MORRRISSEY'S LIFE.

ONLY PUCILIST WHO EVER WENT TO CONGRESS.

and Open-Hearted-First, Last and All the Time He Was Unalterably for Good Government-His Widow In Want



(Troy, N. Y., Letter.) UFFERING direst want, partially paralyzed and totally blind, the widow of John Morrissey, one of the greatest pugilists this country has ever known, is passing her declining years in this city in great men-

tal and physical distress. She was 60 years old on June 4 last, and were it not for the ald she receives from John Mack, the husband of Carrie Turner, the well-known actress, she would doubtless be in the poorhouse. Mack resides in Albany, and until admonished by the police to close his establishment, ran one of the finest gaming places in the state. Morrissey's remains were buried in St. Peter's cemetery, in this city, and to her intense sorrow, Mrs. Morrissey is no longer able to visit the grave. Prior to the double affliction from which she now suffers, Mrs. Morrissey worked in one of the great collar shops in this city. The career of John Morrissey was, as all old-timers will remember, exceedingly picturesque. He was the only American pugilist who ever became a congressman. He differed from the other pugilists of his day. He was a man of strict integrity, and his word was as good as his bond. He was particularly open-hearted and free-handed. He discharged his congressional duties without fear or favor; he was, as far as honesty of purpose and fixity of determination were concerned, an ideal congressman. First, last and all the time Morrissey was unalterably for good government. History substantiates this assertion.

In 1836, when 5 years old, John Morrissey came to this country from Templemore, county Tipperary, Ireland. The Morrisseys settled in West Troy. His father obtained work at the docks. Wes: Troy at that period of the century was not the most refined place on the map of New York, and the boys with whom young Morrissey was thrown in contact were exceedingly vicious and degenerate. Even their better characteristics, and he grew up among the lowest. Young John learned to fight at an early age. No oppression was tolerated when he was around Many boys, some considerably older and larger than himself, did he whip in those days when champloning the cause of some lad too feeble to fight his own battles. It was this spirit that made young Morrissey ascend to higher plane than that occupied by the other boys. Morrissey could fight so well that he soon became to be regard ed as a phenomenon. In fact, he was thought to be the greatest fighter for his years in this country, though at that time he had met no recognized pugilist. For a number of years after the Morrisseya had moved to Troy, young Morrissey followed various callings. For some time he worked as a deck hand on a Hudson river boat between Troy and New York. In 1847 he became very ill. Upon his recovery he engaged as a bartender in a hotel on River street. While acting in this capacity Morrissey became acquainted with a number of professional gamblers, fighters and sporting men of various kinds. They knew that Morrissey could fight, and they encouraged good him to meet some pugilist whose abilities were then recognized by the sporting fraternity. Morrissey was fired with an ambition to become a great fighter; he longed to vanquish men. Morrissey about this time had been told that a saloon man named "Dutch Charlie," and who ran a place in New



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York city, had said that he could whip Morrissey with ease. Morrissey hastened to New York. Entering "Dutch Charlie's" place he asked that German worthy if the report was correct. History does not record what "Dutch Charlie" said, but it does state that Morissey was set upon by a gang of rowdies that was in the place, and so badly beaten that it was days before he was himself again. He could whip one man, but he couldn't whip a dozen. Several years later he moved to New York, and the reputation he established for himself as a fighter spread throughcut the United States. Four years after this Morrissey married a Troy giri. She was Susan Smith, the daughter of a Hudson river steamboat captain. In have painted is really wonderful," Arthe years that succeeded, Morrissey tist-"Yes; why the other day a friend became a factor in New York politics, of mine called on me and when he saw

His election was not regarded by some New Yorkers as the greatest blessing that had ever been conferred upon the metropolis, and none felt this sentiment more fully than Morrissey himself. It was practically the making of Morrissey. He felt that he was in a position to do public good, and that course would he pursue. Meanwhile, he had been improving himself mentally, and when he took his seat in congress it was with a determination to advocate that which he considered was in the cause of honest government. His work in congress was not brilliant, but it was sturdy and reliable. Eleven years after his election to congress he defeated Augustus Schell, who had been put up by Tammany. Morrissey polled nearly 4,000 more votes than his opponent. The strain of the campaign, however, was too much for Morrissey, and he broke down. He died a year later of Bright's disease and organic heart trouble in the Adelphi hotel at Saratoga Springs. His funeral was attended by a tremendous throng of people. Many prominent politicians, government and state officials being present. Morrissey's pugilistic victories

another great pugilist, and who is best

have been so often related that it is

not worth the while to dilate upon

them at this time. It is of interest,

however, to know that John C. Heenan,

JOHN MORRISSEY.

remembered for his battle with Sayres lies buried in St. Agnes' cemetery, half way between this city and Albany.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

It Is Said to He Lamentably Inadequate

in American Colleges. W. G. Anderson, in an article on physical training at the universities, evil influences did not warp the boy's points out that the official provision physical surprisingly honorable and upright for the young men at the highest seats one whose associates had been counted of learning in this country is lamentably inadequate, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In no college and in only one or two schools in the country does there exist today a systematic course in physical training in which full physical measurements are made twice a year, including a special examination for the heart, lungs and eyes, upon which examination as a basis special class work is conducted in the gymnasium and out of doors and proper individual attention is given to every student.

> Even at Harvard and Yale a cursory investigation of the facts will show that possibly two per cent of the whole number of students receive attention because they excel in rowing, possibly 5 per cent because they can play baseball well enough to be valuable to their college and not far from the same percentage because they have the muscle, pluck and ambition to make successful members or substitutes in a varsity of class football eleven. It is the other unfortunate 90 per cent whose physical condition the authorities ought to investigate and to whom they should supply, where deficiencies exist, the necessary training to make them

> How imperative is the need for raisirg the stanard of the national physique is shown in the results of the physical examination of 364 picked youngsters preparatory to gymnasium practice at Yale last October. Of this number 52 were troubled with hearts that were weak in action, but otherwise normal, 90 who had either fair or poor circulation, 97 had some form of mainstrition, 49 were deficient in lung capacity, 58 had noticeably flat chests, 66 had sloping shoulders, 18 had lateral curvature of the spine, 18 had stooping shoulders and 8 had projecting hips. These are valuable and significant statistics. There is evidently much room for improvement in the merican physique.

> > A Luminous Cat.

Those who now tolerate mice or ra's in or about the house certainly must be blind to the fact that a luminous cat, which costs very little to secure and nothing to keep, has been invented and can be placed in any dark corner or nook and effectually scares away all such pests. This cat is struck or stamped from sheet metal, or like material, so as to represent in appearance the exact counterpart of its animated feline sister. It is painted over with a luminous paint, so that it shines in the dark like a cat of flame. After being used for about a week the place is forever free of either mice or rats .-Popular Science News.

Retraction. "When are you and Miss Doughdone to be married?" "Never, unless she retracts what she said last night. What did she say?" "That she wouldn't marry me if I was the last man on earth."--Washington Times.

Too Realistic. Friend-"That snowstorm that you and in 1866 he was elected to congress | that picture he put on my heavy ulster from the Fifth district in that city. | and walked off." Tit-Bits.

THE JOKER'S CORNER.

CURRENT WIT AND HUMOR FOR LEAN READERS.

The Piaint of the Penimist—She Needed No Protection-The Bicycle Shield at the Approach of the Train - Flotsam and Jetsam.



sun always shines when we can't go out, When we're out it always rains. When we've plenty to eat we have the gout, To torture us with its pains.

The air that we breathe is full of germs, The water is full of snakes,

Existence is full of fakes. The moon always shines with a yellow

The fruit that we eat is full of worms,

light, That's enough to make you weep, And worst of all it shines at night, When you want to go to sleep.

The earth turns around from west to

Oh! horrors! must we stay Upon it when we know at least It should turn the other way?

The North Star always in the north, It ought to change around. Oh! why were mortals e'er brought

Who have such troubles found?

Alas! and would that we were dead, We're failures, through and through We live along until we wed, And that's a failure, too.

The Honeymoon. (Scene: Any hotel at this season.)

"Ootsy, tootsy, wootsy, woo; Poes I love 'oo? 'Es I do-Loves 'oo wis my drate big heart, Loves 'oo till death does us part; Loves 'oo sad and loves 'oo bright. Loves 'oo, dear, wis all my might, Loves 'oo every hour of life-Tiss me, pretty 'ittle wife."

'Es I will; I'll tiss 'oo, dear; Put 'oor handsome head right here-Tiss 'oo on 'oor bright blue eyes,

Bluer 'an 'e blue, blue skies; Tiss 'oo on 'oor curly hair; Tiss 'oo on 'oor lips, right there; Tiss 'oo, tiss 'oo, Oh what bliss-

Tiss 'oo, tiss 'oo, tiss 'oo, tiss." A LISTENER'S THOUGHTS. "For God's sake, kiss him, kiss him anick!

Or I will kick him, kick him, kick; I'm getting very, very sick, And Oh, I long to kick, to kick."

Withering.

"I hab de pleasure ob announcin dat Candydate Moses Wintahgreen an anonymously 'lected to membership in dis club," announced the president of the Blackville Social club.

"Yo' means 'unanimously 'lected Mistah Pres'dent," corrected a member. "When de Pres'dent ob dis club deziahs any information or advice from yo', he will let yo' know, Jabe Jaspah. retorted the president, loftily. "You'd ought to know, sah, dat 'unanimous' an 'anonymous' is synonymatic pahts of speech, sah!

Most Appropriate. "Emily," said old Mr. Tibbetts, stern ly "who was that young man I found kissing you at the door last night?" "It was Mr.-Mr. Lippincott," stam-

mered Emily, in a faint voice. Old Mr. Tibbetts glared at his daughter fixedly for a moment and then a softer light shone in his eye. In both eyes, in fact.

"B'George!" he cried, slapping his knee, "he's well named, too!"



Tommy-Say, Miss, don't yer want ter take der dog along wid yer? Dey's a tough gang by the works, an' dey may try ter knock der spots outer ger. Miss Polkadot (scornfully)-Dat cur? Dat misfit is an outcast of Hogan's alley without pedigrease. Gimme blood or gimme death!

Swallowed His Words. "Yes," he said positively, "I made the fellow swallow his words." He looked around defiantly, as though

challenging contradiction. But none endeavored to gainsay him in any way, for it was perfectly true, He had indeed forced the ventriloquist to give an exhibition of his skill.

Chappie's Scheme.

When Chappie goes out late at night He always takes a can, For then he thinks the bold, bad girls Will take him for a man

Young Mr. Cumauphen, who has one of the cunningest little cream-colored mustaches in the world, so faint and modest that he has to color it in order to establish its identity, called again last evening.

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Maud looked him over with a critically unfavorable eye.

"I see you have," she said coldly; "there's a lot of it come off on your chin!"

And young Mr. Cumauphen was so abashed that he didn't know what to say. But that wasn't anything unusual.-New York Recorder.

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Bustonese.

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