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The New York Herald states that it was the opinion of many who saw the recent naval review in the North River that some of the luxurious steam yachts of New York's millionaires were the most beautiful and graceful of all the craft afloat.

If inventors go on making armor plate more and more invulnerable and guns which throw a projectile with greater and greater velocity, the time may come when a cannon ball will have to be made of something about as hard as a diamond to stand the impact and will cost nearly as much.

The New York Times philosophizes Just as the women, after long coaxing, have decided to shorten their gowns, the men, perverse creatures, suddenly drop the skirts of their coats almost to their ankles. And how very funny they look; so confusing, too; one is never quite sure if it is a footman or just a plain men walking in front of her.

In Australia, it is said, telephonic messages have been successfully transmitted over wire fences. The man who thought of this device utilized the top wire of the fence and carried the wire across the road on poles. In this way he connected one station with another at a cost of \$5 per mile and, as he carries an instrument in his buggy, he is able at any point to communicate with either station.

Chicago opened her big show with a population, visitors not included, of about 1,250,000, or about 600,000 behind that of New York. Philadelphia's estimated population is 1,160,000; Brooklyn's, 1,000,000; Baltimore's, 511,500; Boston's, 475,000; Cincinnati's, 325,000; Cleveland's, including a recently annexed suburb, 322,000; San Francisco's, 320,000; Buffalo's, 300,000; Washington's, 263,000, and Detroit's 259,000. Most of these are moderate official estimates, and they show that the chief cities of the country are growing with even more than their usual rapidity.

Harness marks, physical or mental, come to most men who are busied in doing the world's work. Even so light a task as the handling of a pen often leaves its traces upon the fingers. Perhaps the commonest result of constantly writing with a pen is the formation of callous spots on the middle finger of the right hand just where the per crosses and on the first joint of the little finger where it is moving in contact with the paper. Sometimes a disease of the nail of the middle finger results from the some cause. Any carefully observant person could easily pick out a penman by examining his right hand.

Herr Krupp's gift of his great 124ton gun to Chicago is peculiarly generous, maintains the San Francisco Examiner, since he cannot expect it to lead to anything in the way of orders from this country, and guns are good eash assets in Europe just now. We have adopted the policy of making our own munitions of war, and Krupp has no market here. Herr Krupp has combined patriotic prudence with liberality. If he had presented his gun to our Government it would have been mounted at New York, and might possibly at some time have been directed against a German war-ship. At Chicago it can never encounter any enemy but England, and Krupp is probably willing to take the chances of

John Worth, in the Nineteenth Century, gives some striking facts about the rapid extermination of the birds of North America. The advent of the plow and the frame hut of the settler is gradually driving the feathered tribe from its old haunts, and what nests are spared by the plow are fires. The heath hen used to be seen in autumn in packs of from 100 to 200 birds in each; now the number in a covey rarely exceeds six or eight. The sharp-tailed grouse and the wild turkey will soon follow the bison and the moose into the animalia of the past. Professor Roney asserts in the Chicago Field that in one of the vast breeding colonies alone some 1,000,000,000 pigeons were "sacrificed to Mammon" during one nesting season, and even allowing for exaggeration the extent of the slaughter is beyond question. The remedy is not easy to seek. Mr. Worth suggests an act of Congress to prevent bird destruction throughout the United States.

THE valise of Louis Halbertstadt, of Napier-ville, Ill., who died in Brockville, Canada, two years ago, was sold to a drummer at an auction of unclaimed express packages for \$2. It contained gas stock worth \$107,000.

During the past five years the sufcides in the Austrian army were equal to a fifth of the total mortality of the army during this period, and more deaths were due to this than to typhoid fever, pneumonia or consumption.

The business of colonizing Africa with white people goes on apace. An expedition left England some weeks ago for Mozambique as advance party of settlers who are to colonize some 300 square miles of territory between the rivers Zambesi and Sabi.

Says the Springfield Union: "Now that the Canadians are refusing United States paper money except at a discount, Americans visiting Canada should provide themselves with Canadian money, which can be purchased here at a discount. The discount business can be made to work both ways."

According to Charles D. Kellogg, the General Secretary of the Charity Organization Society, the enormous sum of \$9,000,000 is annually spent in New York City in charity. Two and one-quarter million dollars, he estimates, goes to public institutions, four millions to private ones, and the balance is distributed by various religious organizations.

The correspondent of the Cologne (Germany) Gazette, now in this country, tells his readers that every American wears a diamond pin costing \$1200. This suggests to the New York Tribune that it might be very interesting and perhaps amusing, to read the letters from this country that will be written by foreign newspaper men during the World's Fair.

During the football season of 1892-3 in Great Britain there were twenty-six deaths on the field or resulting from football accidents, thirty-nine broken legs, twelve broken arms, twenty-five broken collar bones, and seventy-five other injuries. Football, adds the New Orleans Picayune, is much more generally played in England than here, and every village and hamlet has its team or teams and seemingly its killed

Every now and then, according to the Argonaut, some thoughtless writer descants upon our coming landlessness. But, in fact, all the people of the United States could be lodged in the three States of California, Kansas and Nebraska without overcrowding, and without producing a greater density of population than we find in England, or in Italy, or in Japan, or in many of the provinces of China. The two provinces of Kiang-Su Ngan-Hui, in China, support between them a population rather larger than that of the United States on a territory less than twothirds of the area of California.

It is a curious fact, notes the Boston Herald, that, while the westward movement of the population has covered no less than 91 degrees of longitude (9 degrees 21 minutes, 7 seconds), this movement has run almost on a straight line, the extreme northern and southern variation embracing less than onethird of a degree of latitude (18 minutes, 56 seconds). To put the contrast more distinctly, we may say that, while the western movement for the century aggregates 506 miles, the extreme northern and southern variation is a little under twenty-two miles, and the finishing point of the line is only some six miles south of the starting point.

The Boston Herald states that poor Baby Ruth Cleveland has been so pestered by kodak fiends and curious sight-seers, when taking her walks in the rear of the White House on fair days, that the President has had to order the gates of the White House grounds to be closed between the hours of 2 and 4, in order that she may take the air undisturbed. It seems that the sightseers, who are mostly women, not content with staring at the baby, insisted upon kissing her, while some of them, taking advantage of the temporary distraction of the nurse, gave the baby candy or opened her mouth to look at her teeth, or danced her up and down in their arms. One audacious woman actually tried to surreptitiously snip off a lock of her hair with a tiny

The great Columbian World's Fair has already cost about \$20,000,000, calculates the New York World. For twenty-one months its creation has employed a whole army of laborers, masons, plumbers, carpenters, black smiths, builders, engineers, architects, artists, decorators-enough to build a city and to people it. There are nearly seven hundred acres in the grounds and there are 400 buildings there, some of them vast palaces such as no Emperor every dreamed of building, and one which covers more than thirty acres of land. More than sixty thousand exhibitors have taken place, and every Nation under the sun which has aught of interest in human progress to show is represented there. The citizens and corporation of Chicago have contributed \$11,000,000 outright and have lent \$5,000,000 more to make the enterprise a success worthy of the gree kness and glory of our time and courtry. It is estimated that the total outlay, including that of the exhibitors,

will exceed \$100,000.000.

SO LITTLE. Hercafter, when I sleep beneath yonder churchyard plot. And what I was, or might have been, is that which is not. If you should come in kindlings to sta there by the spot, And sometimes think of me

As if I were not better than you thought, I that I were less bad, I know in that dark, dismal grave of mine I should be glad Through all eternity.

-W. J. Lampton, in New York Sun.

"SUMAJH."

BY STANLEY GIBSON.



don't want to see any more."

"Hah!" broke in Henderson; "and how do you know the man was a leper,

"That's enough-I pass," Henderson quickly, with a shudder. near anybody?"

want to know the meaning of that stangely clear. word, do you? Let's see; how long kitchen, eh?"

voice; for Henderson, I had already Ohei, Ohei. seen for myself, was big brother to all the children of the cantonment.

You're very slow for a competition wallah. And what did you understand of the conversation between your leper and his friends, eh?"

here a couple of years."

except that blessed word 'sumajh.' It was wrapped up in very figurative lanto do 'sumajh' for him; but it seemed as if they were half afraid to do what-

ever it means. In the end, though, they gave way, and the poor chap was wonderfully pleased, for he held his blessings on them, and then crouched

"So; that's all you know about it, is nose into the natives' business. Let them alone as much as you can. Cultireading the regulations about them. most of those rules don't have to keep them; and between you and me, their knowledge of the theory of government is only excelled by their ignorance of the practice of it. As for that word you're so curious about, forget it, and don't hear it again-under-

With that he went out abruptly. I was greatly perplexed. Half the was on pretty familiar terms with him, he was my chief, and in addition to him.

The next morning, I tackled him again. "Henderson-that word?"

ment, I'll make it warm for you."

strange words and manner. It was almost the last of the few | The horrible sight fascinated me. I nical detail. Popular Science Month-

still some couple of miles from home, I Even my quickened my pace. The night was me no falling as only those can understand natives, still singing that sad, monotowho have witnessed a nightfall on the nous refrain, were now quickly throwedge of the jungle. No need to tell ing the earth round the leper. Quicker them how the darkness drops like a and quicker they shovelled, louder and heavy blanket nor of the startling louder they sang: "Ohei, Ohei, thy transformation of the tangled under- wish is thine-is thine." The four wood and the gigantic grasses, which beating the tom-toms threw them down suddenly become strange monsters en- and joined in. The earth mounted dowed with life, moving to and fro, higher and higher round the now smoothly, now jerkily, pointing doomed man. It reached his breast; he husky cries of hate, now jibbering the sky; he patted the earth with idiot-like. And the wild animals in them, as if he were fondling a loved the thickness of the interior, how they one. It reached his shoulders-he howl and shriek and cry and moanroars of defiance, screams of pain, trumpetings of victory! All made in the earth with frenzied energy; the more intense by being subdued, as if torch-bearers standing like bronze "what's the the vegetation were unwilling to let the statues, their torches throwing a red 'Sumajh,' eh? acted in that fearsome place.

wandering steps were suddenly arrested by the convulsive effort I shut my eyes. about a mile magical appearance, directly in my followed what seemed to be a beaten "Well, this leper seemed to be ask- track. For some hundreds of yards ing a great favor of the other fellows the strange procession went slowly on. -imploring them to do something, you | Suddenly I heard a strange noise that know-and they didn't want to; and thrilled me through and through. the poor chappie turned from one to There was something about it, too, the other and moaned and cried; and that seemed familiar; but my brain well, upon my word, Henderson, what was excited and refused to recall the 'Yes, yes-keep quiet; a touch of with his pitiful appearance, I felt\_ sound. It was a kind of moan, half well-I couldn't see quite straight for human, half animal. As the natives a little while. And look here; I and I drew nearer it took the character in a jiffy. thought lepers weren't allowed to come of a chant; and then it flashed on me that I had heard the sound before; it "Hm," Henderson's face assumed a was the leper's voice! The poor puzzling expression, half-pitying, half- wretch was crooning a dismal hymn or stern, as he rose from the camp chair invocation, just as he had done when in which he was lolling. Placing his soliciting his relatives to do what I was hands on my shoulders and looking to my great satisfaction, about to find into my eyes, he went on: "So you out. His low, weak voice rang out "Ohei, Ohei. Mother, my mother. have you been grilling in this devil's Thou only art merciful. Thou only.

Ohei, Ohei, Brethren, my brethren, "Nearly five weeks," replied I, sur- lead me to my mother; she only will prised at the peculiar hardness of his welcome, she only will give peace.

The voice died away in a moan that mingled with and seemed to rise again "So; five weeks." His voice as- in the soft whistling of the long sumed a satirical tone. "Five weeks grasses, as they quivered with the -and you don't know the language yet! breath of the wind that presaged the coming rains. I shivered. The party having now arrived at a

space which had been cleared of the tangle-wood and grass, abruptly stopped "Why," said I, bridling up some- and formed into a ring. I pressed forwhat, "I learned a good bit of the lan- | ward as near as I dared. Then I saw, guage before I came out, and I know in the centre of the ring, a large cavas much of it now, I'll guarantee, as ity, perhaps four feet deep, with the the average man does after he's been earth banked up on either side. The torch-bearers ranged themselves at the "Modest," dryly ejaculated Hender- head and foot of the hole, which, now son, waiting for an answer to his ques- that it was in the light, I saw to be of oblong shape, shelving somewhat at "Oh, I understood it all right enough the end nearer to me. The other natives stood at the sides, four with tomtoms and two with little pots of burnguage-calling the earth his mother ing incense. The the leper limped out, and the sun his father, and all that sort | from the jungle seemingly, and crouched of stuff, you know. He wanted them at the shelving end of the hole. I had expected him to appear on the scene, yet when he did so, I could not help giving a bit of a start. Not one of the natives looked at the leper, nor did he seem to see them. As soon, nowever, wasted arms to the sky and invoked as he approached, the whole of the natives set up a cry-subdued and dismal down and kissed the earth; and finally beyond description. The burden of it burst out into a sort of song that didn't | was something like this: "To Thee who go very far before it faded away into a art all knowledge, all power, all love, dismal croak that was painful to listen all hate. To Thee, known only of Thyto. I couldn't stand it any longer, and self. To Thee who art Life and Death. To Thee we bring our brother. He seeks Thee where Thou art. He comes it? Well, youngster, take my advice to Thee. He comes to Thee." Their and it's good, too-don't poke your voices and the noise of the tom-toms died down; and as they faded away the leper, who had been beating time by vate a convenient memory when you're nodding his head, crawled down the slope and squatted down at the deep Remember, that the men who make end of the hole. In a shrill, quavering tain percentage of them will never be voice that sounded strangely piercing on the electrically charged air he took

"Ohei, Ohei. Fire of the Lightnings, I come. Cloudless brightness of the sky, I come. Winged Messenger

Then, amid more chanting and tomtom beating, two of the natives handed night I pondered over Henderson's the leper some liquid in a small bowl strange conduct, and wondered why on | and some food. After drinking a little | urday Review, attempts by bacteriologearth he should refuse to tell me the of the liquid and eating a little of the | ical processes to remove from the human meaning of a simple word. I did not food, he cast the remainder into the system the germs of infectious disease care to ask any one else, for fear of its | hole in front of him, accompanying the | have been made by six different methgetting to Henderson's ears. Although action with subdued but intense cries. ods. The first is by Pasteur's preven-

I had already become much attached large flat pieces of wood. With these virus is administered to produce s He turned and gazed at me with half- alive! The thought in all its hideous- into a person already attacked with the closed eyes and said deliberately and ness flashed through my brain. For the disease, to overtake it. The third is coldly: "The keenness of your curi- instant I went as cold as ice and was the employment of the virus of a comosity would do infinite credit to a unable to raise a finger. Only for a paratively mild disease to protect corporal's wife." He cleared his throat moment though; and then, acting for against a more severe one, as Bits. and said testily: "Pienic, pienic; the second time that night on the im- in vaccination for smallpox. Next in that's what the word means; he wanted | pulse of the moment, I dashed forward, | order is the destruction of the disease them to treat him to a picnic in the my revolver still in my hand, to do- producing bacteria by the administrajungle; and you say they consented. what, I could not tell. But before I tion of antisepttics or bactericides. A And"-he turned on me quite fiercely had gone two steps I found myself fifth method is the re-enforcement of the thumb of my left hand," said Oliver -"why shouldn't they? And look seized, disarmed, gagged and pinioned. natural means possessed by our sys- Golding, of San Francisco, at the here, my boy, if you say one word I struggled, or, rather, attempted to tems for combating disease germs; by Southern. "I got a run round, which about it to any one else in the canton- struggle, for I could neither move nor re-enforcing the leucocytes or white is a sort of second consin to a felon, on utter the slightest sound. I gave my- blood corpuscles. which destroy bac-I was hurt and angry and gave Hen- self up for lost. I expected nothing teria, by means of the injection of the derson a wide berth for the rest of the but death, and I remember doing what blood of animals insusceptible to the In the evening I strolled down the a prayer-incoherent and vague; but temperature of the body of the patient; Kistapore road. It was against the never was prayer more fervent. Con- by alterations of diet, climate, or surregulations, for the jungle ran right trary to my expectation I was only roundings; or by injection of phagocyte up to the road and at night there was dragged back several paces and tied invigorators. The sixth method is by a certain amount of danger to be feared hand and foot to what I suppose was a the injection of the "tox-albumens" from the wild beasts that occasionally small tree. My captors had bound me formed by the bacteria growing in atexplored the road, almost up to the with my back towards the leper, appa- tificial cultures, as is done in Koch's cantonment. But in my brief experi-ence I had seen the spirit, if not the letter of one or two of the regulations, However, by screwing my neck round is factory, and bacteriological treatignered and I wanted to be alone, to I could just catch sight of the wretched ment is now apparently at a standstill, think out the meaning of Henderson's creature in the pit that I now felt cer- is not due, it is thought, to any innate tain was to be his grave.

brief moments of twilight, when, being had no thought for anything else. ly.

with strange fingers; now uttering waved his poor stumps of arms towards

bent and kissed it passionately. Oh, that scene !- the natives casting meaning of outside world know of the scenes en- glare on the leper's head, now fast disappearing as if sinking in a pool of Early this I confess I started to run, holding blood. Then the earth crept up to his morning I was my revolver at the full cock. But my mouth, his nostrils. . . With a

In another moment the noise of the out on the path, of several lights. I pulled up shoveling and singing cellsed. My Kistapore sharply, and stood stock-still. The eyes involuntarily opened, just in time road, just on lights advanced, keeping time with the to see the torch-bearers thrusting their the edge of the thumping of my heart. At last I could torches in the earth heaped up over jungle, you dimly descry a body of twenty or thir- the grave; they gave an angry splutter know, and ran ty natives, several of whom carried and then went out. For an instant across some ten | torches, which they must have just | there was utter darkness and silence. or a dozen lighted. I swaited their coming not Then came the crowning horror. A natives in a without trepidation, for I could not vivid flash of lightning lit up the scene. ring around a poor wretch of a leper. | imagine what they were about. Just | It seemed to hang over the spot. And Ugh! he's the first I've seen and he before reaching me, however, they while the natives were thus enmade me feel bad, I can tell you; I turned quickly into the jungle. They veloped with the ghastly hue of death, were not five paces distant from me I heard-I vow I heard-muffled and when they left the road, and I felt faint as the shriek of a gagged man, some surprise at their not having seen the cry of the leper-the echo of a if you had never seen one before, ch?" me. By a sudden overpowering im- Voice-the Echo of a Life! Louder "Oh, he was a leper right enough- pulse of curiosity I started to follow and louder grew that terrible voice; it there was a horrible grayish scaley them, in order to learn the meaning of roared like a cataract, like a thousand look upon him, and he was bloated their strange journey. With as little peals of thunder; it became a thinghis arms were only stumps noise as possible I swung round, step- tangible, palpable-filling the uniping almost in their footsteps. I had verse, pressing on my brain-crushing little difficulty in doing so, for they it-till at last something snapped and I knew no more.

Three weeks afterward I woke up. I was lying on a bed in my quarters. Henderson was bending over me; he raised his hand to prevent my speaking, saying, with a queer little smile: jungle fever, my boy, that's all-a trifle heady; you'll be all right again That "jiffy" was nearly three months.

-Chambers's Journal.

Money May be Too Safe. "I have no doubt that many a family now struggling along under the belief that the father died and left nothing would be well off could they

go to the safe deposit vault where the head of the house kept his valuables, open the door of his particular compartment and carry away its con-The speaker was a man who is con-

nected with an establishment of the kind mentioned. He evidently knew what he was talking about.

The safe deposit vaults are a modern institution. In them a man, by the payment of \$5 or upward annually, can keep his money, jewelry and papers safe from fire and burglary. Armed guards further protect his property, but even without their presence no gang of burglars could work quickly enough to despoil the vaults, built, as they are, of steel and granite into the very backbones of immense build-

"But the very care of the tenant is the doom of his nearest kin," said the interested gentleman; "he doesn't expect to die suddenly, but that mode seems the most general nowadays. No man should have his affairs so secret that his loved ones suffer the rest of their lives by what he considered his forethought.

"A recent case occurs to me. young man with apparently many years before him, suddenly went insane. He was fond of jewelry, but one night a would-be thief snatched a very valuable scarf-pin the young man wore. After that, though he foiled the highway robber, he would not wear his diamonds, but put them in his safe, under the care of the deposit vaults.

"Had he not told me of the incident nobody would ever have known what became of the diamonds. No man puts his name and address in his safe, and the company only knows him personally and not his relatives."

Even savings banks have been able to build handsome edifices with the uncalled-for money deposited by men or women who have disappeared. Take many thousand accounts, and a cercalled for. They are advertised, but very little results from the advertisements, and the bank is the winner.

The amounts thus lost to sight aggregate many hundreds of thousands of dollars. There is a grim fatality of the Mountains, I come. Ohei, I about the "safety" of a vault. - New York Journal.

> Processes Against Disease. According to a summary in the Sat-

But now several of the natives re- tive inoculation, in which a minute tired for a moment, returning with quantity of attenuated culture of the they started throwing earth into the light attack of the disease. The sechole. The leper did not move. They ond is M. Pasteur's method in rabies, were going to bury the poor wretch in which a mitigated virus is injected I had not done for years: I offered up disease; by raising or lowering the defect in the system, but to some tech-

Life is a continued story. Self-love is incurably blind. No flower is jealous of another. Sorrow finds a rainbow in tears. Poetry is an hereditary disease. Poetry is not prose cut to measure. Don't talk your good deeds to death. Thoughtfulness is the core of char-

The harvest is nature smiling at thrift. Only the eyes can say unutterable

things. The fool has no fear; the brave man

conquers it. After seventy a man isn't anxious to look forward.

Action is the fruit of sentiment. It has no flower. A man's words are not the index of

his character. A hypocrite is one-third thief and

two-thirds liar. A man's great deeds are always greater than himself. When a woman is weak she issweet;

when she is strong she is bitter. The bigger crowd a man is in, the harder he finds it to fight himself.

There are twenty-six letters in the alphabet, the largest of which is I. A man is either a fool or a knave who buys without the means to pay.

man tells much; the wisest man keeps his mouth shut. Some people are born good; some achieve goodness and some have good-

A wise man knows much; a wiser

ness thrust upon them. A dictionary comes about as near defining what love is as a grain of sand

comes to filling the ocean. The world is becoming more modest as it becomes more civilized; time was when the naked truth did not shock people.

Remarkable Self Sacrifice.

The recent Thrun insurance fraud in Wisconsin recalls to William A. Pinkerton a curious life insurance story from Oregon in which the supposed attempt at fraud was inspired by the romantic dream of a French novelist. This is the story told by Mr. Pinker-

"A young man living near Portland insured his life for \$10,000 for the benefit of his sister. After a few premiums had been paid his death was reported to the company. It had been caused by a fall from a high tree. Something in the circumstances aroused the suspicion of the company, and I was retained to make a personal investigation. I found that the young man and his immediate family were all poor. They lived from hand to mouth and were greatly in need of money. He was of a retiring, dreamy, romantic disposition, and very fond of his sister. There was no reason for him to climb the tall tree, nor when he got there any particular reason why he should tumble out of it. He was strong and hearty. His family were deeply grieved, but everything in a world pointed to the theory that he had commited suicide that the sufferings of his people might be relieved by the insurance money. The thing was to prove

"Inquiry as to his habits developed the fact that he was a patron of the public library. I got a list of the books he read. They were mostly of a philosophical character, tending to atheism. Among the rest was a French novel which he had borrowed several times. I took it to the hotel to read and kill time. In it I found the full explanation of his suicide. The hero of the book was a poor and romantic young man. He insured his life for the benefit of his wife, and then went on an expedition to the Alps, and at the proper point made a misstep and rolled down a precipice, so laying his plans as to leave hope that he would escape unhurt and be enabled to go away from the country. His idea was to relieve the beneficiaries by means of the insurance money. He couldn't do it by his labor. The novelist made his action a noble self sacrifice. The Oregon young man who emulated his example left himself no chance of escape, and he was killed. We fitted the two cases together, and the result was the insurance policy wasn't paid."-Chicago Times.

Snow falls to the earth in flakes because it is water solidified in starlike crystals, each snowflake being usually made up of several crystals, which are excessively light on account of the large quantity of air among the frozen particles. The snow crystals arise from the slow passage of the water vapor of clouds when the temperature falls below freezing point, into the solid condition, the fairylike transformation taking place by the molecule or smallest independent particles of the water grouping themselves with the utmost mathematical regularity around differ-

Each crystal of snow, as of anything else, is therefore a more or less perfect geometrical solid. The most complete show crystals are formed in a clear atmosphere, where there is nothing to retard the gradual process of crystallization or molecular construction. Rain, on the other hand, being a liquid, falls in drops.-London Tid-

The Use of a Thumb, "I am right handed, and until now I never knew how important to me was my thumb the other day, and it seems to me that 1 jab it against everything that there is hard and sharp, and just that particular part of it between the quick and the nail that is sorest. If I put my hand in my pocket I have to wince. If I open a drawer, bang goes the run-round and against some projection of my desk.

"If I have to pick up a paper or an envelope it seems to me that I must do it with that hand and not with the

"I was always under the impression previous to this that I did everything with the right hand, but now I see that I do most of my reaching after things with the hand that has the sore thumb on."-St. Li us Globe-Democrat.

We pass each other on life's banquet stairs; New guests are mounting to the festal

While we descend together to the night. Close muffled 'gainst the outside wintry airs-They tread upon our shadows as they climb With quick strong steps to join the crowd

We see in sparkling eyes and speaking . blush.

How expectation gilds the coming time. Young forms go by us tossing rolly sprays In brave apparel, tints of flower and bird, Of blossom patches by the sumiper stirred, With sheen of silk, and gems that scatter

Knew we such zest, true heart! when mounting up?

Such haste to lift the chalice to our lips, To learn if pleasure sweeter is in sips, Or, when, with manhood's thirst we drain the cup?

Shall we stand by and carp at these, and "Go, giddy ones, and moth-like fire your

Pleasure is pain, and laughter sorrow

brings. Shall we speak thus, who once were youngy as they?

Farewell! We've supp'd. Life's wing was keen and bright ; Old friends move by and gain the outer

The wind blows buffets with a northern

And past the shadows gleams the distant -W. W. Masten.

## PITH AND POINT.

A furor-Oysters on the half shell. Horse-sense-An ability to say neigh. -Truth.

"Tis only when they shadow us "Comparisons are odious."-Judge. Smallpox is not any more contagious

than a good example. -Ram's Horn. Don't stay up late on a lark if you want to rise with it .- New York Re-

Things are nearly always what they seam to be to the sewing-girl. -Buffalo Courier.

All work and no play makes the girl with a piano popular next door. -Binghamton Leader. Truth travels straight ahead, but a

lie will stop at every corner and beat it.-Elmira Gazette. The cynic is very frequently a man who couldn't make a dollar at any other

job. -Somerville Journal. Wheel - "You make me tired." Blacksmith - "Run around

please."-Detroit Free Press. Book-borrowers are reminded that the print of their nails doesn't improve the typography of a work. -Truth.

As a rule it is difficult to persuade an individual who rides a hobby that he had better take a walk. - Blizzard. It's nice to have the girl you love present you with a present, But when you can't make out it's use it isn't

quite so pleasant. -Puck. a A business left to run itself, as rule, doesn't run very long. The man who stops it is the Sheriff. - Troy

When two people get mad at each other, each begins to think how much he has done for the other. - A chison

It is not so strange that the sea breaks on the shore-the sailors generally do the same thing. -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Some people have trouble in finding words for their thoughts; others have trouble in finding thoughts for their words. - Washington Star.

'Tis here—their confidence so Ana. And each man, full of mirth Feels certain that the local nine Is fit to beat the earth,

-Washington Star. If haste is the mark of a weak mind; there is reason to believe that the average errand boy is profoundly intellectual. - Washington News.

Aigh-"Bingley's wife doesn't prove to be all that he fancied she was." Bee -"Very likely; he got her at a bargain counter."-Boston Transcript.

With all the modern notions Our great world's fair is blest-Mr. Cleveland pressed the button And Chicago did the rest. -Wasnington Star.

"Is Newlywed a man that heeds the dictates of his conscience?" "Somewhat, but not to the extent he heeds those of his wife."-Rochester Chron-

It is easier for a man to find his own name in a newspaper when it is there than it is for him to locate a doubleleaded article with a scare-head .--

On willful waste the maiden frowns, In saving she believes ; So she constructs of last year's gowns This year's enormous sleeves.

You can never measure the spiritual welfare of a congregation from the height of the church steeple for which the members have paid. - Detroit Free Nobody likes the man who is always

finding fault, but everybody is glad to take advantage of the improvements that his constant kicking brings about. Do not think that the politician loves you because he shakes your hand

so effusively. After the election, mayhap, he will shake you altogether .-Boston Transcript.

The fisherman now homeward hies, As happy as a king : Three little fish and ten big lies Are dangling on his string.

—Kansas City Journal.

The average balloonist may not be more inclined to pay his debts than his fellows, but it must be admitted that he sometimes "comes down" in a hurry. - Boston Courier.

Father-"Do you need this diction, ary in your school work?" Dollie-"Yes, it's just the thing to stand on when I heat my curling iron in the gas."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Why should we weste time and fret? The marigold's aftre : Each meadow has its violet

And every fish its liar. -Detroit Free Press. She-'I will never marry a man

whose fortune has not at least five ciphers in it." He (triumphantly)—
"Oh, darling! Mine is all ciphers." Boston Commercial Bulletin.