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to deceive others, but cannot understand why they should try to deceive themselves, as so many seem to do.

When Musicians Were Scarce.

In these days of conservatories and music schools, when each house has its piano or its organ, to say nothing of devotees to the cornet, violin and banio, it seems strange to assert that there ever was a time when musicians were in demand, yet such was really the case. "In the fifteenth century," says Mr. Henry M. Brooks in his "Olden Time Music," "musicians were so scarce in England that they were impressed by government order, as in more recent times seamen had to suffer in like manner. Henry VIII. also issued warrants for the impressment of children with good voices for the choirs of the cathedrals, and in Elizabeth's time children with the proper qualification for her majesty's choirs were taken from their parents without any compensation being given to the latter."

Weighing Common Air. The weight of air has often been test ed by compressing it in receptacles by the air pump. That it really has weight when so compressed is shown by the fact that the weight of the vessels is increased slightly by filling them with mimpressed air and that such vessels become specifically "lighter" as soon as the air contained in them is exhausted. Many elaborate experiments on the weight of air have proved that one cubic foot weighs 536 grains, or something less than one and a quarter ounces. The above experiment on the weight of air is supposed to be made at the surface of the earth with the temperature at 50 degrees F. Heated air, or air at high elevations, is much

A Clever Student.

lighter.

Dr. A. L. Mai Wong, the first Chinese girl to graduate from a Canadian balance in the bank?" college, has just gone to her home in th Celestial Empire. On the Saturday afternoon prior to her departure she held a reception at the home of Rev. Dr. Stephenson, Czar street, to say farewell to her many friends, says The Toronto World. Miss Wong is a native of Shanghai, where her father was the tell me the meaning of leisure? The first native preacher of the American Bright Pupil-It's the place where mar-Church mission. Through Dr. Heasley a ried people repent. lady medical missionary, Miss Wong became interested in medical work. She came to Canada in 1902, and enter- seldom been of long duration, but temcate of matriculation, however, she per and moderation generally produce found she would be unable to take out permanence in all things.—Seneca.

clusion of her first year's examination she began to study for matriculation. Though knowing nothing of algebra, Euclid or Latin, she, nevertheless, completed her task and obtained her certificate in September, thus performing the remarkable feat of taking what is usually considered a four year course in only four months. She then commenced her second year in medicine and was successful in every examination, until she graduated with honors this session.

LEGEND OF THE GARTER.

Contradictory Versions of the Foun-

dation of the Order. I knew, as every schoolboy knows, the legend that a certain Countess of Salisbury dropped her garter at a ball and that the king, picking it up amid the smiles of courtiers, handed it to her with the happy and now immortal phrase, "Honi soit qui mal y pense." But this legend, I recalled, had had to go the way of the story of King Alfred and the cakes, the story of William Tell and the apple and many another pretty fairy tale of history. At last I went to Sir Nicholas Harris Nicolas' "History of the Orders of Knighthood," where I found a delightful mass of contradictory authority produced.

The tale of the ensign and name of the order were first told by Polydore Vergil (1470-1555), who wrote in the time of Henry VII. and Henry VIII. and who said that e lady was "the queen or the king's mistress." Segar, whose work, "Honor, Military and Civil," appeared in 1602, 250 years after the der was founded, was the first to say that it was the Countess of Salisbury. Otherers say that it was the Countess of Kent. John Anstis published several heraldic works, ridicules the whole story. He confesses that an author of Henry VI.'s time. who wrote in Latin and whose work is now entirely lost, upheld it.

Raphael Holinshed, a chronicler, who died in 1580, tells the story in detail and says the lady was the queen, which surely rather spoils the significance of the legend. Sir Harris Nicolas himself thinks the story is not improbable, although he urges the fact that Jean Froissart, who is the best contemporary authority on the reign of Edward III., while he has much to say about the order in his hundredth chapter, does not refer to it, and Nicholas admits that this tells very much against the supposed origin of the story, but Froissart may have thought the matter too trivial to relate. By the way, I feel very much aggrieved that G. C. Macaulay in the abridged volume of Froissart that he published through the Macmillans should have ruthlessly cut this hundredth chapter.

It is not, I may add, claimed that the incident caused the foundation of the Order of the Garter, but only that it gave Edward III. the idea for naming the order which he had resolved to found in any case. In the absence of any other solution than that which rests on these shadowy foundations think we may still go on accepting the pretty legend, but I repeat my expression of dissatisfaction with the popular histories that they should leave such matters as this severely alone.-London Sphere.

One of the Wonders of Physics. An experienced mechanic who was asked what he regarded as the most wonderful thing for general utility replied: "The tracking of a car wheel is the most wonderful thing to me in the whole range of science and invention. Here are two rails, uphill and downhill, round the sharp curves and along It is a bad plan to seek to make a false tangents, and upon them fly at more than a mile & minute, without jar or jostle, a dozen heavy cars drawn by The trouble is when we do things an engine weighing sixty tons. Passentween them and eternity. An inch and We can't understand why people try a half of steel turned up on the inner side of the wheel holds up the whole train as securely to the rails as if it were bolted there in grooves."

Hide Your Fruit Trees. As lawn specimens fruit trees are nearly always disappointing. They have more insect enemies and fungous diseases than first class ornamental trees and shrubs. If you spray them they are unsightly: If you do not your lawn is covered with wormy fruits, which look bad and smell worse. The peach is a short lived, delicate tree which is particularly subject to San Jose scale. Plums and cherries are sure to yield wormy fruit unless you jar the curculios out of them long before breakfast or unless you let the chickens run beneath the trees. Both are violent suppositions for a home lawn.-Country Life In America.

A Natural Inference. For no other reason than that his poultry book told him to feed lime he slavishly fed lime and asked himself no questions.

The hens were variously affected. The Leghorns found difficulty in keeping their hot Italian blood from open revolt. The Chins, with true oriental apathy, said it was fate anyway. But the old Plymouth Rock had

the American sense of humor. "He thinks we're going to lay bricks." she cackled.

No Back Action. Mr. Gladstone knew how to admit that he was in the wrong. On one occasion he did so candidly and handsomely, as becomes a gentleman. But he preferred to keep clear of the necessity for apologies and had scart belief in their efficacy. "You can't unpull a man's nose," he once said to his private secretary, Sir Algernon West.

Knew Het .. Vas. "I presume you spend all you make?" "No: I don't spend a tenth of it." "Then you must have a nice little

"None, not a cent." "Shake, old chap. I'm married my-

Had Heard Papa Say It. The Schoolteacher-Willie, can you

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PURE NICKEL COINAGE.

Suggestion Advanced by Prof. Coleman -An Interesting Report

The famous Sudbury nickel field is escribed in part three of the report of the Bureau of Mines, just issued. It embodies the final report of Prof. A. P Coleman on the results of the field work which he has carried on for the past three summers, with "the object of determining in detail the boundaries of the nickel-bearing rock, and of examining the geological relationships of the known ore bodies, special attention being given to working mines."

In a chapter devoted to the uses o nickel it is pointed out that Switzerland, Austria-Hungary and France within the last few years have adopted pure nickel instead of the nickel-copper alloy for their coinage. The pure metal does not tarnish or change color, but keeps bright and attractive, and, as it is harder, the imprint stands wear much better. "It is more difficult to counterfeit, since the minting requires more powerful presses." "Why," asks Prof. Coleman, "should not Canada, the producer of half the nickel of the world. replace her ugly cents by clean, untarnishable nickel coins, almost as handsome as silver and much more durable! Canada is presently to have a mint and it should begin its work by coining one-cent and five-cent pieces of pure nickel: making use of a distinctively Canadian metal:"

In his introduction Prof. Coleman who speaks in terms of praise of the posistance given him by Messrs. M. T. Culbert, W. E. H. Carter, formerly secretary of the Bureau of Mines, a number of Government officials and others, says in part:

"The Sudbury nickel field has long

been known as the most important source of that metal in America, if not in the world, but the work of the last three years has brought out more and (1669-1744), garter king of arms, who more strikingly the unique character of in the same area. this mining region. It has been proved that all the ore deposits of any economic importance are at or near the outer margin of a huge laccolithic sheet of eruptive rock a mile and a quarte. thick, thirty-six miles long and seventeen miles wide. This sheet is now in the form of a boat-shaped syncline with its pointed end to the southwest and its square end to the northeast The rock composing this sheet is norite at the outer (and lower) edge merging into granite or grano-diorite al the inner (upper) edge. The ore bodies are round the margin of the norite, or along dikelike offsets from it, and have evidently segregated from the rock while still molten, though they may have undergone later rearrangement by

circulating water." Later, in speaking of the marginal deposits, Prof. Coleman says: "These include the Creighton mine, owned by the Canadian Copper Co., which may safely be called the greatest nickel mine in the world, having already produced probably more than 500,000 tons of rich ore, and, as it is supposed from the results of diamond drilling, having mil-

lions of tons in reserve." At the present time only two companies are actually at work, the Canadian Copper Co. and the Mond Co. Both," says the report, "seem to be fairly established with good mines and satisfactory methods of smelting and refining the ore, so that the future should be prosperous." only real competitor of Ontario as a nickel producer is the French penal colony, New Caledonia, in the South

THREE SEA-SONGS. hair.-New York Press. The very sails are singing A song not of the wind:

A fire-dance is creaming Our wake that runs behind. In all the shining splendid White moonflower of the see. There's not a runnel sleeping

For ecstasy of thee. Under the greening willow Wanders a golden cry: Oriole April up in the world

With morning day goes by. Out of the virgin quiet Like an awakening sigh, With the wild, wild heart forever

A journeyer am I. We are the wind's own brothers. Sorrow and lov and I: But thou are the hope of morrows That shall be by and by.

All the zest of all the ages Shimmers in my sea-bird's wing, Flickering above the surges Of the sea.

All the quiet of the ages Slumbers in my sea-bird's wing, Where it settles down the verges Of the sea.

All the questing soul's behesting Pent and freed in one white wing, Joying there above the dirges

Of the sea.

-Bliss Carman Freaks of Language. While a delegation is a bunch of delegates, an amputation is not a collection of amputates or a precipitation a

number of precipitates. A clothesline is a rope to hang clothes on, but hanging checks on a checkline would be both risky and eccentric. Horse cars are so called because they are drawn by horses, yet no amount of

horse hauling could make the ordinary radish a borseradish. Though an ice chest is undeniably a chest for the retention of ice, no one

would think of storing hair in a hair trunk or zinc in a zinc one. While life insurance provides an indemnity against the going out of one's

against one's fires going out. Money paid to a ferryman is ferriage. but money paid to a cabman is not cabbage.-Chicago News.

A Quaint Oath. The judicial oath in the Isle of Man is so quaint as to deserve printing. It runs thus: "By this book and the holy contents thereof and by the wonderful works that God hath miraculously wrought in heaven above and in the earth beneath in six days and seven nights I do swear that I will, without respect of favor or friendship, love or gain, consanguinity or affinity, envy or malice, execute the laws of this isle justly between our sovereign lord the king and his subjects within this isle, betwixt party and party, as indifferently as the herring's backbone doth lie in the midst of the fish."

On the Slopes of Vesuvius. Despite the danger to which they are exposed from 80,000 to 100,000 people live upon the slopes of Vesuvius, beWhen the

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sides the 500,000 inhabitants crowded into Naples. The reason is that the fertility of the soil is perennial, the peril only occasional. The volcanic ejecta are rich in alumina, silica, magnesia, lime, potash and iron, which by their decomposition go to make splendid land. Some of the best vines in Italy grow on the skirts of Vesuvius. If the volcano were away not one-tenth of the many cultivators could subsist

An International Difference. In France.-The Girl's Father-And now, having settled the financial matters to our mutual satisfaction. I will speak to my daughter, and you may present yourself to her in the character

The Suitor-Monsieur is graciousness

In America.-The Girl-Papa, Harold and I are engaged and will be married. The Girl's Father-Well, I suppose it's all right. Does he look like anypody I know?-Judge.

Adaptation.

To wade in marshes and sea margins is the destiny of certain birds, and they are so accurately made for this that they are imprisoned in those places. Each animal out of its habitat would starve. A soldier, a locksmith, a bank clerk and a dancer could not exchange functions. And thus we are victims of adaptation.-Emerson.

Keeping a Secret. Banquo-I say, old man, can you keep a secret? Well, Smiggins told me in confidence that- Elmore-Hold on! Can you keep a secret? Banquo-I? Why, yes: certainly. Elmore - Then you'd better do so.

Pretty Thin, Landlady-How did you find your bed? Lodger-Well, I don't think that the mattress will ever need to be operated on for the removal of superfluous

SENT AID TO THE JAPS.

Canada's Contribution to the Japanese Famine Fund.

Canada's contribution to the Japanese famine relief fund reached the splendid total of nearly \$70,000. The following sums passed through the hands of Hon. T. Nosse, the Japanese Consul-General at Ottawa:

Through Th Halifax Herald, Halifax, N. S., \$12,354.45. Through The Toronto Star, Toronto, \$11,410.10.

Through subscribers to The Christian the open. The men stripped to the Guardian, Toronto, \$6,900. Through the Ontario Sunday School

Association, Toronto, \$2,510.32 Through the Ottawa Committee Japanese Famine Fund, Ottawa, \$2,035.34 Through the Montreal Board of Trade Montreal, \$1,766.23.

Through the Presbyterian churches i Canada, Toronto, \$959.10. Through The Charlottetown Guardian, P. E. I., \$577.11.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Limited, Montreal, \$500. Through the Mayor of Oxford, N. S.,

From the townspeople of Woodstoo N. B., \$150. From various sources, \$482.02. Total, \$40,030.67.

The Dominion Parliament contribut ed flour to the value of \$25,000. \$1,000, the first subscribed by the people of Nova Scotia, through The Halifax Herald, was sent to Tokio to the British Ambassador, and by him handed to the Japanese Central Relief Com-

Over \$4,000 was contributed by both Japanese and Canadians in British Columbia, and forwarded by the consul at Vancouver, Mr. Morikawa, -

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Was Berlin made last year or the year before? It is impossible to say from looking at it. Some of the trees In the streets look at least ten years old, but they must have been planted long before the city was thought of. The houses and the streets and the lampposts and the statues are all much too neat and new to have endured the rains of more than one winter. It is all, in fact, quite too new to be comfortable. One feels afraid to sleep in any of the houses lest rheumatism should be lying in wait in rooms where the plaster has not had time to harden. I drove from the station in a "drosh-

ki" with a monstrously old horse. Time had bent his forelegs into a very good lators is without limit. The first man imitation of a switchback railway, and to translate Cooper's novel "The Spy" brand new asphalt roadway, with the among which are these: When the flats, all sprung up like mushrooms.

born. There is no spontaneity in it, no grasshopper which was standing near life. Compared to, say, London, it is the door of the house. like a beautiful marble statue to a liv-

Berlin is, in fact, an awful object lage, a beautiful, rectilinear, new-outthe same.-London Chronicle.

Gen. Brock as a Student

As a student we must also enrol Brock, writes Miss Janet Carnochan of Niagara to the York Pioneers. We read that, in spite of the jeers of his companions, he frequently looked himself up to study. He was a good French scholar and a letter to his brother tells how he passes his spare time at Fort George and the list of books in his library shows that besides technical military books he was a general reader and showed good taste in his selection, and his military despatches as well as his letters and proclamations and speeches all show a well trained mind and command of language, a style vigorous, terse, pure. In a letter to his brother, Irving, dated Niagara, Jan. 10, 1811, he says, "I hardly ever stir out and unless I have company my evenings are passed solus. I read much, but good books are scarce and I hate borrowing. Should I remain here I wish you to send me some choice authors in history, particularly ancient, with maps and the best translations of ancient works. I read in my youth Pope's translation of Homer, but till lately I never discovered its exquisite beauties. As grow old I acquire a taste for study. In addition to the last daily paper, send me likewise the Observer of any other weekly. You who have passed all your days in the bustle of London, can scarcely conceive the uninteresting life I am doomed to lead in this re-"Irement." Brock was soon to exchange this quet life for days and nights of action when every moment was filled

for mind and body. The Last Prize Fight. Prize fighting, as distinguished from . the glove contests of today, has long

had aristocratic support. Fights took saw what the ploneers of 1849 had place to a finish in a roped ring twenty-four feet square pitched on turf in waist, using bare knuckles, and wrestling was allowed. The last fight for the championship of the world under these London prize ring rules was when John L. Sullivan beat Jake Kilrain in seventy-five rounds July & 1889, outside New Orleans, the stakes being \$10.000 a side, a side bet of \$1,000 a side and the championship belt.—Lendon Answers.

Franklin's Kite Experiment. Commenting on Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment, which proved that beatning and electricity are the same, a scientist says: "It was one of the most brilliant examples of luck yet recorded. To attempt the extraction of lightning fashes from a lowering In addition to the foregoing amounts sky was almost suicidal. Even at this late day timid persons occasionally fly to feather beds, sit on glass legged chairs or find refuge in rubber boots during thunderstorms. A repetition of Franklin's experiment cost his immediate imitator his life."

New York's First Street Cleaner. The Dutch housewives of old New York, ever noted for their housekeeping qualities, created the agitation which resulted in the appointment of the first public street cleaner in New York in 1692. He was Laurens Van der Speigle, a baker. His daughter married Rip Van Dam, who afterward became governor of New York, an !!lustration of the democracy of that

Happy Adam. The first monopolist was Adam. The first consumer was Adam. Therefore Adam had the unique and exquisite pleasure of raising the price of beet to the consumer and the equally great pleasure of kicking at the price put on it by the trust. Adam was the only happy man.-Detroit Times.

The Cure. Anxious Parent-Doctor, my daughter appears to be going blind, and she is about to be married. Doctor-Let her go right on with the wedding. If anything can open her eyes, marriage

One More. "Now don't ask any more questions. Little boys should not be inquisitive." "What's inquisitive, pa?"

The wisest man cannot turn a good setion to to ridicule:- Euripides.

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A Wonderful Grasshopper. The number of astonishing and often absurd blunders perpetrated by transas we plodded solemnly along the into French made numerous errors, finds time hanging heavily, which is brand new houses on either side and translator came to the word "Locusts," hangs heavily on a Spaniard's mind in an occasional brand new electric car, which was the name of the Whartons' the brief interval between the courses with a brand new driver in a brand residence in the story, he turned to his at lunch and dinner, whenever he new uniform, I found myself wonder- dictionary and found the rendering of wakes at night, when traveling being what the old horse must think of it the word to be "Les Sauterelles" (the tween station and hotel in an omnibus all. One day he may have been grazing grasshoppers). He was a trifle puz- and always when in a railway train. in an open field, and when he passed | zled later when he came to the passage | regardless of ladies. The practice of that way a week or so later he found a in which a dragoon was represented as smoking is so universal in Spain that new broad boulevard, with hotels and tying his horse to one of the locusts on railway compartments for nonsmokshops and churches and great blocks of the lawn. He had never been in Amer- ers exist in theory only, and the habit, ica: but, taking it for granted that the combined with that of loud talking at Berlin, then, is a great deal too per- grasshoppers of that country must be all hours of the night and morning. fect to be satisfactory. It is the ma- of tremendous size, he solemnly in- makes the average Spaniard undesirchine made, not the hand made, article formed his readers that the trooper able as a traveling companion, especial--it was very decidedly made, not fastened his horse by the bridle to a ly at night."

Eccentric John Underwood.

esson to emperors and others who try tlesea, England, in 1733, left some odd to make a capital city out of a respect- instructions for his burial. His fortune able village. It is easy to put up im- of £1,000 went to his sister, provided posing buildings-if you have the mon- that no bell was tolled at his grave, no (about \$1), and beggars in absolute ey-and to cut out broad tree lined relative followed his coffin and vari- rags, as often as not children, rush roads and have everything neat and ous other arrangements were carried about with strings of these for sale." nice and fine, but you only make your out. Six men only were invited and revillage bigger and finer without mak- quested not to come in "black," who ing it any the more a capital city. received 10 guineas each for their serv-There is no getting away from the feel- ices. Service over, an arch was raised ing that Berlin is a village-a big vil- over the green painted coffin, with "Non Omnis Moriar, 1733," inscribed of-the-bandbox village, but a village all on white marble. The six men sang the last stanza of the Twentieth ode of the second book of Horace. The decease, who had been coffined fully dressed, had under his head Sanadow's "Horace." at his feet Bentley's "Milton." in his right hand a Greek Testament and in his left hand a small "Horace." The six on repairing to his house to a cold repast had to sing the Thirty-first ode and drink a cheerful glass before retiring at 8 p. m. This done, directed the will, "Think no more of John Underwood."

> Two Views - It. Parson-Do you take this woman for better or for worse? Rridegroom-Well, I can't exactly say. Her people think it's for better, but mine think

sets son money - Tife. The Frice. Whenever I have heard people railing at the vast fortunes of some of the California millionaires, says an English writer, I have always replied that no man became a millionaire in the early history of California who had not earned his fortune by the risks he had had the courage to face. I remembered an old Irishman named Bill Dupphy bringing home to my mind what these pioneers had encountered when he told me how he and a companion had fared in a journey across the continent. The companion injured his leg. Dunphy had to cut it off with an ax and then, going forward through the dark untraced woods to search for the trail and for food, had to leave his friend behind by the side of a stream and with a single tin of biscuits to keep been banned by law, though it once | him up till his friend's return. Then faced, and I felt that they merited

T. TE SPANIARO.

such rewards, however great, as for-

tune had afterward bestowed upon

His Courtesy, His Cigarette and His Lottery Ticket.

Of the courteous manners of all Span-

lards a traveler writes: "So anxious is every one to be of service to others that the stranger is apt to consider the Spaniards very inquisitive people. An experience in a Madrid tramcar was enlightening in this direction. A woman in getting into the car appeared to have slipped and hurt her foot. She and her husband began an animated discussion upon the incident, and or the dozen others in the car every one except ourselves crant forward to listen. The passer .s .. re well assorted, ranging as they from a captain in uniform down to a woman almost of the beggar cl. . But one and all in turn joined in the discussion without exciting the least resentment, opinions being apparently welcomed. Gentlemen arriving of heir destination ceased arguing, raised their hats and went out, leaving others in possession until the principals left."

"There is no hour of night which a Spaniard deems inappropriate to the practice of smoking." the same writer observes. "Whenever t:e frequently, he lights a cigarette. Time

Of the sturdy beggars who overrun Madrid: "The beggars usually have some pretense for asking alms in the shape of a decrepit guitar or fiddle un-John Underwood, who died at Whit- der the cloak, where it remains. Another plea is the sale of lottery tickets, the lottery being a great institution in Spain. Each ticket costs 5 pesetas

WIT IN CONGRESS

tome Famous Retorts Made During the Heat of Debate.

One of the most famous of Reed's retorts was made at the expense of Springer of Illinois. The "Maine giant" had just read one of Springer's own speeches in refutation of the latter's argument just concluded. The Illinoisan launched into philosophy upon the privilege of progressive thinkers to change their opinions.

"I honor them for it," he continued. "An honest man is the noblest work of God. As for me, Mr. Chairman, in the words of an eminent American statesman. 'I would rather be right than be president."

"The gentleman from Illinois needn't worry, Mr. Chairman," drawled Reed. "He'll never be either!"

During the bitter fight against "Reed rules" the house was thrown into convulsions by General Spinola, who, pointing to the painting of the "Siege of Yorktown" hanging in the hall, gravely accused Speaker Reed of counting the Hessians in the background of the picture in order to make up a quo-

The general always wore a tremendously high collar, so high, in fact, that Representative Tim Campbell tapped It one day with the ferule of his cane and inquired, to the amusement of the house, "Is General Spinola within?" During the famous deadlock fight in

the house over the civil rights bill Generel Ben Butler favored a Sunday ses-

"Bad as I am, I have some respect for God's day," replied Sam Randall of Pennsylvania.

"Don't the Bible say that it is lawful to pull your ox or ass out of a pit on the Sabbath?" asked Butler. "You have thirt "). . " asses on your side of the house, and I want to get them out of this ditch tomorrow. I think I am engaged in holy work."

"Don't do it," replied Bandall, "I expect some day to see you in a better

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A Serious Breach.

Intimate Friend - What was the breach of senatorial courtesy of which you accused Senator Graball? Senator Grafton (fiercely)-Why, the scoundrel approached the interests I represent and offered to work for 25 per cent less legal expenses than they're paying me! -Puck.

