Where Starlings Bring Ruin. In "Quiet Days In Spain," the author, C. B. Luffman, describes the ravages of the starlings in a hacienda devoted to raising muscatel raisins near

"Dogs and goats are very fond of grapes and are only kept off them by rural guards, but the greatest enemy of all is the starling. This bird flies over from Africa in such millions as literally to darken the earth. Whenever they camp for the night they leave a desert. Every particle of fruit. leaf, tender shoot and piece of soft bark vanishes. As the saying is, 'Many crops spell various fortunes; one crop of starlings spells ruin.' The blowing of a southern wind and the sound of wings in the air produces panic, men's faces blanch with terror. In despair, bells are rung, guns fired, torches lighted, and donkeys, mules and horses are galloped up and down and round about to scare 'los bichos' -the beasts-as they are termed."

Thumb Prints. In the Argentine Republic the identification cards of policemen, coachmen, cab drivers, commissionaires and servants have since 1896 borne their finger prints. Upon all passports and bank receipts for deposits the imprint of the thumb must be made at the time of dehivery. In Roumania since 1903 the thumb print has been substituted for the cross made instead of signature by persons who cannot write. In the Philippine Islands those who cannot write are not obliged to be identified by witnesses at savings banks, but have to make their mark with their thumb. The same system has been used in the banks of Bengal for fifty years. In-France to put an end to the fraud of enlistment, desertion and re-enlistment for the bounty paid in the Foreign Legion, every man's finger prints are taken and kept on file.

The First Railway Gauge. An interesting story was told by one of George Stephenson's biographers relating how the great engineer came to adopt the four foot eight and a half inch gauge for his railways. Some time previous to the building of his Newcastle and Carlisle railway Stephenson had an opportunity of inspecting some portion of an old Roman wall, through which the chariots used to be driven. Deep ruts made by the chariot wheels were still visible, and on measuring these he found their distance apart to be as near as possible four feet eight and a half inches. Stephenson thereupon came to the conclusion that if a world power like the Romans had made such use of the measure for its chariots he could not be wrong in adopting those measurements as a rule for his railway.

Fogs Bewilder Birds.

It is a curious thing that, though human beings are utterly bewildered in a dense fog, most animals find their way through it without much difficulty. A horse will trot along in its right direction as though the air were will take the right turning at the right pleasant journey," and, doffing his soft moment if it is at all accustomed to hat, he harried off the train. The pasthe road. A human being would take sengers looked disappointed. any turning but the right one. Birds, on the other hand, are utterly bewildered by fogs. Pigeons, for instance, will remain motionless all day long. half asleep, huddled up in their pigeou houses. Chickens and poultry of all every one: kinds won't stir all the time a heavy fog is about. Birds of all kinds, as a matter of fact, seem helpless during foggy weather.-Pearson's.

Snow Garlands. Curious ropes of snow that form on window ledges, tree branches, etc., at a temperature near freezing point have been brought to notice by Dr. Karl Kassner as "snow garlands." One of these ropes photographed on the building of the Meteorological institute in Berlin was four inches in sag about one and one-half inches. by the heat of the building, when the middle slipped down and, being thus removed from the source of heat, froze again.

He Told Her.

ing "Master Tom," the hopeful of the ceased. I wish to say it can't be beat. family, said to her, "Miss Parker, are Dickson Drug Store. you Leghorn or Cochin-China?" "Why do you ask such an extraordinary question?" she asked. "Because," answered the boy, "I heard

dad say to mummy after you left the room last night that you were no longer a chicken."

Disconcerting.

A prominent English clergyman once congratulated an old lady on her bravery in fighting her way to church against a terrible tempest, but received the disconcerting reply, "My husband gets so crossgrained after meals that I have to get out of his way, so I might as well go to church."

Used to It. "Why, man, you have no sense of When I first heard that joke I laughed till my sides ached." "So did I."-Christian Advocate.

Deeds and Motives. Let the motive be in the deed and not in the event. Be not one whose motion for action is the hope of reward -Kreeshna.

We like to give in the sunlight and to receive in the dark .- Senn.

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Wasting Time. "What!" exclaimed the young man whom we shall call Bill. "You got engaged last night? Why, Archie, my dear old friend, tell me how you ever

came to do it!" "Well, Billie," blushed the fellow we have already named as Archie, "I really hardly know myself. But it was just as easy as falling off a log. I was on the edge of a proposal-she gave me a gentle push-and there I

"Gee! I never had any such experience. Every time I try to start my cough which hung on for two years knees knock together, my teeth chatter, and my tongue gets stuck in my throat. I've tried a dozen times to propose to Marguerite Dempster, you know, and I get stuck every time."

"And she lets you get stuck?" "Then you're curting the wrong The EEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. girl."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered iver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood parifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the perves, build up the system and restore to health and good spin- out of without asking your permisits after an attack of Grip. If suffering, sion? try them. Only 50 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by all drug- fast?

Saved by a Cigar. M. Guizot, the well known French

historian, while out walking in one of the public gardens of Paris noticed that he was being followed by a disreputable looking and badly dressed individual M. Guizot was prizzled by the man's behavior, but instead of showing alarm he calmly sat down when he arrived at his favorite seat. see; the puzzle is made out!" all the The ruffian, without hesitation, came and sat down beside him and gave the black box with the gilded nails!-Bulhistorian so fierce a look as to have dis- wer-Lytton. concerted a less timid man. But with a delightful nonchaiance M. Guizot took out his eigar case, abstracted a cigar and slowly lit it. The effect of this action upon his companion was remarkable. With a start and a scowl attaining some high and worthy object. the man suddenly rose and, muttering He-Well, don't I want you? She-Oh, to himself, "The man I want to kill George, darling, I am yours!-Boston never smokes," walked rapidly away. A week or so later the historian read in the newspapers that this same individual had been arrested for a violent attack upon a well known public official who bore a strong likeness to M. Guizot himself. The famous writer went home and smoked a big cigar in honor of his narrow escape.

Anecdote of Gounod. Gounod was at one moment within an ace of taking holy orders, but on reflection he thought that the life of a priest would not suit him. He none the less remained a firm and devout Catholic and adored religious music. On this point a typical anecdote is told of him. It occurred during the rehearsal of his "Drames Sacres" at the Vaudeville theater. The manager called on him one morning and asked permission to make a suggestion. think, mon cher maitre," he said, "that there is something wanting in your sacre. For example, do you not think that the Barabbas incident might be improved by a little more orchestral effect?" Gounod, without replying, hid his head in his hands and after two or three minutes of meditation suddenly exclaimed: "No; decidedly no. Such a blackguard as that does not deserve more music."-London Graphic.

Reassuring "Miss Blake." As they boarded the train they had every look of being a bridal couple. The young man carefully escorted the young woman to a seat, while the interested passengers smiled indulgently. Then, extending his hand to the supposed bride, he said in a very loud voice, "Well, Miss Blake, the train is about to pull out; I wish you a very

But the young woman seemed nervous. By and by she called the porter and in a whisper gave him some mysterious errand. He came back in a moment and said in a voice audible to

"Yo're all right, ma'am. He's in de smokin' compartment.' Everybody smiled, and the bride

blushed prettily.-Youth's Companion.

Sothern and Laura Keene. The elder Sothern had a great reputation as a practical joker, and to quote his son's own words: "His nerve staggered people at times. I remember that in Baltimore he was once joined by that clever actress Laura Keene. Laura Keene was very hot tempered. On one occasion something went

wrong, and she called my father to her two ends, the distance between the dressing room and began to give him points of support being three and a terrific tongue lashing, in the midst three-quarters feet and the vertical of which he suddenly turned out the gas. 'How dare you!' shrieked the fascinating Laura. 'I can't bear to see the wall, it is supposed, was warmed a pretty woman in a temper,' said my father as he calmly lit the gas again."

R. G. Collins, Postmaster at Barnegat, N. J., advises his friends. "I find your Foley's Honey and Tar Compound the best remedy for a cough I ever tried. I had a lagrippe cough that left me com-A middle aged governess on arriving pletely exhausted, but after taking half at a new situation was formally intro- a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Comduced to the family, and the next morn- pound, the coughing spells entirely

> The Gaelic Alphabet. Men familiar with the Gaelic tongue

tell us that the alphabet of that ancient language is the most curious of all alphabets in that nearly every letter is represented by a tree. The alphabet of today comprises eighteen letters. Ancient Gaelic had seventeen. Now, as of old, all the letters with the exception of g, t and u, which stand for ivy, furze and heather, are called after trees. The Gaelic a b c now runs: Ailm,

beite, coll, dur, eagh, fearn, gath, huath, iogh, luis, muin, nuin, oiv, peith, ruis, suil, teine, ur, which is equivalent to saying: Elm, birch, hazel, oak, aspen, alder, ivy, whitethorn, lew, rowan or quicken, vine, ash, spindletree, pine, elder, willow, furze, heath. In the ancient Gaelic alphabet the letter h (the huath, or whitethorn) does not exist. The alphabet is called the beth-luis-nuin because b l n and not a b c are its first three letters .- New York Press.

Information Wanted. . A wandering peddler stopped at a southern cabin and opened his pack. "Mammy, let me show you some self

raising umbrellas," he began. "No use, man, no use," interrupted the old colored woman as she busied herself about a boiler of clothes. "Cayn't use nothin' lak dat."

"How about self raising window shades?" "No good heah, kase dey ain't any windows wuff talkin' about."

"Self raising buckwheat?" "No good to me-we eat cohn pone. But, mister"-"Well, mammy?"

"If you'll tell me how to tuhn dese heah fohteen bad chillun into self raisin' pickaninnies, Ah'll be yo' frien' foh life, dat Ah will, sah."-Everybody's.

Dan. J. Joyce, Sanville, Va., is so glad he escaped consumption and regained his health, that he writes about it for the benefit of others. "I had a when I began using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I kept on until the cough finally left me and I gained in weight from 113 to 185 pounds. In two years I have grown strong and healthy. all from the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, which cured me." Dick-

son Drug Store.

Your Child.

Does your child break into the conversation when you have visitors? Does he leave his clothes lying all over the house? Does he eat surreptitiously between

Does he lay his hands on almost

anything he wants to make something

Does he come down late to break-

And, if not, why not. You are his

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pieces are swept back into the box-

High and Worthy.

ambition, one whose heart is set on

The Refrain.

She (at the piano)-How do you en-

He-Very much. The more you re-

Spiteful.

-And you will be the senior norther

frain the better I like it .- Judge.

Transcript.

for this refrain?

Does he say "Huh." "Gee?"

States of America.-Life.

During the rebellion of 1745 a highlander came into possession of a watch. The thing was strange to him and its use unknown to him, and its beauty and its constant ticking gave him pleasure. That night the watch ran down, and the ticking ceased. The highlander now was disgusted with his toy and sought for some one to buy it. A purchaser was soon found at a low price. When the watch and the money had changed hands, the highlander, chuckling over his bargain, said, "Why, she died last night."

The Dead Watch.

-London Express. parent, and he is living in the United Changing Doctors. "What you need, madam, is oxygen. Come every afternoon for your in-Life is a quaint puzzle. Bits the most halations. They will cost you \$4 each." incongruous join into each other, and "I knew that other doctor didn't the scheme thus gradually becomes understand my case," declared the symmetrical and clear, when, lo, as the fashionable patient. "He told me all I infant clasps his hands and cries, "See, needed was plain fresh air."-Washington Herald.

> Her Presence of Mind. "Harry started to propose to me last night, but his voice actually stuck in his throat.'

She-I'm afraid I cannot marry you. want a man who possesses a noble "It was all right, though. I could see his lips moving and knew what he was trying to say."-Chicago News.

> Contradictory Evidence. "That firm is going under." "Yes, when I heard the facts of the business I was sure it was going up. -Baltimore American.

A Usurper. . Man (at the phone to man at the other end of the wire)-How dare you talk to me like that? You're not my wife! Miss Joyce-Yes, Jack and I are to become partners for life. Miss Means -Satire

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There are whole districts in Wales. of the difficulty of starting them. This dred and creditors of tion to tarry, for nothing looks more be granted. dead than the black, sodden mass from which smoke is curling. But in the of March, A. D. 1911. morning the bellows quickly bring a [SEAL.] JAMES M. WINDHAM. blaze, and the kettle boils in ten mintes' time.-London Answers.

Estimating the Damage. The wagon and the eggs had been settled for, and now it came to deciding on the value of the farmer's horse, which lay unquestionably dead in the

"Now," said Winkles, leaning back in the tonneau, "how much do you want for the horse?" "Twenty dollars, I guess," said the

"Twenty dollars!" echoed Winkles. "For that old skate? Why, he's nothing but a hat rack-a perfect plug." "Waal," drawled the farmer, "reckonin' on that there basis, the last time I got a skate on it cost me \$9. Ye can't git a hat rack fittin' to be seen fer less 'n \$12, and, as fer the plug, I paid S4 fer the last beaver hat I bought to wear to meetin'. That's \$25 on your own figgerin' without no pay fer buryin' the critter."-Harper's.

ditch

In his book on Newfoundland P. T. McGrath has this to say of the Beothic Indians: "They felled trees to form fences to stop the caribou in their annual migration and head them toward the rivers, where they could more easily kill them. Travelers who subsequently came upon these fences say they often extended thirty or forty miles and were most ingenious in their construction, the trees being cut so that they fell on one another and their branches being then interlaced in such a fashion as made it impossible for the deer to escape."

A Tip to Mamma. "Mamma," said small Sadie to her mother, who had been very ill, "I'm glad you are able to be up again, but-

"Papa does put such a lot of butter on our dry toast at breakfast."-Chicago News.

Tit For Tat. "You know," said a smart young man to a girl, "some one has said that if you want a lasting pair of boots make

the soles of the tongue of a woman." "Yes," replied the girl, "and for the uppers you ought to take the cheek of the man who said it"-London Tit-Bits.

All He Would Get. "Pebbles says he is thinking of running for congress. Do you think that would be advisable?" "Well, the exercise might do him good."-Birmingham Age-Herald.

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