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The fund of \$2,500,000, which Mr. Peabody, the American philanthropist, left for the poor of London, now mounts to over \$5,000,000.

Some one who wished to try experiments with the United States mail service recently succeeded in sending a note through the mails on the back of a twocent stamp. This encouraged others to try the same experiment, and two-cent stamps, with a short note on the back of each, were recently taken out of the basket at the Hartfor I (Conn.) Postoflice. Postmaster Kinney thought it a good time to see whether this little fun could be legitimately encouraged, and wrote to the Washington authorities. The reply was that stamps treated in this fashion were not mailable matter. The Government evidently did not intend them to they? Hope you will be able to keep usurp the place of the postal cards.

In one respect, asserts the Chicago Herald, Ireland receives her brightest recognition in Chili. The newest ironclad is the Captain Prat, another being the O'Higgins and another the Amiranto Lynch. The O'Higgins is named after Bernardo O'Higgins, whose father, born in a laborer's cottage in the County Westmeath, emigrated to South America in the early part of the last century and rose to distinction in different parts of that continent. The father, Ambrose, was one of the last Spanish viceroys of Peru, and the son, Bernardo, was the first director of the Republic of Chili. Bernardo O'Higgins is the Washington of his country. He it was who was mainly instrumental in winning the independence of Chili at the beginning of this century, and the grateful country has given his name to a province and a war-ship and has erected a statue in his honor in its capital.

In a recent issue of Franci Leslie's Newspaper reference was made to the fact that forged pictures, purporting to be works of the greatest artists, were not uncommonly offered for sale. A singular proof of this statement was recently called to the attention of that publication. An amateur collector, who has a number of fine pictures which he has bought both in this country and abroad, recently received a letter from an art dealer in Brussels, offering to sell him, at a very low figure, several works painted by a pupil of a celebrated artist, and said to be exact imitations of the mester's style. The dealer said that it only remained to place the name of the master upon the pictures in order to have them pass as genuine and expensive paintings. To facilitate this suggested fraud, the Brussels dealer offered to forward an exact autograph of the master, and added that the signature could be easily copied uron the pictures. Of course the offer was spurned by the gentlemen to whom it was addressed. But how many times has it been accepted, and how many forged paintings have been palmed off upon the public in this way?

There are a large number of words which, until recently, have escaped the attention of lexicographers. In the text of the Encyclopædia Britannica there are 10,000 words which have never been formerly entered and defined in any dictionary. In the Century Dictionary there are 70,000 words found in no other. This fact shows the unrealized wealth of the English language. It takes a child several years to acquire 1000 words. The average illiterate person never uses more than from 1000 to 2000 words. Intelligent persons, even those engaged in the learned professions, do not make use of more than from 6000 to 8000 words all told, although there are properly belonging to the English lauguage over 225,000. The Shakespearean standard was less than 2500 words, not counting those that are compounded and hyphenated. However, the famous writer or authority of to-day, whether he uses words to express nice shades of meaning or as technical tools of thought in his own department, must have at his command a vocabulary of from 30,000 to 40,000 words, the latter being the maximum acquired by any man now living.

In Quietness is Strength. Cleanse, cleanse your soul from ala and

soil. And poetry will in it grow; Quell in it greed and hate's turmoil, And music from its depths will flow.

Still, still in tranquil mood advance. From everchangeful scene to scene; Atoms and molecules may dance, But man should hold a constant mien.

Mad, mad, my masters, is the age, It plunges down, like Phreton's team; Consumed by fear and lust and rage, We have forgotten how to dream.

Loss, less the golden store be mine. So that I may have quiet hours In which to train my cottage vine And pick the priceless wayside flowers. -[The Academy,

HUMOROUS.

The volume of trade-A ledger.

When is a window like a star? -When it's a skylight.

There is room for everybody in this big world. Friction comes from the fact Joo many want the front room.

Teacher-Freddy, how is the earth divided? Freddy - Between them that's got it and them that wants it. The forms which, indistinct and dim, we see from far away.

Are but the forms of Summer girls preparing for the fray.

She-You don't mind my talking so much, do you? He-No, indeed, but, (facetionsly) I may mind after we are married. She-But I shan't mind then if you do.

Woman is a theory and man makes no more serious mistake than when he attempts to deal with her as he would with a fact. Men are facts, and facts are stubborn things.

First Broker-Hard times, aren't the wolf from the door. Second Broker--I'm afraid not. We can't keep the bear from the street now-

Sir Arthur Sullivan is credited with saying, in reply to an ignorant but prefentious woman who asked him if Bach were composing anything nowadays "No, madam, he is decompos-

Gadsby-Those three dude sons of Van Nostrand cost him about \$5000 a veer. Miss Caustique-Then he has bren putting a good deal of money into real estate. "How's that?" "He is spending \$5000 a year on a vacant

A gentleman lad just succeeded in saving a big clothing merchant from drowning. "Ah," remarked he, gratefully, "I see, in rescuing me, you have ruined your clothes. Permit me to hand you my business card. Ten thousand of the best suits in the city from \$10 upwards,"

Amber. Genuine amber is by no means so plentiful as it was some years ago, and amber eigar holders and pipe stems will probably rise in price. The genuine amber is a fossil gum, which was produced in large quantities by trees having a resinous sap, which flowed down the trunks and collected in masses at the root. It is found in the ground of marshes and other places where forests flourished in former times, and is also obtained by dredging. The German Ocean, Baltic and Black Seas formerly produced it in great quantities, but the supply is constantly decreasing, and, unless other fields are discovered, real amber will soon be scarce and costly. There is some satisfaction in knowing that the imitation is just as good in every way, so that even if the real amber gives out there need be no diminution in the unber of holders for cigars or mouthpieces for pipes. In this country comparatively little is used save for this purpose, but in India and China large lumps are in great demand, for, from some cause, an amber idol is far more highly esteemed than a golden image, and so the best amber all goes to the East to be made into gods for the pagans .- [Great Divide.

A Maltese Dog. A rival to the Maltese cat is the Maltese dog, an irresistible bit of canine beauty which comes straight from the Paris kennels. His mistress, a Washington belle, who has but just returned from abroad, considers him the most valuable prize she has secured during her wanderings. He has been dubbed Marquis, and is thoroughly French from the top of his curly white head to the tip of his snowy tail. Spoken to in French he becomes a most obedient dog, but his knowledge of English is at present very limited .-[New Orleans Picayune.

Vegetable Diet.

Jones-That's all nonsense about eating meat being injurious to health, My ancestors for hundreds of years

Vegetarian-Yes, and where are they now? Dead, ain't they?-[Texas

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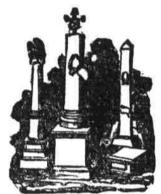
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One may sometimes be made to see the uselessness of a foolish habit by being made the victim of similar behavior on the part of another. Here is an example of being paid "in one's own A landlord in a country village was

busily employed at his desk, when a farmer came to the door, and asked to The man was asked his errand, but

he persisted that he must see the hotelkeeper alone. The latter stepped outside, when the farmer motioned him to follow, and walked around to the rear of the hotel. When they were well around the cor-

ner, the farmer stated that he wished to buy a cow, and had heard that the landlord had one to sell.

"Come on," said the other, and lea the way through a garden, - patch of potatoes, and after climbing a fence, through a muddy barn-yard and into the When they were inside, the landlord

put his mouth near the other's ear and whispered:

"Say, neighbor, I've sold my cow!"

No Lymph. Mrs. Blinkers - I hear Dr. Curem has got back from Berlin. You must go

around at once, and see if he obtained any of Prof. Koch's lymph. Mr. Blinkers-He couldn't get any.

I met him in the street. "Did he tell you he couldn't get

No; but he told me he bad doubts of its curative properties."-New York

The "Black Death" in Russia."

The pestilence now ravaging a great part of Asiatic Russia bears that name "Black Death," so familiar for ceuturies as describing one of the most fearful of those plagues which, appearing at irregular intervals, have devastated the globe. Presumably it was this same form of scourge that, starting also from Asia, spread over that continent and Europe about the middle of the fourteenth century and is reputed to have had millions of victims. It is doubtless also the same that made another widespread and terrible devastation 1664 and 1665, and one of whose ravages in London Defoe gave so vivid an account. These it was oftenest called simply the plague, but the name "Black Death" is derived, as may be remembered, from the blotches accompanying the disease. It is believed that its visitations were made as often as once or twice in a century, in ancient times, and it was around Naples as late as 1815. Its reappearance now in West Siberia is marked by a terrible morality which recalls the stories of some of its old-time ravages; but this is largely due, no doubt, to the lack of medical aid in that PROFESSIONAL.

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