Across the dying fields light shadows fall. That, for a moment's space, obscure the sun;

Then swift-a graceful troop-they wing their Parsued in heste by some belated one.

Now all the stubble land turns twilight gray A-hum with mystic runes and harvest rills. Above the watching world a tiny speck Grows pale and fades against the southern hills.

-Elizabeth Alden Curtis in Philistina.

### WAR AND MATRIMONY.

Cupid Is Much the Busiest In Times

of Peace and Prosperity. "There is a close connection between marriage and the price of wheat, beef, pork, beans, corn and other things which go to make up the main portion of human food," writes Professor D. R. McAnally of "The American Girl's Chances of Marriage," in The Ladies' Home Journal. "As the prices of these commodities go up the number of marriages goes down. From 1851 to 1854 times were good, food was cheap, and the marriage rate in Massachusetts went up to 26 per 1,000. Between 1855 and 1859 there was great depression of trade, and in 1858 the marriage rate went down to 17 per 1,000. The years from 1873 to 1879 form another period of depression. Factories were closed and manufacturers of every kind suffered severely. In one year, at least, crops were short and the prices of food were high. The result was immediately seen in matrimony, for in 1874 the number of marriages went down from 21 per 1,000 of the population to 18, and in 1876 and the following two years declined to 15 per 1,000-a tremendous falling off from 26 per 1,000, the figure attained in 1854, which was the banner year in the state of Massachusetts for matrimony.

"Almost as unfavorable as that of hard times is the influence of war upon matrimony. Whenever Mars is in the ascendant Cupid's stock goes down. During the civil war the number of marriages in this country fell off from 20 per 1,000 of population to 17 per 1,000, and immediately after the civil war was ended, in 1865, the number rose to 22 per 1,000, declining in 1869 to 21. The woman who is looking for a husband has a better chance of getting one just before or just after a war than at any other time."

With the Fading of Beauty.

A 16-year-old girl imagines that she is an angel, and never gets over it. After a woman gets old she thinks of how she was admired and complimented in her youth and feels that some great wrong was done her because she did not remain as pretty as she was at 16. If she is married, she is apt to lay the blame on the brutality of her husband; if she is an old maid, she lays it on her father, who was poor, and thus forced her to work, which resulted in a stooping figure and harsh features. A man never has this experience. He is at his worst at 16 and does not reach his best until he is 26 to 30. By that time he has acquired a little sense, and never mistakes a compliment for the truth. - Atchison Globe.

### Sunday School Gems.

Stories of strange and amusing answers given to examination questions are frequently told, but we do not so often see recorded the equally surprising answers given by children in Sunday schools, and yet they are frequently original enough.

A teacher, lately wishing to turn the young idea toward the mission field. asked, "What are good men called who leave their homes and go to foreign lands to teach the heathen?" "Prodigal sons." was the prompt and

triumphant reply.

A class of boys when asked, "What were the ten plagues?" answered with more ferver than gallantry. "The ten virgins, sir. "-Westminster Gazette.

### Have No Use For Cents.

Pennies are not used by the banks of New Orleans in the payment of checks. If a check, for example, is drawn for \$62.18, the holder receives \$69.20. If the amount is \$62.17, he gets \$62.15. The split is made between the second and third cent, and the system, which has been in vogue for many years, is very rarely the subject of any complaint. It makes an exact balance of coppers at the end of the day's business rather unlikely, but the doctrine of averages operates to even things up to within a few cents. In the long run Carroll in The Homiletic Review makes about as many checks break on one-half apparent the necessity in this transiof the nickel as on the other. - New tion period of getting the negro in-Orleans Times-Democrat.

Money Making Indians.

logs in years past the 1,300 men, wom- the colonel said: en and children have accumulated a "My friend, do you know it is Suntribal fund aggregating \$1,000,000, day?" pends about \$75,000 a year in logging operations and clears from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually.

Detecting Flaws In Metal.

To detect hidden cracks opening from the surface of metals the surface is first moistened with kerosene and is then dried off with a cloth. It is then coated with chalk. After a little while the oil other. "Does you 'spect any black man works out of the little cracks and stains in Alabama is gwine to tie hisself up the chalk. A sort of diagram of the hid- to any religion dat 'lows a possum to den fissures and defects is thus produced.

Professor C. Lloyd Morgan has in his book on "Habit and Instinct" advanced the theory that, while the calls and alarm notes nitered by birds are probably due to simple instinct, their songs may be traditional-that is, handed down from generation to generation and perpetuated through the faculty of imitation:

an undertaking. "Isabel, does your husband get angry when he tells you to wake him early

and you don't do it?" doesn't mean it."-Chicago Record.

We are today what we were accustomed to do yesterday and the day before. - Lyman Abbott.

about 490,000 persons belonging to othar countries.

A REINCARNATED DOG.

He Hadn't Lost His Human Traits In the Process.

"You can't tell me there is nothing in the theory of reincarnation," remarked a traveling man, "for I know there is. I was down in Florida recently, and in St. Angustine I saw a snob dog-an out and out snob. His name is Towser, and he is just a common yellow dog, lives in the street and belongs

"In the summer, when no wealthy northern people are in the town, he plays with all the middle class children and dogs and will greet patronizingly the middle class men and women who know him. But in the winter, as soon as the season begins, he attaches himself to some rich New York family. loafs in their yard, tags their footsteps or carriages all about the city, attends them to church and home again and so far as he is able makes himself one of them. For his meals he has been forced to resort to the back yards of a plain, good woman, who pities him and feeds him regularly. He is friendly with her at his eating hours, but never so far forgets himself as to wag his tail at her on the street or when he is with

more pretentious people. "When society functions take place in St. Augustine, there is Towser. Golf matches, afternoon teas, picnics or boating parties, all are attended by him with most conventional regularity. He never greets any ordinary acquaintance when thus socially engaged and has even been known not to eat for several days when a fashionable wedding was on his mind. With the swell dogs of St. Augustine Towser never has any rows, having, no doubt, studied the politic art of being agreeable, but with commoner cuts he is irritable and defensive. That dog has been human in his time, and I'd give a penny to know who he was."-Indianapolis Journal.

## AMONG THE CANNIBALS.

A Traveler's Experience With the Man Enters of West Africa.

Mr. P. A. McCann has had 19 years' actual residence in west Africa. Mr. McCann's seven years' trading and residence with the cannibal tribes of the French Gaboon probably form the most exciting part of his experiences. He got studied their habits and customs. They quite believed that the white men ate fellow blacks. A big chief offered Mr. McCann the smoked thigh of a native. This was considered a gracious act. To refuse it would be unfriendly. Mr. Mc-Cann was in a dilemma.

But he feigned illness, said he was not eating just then. The chief eventually put the matter off good naturedly by saying he supposed the white man preferred white man to eat instead of black man. "The Mpongwes," said Mr. McCann, "are in ferocious and pugnacious qualities second to no other tribe in Africa. Their villages mostly consist of a single street from 600 to 1,500 yards long, on each side of which are the houses. In these houses they cook, up to the rafters.

"Although ferocious and quarrelsome to a degree, they are very industrious. They show considerable skill in the are also skillful workers. Although they | ilar occasion. kill game for food, they much prefer human meat to any other."-London Globe.

### Where the Crabs Come In.

When a school of menhaden make their way into a bay, they may stay for days swimming around in one region. Larger fishes, including perhaps may be that the tide carries some of "dogs." the litter about, or perhaps the crabs and other creatures smell it, as bluefish scent the bait that is used in chumming, but when a school of menhaden | York Commercial Advertiser. are preyed upon at the surface all the crabs in the bay congregate on the mud below to catch the crumbs that fall .-New York Sun.

Religion and the Possum, An incident told by the Rev. V. B. wardly right in order that his relation-

ship to society may be right. We were driving out one Sunday The Menominee Indians, in north- from Decatur, when we came upon a western Wisconsin, are making as much | negro, with a club in his hand and a money in lumber operations as are the freshly killed possum on his shoulder. Osages at farming. By the sale of pine We stopped to examine his prize, and

"Are you not a religious man?"

"I are. I'ze jist on my way home from church.

"And what sort of religion have you got that permits you to go hunting on Sunday ?"

"Religion, religion?" queried the man as he held the possum up with one hand and scratched his head with the walk right across de road ahead of him an git away free? No, sah! A religion which won't bend a little when a fat possum heads you off couldn't be 'stablished round yere by all de preachers in de univarse."

### Sharks Fear Noise.

The cowardliness of sharks is well known among men who have been much to sea in southern waters infested by man eaters. The fiercest shark will get out of the sea way in a very great hurry if the swimmer, noticing its approach, sets up a noisy splashing. A shark is in deadly fear of any sort of "No. dear. He knows that I know he living thing that splashes in the water. Among the south sea islands the natives never go sea bathing alone, but Action repeated becomes habit. Habit | always in parties of half a dozen or so long continued becomes second nature in order that they may make the greatest hubbub in the water, and thus scare the sharks away. Once in awhile a too venturesome swimmer among these natives foolishly detaches himself from There are in the German empire his swimming party and momentarily forgets to keep up his splashing. Then there is a swish, and the man eater comes up beneath him like a flash and

A JACK OF ALL TRADES.

The Versatility of a Frenchman of

the Eighteeuth Century. In times long gone by active men combined many vocations. The barber in those days was also the dentist and often performed other duties. A sign discovered in southern France recently shows how versatile it was possible for a man to become. The sign dates back to the last century and reads:

Issac Macairie, barber, wigmaker, healer, sacristan, schoolteacher, blacksmith and obstetrician; shaving, 1 sou; hair cutting, 2 sous; powdering and pomading very cheap for pretty, well bred young women; lamps lighted by the year or quarter; teaches the mother tengue in the best methods; instructs in singing and shoes horses with a master hand; makes and repairs boots and shoes; teaches the young to play the oboe and jewsharp; cuts out corns and applies blisters, plasters or cups at lowest prices; supplies purging medicine at I son; visits houses to teach the cotillon and other dances; sells sachet powders of all kinds at wholesale and retail; also all kinds of stationery, shoe polish, saited herrings, spiced bread, bristle brushes, mousetraps of wire and other material, heart strengthening roots, potatoes, sausages and other kinds of regeta

One would naturally think that all those talents and occupations would be enough for one man. But not so in the case of M. Macaire. A postscript on the sign reads:

I teach geography and foreign commerce every Wednesday and Friday. With God's help, I am ISAAC MACAIRE.

Effect and Cause. The rattling of the musketry in

creased. The pirate chief leaped to the mizzen halvards.

He waved his broken sword. "Scuttle the ship!" he shrieked. There was a moment's agonized si-

Then a quavering voice arose above

"Master," it screeched. "somebody has stolen the scuttle!" At this the rattling broke forth afresh and the man awoke.

His wife was shaking down the kitchen range.-Cleveland Plain Deal-

### The Magic Whirlpool.

Fill a glass tumbler with water, throw upon its surface a few fragments or thin shavings of camphor, and they will instantly begin to move and acquire a motion both progressive and friendly with them and thoroughly rotary, which will continue for a considerable time. If the water be touched by any greasy substance, the floating white men as they themselves eat their particles will dart back and, as if by a stroke of magic, be instantly deprived of their motion and vivacity.

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Novice-Paperweight? Old Sport-Yes; does all his scrapping in the papers. - Philadelphia Rec-

### The Sermon.

The caustic remarks of Justice Hawkins have not always been confined to the bench. At the opening of an assize eat and sleep and keep their store of the chaplain preached what he conprovisions, the chief of which is smoked | ceived to be a distinctly good sermon, | the little fellow, wiping the perspiragame and smoked human flesh, hung and he had the temerity to sound Mr. Justice Hawkins on the subject. "Did you approve of my sermon, my

lord?" he asked. "I remarked in your sermon, Mr. manufacture of pottery, and the designs | Chaplain," was the prompt reply, "two of their cooking pots, water jars, to- things which, to be candid, I did not bacco pipes and palm wine bottles are approve of, and which I have, I am extremely artistic. In ironwork they glad to say, never remarked on a sim-

> "They were, my lord?" was the anxious question of the preacher. "The striking of the clock," answered Mr. Justice Hawkins, "twice, sir."-

### Libels on Dogs.

After all man does not remember the dog's good qualities as he should. Look some sharks, feed upon them there at the similes he uses-"you lying From such feeding there are more or hound," "mean as a hound dog," less fragments that sink down through "dog" and "low down cur!" Man the water, and the various crabs and hardly can think of a lower name than other crustaceans come scuttling from one connected with dogs. And in horse all parts of the bay to get them. It racing the worthless ones are called

It seems a little ungrateful when one remembers all that a dog will bear from a man and still love him .- New

### She Was Deliberate.

It is said that Dinah Muloch Craik. the famous author of "John Halifax, Gentleman." made a habit of leaving at her bank the manuscript of each of her stories as soon as it was completed. It would remain there perhaps six months and then she would call for it and see how the story affected her after that lapse of time. If it pleased her, the manuscript was sent to the publisher. Otherwise it may rewritten or thrown

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"What's your name, my boy?" "Daniel O'Connell, sir," replied he

"And who's your father?" demanded the astonished liberator. "Daniel O'Connell, sir."

O'Connell muttered a word or two below his breath and then added aloud: "When I see you again, I'll give you sixpence."

Riding briskly on, he soon forgot the incident and fell to thinking of graver matters, when, after traveling some miles, he found his path obstructed by some fallen timber, which a boy was stoutly endeavoring to remove. On looking more closely he discovered it to be the same boy he had met in the

"What!" cried he. "How do you come to be here now?"

"You said, sir, the next time you seen me you'd give me sixpence," said tion from his brow.

### Somebody's Mother.

A ragged woman was crossing the corner of a public park in a large city where the children of the poor are accustomed to play, many of them barefooted. A burly policeman stationed at the corner watched the woman suspiciously. Half way across she stopped and picked up something which she hid in her apron. In an instant the policeman was by her side. With a gruff voice and threatening manner he de-

"What are you carrying off in your

apron ?" The woman seemed embarrassed and refused to answer. Thereupon the officer of the law, thinking that she had him at once what she had in her apron. At this the woman reluctantly unfolded her apron and disclosed a handful of broken glass. In stupid wonder the policeman ask-

"What do you want with that stuff?" A flush passed over the woman's face:

then she answered simply: "If you please, sir, I just thought I'd take it out of the way of the children's feet."-Detroit Free Press.

ville last August and fell by the wayside-he got drunk down there. After several months the news of his fall reached his rural home, and he was brought up before the church.

"Brethren." he said, "I admit I got drunk in Knoxville last August, but I didn't mean to do it. How I have suffered in my conscience and in my pride God alone knows, and I trust he has forgiven me. Brethren, I want you to fergive me. I didn't go to get drunk. took a glass or two of light wine with a friend, and later took a bottle of beer on ice, and then'-

"Brethren," interrupted a good old brother in the amen corner, "I would be willing to forgive the brother for his fall if he would make a clean breast of it and tell the truth. But I move we turn him out for lying. He has lied to us. Whoever heard of ice in August?" And they turned him out because he dared to say that he had seen ice in August. - Sweetwater (Tenn.) Telephone.

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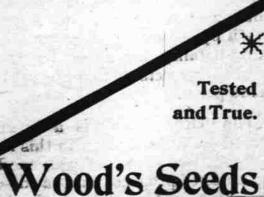
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