NO STEEL TIES FOR ACTOR.

Tragedian Comes Forward with Grievance for Which Real Sympathy -Will Be Felt.

He had long hair and it was black, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Hisvoice was heavy, so heavy that at times it rumbled.

"Have the common people any r-rights?" he asked

"A few," the editor admitted: And the uncommon people-how

alimit them The editor advoitly parried the guestion

"State your grievance," he said. The stranger assumed an impressive

"I am an actor," he announced, "and while I am a very busy man, I find time to read the daily journals. In your sheet this morning sir, I noted the statement that certain raffroads are to adopt electricity as a motive power. In this connection, they will use steel ties instead of wooden ones. These steel ties, I am informed, are apt to carry powerful electric currents. There are times, sir, when, through lack of financial appreciation, actors are forced to use the railroads -but not the cars. I am a tragedian, sir. I have played Hamlet and Lear. Do you think it right for soulless corporations to force a Hamlet or a Lear to dance a frantic mazurka, as it were. from one electric-charged tie to another? Can these corporations do this unjust thing?"

"I'd like to see 'em try it," said the editor, as he turned back to his work.

WEDDING AN ENTIRE SUCCESS

Interruption by Snoot Judson Was Only Discordant Element in Grand Ceremony.

Too bad, Sistah Sagg-suttingly 'twuz!-dat yo' couldn't be at de weddin'." sympathetically said Sister Tuggle, who had been present. "Ah-Lawd! - 't wuz one o' de most sonorous events of de present social season, vass'm! De bride, wid her hair all fussed up like it had been done wid an egg-beater. came uh-glidin up de aisle, exceeded by de rushers and six little girls disarrayed as angels uh-strollin' flowers in de way, uh-whilst de awgin pealed foth de Weddin' March fum Meddlesome, follered by a whole pubsession o' swell-elegant kin folks uh-smellin' o' puffoomery like an observatory, and two little boys dressed-like charrybims, uh-holdin' un her trail. Pahson Bagster met 'em dar at de cancellation rail, and 'twas all gwine fine twell he woman away? and dat low-down, triffin' gamblin' man, Snoot Judson, settin' back yander by de do', snoke up, and savs: 'Ah-Lawd! I could, but I isn't dat mean! De rushers done put end o' him. And den de pahson spoke de solemn words o' de sarrymony, an' 'mest everybody cried, 'twuz so disin-

"H'm-yase'm!" returned the lady addressed. But what about de groom? "Yo' isn't mentioned him a-tall."

"Oh, he was de conventional black." -Pack

The Longest Word.

What is believed to be the longest word to be found in any dictionaryone that leaves even German and Dutch hopelessly out of it-may be turned up in Liddell and Scott's lexiicon by those who can read Greek characters. Those who cannot may be content to know that this word which begins "lepadotemachoselachogaleo," proceeds in like manner through 78 syllables, and counts 170 letters in all. Of course, no ancient Greek ever used such a word as this in ordinary conversation. It is a comic word invented by Aristophanes for Thythmical delivery in one of his plays, and means a dish compounded of all sorts of fish, flesh, fowl and sauces, which are enumerated in the

Couldn't Place Horace "They say that Horace wrote his poems in praise of wise," the school

word. The most ingenious English

translation of it yet suggested is-

"tach

teacher said to the Billville citisen. Who! Horace Greely! Never knowed he writ poetry " "No, no-the other Horace, who comes from antiquity."

Never hearn tell of him, a'er the place he come from; but it's my opin ion whoever he was, that he had mighty little to do to be wastin' words on wine, when the country has more corn licker than it kin consume convenient; but, come ter think of it, the less said 'bout corn, new or old, in the north Georgy region, the better. The blamed of government is mighty watchful!"-Atlanta Constitu-

Poer Fellow.

Police Justice-The man you ran down swears positively you were grinning like a fiend before the car hit

Trolley Motorman-I was, your ent But you will understand when I tell you that I was a chauffeur for three years before I got my present job, and from force of habit I thought I could steer the car to avoid him, after throwing the usual scare into

Not a Lady Killer. "They tell me, Mr. Sinthers," simpered the fluffy young thing, "that you are quite a lady killer."

"They do me an injustice, upon my word, Miss Giggles," responded the gallant old beau, laying his hand on his heart and making a profound bow "I catch 'em alive."

FOR WALL STREET SUCCESS.

Just a Few of the Qualifications Necessary if One is to "Beat the Game."

The clergyman who says that he can take "a \$100 bill, a pencil and a pad" and make a fortune in Wall street recommends the process only to those who possess one important qualification. They must know the game, Given that, the rest is easy. To know the game thoroughly it is necessary to be in the confidence of the board when ten per cent. dividends are to be declared; to learn ahead of the crowd what stock is next to be marked up on the strength of rumors of dividend guarantees; what bankrupt road is to be sold to a system; what manipulation the bull pool is about to undertake, and to have other advance information equally helpful. It is given to few to possess this knowledge, no doubt by a wise provision of nature which permits the many to be sacrificed that the most fit may survive. If it were possible for any one with a \$100 bill to become a Wall street millionaire the aggregation of swollen fortunes would menace the republic. Doubtless in the case of the clergyman in question the gain to the ministry involved the loss of a magnate to the financial world. But for the ordinary run of speculators there is no place where a little learning is so dangerous a thing as in Wall street.

MULES NOT HARD TO HANDLE.

Whole Secret is in Knowing How to *Do It, According to Army Officer.

Horse and mule men at the stock yards stood in admiration the other afternoon while the soldiers of Battery A and B. Second United States artillery, loaded 13 cars of mules in 25 minutes. It was a new record on the loading docks, and it wasn't accomplished by any unusual methods either. Nor was the mule driver's vocabulary resorted to. How did they do it? The lieutenant simply called the roll and the mules responded to their names. "Nigger," called an officer, and a lit-

tle black gun mule ambied up. "Now, Mollie, you're next; now Cyclone," and Cyclone came like a cy-

cione. If a mule was refractory a few men in khaki took hold of him and pushed and shoved him into place.

"No wonder," said an envious mule driver, "they know their mules; they couldn't do them all that way." "That so?" said a non-commissioned

officer. I guess we could. It's all-inknowing how. You never want to flinch around a mule. Never look back when you leave him. After you know how mules are easier to handle than horses."-Kansas City Times.

How the Baby Bird Flow.

J. M. Barrie has a little fable in one of his works about a baby lark asking its mother to teach it to fly. The mother thought hard about how she herself had learned to fiv long ago last year, but all she could recall was that you suddenly do it.

"Wait till the sun comes out after the rain," she said, half remembering. The rain came and glued the bird's wings together.

"I shall never be able to fiv nor to sing," it wailed. Then of a sudden it had to blink its eyes for a glorious light had spread over the world. The baby bird's breast swelled, it did not know why, and it fluttered from the ground, it did not know how. "The sun has come out after the rain," it trilled. "Thank you, sun, thank you," and it floated up crying: "Thank you."

An Optical Illusion.

Did you ever try to see through your hand? By following these directions you may at least make yourself believe you are looking right through the palm. Out of a piece of pasteboard about five inches square roll a tube. Have one end just large enough to fit around the eye, and the other a little smaller. Take the tube between the thumb and fingers of the right hand; put the larger end to your eye, and press your left hand against the smaller end. Keep both eyes open. Objects beyond the left hand will be plainly visible, and there will appear to be a hole through the center of the palm. It is the uncovered left eye which is actually doing all the seeing. but so far as appearances go, it will seem as if the right eye were seeing. right straight through the left hand.

Well Answered.

During the encampment of several regiments of British soldiers in a cer-'ain district the wood and turf used for cooking purposes, were carted by the neighboring farmers. One day a donkey-cart full of turf was brought in the driver being a country lad. As : regimental band was playing, he stood in front of the donkey and held the animal tightly by the head. Some of the "smart ones" gathered round, highly pleased, and the wit of the party asked why he "held his brother so tightly. The reply was crushing: "I'm afraid be might enlist."

Well-Stecked.

Last summer a typical down-easter furnished a New York author, who had a cottage in a Maine village, with farm produce.

One day when the man called with a wagon-load of vegetables, the author, wishing to make himself agreeable, asked how much stock he kept on his farm.

"Pive cows as' a buil," enumerated the farmer, "'ad two yokes of oxen, a calf, a boss, as' three shares of Maine Central."-Youth's Compan-

NEVER A MAN TO BE ENVIED.

Philadelphia Writer's Idea of Status to Be Accorded Bachelor in Society.

The bachelor is punished already, not only in losing the joys of a home. but being an object of contumely So long as bachelors are willing to put upwith all the losses they sustain in celibacy far be it from the majesty of the law to impose further penalties. It was Cicero or a man of his day who remarked that it was onerous for a man to get along with a wife, but impossible to get along without one. The bachelor is not a man-only a more or less imitation of one-sometimes a very poor one. He thinks he has a good time in escaping all the major responsibilities of life, but he is deceiving no one but himself. As an example and a warning he has his uses in society. As an individual he is apt to find that he is eating only apples of Sodom. The man who deliberately remains a bachelor is already punished enough. Let him alone in his misery until some nice girl comes along and carries him off. And we may remark that no man is a bachelor of his own initiative-no matter how much he may think so. He is! simply a human derelict whom the women have examined and passed by. The bachelors are the disjecta membra of society whom no woman will have. That is awful and it is enough. -Philadelphia Inquirer.

MUSIC APPEALS TO ESKIMOS.

Voices Good and They Sing in Tune, According to Traveler in Regions of the North.

Music is one of the chief pleasures and accomplishments of the Eskimos. At the Labrador missions violins are used by them in the church choir, and brass bands are organized. In "Along the Labrador Coast" Dr. Townsend tells of an evening's entertainment with the Eskimos at Nain.

"For over an hour these natives sing to us," he says, "familiar music with Eskimo words-Rock of Ages. Holy Night, interspersed with what I take to be secular songs. Their voices are harmonious and the singing is of a superior order. We return the compliment in the only way we can with a graphophone. It is indeed a terrible come-down to 'The Old Apple Tree' and Everybody Works But Father, but the Eskimos seem to enjoy it, and greet the songs and their explanation by

the interpreter with peals of laughter. "A song in which a man beats his wife seems especially to amuse them. A Moravian brother told me that they had been unable to win the Eskimo from the wife-beating habit. Even the wives resent any interference on this score.

An Irish its makes there shake with joy, and I am sure they would dance were there room to stir."

Terms for inebriety.

According to Hotten, some of the terms denoting inebriety are as follows: Beery, bemused, boozy, bosky, corned, foggy, fou, fresh, hazy, elevated, kisky, lushy, moony, muggy, muzzy, on, screwed, stewed, tight and winy. In an intermediate class stand podgy, beargered, blued, cut, primed, lumpy, plowed, muddled, obfuscated. swipey, three sheets in the wind and topheavy. "But the acme," says the same authority, "is only obtained when the disguised individual 'cim't see a hole in the ladder, or when he is 'all mops and brooms,' or 'off his nut, or with his main-brace well spliced,' or 'with the sun in his eyes,' or when he has 'lapped the gutter' and 'got the gravel rash,' or 'on the rantan,' or 'on the re-raw,' or when he is 'sewed up,' or 'regularly scammered.' "

Getting Into Practice. It is often pleasanter to theorize than to perform. A young law student, says a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, was making a study of certain processes of his future profession. He

showed an inclination to sit in the

house and speculate idly, instead of doing some of the domestic tasks which stood waiting. "Deduction is an interesting process," declared the youth to his father. "For example, there is a heap

of ashes in the yard. That is evi-

dence that the family has recently had

"Well, John," interrupted his father, "suppose you pursue your studies a little farther by going out and sifting that pile of ashes."-Youth's Companion.

Dickens' Method of Speaking.

Before making a speech Charler Dickens would decide on his various heads and then in his mind's eye liken the whole subject to the tire of a cart wheel-he being the hub. From the hub to the tire he would run as many spokes as there were subjects to be treated and during the progress of the speech he would deal with each spoke separately, elaborating them as he went round the wheel; and when all the spokes dropped out one by one and nothing but the tire and space re mained be would know that he had accomplished his task and that his speech was at an end.

American Girls Responsible. Probably the American woman is answerable for a good deal of the unrest among the daughters of France for she comes among them with all sorts of daring projects and perfectly levely clothes. She marries their brothers, she studies art, music and itterature in their country and she walks serenely on along the path of liberty, to the amazement of men, angels and the Parisian.—The Queen.

SERVED AS HIS LADY'S MAID.

Romantic Manner of Wooing That Won Love of Young Russian Widow for Har Admirer.

A St. Petersburg paper publishes details of a Russian romance in which figures the wealthy and beautiful young Baroness Urusoff, the widow of a distinguished Russian government official.

All the young cavallers of Moscow were hopelessly in love with her. The baroness; however, rejected ail -attempts to obtain an introduction to her and lived in perfect seclusion, attended only by an elderly relative. Some months ago a young peasant girl began to visit the residence of the baroness, offering the servants cheap articles for sale. Subsequently the baroness used to buy different articles from the peasant, who was intelligent, had good manners and considerable conversational talents.

The baroness eventually asked the girl whether she would enter her service as a lady's maid. She agreed and discharged her duties to perfection for a fortnight and then revealed "herself" as a young Russian nobleman named Maximoff, who, taking advantage of his fair hair and complexion. had masqueraded as a domestic servant to break down the barriers with which the beautiful baroness had surrounded herself.

The baroness was so much impressed by his extraordinary perseverance that she became engaged to him, and the marriage took place a few days ago.

ORIGIN OF FOOLSCAP PAPER.

Emblem First Made Use Of by Cromwell to Show His Contempt for All Things Royal.

Everyone who has handled paper recognizes foolscap as a sheet 13 by 16 inches. This is used as a standard size all the world over, officially and commercially. It will therefore be interesting to know where and how this word originated. After the execution of Charles I. Cromwell and his staff. in organizing the commonwealth, made all possible effort to remove ever thing which had anything to do with the old monarchy. The paper in official use up to the time had as a watermark the king's crown; and, when Cromwell was asked what should be put in the place of the crown, to show his overwhelming dislike for anything concerning royalty, he directed a fool's cap to be put in place of the crown. This was done, and when Charles II. ascended the throne of England, it was at first forgotten to replace the can by something else, and then, too late, the king was afraid to do anything to recall things dangerous to touch, and so it was neglected and the fool's cap may be seen as a water-mark on ly all British official papers.

Hot Water Cure for Insomnia.

To insure the benefit of the hot water, it must be taken off the fire the moment it boils-not just before or after -and poured at once into a cup or glass. Then it should be taken while very hot. A little practice will enable one to swallow it at little less than the boiling point, and in addition to the proper temperature, the proper time must be observed. It is most efficacious in curing indigestion and improving the general tone of the system if taken immediately on waking in the morning, again an hour before lunch and an hour before dinner also, and to drink two glassfuls on retiring will almost positively insure sound sleep. It may require two or three days' trial before the desired result is effected. but once gained it can be held with out interruption by faithfully pursuing this method.

No. Dog!

Reared in the strict school of "Yes, sir!" and "No, ma'am!" addressed without thought of servility to all elders and betters, I find this a season of rare courtesy and scant civility.

Well do I remember that awesome scene at my father's table when a stout and rebellious little sister, seething with disappointment over some denied dainty, answered "No!" to a well meant proffer of a less desirable dish.

"No, dog? or No, cat?" my father inquired with ominous calm. "No. dog!" the sturdy lass recklessly re-

I quake even now at the thought of the breathless pause which followed, and draw a vell over the painful aftermath.—Appleton's.

Cure for Headache.

One of the very best remedies for a sick or nervous headache was suggested to me recently by a Finnish servant girl. She took raw potatoes without either washing or paring and cut them into thick slices. These were laid close together on the forehead and temples and kept in place by covering with a large handkerchief folded corperwise and tied in the back.

In a short time the pain disappeared. As the pieces of potato get hot replace with cold fresh ones.

They give all the coolness of ice without the incidental dampness, and there is not the burning sensation ice often causes.

Unsympathetic. Mrs. Malaprop-Young Sharp will have to apologise before I'll speak to

him again. Miss Interest-Did he insuit you? Mrs. Malaprop-Did bey The last time I met him I told him that my uncle, Lord de Style, had locomotive stacksis, and he had the impudence to ask if he "whistled at crossings." He's an unsympathetic brute.

WANTED TIME FOR THOUGHT.

Arduous Duties Before the Head of the House Required His Entire Attention.

The baby was ill, and the doctor ordered that he be taken to the sea. This involved the closing of the house until the little one should be well enough to return. After the wife had secured hotel accommodations by the long-distance telephone, the man of the house went to his room and slowly and thoughtfully spread the entire contents of his wardrobe upon his bed, that they might be convenient for his wife to pack.

He stood surveying them, deep in meditation, when his wife came into the room and began to speak to him. He raised his hand rebukingly. "Don't talk to me now, Susie, don't talk to me! I have a great deal on my mind. If we are going to the seashore day after to-morrow there are many things to be done, and I must

His wife, who had already telephoned the butcher, milkman, baker, grocer, expressman and ticket office. and given the maid a month's vacation and arranged with a relative for the care of the dog, gazed at him in silence.

"A great deal on my mind," he re peated. Then the interrogative nature of his wife's silence forced him to explain.

"You see," he said, "I have got to put a nail in the cellar window and stop the newspaper."-Youth's Com-

PECULIAR IDEAS OF AUTHORS.

Varying Conditions Under Which the . World's Great Writers Did Their Best Work.

Alexander Pope, who was the literary pontiff of his time, thought best when in bed. Whenever a thought came to him he would jot it down on a scrap of paper. His servant often found bedclothes and floor covered with white bits containing aphorisms which have now become hackneyed quotations.

Victor Hugo wrote "Les Miserables" standing up, an attitude which Hawthorne also assumed when he wrote many of his romances

One leg thrown over the arm of a chair or sitting on the arm of his secretary's chair were Napoleon's favorite positions while dictating to Bourrienne, a position which he varied now and then by patting that scribe on the head or pulling his ears.

Sir Walter Scott could while rectining on a lounge dictate to two amanuenses, who frequently had to stop writing, so funny the dictated passages seemed to them.

William Morris made one of his famous translations from the Greek while riding on the steam cars. Walt Whitman and Horace Traubel, original in all things, were most original in the position they took while thinking. They were wont, so Mr. Traubel sava. to climb upon a pile of lumber and lie down upon their backs. In that way each found out what the other's best

Coming Down Easy. Inquiries after the welfare of Patrick Confoy were answered by his devoted friend, Terence Dolan, who was at the Conroy's in the double capacity of nurse and cook. "No, he's not dangerously hurt at all," was Mr. Dolan's reply to a solemnly whis-

pered question at the door. "We heard he had a bad fall and was all broke to pieces," whispered the neighbor.

"'Tis a big story you've heard." said Mr. Dolan, in his cheerful roar. "Thrue, he fell off'n the roof o' the Brady stables, where he was shingling and he broke his lift leg, knocked out a couple of teeth and broke his collar-

"Mind ye, if he'd have fell clear to the ground it might have hurted him bad, but sure there was a big pile of shtones and old lumber that broke his fall."-Youth's Companion.

Be Amiable and Retain Youth. As a charming woman once said: "To remain always young one must be always amiable." A melancholy face, a sullen, an evil look, is like coming in contact with winter; whereas a serene face, a gracious air, a kind and good expression, is like a spring day, and a smile on the lips like its sumshine. Sulky people, you may have remarked, always appear to be ten years older than they are. The face grows wrinkled from contracting the brows; the mouth projects disagreeably when sulking. Behold beside the portrait of the sullen woman the picture of the sweet and gracious woman; all her features are in repose, her lips form an adorable Cupid's bow, kindness softens her glance and goodness illuminates her brow. Perhaps she is the elder, but she will always appear young and charming.

The III-Natured Man.

The ill-natured man, though but of equal parts with the good-natured man, gives himself a larger field to expatiate in. He exposes those failings in human nature which the other would cast a wail over: langua at vices which the other either excuses or conseals; falls indifferently upon friends or enemies; exposes the person who has obliged him; and, in short, sticks at nothing that may establish his character of a wit.

Back to Earth.

"Every cloud has a silver lining," said the ready-made philosopher. "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "The clouds are all right. But how about pocketbooks?"

AMONG INDIANS OF LOUISIANA

Tribes Cling to Primitive Customs of Their Ancestors.

The blowgun is still popular for hunting birds among the Koasati Indiana of Louisiana. This weapon consists of a tube, usually of cane, about six feet long, rubbed smooth on the inside with an implement made for the purpose, and carefully straightened with the aid of fire. Slender-pointed darts about eight inches long are used as ammunition, each one wrapped neatly.... along a third of its length with thistledown or cotton to make it fit the inside of the tube. The hunter places a dart in the tube, which he raises to his lips and aims at his game; then a quick puff of the breath drives the little darf flying with sufficient force to impale and kill a small bird or squirrel.

I discovered a curious industry among the Koasati-the weaving of Spanish moss into fabrics. During my sojourn with the southern tribes I had heard that their ancestors once made blankets of moss, but this was the first time I had ever seen the process or its products. The moss, which may be seen festooning the trees all through the south, is cured and then spun with a simple contrivance. The moss yarn is strung on a frame and woven into blankets. In former years the Indians wove large moss blankets for bedding and rugs; but at the present day saddle blankets only are

Among the most interesting things found among this tribe were two of the old hand-made pottery vessels, now very rare among eastern Indians. a drum made of a cypress "knee," some very fine beaded shoulder sashes, a collection of baskets representing many weaves and forms, and some silver head bands, brooches, and other ornaments laboriously pounded out of coins by the Indian silversmiths.—M. R. Harrington, in the Southern Workman.

MAKES WORK FOR SCIENTISTS.

Eminent Men Busy Investigating Possibilities of Radium.

The University of Vienna, which has received, through the Vienna Academy of Sciences, an anonymous donation of 500,000 kronen for the establishment of a "Radium institute," is rapidly becoming famous among physicists for its experimental work on the wonderful radium emanations. The rarity and great cost of radium necessarily restrict the number of investigators, and Sir William Ramsay. who in his recent experiments has gone far toward proving the suspected transmutation of radium into helium and other elements, was recently specially honored by the Vienna Academy of Sciences by the loan of a fraction of a gramme of radium for the purpose of enabling him to continue his valuable investigations. A gramme of radium, it has been calculated, has stored up in it energy equal to one horse power for 15 days; but it parts with its energy so slowly-it cannot be stayed or hurried-that it takes some 30,000 years to exhaust itself.

"Vth Avenue."

As soon as the Nassau street tailor moved up to Fifth avenue he, of course, sent out new cards, says the New York Times. Their appearance caused some surprised comment among hia frienda

"That looks funny," said one man. "Vth avenue. Isn't that a new wrin-

"Not exactly," said the tailor. "Roman numerals are getting to be rather popular in writing the names of streets. Fifth avenue business men are particularly partial to them. Ou cards and in newspaper and street car advertising you may frequently see the address of some tailor, haberdasher, or other tradesman, written Vth avenue. So far the other avenues have net adonted the style to any great extest, but the time may come when the business houses on all those streets will write IVth, VIth, VIIth, VIIth, and IXth avenues."

Christmas High Finance. "William Bayard Hale, who has got mere fame by suppressing an interview than ever got by printing one, is a caustic, sarcastic man," said a

magazine editor. "I once heard Hale speak at a bankers' Christmas banquet. He always speaks well, because he is a clergyman. One part of his speech I'll never

forget. It bore on Christmas games. 'There is one Christmas game,' he said. That has become very popular, especially in banking circles. It resembles hide-and-seek. You play it ag

"'A cashier or a president takes all the institution's money and runs and hides. Detectives swarm out to find him. If they succeed, he comes home with them, and has to pay a forfelt."

Going the Limit.

The country cousin considered that he was caught beyond reclaim in the giddy maelstrom of metropolitan life. At dinner with his city cousin he had actually drunk an entire glass of beer. Then they had taken a taxicab and gone to a show. And now that it was over the city cousin had brazenly piloted the visitor into a barroom and suggested drinks.

"No!" objected the country cousin. "Come on!"

A look of diabolical wickedness spread over the rural features. "All right! I might as well go the whole hog. I'll have—a second glass

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

idus des Louislans se dans tons lori Etals du Bac. Es pairifelis altre donc un sommerce des avantacent exceptionnelle. Lein de l'adoptueur est les l'adoptueur des l'adoptueurs de l'adoptueurs des l'adoptueurs des l'adoptueurs des l'adoptueurs des l'adoptueurs des l'adoptueurs de l'adoptueurs des l'adoptueurs de The second of th