Humorous Department.

Peanuts and Sleep.

Recently a friend who had heard that I sometimes suffer from insomnia Petticoat Influence Leads to Constant told me of a sure cure. "Eat a pint of peanuts and drink two or three glasses of milk before going to bed," said he, "and I'll warrant you'll be asleep with- the ideal diplomatic service-if any in half an hour." I did as he suggest- government ever succeeds in having it ed, and now for the benefit of others who may be afflicted with insomnia I feel it to be my duty to report what perience in naval matters or he might happened, so far as I am able to recall have included the navy in his maxim.

the details. I did go to sleep very soon after my re-

ago," he said, calmly folding the train up and slipping it into his vest pocket. At this juncture the clown bounded into the ring and pulled the centre pole

out of the ground, lifting the tent and all the people in it up, while I stood on the earth below watching myself go out of sight among the clouds above. Then I awoke and found I had been asleep almost ten minutes. - Good Health Clinic.

A Merited Rebuke.

At the age of 86, Mme. Reynolds still found much zest in life, and, felt that a few of the physical disabiland portended nothing. Her nephew of a certain tactlessness of speech, which always roused the ire of his aunt.

A few weeks before the old lady's eighty-seventh birthday Thomas, who had been overweighted with business cares for years, started on a trip round the world which was to consume two

"I've come to say goodby." he an his home. "I'm starting round the two years and perhaps longer I thought have his wife. I might not ever-well, you understand, I wanted to be sure to see you once more."

The old lady leaned forward, fixing him with her beadlike eyes. "Thomas," she said imperatively, "de

you mean to tell me the doctor doesn't think you'll live to get back?"-Youth's Companion.

A Knockout .- A young lawyer was engaged in a case when a witness was put in the box to testify to the reputation of the place in question

This witness in answer to a query as to the reputation of the place replied, "A poor shop." The lawyer inquired. "You say it has

the reputation of being a 'poor shop?' "Whom did you hear say it was a

poor shop?" The witness did not recollect any one he had heard say so.

'What!" said the lawyer. "You have sworn this place has the reputation of being a poor shop and yet cannot tel of any you have ever heard say so?" The witness was staggered for a moment at the words of the lawyer. The lawyer was feeling triumphant when the witness gathered himself together and quietly remarked, addressing the lawyer:

"Well, you have the reputation of being a poor lawyer, but I have never heard any one say so."

Heard In a Restaurant .- "Say, waiter, I'm in a hurry. What can you give afterward a light breeze sprang up and when their husbands will have shore ings of others have stings." We should me for breakfast?"

"Can't give yer nothing," but ye kin git ham an' eggs for a quarter." "Well, give me two poached eggs on

toast. Calling, "Adam and Eve on a raft."

"And, say, waiter, by the way, have the eggs turned."

Calling again, "Wreck 'em!" "Oh, say, waiter, how long will my omelet be?"

"About eight inches, I guess." "Waiter, why don't you put a button

on that apron?" "Asked the old woman to sew a but-

ton on last night. She couldn't find one, so she sewed up the button hole." "See here, waiter, don't take that plate away with apple peelings on.

I believe the peel is just as wholesome as the fruit, and in fact, contains more nutriment. The very idea!" "Well, why don't you live on pine-

apple skins?"-Cincinnati Commercial

Perhaps,-"I don't have no opinion of these newfangled women's notions," said Mr. Hyde when his wife timidly expressed nor desire to join the Woman's Self Improvement society. "But we learn so much there," ven-

tured Mrs. Hyde. "Don't believe it!" snapped Mr. "Women don't know much,

that's a fact, but let 'em stick to their domestic duties and learn them. That's my opinion. Let 'em follow St. Paul's injunction-stay at home and ask their husbands if they want to know anything." "But John"-

"I've settled it, and that's enough, Jane."

"But, John, that's what women have been doing all this time, and pernaps that's the reason they don't know

And then Mr. Hyde threw his boo at the cat and boxed Freddy's ears for grinning .- Pearson's.

Poor Ananias .- "This," said the guide as he led his little hand of tourists about the odoriferous byways of Damascus, "is the home of Ananias."

"That's funny," said the thin Connec tient man from Danbury. "I s'posed old what's-his-name lived in Pittsburg But mebbe this is his summer home." The guide shook his head.

"His summer home is not mentioned in ears polite," he said and passed on Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Still Invisible.- By the way, old man." said the chronic toucher in lubricated tones, "you remember that fivespot I borrowed from you last fall?" "Yes," responded his friend with yawn, "and every time I think of that

five-spot I think of the comet." "That's a queer conbination. What's the similiarity. "Why, I've been looking for it for

months and haven't seen it yet!"-Chi-

Miscellancous Reading.

WOMEN IN NAVY AFFAIRS.

Trouble. John Hay, according to a Washing ton correspondent, had a saying that -will be composed exclusively of unmarried men. Mr. Hay had had no ex-

There probably is no branch of the First, let me say my friend was right. government service where petticoat influence is so strong as in the navy tirement. Then a friend with his head Ask any ex-secretary of the navy under his arm came along and asked about it, and he will tell you how the me if I wanted to buy his feet. I was navy women in a thousand different negotiating with him when the dragon ways, sometimes unconsciously and ocon which I was riding slipped out of casionally deliberately, annoy the navy his skin and left me floating in midair. department. He will tell you how they While I was considering how I should scheme to obtain desirable posts of get down, a bull with two heads peered duty for their husbands or sons and over the edge of the wall and said he how they annoy the department with would haul me up if I would first climb requests for a change of orders when up and riz a windlass for him. So as their husbands are transferred from an I was sliding down the mountain side easy job in Washington to sea duty the brakeman came in, and I asked him on the Asiatic station or some other when the train would reach my station. faraway tropical post. The recent row "We passed your station 400 years at the Boston navy yard which culminated in the court-martial of two officers illustrates the prominent par

Almost everybody knows of the mutual ill-feeling existing between the navy women and the department. Every once in a while something happens to widen his breach. Only a few days ago Ensign Charles M. Austin, son of Representative Richard W. Austin of Tennessee, was deprived of an especially desirable berth by the navy department merely because he got married. He had been detached from the dispatch boat Dolphin at the Washinghaving retained all her faculties, she ton navy yard and ordered to Japan for duty as a student attached at the ities of her age were of small account American embassy at Tokio for the purpose of studying the Japanese lan-Thomas was a man of much worth, but guage. On the way to his new post of duty he stopped at his former home in Tennessee and was married to girl he had known for many years.

women often play in navy circles.

This was too much for the unroman tic departmental authorities, who suddenly decided that a married ensign would not make as good a student of the Japanese language as a bachelor. Accordingly his orders were revoked nounced when he appeared at his aunt's and instead of spending his honeymoon house in a town fifty miles distant from in Tokio he will have less interesting service at the naval training station on world next week, and as I'm to be gone the Pacific coast. He will, however,

the navy the wives and families of commanding officers of cruising vessels enjoyed the privilege of living on board. There was a vessel years ago cruising in the West Indies that was commanded by a mild mannered and quiet officer. His wife, who was on board, was of a different disposition. She was overbearing and had a bad temper. The officers on board regarded her as the real conmander of the ship and obeyed her comands with even for a social campaign required of naval an art and redeem it to some extent by greater alacrity than those issued by attaches at foreign capitals. He re- wit; they are to be found everywhere, the nominal captain. One day she decided that the ship needed painting and the sailors were ordered to begin work with their pots and brushes. She gave one winter abroad the financial phase itself ridiculous by its pretence of acfree rein to her artistic ideas. The of the question began to appeal to her curate information. "There is nothcaptain's giz, which she used in going more strongly as their savings grad- ing," said Bacon, "makes a man susashore, was redecorated under her per- ually dwindled. She realized the tre- pect much, more than to know little; was painted green outside and pink in- Her resourcefulness, however, was picion by procuring to know more, and

pink inside and green outside—just like a less expensive post of duty.

But sometimes in the old days there was an element of tragedy in the incisloop Tennessee years ago. It was a heat was so oppressive they could not sleep they exchanged bunks. Shortly both went to sleep. In the middle of duty in some habitable part of the the night the rapid falling of the ba- globe. rometer gave warning that a storm was approaching. The navigator sent a midshipman below decks to awaken the captain. He spent several minutes rapping on the captain's cabin without avail. The middle knew that the captain must be waked promptly at all hazards and he had been directed to enter the cabin if rapping would not suffice. The young midshipman entered the cabin and stood in the middle of the room a minute or two yelling "captain," but without avail. Finally the middie realized that he had to shake the captain to rouse him. He figured out that the captain always slept in the berth on the port side, while his wife occupied the other. After convincing himself on this point the middie approached the captain's berth and grasping him by the shoulder shook him with more energy than judgment. There was a feminine shriek. The captain jumped out of the opposite berth and made a few emphatic remarks upon the impropriety of invading the cap-

tain's cabin without knocking. The bewildered middle had visions of courtmartial and dismissal from the service in disgrace, but the captain was goodhearted and did not make a complaint. Often the itinerary of a cruise was regulated by the wishes of the captain's wife. This occurred a number of years did not say that she would make the ago on a naval vessel en route from trial. Naples to Hampton Roads. The captain's wife was a poor sailor and had and, determined to get over the agony had had spells of seasickness if it was of unanimous rejection as soon as pos rough going. The vessel made a long sible, she made three copies of he detour to the South Atlantic so as to avoid the storm area. The vessel was magazine editors. This morning she many days overdue at Norfolk and the officers of the department became anxious. Finally, however, she sailed into and three requests for more stories." Hampton Roads and reported her arrival to Washington. When the department asked the cause of the unusual delay, the captain reported that he had by lot and gave the bewildered young

tary of the navy, issued an order forbidding navy women from living primary grade of public school No. 147, aboard or traveling upon cruising vessels. But this order did not entirely solve the problem. Wives of officers went to the cities at which their husands' vessels made their headquarters. In Rio de Janeiro and Yokohama were large colonies of navy women, who resided there while their husbands were be denied more of the wisdom of cruising in the vicinity. These cruises were never of great length, because the

to steer an unusually long and round-

from nort very long. Efforts were made to break ur hese colonies and on July 5, 1883, William E. Chandler, secretary of the navy, issued an order that caused a revolution among the women of the got \$500 for every story she wrote. service. It was general order No. 307. which read as follows:

Naval officers attached to cruising essels, especially commanding officers, I thousand.

are expected to leave their families at their usual or fixed places of abode, and not to attempt to transfer them to more convenient visiting points. Officers disregarding this injunction will

be liable to be relieved from duty. This roused the navy "widows," they are called, to the highest pitch of resentment, and they revolted. The wife of an officer serving in Alaska took up her residence at Sitka, where her husband's vessel often stopped. It was a plain violation of the secretary's regulation, and the department asked the officer for an explanation. His reply was substantially as follows:

"My wife will not go home. I have asked her to do so, and she refused. I ordered her home and she would not go. Please advise what further steps I shall take to comply with the wisnes of the department."

The archives of the department unfortunately do not tell the sequel of this interesting incident.

Similar instances were reported from various parts of the world. Secretary Chandler made an effort to enforce his usual order by suspending from duty three officers on the Asiatic station. Finally, however, William C. Whitney who succeeded Mr. Chandler as secretary of the navy, realized the hopelessness of enforcing the order. The navy women were victorious and the obnoxious order was revoked on June

een much friction of this sort. When cruise many navy "widows" followed in the festivities at the various ports. Suez canal there was more tugging at were well represented on the Pacific cruise around South America. When the battleships stopped on their cruise across the Pacific the navy women Japanese. At Gibraltar, where the fleet

used her influence to have him assign- political ed the duty as naval attache at one of Ophelia: "Be thou as chaste as ice, as the American embassies in Europe, pure as snow, thou shalt not escape Finally the orders were issued and she calumny.' told her husband how hard she had worked to obtain such a desirable as- that this kind of calumnious gossip has signment for him. Unlike most naval gone further than ever before. The officers, he had been able to save a Lady Teazles are not confined to a small competence out of his salary, but group of persons in touch with the he was by no means wealthy enough heart of affairs who exalt scandal into monstrated with her, but she was too in Blackheath or Hampstead as well as enamored with the social side of navy in Mayfair, and the calumny is a dull life to give up her ambition. After pedestrian performance, only making supervision. At her behest it mendous cost of attaining her hobby

There is a large colony of navy bands are serving in different parts of every breath of detraction which would dents. Such a case occurred on the the world. While they do not shirk make them out debauches or fools. A their household duties they seem to safe rule, in default of personal firsthot and sultry summer night while the have plenty of time for recreation, hand information about the intimacies Tennessee was cruising in midocean off Many own automobiles and are expert of a man's life, would be to judge him Hampton Roads. The captain and his chauffeurs. Others go in for tennis and solely by his "public form." "Suspiwife had gone to their cabin, but the golf. There are others who prefer cions that the mind of itself gathers are bridge whist and euchre. With all but buzzes; but suspicions that are sleep. Finally in the hope of coaxing their amusements and forms of recrea- artificially nourished and put into tion, however, they all hope for the day

equal to the occasion, and after con-

MYRA KELLY, THE WRITER.

How Ghetto Child Life Depicter Got Her Start as an Author.

Myra Kelly (Mrs. Allan Macnauch ton), the American educator and author, affectionately known to many thousands of readers as the writer o stories of ghetto children of New Yorl city, who died recently in Torquay, England, was born in Dublin, Ireland, about thirty years ago.

Ten years or so ago a newspape man was dining one evening with D James T. Kelly, who asked for advice concerning his daughter's troubles with nagazine editors. This seemed like the oman had literary ability which the editors persistently refused to recogize. What was to be done?

But the story was not along that fa-

niliar line "My daughter Myra," said Dr. Kelly then his companion asked how he east side school. All of us at home have been entertained by her stories of her pupils, and I urged her to write some of them. She was timid about it because of the tales of often rejected manuscripts by unknown writers and

"Unknown to me she did, though, story and posted one each to thre came to me in dismay with three letters from three editors, three checks Dr. Kelly's companion agreed to act as diplomatic agent, saw the three editors, settled the matter of first choice schoolteacher's promise of other stoabout course to save his wife from ries in turn to the other two editors. That was the unusual manner of en In 1881 William H. Hunt, then secre- trance into the field of story writing of Myra Kelly, then a teacher in the

in New York. The opinions of the magazine ediors were speedily justified. Readers demanded more stories about "Isidore Belchatosky," there were enthusiastic encores for further comment by "Morris Mojelsky," subscribers would not "Becky Zalmonowsky," and "Patrick Brennan," whose father had resisted officers did not care to remain away the tide which had swept most of his race away from Poverty, bollow had friends by the thousands among mag-

azine readers. For her first story Myra Kelly was glad to accept \$50. Within a year she

German school children number nine million seven hundred and fifty

EGGING PUBLIC MEN.

England. We dare say many people share our pinion that there has been recently an

unusual, possibly an unexampled, amount of detraction of our public men. No doubt when political feeling runs high, and all personal criticism of leaders in the struggle is a kind of canvassing for votes, it is natural that there should be more innuendo and more gossip than at other times. It was said party as handsome and witty, and all the members of the other side as ugly and dull. That is a habit of mindperfectly sincere, perhaps, up to a certain point which is capable of particular and dangerous extensions. So far as mere personal animosity between politicians who continually meet one another is concerned, we may say, of course, that England is singularly free from it. A few days ago Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg was complaining in the Prussian Diet that Germans had never learned how to conduct political rivalry without bitterness. And in sive but intensely curious Indians, who France the bitterness, even the viruence, is notorious. Very likely it is discounted by every one who deals in t. but superficially it is unmistakable. Metternich, commenting on the fraernite of the French, sardonically de-In recent years, however, there hasn't clared that if he were a Frenchman and had a brother he should say he was the battleship fleet made its world his cousin. The detraction which has ed to the total impression which was been so noticeable lately is not prac-

it and participated with their husbands tised, then, among those rival politicians who know one another fairly Practically all of them were at Old well, but rather by those who know Point Comfort on December 16, 1907, to little of the subjects of their criticism. watch with unconcealed regret the big Are we not all familiar with the curwar vessels disappearing in the dis- rent gossip? X, who recently went tant haze. A few days later when ru- abroad, is said to have gone for the nors came from the fleet by wireless good of his family, and we are told that it would return to the Atlantic that he will soon be divorced from his ocean by way of the Orient and the wife: Y, who showed a highly commendable independence in voting the heartstrings. The navy women against his party on one occasion is said to have got into the wrong lobby coast when the fleet had completed its by mistake because he had had too much to drink: Z, who gave a large sum to a charity, is declared to have done so in settlement of some claim were there too. At Tokio they donned which had very little to do with charthe native costume and greeted their ity, for Z, it is pointed out, is not the husbands even more cordially than the man to pay large sums except as hush money; and so on. Stories not wholly made its last stop before crossing the unlike these go the rounds, gathering Atlantic a small crowd of navy women much uncarned increment of scandal waved farewell to the departing ves- as they go; their persistence is remarkable: their popularity is as undoubted years ago the wife of a as it is discreditable; their origin deprominent payal officer thought she fles detection. Very few public men would like to spend some time abroad, indeed are free from the attentions of Without her husband's knowledge she slander. Society says to each of its leaders as Hamlet says to

Our own feeling is, as we have said ad therefore men should ready susnot to keep their suspicions in smother. "I thought it would be so pretty," she siderable cabling to friends in Wash- What would men have? Do they think explained to her husband, "to have it ington her husband was transferred to those they employ and deal with are saints?" No: there is no need to think that well known public men are saints; "widows" in Washington, whose hus- nor is there any necessity to listen to men's heads by the tales and whisperthink it perfectly safe to say offhand, and without investigation, that all the

stories now current are untrue. Men whose occupation in life keeps them in the public eye certainly deserve to be protected from such aspersions which often do not even know themselves to be malicious. Surely it is not so much for public men to ask for the same indulgence as is given to any criminal by the law. They have a title to be held innocent till they are proved guilty. If a man whose responsibilities are great is false to his trust and is clearly proved to be false, then by al neans let the discredit into which he falls be proportionate to the magnitude of his defection; but sentence before trial is an infamous precedure. As to what we have called judgment by public form Sydney Smith said a very wise preface to a familiar story—the young and penetrating thing: "You spend a great deal of ink about the character of the present prime minister. Grant you all that you write: I say, I fear he will ruin Ireland and pursue a line of policy destructive to the true interest of his country; and then you tell me could help, "is teaching in a downtown kind to the Master Percevals! These he is faithful to Mrs. Perceval, and are, undoubtedly, the first qualification: to be looked to in a time of the most serious public danger; but somehow another (if public and private virtue must always be incompatible), I should prefer that he destroyed the domestic happiness of Woodlor Cockell, owed for the yeal of the preceding year, whipped his boys, and saved his coun-

It is no duty of the public to play the private detective. Judge a man by his Both nice at this time of the year. 'public form," so long as you have no ossible means of judzing him justly by any other. The principle is as sound as that of bearing with inconveniences till they fester into crimes. "Ah," some one may say, "then your conviction after all is that the only sin is to be found out." "Nothing of the sort," we answer: "but trial by public scandal i outrageous from every point of view. Experience shows the wisdom of to rule not to believe scandalous stories of public men. We venture to say that there are plenty of men over 40 who recall with a sense of humiliation how when they were younger they believed ne cock and bull story about this o that statesman which afterward turned out to be as utterly ridiculous as it was cruel. Yet they heard it on what seemed the best authority. Scandalous stories were told of Mr. Gladstone by the hundred. Those who believed or half believed them at the time must now feel heartily ashamed of themselves Men and women who would avoid ; similar feeling ten or twenty years hence had better take our illustration

But is there nothing to be said in explanation, if not in extenuation, of the prevalent gossip? We think that there is. If the nation should allow : certain standing credit to its public ing duty to the people. They should GLENN & ALLISON

bear themselves with dignity, remembering that even if they are indifferent The Recent Outburst of it in Old to charges of clowning as applied to themselves, they have no right to al- inquiry concerning perpetual motion low such charges to be associated with of his father. any important or ancient office under the crown. A cabinet minister, for example, may cut capers and compete

The old-fashioned notions of the of state may have been cultivated to plied, "but it's something that keeps the point of pomposity But and to plied, "but it's something that keeps the point of pomposity. But some pub- going and going forever. Here is an of a partisan writer on politics that he to the other extreme and to crack jokes train who had put on her gloves. She lic men of today are inclined to jump in their shirtsleeves with grinning audiences-audiences which are amused. no doubt, but are, we believe, profoundly unimpressed. Those who have read She took it off and buttoned the right "Oakfield." a novel by W. D. Arnold, ing in India. It was too much, perhaps to expect the roystering subaltern to the right hand one again. But she wear an air of sedateness, remembering that he was a member of the rul-ing race and that every hour took off— That, Jimmy," he said after ing that he was a member of the rulwas under the scrutiny of impas-

with the whole political field in vio-

lence and extravagance of phrase.

constructed out of their observations some theory of the character of th strange white nation which destiny had sent to govern them. Yet there was the simple fact, as to which Ar- tempt them.-Smart Set. nold made no mistake whatever, that a jolly evening in the mess contribut. gradually being beaten out on the native mind. How much greater is the responsibility of a chancellor of the exchequer, or of a secretary of state, than that of a subaltern! If the public are to be discouraged from believing idle rumors, we say frankly that one of the first precautions to be taken by public men is the avoidance of "all appearance of evil." The public will believe healthy some part of this impure mat less when less occasion is given to them ter is left in the blood. This brings to think their scandals credible. It is on many diseases and symptoms to think their scandals credible. It is to think their scandals credible. It is not enough for a public man to be able to say: "My conscience is clear: my gravel, disorders of the eyesight and actions, if properly and justly judged, debility, drowsiness, dropsy, deposits in the urine, etc. But if you keep the be able to say: "I have maintained the filters right you will have no trouble dignity of my position, and have not with your kidneys. given even an excuse for gossip."-London Standard.

Pleased His Majesty.-The dark nonarch from sunny Africa was being shown over an engineering establishment in an English city by the mana ger, who in explaining the work of certain machinery unfortunately got his cured the attack. coattails caught in it and in a moment was being whirled round at so many revolutions per minute. Luckily for the manager, his garments were unequal to the strain of more than a few revolutions, and he was hurled, disheveled and dazed, at the feet of the visitor. That exalted personage roared with

laughter and said something to his interpreter. "Sah," said that functionary to the manager "his majesty say he am herry pleased with de trick an' will yo please do it again?"-Sketchy Bits.

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His father thought a moment. "Why illustration. I once saw a woman in a hand glove. Then she saw that in orleft hand glove, buttoned it and put on couldn't button her right hand glove every moment his conduct a pause for breath, "is what perpetual motion would be like if you could get

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