## The Chronicle.

WILKESBORO, N. C.

According to the Chicago tilobe, over \$100,000,000 of Government 44 per cents. will mature next year.

שיבר שט, טעט, טעט מכדעה טב מיזירו מווירו land are yet vacant in New Mexico subject to entry under pre-emption, home stead, timber-culture and desert-land

Uncle Sam's loan of 'ships and other naval apparatus to such States as desire to establish a naval battalion as a part of the militia has first been accepted by Massachusetts.

The Roumanian Government has of fered prizes to the architects of all nations for the best plans for its new assembly and senate chambers. The first prize for each building is \$3000; the second, \$1500; third, \$600.

The village of Mokena, Ill., about forty miles south of Chicago, passed an ordinance requiring the Rock Island Railroad to place a flagman at the principal crossing, and the company complied, but refused either to take freight or passengers until the ordinance was rescinded.

Germany has one doctor to 1500 of population; France one to 3167; the United Kingdom one to 1234; but the United States one to 600. That says good deal for the doctors, comments the New Orleans Times-Democrat; for the average American is longer-lived than any of the nationalities named.

Where the Argentines have failed as amateur bankers, says an English jour nalist recently returned from Buenos Ayres, properly qualified men of European experience might achieve a great success. With even moderately good politics, and moderately sound banking the Argentine crisis might be solved in a year or two. Without them it can only go from bad to worse.

The Prairie Farmer does not take much stock in the suggestion of a contractor of Chicago, to pump out the lake front after building a coffer-dam around 300 or 400 acres of water. To build the world's fair in the bottom of the lake would be unique; the project is feasible, of course, but who wants to go down twenty feet below the water line to see : great exposition? There would be constant dread of a possible inbreak of the waters! If so, what then? A great scare and loss of life. The world's fair will not be held on the bottom or the top of Lake Michigan.

The Speaker of London has made a study of novel heroes. Out of 192 of these gentlemen that came out between October and June last it is discovered that eighty-five stood six feet, while many were even taller. Compared with those of the nine months preceding last October the heroes of the period in question show an increase in height averaging three-quarters of an inch per hero. It is observed that lady writers show a marked tendency to make their male characters tall. The reading public would willingly allow some of the fair novelists the right to lengthen their heroes to any extent if they could only be induced to shorten their stories.

At a place called Fort Pine, in or near Natal, South Africa, a local chief recently summoned a native doctor to attend his wife, or one of his wives. What the ailment was is not known, but the remedy prescribed by the doctor was human fat. Like some of his profession in other parts of the world, the doctor was a plump man and the chief promptly ordered him to be killed and administered to the illustrious patient. This was done and the chief is now awaiting his trial at Maritzburg in coasequence. "For its own credit," comments the Times-Democrat, "it is to be hoped that British law will deal mercifully with this potentate, who seems to have a practical sense of justice as well as a droll vein of

The Shoe and Leather Reporter says "A noticeable thing about the statues found in our museums of art, and supposed to represent the perfect figures of ancient men and women, is the apparent disproportionate size of their feet. We moderns are apt to pronounce them too large, particularly those of the women. It will be found, however, that for symmetrical perfection these feet could not be better. A Greek sculptor would not think of such a thing as putting a nineinch foot on a five-and-one-half-foot woman. Their types for these classical marble figures were taken from the best forms of living persons." The Reporter goes on to show that a well proportioned woman of ten feet three inches in height should have a foot ten inches long and should wear a No. 6. Courage, fair sters of Chicago; it is true

DISCONTENT.

A BALLAD WITH A DOUBLE REFRAIN, It is not in man to be quite content, You may fill his cap till it overflow, You may pay him his due, yes, cent per cent,

Or be somebody else, like so-and-so-And fortune's favors may pour and pour, And the zephyrs of fame propitious blow, But the average man wants something more

Indulge a man to the top of his bent, In love, war, politics give him a show, And when he wins he's sure to repent-He'd rather have this or that, you know To Congress he no longer wants to go-Or the girl he used to love and adore,

Won and his wife, seems a little slowand the average man wants something more Not the winter alone brings discontent, Though he bitterly growls at the frost and

The seasons to worry him all are sent, And he'd rather have this or that, you

When the mercury's high he wants it low; Some feature or other he's sure to deplore: The pessimist pines for an unknown woe, And the average man wants something

ENVOI. The harvest lacks something whatever he And he'd rather have this or that, you

You may give of all things good galors, But the average man wants something

-Hepburn Johns, in Pittsburg Dispatch.

## MISS VASSAR'S DIAMOMDS

BY LOIS GREY.

the sort of which people talk. It out- by gems scarce anywhere to be matched. raged that sense of fitness which the what one might call pretty, had inherited | had glided in. all the millious of her father; Louis Radetsky had no millions whatever, but

Whatever might or might not be said, adays that made Leslie Radetsky think much of her time in the large Vassar country house now. This was natural. She was Louis's adopted sister.

Helen giving orders to her maid for the mind or appease her regrets. toilet she would wear that night. Miss Vassar's invitation had been out three weeks for her great ball.

A small gold-bound coffer was open before her, and from the delicate, scented satin of its lining the liquid fire of diamonds, the living whiteness of pearls, detached themselves. The new maid moved

about silent and obsequious. person? You lock up nothing and you had an end to gain:" really know nothing of Clemence."

"She came excellently recommended." Leslie shrugged her shoulders. She saying them latterly. Why?" was a tall girl, dark and slight, almost "Ah, why, why?" cried the girl with to thinness, which did not prevent her a shrug of her beautiful shoulders. theless no one spoke of her as pretty,

course it's unfortunate."

"How firm you are in your allegiance perhaps! to Louis," smiled Louis's betrothed. You would question nothing he might do. You are exemplary brother and sister. You are very devoted."

"Very devoted," said Leslie. The maid had re-entered the room. the had a note which she gave to Miss Radetsky. The latter opened and read passing excuse went out.

"Will you let me have the brougham? I have thought of something I want in | quietly? What are you made of?" His town. I shall have time to drive in eyes hung upon her with a species of reand back before dinner."

"Can't I send some one?" asked "No, I prefer to go myself."

"Just as you like, of course. Naturally, ring for the brougham whenever

It was a crisp autumn afternoon and traught. tancously and she entered a large room days." with partly drawn curtains. Louis closed and double locked the door again.

eyes upon him.

her. His beauty was defaced like a too intense for realization!" Greek god prone in the dust."

The last carriage rolling away from night had a warning of winter.

But he'd rather have this or that, you moving footsteps, about the great house recognized its presence? for a half hour or more. On the landing to her guest and the women separated friendly. and went to their rooms. The last light was extinguished after a time and every-

thing sank into silence. in the wide hall. A window at the end | wanted the money for her own personal of it admitted moonlight cloisteral in its uses. No need ever to ask what those whiteness. It just touched a softly step- uses might have been. That would never ping figure dressed in black, In black, of course. How could one tell what innocent. Steps might be taken at once trick a stray moonbeam falling on white for her liberation. Suspicion had, of might play?

Miss Vassar slept behind locked doors. But between her bedroom and the hall was a small boudoir. There was moonlight enough here also. Enough, at least, to see one's way to the curious cabinet of inlaid Japanese woods that stood in one corner. A fragile thing in appearance, but not fragile in reality, unless you happened to know the mechanism of its secret drawers.

that noiselessly turned, exposing the in-distinct contour of the weak-known coffer the veil over a crime expiated as sins behind? The box was light of weight, despite the value it represented. But those swift, dexterous fingers had no thought of carrying it. Already they had pressed the secret spring lock that opened it and lifted the padded tray. Just then the moon passed under a cloud. the touch of those cold chained stones, slipping, like a snake, against the palm. This was the wonderful Vassar necklace, The marriage of Miss Vassar was of enriched, in three successive generations,

The tray was replaced, the coffer put | not reach. Strange! I loved you. Can world possesses so strongly in regard to back, the hinge turned. The Japanese you understand that, I wonder?" the marriage, not of itself, but of its cabinet stood in its corner as if no alien friends. A few, to be sure, objected touch had violated it. The dark figure, that nothing could be fitter. Miss Vas- in the light of the reappearing moon, sar, if not quite in her first youth and not glided from the room as noiselessly as it bitter almonds and she held the little

"That wretched woman has been senhe was young and the handsomest man in | tenced to ten years in the penitentiary." For days Miss Vassar had been oppressed as with a weight. Even the sympathetic eyes had certain depths now- riage seemed scarcely to arouse her. She had taken a liking to the neat little her almost good looking. Leslie spent French maid so short a time in her service before she had been arrested for the theft of the Vassar necklace. Even now, At this instant she sat lazily watching not, apparently, convict her in her own at times. - New York Mercury.

"I think you are morbid," said Leslie Radetsky, quietly. "What is to prevent people from getting their deserts in this world?"

"How cruel you look when you say entire family were deaf and dumb. that!" exclaimed Miss Vassar with a note of pain in her voice.

Well, some one who knew something of phraseology, physiognomy-all the "You are careless," said Leslie in a rest of it-told me once that I was cruel. moment in which the woman left the Cruel, unscrupulous," added the girl tiful child, a little girl under three years room. "How long have you had that with a smile. "Unscrupulous when I of age.

"Don't say those things," exclaimed her friend, as before. . "You are always terest, the little "tot's" actions causing

having arms and a throat so beautiful- Was she really changed? she asked parent ease, and when her parents, who that, when in a ballroom people followed herself a little later as she went down in were conversing in their peculiar lanher with their eyes. Her glance was the wide grounds. She had slipped on a guage, mentioned anything that pleased deep and a little restless. She had mag- thick jacket and walked with a rapid the childish fancy she would laugh and nificent hair and hands and feet that step over the frozen snow. The winter clap her little hands, much to the delight rivaled her throat in beauty, Never- day was breathless and clear. The icy of all who saw her. stillness seemed to cool her head and If feel defrauded that Louis cannot hands. Oh, this feverishness that would ever, and would not leave her mother's come to-night," said Helen Vassar, tak- not go out of her veins! But, outward- side for a moment. An elderly gentleing up the thread of an interested con- ly, was she not perfectly calm? She had man spoke to her, but she hung her head versation. "What business so urgent grown hard. Of course. Hard, bitter, to one side, looking at him with a bashthat he must absolutely leave town to- reckless; all the rest of it. She gave a ful expression in her eyes which appar-"You may be sure it is urgent. Of leafless alleys, How could one help that? couldn't speak to you if I did."-New It was either to do that or-to go mad, York Herald.

> She stopped abruptly, with a light trembling of the limbs. She had heard an approaching step. It was Louis. was walking up through the grounds to

"I thought I should meet you here," it through. She was rather silent for struck through all her bewilderment velopment of this section, with its atawhile. Then she got up and with some with a sort of terror. "Do you know tendant Southward trend of men and A half hour later she returned, dressed | ten years—ten years—imprisonment?" "Yes, I know."

volting curiosity.

"I am made of stuff that can face the consequences of its actions," she said in a low voice. "That does not shrink and shrivel like a poor coward like you." "If I have lost my soul, 'tis because of you!" cried the man as one dis-

the horses traveled rapidly. When they | "Did I make you forge a check to save reached town Miss Radetsky stopped at a yourself from bankruptcy? Did I make large shop and bade the coachman wait. you, when the crime was on the eve of She walked through the crowded aisles discovery, throw yourself on my mercy leisurely and finally issued into another and ask me to help you? How was I to street through an opposite door. Then help? Was not I as poor as you? I did she began to accelerate her step. She what I could. I committed a crime in walked about ten minutes and stopped my turn to save you. To allow you, at length before a bachelor apartment scott free, to marry a rich woman who house. She took the elevator and rang loved you. To allow you to cast anchor at a door. It opened almost simpl- in a safe harbor for the rest of your They are nearly all under the control of

He had gone from her and at last she

scarcely a year younger than herself, had been almost as a son and a brother in Miss Vassar's ball faced the late rising one. And was there a nearer love still moon. The day had been cool and the and a dearer love yet, so deep hidden in the secret recesses of consciousness that There were sounds of closing doors, of even the heart that harbored it had not

It was all over now. There was one of the first floor Helen said good night thing left alone, and that was ever

She went back into the house and wrote two letters. One was addressed to Helen Vassar. It accused her, Leslie Radetsky, The creaking of a door woke no echo of the theft of the Vassar diamonds, She be discovered. The French maid was course, been purposely thrown on this woman. Who else knew where Miss Vassar kept her diamonds—who but the new maid and Miss Vassar's friend, the adopted sister of the man she was to marry? Miss Vassar had wealth in superfluity. What she had regretted was not the loss of her diamonds so much as the guilt of a young girl who had impressed her as innocent. Well, that young girl was now absolved. It was true that the When you did, what more easy than adopted sister of her betrothed bore the to touch a spring and assist the hinge guilt instead. But she loved the brother, could alone be expiated, it was said. Such was the substance of the first

letter. The second was written to Louis. "You are safe, unless you speak yourself, which, though you are a coward, I do not think likely. Helen will not seek But there was no possibility of mistake in to know one detail of my deed. She is noble and Quixotic. She need never discover that the necklace passed on to you and was severed and the stones scattered and sold. The French girl is safe, too. I am going where disgrace does

> Both letters were found by her side. The room was filled with the odor of vial still clenched in her stiffening hand, Louis Radetsky and the heiress were married abroad a year later. The young line with it a tin mould previously but-

with a fever of the brain. They now live in Paris. He has aged Helen Vassar was happy. Her gentle, preparations for her approaching mar- and broken rapidly. His health is poor and he has strange hallucinations. But after so ghastly a shock, what more

natural, thinks his wife. She cares for him with a wonderful devotion. But there is a sadness in her with every proof of her guilt, she could face and a curious shadow lingers there

Prattled With Her Fingers.

A peculiar family attracted the atten tion of the passengers on a Brookly? Bridge train the other morning. The

It consisted of the father, a man apparently twenty-eight years old, who looked like an industrious mechanic; the mother, a handsome, neatly dressed woman of about twenty-five, and a beau-

It was the child in whom the passengers seemed to take the greatest inmany a friendly smile.

Young as she was the child could talk in the deaf and dumb language with ap-

She was a very shy little thing, howlow laugh in the silence of the empty, ently said: "I don't know you, sir, and

The South's Population.

The Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, says: Notwithstanding the fact He had left his trap at the gate and | that immigration has added over 5,200,-000 foreigners to our population during the last ten years, none of whom have settled in the South except in very rare he said. His voice shook and his pallor | cases, and that the great industrial dethat that woman has been sentenced to money, only commenced a few years ago, the South makes a fine showing of population in 1890 as compared with 1880. "God in heaven, and you say that so The preliminary census report gives the population of Southern States as fol-

TOMO.		
	1890.	1890.
Alabama	1,520,000	1,262,505
Arkansas	1,182,000	802,595
Florida	396,000	269,498
Georgia	1,840,000	1,542,180
Kentucky	1,870,000	1,648,690
Louisiana		939,940
	1,400,000	934,940
Maryland	1,265,000	1,131,597
Mississippf:		
North Carolina	1,640,000	1,899,759
South Carolina	1,187,000	995,577
Virginia	1,700,000	1,512,565
West Virginia	774,000	618,457
Tennessee	1,800,000	1,542,359
Texas		1,591,749
	19,864,000	16,192,836
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The Largest Perfect Diamond.

in diamond mining in South Africa, one

About twenty companies are engaged

of which has a capital of \$50,000,000. the De Beers Syndicate in London, "And the crime you committed con- which is limiting the production and indemns me as it does you," he cried with creasing the price. During the month By this time Leslie had become accus- a shaking voice. "The first weakening of February, 4890, there were shipped tomed to the seeming obscurity. When of my conscience came through you as from Kimberly 130,077 carats of rough Louis turned she saw his face distinctly. Well, though you may deny it. Who was and uncut diamonds, valued at \$1,282, tremor seized her knees and hands. it urged me to speculate, urged me to 700. In the mines they are found scat-She sank into a chair and fastened her strain out of my obscurity? Who was it tered through the blue earth in sizes ges upon him.

"Tell the whole truth," she said. was made, intended for the brilliant tripinhead. The largest perfect diamond "Something horrible has happened. I umphs of life? You! You have been ever brought from the Cape is the "Im-have felt the catastrophe coming a long an evil star to me. A millstone hung perial," owned by a syndicate and said around my neck. That my eyes might to be worth \$1,000,000. Next to it He had thrown himself down beside never rest on you again would be a wish comes the "Stewart," of 2884 carats, which was found in the Vaal River in

1872. It was an inch and a quarter in

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

CHERRY SOUP.

Cherry soup is mice served cold. Use one and a half quarts of nice ripe cherries and three pints of water. Boil one quar of the cherries until they become pulpy sweeten to taste and strain. Stone the one-half quart of cherries left, and with one-half of a teacupful of sago put into the soup, and boil until the sago is clear, not dissolved.—Brooklyn Citizen.

STEWED CUCUMBERS.

Stewed cucumbers may be an unknown dish to some cooks. They are a novelty however, in the vegetable line, and this is the way to prepare them; Peel and cut cucumbers in quarters; take out the seeds, and lay them on a cloth to drain. Roll the pieces in flour when dry and fry in butter. The butter must be hot before the cucumber is put on the pan. When they are a light brown remove them from the fire and place them on a sieve to drain. Fry some onions in the same butter, and when brown put them, with the cucumbers, into a saucepan and cover with gravy. Stew slowly until they are tender; then take out the cucumbers, thicken the gravy with flour, let it boil up once, then season with salt and pepper. Put in the eucumbers and as soon as they are warm serve.

FAMOUS MACCARONI PIE.

A celebrated chef, whose maccaroni pie has added considerably to his fame, says his recipe reads as follows: Take a piece of gravy beef, cut in small pieces. put it into a saucepan with an onion sliced and a piece of butter, toss it on the fire until the onion and pieces of meat are browned, a bouquet of sweet herbs, a carrot cut in pieces, spices, pepper and salt to taste, a few mushrooms and a fair allowance of tomato sauce. Let the whole simmer for a couple of hours, then strain and skim off the superfluous fat. Put the boiled maccaroni into a saucepan with a piece of butter, plenty of grated Parmesan cheese, and as much of the sauce or gravy as it will absorb; toss it on the fire for a few minutes, and put it by until wanted. Make a nice pie paste, man had been for months at death's door | tered, uniting the joints carefully with the white of eggs. Have ready some very small fillets of breast of chicken just cooked with butter in a covered tin in the oven, some cooked ham or ox tongue cut in dice, some truffles and mushrooms cut in convenient pieces and cooked in the gravy used to dress the maccaroni. Fill the lined mould with all these things in judicious proportions, letting the maccaroni predominate, and adding during the process- a little more sauce or gravy and a due allowance of Parmesan cheese; cover up the mould with a disk of paste, unite the edges carefully and bake in a moderate oven for about an hour. Turn out of the mould carefully and serve.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Silver that is not in constant use can be kept bright by packing it in oatmeal. To keep silver from tarnishing apply with a soft brush a coating of collodion dissolved in alcohol.

Steel knives that are slightly oiled, then wrapped in tissue-paper, will keep an indefinite time without rusting.

An uncovered soap-dish is the best kind to use. The air dries the water and prevents the soap from getting soft. Old people and young children need the sun. The more they bask in its light the better their chances are for life and

Just before sealing the bottles of tomato catsup add a teaspoonful of brandy to each one. Besides preserving the catsup it improves the flavor.

Stove zincs can be kept bright and nice by rubbing them with either kerosene-or lard. After a few minutes take soft, dry cloth and remove all traces of the oil or grease.

Pretty iron-holders are made of brown linen bound with red braid. A loop to hang up by should always be sewn in one corner. These covers should be made to slip off easily so that they can be washed when necessary.

If a dose of castor oil is prescribed, have the druggist prepare it after the following formula: Oil, ricini, one dram; glycerine, one dram; tinct. auranti, twenty drops; tinct. senecæ, five drops; aq. cinnam, to make half an ounce.

Flat-irons that are rusty may be cleaned very quickly with beeswax and salt. Heat the iron then rub the wax over it. Have a paper or cloth near covered with salt and scour the irons with it. This will not only remove the rust, but make the irons as smooth as glass.

Honeycomb counterpanes that have become worn in spots and are of no use for bed-coverings should be cut up for towels and wash-rags. The irregular surface of the material makes it a very ood substitute for Turkish towels. Neatly hemmed they will last a long

The saucepans, pans, etc., that are used in cooking should always be placed after they are cleaned on the range or in the sun to become thoroughly dry. When put away damp the rust soon eats holes in them. See that the tins are dried properly and your stock will not need replenishing quite so often.

To clean glass jars and remove any odors fill the jars with hot water, then stir in a teaspoonful of baking soda; Shake well, then pour out the water. Should any of the odor remain, fill the jar again with the water and soda. Let it remain in the jar a few minutes, then pour out and rinse the jar in cold water.

Borax, a laundress says, is a valuable addition to the raw starch for collars and cuffs. Too much should not be used, as It has a tendency to make linen yellow. Lump borax may be dissolved in boiling water and bottled for future use. Per-He began in broken phrases, which illumined the situation for the listening beautiful weakling, too pliant to resist temptation, too nerveless to abide by his black landscape.

Leslie never spoke.

He began in broken phrases, which illumines a saw him as he was. This coward, this diameter, of a light yellow, variously diameter, of a light yellow, variously supposed to be due to vegetable secretions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose. Heat, frictions, the decomposition of fluid, or the same purpose are absolutely necessary to produce a polish on collars and with the same fluid advantage.

Drear is the night with its wavering light And the moon is under a cloud each planet afar the wraith of a star Gleams pale in its mist-woven shroud,

Love! So wan in its chilling, white shroul; Weary the feet on the desolate street That bear my burden and me; My comrades are gone, and I am alone, To think of heaven and thee,

Love, To dream of heaven and thee! Hungering I in my loneliness sign For thee and all that thou art, For the lovelight that lies in thy giorlous

To cheer my famishing heart,

Love. To cheer my desolate heart!

Vain the desire? Hope's bright beacon fire Burns dimly in life's autumn rain, While I walk these lone ways and long for

That will dawn for me never again, Love,

The days that will dawn not again! -M. M. Folsom, in Atlanta Constitution

## HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A certain class-Know-It-Alls. A good suggestion - "Let's go church."- Mail and Express.

Might not misfits be prevented if the proper measures were taken? A preferred creditor-One who neve

presents his bill .- Texas Siftings. The ills of life are often easier to bea than the stock market. - Texas Sirting.

"I'm not tall," said the saving little man, "but I'm never short."- Buston It is easier to live within your incom

than to live without one. - Boston "Why does Mr. Lank go so often t

fish?" "He expects to gain flesh." Boston Courier. Whoever is head of the ship state, th farmer fairly represents the tiller .-Philadelphia Times.

To the mind of the anti-monopoli there is no such thing as a perfect tru -Detroit Free Press.

"Now, just let me give you a pointer." "Thanks, no. I've no use for a dog."-New York Herald.

A very large percentage of people out live their usefulness at an early are. --Seattle (Washington) Journal,

Money is a neuter thing.
A fact which nature balks.
It should be classed as femining, Because, you know, it talks

"She is not pretty. You said she was as pretty as a picture 40h, well, I meant an amateur photograph York Sun.

"How much does that fellow own you?" "A cool thousand." Cool but not collected, eh?"-Bingham-

"I can't go to jail," said a funny va-grant. "I have no time." "The Court provides that," said the Judge. 'I give you ten days.'

Proof that a man is really near lighted: When he finds it necessary to at an elephant through a magnifying glass .- Fliegende Blaetter.

Mrs. Brown-"I wonder who up this account of the President's carriage?" Mrs. Malaprop-"Some hackwriter, of course."-Harper's Basar. Waiter (very gravely)-"I hope, sir,

you'll remember the waiter." (coolly)-"I have a locket. Give me s lock of your hair."-L'Intransigeant.

Pupil-"Why does the avoirdunoi system have no scruples?" Prof. Rodder-"Because, my boy, it's used to weigh coal and ice."-Harper's Busar.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Catching fish or cutting bait.
—Washington S

"Jane, will you go for a sail to-day?" Mr. Toodles asked his wife at the side. "Why, certainly, Timot What is it, an auction or a sheriff's! Philadelphia Times.

Gazzam - "I see that the Germ Government thinks of making North-A sace-Lorraine an independent duch Maddox-"Of course if it were Duc it wouldn't be so Frenchy."-Harpe

Now let the women do our work, And let us cook the hash, For now they wear our laundried shirt,
And we—we wear their sash.

Ashland (Wis.) Fress.

Mr. Fogg, having had the misfortune to fall into the fountain basin of the hotel at a watering-place, finds on his next week's bill the following entry: "To one cold bath, \$1."-Fliegends

"A half-ticket for this boy, please. "How a half-ticket? Isn't he twelve years old?" "Oh, no, only eleven." only children under ten go for half."-Fliegende Blaetter.

He attained the proud title of Mr.
And she pledged to be more than a sr.
So they stood at the altar.
And ne'r did he falter
When he bento'er and solemnly hr.
—Buffalo happeas.

"Here's a first-class marking ink!"
(Writes on a piece of linen: "Indehible Ink.") "And here, ladies and gentlemen. I've got a splendid preparation for men, I've got a splendid preparation for washing out stains." (Proceeds forthwith to wash out the above words Fliegende Blaetter.

"Yes," said the camper on Lake Wash ington, 'we use these ferns for fuel great extent; they burn almost like tin
It is my opinion that everything in
country is full of pitch." "Incluthe hills," replied the stranger.—Be
(Washington) Journal.

"Have you boarded long at this house?" inquired the new boarder of the dejected man sitting next to him. "About ten years." "I don't s you can stand it. Why haven't I long ago?" "No other place said the other dismally. "The latmy wife."-Chiengo Tribune,