CAUSE FOR REFORM.

Experience of a Clubman Who Lied to His Wife. "I'll never try to fool my wife by telling her that I have been sitting

up with a sick friend when I want to stay out late at night again," said a gentleman from the metropolis at one of the up town hotels to a

reporter recently.

I got cured of that most effectually," he continued, "and it all came out in such a natural manner page she changed it, and by taking that I look back at it and think it is a sort of dispensation of Providence to keep me home at night. I ought to have been ashamed of myself for doing such a thing, as we had not been married very long. As a matter of fact, however, I had been something of a rounder before my marriage. I was introduced one night into a social club on the west side. No matter what the name of. it was-you can call it the Bachelors' club, for nobody but that unfortunate class should have belonged to it. I am something of a sleight of hand performer and made myself so agreeable that night that I was given a ticket of membership for 30

"Rather late we got into a game of poker, which I found so fascinating I staid in it until the early morning hours. I framed a number of excuses when I got home to give my wife for being out so late. Some of them were very plausible. When I saw her, however, I got slightly rattled and sprung the same old chestnut on her of 'sitting up with a sick friend.' I had heard, by the way, that this friend, whom I mentiened and whom my wife knew, whose name was or was not Mr. Sportiboy, was really sick.

"The next night, in spite of the opposition of my conscience, I drifted around to the club again and almost unconsciously sat down to a little round table with four others and again succumbed to the appropriately named 'draw' poker. The thing continued for several-nights, I telling my wife when I went home that poor Mr. Sportiboy was very sick indeed. She seemed to believe me, although I felt like a sheep killing dog.
"After about a week of this had

passed at the breakfast table one morning my wife, who was reading a paper, gave a sudden exclamation, dropped the paper, pushed the chair back from the table and looked at me with an expression of horror on her countenance.

"'Wha-hat's the matter, darling? I asked in consternation. 'Are you ill?' Her face was pale, and I noticed that she seemed to be much gitated. She rose and started ou the door. Not knowing what was the matter. I rose and followed her. She turned on me tragically, saying: 'Don't come near me; don't touch me! To think that you have been visiting that sick man who had the scarlet fever and then could have the audacity to come home and associate with me! I am surprised that you thought more of him than you do of your wife or yourself by exposing both of us to such a horribly malignant disease!' And she swept out of the room.

"Here I was in a pickle. I hardly knew what to make of it. I finally got hold of the paper she was reading, having some suspicion of what was the matter, and looked in the death notices. Among them I read with raising hair that Mr. Willie B. Sportiboy had died the day before of scarlet fever. To say that I felt shocked was putting it mildly. I was shocked at his death, and also at the manner in which I had been exposed, literally speaking, as far as my truthfulness was concerned, and theoretically to the scarlet fever.

"When I went to find my wife, I discovered a hastily written note, in which she said she had gone

"I knew it was no use to follow her, remembering her terrible fear of all such diseases as scarlet fever, and I knew if I wrote her she would not open the letter, owing to the ing an admission from him of his same fear of contagion. I thought | greatness. When pointedly asked if awhile and finally did the only thing I knew would bring her back. I visited a lady who knew us both well, made a clean breast of the matter and sent her to my wife's home as an intermediary.

"I fixed the matter up all right finally. She had been teasing me to bring her a certain piece of jewelry, to which she had taken a fancy. It took all of my poker winnings and more to pay for it, but I was der the nom de plume of George

to my wife. I tell you, honesty is not only the best policy, but the best policeman where your better half is concerned. If I have occasion to stay out late now, I come up | thor, and the secret was out. "-Englike a man and tell why it happened."-Washington Star.

"Shall I write out Jimson's bill?"

asked the clerk. "No; I think you'd better get it printed. Get about 100 copies or so. It'll need that number before he to tell a lie in the first place as'll do first point and moved no stay of pays it, and time and money will be for the whole dozen!"-Harper's proceedings in regard to the latter. doesn't frighten me a bit."-Lonsaved in the end."-Pick Me Up.

- The violence of the wind on the Grampian Hills is so violent that on ly to your help, if you would have several occasions it has brought to a | them do the same to you. standstill trains traveling from Perth

- John Thomas, of Racine, Wis., who is locally reputed to be 103 years | ing upon a piece of brown paper. of age, supports himself in his declin-

himself makes. schools, with 25,000 scholars. GEORGE ELIOT.

There has been only one great woman novelist in English literature-George Eliot. That was not her real name. Her real name was Mary Ann Evans, but as she knew that no publisher would risk publishing a book, were it by an angel direct from heaven, with such a name as Mary Ann on the title a man's name and writing with a woman's knowledge of women she caused great controversy as to her identity. The Blackwoods, as Mr. Molloy narrates in a recent issue of The Queen, were Miss Evans' first publishers. They were very kind, he says, or seems to think. They patted her on the back. They perceived that she had talent and told her that she was "worthy of the honors of print and pay." George Eliot, it should be added, did her publishers a little honor, too, and made them a little money-a few

score thousand pounds. The work she commenced with was "Scenes From Clerical Life," written when she was living with Mr. Lewes. Mr. Molloy tells how

the book was made: "Returning from Germany, Mr and Mrs. Lewes settled in London, with the intention of continuing their work as journalists and magazine writers, but one happy day Lewes said to her, 'My dear, I think you could write a capital story The suggestion took root in her mind, but for a time she said nothing of its development. When, some weeks later, Lewes was about to dress for a dinner party, she remarked: 'I won't go out this evening, and when you come in don't disturb me. I shall be very busy That night the greater part of her first story in the 'Scenes From Clerical Life, called 'The Sad Fortunes of the Rev. Amos Barton, 'was writ-

'On the tale being shown to Lewes his pride and delight were great, and he immediately sent it to Mr. John Blackwood, to whose mag. azine he is a contributor, stating the tale was the work of a friend who desired to be known as George Eliot and that it was one of a series. This was in the autumn of 1856. Mr Blackwood approved of the story; but, being eager to assure himself that those which were to follow had equal merit, he asked to see them before committing himself to a de-

Mr. Molloy recounts an interesting imposture connected with the

publication of "Adam Bede:" "In the spring of 1858 the opening chapters of George Eliot's first novel, 'Adam Bede,' were in the hands of the publisher, who, communicating with Lewes, says: 'I write this note to allay all anxiety on the part of George Eliot as to my appreciation of the merits of this most promising opening of a picture of life. In spite of all injunctions I began "Adam Bede" in the railway and felt very savage when the waning light stopped me as we neared the Scottish border.' On the publication of this great work curiosity was more rife than ever regarding the author. Lord Lytton had already been suspected of masquerading under the name of George Eliot, as had also, strange to say, Professor Owen, from some fancied similarity between his handwriting and that of the manuscript of George Eliot, but when excitement was at its highest news came from Coventry that the author of 'Adam Bede' was a resident in that town named Joseph Liggens. This individual had been educated at Cambridge, had run through a fortune, was familiar with the scenes described in George Eliot's books and was supposed to be a man of talent. No doubt was left in the minds of the inhabitants of Coventry regarding the author of

'Adam Bede. "Mr. Liggens was visited by two dissenting clergymen bent on gainhe did not write 'Adam Bede,' he replied, 'If I didn't, the devil did.' He immediately became an object of interest, and invitations to dinner poured in on him. He was poor, and suggestions were made regarding a testimonial to relieve genius in distress. A clergyman wrote to The Times giving the name of Liggens to the world as the writer who had most modestly screened himself un-Eliot. The latter then wrote to deny "That was the last time I ever lied | the claims made on behalf of Mr Liggens, who, it may be stated, subsequently died in the workhouse. One day Mr Blackwood was invited by Lewes to dinner to meet the auash and American Gazette.

A Big One.

"Thomas, Thomas, when you tell a lie, do you ever stop to think of the dozen other lies you may have to tell to get out of it?"

- Always speak kindly and polite-

upon his dignity, is like the fellow come the family medicine of this

ing years by selling canes which he Democrat and so is Gen Lee. What Solo by Hill Orr Drug Co. - There are in Japan 750 Sunday- a national ticket in 1900? They are with some women than a pound of Diver Walker descended 186 feet and just, and how beisterous he becomes

THE STEAMBOAT.

Some Interesting Facts About Mary Ann An Old Engineer Speaks His Mind Freely on an Interesting Subject. "Grandpa," said the old engi

neer's pet and pride as he looked up from his history book, "in what year did Mr. Fulton invent the steamboat?"

"He didn't," responded grandpa, with a snap of his jaws.

"This book says he did," protested the voungster.

"We can't help that, my lad, but come over here and let me tell you some real history." The boy obeying by gladly firing his book into a corner and climbing into the old gentleman's lap. The grandfather proceeded: "Away back yonder only about 50 years after Columbus discovered America—that is to say, in 1543, when Charles V was king of Spain—a Spanish captain named Elasco de Guerere, put a 200 ton steamboat on the water at Barcelona that made a record for itself in no time. There was an exhibition run before the king and all his court and there wasn't a hitch in the whole trial trip. The secret of the propelling power was unknown, but there was a big tank of boiling water and steam on board and there were two wheels visible on the outside of the hull. As I said, she was a success and the king was greatly pleased and wanted his treasurer to buy the whole thing from Captain Guerere and build some government steam vessels, but the treasurer was away behind the times and poked around until Guerere took the engine out of the hull and let the boat rot in the water. As for himself he died from disappointment, taking his secret to the grave with him. Spain had discovered America and the effort had been too much for her in the progressive line, so she simply laid down on the poor captain, my child, and killed him. "For 100 years after that the

steamboat business was as dull as it is on a western river during a drouht, and then, in 1637, one Solomon de Coste came into France from Normandy with an engine that would propel a vessel on the water or a carriage on land, and he showed it to the king, and later to Cardinal Richelieu, who held a mortgage on France, body and soul. This engine of De Coste's was pretty much all that was claimed for it, and was as its successors, yet the best Richelieu could do for De Coste was to boat interests languished for another hundred years, when up on the Potomac at Shepherdstown, Va., James Ramsey had a steamboat that that highly respected citizen George Washington thought was a good along. Mr. Fitch ran in one about the same time and poor Ramsey had such a hard row to hoe with his invention that at last he gave it up in despair. Two hundred years wasted, my lad, and still no steamboat doing a regular passenger and freight business! The next trial was made by William Symington on the Forth and Clyde canal in Scotland, with the tug Charlotte Dundas, and nobody said then that steam navigation was a new thing. The Dundas towed for awhile and was laid by because her wheels washed the banks of the canal.

"This was in 1802, and there was another lapse until 1807, when the Fulton you mention shoved a little steamboat called the Clermont out on the Hudson river and made a trip to Albany in her. He had failed on the Seine and would have done it in America, but he had the money behind him this time and he got there exactly as Captain Guerere would have done 300 years ahead of him if he had only had the backing. That's history, my child," concluded the old gentleman, "and whenever anybody talks to you about Robert Fulton inventing the steam boat, you tell him what your grandfather tells you. Do you hear?"-Detroit Free Press.

The Old Story.

"How are you?" cried the chrysanthemum to the palm at the other end of the ballroom, after the dance. "Pretty low spirited. I heard to-

night at least 75 different declarations of everlasting love." "Seventy-five? Why, how many

men were here tonight?' "About 25," answered the palm sadly. And the experienced chrysanthemum understood and whispered something to her leaves.-Fliegende

A Chance Lost. Coke-So you think that Benson

is no lawyer? Littleton-I know he isn't. Coke-But why:

Littleton-Dibbard came in and said it was raining and asked for an umbrella. Well, sir, Benson did not "Course I does, sir, and I takes care ask for Dibbard's authorities on the -Boston Transcript.

Once Tried, Always Used.

alf we sell one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, we seldom fail to sell the same person more, when it - An ignorant man who "stands is again needed." Indeed, it has bewho tried to elevate himself by standing upon a piece of brown paper.

Admiral Dewey is a staunch Democrat and so is Gen Lee. What is the matter with Dewey and Lee for a pational ticket in 1900? They are with some women than a pound of the some with the man who sink into insignificance with the man who sink into insignifica

FIRE DRILLS AT SEA.

Trained to Fight a Blaze. The people who make frequent trips across the ocean on board the great liners, while they may become well informed as to the peculiarities of the various vessels, their construction, their points of excel-

lence and their shortcomings, rarely know much about the fire drill, which is one of the most important

great floating hotels. always received instructions as to nized the musician, and requested their duties in case of fire or accident of any kind, but the system of He greeted Verdi warmly, congratinstruction and the drills have never ulated him on his fine health, and been so perfect as they are now, because the number of passengers intrusted to the care of the navigators happy as he did that day in reprehas never been so large. On the large steamers several men are constantly on duty as watchmen, and their tours of inspection embrace every nook and corner of the craft.

every man, including the officers, has a certain station at which he certain duty to perform.

The first officer of the Kaiser Wilfire drills on board that huge vessel, said that the whole crew is called out every day to practice, and that of the 460 men not one except take place. Sometimes it is early in the morning, and again it will alarm may be sounded at the time other duties. The vessel is divided and these are closed by 43 water tight doors, and as soon as an alarm them. Each compartment has a justifiable ruse. large steam pipe from which live steam may be turned on in case of fire as soon as the doors have been

closed and the men have gone aloft. An indicator on the bridge shows the commanding officer which doors acid, the sweet, the astringent, the have been closed, and in case any of them have been improperly fastened the oversight can be made good in a few minutes. The signals without question quite as successful for this service are given from the bridge by telegraph and telephone. The water tight compartments are shut him up in a madhouse for his not only to prevent the spread of persistence, where in good time, I fire, but to guard against disaster if suppose, the poor fellow died. France a collision should take place. As a wasn't any better than Spain in the matter of fact, the modern navigator navigation business, and the steam has little fear of fire, but his dread Of the sweet fruits the doctor what is known as a fire drill might

as well be called a fog drill. But the drills aboard ship do not end with these daily contests against imaginary disasters. When the vesthing and advised him to push it sels come to port, the lifeboat drills are added to the sailors' duties. The Kaiser Wilhelm has 18 lifeboats, and every day, while the ship lies in port, at a time unknown before the alarm is given, the order comes proves and an increased capacity to to "clear boats," and within two endure fatigue is noticed. The minutes the 18 boats swing clear on grape cure is especially suited to the davits, ready to lower away. Every man knows to which boat he belongs and his place in the boat. When the inspecting officer makes the rounds, he sees in each boat sailors, stokers, stewards and an officer or a petty officer, a mast set

and sails made ready for use. The ranking officer becomes the commander of his little crew, and the others look to him for orders. This drill never takes place during a voyage for fear of alarming the passengers, and even when it takes place in port all commands are given by signal without noise or unnecessary excitement.-New York Trib-

A Raw Egg.

when not taken as a medicine.

a burn or scald is most soothing and sential features. cooling. It can be applied quickly and will prevent inflammation, besides relieving the stinging pain.

of bowel troubles is a partly beaten raw egg taken at one swallow. It is healing to the inflamed stomach paper," replied the editor. "If the and intestines and will relieve the article is small in bulk, like a hairfeeling of distress. Four eggs taken | brush or a tea caddy, spread the pain this manner in 24 hours will form per out upon the floor, and, placing the best kind of nourishment as well as medicine for the patient.

Independent Criticism.

the new bonnet of one of her mother's visitors until the caller smilingly asked, "Do you like it, my not try it at all."—Harper's Bazar.

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The child innocently replied: said it was a perfect fright, but it

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was under water 40 minutes.

A struggle between a lady and How the Crews of Ocean Liners Are gentleman for the possession of a hat was witnessed in Genoa not long since. It was no ordinary hat, for it had graced the head of Giuseppe Verdi. That was why reither of the combatants was willing to give up the treasure to the other. A Roman correspondent of The Musical Record explains how the hat came to be in a railway station in Genoa.

Verdi had stepped from an incomdaily functions on board of the ing train at a time when Marquis di Rudini, the Italian premier, was The crews of ocean vessels have in the station. The marquis recogthe station master to introduce him. wished him many more years of life. He said he had never felt as senting all Italy.

After taking leave of the premier Verdi went to the station buffet. and on returning to his train forgot his hat. This was an opportunity On each boat there are stations not to be lost by two admirers of from which one may communicate the musician. They had been watchwith the bridge, but aside from that ing him long and now they simultaneously sprang for the hat. Both reached it at once, one seizing one must appear in case an alarm is side of the brim and the other the sounded, and when there he has a opposite. A lively combat ensued, and the two swayed backward and forward in their desire to retain the helm der Grosse, in speaking of the treasure. The lady came off victorious. "Ah!" she exclaimed triumphantly. "Now I've got it, and I intend to keep it!"

Her surprise was only equaled by the captain or his representative her dismay when a gentleman who knows at what hour the drill may had been watching the conflict for some time stepped forward with the remark, "But this is my hat!" take place late at night, and an A loud laugh rang out from the onlookers, a laugh in which even the when the crew is most busy with combatants were fain to join. The hat changed hands and the lady into 17 water tight compartments, changed color when, a moment or two later, she saw the trap into which she had fallen. It was the is given the men know to which of hat of the great composer, and the these doors they must go and close stranger had secured it by an un-

The Grape Cure.

A celebrated physician divides fruit into five classes, each possessing a special curative value-the oily and the mealy.

Cherries, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, peaches, apples, lemons and oranges belong to the acid fruits and have great merit. Cherries, however, are prohibited to those who have neuralgia of the stomach; strawberries and raspberries are recommended to those of bilious temperaments and denied to those in whom diabetes is suspected.

lar rheumatism. The grape is given the very first place. He is an enthusiastic advocate of what is known in Europe as the grape cure, which provides that for several days the patient eats nothing but grapes, consuming from one to two pounds daily, with a gradual increase to ten pounds. After a few days of this diet the appetite impersons who are anæmic, rheumatic, dyspeptic or consumptive.

Satellites of Uranus.

Astronomical investigation of the satellites of Uranus was for a long time directed to the peculiar fact such satellites move backward, a peculiarity apparently overthrowing Laplace's celebrated cosmogonic theory. In explanation, however, of this retrograde motion, scientific men assume that certain disturbing causes, to which Uranus must have been exposed for a longer time than the comparatively easy, owing to the use of the 'Favorite Prescription.'" any planet within his orbit, probably carried the inclination of the planes of the satellites' orbits to the equatorial plane of Uranus beyond a right angle, so that the retrograde tritious of foods and may be taken one in a plane inclined at an angle very easily if the yolk is not of 101 degrees 2 minutes to the eclipbroken. A little nutmeg grated upon tic. Nevertheless astronomical opinthe egg, a few drops of lemon juice ion is not shaken that the establishadded, some chopped parsely sprin- ed fact of all the planets, all the kled over it, or some salt and a dash numerous asteroids, and, with this of cayenne pepper vary the flavor exception of Uranus, all the sateland tend to make it more palatable lites, revolving in the same direction, is a well nigh overwhelming The white of a raw egg turned over proof of Laplace's theory in its es-

Aa Easy Answer.

"How can I get an article in your One of the best remedies in case paper?" asked a correspondent of a western journal. "It all depends on the article you want to get into our the article in the center, wrap it up by carefully folding the edges over it, and tie with a string. This will keep the article from slipping out A little girl sat gazing fixedly at of the paper. If, on the other hand,

The seraglio at Constantinople is "Yes-Ido. Mamma and Aunt Milly a group of palaces belonging to the sultan. It is a triangle three miles round and contains more than 100 buildings, some of great splendor.

Russia to cover the coffin of a child or young person, crimson for a woman, and brown for a widow. In no case is

The Cuban question and political issues

when he knows he is in the wrong. | April 20, 1898 43

The Confederacy Recognized.

WASHINGTON, May 31.-An opinion was rendered in the United States Supreme Court in the case of Mary Anne G. Baldy vs. John H. Hunter, administrator, affirming the validity of an investment in Confederate bonds during the civil war. In rendering the opinion Justice Harlan said:

"The transactions between persons

actually residing within the territory dominated by the Government of the Confederate States not invalid for the reason only that they occurred under the sanction of the laws of that Government, or any local government recognizing its authority. The preservation of order, the maintenance of police regulations, the prosecution of crime, the protection of property, the enforcement of contracts, the celebration of marriages, the settlements of estates, the transfer and descent of property and similar or kindred subjects were, during the war, under the control of the local government constituting the so-called Confederate States. What occurred or was done in respect of such matters under the authority of the laws of the local de facto governments should not be disregarded or held invalid merely because the governments were organized in hostility to the Union, established by the national Constitution, because the existence of the war did not relieve those within the insurrectionary lines from the necessity of civil obedience nor destroy the bonds of society.'

The case came to this Court on a writ of error from the Court of Georgia, and the opinion of that Court was

- A resident of Tuscaloosa county. Ala., is the father of 11 children, six being school teachers, and the other five of the eleven attending school.

- We always admire the answer of the man who, when asked how old he was, answered, "Just 40 years; but if you count by the fun I've seen, I am at least 80.

- "Miss, what have you done to be ashamed of, that you blush so?" 'Sir, what have the roses and the strawberries and the peaches done that they blush so?'



would be better if these discussions of the ailments peculiar to women took place twenty years earlier in life. If a little of the prudery of mod-ern society were banished, so that young women talked these subjects over among themselves, there would be less suffering among women in middle life. Good health is the best endowment that

a human being can have. Good general health among women is largely dependent upon good local health in a womanly way. Through ignorance and neglect it has become such an ordinary, common-place thing for women to suffer from weakness and disease of the delicate and important feminine organism, that many women have come to look upon these troubles as an unavoidable inheritance. This is a mistake. All troubles of this nature may be cured in the privacy of the home, without undergoing the obnoxious "examinations" and "local treatment" insisted upon by the average physician. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives health, elastic strength and vitality to the sensitive organs concerned. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration and frees from pain. It tones the nerves and builds up the nerve centers. It makes a woman healthy and strong, and thus prepares her for healthy wifehood, capable motherhood and a safe transition at the change of life.

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