a Distressful Condition-A Sad Disappointment-Her Goats-A Great Improvement-A Desirable Dwelling, Etc.

Mrs. Hendricks (the landlady)-"You re not looking at all well this morning, Mr. Dumley. Have you eaten anything, do you think, that distresses you?" Mr. Dumley (the boarder) - "No. ma'am; I think it is something that I have not eaten that distresses me."-Barper's Buzar.

A Sad Disappointment.

"Oh, George," said the happy girl night when I told him that I had consented to be your wife." "No," responded George, endeavoring to conceal his anxiety, as visions of a

check loomed up before him; "what was it he gave you, dear!" And the girl bowed her head on his coat collar and murmured : "His blessing."-Epoch.

Her Goats.

Sarcasticus and his wife were going to the opera. "Will you please go in and get my goats off the dressing table?" said Mrs. S. "Your goats?" queried the puzzled

Sarcasticus; "what fangle have you women got now?" "I'll show you," snapped the wife as she sailed away and soon returned putting on her gloves.

'Are those what you mean?" Why, I call those kids." "I used to," replied Mrs. Sarcasticus, but they are getting so old I am ashamed to any longer." He took the hint. -St. Paul Hera'd.

A Great Improvement.

A Detroit drummer has often stopped with an old farmer near a country store, getting supper, lodging and breakfast, for seventy five cents. On his last trip he was surprised when he asked the amount of his bill to be told that it was \$2. He remonstrated with the farmer, and wanted to know why his bill was larger than common. "Wall," said the landlord, "I hev been

makin' some improvements." "But I had the same bed, and the meals were 40 better," replied the com-

"Jest step out here an' I will show you," replied mine host, and he led the patron out on the porch, and pointed to a sign reading "Hotel." - Detroit Free

#### A Desirable Dwelling.

Real Estate Agent- 'T'll be honest can composer. with you sir, so that if you rent this The first American work on harmony lodging; that is, provided you can write feetly contented with their lot, and are

Prospective Renter-"Well, what's made in America in 1846. the matter?" "There is a general belief among the neighbors that this house is haunted."

The deuce you say! What sort of a "A woman with long black hair, who goes from room to room at midnight, passing through doors and walls, and finally vanishing."

"Just name your figure for the house and I'll move in to-day.' "You're not afraid?"

"Afraid! Why, I'm running a dime

# A Sensitive Man.

"Ah, good morning," said a well known Kentucky gentleman, addressing a man whom he met in the street.

"How are you, Colonel:" that you do not like me." Why is it:"

evidences or why I do not like you?" an outrageous liar."

proved that you are a thief." "Well," said the Colonel, "I merely wanted to know, and it strikes me that your reasons are very good. I am a sen-I am glad that you have explained your. ness; that means that there is up there self so clearly."—Arkansva Travel r. some wolf's head that he has to take.

A Losing Speculation in Bears. one night.

'Fact is, gen'l'men, that dog's a woif." "Why don't you kill it and get the bounty? "Sh! I'm onto this bounty all right.

stuck again. I got two more wolves out | Sunday morning when the weather

In the harm and I'm goin' to raisin' 'em. pleasant and spends some time arranging I low in a year or so to have a pretty r'spectable flock to turn in to the Terri. | casket. She chooses the early morning torial Treasurer." "It ought to pay."

in Northern Wisconsin once." "How was that;"

was payin' \$10 apiece for b'ar scalps, an' Although the majority of the visitors are mighty tickled to get 'em at that. I got strangers in the city there are still a a pair of black b'ar an' took good care of large number of New Yorkers who do herd of seventeen as pretty b'ar as you ing place a visit once in a while."

ever seen. 'Lowe'l to kill about ten of The guards on duty do not have a 'em in the spring an' send the scalps to pleasant time of it, as it is about as cold the State Treasurer, tellin' him how I a place as there is around Harlem. The went out in the woods an' fit 'em with an wind has a clean sweep for about a mile work-I got most chawed up, but it didn't across the Hudson. The cold weather work-I got floored."

How did that happen?" "Legislature went an' repealed the la year ago. New York Star. big hungry b'ar on my hands au' the bottom gone out o' the b'ar market more'n a A tall, heavy-set gentleman, with an mile straight down! Seventeen b'ar, an' air of comfort about him that only no demand for b'ar! Seventeen b'ar, an' contented mind can give, walked up to b'ar a drug in the market! Pack yard the Clark Hotel register last night, and so inll of chained-up b'ar that you after depositing his grip on the floor couldn't walk, an' the price of b'ar goin' grasped a pen and drew the back of it down so you could hear it hum! It across the register page, making a mark

down ten miles, where Abe Dunn lived the ink and then drawn it over the page. who was in the Legislature an' voted The clerk was mad in a minute. agin b'ar--an' left 'em near his hog pen, "What do you mean, sir," he demandan' then I pulled up an come out here ed. "oy marking up our register like that? It's an outrage, sir, and I wan't eillas with \$1.25 marked opposite them. There were three Prischlar running toward him and waving their hands and shouting greeting of

of Wisconsin, and who is now cooling off in Chicago from the effects of some warm experiences which he had in that benighted section, entertained a party of friends - among them a Chicago Mail re-

porter-recently in the following vein:
"I had been told when I first took charge of the train that I would have a tough lot to deal with. The first car I entered on the occasion I am telling about was full of the hardest-looking customers I ever saw. There wasn't a sober man in the lot. I approached each man and said 'Tickets' in a firm but polite way. They all gave me a big laugh, and when I had gone through the car I hadn't a ticket or a cent to show for my work. I felt as though I was in great luck to be alive. I entered the next car and encountered an individual who was infinitely barder looking than the chaps I had left. I said 'Ticket' to him and he shrugged his great shoulders. ". How much did you get out o' that

other car?' he asked. "I told him not a ticket, not a cent. " What are you going to do about it? "I told him I didn't know.

"Kin you afford it? he growled. "I told him I couldn't. "Then you'll get bounced—lose your job, won't you? he asked.

"I said I guessed that was the size of "Well, you won't,' he said, 'Gimme your cap. I'll get your tickets.' "I handed him my cap and insignia, and he went forward. The first man he came to he hit under the ear and bawled out; 'Gimme your ticket or your fare, or

I'll bury you in the floor.' "The man recovered and handed the thumper a bill.

"'You don't get no change on this 'ere trip,' said the acting conductor and hit another man under the ear. 'Ticket | was the card of the verse maker. The or fare,' says the acting conductor, and that man unloaded.

"In less time than it takes me to tell it every man in the car was on his feet with money in his hand waiting to pay, and every one of them did pay. "The acting conductor brought the

roll to me and said: 'You want to hit these chaps under the ear when you want "But I never had the courage to do it, and I soon afterward resigned. I never

knew who my benefactor was. I asked his name, and he answered: "You got your money, didn't you?" "I said, 'Yes." "'Well,' he added, 'don't ask any

foolish questions.' "I saw him frequently after that, but mercial man. "What improvements his fare, and I never hit him under the ear for it, either."

#### The First in a Musical Way. Music type was invented in 1502. The first opera house was built in 1637,

William Billings was the first Ameri

The first successful reed organ was

symphony concerts in 1864. "Psyche," by Lock, was the first

The first American organ was built by Edward Bromfield, Jr., at Boston, in

1745. The first concert given in London curred in 1672.

18, 1796. The words were written by

# Afghan Trait .

"Badal," or revenge, is the soul of Afghan life. All the history of Afghanis-"Look here," the first speaker, after a tan, both public and private, is one conshort pause, continued, "every day I tinued tale of vendetta. Suffice it to discover additional evidences of the fact say, that vendetta is with the Afghans what it is with the Corsicans, the Al-"Do you mean why you discover the banians, all primitive mountaineers: it is hereditary and not to be prescribed. "Why you do not like me, of course." Even on British territory the law is pow-"Well, in the first place, you are such erless against ladal; it is one of the crimes for which no witness will be found to speak before the Judge in kachehri. "And, in the second place, it has been There is hardly an Afghan in the mountain who has not a foe who aims at his head and at whose head he aims. It happens not seldom that an Afghan sepoy tise in all the country papers in the East, itive man, and it nettles me to thinks over the border enlist in the native conthat anyone dislikes me without a cause, lingent-asks for leave for private busi-There is a story of an Afghan sepoy, who, having not joined his paltan in due time, "That's a peculiar looking dog of complained bitterly of the iniquity of his yours," one of us suggested to a Wyom. officer, who had dismissed him from sering settler, near whose house we camped vice: "I had a duty of badal to per-"Y-e-s, 'tis some peculiar," he replied. form; I had a fee to kill. The scamp absconded for weeks; what could I do?" - Contemporary Reciev.

# Visiting Grant's Tomb.

Mrs. Grant is a constant visitor at the Haint heard any talk 'bout the bounty tomb of her late husband in Riverside being repealed by the next Legislature, I Park, and always brings a handsome bouquet of flowers to put on the casket. The guard on duty at the tomb said: "Mrs. "Glad o' that; I don't want to get Grant comes here about 11 o'clock every the potted flowers which surround the to visit the tomb to avoid the crowd which arrives about 3 o'clock,

"Twill if I don't get stuck like I did "It is surprising though," added the guard, "How few people, even old residents of New York, who meet Mrs. Grant, (B'ar-started a b'ar farm. The State recognize her as the wife of the General. em, and in a few years I had a likely not forget to pay the General's last rest-

does not seem to keep the visitors away, for there are just a: many as there were

# A Peculiar Signature.

made me sick! I drove my whole flock as though he had dipped his finger in

# RHYMES TOORDER.

A VISIT TO A PRACTICAL POET IN NEW YORK.

Making a Living by Writing Poetical Acrostics on Young Ladies' Christian Names-The Poet's Perils-Some Specimens.

The house is one of the oldest and most substantial in the Seventh Ward. It originally sheltered a family of sedate Knickerbockers, whose names may be seen on tablets in Trinity churchyard. It is now given up to tenants of several nationalities, whose chief occupation is stone steps, much worn by the contact of many feet, between two old fashioned iron railings, and stopped a moment before the open door. He heard, like a dim echo from a roaring sea, the buzz and whirr of many machines. A little humpbacked man emerged from a door on the right of the hall, letting out an

showed the little man this clipping from à newspaper: DOEMS written on all subjects at reasonable rates. Rhymed acrostics a specialty,

York. The little man handed the clipping back, pointed upward with a long fore-

finger and said : "You will find him on the top floor." At the end of three flights of stairs, pasted on the door of what was originally the hall bedroom, where a luxurious Knickerbocker may have slept off he hadn't more than said that than he the diurnal fatigue of doing nothing, reporter knocked, and a brisk, commercial voice behind the door remarked;

"Come in!" The room was large and devoid of furniture, except a second-hand green lounge, two cane bottomed chairs, and a desk litered with manuscript. The man ties. who sat before the desk was dressed in The accusing spirit, which fiew up to a well fitting suit of brown. He did not heaven's chancery with the oath, blushed

"Well, sir, what can I do for you?" As the reporter's object was to ascerjob. What can you do for me? I thought perhaps you might take in a

The poet smiled and said cheerfully: I am willing to take in almost anybody follows to the Cleveland Leider: except a partner. It would not pay me. I can get a lithe acrostics I want at from is beyond parallel, and although they are rate I pay, a quarter, I'll give you public, yet they steadily increase, and enough to do every week to pay your what is more perplexing they seem per-

Theodore Thomas began giving his the poet took a ponderous book, re- daily food, but also use them as instrudrawer of the desk, and told the reporter they have lost none of their reputed English opera, and was produced in to look over all the acrostics in it, and courage and audacity the following incibe sure not to write any similar to them. dent will show: The reporter found verses molded to One evening while passing a pole upon with audience admitted by payment, oc- the poet probably, did not know it. roosting under cover of the f.wls-I "The Archers," or the "Mountain- the poet, who had been busy trying to for a verification. Presently the birds museum at Kansas City, and a card like eers of Switzerland," was probably the build a verse to fit the name Lucy, looked began to return and alight within a few that would paralyze the town. I'll lasso first opera composed in America, and up and laughel. In answer to the re-feet of the roost; then one with more was produced in New York city, April | porter's interrogatory look the poet said : courage than any of the others, flew over William Dunlop and the music by Ben-spring the minstrel chestnut on you large rooster, and a moment later disap-I will merely ask you to read the and a heu at his side, acrostics under Lizzie. They're the only Soon the other sparr two I have for the name."

The reporter read thus: Lady, half thy beauty lies In thy dark, expressive eye. Zest for love and life they show, Zeal for all things good below. I see, in short, within thy eyes,

Everything that's woman-wise. Like the busy bee, be ever busy In the pleasant paths of labor, Lizzie, Zealously domestic therms pursue, Zoned with joy then home will be to you. Innocent and cheerful industry E'er the source of happiness will be.

There's a little story connected with the first verse," said the poet. "I adver-West, North and South, as you may have conjectured, and I get requests from all these sections for acrostics, Nearly all the requests come from young fellows dead gone on young women. They want the acrostics for a love letter or an album, and they get them when they sent me a dollar or so. Lizzie, being a hard name to fit a rhyme to, comes high. Six young fellows all wanted Lizzie last month. I had already sold her to a dozen persons in different parts of the country. I risked sending her off again, and have been sorry for it ever since. Lizie, No. 1, with the dark, expressive eyes, went to a spooney young man in Virginia, and he put her in his sweetheart's album. Unfortunately, one of his sweetheart's feminine cousins, on a visit from Fandusky, Ohio, h d the same Lizzie in her album. The two girls put their heads together and concluded that their beaus had deceived them. I got a letter from the young man saving that he would expose me and have me prosecuted for carrying on a swindling business. He hasn't done either yet, but he has caused me to be mighty careful how I send my two Lizzies around the coun-

try. If you can get up a companion for them, young man, I'll give you a dollar." The young man said he would try, and asked the poet if he had ever had any other trouble on account of the rhyme-robbed young ladies in the big book. The poet said that Lucy had a so caused a lover's quarrel and a denunciation, per letter, of the poet. Lucys were Lizzies. Among the Lucys that the reporter made a mental note of were these; Like what are you, my darling, bright-eyed Upon this ball that spins around the sun comparisons I cannot find to suit ye,

You match'ess, splendid, scrumptions lit-Live unselfishly and kindly, Usclessly, ignobly, never; Coming seasons then will find thee

Young and beautiful as ever. Loving is a duty, Urbane little beauty.

You will never rue it.

filled fifteen pages and were quoted at stantly after being struck he saw a wolf scalps. I tell you what, if this sind it."

The gentleman turned, calmly surpus the clerk a full minute, and then again!"—Chicago Tribune.

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A Very Tough Conductor.

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A rairoad conductor who used to run up in the Marinette and Hurly regions

The an outrage, sir, and I wan't stand I w

with the promise to try to earn a dollar or so, fashioning a verse to fit Lizzie. The poet was then wrestling so hard with the name of Lucy that the reporter suspected that he was not really a poet, after all.—New York Sun.

### WORDS OF WISDOM.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam. We always like those who admire us; we do not always like those whom we admire. Babylon in all its desolation is a sight

not so awful as that of the human mind it rains. Improve the wit you have bought at a dear rate, and the wisdom you have cutting, stitching, and sewing. The re-porter walked up a short flight of wide The mind is like a tr The mind is like a trunk; if well packed, it will hold almost everythingif ill packed, next to nothing.

Money and time both have their value He who makes a bad use of one will never make a good use of the other. "Dust to dust" rounds out the sum of life for the soul that grovels earthward; additional flood of noise and disclosing a the soul having affections, aims, endeavbevy of bright eyed girls. The reporter ors that transcend this world, does not

expect to die. In order to have any success in life, or any worthy success, you must resolve to carry into yo r work a fulness of know-Addres - No. - , No. - st., New

edge-not merely a sufficiency, but more than a sufficiency. Between heaven and earth hangs a great mirror, crystal-clear, upon which the unseen world casts its mighty images; but only the pure, child-like eye

can behold them. Every day is a little life; and our whole life is but a day repeated. Those, therefore, who dare lose a day are dangerously prodigal; those that dare misspend it, desperate.

No way has been found for making heroism easy, even for the scholar. Labor, iron labor, is for him. The world was created as an audience for him; the atoms of which it is made are opportuni-

look like a poet. He had a next air, his as he gave it in; and the recording anhair was short, and he wore a collar, gel, as he wrote it down, droppe in tear He looked up and asked, in the tone of a upon the word and blotted it out for-

The narrower your daily round, the wider may be the out reach. Isolated tain the true inwardness of the poet's upon a barren mountain peak, you may business he dissembled. "I am some- take in river and lake, forest, field and thing of an acrostic maker," the reporter valley. A hundred gardens lift their "and I came here in search of a bloom and fullness to your single eye.

### Chickens and English Sparrows.

A resident of Madison, Ohio, writes as The temerity of the English sparrows 15 to 25 cents apic e. But if you would universally condemned by the press and like to write some for me at the highest destroyed at every opportunity by the

cheerful and even hilarious The reporter sa'd he would submit Not only do they deprive the barnsome of his jingles to the poet. Then yard fowls of a large portion of their sembling a ledger, from the middle ments of shelter and protection, and that

almost every Christian name. Some of which a number of fowls rocated, I was the acrostics were written by verse surprised to see several sparrows fly writers more distinguished than the away from the r. os . Not fully satisfied poet's twenty-five cent contributors. But with my conclusion - that the birds were When the reporter came to the letter L. stepped behind a board fence to watch "You have got as far as L. I will not and alighted squarely on the back of a by saying you can now warm yourself, peared between the feathers of the rooster

Soon the other sparrows began to settle between the fowls, and in a short time a'l had found a warm shelter from the storm, and protection from noxious animals leneath the soft feathers of the good-astured fow's. Indeed, I do not believe that the fowls dislike the sparrows; on the contrary, I believe that the great, generous cocks take delight and pride in offering protection to these, their miniature counterparts. I am confident that I observed one portly old rooster slightly elevate his wing to give a sparrow a comfortable roosting place, and then chuck'e encouragingly to the wee bird as it nestled closely to his downy bosom.

How Snowsheds are Built, Snowsheds to cover the railway track have been built at points on the Central Pacific road, where it crosses the Sierra. As the trains bound east leave Emigrant Gap they run through one continuous shed for thirty-five miles. The purpose of the sheds is to prevent the track being buried under falling and drifting snow. They secure this end, but are themselves the occasion of great inconvenience, such as the noise, the loss of view, and the confining of the smoke to the train. There is nothing peculiar in the construction of these sheds, which have to support only the burden of the snow. But on the line of the Canadian Pacific, where the road crosses the Rocky Mountains, sheds of a different construction are needed. Before the road was completed, observations in the mountains showed that avalanches must be provided against. A single avalanche covered the track for a distance of 1,300 feet and to the depth of fifty feet. The result of these observations was that the company built four and one-half miles of snowsheds at an enormous expense. The sheds are constructed as follows: On the high side of the mountain slope a crib filled with stones is constructed. Along the entire length of the shed, and on the opposite side of the track a timber trestle is erected; strong timber beams are laid from the top of the crib- Heals the Sores, work to the top of the trestle, four feet quoted at \$1 each, one half the price of apart, and at an angle representing the slope of the mountain as nearly as possi-These are covered over with fourinch planking, and the beams are braced on either side from the trestle and from the crib. The covering is placed at such a height as to give twenty-one feet headway from the under side of the beam to the centre of the track. The longest of these sheds is 3,700 feet.

Thinks He Saw Heaven. The Rev. C. E. Cline writes to the Central Christian Advocate that three years ago the parsonage of Emmetsburg, lows, was struck by lightning and he was hit in the breast by a large piece of The reporter skipped the Marys. They plastering knocked from the ceiling. InLeipsie and Its Charms.

Leipsic-or rather what we saw of it during an early morning drive through some of its principal avenues-is an attractive city. It is roomy; much of its architecture is imposing; its wide streets present a cheerful appearance; its hotels and shops bear a well-kept appearance; there is altogether an agreeable presentation here, with evidences of thrift and progress withal in this famous old publishing town, fa-mous, too, for its schools of music and its university. That it is a desirable place of residence is apparent from the nact that so many American and English people establish their homes at Leipsic for temporary and prolonged sejourn-large numbers who come here not for musical or literary instruction mainly, but for rest and health and to share in the refined enjoyments offered. One may live here comfortably at half the cost of respectable subsistence in New York .- Cor. Troy Times.

#### Too Mistrustful.

"What luck did you have at the farm house?" asked one tramp of another.

"None at all. The woman was too blamed mistrustful." "How was that?" "When I as'ed her for something to

eat she asked me if I could saw wood. I told her I could." "Yes; what then?" # "Why, I'll be dog goned if she didn't want me to prove it." -- Mer. hant

Traveler. It is stated that the largest tree in California is to be found in Tulare County. It is 450 feet high, and the trunk is 138 feet in circumference. To comprehend the size of this tree, one has only to reflect that a building forty-five feet square could be set on the butt for a foundation, if the tree were cut down, and not project over the sides. "The Father of the Forest" seems to be a fitting name for such a monster.

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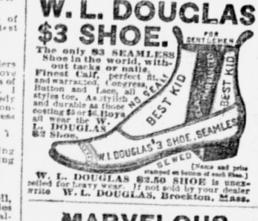
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