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TRUE TO HIS WORD. "Yaas, dat husban' ob mine am de laziest man in town." "Lazy? Why, didn't he promise to

go to work wid a pick aftah marriage?" "Ef he did he must hab meant a

toothpick. Dat's all he's been wukin' haven't seen more than three men carsince den."



A RACE AGAINST TIME. "Why, Willie! Why do you eat those cakes so greedily? You have plenty of them."

"I know it. That's why I'm afraid my appetite will be gone before the

THE LOBSTER TURNED RED. "When that old lobster got in the way of the ball our captain roasted him."

"Our captain must be advancing new ideas in the food line." "How is that?"

"Roasting lobsters on the gridiron."



A MISTAKE SOMEWHERE. "What's the score, Jack?" "Eight to four."

"You are mistaken. I'm sure I ried off the field.'



DISILLUSIONED. "When I wuz a boy I never t'ought I'd be leadin' this kind uv, a life." "Wot did youse t'ink?" "In me childhood innercence I t'oughi I'd hafter work fer a livin'."

GROWN WISE.

"Yes; he's done foun' out dat it's less

prisons is very ill laid out. We make by distrust the thief and burglar and incendiary, and by our court and jail we keep him so. An acceptance of the sentlinent of love throughout Christendom for a season would bring the felon and the outcast to our side in tears, with the devotion of his faculties to our service.-Emerson.

## Toole's Tears.

Sallies of almost childlike high spirits endeared the late J. L. Toole, the lifelong friend of Henry Irving, to all who knew him. On one occasion when the author of "Some Eminent Victorians" was spending a day in the innocent adventures which Toole was a genius in originating they went to the Tower, where they found themselves among a party of eager sightseers in the chamber where the crown jewels are disposed.

It was a woman who was explaining to the eager throng the history of the articles displayed. At the end of a long catalogue she said:

"And this is Anne Boleyn's crown." Toole, apparently suddenly overcome, burst into a flood of tears and leaned against the wall in seemingly uncontrollable grief.

"Oh, sir," inquired the poor woman, in distress, "what is the matter?" "Nothing! Nothing!" replied Toole in broken accents. "Don't mind me, but the fact is I have known the family so long."

No Time to Read Them. Two men sat beside each other in a ailway train. One of them, putting down a magazine, remarked: "That series of articles, 'Books That

Have Helped Me,' has engaged the attention of some of the leading literary men of the country." "So I've heard," the other man re-

plled. "Have you read any of the articles?"

"No." "But you have often thought of books that have helped you, I dare

say?" "No. I don't read books and am therefore not helped by them. I read the titles of books, but never turn the eaves."

ity with ancient usage. There has formerly been a superstitious custom of not lighting a fire on a wedding. So Peter made them do without a fire, although it was very cold. He would not give them any wine, because their show. forefathers never drank it. When they remonstrated he reminded them that it was a poor rule which did not

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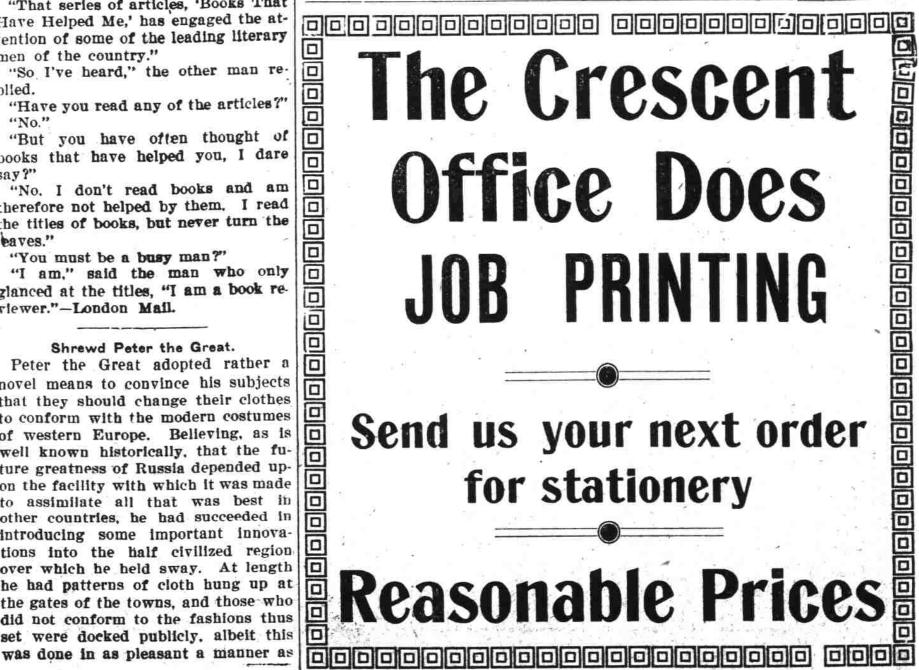
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NO TIME TO LOSE. "Hey! Wait a minute, Mrs. Snail." work to go out lookin' foh work dan it "I can't stop now; I am going to town to do some Christmas shopping, is to stay home an' chop wood an' and it's October now." carry water foh de washtubs."

"You must be a busy man?" "I am," said the man who only glanced at the titles, "I am a book reviewer."-London Mail.

Shrewd Peter the Great. Peter the Great adopted rather a novel means to convince his subjects that they should change their clothes to conform with the modern costumes of western Europe. Believing, as is well known historically, that the future greatness of Russia depended upon the facility with which it was made to assimilate all that was best in other countries, he had succeeded in introducing some important innovations into the half civilized region over which he held sway. At length he had patterns of cloth hung up at the gates of the towns, and those who did not conform to the fashions thus set were docked publicly, albeit this