The Puzzie of the Press.

There used to be an aged elevator man who operated one of the lifts in the house wing of the capitol. Most of his passengers were either representatives a newspaper corresponsents. The old man got to know all of the correspondents very weil and always had a cheerful greeting for them. It was often noticed, too, that The seemed to be greatly interested in wheir conversation.

One afternoon, as three of them stepped out of the elevator, Sereno Payne of New York stepped in. As the car went dewn the old elevator man turned and said:

"Mr. Payne, I can't understand about those newspaper men. They muzzie me."

"What's the trouble with them?" maked Mr. Payne.

"Well, Mr. Payne, every day they ride in this car one feller will turn to another and say, 'What do you know today?' And the other fellow will answer, 'Not a - thing. What do you know? Then the first feller will answer, 'Nothing.' And yet, Mr. Payne, the papers are just full of news every day. It beats me where they get it."

"It beats me too," said Mr. Payne,-Brooklyn Eagle.

Old Time Strawberries.

Strawberries have improved very much in flavor since the fifteenth century. Until then the only strawbervies eaten were wild strawberries of a kind which would never find a mararet nowadays. By 1480, however, they were beginning to be cultivated, for Holinshed records under that date a particularly fine crop grown by the bishop of Ely in the grounds of his palace, now covered by Hatton garden,

He quotes the Duke of Gloucester as saying to the bishop: "My lord, you have very good strawberries in your garden in Holborn. I require you to let us have a mess of them." This ed with the promissory note. The speech was copied almost verbatim by president turned it over and wrote Shakespeare in "Richard III." Still, across the back of it his own indorseeven the bishop's fruit would not ap ment: "A. Jackson." peal much to modern connoisseurs, for the garden strawberries at that period were only transplanted wildlings, the plants being sold at about fourpence a bushel .- London Standard.

Origin of the Piano.

The pianoforte was directly evolved them the clavichord and the harpsicherd. In 1711 Scipione Maffel gave ed. In explaining this phenomenon a detailed account of the first four instruments, which were constructed by Bartolommeo Chrustofori. It was taxwed by him the pianoforte and was Erst exhibited in 1709. Marius, in France, exhibited harpsichords, with assumer action, in 1716, and Schroter, An Germany, claimed to have inventthe pianoforte between 1717 and 1220. Marius was at first generally credited with the invention. Pianos of that period were shaped very much like the modern grand variety. The first square piano was constructed by Frederica, an organ manufacturer of Saxony, in 1758. The first genuine upwight plano was invented in England and the United States by John Isaac Hawkins, an Englishman, in 1800.-Detroit Free Press.

The First Money.

Money is mentioned as a medium of exchange in Genesis, chapter 23, and is supposed to refer to a time as far back as 1800 B. C. The coinage of emoney is ascribed to the Lydians, a people of Asia Minor. It is, of course, quite impossible to fix any definite date for the first coinage. Long before any one thought to coin money it was made out of any durable substance that came to hand, such as leather, iron, tin, bronze and even the hard bark of the trees and stones of the fields. The Hollander, so late as the middle of the sixteenth century, made money of pasteboard. In fact, pretty nearly everything in the shade of lasting material has at one time or another been used as the medium of trade known as

Suiting the Action to the Word. At a lecture a well known authority was economics mentioned the fact that in some parts of America the number of men was constantly larger than that of women, and he added humorously, "I can therefore recommend to the ladies to emigrate to that part."

A young lady who was seated in one of the tast rows of the auditorium got and, full of indignation, left the woom rather noisily, whereupon the tecturer remarked, "I did not mean that it should be done in such a hur-U."-dudge.

White Specks In Butter.

White specks in butter are sometimes simply fine particles of milk curd, resulting from lack of care in skimming. Sometimes they are small specks of dried cream, having been scraped from the sides of the pan and being too dry to thoroughly soften and mix with the rest.

On the Spur of the Moment. "Waiter, these eggs are as hard as a stone. I told you not to boil them

more than three minutes and a half." "Yes, sir; that's just the time they were in to a second, but the-aw-wa-Wer was hard, sir."-Chicago Tribune.

Doing and Thinking. Mamma-Bessie, why don't you wash the dishes? It is easier to do a thing than to sit and think about it. Bessie -Well, mamma, you wash the dishes,

and I'll sit and think about it.

Could Help Her. Fussy Lady Patient-I was suffering so much, doctor, that I wanted to die. Doctor-You did right to call me in, dear lady.-London Opinion.

What kind of paper resembles zneeze? Tissua.

Buch a Thoughtful Woman. When the man and woman started down the subway stairs the man felt

in his pockets for tickets. "By George!" he said. "Isn't that a shame? I've got to stop in all this mob and buy tickets."

"Oh, no, you haven't," said the woman. "I have them. When I came downtown I remembered what you said about those people who buy only one ticket at a time making such a nuisance of themseives, so, as I had 15 cents to spare, I bought three tickets. I have two left. We can go right on through."

So the man and the woman drifted along with the pushing crowd to the point where the ticket chopper held them up and demanded tribute. Then the woman looked in her purse for the tickets. Suddenly her face assumed a painful blankness.

"I-I haven't got them," she faltered. "I was in such a hurry when I came through that I must have dropped all three tickets into the uptown box."-New York Herald.

A Note That Was Paid.

History is constantly repeating itself. Once upon a time a landlady in Washington called on President Andrew Jackson and told of a government clerk who owed her a big bill for board. In those days it was easy to have access to the White House. President Jackson listened to her story and advised her to get a promissory note from the clerk and put it in bank. She replied:

"I've done that twice, general, and he won't pay even then."

"Is that so?" said the president in surprise. "Now you go and get his note and bring it to me. I simply want to see it, and I'm sure that the clerk will pay that note. Go and bring it to me."

The landlady did so, and soon return-

That note was paid at maturity .-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Waves In Solid Metal. As illustrating the advances in metallurgy and engineering it has been demonstrated that solid metals may reveal by their structure the vibrations to which they have been subject experiment's have been shown proving that a beautiful wave structure can be imparted to the surface of mercury by the vibrations of a tuning fork, and that even the surface of solid lead which had been subjected to similar vibrations possesses a structure resembling that of a vibrating surface of mercury. Mild steel has been defined as a "solid solution" of iron and carbon, free from cinders. Metallurgists have doubled the strength of steel as it was known in its early days .-Scientific American.

Relieved.

"Where did you get these examples of faultily constructed sentences?" asked Dr. Campbell, the great rhetorician, of a student.

"Out of one of your books, doctor." "What? Where? Out of one of my

"Yes, sir; out of your 'Rhetoric.'" doctor. "Impossible! Never did I make use of such language. You are mistaken, badly mistaken. But-butwhere in my 'Rhetoric' did you find such composition?" he demanded an-

"In the part, 'Sentences to be Cor-

"O-h-h-h-h-h! A-h-h-h! Yes, yes," said the relieved doctor.-Philadelphia North American.

Too Much For Her.

Calling one day to see an old friend who was visiting her married son, I inquired of the colored maid who answered the bell. "Is Mrs. Smith at

"Yas'm, she home," the girl replied showing no inclination to invite me in. "She here, all right, but she got a misery in de haid."

"Mrs. Smith senior?" I asked with

"Seen me!" she exclaimed suspicious-"Cose she seen me. Huccome she ain' see me w'en she hire me las' night huh own self?" And she indignantly shut the door .- Lippincott's.

The Worst.

"My wife has been having some trouble with her throat," confided a friend, "and I got pretty worried about it and sent for a doctor. He examined her and looked very grave, and that scared me even worse. So I said, 'Tell me the worst at once, Doc,' and he whispered, 'She will re cover her voice.' And my wife over heard the question and the answer and now Doc and I are both in bad." Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Resentment.

"Did you say I was a cheap trickster?" asked the ward worker.

"No. I didn't," replied the man who is close to the boss. "I merely said you were a trickster."

"Well, that's all right, but don't you ever insinuate that I am doing a cut rate business."-Washington Star.

A Tragedy.

"How did you like my new tragedy?" "Tragedy? I thought it was com-"So did I till I got my check for the

profits." Paradoxical. "All this time the cashier was burning the candle at both ends."

"And keeping it dark. Well, I de

clare!"-Exchange.

The Motte on the Clock.

The old Temple clock in London bears a curious inscription, the origin of which is ascribed to a chance re-

workman was employed to repair and put in a new face upon the clock. When his work was nearly done he promised to think of one. Week after tic wandered through the country week he came for their decision, but was put off. One day he found them at dinner in commons.

"What motto shall I put on the clock, your lordship?" he asked of a learned

"Oh, go about your business!" his honor cried angrily.

"And very suitable for a lazy, dawdling gang!" the clockmaker is said to have muttered as be retreated. It is certain that he carved "Go about your business" on the base.

The lawyers decided that no better warning could be given them at any hour of the day, and there the inscription still remains.-Harper's Weekly.

The Exceptional Young Man.

The exceptional young man, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine, is the one who looks upon his employer's interests as he would his own, who regards his vocation as an opportunity to make a man of himself. an opportunity to show his employer the stuff he is made of, and who is always preparing himself to fill the position above him.

The exceptional young man is the one who never says, "I was not paid to do that," "I don't get salary enough to work after hours or to take so much pains." He never leaves things half done, but does everything to a finish.

The exceptional young man is the one who studies his employer's busi- RALEIGH, N. C., ness, who reads its literature, who is on the watch for every improvement which others in the same line have adopted and which his employer has not, who is always improving himself during his spare time for larger things.

Labrador's Short Summer.

How brief is the summer on the highlands of Labrador! says Hesketh Prichard in the Wide World. Snow does not melt till July, then with a rush midsummer comes. Grasses and leaves grow almost visibly, the wild cotton soon flings out its little white pennons, millions of berries ripen on the ground, the loon cries, the ptarmigan calls, and you may even see a butterfly balancing in the warm wind. But then also wakens the countless army of hunchbacks, lean and gray mosquitoes, piping blithely for blood. So summer reigns. Then suddenly one day at the end of August, after the sun has sunk behind the barren crags through a balmy warmth of evening, one may wake up to find everything transfigured and the first snow of another season already falling.

Found Out His Man.

A southerner who was visiting St. Louis wandered into the dining room of the hotel and, seeing a negro servant who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked him who the "head nigger" was around there. The negro stretched himself to "Out of my 'Rhetoric!" roared the his full height and pompously replied that "there ain't no niggers in St. Louis, sah. We is all gem-men of col-

"Well," said the southerner, drawing a \$100 bill from his pocket and fingering it, "I expect to be at this hotel for some time and want to make sure that I will be taken care of."

"Oh, sah," said the negro, whose eyes were popping from his head, "did you want to know who the head 'nigger waiter is? That's me."-Allentown

Where Bluebeard Lived.

Most of our readers have heard of Bluebeard, the enterprising gentleman who made a hobby of marriage and had a way of his own for getting rid of superfluous wives. Probably very few people, however, know that the story has any sort of basis in fact. Yet on the banks of the world famous Bosporus near Constantinople there is situated a picturesque old medievai fortress known as "Bluebeard's cantle" and which is said to have been the abode of a terrible old pasha whose playful little ways gave rise to the story.-Wide World Magazine.

First Calculating Machine.

The first calculating machine was invented and constructed by Blaise Pascal, a Frenchman, in 1642, in which year he was but nineteen years of age. It was made by him with the aid of one workman and was presented to the chancellor of France. During the revolution it was found in a junk shop at Bordeaux and at present is the property of M. Bougouin of that city. All of the four simple mathematical operations can be made with

Flow of Solid Metals.

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Not Playing the Game. Mrs. Fitz Suburbia-The next door person must be a very suspicious character. Hubby - Why so? Mrs. F. S.—She employs a maid who is deaf and dumb, the mean cat!-New York Journal.

Fire and sword are but slow engines of destruction in comparison with the babbler.—Steele.

Colored Farmer Shot Escaped Lun- was taken to the home of Mr. Couch, stic.

Durham Sun.]

A near tragedy was enacted at the Some 200 years or so ago a master home of Robert Nichols, a colored farmer of the county who resides near Bilboa, Saturday evening. Benjamin Morgan, a white lunatic, esasked the benchers for an appropriate caped from the asylum at Raleigh motto to carve upon the base. They early Saturday morning. The lunaand reached the home of Nichols Saturday evening after Nichols had retired for the night. He took off his shoes at the porch of Nichols

home, and crawled in at a window. After stirring around in the house for some time, he started to crawl out the window. Just as he reached the ground, Nichols fired at him with a 32 calibre pistol which he kept for emergencies. The ball struck the glass near the face of Morgan missing his temple by only the fraction of an inch. His face was badly cut by him so that he beat a hasty retreat. them. It's the best Salve in the world Nichols pursued the lunatic, calling for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, all the time for Deputy Ed. Couch, boils, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes,

Mr. Couch joined in the chase, and Has no equal for piles. Twenty-five the lunatic was finally captured. He cents at all druggists.

where his wounds were cared for and he was afterwards brought to town

and given medical attention. His face bled profusely and it was at first thought that a shot had taken effect. Morgan was taken to Raleigh Sunday afternoon and placed in the

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Durham Herald (Dem.)]

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