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Vicarious Punishment.

to him, an' 'twill frighten him."

pastor for guidance and prayer.

your pastor," said he, "I will state to

you that only yesterday a gentleman

of wealth called upon me for counsel

and instruction, and now, today, my

friends-today he sits among us, not

only a Christian, but a happy husband

A young lady in the audience whis-

pered to a matron, "Wasn't that pretty

A magazine editor was congratulat-

ing Richard Harding Davis on the suc-

"You handle the farce," said the edi-

tor, "as skillfully as you used to handle

venge as well. This deserted husband

"'Dear Sir-Please hand the inclosed

set of false teeth to my late wife and

ask her to be so good as to return my

father's, which, in the hurry of the mo-

A district visitor in the slums of Lon

don asked the wife of a notorious

drinker why she did not keep her hus

"Why don't you make your hom

"I'm sure I've tried 'ard to make it

omelike, ma'am," was the reply. "I've

took up the parlor carpet and sprin-

kled sawdust on the floor and put s

beer barrel in the corner, but, lor

ma'am, it ain't made a bit of differ

A teacher in a New England school

had found great difficulty in training

her pupils to pronounce final "g." One

day when a small boy was reading he

came to a sentence that he pronounced

as follows: "What a good time I am

"No, Johnny," interrupted the teach

er, "you made a mistake. Don't you

remember what I've been telling you

Johnny reread as before, "What

"No, no," said the teacher a little im-

told you about pronouncing the 'g'?"

Johnny's face lightened, and he be-

gan again confidently, "Gee, what a

good time I am havin'!"-Everybody's

Shaughnessy, hearing that the bank

in which he kept his savings had failed, rushed around with his bankbook and demanded his money. The teller

"Oh, ye've got it, have ye?" said

Shaughnessy, with a sigh of relief. "Kape it, then. Oi don't want it as

Colonel Harry Hall of Pittsburg was in London riding on top of a bus. He

asked the driver several questions, and then the driver said, "You have

"No," Hall replied; "I am an American."

"Why, sir, Hi lived in Washing

Hi was coachman for Sir Frederick W. Bruce when 'e was minister there,

sir. We was most familiar with the

hold Grant, sir, when he were presi-dent-most familiar."

"How was that?" inquired the as

"Why, sir, my marster was 'is per-tickler friend-most pertickler. Mauy's the night I have driven 'im to the White House and sat there, 'im on the

Little Acts of Kindness.

"Don't you know all I've

Try that last sentence again."

good time I am havin'!"

patiently.

Easily Satisfied.

began to count it out.

long as ye have it."

lived there once."

"Where?"

Pale of the President.

look more attractive?" she asked.

quick work?"-Ladies' Home Journal.

the teacher:

A Record Breaker

and father."

A Farcical Vengeance.

cess of his farces.

horrible as that?"

Mr. Davis laughed.

and the following letter:

ment, she took by mistake."

band from the public house.

Where Johnny Put the "Q."

Making Home Attractive.

Not the Same. A young woman who has recently taken charge of a kindergarten entered a trolley car and as she took her seat smiled pleasantly at a gentleman sitting opposite. He raised his hat, but it was evident that he did not

know her. Realizing her error, she said in tones audible throughout the entire car: "Oh, please excuse me! I mistook you for the father of two of my chil-She left the car at the next corner.

PETITION OF THE PLODDER. Lord, let me not be too content With life in trifling service spent.

Make me aspire.

When days with petty cares are filled.

Let me with fleeting thought be thrilled

Help me to long for mental grace To struggle with the commonplace I daily find. May little deeds not bring to fruit A crop of little thoughts to suit A shriveled mind.

I do not ask for place among Great thinkers who have taught and sung And scorned to bend Under the trifles of the hour. I only would not lose the power

Competition With the Almighty.
When the first tracks of the Illinois Central railroad were being laid in southern Illinois the superintendent of construction went one day for a drink of water to a well beside the cabin of OFFICE IN SIMMONS BUILDING an old Kentucky darky, who had found freedom and philosophy on the north side of the Ohlo river. The old man was smoking his corncob pipe in the shade of his sycamore tree.
"Well, Uncle Sambo," said the rail-

road builder as he hung up the gourd on the well sweep again, "don't you do any work at all?" "Me? Yass, sahr. I work six months

every winter on a flatboat on dat river

"Well, I suppose when we get the railroad through you will want to come In with us and get a job on a flat car." "No. sahr! Ain't nevah goin' to be nough work on your railroad to keep no man busy six months in the yah Can't yo' see dat river yonder, flowin', flowin'? Lord he made dat river to float things down on, and der ain't no use buildin' a railroad to enter into competition with de Almighty."

Polite James. "James, I wish you would not come to school with such dirty hands. What would you say if I came to school with solled hands?"

"I wouldn't say anything," was the prompt reply. "I'd be too polite."

An Evidence of Good Training. When young Meagles took the train for Harvard his father said: "As soon as you find out let me know

if you have passed your entrance examinations." Two days later, in the midst of mak ing a heavy deal, he received the following telegram: "Yes. J. Meagles,

Somewhat preoccupied and puzzled he telegraphed back: "Yes, what?" The well trained son wired back:

A Safe Remedy.

His sleep had been disturbed nightly by the howling on his own back fence of his neighbor's cat. At last in despair he consulted his lawyer. "There sits the cat every night on

our fence," he explained, "and he yowis and yowis and yowis. Now, I don't want to have any trouble with this neighbor, and I want you to suggest a remedy. I am well within my rights if I shoot the cat, am I not?" "I would hardly say that," replied

the legal light. "The cat does not belong to you, as I understand it." "And the fence does?"

"Then I think it safe to say that you have a perfect right to tear down the fence."-Lippincott's.

Before He Ran For President. "When I was in congress," said William Jennings Bryan, "I was asked to speak in Ohio in one of the campaigns I went out loaded with a long address. The meeting was a big one. I was fourth on the list of speakers. The chairman looked me over as the third man was finishing. Apparently he was in doubt about something, for he tip-toed over to my chair and asked in a whisper, "Excuse me, Mr. Bryan, but do you speak or sing?"

Train to recuities.
Nikola Yesia was talking about his ndent days at Prague.

"I remember well," he said, "an old professor of great originality and acu-men. This professor insisted on the value of a free use of the perceptive faculties and was always pointing out the need for this use in strange ways.
"One day on arising to lecture he be-

What Worried Mark's Methor.

I was always told that I was a such and precarious and threasune and moertain child and lived mainly on medicines during the first owen years of my life. I asked my inother about this in her old age—she was in her elighty-eighth year—and said:

"I suppose that during all that the you were meany about me?"

"You, the whole time."

"You, the whole time."

"Afraid I wouldn't live?"

After a reflective pause, octansibly think out the facts:

"No — afraid you would." — Min fewein in North American Review. gan: "Gentlemen, you do not use your faculties of observation as you should.
"He laid on the table before him pot filled with some vile smelling chemical compound a thick beown

clean. The taste of the thick brown compound was herrible. We made wry faces and spluttered. The pro-fessor watched us with a grim smile. "When the pot was finally returned to him his thin lips parted, and he gave

a dry chuckle. a dry chuckle.

"I most repeat, gentlemen," be said,
that you do not me your faculties of
observation of you had looked more
closely at one would have observed
that for three I my mouth was
not the case I dipped into the pot."—
linkinger liesald. Cornet Pad Sambel.

A pretty cornet pad has a sachet of he ment shape in pair late satin north

MARRIAGE LOTTERIES.

A mother brought her little boy to school for his first time and said to Business Schomes In Which Husbands Were the Premiums "This little boy is very delicate, as

Some years ago a tailor of Brus he is afther a fit of harmonya on the sels took into his employ a young loongs, but if he does anything bouldman on the stipulation that he and I know he will-bate the wan next should be allowed to dispose of him in marriage.

When the agreement was signed the tailor widely advertised the fact that he had in stock a husband to A clergyman one Sunday morning was exhorting those who had troubled bestow upon the widow or maiden consciences to be sure and call on their who should bring him the most cus-"To show you, my brethren, the blessed results of these visits with tom during the year.

Keen competition resulted. At the end of the year it was found that the prize had been won by a widow of sixty years. Quite gleefully she took her husband home and introduced him to her eight sons. It is said that she was so well pleased with her bargain that she induced a large number of relatives to give their patronage to the

tailor permanently.

This idea of the tailor seemed good to a number of other business men of the continent, and for a time there was quite an eruption of advertisements and posters an-nouncing husbands to be disposed

the short story. You have the gift of seeing everything in a farcical light. Every New Year's day a large Could you treat farcically the situation of a wife's elopement with her hus-band's friend? Would you get any fun Viennese firm of bootmakers was wont to offer a husband to the lady out of a situation so grimly sad and whose foot was considered to be the smallest and most shapely of the year, guaranteeing at the same time "One of the principals in just such a to set the couple up in business situation," he said, "got a good deal of should such help be needed. fun out of it. I allude to the deserted

For over twenty years was this practice continued, until the head husband. He got fun and a terrible resent the aforesaid best friend a packet of the firm, an old widower, fell in love with and himself married the Cinderella footed lady, who, being of an ultra jealous disposition, sternly vetoed the custom's contin-

> Only recently a Berlin tradesman issued a circular promising to be-stow a husband, in the person of his son, upon the spinster who shall within a year's space collect the most coupons, one of which is given with each purchase to the value of & marks. To the prize husband as a wedding gift he has promised to bestow a share in his business.

Some years ago a Leeds firm circulated among its customers attrac-tive tokens, whereon was depicted a stylishly dressed man surrounded by the legend, "A Husband For a Guinea," signifying that such as expended that amount on the firm's goods were allowed one chance in a raffle for an eligible young man, the junior partner in the house.— London Tit-Bits.

Without doubt the best index to Cuban character is to be found in streets of his native village, sober, the aim has been to include only the discussing with his neighbor crops, mileage of roads actually open and the weather or other like commonplace, he habitually uses an excited manner, florid language and exag-gerated gesticulation that elsewhere n the world would cause perhaps his reproof for disorder or put him under suspicion of being drunk or a lunatic. A popular and oft re-peated proverb, "A man has no small enemies," affords almost as good a pointer. This means that of equal importance in his view is the threat of a pin prick or of the deadly stroke of a dagger. Such an emo-tional, unselfcontained nature, such an eraggerated, strained view of things, can but constantly lead to

Fruit Cures.

foolish extremes.—Army and Navy

"Grapes are wonderful things," aid a wine grower. "In Switzer land they have in the autumn s grape cure. Thousands of ansemic and nervous persons are benefited by this cure. Eating a huge bunch of grapes every ten minutes all day long, their cheeks soon bloom, they soon recover their health again. "Fruit, all fruit, is medicinal. As

drink cure and as a blood purifier, that is there better than an apple Did you ever hear of currant lead poultices for gout? They are excel-lent, I assure you. And black cur-rant jelly in water is a remedy for sore throat.

"Pineapples are good for diphthe-ris, strawberries for rheumatism, Little Acts of Kindness.

Walter's mother had made a point of teaching him to be kind to animals.

"Oh, mother," he exciaimed one day, "I'm sure you will like the little girl who's moved in next door! She's se kind to animals!"

"She looks like a nice little girl," said Walter's mother, "and I think I shall like her, but how is she kind to animals?" mulberry juice for fevers, elderber ry for chills and lemon for colds, for headache and for bile."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Baller No Longer. Painting is almost a continuou erformance on some of the ocean liners. "On a certain ship one day," said a traveler, "I put my hand on a freshly painted ventila-tor, and while removing the white smear I fell into conversation with the seaman who was responsible for trouble. He was an elderly

the trouble. He was an elderly chap, and he had visited many outlandish places. As he plied the brush we had an interesting chat. How long have you been a sailor? said I finally. 'Sailor?' the old mas grumbled, dipping his brush into the can. 'Bless yer heart, sir, I'm ne sailer nowadays. I'm a blocuning srtist, that's wot I am?"

Putting Something in it.

An Irishman who had started photography went into a shop to purchase a small bottle in which to mix some of his solutions. Seeing one he wanted, he asked how much it would be.

"Well," said the chemist, "It will be the chemist, "It will be as it is, but if you want any-

Mileage and Cost of Public Highways In United States.

Outside of Settlements In 1904 United States Had 2,151,570 Miles-But 7.14 Per Cent of All American Roads Have Been Improved.

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While it is known in a general way that some parts of the United States have made greater progress than others in the improvement of the public roads and that enormous sums are expended annually on road construction and repairs, there has been no information compiled up to the present time showing just what has been accomplished and how much is expended annually for this purpose in the United States, says a Washington dispatch to

the St. Louis Republic.

The office of the public roads in the agricultural department recently com-pleted the collection, compilation and publication of information from every county of the United States in regard to the mileage of improved and unimproved country roads in the year 1904, and the expenditures on roads and bridges from property and poll taxes, bond issues and state funds under the state aid laws, and the amount of value of the labor expended under the statute labor laws.

In 1904 there were 2,151,570 miles of public roads in the United States. Of this mileage 108,232.9 miles were surfaced and gravel, 38,621.7 miles were stone, and 6,809.7 miles were special materials, such as shells, sand-clay, oil and brick, making in all 153,664.3 miles of improved road. From this it follows that 7.14 per cent of all the roads in the United States have been improved.

By comparing the total road mileage with the area of all the states and ter-ritories it appears that there was .73 of a mile of road per square mile of territory. A comparison of road mileage with population shows that there was one mile of road to every thirtyfive inhabitants and one mile of improved road to every 492 inhabitants. The 2,151,570 miles of public roads in

the United States do not include roads in Indian Territory, Alaska and the island possessions. The mileage of roads does not include streets or boulevards in incorporated cities and villages. The majority of all the roads in the United States were originally laid out along the boundary lines of farms, with little regard for drainage, topography and alignment. In the eastern states the boundary lines of farms are very irregular, and consequently many of the roads are crooked and badly located with reference to grades. In the middle west, where the land was

inid out by the government, the roads follow the section lines and in thickly settled communities the quarter sechis conversation. Standing in the tion lines. In compiling these figures Only four states have more than 100,000 miles of roads. Texas stands first, with 121,400 miles; Missouri second, with 108,133; Iowa third, with 102,448, and Kansas fourth, with 101,-196. The District of Columbia has only

191 miles of road. Rhode Island has 2,361 miles, which is the smallest mileage of any state. Delaware has only 3,000 and Arizona only 5,987 miles. By comparing the road mileage with the areas in square miles the District of Columbia is found to stand first, with 3.18 miles of road per square mile of area, while Connecticut is highest among the states, with 2.90 miles. Rhode Island has 2.24 miles and Pennsylvania 2.21 miles per square mile of area. Arizona has only five-hundredths of a mile, the smallest mileage per square mile. Utah has eight-hundredths and Wyoming ten-hundredths of a mile

per square mile.

Assuming the average width of the rights of way of country roads in the United States to be forty feet, the area of such rights of way in 1904 amounted to 10,431,727 acres. Estimating the value of this land on a basis of the valuation of farm lands in each state, the approximate value of the rights of way of all the public roads would be \$341,800,300. A much higher valuation would be amply justified by the fact that in sections where the mileage of roads is greatest the land is consider

ably above the average in value.
Of the 153,002 miles of improved roads in the United States Indiana has the largest mileage—23,877 miles. Ohlo has 23,500. Wisconsin 10,633, Kentucky 9,486, while twenty-nine states in all have over 1,000 miles of improved roads. In about two-thirds of the states gravel is the most used agency in im-provement, while in eight states the mileage of macadam exceeds that of

Of those states employing spekinds of improvements to roads Cali-fornia has 2.541 miles surfaced with oil, South Carolina has 1,630 miles of sand clay mixture road, Maryland has 250 miles of shell road and Ohio has brick country roads 3,400 miles long.

The total expenditures for public roads during 1904 from property and poll taxes, bond issues, state aid funds and the valuation of the labor expenditures. ed under the statute labor laws of

ed under the statute labor laws of some of the states aggregated \$79,771,417.87. Of this amount \$53,815,857.98 was expended from property and poll taxes, payable in cash; \$19,818,236.30 was the value of the labor taxes, \$2,530,470.38 came from bond issues and \$2,607,322.66 was from state al fends. The aggregate shows the \$\$7.07 was expended in 1904 for each mile of public road, or \$1.05 for each inhabitant in the country.

"Somebody's been stringin' stranger," replied Arinona Al. ain't mine."—Chicago Becord-Her

Hard Climbing.
Westry Walker—De world's all wron
Tired Tatters—Wot's entin' youse nor
Westry Walker—Et I'd a had de make
uv it I'd made all de roads runsi
downhill.—Chicago Neva.

A Fable For Critics

Once there was an Ox. He was a fine, hefty Ox. He could pull a big load. He never balked, but always liked to go straight ahead.

But the Ox had enemies.

There was the Flea and his whole big Family. "We don't care whether this Ox travels or not," said the Flea and his Folks. "All we want is some of his blood." Whereupon the Fleas eternally pestered the Ox and gave him That Tired Feeling.

Then there was the Tom Cat and his brothers-the Doubting Thomases.

"We don't know whether this Ox is going the right way or not," said the Thomases. "Anyhow, we'll scratch his back for him." Whereupon the Felines jumped on the back of the Ox and scratched him for fair, which made the Ox exceedingly sorrowful. Fiste Pup and his Fellow Fistes-a whole litter of Fistes. "We don't care how slow the Ox goes," said the Fistes; slower the merrier for us. All we want is to lag behind him and bite his Tail." Whereupon

Ox, which gave the Ox a mighty mournfulness. Finally the Ox, pestered constantly with the Fless and the Felines and the Fistes, got to looking sickly. He stopped and lay down on his job, and there was no more going forward for him.

Then there was the

the Fistes snapped con-

tinually at the Tail of the

KEY TO THE SITUATION: The town is the Ox. The Fleas and the Felines and the Fistes are those citizens who criticise every progressive movement and do everything they can in their petty ways to make the Ox quit pulling in the right direction.

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