

SONNETS.

Of all the beauty surrounding William Shakespeare, his sonnets are or have been the most mysterious. It will probably never be decided whether in these sonnets Shakespeare was writing of a person or of an experience, whether he was writing as a lover or whether he was impersonating a lover or whether he was impersonating a lover or whether he was impersonating a lover...

AUNT JANE.

By JOHN WORNE.

"Anything exciting in your letters this morning, dear?" "Well, I don't know," said Lucy; here's a letter from Aunt Jane. "Aunt Jane? Did I ever meet Aunt Jane before she married?" "Lucy, you got up and went around the breakfast table, looking troubled. "Tom, dear, you remember that day you asked me to be your wife?" "Yes," he replied. "Why, what's the matter?" "You remember I said I had a very full skin to confess a past, a present, and a future; something you might never be able to forgive me for."

settled round the dinner table, "that you are a lawyer?" "I am," said Tom. "Never could stand lawyers," she went on; "a nasty, deceitful lot of serps."

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

A SCHOLARLY DISCOURSE BY THE REV. DR. C. H. PARKHURST.

Subject: Inconspicuous Greatness—A Person May Have an Influence—A Measure of Virtue and Yet It May Never Arrest the World's Attention. "New York City.—The Church of St. Parkhurst, pastor of the Madison Square Park Church, Brooklyn, delivered a scholarly discourse on Sunday morning on a subject which might be termed 'Inconspicuous Greatness.'"

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Tenets in tenement houses show that in five minutes after sweeping 2500 germs settled on a saucer; three inches across. In the same length of time before sweeping 75 germs settled on the saucer. A new speed record of 27 seconds for the kilometer was made by the Hon. C. R. in Nottinghamshire, England. A 72-horsepower motor was used and the rate at which it traveled was equal to 83 miles an hour.

BILL ARP'S LETTER

Barlow Man Rejects That Striking Printers Failed.

Longfellow said, "All things come round to them who wait." Emerson said the same thing in substance before Longfellow. Both got it from the Prophet Isaiah, who said, "Wait, I say, wait on the Lord, for though he is slow, he will fulfill his promise."

HAS BOOKS IN PLENTY

Joel Chandler Harris, "Uncle Remus," Reviews Bill's Work and Gives a Highly Complimentary Recommendation Thereof.

"I have lately been reading with great delight the new book by Bill Arp, and it is a very happy change from the average current literature of the day. There has been no adequate notice of this production in The Constitution or Sunny South, and I doubt if thousands of readers are aware of the fact that their favorite writer has put in book form the cream of his work. Bill Arp is a man to be envied. There is probably no other writer in the land who is in such close touch personally with his readers, or whose individuality is so well known to them. This is not because he has thrust himself forward, but rather the contrary. In what he writes as in what he has written we have the interesting spectacle from week to week of a good man giving the best of himself to the large public he has made for himself in the course of thirty-odd years.

THE MODERN JAPAN.

Comparison with Her Sister Island.

Japan is a group of islands lying to the east of the continent of Asia, as the United Kingdom consists of a group of islands lying to the west of the continent of Europe. Both groups extend from north to south; the main islands of the Japan group are about the same length as the United Kingdom, but about 700 miles. Both groups have a similar population—Japan 44,000,000 and the United Kingdom 44,000,000.

GROWING PUMPKINS.

VITALITY OF SEEDS.

Growing a lot of pumpkins in a field of corn is an old practice, but it is doubtful if pumpkins so grown are as profitable as when grown as a separate crop from corn. These pumpkins will prevent the proper cultivation of corn as working the corn destroys the pumpkin vines, the result being that late weeds get a chance to grow and mature. It is urged in connection with growing pumpkins in the corn field that they do not interfere with cultivation until the corn is "laid by," but which depends on the land, rainfall and thoroughness of cultivation. Corn should never be "laid by" as long as weeds and grass can have an opportunity to grow, cultivation being given if it is possible for a horse to pass along the rows.