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cerous affection that, despite skill and

The ratio of business failures throughout the country is steadily falling.

Farmers are leaving Tennessee mountains and are going in droves to Mississippi soil, announces the New Orleans Picayune.

It is now intimated that while the Sultan gets his name in large type, the Czar is really the financial backer of the performance.

Mr. Welter, the United States Concul at Tamateve, says that any American manufacturer who can supply a cheap hand-power machine ablo to hall and winnow from one peck to one bushel of rice per hour can make a fortune in Madagascar.

It is an interesting fact, muses the New Orleans Picagune, that Senator Vest is the only member of the Inte Confederate Congress now in the public service at Washington, and more interesting still that he is the father of the first bill passed through the Senato at this session providing for a pension for a Union veteran.

San Francisco is greatly agitated over the discovery that a large proportion of the stuff sold in that city as current jelly is impure, and that the imitations and adulterants used inclu le some very hat mful substances. In other worls, the current jelly of San Francisco is not current jelly a'ter all. The same condition, however, probably exists in all other cities, suggests the Washington Star.

The number of Government clerks and officials under Civil Service regulations is now 178,717, with annual salaries aggregating \$33,533,827. Of this number 87, 108 are in the classified service and 91,600 in the unclassified service. Of the lar 1818 are above pointed by the below classificalaborers and workthe Government clerks s are employed in the Post-

London Times is responsible the statement that during the recent trouble between the North West. crit Railway Company and its employes (which resulted in a complete victory for the latter) public opinion so strong'y sympathized with the men that "many shareholders even promised to hand over their next dividends to the striking fund." Tord Salisbury, Lord Rosebery, ex-Lord Chancellor Farrer Herschell, Lord Ripon and Mr. Jumes Bryce, all of whom are shareholders, favored the cause of the men, who struck because ordered to their unious. The company' capital is \$600,000,000.

parlment.

American apples have invaded Germany, Austria and England in such great quantities as to alarm the "fruit growers of Europe. If the Americans would be a little more careful in packing their apples for export they could easily hold the market of all Europe, for the American apple is superior in every way to the European fruit. The German Pomological Journal states that in the last winter 6,000,000 double centers of American apples were lauded at German ports. The agrarian papers in Germany are showing the nlarm they feel by pointing out how badly the American apples are packed, and calling upon German fruit deniers to gaft their apple trees at once. Until the American apples captured the market last winter, Germany used to get her apples largely from the Austrian Tyro! Now she eats Laldwins, Greenings and Spitzenbergs from the United States.

Several days ago the following unique tribu e to the climate and resources of the South made its appear. ance in the Wisconsin Press, one of the leading journals of the Northwest: "The South is richer far in natural resources than men have yet realized. She has wealth of san and soil, of fruit and forest and mineral, and it is only necessary that her tremendous energies shall be concentrated and directed to the development of her natural wealth to astonish the civilized world. Capital will go (with security as a condition precedent) wherever it shall find the richest reward; and that capital is satisfied with the prospect in the South is made manifest by the recent remanufacturing plants from fields in the North to newer er fields in the South. Popula. wealth will follow them, and

vild freuk of fancy that fore. time when the relative of the North and South in money shall be materially when the inruace fires of and Georgia shall become the of industrial victory and the of South Ca.o'ina and Mishall ham their song of joy for ern resurrection.

THE BEST FOR THE COUNTRY.

Let's hope for the best for the country, whatever the powers may be; The birds still will sing in the blossoms-the rivers dash on to the sea The storm feel the flush of the rainbow, however the thunders may fall; The same sun is shining in splendor-the same God is over us all!

Let's hope for the best for the country; there is joy for the night and the day; The ringing of bells in the cities and delis—sweet-singing our serrows away: There are stars for the gloom of the midnight, however the shadows may fall; The same skies are bending above us-the same God is over us all!

Let's hope for the best for the country; here's spring with her banners unfurled-The breath of the showering blossoms that are blown by the winds o'er the world; The seed that climbs high to the barvest, and mus cal voices that call; The world's in the light of the glory of the God that is over us all!

-Atlanta Constitution

## MRS. GRANTLEY'S DISAPPOINTMENT.



cation money could procure and all the tastes and accomplishments of a lady. I cannot turn the child away for what is really no fault of her own. Of course she would be a beauty if she could! But it is a bitter disappointment!"

And it was. Mrs. Grantley was a woman of society, bound to pin the requirements of fashion, lady manager for a dozen or so of popular charities, patroness for many benevolent schemes, keeping open house for balls, patries, private theatricals and festivities of all kinds all winter, and leading society in a great measure at Saratoga, Newport and some other reasort of fashion all summer. A childless widow, with a large income, very handsome, highly educated and reflued, she was a very queen in her own circle for many years. Then, feeling that her own beauty was waning, she resolved to give a new charm to her the feel of the handson the property of Landlord Barber, of the last year that his power of immediate insight into the nature of metals has become known to his owner, says the Chicago Times-therald. Some the property of Landlord Barber, of the property of Landlord Barber, of the last year that his power of immediate insight into the nature of metals has become known to his owner, says the Chicago Times-therald. Some the property of Landlord Barber, of the last year that his power of immediate insight into the nature of metals has become known to his owner, says the Chicago Times-therald. The way Tip manifests his power, as the is positively homely!"

And Leonard Greshau was not alone in his opinion. To Mrs. Grantley's and some counterfeit dollars—and put one genome dollar, picce in the centre of the lead of the pile. Tip will rummage around among them for an instant and then becaute to that hang entranced mon the pure.

found at last; she was very fair, with of beauty in face and complexion. and graceful. A street waif, she knew of no home beyond the asylum where There was no difficulty about the matter, and Mrs. Grantley adopted the child, calling her Amy Grantley, and most eligible partis.

"My darling, I cannot spare you

friends. When Amy was Iwelve years old, having proved herself an apt scholar they came from the heart.
with a good nursery governess, Mrs.
There were times when with a good nursery governess, Mrs.
Grantley decided to go to Europe.
She left her adopted child in a good school, and corresponded with her regularly, seeing with delight that the child's mind and heart expanded and it but the circumstance when Amy wondered if the pain the heart was not caused by a deeper love than child's mind and heart expanded and it but the circumstance when Amy wondered it can be referred to the pain the heart. child's mind and heart expanded and it, but the girl's whole mind was bent showed cultivation and sweet, maiden upon proving her gratitude to her r heanty as her clucation advanced. For seven years Amy remained at

In her heart there was one shrine where, next her God, was one object of absolute worship—Mrs. Grantley. She had never been deseived regarding her own position, knowing that to by little, the humble offers of service her adopted mother she owed every dictated by intense gratitude became pleasure and every advantage she enjoyed. Every action of her life was influenced by her gratitude. Loving study for its own sake, she threw fresh care, but no servant could make Mrs. energy into every accomplishment to Grantley's life overflow with new happlease her friend, her kind adopted piness as Amy's devotion soon did. mother; she made music an absorbing It seemed as if her heart would break scaled the Chimborazo and the Mat-pursuit, because Mrs. Grantley loved with joy the first time Mrs. Grantley terhorn, besides hundreds of lesser her strong, pure voice must give pleas- and said, fervently: ure to any true lover of singing.

it a duty to check any vanity in her pupils, Amy had never given much. Then sorrow came in ghastly shape. thought to her personal repearance. Mr . 17111

BY ANNA SHEILDS. 7 RS. GRANTLEY When scarlet fever roubed her of her voice in simple childlike words of RS. GRANTLEY was holding a long, confidential conversation with her intimate friend, Mrs. Dinsmore, and the two faces looking into each other were full of chaggin.

"You remember where two faces on its place."

When scarlet fever robbed her of her curls and left a straight mass of pale, flaxen hair in their place, she thought only of the temporary baldness as an inconvenience, and the care of the two faces looking into each other were full of chargein.

When scarlet fever robbed her of her of prayer daily and nightly.

Not many hours before the last struggle life makes, Mrs. Grantley her band feebly to meet Amy's, she whispered:

"How little I knew the treasure I when I tried to find a pretty child to meet the feet of the fact that the same fever deprived her of her except the last struggle life makes, Mrs. Grantley her band feebly to meet Amy's, she whispered:

"How little I knew the treasure I when I tried to find a pretty child to introduce to society! God has been

what a beautiful not very white, though sound and Mrs. Grantley said, useful. She was graceful in figure,

heard of, I know. Ye, Amy was a perfect little beauty."

"And I was so careful in my direction at every school where I have placed her that she should be watched and prevented from getting freekled or spoiling her complexion in any way. She has been most faithfully cared for, and now, my dear, when I come home, expecting to find a lovely girl to introluce to cociety, I am fairly stunned! Amy is positively ugly!"

"It is too drealful!" said Mrs. Dinsmore, with a sympathetic shudder.

"Of course, I must do my daty by her," continued Mrs. Grantley, plaintively, "after giving her the best cducation money could procure and all she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the tastes and accomplishments of a she had never felt for the beautiful the sample for men, that once then the sensitive, leving theat once theat the death of the ment. It was not until two death of the beat once theat sensitive, leving more Leonard Greshman asked her to the at the work had frushed beautiful. It was not until two death of the beat once theat the death of the interest death of her beat once theat felt as if a heavy hand had crushed all sweetness ont of life. The death of the station on theart felt as if a heavy hand had crushed all sweetness ont of life cation money could procure and all she had never feit for the beautiful

that her own beauty was waning, she beauty to find attraction. A circle snatch the good coin and proceed to that hong entranced upon the pure, take care of it in approved dog fashion house, a new interest to her life, by highly cultivated voice that was also an accompaniment of growls and house, a new interest to her life, by adopting a child.

The first, the most essential, requisite in hier eyes was beauty; the next intellect, and with these she also required a child who was absolutely friendless—one who would have no unpleasant relations claiming acquaintance at some fature date, however remote. It was not easy to meet all these con litions, but the child was found at last; she was very fair, with

made her beart thrill as did Mrs.

power to win love. Leonard Gresham, a man of whose of no home beyond the asylum where love any woman might be proud, the purchase of Tip. relative of whom she had ever heard, gently refused his suit she was far. The Load V prouder of the adopted mother's pleas

of costumes to her admiring yet!" were words that colored were words that cehoed gladly in her heart long after they were spoken, with an emphasis that proved

adopted mother.

It was a revelation to Mrs. Grantley lighting in music, and showing always agentle, loyable disposition.

In the beautiful and showing always and happiness increased after she once allowed Amy to mark the market and the property a allowed Amy to manifest her love. It was a long time before this was accomplished, for the girl's sensitive nature shrank from forcing her affection where it was not needed. But, little music, and her teachers assured her drew her to her heart, kissed her lips

her life was that Mrs. Grantley would noon return, and she might in some to her to meet of years after life flowed of stairs in England recently and hour. For two years after life flowed fractured his collar bone.—San Franchine home, the child was almost ill memma" became a familiar title upon the excitement.

The oldest university in the world the collect university in the world the collect university in the world the collect university.

situated at Cairo. It is the greatest Mohammedan school, and has olear

care, became an inenrable disease, loathsome to the sufferer and to the nurre. No bired care could ever have

been as tender as that given by Amy's love; no paid nurse could have so fought fatigue or disgust, All day, all night, the most watchful care enfolded the netices. the patient. Every amusement her state could bear-music, reading, Woman's Reason, Etc. chatting, were given with such lote as proved them an offering from the heart, and when the suffering was too great to bear any recreation, Amy was devoted in nursing and soothing the sufferer. Her touch, firm and yet gentle, never added to the pain, and

strength of perfect health. Mrs. Grantley insisted upon having a trained nurse to assist Amy, but it was to her adopted daughter she looked for the many attentions that alleviate suf-It was Amy who read precious words

while she was slender, she had the

quisite complexion, and left a sallow, colorless one in its place.

Her second teeth were uneven, and not very white, though sound and useful. She was taking to my home and heart when I tried to find a pretty child to introduce to society! God has been useful. She was a greeful in family was taking to my home and heart when I tried to find a pretty child to introduce to society! God has been useful.

child Amy was?" Mrs. Grantley said, "the prettiest of all we saw, and wo were—how long, making a selection?"
"Dear me! I cannot recollect," said Mrs. Dinsmore. "We visited every orphan asylum and 'home' we heard of, I know. Ye', Amy was a perfect little beauty."
"And I was so careful in my direction at every school where I have constituted in the constitute of the series of the

lows has a truer instinct for real,

a bloom like a peach blossom upon a But her greatest triumph was not in each delicate cheek; she had fair, soft society. No praise there, no love of harr that curled naturally, blue eyes fered her by the many who sought her, depend on signs from his master. The her feet and hands were of aristocratic Grantley's gradual admissions of her tracting from the dog's ability in the

Mr. Barber has refused all offers for

The Lead Worker. It is said that lead working disfigires the human body more than any

other kind of work. In this industry it is inevitable that, sooner or later, the workers must suc cumb to lead-poisoning, and rould appear to be no part of the body that the poisonous fumes and floating particles which permeate the atmosphere of the workshops do not affect. The complexion takes on a ghastly, corpse-like pallor, the gums turn blue, the teeth decay rapidly and fall out, the cyclids are hideously inflamed. A scratch or an abrasion of the skin be-comes an unhealable sore,

Later on, when nerves and muscles ecome affected by the poison in the clood, the cychalls are drawn into blood, the eyeballs fare oblique positions, and take on a dim and bleared appearance. The joints, especially the knee and the wrist, become semi-paralyzed, and the whole form is gradually bent and contorted. -New York Journal.

The Irony of Fate.

Edward Whymper, the noted mountain climber, who is well known on this coast, has carried the alpenstock peaks, and, although he has had numberless thrilling adventures, including Year after year the strong hope of her lite was that Mrs. Grantley would moment of purer, more rapturous defeated in that of stairs in England recently and

is the excitement.

Any's lips, and no mother was over the oldest university in the world more fouchly loged than Mrs. Grantley is El Azhar, meaning "the plendid," situated at Cairo. It is the greatest was attached by a can- records dating 175.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE,

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Toast-Assurance-in a Barber

liustrious Greece! Hero's health to you.
Who dates the Tork to brave.
While greater Powers to keep the peace
Would leave poor Crete a slave.

Let lose the dogs of war, and when The battle's die shall cease, Here's hoping Europe's map will show A larger spot of Gresce, —Charles S, Carter.

A WOMAN'S BEASON. "Why does Mrs. Van Meter hate Mrs. McMasters to cordially?" "Somebody told her they looked enough alike to be sisters."—Chicago

AN OFFENSIVE BEDUEST. "What was the nature of the trouble you had with your last unrae girl?"
"She didn't like it because I asked her to stay at home with the children."-Judge.

IN A BARDER SHOP. Barber (putting on finishing touches)-"What'll you have on your head?"

Customer -"A little more linir, please."-Judge. ASSURANCE.

fle-"Will you come to my welding?"
She-"Whom are you going to marry?" He-"You."-Tit-Bits,

CYNICAL The Happy Man-"I tell you, old fellow, a man doesn't know what real happiness is until he's married." Cynical Friend-"Then he finds that it consists in being single .-Brooklyn Life.

A CHRONIC WEARNESS. Mr. Backpolal (tenderly, to Miss Breaker, as they wheel down the Bonlevard)—"Are you tired, Miss

Mira Brenker-"No; but my wheet CONFESSION. Mrs. Talkerly-"So you are going to marry Colonel Landly, my dear. And I hear you love the ground he walks

on?"
Miss Sharpleigh-"Yes; it belongs

HOW HE FOUND OUT.

Con Virial-"Doctor, my wife saf-fers greatly from insomnia." Physician - "Insomnia? How do Con Vivial-"Why, every time I

ome home at two or three o'clock in the morning I always find her wide.

SAVING THOUBLE. "I guess I'll propose to Herriella," nog man, thoughtfull "I had supposed you admired Matilda most."
"Oh, I do admire her ever so much.

But I've got some postry a ldrossed to Marietta - a young woman who mar-ried last month, and I'm afraid it would be a good deal of work to go through it and make it rhyme with Matilda,"-Washington Star.

MATRIMONIAL PROPROSTICATIONS. "So you wish to leave to get mar-ried, Mary? I hope you have given the matter a serious consideration?"
"Oh, I have, sir," was the reply-T'ye been to two fortune-tellers and clairvoyant, and looked in a signook, and Breamed on a lock of his bair, and been to one of those asterologers, and to a meejum, and they all tell me to go ahead, sir. I ain't one to marry reckless like, sir."—Household Words.

PERINING PINANCE. Mrs. Blockley-"John, do you know that Royal Worcester vaso I bought yesterday for twenty dollars? Well, they reduced them to ten dollars this

Mr. Blockley-"Then you are ten dollars out by not waiting until this morning." Mrs. Blockley-"No; only five. I went down to day and bought another one for ten, making two of them averaging fifteen dollars each."-

HE KNEW THE KEY.

A young man leaned up against the counter of a branch telegraphic office where two pretty young ladies are emwhere two pretty young mates are employed as telegraphers. He had been chatting with them for about an hour, but had forgotten to say that at one period of his life he himself had been an operator. During a hall in the conversation one of the young ladies "opened" her key and said to the "What do you think of his nibs at

the counter? "Den't think much of him," was the reply. "Wby?"

"Oh, he makes me tired-he talks like a parrot." "He makes me tired, too-wish he would sneak.

The young man broke in at this juncture and said: "Ladies, I thank you for the compliments you have bestowed upon me, and as you are tired of my company, I'll sneak."

The numerous colors of the rainow would not be sufficient to describe the changes that took place in the young ladies' faces. There is a moral ittached to this tale and young ladies in branch offices and elsewhere would do well to take heed." SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Electric light is being introduced in Il the cars of the Swiss Jura-Simplon ailway.

It has been computed that between 6,000,000 and 37,000,000 babies arive each year. Shop-An Offensive Request-A Paris policemen are now supplied with electric dark lanterns with which they can see at a distance of 150 feet.

Rotary snow plows are being used with some success in throwing off the railway tracks in South Dakota. The Canadian Government has aranged a system of cold storage on railways, at ports and on steamers, for the preservation of perishable

goods. The railway metals between London and Edinburgh, a distance of 400 miles, are 210 yards longer in summer than they are in winter, cwing to the

expansion caused by the extra heat. Scientists my that the atmosphere surrounding the globe is gradually diminishing and that in the course of a few thousand, or perhaps a few hunireds of thousands of years the supply will be exhausted.

A new steering device for ships controle the rudder by pneumatic pres-sure, the air being forced into a cyl-inder on either side of the rudder post by means of the steering wheel in the pilot house.

We need nearly 3000 cubic feet of fresh air per hoar for breathing pur-poses, but we can do with as little as 2500. Children need less, and there 2500. Children need less, and there are now building schools to give the children 1800 cubic fect an hour.

A method of photographing the rounds of the heart has been communi-cated to the Academy of Science by M. de Holowinski. The sounds are transmitted by a sensitive microphone to an optical telephone, the diaphragm of which produces Newton's rings, which are then photographed.

The latest in the electrical world is the proposal to harness the Nile cataract. The Egyptian council of ministers has recently approved the appointment of Professor Forbes, the minent electrician, to make a report with this end in view, and he will commence his studies in the autumn. It is expected that the results will be of high imperiance to Upper Egypt and the Soudan.

Nature Makes Soap Bubbles.

About half a mile above Franklin, Penn., on the Eric road, is to be seen one of the most curious eights in the country, which is thus described by a writer in the Pittsburg Post: "Approaching a small, sluggish stream, we were suprised to see rising from the surface of the water a number of bubbles, which glistened in the sun like glats. It was a beautiful sight, The iridescent spheres revolving swiftly after the manner of soap bubbles, floated rapidly upward, some breaking at a height of ten or twenty feet, others soaring away above the tree tops and out of sight, resembling. more than anything clee, gorgeous toy balloons. These bubbles were all sizes, from an inch in diameter to more than a foot. They were apparently much stronger and a great deal Horace?" Author—"Well every book nore brilliant than ordinary soap bubbles.

"A gas line and an oil line had passed under the run at this point, within a few inches of each other, and in each pipe was a small leak. digging and refilling of the trenches had made a dam which held a few bar rels of staguant water. There was some alkali in the muddy bottom which, in combination with the oil, formed saponule, a kind of soap. This, while not being a perfect

ufficiently saponaceous and cohesive to make beautiful bubbles when churned by the escaping gas. The fact that the bubbles were full of gas caused them to ascend more swiftly, and the presence of the oil made them more brilliant, many colored and un-usually beautiful. The bubbles are rising constantly and can be seen by iny one who desires to take a walk out to where they are. The strength of these bubbles may be imagined from the fact that small twigs, leaves, etc., rad been floating on the surface of the water and were carried up in the large bubbles."

A Sixtleth Year Coln.

There has just been issued a coin which for a few thousand years to come will be considered one of the most prized of Queen's Victoria's silver currency. It is a crown piece bearing the head of her majesty as used for a few years past, with the ordinary inscription, but carrying on the rim "Anno Regni LX. Decus et Tutamen," the first time that such an inscription has appeared upon any British coin, probably upon any coin whatsover, for the few monarchs of ormer times who attained their six tieth year upon the throne did not record it upon their coins. For some unknown reason the jubilee crowns, is sued ten years ago, have only a milled edge, and nothing upon them to show for what particular purpose they were struck. There is the date 1887 of course, but it is not every one who can connect it with the interesting eventit really records.

To Clean Books.

Grease may be taken out by laying be page between two sheets of plots ting paper, and passing a het iron gently over it. To remove grease from the covers, scrape pipe-elay or French chalk over the spot and iron with a warm iron (not a hot one). Vellum covers may often be cleaned by means of soap and water, but if much soiled should be washed with a weak solution of salts of lemon. To take out ink stains, place the leaves for two minutes in a solution of oxalio neid, then in clean cold water for s few hours. To restore the consistency of the paper afterwards, use a bath of "size" and water.—The Housewife,

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UNFINISHED. so small a life—so short a life, And yet so much to do!

Brief days with aching sorrows rife. Brief years to struggle through!

Strong men cry out for time, for time, Only the time to build, o soo their structures grow sublime, To see their dreams fulfilled;

With passionate hearts, with willing hands, They strive in sun and rain. Till threads are twisted into strands, Till wall and girder strain;

But death is faster far than they. Far faster than desire; The turnets that should great the day Shall never brave its fire. George E. Montgomery, in Independent.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Does your poetry pay?" "Well, it inst keeps the wolf from the door." "I suppose you read it to him?"—Tit-Bits.

"What was the name of Hawkin's yaoht?" "The Waldermere." "Oh! I thought it was the Mal de-mer."-Harper's Bazar.

Gobang-"Contentment is better than wealth, my boy." My Boy-"It ought to be. It is a mighty sight harder to get."—Truth.

One Little Girl-"My father belongs to one of the first families." The Other Little Girl-"My paw always sees the first bluebird every spring. -Indianapolis Journal.

Lady Shopper-"I want to get something suitable for a boy of ten years." Salesman-"Slipper counter down the second aizle, turn to your right?"—Boston Transcript.

As Reported by the Papers—"Is that a good hen, Uncle Josh?" "A good hen?" said Uncle Josh. "Why, that 'ar hen lays eggs as big as hail-stun's."—Detroit Free Press. "Sir, allow me to shake hands with

you, just by the way of Jowing that I know somebody With pleasure, sir, as Lam'in precisely the same boat an yourself."—Clips. The Professor-"As a matter of fact, there are different dialects in-different parts of Scotland." Friend

-"Great Scott! Are there more countries to hear from?"-Truth. "I noticed you at the opera last night, Mrz. Budd. Wasn't that a de-lightful aria by Du Mond?" "So sorry

I missed that, but I was just giving Mrs. Upton my famous receipt for hard sauce."—Harper's Bazar. "What's a fishing rod?" "It's a handsome jointed arrangement your father holds out over the water." "What's a fishing pole?" "It's a long wooden stick your Uncle Bill catches fish with."—Chicago Record.

He-"Do you believe in palmistry -that you can tell anything by the hand?" Sho-"Certainly; now, for example, it I had a certain kind of ring on a certain finger of my left hand people would know that I was en-Author-"Mary, I've made a mis-

take in my calling—I'm not an author, but a born chemist." Author's Wi'e I write becomes a drug on the market."-Tit-Bits. "I must have money, Plunger," said

Dunley. "Can't you let me nave man fifty dollars you owe me?" "No, I can't," replied Plunger; "but Pil toll you what to do. My credit is not exhausted. You go to Cashly and bor ow a hundred dollars for me and I'll ly you the amount."-Philadelphia orth American.

Giants Not So Big After All.

It may be a surprise to some to be old that even Builon's minimum figtre of nine feet is not now regarded by the best authorities as a possibility. Quetelet, a learned writer on the subject, believes that the largest man who ver lived was Frederick the Great'. licottich giant, who was a trifle short of 8 feet 3 inches. Probably this opinion cuts down the possibilities a little too for. Pliny says that an Arabian named Gabbaras was 9 feet 5; aches tall, while Posio and Secundilla were each six inches taller. Pliny is ho longer believed when he speaks o such things. As another example of old-time exaggeration, it may be remarked in passing that certain voyagers—a class of persons always anxions to make impressions on their friends at home—declared that the height of the Patagoniaus is really 5 feet 11 inches.—New York Tribune

The Art of Yawning.

Children used to be taught that yawning was a breach of good behavior, but now if certain medical testi nony may be credited, it is incumben upon parents to see that the youthful nembers of their flock not only yawr. when nature so disposes them even practice what may be called the art of yawning. According to the results of late investigations, yawning is the most natural form of respiratory exercise, bringing into action all the respiratory muscles of the chest and neck. There is no objection, however to placing the hand over the mouth 'to keep the devil out" during the operation

To Be Dedicated to Labor.

A party of nine capitalists, led by John Mechan, is planning to creet large building in New York to be used exclusively by labor organizations and to be known as the headquarters for trades unions. The building is te cost \$125,000, or more if necessary.

Mr. Mechan says that all of the mer concerned are friendly to organized labor, and they will consult the varioubodies to learn what would be neces sary in a building devoted to such a purpose. There will be a ballroom, large meeting hall, with a stage, and a number of smaller meeting-rooms to be used by various lodges.