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President Buchanan's Advice.

In early life the Rev. Dr. William M. Paxton wrote and committed two sermons every week. During a vacation he preached in a hotel at Bedford Springs and among his auditors was President Buchanan. At the close of the service the president gave to the young minister this interesting item from his own life:

"I notice that you committed that sermon to memory. I did the same with all my speeches when a young lawyer and found it was too great a tax on my mind. Then I tried another way. I thought out the speech without the use of paper and pen. Every set address since that time has been prepared in this man-

Dr. Paxton at once put the suggestion into practice, and thenceforth all his sermons were composed in the same way .- Church Econo-

Fire by Friction.

A recent writer gives the following description of the method by which a Kaffir produces fire by fric-

Two special sticks made of a light wood are taken. One is pointed, and in the center of the other a conical hole is made. Placing the latter on the ground, the native holds it firmly with his feet. Then he puts the pointed stick in the conical hole and begins slowly twirling it with his hands, using a good deal of pressure, until the wood becomes powdered, lying round the re-volving point in a little heap of dust. When he thinks he has made sufficient of this wood dust he twirls the stick very rapidly, and in a moment the powder bursts into flame, which he uses to set fire to some dried

A Shock.

The young man with the uncut hair and hungry look had submitted a poem for editorial considera-

"Well," said the man behind the blue pencil, after a hurried glance at it, "how does \$3 strike you?"

"Why - er - really," stammered the rhymester, "that is more than

"Well, that's the best I can do," interrupted the busy editor. "I couldn't think of printing a poem like that for any less."

Her Children.

A well known sculptor is responsible for the following story of the "scrub lady" who cares for his studio: "How many children have you, Mrs. O'Flarity?" he asked her one morning. "It's siven I have, sir," she replied, "four be the third wife of me second husband and three be the second wife of me furst."

Doing M Best.

W. M. Tilghmann, an Oklahome sheriff and a one time partner of Bat Masterson in Kansas, was in New York recently and while here told this story:

"A posse was one day looking for a bad man who was the real thing. Bat and I and several others were in the bunch, and we ambushed our man, and when he was within twenty steps we suddenly showed ourselves and ordered him to throw up his hands.

"He was on horseback, and he promptly drew a revolver. There was nothing else for us to do, and five of us fired, and the bad man tumbled from his pony. We went to him and found that, while he was badly wounded, he was not dead. He cursed us roundly and then grew

"You are a fine lot of marksmen,' he said. 'If I had fired right at a man like that I would have killed him, you bet.

"Masterson seemed grieved at the complaint, and he said sincerely: Well, now, don't blame me. I did my best."—New York Times.

A Homely Criticism.

"Uncle Joe Cannon is sometimes too homely and direct and harsh in his comments," said a young journalist. "I was not at all pleased with the remark he made to me while I was speaking at the X banquet.

"Of course I am an inexperienced speaker. I can't rattle off words like the veterans of the senate and house. I admit that I began my address in a faltering way. I began, if I re-

"'Gentlemen, my opinion is that the generality of mankind in general is disposed to take advantage of the

generality of—
"Here Uncle Joe interrupted me. "'Sit down, son,' he said. 'You are coming out of the same hole you went in at." — Kansas City Journal.

A Rough Meeting. "Where have you been, John?" asked the woman who met him at the head of the stairs.

"To zhe lodge." "But your hat is all battered in and your clothes are torn." "Zhure! I was 'nitiated,"dianapolis Sun.

G. W. and the Bible.

Joseph has a very exalted opinion of his grandmother's knowledge of all things and likewise of "the fa-ther of his country," about whom many stories have been woven to the youngster's delight. Not long ed of some four years-came rush-

ing into the room with:
"Say, grandma, what was George Washington's politics?"

Grandma was busily planning a garment and paid little attention to the question, answering, with unusual dreaminess: "Oh, I don't know."

Joseph stopped in his play and looked at her for a moment. Then he said:

"Don't know! Well, you ought to. You read your Bible enough." -Chicago Record-Herald.

The Ruling Passion.

A dying miser sent for his solicit-

"Now, begin, and I will dictate particulars." "I give and bequeath," commenc-

ed the man of law. "No, no," interrupted the tes-tator. "I do nothing of the kind. I will never give and bequeath any-

thing. I cannot do it." "Well, then," suggested the attorney, after some consideration, "suppose you say, I lend until the last day?"

"Yes, yes. That will do," eagerly rejoined the miser.—London Tit-

Ingratitude.

Grace, aged five, had just recovered from measles, when her small brother took the same complaint. Upon becoming convalescent he was one day sitting up in bed munching a sponge cake while his sister sat looking on. By various means she tried to induce him to part with a bit of the dainty, but the invalid took no notice. He ate steadily on until the last bits were disappearing, when Grace could stand it no longer. She exclaimed indignantly: "Just look at him! He won't give me a crumb. It was me that give him the measles!"

Various Color Meanings. The following are the various colors used for mourning in different countries, together with the reasons given for the selection: Black expresses privation of light, worn throughout Europe and America. Yellow, the sear and yellow leaf, Egypt and Burma. In Brittany widows' caps among the peasants are yellow. Purple and violet, to express royalty, mourning for the cardinals and kings of France. Violet is the mourning color for Turkey. White, emblem of "white handed hope," China. Deep blue, Bokhara mourning. The significance of this selection is not known. Pale brown, the withered leaves, Persia Grayish brown, earth, Ethiopia and Abyssinia.

Indoor Baseball.

Here's an interesting game that can be played by any number, dividing the players so as to have an equal number on each side. All you need is a small, smooth button. Lay the diagram on a flat surface, place the button about an inch from the

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DIAGRAM FOR GAME.

King Victor of Italy is very fone of fishing, but unfortunately he very seldom succeeds in catching many fish. The other day, ofter fishing for several hours, he was re-turning home with three perch no bigger than sprats in his bag when he met a peasant who had also been fishing and had caught several splendid trout.

"Well, neighbor, I see you haven't caught many," said the peasant, with a laugh. "Yet I den't see why, for they're biting good today. I guess you're the same kind of fisherman our king is."

"What do you mean?" asked King Victor, blushing furiously.
"Oh," replied the peasant, "we all know him. He thinks himself a great sportsman, but he's no good at fishing. I suppose the Lord thought 'twas enough to make him a king without making him at the same time a good sportsman."

## DRAGGING

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