MADE HIS HOME A FORTRESS. Tenant Had Neat Way of Shutting

Out Undesirable Visitors. "Alterations to suit tenant" was & part of the sign in a Philadelphia building, telling that a loft over the store was to let. One dry lately & at prospective tenant applied and expressed himself as pleased with the location and quarters, as well as the terms. As to alterations he had only one thing to suggest, namely, that the stair steps be fixed to the top floor with a pair of atout hinges, and cords be attached so that they might be raised and lowered, in a way best illustrated perhaps by the attachments of a fire escape. Anxious to get a tenant and seeing no particular objection to this arrangement, the land-Jord complied. His tenant, a quiet man, was wont to go to his quarters early in the forenoon and at once draw the steps up to the ceiling. A few only of his many visitors, those, in fact, who gave a peculiar whistle, were accommodated by the lowering of the steps. The others were ignored. The landlord, fearful lest some unlawful transactions might be going on in his building, called, upon the tenant for an explanation. "Oh," was the reply, "my friends have the whistle. The other fellows are cred-Mors." The hinges are still working.

HCELANDERS ARE LONG LIVED. Average Age There Double Mean Duration of Human Life.

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It would be interesting to know if any part of the world beats iceland in the average length of life of its inhabitants. It is shown in the census of 1905 that on an average the people of that island live to the age of 61.8 years, which is very nearly double the mean duration of human life as it was computed a generation ago. Sweden and Norway are regarded as very healthful countries, but iceland takes the palm in longevity, the mean duration of life in Sweden being 50.02 years and in Norway 49.94 years. lome of Icoland's earthquakes are nerveracking, but on the whole the lives of most of its simple and industrious inhabitants slip along with few incidents that unduly stimulate or depress the pulse. Summer and winter the same old mail boat from Leith steams into the harbor of Reykjavik every three weeks, but very rarely brings news that touches iceland so closely as to make excitement. In fact the Httle island enjoys many of the advantages of civilisation and avoids mest of its drawbacks.--Christian Advecate.

A Chicago man tells of a resident of that city who had been unsuccessful however, he made a large sum of money by means of an invention in car wheels; and very soon thereafter This family, consisting of his wife and Atwo young daughters, were to be seen taking their daily outing in a motor car. One day the three were being driven rapidly through the park, while a look of painful self-consciousness overspread the features of the inventor's wife, as she sat bolt upright, looking straight before her. "Now, ma," came in clear tones from one of The daughters, whose keen face was alive with enjoyment, "now, ma, can't you loll back and not look as if the water was boiling "over?"-Youth's Companion.

A Hard Task.

World's Oldest Republics. Bo far as practical considerations go .Switzerland is the oldest of surviving republics. Two puny republics, however, long antedate the Helvetic confederation and in strict accuracy one of these two must be the oldest republic of all now in existence. One of them is the republic of San Marino in Italy, on Mount Titano, the oldest state in Europe and one of the smallest in the world. The other is the republic of Andorra in the Pyrenees, made independent by Charlemagne. No fixed date can be assigned to either of these, both are mediaeval relica, and Ban Marino may be identified even before the middle ages began.

Wees of the Druggist. "If you want to meet the limit of nerve," remarked a druggist, "you must keep a drug store. Most people seem to think the place is for public accommodation, without the necessity of any real patronage on their part. We have had a good many nervy requests, but one the other day capped the climax. It was raining hard and a woman we didn't know, who lived three blocks away, telephoned us to nend her two two-cent postage atamps."

Why Letters Are Unwritten. Why not keep up writing-desk supplies just as conscientiously as those for the pantry? asks a writer. Few bouseholds would get along a week without sugar, sait or soap, yet how many letters are unanswered for the lack of a good pen, a stamp or an envelope? It is not the expense, but lack of thought, that keeps an insufficient or meager supply of the necessary articles on hand.

Dignity of Ownership. "I saw a sign in a restaurant down at Galion the other day," said a Cleveland man, "that struck me as an effecive means of apholding the dignity of the establishment. The proprietor of the restaurant is a big man, weighing sbout 200 pounds and put up like a prize ox. His sign says 'If You Want to Know Who Runs This Place Just "fart Something." Cieveland

"CHILDREN'S DAY" WITH ANTS. Youngster's Pretty idea of the Gathering of the Small Creatures

"Mamma, next Sunday is to be Children's day. Shall I have may new white dress for that day? All the little girls are to be dressed in white." "Yes, Gertrude, I will promise you your dress for that day." "And shall I have my dess, too?" asked two-yearold Roy, the little sunbeam of the family. "Oh, you are only a little bit of a boy, just the 'sunbeam' of our home. You don't go to Sunday school, you know." "Can't I go Children's day, mamma? Can't I go, papa?" "Well, why not, little sunbeam, I should think you might, on this great day for children." And so it was decided that little "Sunbeam" should go, if he would promise not to get tired, and also promise to be a "good boy." It was a very pround little boy who joined with the infant class, and marched out into the main room, and tried to join in with the singing. He watched the other classes march in two by two, and it made a very great impression on him. On the following day he was playing in the grounds which surrounded his home, when he noticed what seemed to him to be an army of ants, all going in the same direction. He ran breathless to his mother, calling: "Mamma, come quick, and see! It must be children's day with the ants."

REASON FOR THE PREFERENCE. **Husband Evidently Shared in Dainties** Meant for Wife.

The Lady Bountiful of the parish was going her rounds and called at a cottage occupied by a "model" peasant, whose wife had been an invalid for some years. "And how is Mary to-day?" inquired the visitor. "Just about the same, thankee kindly, mem," was the reply. "Did she enjoy those little things I sent her yesterday?" asked the lady. "The things come all right, mem, an' we be greatly obleeged; but, if I might make so bold, would ye not send her any more of that jelly? Some jam-strawberry jam-be much more sootable, mem." "Why, doesn't she care for the jelly?" was the natural query. "Yes, mem, she do; but I ean't say as I does."-Judge's Library.

Fashion in Medicine.

A curious communication has been made to the French Academy of Medicine by Dr. Grimbert, who has a fondness for statistics. The doctor has been making inquiries with a view to finding out whether there is a fashion in medicine. He has discovered that the old-fashioned medicines, such as opium, laudanum, lodine and bismuth, are sold in about the same quantities as they have always been. The sale 000 were sold by a certain number of chemists' shops in Paris, but this year the same shops sold only 12,000. The glycero-phosphates and antipyrias sold 50 per cent. less than they used to and quinine has gone down 24 per cent. As for the newer drugs-pyramidon, asperine, etc.—their sale has increased enormously.

Would Manage Finances.

"I might just as well throw money away at once as to lend it to you," she said to the artist as he came in and began to smoke a cigarette. "You pay me in driblets, and I am so surprised to get anything back that I hurry to spend it. Do you remember, not long ago, when you got paid for a water color and stopped me on the street and gave me back two dollars of that five dollars you borrowed? Well, I just went along spending that money foolishly for things I didn't need at all, I was so amazed at getting it back again." "You poor little thing," he said to her softly, "I'll never let you spend money foolishly like that

Dissipated Men of Genius. There is an unpleasant side light thrown on the days of W. E. Henley and his youthful followers, by Mr. Edgar Jepson, the novelist. He defends in the London Academy the memory of the late Ernest Dowson, who, sinking under consumption, found liquor both anodyne and stimulant. "Unfortunately, too," adds Mr. Jepson, "whisky was a literary fashion, set by Henley. It was an appalling fashion, which some of the younger men of letters followed with a kind of foolish schoolboy bravado. I have seen three of the finest minds I have known drown in whisky."

A recent number of a Nagasaki (Japan) newspaper describes a cement made from volcanic ashes, which is sometimes used alone and sometimes in combination with sand and portland cement. The ashes are much cheaper, and are said to be almost as effective as the cement, while the two are used together with still greater advantage. Dockyards, naval docks. etc., have been constructed from the ash cement, large quantities have been exported to Korea, north China, Shanghai and Formosa, and the de-

Volcanic Ash Cement.

International Courtesy. An exceptionally pretty girl, with an English flag lieutenant at her side, was standing on a chair on the pier watching the racing. On a chair behind were two Frenchmen. The lady turned round and said in French: "I hope I do not obstruct your view." "Mademoiselle," quickly replied one of the men, "I much prefer the obstruction to the view." Can the en tente cordiale grow a finer flower of courtesy than that?-The Tatler.

mand is rapidly increasing.

REMEDIES FUR ALL DISEASES.

But No Particular Cure-All for Every Malady.

Dvery disease has its remedy, and in the search for that remedy handreds of cults of medicine have spruss up. One man pins his faith in minute doses of powerful drugs; another walks barefoot over wet grass; another eats raw fruit and grain; one is confident that mud baths induce health, and still another urges us to chew each mouthful of food at least 30 times before swallowing. No doubt, every one of these "cures" is of benefit to some form of disease. The mistake of followers of the treatments is in thinking their particular remedy a cure-all for every malady. There are no universal remedies. Indeed, every type of disease must recelve special attention and be treated after the fashion long experience and study have taught the medical profession is best adapted to the case. Certain ills respond quickly to drugs, the virtues of which are sometimes wonderfully effective. Others need nothing but fresh air; still others a change of climate, and a variety of diseases need no drugs and no journeys to the mountains, but are best relieved by simple dieting.-Leslie's Weekly.

RIGHT AND LEFT HANDEDNESS. Matter of Physical Structure, According to an Authority.

George M. Gould of Philadelphia says that mentality preceded and created structure. It has been shown that the mechanisms that give the man external validity, speech and writing, are one-sided. This one-sided differentiation is progressive throughout life. Right-handedness is partially a matter of right-sightedness. In 97 per cent, of children the right eye is the better-seeing eye. If one is righthanded the centers for writing and speech must be on the left side and the visual centers on the same side. Pathology follows any attempt to interfere with right or left-handedness. Those persons who demand rightees of the left handed child make him morbid and maladroit. The author gives several very interesting cases of the lifelong crippling of the faculties and mechanism of writing resulting from attempts to make a lefthanded person learn to use the wrong side of his brain for writing .- Medical Record.

The Modern Woman. It was in a Lenox avenue subway train and a very tired and cross youngster of four, who had evidently spent the day shopping with his mother, was keeping the car in a turmoil by a little pastime of his own. He sprawled all over his mother's lap, at the same time keeping up a whimpering cry, "Mamma, mamma, mamma." This went on until an elderly man sitthag next suddenly turned to the child with: "Have you a father?" The youngster, startled out of his imaginary grief, stopped crying and nodded his head, "Yes." "Well, for Heaven's sake, call him and give your mother a rest." The boy sat up like a ramrod and never let out another whimper.-N. Y. Sun.

Smuggling Popular. Smuggling is still a fairly flourishing

industry in England. According to the annual report, recently issued, of the commissioners of customs for the year ending last March, the number of detected attempts to smuggle dutiable goods during the past year was the largest recorded since 1895. The quantities of tobacco, cigars and spirits seized were less than in the preceding year, but there was a considerable increase in the number of seizures and of persons fined, says Home Chat. No fewer than 3,164 persons were fined for smuggling, and the penalties recovered amounted to \$21,900. The tobacco and cigars seized amounted to 11,222 pounds and the foreign spirits to 82 gallons.

Whalebone Worth Millions. A century ago, when whalebone was worth no more than ten cents a pound. few vessels brought any home. From 1844 to the outbreak of the civil war the output averaged about 1,800,000 pounds annually, the greatest for one year being 5,692,300 pounds in 1853, and the price increased to one dollar a pound. Since 1860 there has been a steady decrease in the output. The total amount of whalebone landed in America in the course of the nineteenth century exceeded 90,800,000 pounds, worth at the present market valuation about \$450,000,000, a sum that would make the possessor one of the richest men in the world, if not the richest of all.

Taking No Chances. Johnson (to wife)-"Well, Maria, I'm going to stay at home with you today and help you to tidy up the house. I'll tack down the carpets and hang up the pictures to begin with." Mrs. Johnson (to the children)-"Children, you may go over to grandma's and stay all day. (Aside) I know my husband is a deacon of the church, but for all that he's just as apt to hit his thumb with a hammer as any other man."--Tit-Bits.

Mamma Hunting Titles. "I admit that I love you, Clarence," said the young heiress, "but I'll have to speak to mamma." "Eh?" said Clarence. "You mean I'll have to speak to her " "No, I will. She'll be home from Europe to-morrow, where she's been for the last three months and she may have engaged me to some sobleman while she was there."

MOROCCANS USE LOVE CHARMS. Queer Means Employed by Women to Gain Affection.

Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell writes of the curious charms used by the women of Morocco: "Moorish women resort much to charms to gain lovers or to keep their affections when gained. There is one charm which is seldom known to fail. It consists of shredding a small piece of an undergarment which the man has worn and, after certain incantations have been said over it, of rolling the particles into the shape of a small ball. This is embedded in a larger ball of clay and, after being slightly dampened, it is kept in a pot over the embers of live charcoal. I have been assured that as soon as the heat penetrates the clay the man, whoever he may be, will lay aside whatever work he is doing at the time and fly to the arms of the woman who invokes the charms. As long as the ball is kept warm so long will the heat of love burn in the heart of the lover for that woman. Another spell much resorted to is cast by cutting off the tips of a donkey's ears, cooking them and mixing them

ON THE GROUND OF ECONOMY. Acceptance of Physician's Offer Was Lesser of Two Evils.

in the man's food. He then becomes

as foolish as a donkey with love for

the charmer who has provided his

unsavory repast."

A Chicago medico tells of two physicians in a Wisconsin town, the one elderly, with a long record of cures, the other young, with his record still to make. The older doctor, it appears, was inclined to surrender some of his night work to the younger man. One hitter night in winter the veteran was aroused by two farmers from a hamlet eight miles away, the wife of one of whom was seriously ill. The doctor at once referred them to his young colleague, but they refused the latter's services. "Very well," replied the doctor, thinking to put a convincing argument before them. "In that case my fee is ten dollars, payable Whereupon there ensued a remonstrance on the part of the farmers, but the doctor was obdurate. Finally one of the men asked the other: "Well, what do you think I

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more."-Harper's Weekly.

ought to do?" "I think you'd better

pay him the ten dollars," said the

other. "The funeral would cost you

Open your atlas at the map of Africa, and there, set like a pearl on the northwest shoulder of the continent, you will see a country called Morocco. It almost touches Europe; at the narrowest part there is but nine miles of strait between it and Spain, so you might think the Moore had become quite civilized in the course of ages through having such cultivated neighbors so near. It is not so, however. And, strange to say, the more they see of western progress, the more they despise it. It is a big country, this Morocco, and explorers have left it alone, for the natives detest Christians, fearing lest they want to take away from them their lovely land, where it is always summer, and where the soil, if just scratched with & crooked stick, responds with a teeming harvest.

A Real Luther Coin. The collection of coins of a St. Petersburg scholar, says the Berliner Tageblatt, was recently overhauled and a unique Luther coin was discovered. It came originally from Novgorod, where it was found in an old house which was being reconstructed. On one side is the head of Luther, which is also shown when the coin is reversed, but with a fool's cap upon his head. On the reverse side there is a likeness of the pope, which also appears when the coin is reversed, but the head is ornamented on the reverse side with devil horns. The Latin inscription explains that Luther becomes a fool and the pope a devil by reversing the piece. It is believed that there is no similar coin in exist-

Where the Shoe Pinched.

"If they don't quit making that child cry," sighed the flat dweller as his sobs echoed pittfully through the court, "I am going to apply to the board of health and have it stopped. There's a limit to everything." "Why the board of health?" asked her friend. "I should think you would apply to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children." "I am not thinking so much of him," acknowledged the flat dweller contritely, "as I am of my own health. His constant sobbing is getting on my nerves so that I can't sleep.'

Cautious Answer. The caution of the Aberdonian in giving an answer to a direct question was well illustrated the other day, when one was asked: "Was not your father's death very sudden?" Slowly drawing one hand from his pocket and pulling down his beard, the interrogated one cautiously replied: "Aye, it was unco' sudden for him. I ne'er kent o' ma feyther bein' in a hurry before."-Stray Stories.

No Matter About Him.

Mr. Lendout-Yes, sir, that horse is a beauty. You'll have to hold him in. Our terms are—pay in advance when you hire." Hon. Firstmount-"Haw—are you 'fraid—haw—I shall come back without him—haw?" "No, sir. But he might come back without you!"-Stray Stories.

ALL FOND OF MAKING NOISE.

it's the Way of Mankind to Seek to Create an Impression.

"Lincoln," said Mr. MacGilkamby, "told a story about a little steamboat running on the Wabash river with a whistle so big that when the captain blew it he had to tie up to the bank for an hour or two to get up steam enough to go on. He had only a little boat, but he wanted to make as much noise as anybody on the river. And isn't it so, in a way, with our friends the automobilists? If you don't see it you can't tell by the sound of the horn whether the machine coming is a veritable battle ship of a car with a limousine body and with 14 extra tires clamped to it, and with hampers and baskets strapped to it all over. and with seven trunks on the roof, a regular house on wheels driven by 100 horse power engine; or a rickety httle second-hand two horse-power renabout, for the floppy little renabout is altogether likely to carry a bigger and louder horn than the majestic togring car. And still, are steamboat men and automobilists the only people that like to put up a big front? Don't we all of us, big and little, like to ranke all the noise we can in the vorld?"

UNCLE SAM IN ROLE OF CUPID. Forced to Act as Matrimenial Agent in the Philippines.

One of the little details that fall to the Philippine government is that of finding husbands for the orphan girls of the institution, bearing the name of the Hospicio de San Jose, and to do this is no easy matter. Before the Filipino will consent to go to the altar he has to be shown a monetary advantage-in fact, a bride without a dewry wouldn't get a husband in a thousand years. Uncle Sam's agents, after wondering why there was such a dearth of bridegrooms for their pretty charges of the Hospicio, finally discovered that in order to marry them off dowries would have to be found. As the result a matrimonial brokerage commission has been formed. Through this, \$150 is offered to any young Filipino of good character who will take one of the orphan maids as his life mate, but no bargain is closed until after official cupids have thorough-

First Printer Found. A French semi-scientific magazine does away with the discussion as to who was the first printer. Here is its story: When Agesilaus observed before the battle that made his name that his soldiers doubted success, he wrote on his hands, inverting the letters, the word "Victory," in Greek, of course. When the priest appeared great captain laid his hand on the flesh and kept it there for some time. After he removed it the word "Victory" was printed there, patent to all eyes, and this Greek was undoubtedly the first printer. The soldiers saw what they supposed to be "a message from the gods" and fought like lions.

ly examined into the history of the

husband-to-be

-Russian Post Office Savings Bank. Consul T. E. Heenan, of Odessa, states that although the post office savings bank system in Russia is of comparatively late origin, it shows a healthy development. The annual increase in the deposits now averages about \$46,000,000. The amount on deposit on August 1, 1903, was \$501,-600,000, and on the same date in 1907 it had reached \$686,500,000. As there has not been any real advance in the national prosperity to explain such an increase in the nation's savings, the rush to the savings bank can only be accounted for by the fact of the people not desiring to retain large sums in their homes.—Consular Report.

Garning in Time. In his desire to use fine language, the darky of the south frequently allows his ideas to become a trifle confused, as well as confusing. A handbill announcing a "colored pionie" to be held to a grove near Mubile was cace freely circulated. After various enticing announcements concerning the delights in store for the partakers. in this entertainment, the bill concluded with the following perplexing notice, printed in italies: "Good behavior will be strictly and reservedly enjoined upon all present, and nothing will be left undone which will tend to mar the pleasure of the company." -Harper's Weekly.

Argument for Feathers. Opposition to the wearing of feathers in feminine headgear has encountered an argument which shows that that are two sides to this as to every other question. Attention is called to the fact that were the practice of wearing feathers to be abandoned tomorrow 30,000 girls would be at once thrown out of employment in Paris alone. A champion of the working girls insists that if a bird or a girl must perish, it ought not to be the girl.-N. Y. Press.

Horse, Hog and Elephant in One. C. G. Minnick, of 2968 Darien street, Philadelphia, a week ago cut from a tree near Secane station a section of forked limbs for a one-piece threelegged stool. The three limbs where they are cut off are in the perfect likeness, one of a horse's hoof, the second of a hog's split hoof and the third like an elephant's trunk. The mouth and the trunk of the elephant are startlingly true to nature. The likeness is of nature's own carving. All Mr. Minnick had to do was to strip the bark off.

COUNTRY FOR LIGHT SLEEPERS. Japan Has No Domestic Animals to Discurb the Slumberer.

The Japanese college girl had been unable to sleep because a dog had howied all night beneath her window. "Now, in Japan," she said, "such & trouble would never happen. We have no animal pets there; we don't even have useful domestic animals, such as cows, sheep and pigs. If the Japanese kept for his pleasure a dog and cat, and then suffered these animals to spend the night out of doors, spoiling the neighbors' rest with their uproarwell, I don't know what punishment we'd give him, but it would be somewhat lingering, I fancy, with boiling oil on it. We have no domestic assimais. To dogs and cats we prefer children. Sheep we don't require, for we cat no mutton, and our clothes are made of silk and of cotton instead of wool. Mules and donkeys we don't need, because men do our hauling. Pigs, with their fith, are naknown to us-you couldn't persuade a Japanese to eat pork. We do keep chickens, it is true, but they are always kept far away from any dwelling house. On this account Japan has nights of perfect quietude. It is the best place

WOUND WATCH WRONG WAY.

The Story of a Left-Handed Woman and Her Timepiece.

on earth for sleeping."

"Women don't deserve to own watches," recently remarked a jeweler. "They don't know how to take care of them. A woman bought a watch from my firm recently and I gave her strict instructions to wind it every 24 hours and always at the same hour as nearly as possible. Two days later she came back with it and said it had stopped. Well, I found it had run down. I told her, but she insisted she had wound it. Two sor three days later she came back with the same complaint, and again I tried to impress her with the necessity for winding it. Again she insisted she had done so and went away miffed. The third time she came I asked her to show me how she had wound it. Then I made a peculiar discovery. The woman was left-handed, and in attempting to wind the watch she had been winding it the wrong way. I've had peculiar experiences with onetomers, but that beats all."

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Beaver on Elk River. "The impression that the beaver is almost extinct in this country is a mistake," said George H. Hower, of Vancouver, B. C. "On the Elk river, a tributary of the Fraser, in my own province, there are this season thousands of these little animals, whose fur is no valuable, building their winter quarters. The Elk river has alheen a favorite soot for the beaver, but this year the influx has been so marked that even the most experienced trapper cannot tell whence they came. There are now a. large number of trappers on the river engaged in catching them as fast as possible. Most of the skins are shipped to San Francisco, while some go to-Montreal and Toronto, From these cities they will go to others in all parts of this country and Europe." ..

Dissecting a Violina Not one person in a hundred has the slightest notion of how many parts. or pieces there are in a violin. Here is a list of them: Back, 2 pieces; belly, 2; coins and blocks, 6; sides, 5; side-linings, 12; bar, 1; purflings, 24; neck, 1; finger-board, 1; nut, 1; bridge. 1; string for tail-board, L; guard for string, 1; sound-post, 1; strings, 4; pegs, 4; total, 69 pieces. Three kinds. of wood are used-maple, pine and ebony. Maple is used for the back, the neck, the side-pieces and the bridge. Pine is used for the belly, the bar, the coins and blocks, the side linings and the sound-post. Ebony is used for the finger-board, the tailboard, the nut, the guard for string of tall-board, the pegs and the button.

Military Epigrams. Col. Philip Reade, of the Twentythird United States infantry, is the author of the following "epigrams of the range:" "The ultimate of the soldier's profession is to know when and where and how to pull the trigger;" "other things being equal, that soldier who can hit with measurable socuracy what he aims at is the best soldier;" "the way to learn how to hit is to find out why you miss;" "brains must be mixed with gunpowder;" "soldiers who are not good shooters are apt to be turned into good scooters;" "most good shots are made good shots by systematic imstruction and practice."

Postmistress 61 Years.

Mrs. Kenward, whose appointment as postmistress at the quaint old post office at Wivelsfield, near Hayward's Heath, dates back to 1846, celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday the other day, says the London Standard. Despite her years Mrs. Kenward attends to her swn household duties, and is a great reader of the newspapers. She believes herself to be the aldest postrelatress in the country. Her father was a farmer at Speldhurst, near Tunbridge Wells. Mrs. Kenward hopes to become a contemarian and to die in

A Strenuous Task.

"I don't see why you should be exsused," the kidge said to the witness. "You look well enough." "But jost think of it, yer honor," said the witness, "I've done stood on this here stand au' told the truth for two hours on a stretch."

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS