil it hurt the elephant if I give him a current out of my bun?

"There is something, darling, I want to tell you." "Oh, then, let us go away from the rubber plant. Come, tell me under the rose. "Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "is

so anxious 'bout de future dat dey sits aroun' worrvin' an' lets de present get clean past wif nuffin' done." "Hallwood's wife has such a sour disposition." "Yes and he used to say

she was the apple of his eye." "H'm! He must have meant a crabapple." .General-I see here's an article on "Revolution in the Mince Pie." Colonel -That's the kind of revolution you

like to put down, I suppose, General. "What would you do if you were to wake up tomorrow morning and find yourself famous?" "Lie down again and sleep till I felt like getting up, for

Bacon-What's that ambulance going at such a speed for, do you suppose? Egbert-Why, another ambulance went down a few minutes ago and ran over a man. Doctor-Your temperature is up to

107. Auctioneer (drowsily)-Hundred an' seven! Hundred an' seven! Going, going at hundred an' seven! Who'll make it a hundred an' eight? Gertrude (the big sister)-Maud, I do wish you'd stop your chattering to

that dog. Can't you see I'm talking to Mr. Lovedale. Maud (aggrieved)-Well. I've dot a right to talk to my puppy, too. "Don't you like the book?" "No, the heroine is a most impossible creature." "Is that so?" "Yes, she doesn't ap-

pear to have a single 'gown of some simple material that enhanced rather than hid her graceful figure. "Now, then, children," said the teacher, who had been commenting upon polar expeditions, "who can tell me what flerce animals inhabit the re-

gions of the North Pole?" "Polecats." shouted the boy at the foot of the Tess-You and Miss Sere don't seem to be good friends. What's the matter? Jess-Why, she remarked that she was 24 years old and- Tess -And you doubted it? Jess-Not at

all. I merely said, "Of course, but A little 3-year-old miss while bemother was trying to get her to gi became interested in a Deculiar noise and asked what it was. "A cricket, dear," answered her mother. "Well, remarked the little lady, "he ought to

get himself oiled." Little Mike (at his lessons)-I-m-imp-i-l-e-s, plies, implies. What does dat mean, pop? Big Mike-Don't ye know phwat that manes? Phwat good's yer schoolin' to ye? Shure, that's phwat a mon does to ye winn we gives gives ye a job o' wurk.

"His retirement from the board was due entirely to his poor health." "Sure there wasn't a squabble of some sort?" 'Positive. If there had been a row the papers would have been full of interviews with the other members expressing their 'cordial appreciation of his services and their regret, etc."

The "Sudd" of the White Nile.

A recent number of the Geographical Journal contains a paper on the "sudd" of the White Nile, by Dr. Edward S. Crispin, explaining the method of opening up the true river bed employed by Major Matthews, who commanded the Sudd expedition of 1961-1902. The first difficulty is to find the position of the river bed; this is done by probing, the depth suddenly increasgrowth, consisting mostly of papyrus, is cut down or burnt; and it was noted that when the papyrus was fired the fire frequently spread along what was afterward found to be the true bed of the river. Men are then landed on the clean surface and the sudd cut along the river banks with saws; next transverse cuts are made, dividing the sudd into blocks of size convenient for the steamer to tear out. The bows of the steamer are run into the block, and the loop of a steel hawser, both ends of which are made fast to the steamer, is passed over the bows and trodden into a trench cut on the surface of the block. The steamer then goes full speed astern, men standing on the hawser to keep it in position, and after a number of trials the block is torn away. The block is then towed clear and cast adrift to float down stream, when it is gradually disintegrated.

The chief growths in the sudd are papyrus and tiger or elephant grass, of 20 feet or more. Up these climbs a creeper of the convolvulus species. There is also an abundance of ambatch and a long sword grass that cuts like a knife, known as "oom soof." The steamer could cut its own way through the latter in the presence of a current as it would break up and float down stream. In the absence of current it does not float away, and obstructs the steamer by fouling the paddlewheel. Another source of obstruction is a very light kind of duckweed which covers some of the small open pools.-Nature

Particular.

"Miss Kitty-Darling," he began,

"Sir." interrupted the young woman, "you will oblige me by not pausing so long between my first name and

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