DIDN'T WANT TO BE HARSH

Merchant Simply Had Idea of Doing a Good Turn to the Young Lady Typist.

"An old customer of mine from the Enterior of the state came to town m few days ago," said a Philadelphia; wholesaler, "and after leaving his order for the goods he asked the priv-Bege of sitting down to my desk to write a letter I took him to one of typists and told her to get his letter up in good shape, and the two worked over it for half an hour. Then the man came back to me with his letser in his hand and said:

"'Mr. Blank, this typewriting busimess is a great thing."

" 'Yes.' "'And that's a fine girl who did the work for me.'

" 'Yes!' "'She made her fingers go like

Mebtning. "'Yes, she is very speedy." "'Seemed to be perfectly willing to

wblige.' " 'Yes.'

"'A very nice girl, indeed, and I

hope that she'll get on. In fact, I want to put in a word for her.' 'That's kind of you. What is it?' "Tell her, he said, as he glanced ever his shoulder, 'that if she'll pay a Ittle more attention to her spelling

Tell her in a way not to hurt her feelings? "But what words has she spelled wrong?

she'll come out at the top of the heap.

"'He held out the letter and pointmd to a word and whispered: "The young lady got one "f" too many in the word, but tell her as gently as possible."

SHOULD THE WOMAN PROPOSE

"The word was 'coffee.'"

Question That Seemingly May Be Re lied On to Get an Argument at Any Time.

Ever since this conundrum was put ne, I have been submitting it to gwerybody I met. There has been extraordinary diversity in the answers. They have run from a shocked "No! No! No!" through a hesitating, "Well, # don't see why—and yet I could never do it myself," to a decided, "Yes, pertainly! Why not?"

One woman said: "Under no cirsumstances. Nothing ever justifies us In forgetting our Womanliness." Another: "Yes, indeed. In fact, I progood to my husband. I saw that he was in love with me, but that he thought that we could not afford to be married. I knew that we could, and so I proposed to him." Another: "Of sourse women should propose. They we much better judges of character than men, more intuitive and spiritmal." Another: "If women proposed, there would be fewer unhappy marwiages. As things are, men can choose from their entire set of women. Womcan choose only from those who propose to them. If women proposed more of them would marry the man they really wanted to marry." Anwther: "I think the one should propose who could do it the most artistmily." (Note-She was a young girl writer, and I am afraid considerations of literary effects guided her conclu

A Difference.

mions.)—Harper's Basar.

"Ever since I was done converted last week," remarked a certain colgred citisen in a chastenedly-tritemphant tone, "muh conscience ignaws me when I thinks o' what a minner I was befo' I seed de blessed laght. I was false to de Lawd and tentrue to muh fellermen, and muh sonscience gnaws---

"Do it graw yo' enough, Brudder Bogus," grimly interrupted old Brother Gumpshum, "to make yo' pay me mack dem fou-dollahs yo' borried off in

me yeah bef' last?"
"W'y—w'y, sah!—yo' knows how clost de times is, dese days, and-Well, sah, here's haffer-dollah, dat I'll pay yo' now, and---"

"Huh! If dat's de best yo' kin do mh, yo' conscience ain't gnawin'-E's dess uh-nibblin'."—Satire.

Delicate Subject.

"Do you think, my darling," he surgied, as he buried his manly mus-Tthat your father will consent to our marriage ?" "Well, popkins," she replied, "of

source, papa will be sorry to lose men "But." interrupted the ardent one,

will remind him that instead of being a daughter he will gain a son." A deadly pallor o'erspread her damak cheek.

"Clarence." she cried. "If you realwant me, I implore you to say mothing so foolish. Papa has three such sone living with him now, and flo's extremely touchy on the subject." Tit-Bits.

Quakers Increasing. While so many of the churches are deploring a falling-off in membership, the Society of Friends in this country has been increasing for many years gast, and now, for the first time in many generations, the increase is at a greater rate than that of the genural population. During the last decade the population advanced by 10.9 per cent, while the increase in the membership of the Society of Friends was 13 per cent. There is a considarable excess of women over men in the membership, and the proportion of momen shows a tendency to increase. -Westminster Gasette.

HUMAN BURRS IN THE WORLD

Unwise People Who Bore Their Friends With Their Display of Lack of Tact.

Do you ever encounter inquisitive people who are really annoying-people who have not the least interest in your affairs, but simply "want to know" out of idle curiosity? A great share of America's reputation for rudeness may be laid entirely to the charge of their riling questions. Equally undesirable is the person who confides her family troubles to all her friends. Instead of putting the stoutest kind of padlock on the closet door where the family skeleton lurks, some women shamelessly drag it out and parade in the public eye.

The too-friendly individual who runs in at all hours without ringing and offers her services upon every occasion, and the woman who monopolizes or tries to monopolize all the time and attention of her friends is likewise to be avoided. "Dearle, if you are thinking of going shopping this week, let me know and I'll go with you. Stop for me if you go to the

matinee on Wednesday." It never occurs to them that their company might not be appreciated. But just as the burrs of the field make us appreciate the flowers more than ever, so do the human burrs teach us to rejoice in the pleasant, considerate, sensible friends that fall to one's lot for the latter outnumber the former many, many times.—Exchange.

DIGNITY IN LOW NUMBERS

New York Business Men Sald to Attach Importance to Figures ef Their Telephones.

"Such a small thing as a telephone humber has some significance in the standing of a firm," remarked a New Yorker who had little else to do but talk and observe.

"How so?" asked the other. "Take the low numbers—'Broad 1," for instance—and, as a rule, it will be the number belonging to an old established firm, provided, of course, that firm has remained in one location. The firm now bearing the above number was in existence before telephones were in use at all, and in like manner it is possible to ascertain the old established business houses. If a firm moves, but remains in the same exchange, it has the privilege of retaining its original telephone number. Americans don't care much for age and long established anything, as a class, but there are many firms in this city that are proud of their telephone numbers in a system where the num bers run high up in the thousands."

Saints and Sinners. that you can't distinguish it from

badness. When saints make sandwich men of themselves, advertising their virtues to the public, extolling their own tender, angelic qualities, you want to kill

If only some of the pains taken to make human beings good were expended in trying to make them happy what a different place this old world would be.

If only teachers and preachers and parents and fanatics and reformers would realize that what people need is a little sunshine sent into their lives before they talk about responsi-

bilities and a future state. There are children and grown people so cobwebbed over with care and misery that all talk of "how good" to them is useless. Their only hope -their only salvation-lies in infusing a little sympathy, consideration and happiness into their lives.

Often it is a mother-weary, body and soul. Tired of plodding, tired of working on in a round of endless detail-little, insignificant, provoking items that she gets no credit for doing, but fatal discredit for leaving

Telling the Time in Turkey.

In Turkey the watch and clock are extremely rare and a big crowd of persons could be rounded up on the street without finding a watch among them, but the natives have an exceedingly ingenious way of approximating the time and some of them hit it with considerable accuracy. They locate two cardinal points of the compass and then folding their hands together in such a manner that the foreingers point upward and in opposite directions, they observe the shadow cast. known hours one finger or the other will point directly at the sun. A comparison of the two shadows will

In the morning or evening at certain determine the hours between. Another system followed in that country and some others of the orient is to observe the eyes of a cat. Early in the morning and evening the pupils are round. At nine and three o'clock, it is oval and at noon it consists of a narrow slit.

Girl Walks to Work Asleep, Miss Nellie Lerra, a pretty young girl of Point township, in her sleep early this morning arose from her bed and walked to a local cap factory. where she was an employe. She was barefooted and attired only in a filmsy low-necked night gown. She was not seen by unybody and finally reached the factory and was about to try to enter when the tooting of a locomo-

tive close by woke ber. Realizing her perdicament, the girl grew excited and ran back home at top speed. She fell senseless from nervous exhaustion to the floor of her home. -Northumberland Correspondent Pittsburg Post.

BREAKING AWAY FROM TRUTH

Two Opinions With Respect to a False Statement Minister Admits He Made.

A curiously interesting question of ethics has arisen over the failure of a minister to secure employment for an erring but repentant woman until he told prospective employers that she was a woman of good character He had often been on the point of getting for her the work she needed in order to make an honest living and to regain the moral equilibrium which had been disturbed by her wrongdoing. But as soon as the minister, in his devotion to the strict letter of the truth, admitted that the woman had sinned, the doors of honest living were closed in her face, the "unco' good" people who were in a position to lend a helping hand refusing to run the risk of "contamination," unwilling to follow the example of Him who said to another erring woman: "Go and sin no more."

Now a rather lively local discussion has arisen as to whether the minister was justified under the circumstances. or whether anybody is ever justified under any circumstances, in telling a lie. Perhaps few will deny that if this minister really lied at all he strained the truth in a good cause and that the imposition practiced upon those who refused to give to another the chance of reform which they themselves would have welcomed in their own cases was intended to serve a humane purpose. All who are inclined to take an ultra conservative view of the inviolability of truth might ponder the splendid words of Dickens when he wrote Tom Pinch and the lie that he did only good to another human be-

ing: There are some falsehoods, Tom. on which men mount, as on bright wings, to heaven. There are truths, cold, bitter, taunting truths, that bind men down to earth. Who would not rather have to fan him in his dying hour the lightest feather of a falsehood such as thine, than all the quills plucked from the sharp porcupina revengeful truth, since Time began? -Kansas City Journal.

JUDGE STILL HAS THE \$50

Condition Competitors Did Not Score -----to Notice Went With Offer of Prize.

The walking crase of a few years ago gave a well-known sporting man an opportunity which he could not resist taking advantage of. He had handbfils widely distributed on which was stated: "A Great Crosby gentleman will give

\$50 to the man, woman or child who Arst succeeds in doing the following task: To walk from the Pierhead (Liverpool) to Crosby village. There each competitor must buy a meat pie and walk around the Big Stone and eat it"

About a hundred entries were received, and the walk took place on Whit Monday. Much excitement prevailed and a great cheer rose as a local pedestrain was seen leading the rest of the crowd. His meat ple was soon eaten as he walked round the stone, and he went to the judge for the \$50.

"Why," exclaimed the judge, "I didn't think you could have done it. The stone seemed too hard to eat." "What's that so to do with it?"

asked the ped. "Everything to do with it," answered the judge, "and nobody gets the \$50 till they do."-London Tit-Bits.

Mother Kangaroo's Bravery. During a severe drought in a cer tain section of Australia, the owner of a country station was sitting one evening on the porch when he saw a kangaroo lingering about, alternately approaching and retiring from the house, as if half in doubt and feat

what to do. At length she approached the wa ter pails, and, taking a young one from her porch, held it to the water to drink.

While her baby was satisfying its thirst the mother was quivering all over with apprehension, for she was but a few feet from the porch where one of her foes was watching her.

The baby having finished drinking, it was replaced in the pouch and the old Rangaroo set off at a rapid pace. The spectator was so much impressed by the astonishing bravery of the affectionate mother that he made is vow-and kept it-never again to

Eccentric Tides.

shoot a kangaroo.

Owing to the effects of shore lines and other influences which are more or less obscure it is very difficult to account for the peculiarities exhibited by tidal waves in various parts of the world.

Interfering waves cause once-a-day tides at Tahiti and in some other places, while on the other hand in the harbors back of the Isle of Wight and in the Tay in Scotland there are three tides in a day. The latter have been ascribed to overtides, produced by the modification of tidal waves running ashore and resembling the overtonel of musical sounds.

Diamonda in a Rat's Nest. Seven years ago Mrs. Charles Delong lost trace of two diamond earrings valued at \$200. Carpenters, remodeling the house, found the jewels in a partition where rats bad a nest. Incidentally, an apology was made to a servant who had been indirectly accused of the theft.-Milwaukee Jour-

KINDLY OLD BAVARIAN RULER

Ample Reasons Why Duke Max Was Popular Within and Without His Dominions.

Duke Max of Bavaria had no greater delight than leaning over the counter of some small shopkeeper, talking gossip or purchasing toys for his greatgranddaughters in Austria. Innumerable stories are told illustrating his character. R. H. Goldschmidt, a wealthy banker of Frankfort, was once journeying to Vienna. Opposite him on the velvet cushion of the first class car sat an old gentleman, whose dress and looks betrayed no uncommon rank. "Are you on a pleasure trip?" asked the banker's vis-a-vis. "Yes." answered the latter, "I am going to visit my daughter, who, thank God, fortunately married the Banker Wiener in Vienna." "How strange," replied his companion; "the incentive to my trip is the same. I am going to visit my daughter in Vienna. Thank God; she, too, is rather fortunately married to the emperor of Austria."

The duke's pocketbook was open to all. Many a poor creature in that Catholic city told off beads for "good Duke Max," and blessed his name. A disciple of old Baltazarina, whose art had once charged the ballet lovers of music, having grown old in her profession, was unable to get employment. In despair she wrote to Duke Max, giving an account of her situation. His secretary handed him the letter with the remark: "She deserves nothing; she has lived a fast life." "Then," answered his highness, "she will miss her former splendor so much the more," and, sitting down, he wrote her a letter, enclosing money, and signed "From an admirer of your art." -The Argonaut.

ONE THING RIGIDLY BARRED

Seemingly Small Point That Threat ened to Disturb Etiquette of Royal Procession.

"There is just one thing the lawabiding citizen may not do when watching a royal procession in London, and my wife, through attempting to do it, mighty soon found out what it is," said the traveler. "There was a marrow-piercing wind to chill us and icy slush lay thick on the pavements that day we stood to see the king go by. After teetering around for a few minutes in a vain endeavor to keep her feet warm my wife folded a newspaper and stood on that. The policeman at her side looked on iv kindly disapproval.

"'Mustn't do that,' he said.

"Of course she asked, 'Why not?" "'Looks bad,' said he. 'If you was back in the crowd it wouldn't make so much difference, but right in the front row it's against the rules to throw a

"My wife glanced at the long line of muddy shoes of all colors, sizes and conditions, and wondered how one edge of white paper could damage the display, but the policeman's tone precluded argument, so she picked up the paper."

Made Up in Quantity. An old colored woman, who had grown gray and bent in the service of the family who had raised her from childhood, was not gifted with an overabundance of gray matter, and her mistakes and queer ideas furnished much amusement to those about her.

One day a Yorkshire pudding that she had made for dinner did not seem quite as it should be, and the mistress called Eunice and said: "What is the matter with the pudding. Eunice; did you make it in the usual

"Yesm'm," said Eunice. "How many eggs did you put in

"81x."

"Six!" exclaimed the mistress; "why, the recipe only calls for four!" "Yesm'm, I know," said Eunice; "but they weren't very good, so ? put in more of 'em."

Things Fish Can See,

It is doubtful if fish can distinguish forms outside the water, but they unquestionably can see moving objects at considerable distance. Their instinct teaches them to fiee from strange moving things and from shadows thrown on the water by persons moving along the waterside or by birds flying over. The proof that they cannot see the outlines of forms suf-Aciently well to distinguish between animate and inanimate objects, is that they will show no more fear of an angler standing perfectly still in the water, than they will of a tree or other harmless object. That their sight is keen in the water is evidenced by the fact that game fishes, that prey on their fellows, do much of their feeding at night, pursuing and capturing minnows and other small fish in deep dark holes.

Literary Tailors.

One does not look for literary men among tailors, but none the less the profession can claim some illustrious names. John Stow, the antiquary and author of the "Survey of London," for instance, began life at a tailor, and another famous tailoring antiquary was John Speed, one of our early mapmakers and member of the Society of Antiquaries.

And then there was Robert Hill, "the learned tailor" of Birmingham, who contrived to teach himself Greek and Hebsew and became famous as a writer of theological treatises. And George Meredith was born over the tellor's shop.

FLOATED TO THE NEW SITE

Village of Provincetown Was Put on Rafts and Moved Across the Bay.

Commercial street in Provincetown had an origin in keeping with its present nautical air and appeal to the imagination. The town originally stood on the spit of sand far out across the harbor, where the lighthouse now is. Many years ago the government bought Provincetowa, houses and all, in order to protect the harbor from the threatening sea. The Provincetonians went to the government and asked what they were going to do with the houses

"Pull 'em down, of course," said the government.

"Can't we have 'em?" inquired the late owners.

"Sure," replied the government, "If you'll take 'em away."

"Sure!" echoed the Provincetoni-ADS Old wreckers that they were they

applied their technic to the problems of housemoving. They bulkheaded their dwellings up, necklaced empty casks about them in the way of lifepreservers, and one sunny morning the village of Provincetown, true to its maritime traditions, set sail schoolhouse and all, and came float ling gayly across the harbor to where it now stands. Near the railway track today they point out a certain store as the original scafaring school house.-Robert Haven Schauffler is the Metropolitan Magazine

HOW NATURE LEADS US ON

After the Courtship Dreams With Their Bright Hues Come the Bables' Future Dreams.

Love is an illusion. Some seem to take it as a bitter thing that after the honeymoon the married pair settle down to the humdrum of everyday. mess. But, in the first place, they never quite become entirely disillusioned. The stain of the rainbow lingers in the average marriage, and in the second place, even if this illusion passes, another comes, for there are the children, and lover and lass who once dreamed of each other now are father and mother and must dream of the babies' future.

Illusions are Nature's device for get 'ting things done. That is why she fills young men so full of illusions as to their own power. Heaven help us if young people knew precisely what they could do! They would do nothing at all.

And if girls knew just what mar riage was going to be, and all their future down to the grave, they would never marry. Illusions are Nature's bait.

"Maia" the Hindus call it. And we are not poor dupes. Nature

is not cheating us, and speering at us the while. She is leading us on in love, as we lead our little children.-Dr. Frank Crane in Woman's World

The Smoking Mountain. In 1897 I climbed two volcanoes is Mexico-Popocatenetl or "the Smoking Mountain," about 17,800 feet, and Oris aba, the former the most famous bescause within view from Mexico City and thus a source of especial pride and admiration to the inhabitants, who have been loath to believe that any other of their mountains could be higher. Popo has a really splendid crater. about half a mile across and one thou sand feet deep. The walls are gen erally vertical, but in one or two places it is possible to descend. When workers are engaged in collecting sulphur, machinery is used to hoist them up and down. From Popo's summit there is a glorious prospect, not alone of the immense crater, but of the beau tiful "White Lady," Ixtaccihuati, reclining a thousand feet below; of Oriz aba on the far horizon, and of the charming valley of Mexico.-Annie F Peck in "The Christian Herald."

Opaque Windows. The building contractor let looss some of his most emphatic phrases when he found that the man who had been hired to daub whiting all over the

windows had not half done the job. "That man doesn't seem to under stand what the windows in a half-finished building are whitened for," he said. "We don't plaster them over with chalk to prevent the public from seeing the unfinished condition of the interior, but to keep the workmen' from battering out the glass. Transparent glass looks just about as transparent as air to the man who is mov ing a wooden or iron beam, in a hurry, and he is likely to ram the end of it through an expensive window, but when the glass is coated with white it becomes visible, and the workmer hand their material in through the

One Benefit.

To top off an expensive education a young married woman of no particular ability in any one line took a course at a dramatic school. She never attempted to secure an engagement, so one day a close and candid friend of her husband asked what good all that training had done, anyhow.

"So far as I can see," he said, "that \$300 you spent on Ethel's dramatic education has been practically thrown SWAT."

"Oh, no, it hasn't," returned the husband mildly. "Her stage experience has taught her to dress in a hurry. Nowadays when I ask her to go any place with me she can change her clothes in ten minutes. It used to take over an hour."

TO SEEK NEW LAND

Noted Explorers Are to Sail for Crocker Land.

Leaders of Expedition With Peary Alm to Study Polar Territory That Still Remains Mystery to Geographers.

Boston, Mass. - The last considerable mass of unknown land on our planet porth of the equator is Crocker Land, a vast and vague region bordering the polar sea northwest of Grant Land and westward of the route which Peary follow-

ed over the loe to the pole. Recently brief and preliminary announcement was made of the expedition which will set forth during the coming summer for the exploration of this land and for other scientific work which remains to be done in the far north, especially in the unknown in-

terior of Greenland. The coming expedition will be under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History and the American Geographical society with the cooperation and indorsement of other scientific bodies, and will be assisted financially by numerous individuals. Each of the two societies named has contributed \$6,000 to the fund of \$50,000 which is being raised. Yale has contributed \$1,000, and Bowdoin alumni will contribute as much or more, through their interest and pride in MacMillan, who was one of Peary's lieutenants on his successful dash to

the pole. As to Crocker Land itself, it was given its name by Peary in the expeditions next before his last one, the name being in honor of George Crocker of New York, a leading member of the Peary Arctic club. In June, 1906, on several clear days in succession Peary was able to make out from the summit of Cape Thomas Hubbard in latitude 81, the snow-clad summits of a distant land in the northwest above the ice horizon. It is figured that this land, which no polar explorer has ever visited is in 100 west latitude and 83 north latitude, or about 130 miles from Cape Thomas Hubbard, which is the northern tip of Axel Heiberg

Land. Men of science feel that the verification of these observations and deductions by making a long trip northwestward from Cape Thomas Hubbard is the last great geographical problem for solution.

The expedition will leave Sydney by special steamer on July 20, and will establish winter quarters at Flagier bay in north latitude 79. On. the way whale and wairus meat and dogs will be collected and the ship will be sent home. In September and through the long arctic night, when the moon is favorable, the supplies will be sledged to Cape Thomas Hubbard, 330 miles farther on toward the

goal. When the arctic day begins to dawn in February, 1913, the expedition will push over the 130 miles of ice to the unknown Crocker Land, and if no game is found the return to Cape Thomas Hubbard will be made in the following May: On the return to the headquarters at Flagler bay scientific work will be carried on in Grant Land, and then the headquarters and the collections will be transferred southward to Etah, the village of the

most nertherly Eskimos. In the spring and summer of 1914 the expedition to the interior of Greenland will be made and an attempt made to reach the summit of the great ice cap at the middle of the widest part of the island. No man has ever been there. On the return to Etah a ship will be awaited to bring the expedition back to civilization in the autumn of 1914.

The expedition will be jointly in charge of Donald B. MacMillan and George Borup, both of whom were with Peary. The only white men with them will be a physician and a cook.

DRINK NOTHING AT MEALS

Nearly All Dishes Contain Sufficient Liquid to Serve Purpose of System, Says Physician.

Paris.—"We drink too often," was the burden of a lecture given before the Academy of Science this week by Dr. Paul Pabre, which has attracted a good deal of attention. Dr. Pabre declares the human body

really requires extremely little liquid, except in cases of lew diet or great muscular exertion, and he inveighs against the array of glasses of different shapes and sizes placed before each guest at dinner as a religof barbarism.

It is easy and vastly better for the health, he says, to drink nothing at meals, and be points to the fact that stout persons undergoing obesity treatment are able to do this, as evidence of the truth of his contention.

Vecalist's Third Mishap. Shemandoah, Pa.—Henry Spoor, a well-known vocalist, leader of the Holy Family church choir, a fire boss and prominent in fraternal societies, was seriously injured for the third time within a year. He was

coming out of a mine gangway when a

blast went off, and the flying debris

struck him about the head and body, dangerously injuring him. Last summer be was caught by a fall of coal and had a leg broken and was otherwise dangerously injured. and when returning from the hospital he figured in a thrilling runaway and

barely escaped with his

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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