

Director of the Metropolitan Opera company in New York city, whose recent production of "Salome" created such a furore in the metropolis that he was forced to abandon the contemplated run.

HOW ROBERT M'DONALD GOT EVEN WITH HIS RELATIVES.

Sum of \$8,000 Bequeathed to Pair of Porkers to Spite Distant Kin-Provision Made for Their III: ness and for Young Ones.

get even with his relatives, who, he declared, had fawned on him for years and derided him behind his back man to the East Thirty-fifth street while waiting for him to die that they police station. There it was discovmight inherit his life savings, Robert | ered that the man's arms and his legs

dozen distant relatives kept close pital. track of him and, he declared shortly before his death, that their only interest was in his money. This belief his name was John Lenahan, that he soured him against the cousins, but was 35 years old and lived on First they were not aware of the fact and avenue. Sergeant McAdam then recfortnight ago they hastened to hear had a warrant of arrest. Lenahan when they learned to the disposition

of the property. While MacDonald had never been known to keep swine he no sooner learned from his doctor that he must prepare to die than he sent to a neighpigs, a male and a female. These he caused to be placed and fed in a pen at the rear of the house. He then sent for his solicitor and dictated his will saving that if he gave his fortune of \$5,000 to his cousins it "would be in the hands of pigs who denied their identities" and that he "might as well give it to porkers which made

no pretenses." By the terms of this unique document the house is to be sold at auction. The funds accruing from the male are then to be banked and the interest, together with the income from all other funds possessed by Mr. Mac-Donald at the time of his death, is to be used to feed and care for the two pigs. The attendant is to provide a pen at his own expense and receive for rental and care the sum of two dollars per week, exclusive of the amount paid for executor, for which legal fee

It is stipulated that when the pigs offspring, the fees to the attendant be ang raised 50 cents per week for every dies he is to forfeit ten cents a week for ten weeks, unless death is due to hog cholera, when the forfeit is to be Hace is to be engaged.

As the interest on \$8,000 at four per sent amounts to but \$320 per annum, ing will exhaust this amount the first may be made on the principal immediintely after the first litter of pigs is be used as needed until no cash regnains in the bank. At this time the thogs and pigs are to be sold and the money devoted to such local charities as the executor may elect

hogs within a given time all that re- felt something hard in the stomach, mains of the fund is to be given to and pulled out a pair of rimless three churches to be used in caring glasses attached to a delicate gold for cemeteries. Thus, it is for the in- chain, evidently intended for a womterest of the executor to see that his an's wear. The guasses were not charges live as long as possible, Ex. broken. Emerson D. Prescott of perts in farming are new busy trying Washington, a patron of the Royal to figure out how long the \$5 (00 will Peinciana hotel, heard of the dislast. There are as many answers as ocvery and bought the glasses from · there are farmers

WAS FROZEN TO LAMP POST.

Fugitive's Hands Pried Loose by a Policeman at Street Corner.

New York.-Policeman Schiffer in Third avenue at eight o'clock in the evening noticed a man clinging to a lamp post at the northeast corner of Thirty-fourth street. At ten o'clock he saw that the fellow was in the same position and walked up to where he was. He found that the man was unconscious, with the fingers of both Lake Ainslie, Cape Breton.-Just to hands frozen tightly to the iron post.

The policeman pried the fingers loose and got assistance to carry the MacDonald bequeathed everything he from the knees down were frozen. owned to his two pigs. The estate While first aid was being given an amamounts to about \$8,000 and every bulance from Bellevue hospital was cent is to go to the porkers and their summoned. Surgeon Cudderback saw at once that the man was in a critical MacDonald had no near kin, but a condition. He took him to the hos-

At the station the sufferer regained consciousness long enough to say that when the old man passed away a ognized him as a man for whom he the will read. They were greatly as was recently released on \$500 bail for tonished and intensely indignant the theft of an overcoat he pawned for \$2. He failed to appear in court yesterday to answer the charge and the warrant was therefore issued.

Lenahan was thinly clothed. It is thought be placed his hands on the iron post while intoxicated and reboring farmer and bought two young mained in that position until he became unconscious.

X.RAY USED AS DETECTIVE.

Smugglers Exposed in French Custom Houses to Their Consternation.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The French

government has employed the Roentgen ray in a peculiar and certainly novel way. It is subjecting persons who pass through its custom houses to the X-ray in order to determine whether they are smuggling articles upon which they should pay duty. In one trial mentioned 167 persons were examined in 45 minutes and on them were found jewels and merchandise hidden for the experiment. A small jeweled locket was revealed under a young man's tongue. Several watch chains were found in the coils of a woman's hair. Card cases spread out service he is to receive the regular flat under the feet in the shoes were revealed. Articles wrapped in many thicknesses of paper and woolen fab shall become hogs and multiply their rics were discovered, and the account young shall be cared for, as shall their of this trial says these articles instead of being successfully hidden might as well in nearly every case have shoutsix pigs he raises. For every pig that | ed out their existence and declared

themselves on a manifest. . What a fine thing it would be if the Roentgen ray could be successfully waived. In event of illness among the applied to proposed legislation and to hogs the best veterinary in the prov- legislators if it could be made to reveal the presence of the little joker in the bill and the consideration lodged in the pocket of the legislator to inand as the attendant's fees and feed duce him to pursue a certain course of action! The X-ray of publicity is year, the will provides that drafts all right when properly applied, but it has not yet been developed to as high degree of efficiency as the interborn. Therafter the principal shall esting scientific principle of the Roentgen ray.

Glass in Fish's Stomach.

Palm Beach, Fla.-While fishing on the Ocean pier a negro pulled in a In case an epidemic takes off the good-sized kingfish. On cleaning it he the fisherman.

HIGH JUMPING AT SEA.

A Whale that Jumped Over a Boat-Tunas That Leap 20 Feet.

"The most stupendous of all leapers of the sea." says a writer in Outing, "is the whale. I have seen a monster weighing hundreds of tons, possibly 80 feet in length, rise slowly and deliberately out of the water until it aupeared to be dancing on the surface, entirely clear of it, then sink slowly back.

"Such a leap is on record in the annals of the British navy. A large whale cleared a boat, going completely over it, an estimated leap of 20 feet in air-how many in a lateral direction was not known.

"Exactly how high a tuna can lean it is difficult to say. I have seen the water beaten into foam by them four miles distant, and have a photograph showing a fish-a black streak at least! a mile distant high in air-a jump of certainly 10 or 15 feet; and it is my epinion, based on what I have seen, that it is possible for a lusty tuna at full speed to project itself 20 feet into the air and 30 or 40 feet in a horizontal direction.

"I judge the latter possibly from the leap of a big tuna which cleared the kelp and landed high on the rocks at Santa Catalina. I have often stood in the center of a school of leaping tunas and watched them, but the situation is not one suggestive of repose or peace of mind."

NEWSBOYS HAD REAL TREAT.

And Possibly Young Woman Enjoyed

A young woman, blond and pretty. was getting fully as much fun out of a very thoughtful act as were the eight very dirty little newsboys she was treating to maple sundaes in a Twenty-third street drug store the other day. They were one and all having the time of their lives, says the New York Sun.

It was a real party and the eyes of the octet simply bulged in excitement. It was lots better than getting rid of their last paper.

"Gee, kids! ain't this bully?" exclaimed one, but his companions had their noses so close to the English walnuts plentifully sprinkled over the top of the drink that they couldn't talk intelligently.

The girl stayed by until the last spoonful was regretfully scooped out and the boys, thanking her in some what bashful fashion, little in accord with their natural brashness, passed out the door. Then with a happy sigh she too left.

Soneone watching the proceeding rather envied her the satisfaction, for small boys of that sort do appreciate anything done for them which doesn't point a moral.

An Unseen Witness.

The criminal court at Salzburg, Germany, has been forced to hold a sitting in a convent, owing to the refusal of a nun to give evidence in public. A woodcutter in the service of the convent on the Nonnberg was on his trial for stealing, and the evidence of Sistetr Coelestine, one of the nuns, was material. She, however, refused to sattend the court on the ground of her vow, which forbade her to allow herself to be seen by men. An appeal to the archbishep of Salzburg elicited the reply that only the pope himself could release the sister from her vows, so arrangements were made for her to be examined in the convent. The judge and the counsel were accommodated in the visitors' room. while Sister Coelestine, supported by the abbess, took her place behind a curtain so that she would be heard but not seen. The sister then under went an examination and cross-examination, and on her evidence the man was condemned to two months' imprisonment. The anti-clerical papers protested against evidence given in this way being admissible.

What He Meant. Praise from a husband's lips is always pleasant to the wife; but the praise may be too discriminating to

suit ber. Under the very colloquinally apt title of "The Mean Thing," this amusing little tale is to be found in Youth's,

Companion: "I thought it was nice of you to tell that carpenter, who seemed to think women knew nothing, that I could hammer nails like lightning." said Mrs. Morse to her husband. "But I'm afraid, dear, you are not an unprejudiced judge. I really don't think

I'm such a very good hammerer." "Oh, he knew what I meant," said Mr. Morse, cheerfully. "You know, lightning never strikes twice in the same place, they say."

Wouldn't Be Dictated to By Webster. Dr. Bacon, a New England clergyman of long ago, was reproached by a friend with some pronunciation which was not "according to Web-

ster " Webster lived in his parish, and the doughty divine was not disposed to be snubbed with the dictionary.

"What right has Webster to dictate my pronunciation?" he demanded, haughtily. "He is one of my parishioners, and ought to get his pronunciation from me and not I from him." --- Youth's Companion.

Force of Habit. "Haw was it that you could not keep that job I got you as a car conductor?" "I am afraid it was owing to my habit of procrastination." In what way?" "You see, even when people wanted to get on my car I would try to put them off."-Baltimore

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Two Damsels Left the Car, and He Buttered No Protest.

A corpulent man with a red face went to Coney island one day and sat in the cross seat of an open car in front of two stout German women. In searching for a nickel to pay his fare. he dropped a quarter, which rolled almost under the dress of one of the women.

He realized that he might make a spectacle of himself if he attempted to pick up the quarter, so he decided to wait until she and her friend got out. Meanwhile he took an occasion al glance at the coin.

The women found themselves at their station unexpectedly, and in their hurry to get out, one of them knocked her handkerchief, which was weighted with something, on the back of the fat man's seat. A corner of the handkerchief dropped and let out a shower of jingling silver.

The owner knelt and began collecting the coins, while her friend urged her to hurry. The man gave a sigh of relief when he saw that the woman had not noticed his quarter. Just then, however, the other woman observed it.

"Katrina," she said, "you have not all dot schange got. Look! Dere is a

quvarter." Katrina, with an effort, stooped and picked it up, and she and her friend rushed from the car. The fat man, who saw the futility of protest under the peculiar circumstances, sighed regretfully and sadly watched them go. -N. Y. Sun.

EACH HAD LARGE ROLL.

Bankrupt, All, But They Were Supplied with the "Needful."

Peter Bennett for 25 years has been a Wall street reporter and a wag. He knows everybody, and is walking reference book of the financial district.

One afternoon he was in a New street cafe sitting at a table with three stock brokers who had suspended.

"Have a drink?" said one, and when it came the broker extracted a huge roll of yellow notes and paid the reckoning.

"Have another?" invited broker No. 2 It arrived and he reached down and produced a fat, healthy looking roll of yellowbacks and paid.

"Have another?" asked broker No. 8 and he imitated his suspended friends by digging down and producing a bulging wad of yellow paper

"Have one on me," requested Bennett and then he produced an anemic roll of soiled ones. "I can't understand it," said Peter, wonderingly. "Here am I the only solvent man in the crowd, and I am broke, while you three bankrupts each have a roll as thick as my leg. I would like to know how you do it?"-Sunday Magazine. ..

Homely, and She Knew It. "Beauty may be only skin deep." said the admirer of it, "but the reverse is distressing to me. The other evening at a club dinner I was put next to a woman who seemed to me to be about the homeliest woman I had ever seen. She was so homely that I had made up my mind to change seats surreptitiously with some friend, when she began to talk to me about her life in Missouri and her husband.

"Do you know," she said naively, "he waited for me five years. Finally I said to him: 'Well, if there's nothing else for it, I suppose I must marry you, but I don't see how in the world you can fancy me I am so terribly homely. "It was strange, but after that I lost

sight of her homeliness entirely. Before the evening was over I had got to thinking her actually pretty."

Dutch for Oil King. W. W. Scott, a Passaic (N. J.) lawyer, is negotiating with persons of Holland descent of that city in an attempt to induce 12 to go to Cleveland. O., and take up their homes at Forest Hill, the estate of John D. Rockefeller.

A. H. Howatt, general superintendent of the Rockefeller estate, was in Passaic recently and made arrangements with Mr. Scott to secure the families. Much difficulty is encountered in securing help, he said, and after years of experiment Mr. Rockefeller has come to the conclusion that the Jersey Dutch are superior to all others and has decided to employ them exclusively on his Ohio estate.

Children's Companions.

Every mother has more or less of a problem on her hands in the matter of her children's companions, and it is sometimes a delicate affair to avoid Pharisaism, ill-feeling between neighbors and the spirit of antagonism at home, in an effort to prevent undesirable intimacies. Little children are safest when at play directly under the. mother's eye, but, as they develop, it is wise. I believe, to fortify them with right principles and then to trust them and show them that we do!

Her Chance to Abuse Him. "Lady," said Plodding Pete, "are you one o' dese people dat hates tramps?" "I am," was the prompt and decisive answer. "Well, wouldn't you like to show your feelin's by temptin' me to overeat myself an' puttin' the curse of dyspensia on me?'

The Marrying Habit. "Yes, lady," said the convict, "my

trouble wuz dat I attended too many weddin's." "Ah!" exclaimed the prison visitor, "I suppose that started you in the drink habit?" "No, lady; de trouble wuz dat l wuz de bridegroom at all o' them."

SHE HAD A GRIEVANCE.

The Result of a Woman's Delving ... Into Etymology.

"Rah!" she suid, and flung ther elgarette into the grate. Ewishing their silk shirts the others turned from the club window with inquiring

knok s aw call mings blue only "that" women never be rid of the sligchles that man has been loading on us ever since the cave bear's day". Girls, I've been reading etymology, and do you know what I've found out" I have found out that our year titles of honor are but the badges of our servitude.

"Lady, for instance says my ctymology, means one whoswaits. A lady is a temple who walls at table while a man gorges himself.

"Wife means a weaver. The wife is the woman who weaves her husband's and children's clothes

"Spinster is a spinner a girl who must spin a lifetime's supply of linen before any man will take her off the old folks' hands.

"We don't need mere spelling reform. We need word reform?" Let some reformer rise and almiish the words lady, spinster and wife from the language, and let suitable substitutes for them be invented."

"Hear, hear!" rose a soprano chorus

BALTING THE DUCK MARSHES.

Practice Condemned by Hunters, Who Call it Barnyard Sport.

A California newspaper chronicles the prowess of a large number of mighty nimrode who recently killed the limit number of ducks on various preserve grounds previously baited with food which had made the birds tame and unsuspicious.

This "barnyard sport" does not appeal to a Recreation correspondent, who objects to unnecessary slaughter, even if the law does admit the killing of half a hundred ducks.

The practice of "salting", duck marshes and lakes with corn and other grain, and then "burning them out" on the opening day is simply a chase of the degeneracy of latter-day duck shooting.

The birds get so that they will come in for the grain like chickens at the call of a housewife. It requires no hunting skill to find the game and it is so ridiculously tame from non-molestation and constant feeding at the baited points that the shooting is about as difficult as shooting at a poultry show and killing a rooster.

Pathetic Excuse.

One of the brightest and nicest little patients in the surgical ward of one of the big city hospitals lay on her bed moaning with pain. She had just come to consciousness after a slight operation, and though only five years old was exhibiting heroic nerve.

Yet she couldn't keep from occasional low cries. She was the sort of child who hates above all things to give trouble and when one of the nurses stopped before her and, as she thought, looked a bit reproachfully down at her she explained, between the paroxysms, with a pitiful smile:

"Oh, Miss Smith, I can't help it. I can't help it, I'm not used to opera-

Pea Green and Impressionism. My impressionistic pupil had reached the stage where she painted in orange, pea green and purple and being in Paris she thought she would call upon Whistler and make his acquaintance, writes William M. Chase. Mr. Whistler saw her work and was duly impressed.

"What are you trying to do?" asked the artist. "Mr. Whistler, I am trying to paint

nature as I see it," returned the girl with great earnestness. "Isn't that right? "Oh, yes," said Whistler, "that's all

right, provided you don't see things as you paint."

One Man Killed-by Accident. In 1906 there were held in Spain 585 bull fights, an increase of 35 as compared with 1905. These involved the killing of 2,879 bulls, valued at \$163. 700. The value of the horses (mostly poor old skates) killed in these encounters amounted to \$117,000. Other expenses amounted to over \$350,000 In the corridas 33 espadas took part, one of whom was a woman, and 849 toreros, whose salaries amounted to a total of \$600,000. The total estimated expenditure was \$1,700,000, and the receipts were \$2,400,000. There were numerous accidents, but only one had a fatal result.

His Awful Threat

A little son of one of the bishops in India was once restrained by his nurse from an action in her judgment highly improper. The youngster's judgment differed. How to bring the nurse to terms was a question he pondered serionsly for a minute. Then a bright idea struck him, and he threatened solemnly: "If you don't let me do it right away I shall go out and worship

No Use for Them. "I sent a set of knives and forks to

my consins." "Where do they live?" "In Chicago." "How wasteful of you!" "What do you mean?" "Why, you didn't need to send them the forks." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Her Resson.

"And does your mother kiss von every day when you come home from school?" "Yes, sir." "She must be very fond of you." "No; she wants to see if I've been smoking cigarTRIED OUT COFFIN IN LIFE.

Christian Scientist's Preparation for His Long Sleep.

Charles Rumphrey, who has just been buried believed in a trial funeral tuntend of trial marriages, says a New Haven convenient of the New York Times He was a Christian Scientist. and in 50 of the 70 years of his life he

presented disbelled in death. There is no such thing as death, not a bit more than there is disease." maid he. What the profune call death to simply a long sleep. I am going tomake ready for it by getting into practice." Humphrey, who was a carpenter, built himself a coffin. The box was of black walnut, and was handnomely polished, and hore this inscription I sheep but I shall awaken."

It was trimmed, cushioned and elegantly upholstered, and for months helas in it for his trials of his long sleep he must inherit. For weeks he occupied it at the office of the local undertaker in whose rooms he built it. Then playful undertaker's assistant one day ; pointed him out while asleep to a prospective purchaser as a perfectly embalmed specimen. Furlous at the bantering that followed this prank. Humphrey took his "dormitory," as he oalled it, and removed to his local boarding house.

He slept in it till he went to the Odd Fellows' Home, in New London, three months ago. His wife died threeyears ago. Before her death he had converted her to his views of immortality, and he built for her also a coffin in which she slept before her death. He also built one for his mother-inlaw. She didn't use it.

ONLY ANIMAL THAT KISSES.

Man's Peculiarity a Boon to Playwright and Novelist.

Why a salute of the lips, ordinarily known as a kiss, should be given such prominence in the literature and drama of the world, both biblical and historical cannot be solved by recourse to any written authority; vet during all these years since the beginning of time this peculiar salutation does not appear to have lost in value, nor is there any immediateprospect of its so doing. What the playwright, the novelist, and the poet would do without this peg upon which to hang a plot it would be difficult to say, and this applies especially to the playwrights, for dozens of famillar dramatic productions, several of which have graced the New York stage this season; have found their greatest factor, the wheel upon which the machinery of the scenes runs and the plot depends, in a kiss-that of a man and a woman.

In France only a half-century ago a code of regulations by which the theaters of that country were governed provided that any actor kissing, an actress without her consent, regardless of what the play might be, would be subject to a fine of many francs.-Letile's Weekly.

General Culture.

"I will tell you confidentially," said Miss Woolley, "that the best housekeepers I have ever met have been college-bred women." Miss Woolley. who for six years has been president of Mount Holyoke, is a great believer in the saving grace of higher education, the liberal education that fits a girl as well for future special work. in a profession as it does to become the mistress of her own home. Generally the proposition is reversed, but Miss Woolley from her experience has found that although many girls come to college with the idea of making some special work the object of their lives generally settle down to domestic life before long, and then find that it was well that they went to college. The girl with a "mission" is not as common as she used to be in college halls and it is for general cultures more than anything else that girls take college work in order that they may be better fitted for the position in life in which they find themselves.

Reversible Cognomen.

When the first lady of the land met the first lord of the land she, with a gracious bow, presented her card, on which was written her name-Eve. Not knowing how she read it, I, e., whether from right to left or from left to right, and desiring to be right in either case, he took his neucil and wrote: "Madam I'm Adam."

Of course, this is old. There is in Harlem to-day, however, a contractor and dealer in glass, who, when weary from writing his name from left to right, can reverse the process without in any way changing the spelling: Leon Noel.

His Educational Limit.

A lawver in Washington was telling some colleagues of neat retorts he had heard in court, when he was reminded of the interchange of compliments between a western judge and a sharp-tongued attorney from Chicago. The judge, a quick-tempered man, had had several "run-ins" with counsel when suddenly he observed:

"I can teach you law, Mr. Perkins. but I cannot teach you manners." "That is true, your honor," retorted the Chicago lawyer. - Harper's

Weekly.

Ancestors by Auction. A man interested in art, says Wil-

liam M. Chase was calling on a friend. and, seeing a remarkably fine portrait, asked whose it was. "Oh, that is an ancestor of mine," returned the owner of the picture. "Yes, of course," replied the other, "I remember now, and it would have been an ancestor of mine if I had bid another hundred

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS