Mrs. Magoogin Says Something About Charity Balls

"Fwhishper, Mrs McGlaggerty, fwhat diz ye think av them charity balls they diz be afther givin', Oi dunno ?'

"To tell ye the thruth, Mrs. Magoogin, sorr . th thing Oi knows about thin, at all, at all."

"No more nur me aither," said the widow, "but Oi do be hearin' me daughter Toczy readin' av them in th paper, an' id shtroikes me they're not charity balls at all, me frind, but th' very opposite. Divil th soight av a poor oraythure ye'll see at thim -only th' rich an' th' hoighchoonies., that kin shpind their fifty an' a hundherd dollars an dollykatdhresses an' mishkitty bar gloves, an' that wears as many doimonds in their airs an' an th' tops av their heads as Danny Mann has warts an his nose, an' sure an' God knows it's many's th' wan he's got. Begorry id's change th' name av id they shud, an' inshtead av callin' id a charity ball it's th millionairity ball they'd ought to call id. Fwhotnonsinsikality id is, Mrs. McGlaggerty an' fwhat audaciniaty they diz be afther perpethraterin' in th' name av th' poor. Th' oidaya is awful. They goes to wurruk an' gits up a ball for th' poor an' thin charge tin dollar a ticket to go to id. Now in th name av all that's holy fwhat poor purson is there, unless id's some dhry goods clark in Harlim, that kin affoord to pay tin dollars to go to a dance? Oi kudn't afoord id mesel aff Oi had the money. McAllister's New Year's ball bushted me-th' woines there was very hoigh-proiced, Mrs. McGlaggerty ! Twinty foive ur fifty cints is enough fur any poor purson to pay for a ball ticket, an' thin there ought to be a chance an a shtove ur a clock thrown in besoides. Fah! say Oi, to their charity ball. It's nawthin' but foine he swallowed six knives in the course of the dhresses and flapdoodles an an' thinnicked | evening. The story of his performance was joods an' the poor don't git aiven a shmell. That wurrud charity is gettin' to be turribly abused, Mrs. McGlaggerty. It ought to be sint to th' haspital afwhoile fur repairs, so id ought!"

A Pet Woodpecker.

called the flicker and high-hole, is one of the influence of liquor, he boasted of his the best known of American birds; a hand former feats. Of course no one believed him, some creature, somewhat larger than the and, "disdaining to be worse than his word," robin, with a crescent on the back of its he accepted a challenge to repeat them. head, a black crescent on its breast, and This was in December, 1808, and in the especially noticeable for the yellow lining of | course of two days he swallowed nine claspits wings and tail. A New York gentleman, knives of various sizes. A few other feats some years ago, took a young one from the of the kind brought his record up to a total nest and brought it up, and found it to be a of thirty-five knives swallowed at different very interesting pet.

or three inches, and it was amusing to see taken violently sick, and despite the effort his efforts to eat currants from the hand, of physicians the greater part of the knives He would run out his tongue and try to stayed by him." He suffered excruciating stick it to the current. Failing in that he pains and passed most of his time in Guy' would bend his tongue around it like a hook | Hospital, London. After leading a miserable and try to raise it by a sudden jerk. But existence for nearly four years he died in he never succeeded; the round fruit would March, 1809, literally and emphatically roll and slip away every time. He never "total wreck." seemed to think of taking it in his beak.

His tongue was in constant use to find out the nature of everything he saw; a nail-hole in a board, or any similar hole, was carefully explored.

about the house. I wished them to get ac- | weather." quainted with him, so that the danger of on my knee together. At such times the ain't got no sympathy for a feller." woodpecker's curiosity was sure to be excited by the kittens' eyes, and levelling his bill as carefully as a marksman levels his rifle, he would hold steady for a minute and then dart his tongue at the bright round object.

This was neld by the cats to be very mysterious; being struck in the eye by something invisible to them. They soon acquired such a terror of the bird that they would half an hour and couldn't start it and then I run away whenever they saw his bill turned opened it and poked the balance wheel with in their direction.

anything nor afraid of anything. He would | blamed thing." advance upon the turkey gobbler and the rooster, holding up one wing as high as possible, as if to strike with it and scolding all the while in a harsh voice as he sheffled along toward them. I feared at first that they might kill him, but I soon found that he was able to take care of himself.

His favorite diet was ants. When I turned over stones and dug into ant-hills for his benefit, he would lick up the ants so fast that a constant stream of then seemed to be going into his mouth.

He stayed with me till late in the autumn, when he disappeared. Probably he yielded to the migratory impulse and went South.

Buying Good Music by the Yard.

One of the most interesting inventions at the great Paris Exposition was a "meletrope," consisting of three parts. About it a correspondent writes :- "I improvised on a piano to which the first machine was electrically attached, and as I touched the keys a series of dots and dashes, representing the young, old, or middle-aged, who find themnotes that I had played, were registered on a continuous strip of paper about six inches in width. After I had finished playing the strip was run through the second machine, which cut out the dots and dashes, giving to the strip the appearance of the perforated paper used on mechanical organs. The strip was then passed into the third mechine, which was attached to the keyboard of the piano. By merely turning a crank the reproduced the original exactly as it had bears the same relation to instrumental music that the phonograph bears to the voice. If a celebrated performer should play for you, by connecting the machine to the piano you would be able, after your visitor had left, to reproduce faithfully every note that was struck. I understand that the three machines can be purchased for \$250 composers can be purchased for the machines at about five cents a foot."-[Inventive Age,

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Feats of Swallowing.

Perhaps the most remarkable case of eccentric swallowing on record is that of John Cummings, an American sailor, scraps of whose history have been handed down in medical records. In the year 1799 Cammings, then 23 years old, was sojourning in a village on the coast of France, where his ship had put into port. He and others of the crew attended a small theater at which a professional juggler was astonishing the spectators by pretending to swallow clasp-knives. The exhibition made a deep impression on Cummings. Besides being credulous he was boastful and also fond of the "cup that inebriates." That evening on shipboard he boldly announced to his companions that he could swallow knives as well as the Frenchman. He was just drunk enough to be reckless and promptly accepted a challenge to preform the feat. He placed his own knife in his mouth-not without some misgivings, as he afterward acknowledged-and, greatly to the surprise of himself and the spectators, it slipped down his throat easily. The witnesses of the feat were not satisfied, and asked him if he could swallow another. "All the spirit of bravado. More knives were pro- Fifty millions, not enough for this country a many pills. And thus the company was. en- it is, nevertheless it is eaten, and the result tertained for the night, as Cummirgs himself | is dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache, imsaid, "by the bold attempt of a dranken poverished blood, pimples, blotches and man." His stomach was readily relieved of scrofula. For the correction of all this, and over merely as an episode which had served Medical Discovery prepared by Dr. Pierce, to enliven a few weary hours.

knife swallowing for six years. In March, remedy for stomachic and liver troubles, as 1808, while in Boston, he related his well as a specific for throat and lung disexploit to a party of sailors with whom he orders. It is guaranteed to benefit or cure, was having a carousal. No one believed or money refunded. him and being again drunk and reckless, quickly spread about, and the next day in the presence of crowds of wondering visitors, he swallowed eight more, making fourteen. in all. This exploit nearly killed him. He was taken to a hospital and for a month suffered great torture. He was finally relieved and started on another voyage for France. The course of his wanderings at length took The golden-winged woodpecker, otherwise him to England, where, being again under times. Now, however, Cummings reaped out. "Yes, clome and see us glain, in a The bird could thrust out its tongue two the natural fruits of his folly. He was plig's eye," retorted John.

All Business Alike.

First Beggar - "I tell yer, Bill, it's awful hard times this Winter.' This curious organ gained him the respect | Second Beggar-" Seems kinder strange it of a number of half-grown cats that were should he hard times with such warm

First Beggar-" Any feller can see that their killing him might be lessened, and for you're an amachoor. It's always so in an that reason I used to take kittens and bird open Winter. It's so blame warm, folks

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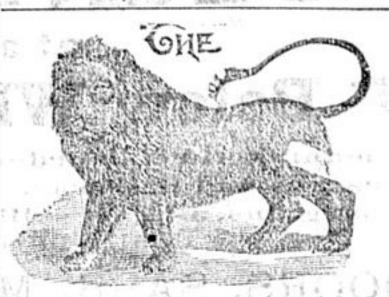
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