· Little Romance Built In by Proximity Ferna to De Nit Founded on Fact

The Proposid woman who sat near ly opposite the gull at the long marbitable was a deed. She almost spril d. the more when she put it to her mouth. He to mbourd fingers hardly a me Sheak her bread off and hear aprends the attackanch the gar had endered for herself to somethic petitil. trembling of the little faded ingers. er, constant shaking of the head undescribe old have well that half saded tree old withered two. The only red-Fig. of dant was because of the strong 'ye ing man who sat beside the little Tals of woman, quite close, so lose that the little woman once or twice leaned against him shakily

our's her son, thank heaven!", thought the girl . "Thank heaven. thes got a son' Oh' Suppose I should go about all alone some day shaking like that'"

The little shaking woman finished her lunch before the girl did, perhaps because they had bought it quicker. sorry for her, seeing her shake so She got up. The young man got up and stood by her.

'Yes, the girl thought, congratulat ing herself. "It's her son. They look alike. I'm awfully glad she isn't - alone, that poor little palsied woman. Something might happen to her."

Then the little palsied woman walked tremblingly to the desk and paid her check, and the strong young man went and paid his, and when they got out the door one went one way and the other went the other, and he wasn't her son at all.

MONARCH WILLING TO OBLIGE

Episode That Proved Ruler Was Endowed with a Good Share of Common Sense.

Having purchased two pictures of a Parisian artist, King A - of Xhonored the painter by a visit at a studio situated, among many others, on the fourth floor of an old house in the Latin quarter.

"Fourth floor back, young man." directed the hall-porter, ignorant of the identity of the royal visitor. The king prepared to ascend, when

the man again popped his head out of his little office.

"Look here, young man' Do me a favor. Just carry up this washing to your friend'"

Much amused, the young king carried the artist his bag of clean linen The artist was greatly embarrassed

i "Oh, your majesty!" he stammered; "what a terrible mistake! Why did you not reprove the porter? Why did

you bring the bag up?" "Because he asked me to," said the king with a laugh.

"Oh, nonsense!" interrupted the king. "Don't say any more about it. Every one ought to be obliging; and, whoever one may happen to be, it would be very disobliging to refuse a favor to a fellow-creature, when one could so easily save him a journey up four flights of stairs!"

Interesting Relic. Just before Charles Edward, the young pretender, came to England to attempt the recovery of the throne of his ancestors, he gave a ball in Paris to which his friends and partisans were invited. Among the many beaukiful women present, Lady Mary Touchet, a young English lady, greatly attracted the prince's notice, and before the evening was over he cut out the "star" which decorated his breast and presented it to her. Lady Mary cherished a romantic regard for "Prince Charlie," and was one of his most devoted adherents. She died wery suddenly in the pride of her youth and beauty. The "star" after her death became the property of her *ister, who married Philip Thicknesse This gentleman, who was a whig, did not care for the Jacobite relic, and gave the "star" and a picture of the prince to his nieces. Doubtless the pretender's "star" is now in the possession of some family who regard it as a valuable curiosity, and preserve

Protection for the Lion. A strange petition has been received at the French colonial office from the colonists of French Uganda. It prays for the protection of the lion from the gun of the hunter, on the ground that the king of beasts is alone able to rid them of their enemies, the herbivorous animals, the deer, the elephant and the rhinoceros. It seems that hunters were rigorously restrict ed as to the number of these beasts which they could kill, although the license cost from £50 to £60 Consequently they have increased and multiplied to such an extent that the colonists are now calling upon the home authorities to protect the exterminating lion. Only La Fontaine could do justice to this situation.

it as such.

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Cause for Heavy Tread. "Have you noticed," asked an observant woman, "how much more heavily women walk this year than ever before? I have learned the cause and it. The high heels are responsible for this extra noise. You see, the balance of the body is completely changed, especially for those people who have been wearing a comparative-Ty low heat, and the result is that the entire weight, apparently, comes down *plunk" on those high heels. It will certainly be a blessing when the low beel is once more in favor, for then our nerves will not be racked by the awful thumping as people wander on GOOD OLD WORLD, AFTER ALL

Let the Pessim st Read This and Get listo a Better Frame of Minds

This is a good world. His growing better every day. We can't say this correspondingly or strong and gh, for it is not inty recording a fact but it is getting behind the started of provides, and giving it a past our-

The following some are not all round ere perause a few singer their wings to be white again. Most of them set or mastering the intricacies of days business so they case his shoulters of some of the strain and get in rivi to take it all themselves, some time. Others, still more independent, strike out for themselves

Rich men's daughters are not all brunless and snobbish and extravagant. For one that runs away with a chauffeur there are thousands who go to college and come out of it noble women

And the poor do better, with less to help them. Most boys put their necks in the family hearness and help pull with their fathers. It is the girls, however, who pass them in this service. If the average girl elects to stay, at home—and the one serious point of criticism is that not enough do-shell doesn't have to write abroad for advice to ease her mother's grind. And, if she goes into shop or office or factory, the mother often gets the sealed pay envelope at the end of the week and doles out the spending money to the girl who earns it. More girls than the world knows about, or, knowing, praises as it should, put aside their chances for a home of their own to keep that of their mother secure.

it's a good world and the overwhelming majority of good girls not only help to make it so, but brighten it as well.

ACTOR A MAN OF RESOURCE

Saved Cab Fare and at the Same Time Got Even with Unkind Critic.

District Attorney Jerome of New York was praising at the Union club

a resourceful lawyer "Get him in a hole," said Mr Jerome, "and he is out of it the very next second. He is as resourceful as

an actor I recently heard about. "This actor, at two or three o'clock one morning, got in a taxical to drive home, and when almost there discovered that his money was spent. He

had nothing for cab fare. "A famous physician lived near by, and the resourceful actor told the chauffeur to stop there. Then jumped out, rang the physician's night bell and screamed up the tube in an

agonized voice: "Doctor, our baby! It has swallowed its rattle! Quick! I've got a taxicab waiting.

"'I'll be down at once,' said the doc-"And he appeared at once, an overcoat over his pajamas, and a case of instruments under his arm.

"The actor bundled him into the taxicab. "'To 84 West Steenth street,' he

said to the chaulfeur. Til go on to the druggist's "And the actor walked off chuck ling, for the address he had given was that of an old maid dramatic critic

who had dared to roast his last play

"Lagniappe." "Lagniappe." a New Orleans custom, dies hard. A year ago the retail grocers of that city agreed that they would refrain from giving a bonus or present to customers, as it was a burden they could not support, but since then some two hundred of the retailers have resumed the practice. The others now say they will boycott the wholesalers who sell to the retailers who have violated the agreement. The west of the trouble, however, is in the habit of expectation that has long been cultivated in the customers "Give me my lagniappe," is regarded as a legitimate demand, and the laguiappe is not held to be a gratuity or gift, but a commission earned by the purchaser for having conferred his or her patronage or the patronage of the family the purchaser represents.

Saintly "Guide." An Englishman having business in a certain Danish town arrived at the railway station. He inquired of a group of men standing near the way to the house he wanted, whereupon one of them offered to go with him and show him. With recollections of what such a service meant in England. he said: "I don't want a guide." "But surely you asked us to show you the way." said one of them. "Yes, but I don't want a guide." "My dear sir, I am not a guide; I am the bishop."

A Home for Spirits. Andrew Hale, a recluse who recently committed suicide at Lebanon, Ore., had a house to which he had about twenty additions. Each of its small rooms was for the abode of the spirit of a departed friend. The house was filled with curious things. gathered together to amuse the spirits. A lot of shoe strings, several clocks, musical instruments and various articles were there. The collection must have cost Hale more than

Evidence of Inebriety. Nell -I'm afraid Mr. Guzzier had too much drink at the dinner last night. Bell--What makes you think so? Nell-When the charlotte russe was served he was trying to blow the

froth off -Philadelphia Record

DECEIVED BY THE SHADOWS

Discovery That Will Have Come as a Great Polit to the Young L, yer.

One rains districtly, a condlawyer, thereing he would like to take a little flyer in steam, embed at the effice of his became to appear duty be his most him it in his When he place it the set of a new clerk whom he had never seen before told him that the broker was engaged, but would be as libert in a tew minutes. While sitting odly in the waiting room. the years laws a named symmethics that made his ey's all set drop out The gloom or the any new separed the use of artificial bald in the broker's private office. Silves ted upon the ground glass partition between the two rooms the lawyer saw the shad ows of a man and a woman. They were both seated, the broker at his desk and the woman beside and facing him. Every moment or so the lips of the shadows seemed to meet affectionately. Something about the profile of the woman struck the lawyer as strangely familiar. He rose instantly and threw open the door Sure enough it was his wife, but she was sitting decorously in a chair two or three feet from the broker, but almost in line with him, engaged in an animated discussion.

Both looked up at the intrusion, but without the least embarrassment

"Why, hello, Tom!" exclaimed the broker. "Your wife here thinks she would like to speculate a little, too, and I've been using all my eloquence to dissuade her from it. What's the matter? Are you ill?"

"No," answered the lawyer, as he dropped into a chair with an air of great relief. "My eyes have been bothering me a good deal to-day. Do you know a good oculist?"

BUILT TO DEFY EARTHQUAKES

Tree Homes of Mexico Made of Twigs and Grass Interwoven -With Branches.

In order to protect their homes from earthquakes many of the natives in the territory around Chilpaneingo and other towns in the State of Guer rero, Mexico, live in trees. Some of these tree homes are of large size and are ingeniously constructed Reeds and grasses are interwoven with the twigs and branches of the tree, much in the manner that a bird builds its nest.

The severest wind seldom looses these houses from the tree. Where the trees are large and stant account together houses of two and three rooms are frequently built in their branches. These houses also afford protection from the "tigers" and other wild animals which are found in that region in large numbers. It is claimed that a "tiger" will not attack its prey unless it is upon the ground The prime object of elevating these houses into the trees, however, is to keep them from being shaken down by the severe earthquakes which visit the Guerrero territory at frequent in-

The rocking of the earth gives the trees a swaying motion that does no damage to the houses. In some localities whole villages of these tree homes are to be seen. None of them earthquakes which wrought such ruin to the buildings on the ground.

She Was Not Engaged. A book agent rapped at the door of a cottage occupied by an Irish widow. and, as she half opened the door, he inquired:

"Are you the lady of the house?"

"Ot am, sor," she replied. "If you are not engaged I would like to see you a few minutes," remarked the agent as he started to worm his way through the opening.

"Indade, Oi'm not engaged, an' it's nawt the loikes o' ye, an entoir stranger, thawt kin be makin' love to a poor lone widdy six wakes afther she's buried her fursht husband," was the emphatic response, as she slammed the door in his face.

Gasping for breath, the agent made for the street, reflecting upon the uncertain meaning of the English language.—Judge.

Texas in Unique Position.

Except the original 13 states, whose independence was separately acknowledged by Great Britain, Texas is the only state which had separate existence as a nation before it became a state of the union. It is the only one of the admitted states, with the possible exception of Vermont and Maine, which by the conditions of its admission reserved state swnership for all

the public lands within its limits. It

is the only state which before enter-

ing the union had obtained the con-

sent of congress to subdivide itself

into a number of new states. Value of Tears. Certain bacteriologists have been enlightening the public as to the value of tears. A good cry, they say, that washes the face with tears is an exrellent antiseptic bath. Owing to the arge percentage of sodium, chloride. or common sait, which they contain hey sterilize the delicate mechanism

on the cheeks. At Five O'clock Tea. "And did you really go to Rome?"

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pacili which may have found lodgment

asked a guest. "I really don't know, my dear," replied the hostess, just returned from her first trip abroad. "You see, my husband always bought the tickets."-London Opinion.

POOR SPELLING TOO COMMON

Important Branch of Education Seems to Be Neglected in Schools of To-day

Mirspelling among the educated, or the supposedly educated is apparent ly on the increase thanks, it may be to the passing of the "spelling bee" and to the crowding of the school commedian with a multitude of states unknown and undreamed of by our stardy ancestors; and thanks also perhaps, to the present movement for phonetic spelling which the indolent are tempted to interpret as ispelling as you please" In a statistical analysis of the

spelling of his students, Prof. Wil-Lam B Bailey of Ya' makes some startling revelations. Of 171 essays written by seniors and juniors, only 25 were orthographically correct. while 14 per cent contained each ten or more misspelled words, and one heterographic genius achieved 31 mistakes of this sort

There were 443 misspellings in all. and six especially troublesome words were "separate," "superintendent." "governor," "committee," "comptroller," and "privilege," the last masquerading as privalege, privilige, priviledge, privelege, priviltidge and privaledge

Certainly the later years of a course in a great university are not the occasion for remedying the deficiencies of elementary studies in the common schools. Ill fares the school, to latest fads a prey, where courses multiply and the three R's decay-

FOUND HIS LANDMARK GONE

Trouble That the Moving of a Trunk Made for Man Who Was Look-Ing for His Room.

The hour one a. m. and all silent along the hall of this sleeping floor in a hotel save for the occasionally heard muffled note of a foghorn, the sound of somebody snoring in one of the rooms, and then, presently the sound of somebody moving quietly almost stealthily, along the long hall, and then under the breath, spoken in a low tone.

----invit: Where's that trunk?" And I knew that trunk he was look ing for well, for it had been a landmark for me too, standing in the hall outside of one of the rooms My room was two doors beyond the trunk on the right, and Talways when I didn't need to look for my numbermy room was two doors further onand apparently he had been doing the

same thing. But now the trunk was gone, and in that long hall there was no landmark for him, and then I heard him about quietly, almost stealthily, in the dim light scanning the numbers on the doors, and then I heard him set a key in a lock and open a door and go in somewhere and shut the door behind him, and apparently he had hit the right room, for then again all was still save for the occasionally heard muffled note of that foghora.

- Whistling Trees. Among the curiosities of tree life is the sofar, or whistling tree of Nubia. When the winds blow over this tree it gives out flutelike sounds, playing away to the wilderness for hours at a time strange, weird melodies. It is the spirit of the dead singing among the branches, the natives say, but the scientific white man says that the sounds are due to a myriad of small holes which an insect bores in the

spines of the branches. The weeping tree of the Canary islands is another arboreal freak. This tree, in the driest weather, will rain down showers from its leaves, and the natives gather up the water from the pool formed at the foot of the trunk and find it pure and fresh. The tree exudes the water from innumerable pores situated at the base of the

Colors for Houses.

The safe colors for a house, besides red, are white, gray, yellow and brown. Yellow or gray, with white trimmings, suits many a plain pitchroofed or square colonial house. Grays and browns are good for ugly, nonde script ones; the grays always being pleasanter on the yellower shades than on cold blue tones. White suggests the formal type again. It is a very good color for a country house. showing it up from a distance in fascinating glimpses, for it needs trees about it and flowers to sparkle against its walls. Such a house will be attractive when the leaves are gone from the trees, for the bare boughs will serve to soften the effect.-Scribner's Magazine.

Got Out of His Dilemma. A new "copper" just appointed and not long over, was put out in Brooklyn. He found a large dead dog at the corner of two streets. He took out his book and wrote: "This morning at 1:45 a.m., I found a dead dog at the corner of-" and he looked up to see what the streets were and discovered they were Keep and Kos-

He studied for a long time. Then he dragged the dog by the tail to the corner of Keep and Kent streets.

in Pittsburg. The City Editor-Here's a mighty good story about a young fellow who runs away with a chorus girl. The Night Editor-What's that! A good story? Why, it's been done to

death. The City Editor-This one hasn't. It's an absolute novelty. The young It's an absolute movement.

fellow is neither a millionaire nor a y speaks mighty and or he's engineerin' a hoss trade."

LEFT TO FILIDH ITS SLEEP

On Second Tho gut, bur blen Det fad He Would Not Put the Blane op Cut

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don't help we there's a prant testing in National Charles a horizontal de Maria admit county concerns and as performable convention in the cost and every house is full up. The cost tining Lean give you is a slinkerdex . Then observing the bi-nep's tired face, he added. The best room in my house is rented to a noted gambler who assaily remains out all night and seldom gets in before breakfas . If you will take the risk, you shall have his room; but if he should come in there'll be a row, I'll promise you

The bishop decided to take the risk. About four o'clock in the morning the gambler returned and promptly shook the bishop by the arm. "Get out of here, or I'll put you

out!" he shouted. The bishop, the gentlest of men, raised himself on one elbow, so that it brought the muscles of his arm into full relief.

"My friend," he began quietly, "before you put me out, will you have the

kindness to feel of my arm?" The gambler put his hand on the bishop's arm

"Stranger," he then said respectfully, "you can stay."-Youth's Compan-

WITH A LITTLE DIPLOMACY

Husband Put an End to Plans That Meant the Breaking Up of His Home.

The romance of a little affair of

the heart was completely annihilated by an old-fashioned husband. Some good natured friend, who hoped to throw him into spasing by the startling information, told him that his wife had made preparations to clope. and that she only awaited the first of the month, when he who had promused to be the partner of her fight would arrive with his month's pay, which was needed for traveling expenses. Did that husband rave and tear his hair, go to his wife and on bended knees beg her to remain." No. Entering her presence, check book in hand, with a lighted cigar in his mouth, he thus calmiy addressed her, between the whiffs of smoke ramma, I have learned that you have made up your mind to travel, and that you need a little money for railroad fares, etc. Your natural modesty prevented your mentioning the matter to me, or perhaps you wanted to surprise me Name the amount you require and I will fill out a check for the sum, and thank the man who has volunteered to act as your escort."

Seeing that he was so willing to get rid of her, she wouldn't gratify him. She is still in the house of her ford and master, a penitent woman -New York Weekly.

Angered because the impression got abroad that they had organized to get husbands, members of the Forty Widow's association of Berwick, Pa. asked that a statement be made to the general public that they organized solely for social aims and not to get husbands. The fact that they have organized has spread so widely that they are now receiving letters from widows in all sections of the country asking how it is possible to become a member and what is the precess by which husbands are obtained for members. Men are also sending scores of letters complimenting the widows on what they believe is intended as a short cut to matrimony. It has been decided to keep the meetings as secret as possible in the future.

Ring Off, Please. They were seated by the fireside dreaming of the future when they would be one; a winsome telephone girl and her fiance. The small talk finally drifted to the question as to who should light the fire in the morning. It was his opinion that it was the wife's place to get up and start the fire, and let the poor, hard-worked

After this declaration there was si lence most profound, but only for the space of about half a second; then the girl thrust out ber finger encircled by a ring, and murmured sweetly but firmly: ARing off, please; you have connected with the wrong number."

The expression "halcyon days" has been handed down to us from the ancient Sicilians. They firmly believed in an old legend that during the seven days preceding and the seven following the winter solstice (December 21) the halcyon, or kingfisher, brooded over her young in a nest affoat on the surface of the water, and that during these 14 days the seas would be calm and safe for the mariner. Hence the name "Halcyon Days," when, accoring to Milton, "Birds of color sat brooding on the charmed wave."

Village Gossip. "Is Squire Whetstone considerate of fumb animals?" "I don't know how he treats 'em." answered Si Simling. "But he certainy speaks mighty kind of 'em when FISH DROPPED FROM CLOUDS

Originally Carried Allift in Wilten spout is Simple Explanation of Occurrence

On Friday last a comber of towas. product taking a walk on the steps of Knock about hill were light dito see on the grass bear supplied hill a mind a man ben of very small fishes. varylis in bourn from 1 12 40 2 the area of an inch appears I to be the y entry of the permitte

the vigast 1000 a proper of herring few was experienced at the head of Dentation but there was to be of as to who have the path of the fit hand come. ter they for it an above on the hots and clothing of several men and at the time a small black cloud of remarkable density was directly over head

The phenomenon of fi. h falling from the clouds is of more common occur rence than is generally supposed. It is undoubtedly due to some small fry of fishes having been lifted from the water and carried over dry land by what is popularly known as a water-SDOUL.

Many cases are reported from abroad and they are common in In dia. Last year Carthness reported a shower of small fishes, which were identified as herring try and there was also a similar occurrence in Rosshire

Frogs, insects and other living crea. tures have also been known to be thus transported through the air -Campbelitown Courier

GIRL NOT A NATURE STUDENT

She Meant Well, but Evidently Had a Lot to Learn About Care of Birds.

She was not a nature student and when she saw a sparrow on the sidewalk, evidently too young to fly and too badly frightened even to hop, she did not know exactly what to do for it She did not know how it had got there, where its parents were or what relief measures would be advisable All she could do, in her perplexity, was to keep the group of boys who had gathered around it from harming it and see if any of them could suggest a course of action, for she was well aware that in these days of nature study the veriest intant knows more about birds and their like than many

an elder person. Presently a big boy pushed through the group, looked at the bird kindly, then stopped and took it up. She was much reliesed. Will you take care of it " she asked him. "Sure" he rewith madden transplant dith with phone was anxious that it should have the best of care, so she helpfully, sugfully "Better give it a little milk

The boy stared. Then he grinned Then he yelled "Milk" he roared Milk' ha! milk!" Then he streaked up the street, carrying the bird care fully in his hands and derisively ejac-

ulating, "Milk!". Her face flushed as she went on her way, and she was heard to murmur to herself, "Now, I wonder why he laughed? Very unmannerly, I'm

Dangerous Rubber Bands. Elastic bands are tabox in a certain large office in New York city, and em-

ployes are requested to dispense with the rubbers altogether or to keep them with great direumspection The reason for the precaution is that the bands are known to be hardly, a less slippery than the dreaded banana peel, with the same propensity for causing severe fails, especially in con-

junction with the oiled wood floors of modern buildings. A valued woman employe of the office in question had a severe fall ow ing to one of these mischief makers. which resulted in an injury to hips and spine which has incapacitated her for all active work for some time to come, if, indeed, it does not prove

permanently crippling.

The Fighting Parson. When the great-grandfather of the preent Duke of Norfolk was engaged in any of his electioneering contests

he was always attended by his chap lain, an athletic man and one who had made such good use of his hands on several occasions that he acquired the name of "The Fighting Parson." Mr Dauncey, an eminent counsel, having once to examine him as a witness during a trial, asked "whether he was not the gentleman called "The Fighting Parson." "I believe I am, sir," the divine replied; "but if you require any more positive proof and will do me the favor to step out of court, I will give it to you under my own hand." No further evidence was takon —Baily's Magazine.

"Why England Has No Flies. The proof is that it has been done. Speaking rashly, there are no files in ... England; at least, there are so few that the inhabitants do not think it worth while to screen their dwellings. The reason is the simplest—the tight little island is kept clean. Fifty years ago files were a nuisance in England; though not the plague they are here, for no other really civilized country was ever quite so dirty as the United States of America. This nuisance is pretty completely abated. In 50 years England has been swept and garnished, and the files have starved .-

Her Last Word. Him-You're wrong, and I've proved that you were wrong. But only a fool 🦠 would argue with a woman. Her-That's what I've been thinking.-Cleveland Leader.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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