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COMMON JOYS.

Our common joys, O what are they?
The brightest and the best:

They glad us in our busy walks, Are with us when we rest: Au angel band, they hover 'round In walking and in dream, And o'er our hearts in saddest hours

They shed a golden beam. Our common joys, O what are they? But blessings felt within,

For smallest deeds of goodness done

Amid a world of sin? The mite we give the child of want, The slightest word of cheer That lifts a heart with sorrow bowed,

Or dries a falling tear. Our common joys, O what are they? The priceies pearls and gold Which memory sifts upon the heart When life is growing old;

The thought that we have treasured up-Where naught can steat away-The consciousness of doing good With every passing day.

-C. D. Stuart.

## AUNT'S EXAMPLE.

(9)

on a severe look.
auntic, what have I done?" queried Nettie, raising her blue eyes

in well simulated surprise.

'You know too well, I fear, child. "You know too well, I fear, child. You will persist in trying by every means in your power to attract the attention of Ned Bartram, and really your flirtations with him are too much for me to endure calmly. I feel that at table.

I must remonstrate, and try to awaken within your a sense of modesty, which doctor, as he sank exhausted into a within you a sense of modesty, which doctor, as he sank exhausted into a

nunt, I hope you don't consider your-self old—I don't," cried Nettie, with self old—I don't, oried Nettie, with animation, hoping to distract her aunt's attention from herself by a little delicate flattery.

"Can be suspect my partiality for Miss Elmer? No, I think it is only his invoterate love of match-making. He is crazy to run his own head into

Beaux I" cried Miss Elmer, and her coaux!" cried Miss Elmer, and her expressed all he horror she felt.

Ly, my dear, thought of a thing! As I told you before, the most becoming fashion.

The most becoming fashion. the ideas of the young girls of then-nhem!—of a few years ago were not all bent on such things. Yet there are you who, with the examples that have been set you, should be a most modest, retiring girl, using your greatest endeavors to captivate this young man. It's shameful, positively shameful. I blush for you."

"No, don't; l'il do it for myself."

Nettie covered her face with her hands, and Miss Elmer observed, with areat satisfaction. that her pieces."

great satisfaction, that her nicce's face was quite crimson; but, alas! we are sorry to say it was not, as the good lady imagined, with mortification, but—suppressed laughter.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, aunt."

continued Nettie, after a pause of apparent confusion. "I'll promise to follow your example. There, will that

satisfy you?"

"Perfectly. And though I say it who shouldn't, I must say that I think you will find little to blush for if you follow in my footsteps."

And the lady lifted her head rather while Native laying given

proudly; while Nettie, having given and received the kiss of reconciliation, managed to stifle her mirth until she reached her own room, where it found yent in a clear, melodious trill of laughter, as she said:

"Ah, aunt, you think I don't know Miss Elmer simpered, and attempted life"

of laughter, as she said:
"Ah, aunt, you think I don't know about your demure fliritation with old Dr. Allen; of your occasional necespary visits to his office for medical aid, and your unexpected encounters in the street—ha, ha!—but I do. And it will be my own fault if I do not marry Ned Bartram, in spite of your shocked sense of propriety."

"It's all nonsense, my dear boy, sheer nonsense, the idea of you, who are hardly of age, talking of mar-

And Ned Bartram's maternal uncle grew quite red in the face in his in-

Vhy, uncle, I'm twenty-five. I should think I was old enough to be flatter. Ah, Araminta!" and down looking out for a wife—that is, if I ever plumped the little doctor upon his intend to have one, which I most cer- knees. "I assure you that I'm in the

time enough. No man ought to marry before he is thirty-five; he don't know here until you promise to be my bride." 'But, uncle," expostulated Ned,

who is going to wait all those years for this moment, during her long for a fellow? Certainly not pretty years of spinsterhood, Araminta El-Nettie Danforth. Why, she has had a mer was damb with delight, and a litdozen lovers, and although I am the real embacrassment happy to say that she has discarded But, mistaking her si them all in my favor, I could not think sion, the doctor cried:
of presuming to ask her to wait a "If you won't have re zen years for me."

"Why, there are other young ladies the world besides Nettie Danforth, boy. To be sure, she is pretty, nd, I presume, is as sensible as most onug girls; but she is altogether too Now, if I were to select I uld choose some sensible woman of naturer age—say about such a person s Miss Nettie's sunt, Miss Araminta. h, my boy, there's a sensible girl for bu. Ske'd make a first-rate wife."
"Ugh! she's forty if she's a day," outtered Ned to himself in disgust.

Then, turning to his uncle, he said,

If you have such a fine opinion of he lady, why don't you marry her yourself, Uncle Allen?" excited about the room, with hands clasped under his coat-tails.

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"How absurd! Ned, you know I don't believe in such nonsense. I've the doctor, mopping his hot face with his handkerchief. "I'm sure I handkerchief." I'm sure I manufact have that rascally nephew of wouldn't have that rascally nephew of likely I am going to make a fool of myself now, is it? Is it, I say, sir?' demanded he, indignantly, halting his chubby little person before his time much louder.

I should call it anything but making a fool of yourself if you were to marry and, really, sir, I agree with you that Miss Elmer is a fine old girl," said

Ned, mischievously.

"Old, sir, old? Why, Ned, my boy,
what are you talking about? She tells

—I—I mean I have been told that Miss Elmer is twenty-eight or so; just the

proper ago for matrimony."
"Well if you say so, why, of course,
I am bound to believe you; but, really, if any one had asked my opinion,
I should have added ten or twelve

now seems deadened, or at least sleeping. Now, when I was young."
"When you were young! Why,
"acad will have me accepted and mar-

Miss Elmer sat in her brother's parlor alone, dressed in her best, and with her well-dyed hair arranged in

She sat rigidly erect in her chair, as motionless as if sitting for her portrait; but it was for something far more important that she was attired with so much care—she expected a visitor.

visitor.
The family had all gone to a neighbor's to tea, but she, by a precon-certed plan, had excused herself on the ples of a headache, and now, with a fluttering heart, she awaited the coming of her visitor, Dr. Allen, who, coming of her visitor. Dr. Allen, who, she felt assured, would joyfully seize she felt assured, would joyfully seize upon such a favorable opportunity to declare his passion.

A low rether.

"Ah, is it you, doctor?" she cried, milingly. "Walk in. I am in soliemilingly. "Walk in. I am in soli-tary grandeur, and was feeling quite

lonely."
"Lonely, my dear madam?" ejaculated the little doctor, as he removed his hat, and followed his hostess into the parlor. "Lonely! Oh. sweet lady, would I could guard you against lady, would I cellings! Believe me, it would give me the most intense hap-

to blush behind her fan. 'You men are such odd creatures." 'Odd, dearest madam, odd? Well, I admit it; we certainly are odd when Cupid pierces us with his downy shafts. But then, madam, it is the ladies who are to blame, for who can withstand their bright glances and sunny faces?"

And he gave her a most affectionate glance.
Miss Elmer really did color, this

"Dear me, doctor, what a flatterer you are." "I assure you, dear lady, I do not most solemn carnest. I have lost my 'Pshaw! ten years hence will be heart to your bewildering charms,

Much as she had longed and waited

But, mistaking her silence for aver "If you won't have me, Araminta,

I'll-I'll-take poison!" "O-h!" screamed Miss Elm --.
"I will," he averse! according, for-

getting his late delaration, and rising to his fect.
"Oh, then, Jonathan, I will promise anything you please," cried Miss Elmer, blushing. "Take me, dearest, I

And she flung herself into his arms

gasping:

itsed fifty-five—ahem! forty years his handkerchief, "I'm sure without thinking of it, and its not wouldn't have that rascally nephew of the property of the pean do

amused nephew.

"Well, my dear uncle, you see we disagree so upon that subject. Now, the china closet. "They won't find the china closet." you here, and as soon as they leave the

room, I'll let you out."

"One moment, my dear," exclaimed the doctor, popping out his head as she was closing the door: 'you promise to be mine?"

"Yes, yes, anything—only get in," she cried, in a panic, and satisfied, the doctor drew in his head, and his be-trothed closed and locked the door and pocketed the key with a sigh of re-

lief.

"Ah, is it you? I declare, you gave me quite a start. I was dozing," fibbed Miss Araminta, blandly, as she admit

I should have added ten or twelve years more; but, anyhow, uncle, take my advice and marry her. You can't do better, and then perhaps you will feel more charitably inclined toward at your conduct, Nettic; if is most indecorous," and the speaker, Nettic Danforth's maiden aunt, a prim, well preserved lady of about forty, put on a severe look. Intic, what have I done?" (There" (as Ned opened his mouth, as if about to speak), "not another work, sir. Get cut of my room, will you, with your uncalled-for advice?" Ned smilingly obeyed.

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He knew his uncle too well not to feel sure that his about vas only wild cry, and then a voice exclaimed:

wild cry, and then a voice exclaimed:
"Oh, oh! Help! Murder! I'm
killed! Let me out!"

Miss Araminta uttered a piercing cream and fainted.

The door was burst open, and ont hobbled the doctor, and a most pitiable speciacle did he present.

His hands, face and clothes were bedaubed with Mrs. Danforth's best preserves, and he limped painfully, amitting a dean group of preserved. emitting a deep groan at overy step for one of his feet was held firmly in large trap which had been set to catel

aunt's attention from hereelf by a little delicate flattery.

"Why—ahem—no, child, not old, of course, but I have passed the age of gushing school girlhood, and can now, from my twenty-eight years of experience judge more clearly of what is proper for n young girl like you."

"To be sure, aunt, I acknowledge that you know what is best; but you speak of your experience; do tell me about your old beaux," urged Nettic, specified up when I proposed it?"

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Despite the poor man's distress, his appearance was so ridiculous that it caused an irresistible burst of laughter.

ter. He was soon released from his nu-

pleasant predicament, and was then much more inclined to treat the affair as a joke.

Ned began to quiz him unmerciful-

ly, but Dr. Allen was equal to the occasion, and taking the hand of the blashing Aramints, who had recovered from her swoon, he said bravely:
"Yes, Ned, I have, after all, concluded to marry, and the sconer you

follow my example, you young dog, the better; and the day that sees

A low, rather irresolute knock sounded on the door, and Miss Elmer lie, laughing and blushing at the time, "I promised to follow versions." "And you know, auntic," said Net-"I promised to follow your ex ample.

Stalking a Deer on the Ice. We had gone up in the great bay near the head of the lake, when some boys and dogs, rummaging around in the woods along the shore, started a deer and chased it into the ice, and we had the most exciting chase immediwe wished to do so we couldn't, for there wasn't a gun in the crowd, but we made him "make the effort of his life" before he broke through the trocha we built around him and got max. When we sighted him he was making straight across the bay, which is five miles wide, and the ice was so slippery that he could not make any thing like the usual time of his kind when they throw their souls into their heels, and scatter miles behind them with an easy indifference most beauti-

ful to witness.

We played wolf on him. "Doc" glance.

Miss Elmer really did color, this time from excitement, for she felt that the decisive moment was very near at hand, and she murmured:

Miss Elmer really did color, this cycle, shot straight ahead, and very the decisive moment was very near at hand, and she murmured:

a ring of skaters all around him, and for an hour he played with us very much as a four legged scal might.

We got him running in a circle, but we were unable to catch him, for every time any one tried it, that venture some individual either failed to get a hold on him, or, succeeding, was hurled as from a catapult along the ice, to the great delight of all the rest.

It was the merriest skating party ever witnessed, although the deer might not have seen much matter for merri-

ment in it. But he was perfectly safe, unless his wind played out before ours did, of which the event proved there was small langer. One wing of the circular trocha we had formed in the line got out of breath and slowed up, a gap was formed in the line, and the deer went through it like a flash, and the last we saw of him was "hull down," and going as merrily as if freshly

started. - Minneapolis Journal,

Best Educated Dog. Lisbon street, Lewiston, Mc., should go on record as being the home of But her weight was almost too much for the enamored doctor, who staggered back, and would undoubtedly have fallen, had not a knock just then sounded on the front door, and Miss Place withdraw herself from his arms. Elmer withdrew herself from his arms, where it might be and not finding it, she turned around and saw a big my! they have returned. coming toward her with the pocket-What shall we do? I would not have book in his mouth. - New York Sun.

Distinguished and Brutal Can-nibal-in His Possession Are Stores of Ivory Worth Many Millions.

an unarmed expedition, the most pit dug for its reception. will got a taste of the misery he has so generously bestowed upon tens of thousands of others. And that England will do this there is little doubt, for in addition to avenging the deaths of her subjects, the conquest of Benin will open up a country of immeasurable richness. Not only this, but it will abolish one of the central points of the slave traffic in Africa, and go a long way towards crushing cannibalism and human sacrifice.

life is one of the pleasures of this monster monarch. His most common from of amusement is to assign a numform of amusement is to assign anumform of amusement is to

Slavery is a formidable part of the social fabric of this African kingdom. away with the need of jails or penitentiaries; it is an exchangeable commodity for the riches of the slave cities

Only a f in northern Africa, and forms a scheme the entire West Indies. One by one, for the disposition of captives made however, she has relinquished her

Very few white men have ever visited the city of Benin, located some two hundred miles inland from the coast. Even the missionaries have given the city of missionaries have given the city of them and Porto Rico. two hundred miles inland from the coast. Even the missionaries have given the city a wide berth, although they have penetrated to all parts of the neighboring kingdom of Ashantee, Dahomey and Brass. Captain H. L. Gallway, the British Vice Cousul of that district, visited the place and the coast of the stands of the stands of the coast of the

Adola was reckoned to be a much more humare monach than Obtah, but some of the things witnessed by Captain Gallway seem to have reached the pinnacle of outrageous barbarism. He reached the city at night, and the Barbadoer. St. Christopher, Novis, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, Trinidad and the Virgin islands.

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The Guadeloupe archipelage is owned by France, together with St. king cordially placed a house of red latter island Empress Josephine first clay with a thatched roof at his disposal. In the morning the first thing her sixteenth year. posal. In the morning the first thing he saw was the body of a crucified woman who had been sacrificed some two weeks before, according to fetich rites, that the rain might stop. Nearer his house were two bodies frightfully mutilated, and further away were the bodies of two other women who had been crucified.

The Danish possessions are Santa Cruz, St. Thomas and St. John. Grouning these system possessions.

When he examined his own house he found that the walls were adorned with many human skulls and bones, and there were many bloodstains on the wall, some of them quite fresh, showing that the two rooms had re-

slaughter. is can only be conjectured, as the men are constantly going on expeditions in the country. The number of women and children in the city is very great, Polygamy is extensively practiced. The fathers look upon the girlchildren as so much property, or as so much money. They are virtually self-governments there is no reason slaves from birth, and eventually many why Cuba and Porto Rico cannot do of them are sold by the dealers in the

slave marts of Morocco. It is believed that the city of Benin contains fabulous amounts of ivory. From these figures it will be contains fabulous amounts of ivory. For many generations the natives have served that other European nations as well as Sosiu are interested in the conting —Atlanta Constitu-It is believed that the city of Benin as the surrounding country is the richest in elephants of any section of Africa, the accumulation of tusks is

Africa, the accumulation of the figured to be immense.

When Captain Gallway visited the State of Alabama, and the seat of Government was there from 1819 until dom was worth millions. The palace is surrounded by high walls of clay, and in the inclosure were numbers of chrines of carved tucke, some of them Territory, with St. Stevens, on the of prodigious size. Each shrine was Tombigues River, an attractive town guarded day and right by sitendants, of considerable proportions, as its as the average native is not above capital. The two sessions of the Terstealing from his king, although he ritorial Legislature were held there.

smooth bore cannon, and the slave dealers have faught his soldiers how to manage them. Some of his soldier are also armed with old-style rifles, but the bulk of them are armed march. in a horrible form. but the bulk of them are armed merely with native weapons. Against the rapid-fire guns which the English will real Assembly were held in Clabba in bring against them they will be moved

In the campaign against Prempeh the English won a bloodless victory by when the capitol was removed to employing pyrotechnics at night. The fireworks scared the natives almost to 1846, when it was removed to Montdeath, and depopulated the capital gomery, which still remains the seat city of Kumasi in less than half an hour. King Obbah, however, has had built in Montgomery was destroyed by the control of the Government. The first capital built in Montgomery was destroyed by the control of the contro than the Ashantee king, and it is to be valuable public documents. The presexpected he will make a more stubborn ent capitol—made notably historic by

To punish King Obbah will not bo an easy matter. To reach the city of Benin means a march of more than every minute in the march of many days. A number of these guns will be kept in the van of the invading force, through the thick brush to clear it of field, the property of a poor farmer, lurking savages. In this way a fairly who lives in one of the \$22,000 houses lurking savages. In this way a fairly safe road will be plowed through the

country for the English. Among the Benin warriors cannibalism is rife. Animal flesh is designated as coming from damb, inferior brutes, while human flesh is regarded as the proper meat for great soldiers. The finest ancient theatre in Europe podies of enemies killed in battle, even Next summer performances of the Antiat great distances from the city, are gone and the Erinnyes will be given, transported to Benin with much labor and President Faure will be present.

"I—I marry!" and the old/gentleman's face became purpless he bustled excited about the room, with hands you, Jonathan, dear."

A ROYAL MONSTER, for the purpose of supplying the population with an immense feasting. The warriors eat first, then the male KING OBBAH OF BENIN AFRICA'S children are fed, while the women and small girls receive the leavings.

During the brief intervals of peace, rhen there is a scarcity of war prisoners, slaves are sacrificed to appease the appetites of the king and his leading warriors. The execution grand in Benin is near the kir 's palace. De-F England makes good its inten-tion to punish King Obbah of on a block, and when it falls off at the Benin for the recent massacre of an unarmed expedition the most

attrocious of the African monarchs will got a taste of the misery he has so life is one of the pleasures of this

The domain of King Obbah forms the central section of the most important attendants is a functionary whose sole duty is to the central section of the notorious slave coast of the Gulf of Guines. service is always performed for the Slavery is a formidable part of the king while he is a ttending to affairs of social fabric of this African kingdom.

The West Indies. Only a few years ago Spain owned

that district, visited the place and concluded a treaty with King Adola, the West Indies are Jamaica, the Bahamas, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the

showing that the two rooms had re-cently been the scene of some wild habitants; Holland, 434 square miles slaughter.

The city of Benin is quite extensive, having twelve or fifteen hundred houses of clay. What the population is can only be conjectured, as the men square miles and 1,000,000 inhab-

Inba and Porto Rico cannot do the same. These islands contain 49,-000 square miles and 2,225,000 inhab-

Cuban nprising .- Atlanta Constitu-

The Capitals of Alabama

The history of Alabama's capitals is interesting, and may be briefly In 1817 Congress cetablished Alabama well knows that detection means death and the Second Assembly decided upon the removal of the seat of Govern-The Legislature met at Cahaba in 1820, and that place continued to be the seat of Government until 1826. the birth of the Confederate Government there-dates its completion from

1861. Benin means a march of more than two hundred miles through an almost impenetrable country, where the dan-inger of falling into an ambuscade will ger of falling into an ambuscade will have disappeared from the face of the carth. Only some crumbling walls in the great. To guard again this rapid firing guns will be employed nearly Stevens stood, and Cahaba, once a every minute in the march of many handsome city of many thousands of people, the property of which was as sessed at a good many million of doland thousands of shots will be fired lars, is now an unproductive cotton that has contrived to escape complete decay .- Atlanta Constitution.

Ancient Theatre Restored Orango's Roman Theatre has been ompletely restored and is now the CURIOUS FACTS.

Paper matches are announced. Flori da boasts a monkey farm. Europe reports milk (frozen) bricks. Red hats were first worn by Cardi-

als in the year 1245. Distilling sweet potatoes for alcohol and whisky is a new industry in the

South. The United States consumed last year more than 4,000,000 bunches of

The State farms in North Carolina where convicts are employed have 5000 acres in corn and 4000 acres in Over the 10,500 miles of railroad in

Jamaica bananas.

Illinois last year were carried 63,485,-413 passengers with a loss of only twelve lives. There are more than 500,000 tele-

phones in use in the United States and they are used more than 2,000,-000 times daily. It requires 15,000,000 cows to supply the demand for milk in this country and the products of 60,000,000 acres of land to feed them.

Thieves borrowed a wheelbarrow to cart away a stolen stove at Toronto, Canada, and were arrested just as they reached a second-hand dealer's shop. William H. Manson, the sailor who

carried Farragut ashore on his back at the siege of New Orleans, died at his home in York, Me., the last of January. A Chinaman advertises in nowspa-

pers of the City of Mexico a first class American restaurant where fresh oysters will be supplied whenever A man in South Carolina has about forty acres of land under cultivation devoted to tea plants. His abrubs

are about three feet high and planted in rows six feet apart. At Taberville, St. Claire County, Mo., a barn sixty by 100 feet has been built, 36,000 feet of timber and 70,000 shingles being used in putting it up.

It is the largest in the county. Having summoned his friends and neighbors to an euddoor beef roast, a Greensbury Point (Md.) doctor, after his beef had been praised, informed his guests that he had fed them on an init reach had self to the his beef had been praised. eight-month-old colt to dispel proju-

The receipt of a large sum to be devoted to the needs of any destitute family of the town, led to a diligent investigation by a charitable institution of Morgantown, W. Va., with the result of establishing the fact that there was not in the town or adjacent country a family so poor that it needed

Lamps That Give Light Unto Feet. Genius has given fashiounble folksa new plaything with which to amuse themselves. It is in literal obedience to the Biblical injunction regarding a lamp unto the feet, for that is exactly where the new light is to be worn. If consists of a tiny lantern with sides of very stout glass, mounted upon a stir-rap which straddles the foot of the user, a tongue resting on the toe of

the foot, and acting as a part of the There are several means of furnishing light for this curious lamp., Electricity and oil are the most common. popular method from the fact that there is no danger of grease leaking out upon the shoe. A tiny storage battery has been constructed to be used in furnishing the light. It is ordinarily carried in the pocket, and a flexible wire, insulated and covered with chamois skip, passes from the battery and through the pocket down to the lamp .- Baltimore Herald.

Drunken Poultry. The Scotch newspapers are just now pushing a story of drunkenness in poultry. It appears that one John Turner, of Laggan, complained to the magistrates that the refuse from a distillery was allowed to flow into an adjoining stream. The fact that the stream contained something more than mere water was soon found out by the compleiant's ducks, and by some means or other his hens got on to the "good thing" and pushed the thing along to such an extent that they were in a perpetual state of intoxication, except on Sundays, when the distillery failed to turn out its incbriating refuse. They, however, made up for lost time on Mondays, and a lad had to be engaged especially to look after the flock. In proof of his statement Turner produced in court a hen which was in an incipient stage of delirium tremens, and the remainder were said to have been too tipsy for presenta-

A Queer Character. The Paris (Ky.) News tells of a queer character, who for a number of years has been an innate of the Bourbon County Infirmary: "She is seventy five years old, is now living with her county living with her seventh husband, and has changed her religion five times. As the widow of her sixth husband she was entitled to pension, and application for the bounty was quickly followed by a request for a permit to take unto herself husband No. 7, who is blind. Being advised that the marriage would in-validate her pension claim, she was and replied: "I don't know the value of a pension, but I do know a husband's value. Gimme the husband."

Butter Twenty-seven Years Old. Mrs. Lucretia Ester, who had at least one eccentric idea, died at Head of the Bay, Rockland, Me., at the age of 101, and left to the nurse who had cared for her during her last illness a jar of butter which she had in her farmly for twenty saven pages. The trunk for twenty-seven years. butter looked well, thank you. - New

NO. 13.

Price Two Cents.

Master of human destinles am I: Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps

Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate. Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late, I knock, unbidden, once on every gate. sleaping, wake; if feasting, rise before

I turn away; it is the hour of fate.
And they who follow me reach every sinte Mortals desire, and conquer every foe. Save death; but those who doubt or hesi-

tate, Condemned to failure, penury and woe, leok me in vain, and uselessly implore; I answer not, and I return no more. -John J. Ingalls.

## PITH AND POINT.

"Truth is stranger than fiction;" but some of the liars are making a good uphill fight."—Puck.

A Gloucester fisherman reports that he dropped his pipe overboard and it it on the water. — Philadelphia Record. "Have you got any high-grade wheels?" "Yes, sir." "Well, I want one I can use on Pike's Peak."—Yonkers Statesman.

Miss Scragg—"Yes, once when I was out alone on a dark night I saw a man, and, oh, my goodness, how I ran!" "And did you catch him, Miss Scragg?"

"Are you in favor of one-cent postage, Barclay?" "Yes, except on love letters; I don't think courting ought to be made any cheaper."—Chicago Record.

"Do you think it would hurt Mand's feelings if I should speak about your breaking off the engagement?" "Ob, yes. Wait until the becomes engaged again."—Truth. "Why have you never married, Miss

Autique?" he thoughtlessly inquired. You never asked me before. said coyly as she gave him her hand."
-Detroit Free Press. "My Ccar, if you want to secure a small waist why do you cat so much?" "Well, if I didn't cat I wouldn't have

"Well, you see, old man, I'm afraid the Governor won't come down with the cash. He's sort of a bombshell."
'How so?" "He goes off when I touch

im."-Washington Capital.

"That is a very handsome binding," said Guilfoyle, as he picked up from the counter a sumptuous book. "Yes, ar," replied the bookseller; "that was bound to attract attention."-Detroit Free Press. Mrs. Tenspot (reading) — "Ex-Promier Crispi of Italy is taking a course of mud baths near Padua."

Mr. Tenspot—"Why, I read some-where that he was out of politics."— Blasgow Times. "Professor Baton has devised a scheme to make the people keep their seats until the end of the concert."
"What is it?" "He is going to mix the programme so they can't tell which number comes last."—Chicago

yer as follows: "Will you please tell mo where you learned to write? I have a boy I wish to send to school, and I am afraid I may hit upon the same school that you went to."-Yonkers Statesman. She -"Major Pommelwell wears three medals. I wonder why they were given him." He - "He got the third because he had the other two, the

A Western farmer wrote to his law-

second because he had the first, and the first because he had none at all."--Washington Times. He-"Sometimes I wonder if you really love me." She-"As if I hadn't proved it! Haven't I called you 'Dumpsy darling?" "Well?" "And that is a name which until I met you I

had held sacred to dear little Fido."-Cincinnati Enquirer. Maude-"Which style do you prefer in the opera—German, Italian, or French?" Ethel—"Oh, French, by all means. There was a lovely one in front of me last week-green velvet, with black and white ostrich tip combined with lace and pink roses."-

Harper's Bazar. Relies of Care Dwellers in Oregon.

While prospecting in the hills back of the John Day River, near the mouth of Granite Creek, Oregon, Elmer Thornburg discovered a tunnel two and a half feet wide and five feet high. He and two companions explored the drift and found that it extended inward for a distance of thirty feet and terminated in a chamber fourteen feet long, eight and a half feet wide and seven feet high, excavated in the hard-est kind of black rock. It had evidently at one time been the abode of neu. A buge urn-shaped vessel, which had been moulded from elay or chis-elled from some formation that would withstand the action of fire, stood in one corner. It had evidently been used for entinary purposes. Scattered about the fluor of the chamber were a large number of peculiarly formed and decorated pieces of pottery, among hem a hoge mortar and pestle formed from the most unyielding granite. A lew stone implements were also found. together with a quantity of flint artogether with a quantity of flint arrow heads. The walls were covered with hieroglyphics, and in an alcove was a rudely formed image, possibly intended for an ideal. Everything found in the chamber was carefully removed and will be forwarded to the whitherian fauthaliance. mithsonian Institution .- New York Cribune.

## Germany's Merchantmen.

Germany is forging ahead in an altogether phenomenal manner with her mercantile marine. In 1871 consisted of 147 steamships, with a iotal tonnage of 82,000, whereas, last ear the Government returns showed total of some 1200 steamers, with a lonnage of over 1,000,000.