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What the Bad Man Said. Th' man that's puttin' down th' walk in front o' our back-door, says he's awful wicked an' I musn' watch no more; He's sulky an' he's fussy an' he mutters naughty things Whenever he ain't suited with th' kind o bricks they bringsheard 'im, even if he did just kind o He said things bad as them I thought th' time I stumped my toe!

l listened through th' winder-it was up I heard 'im fust as easy, an' my ma most had a fit When he commenced a-sayin' things he hadn't ought to said; She groaned: "My goodness gracious!" an' her face got awful red. She said: "That brute's a-sayin' things you hadn't ought t' know She couldn't guess I'd thought 'em all th' time I stumped my toe.

An' so th' man's 'at's layin' bricks in front o' our back-door Keeps on a-sayin' things, I s'pose, but I can't hear no more; ma she keeps th' winder down an' talks a streak t' me Because that brickman's language isn't what it ought t' be. musn't tell you what he said-it But I thought things as bad as that the time I stumped my toe. -8. W. Gillian in Baltimore American.

She Took Them at Their Word. Kenka Lake is one of the most attractive of the great chain of lakes in the interior of New York state. Bluff Point at its head is a bold promontory, which rises grandly and impressively. It was upon the banks of this lake that the famous "Jemima Wilkinson" founded a colony nearly three generations ago and announced that she could walk upon the water or the lake. A large crowd gathered to see her undertake the experiment. Turning to her followers she asked: "Have you all faith that I can walk upon the water?" "We have, we have!" her followers replied. Then there is no use in my undertaking to do so," she replied. "If ye have faith ye shall be saved without my walking upon the water."

Discouraging Suicide.

A favorite method of suicide in Japan lately has been to leap over certain waterfalls. So frequent have such occurrences become that police are now constantly stationed in their neighborhood, and large notice boards are erected bearing inscriptions in large letters, of which the following is an example: "Do not drown your self here! Intended suicides are warned that heaven disapproves of the utilization of Kegon waterfall for the purpose. This is certified to on the best priestly authority, and serious consequences in the hereafter are guaranteed. To drown here is also forbidden by the perfectural au-

Grant's Size.

Ethel was making ber first visit to the metropolis and her eyes were bis and wise with wonder at all the strange and curious things she had seen and heard. She had seen Coney, the dazzling; Brooklyn bridge, the wonderful; Central Park, the beautiful, and all the sights which her young aunt had selected for her to see. Finally they came to Grant's tomb as the last thing to be seen thoughtful a few moments looking down upon the sarcophagus, then she whispered, overcome with the immense size of it all: "Auntie Claude, was he a glant?"-Boston Journal.

Had Eaten the Bones. During the siege of Mafeking one of the officers organized a concert, or "singsong," to keep up the spirits of the men. He discovered, according to the story as it is told in "V. C.," that the men had cause enough for low spirits. Hearing of a sergeant in the Highlanders who was a good performer, he asked the man to contribute to the concert. "I'm sorry, sir, but I cannot." "Why?" asked the officer. You play some instrument, don't you?" "I did, sir." "What was it?" "The bones, sir; but I've eaten 'sm."-

Essence of Orange Leaves. One of the remarkable industries of Paraguay is the preparation of essence of orange leaves. More than 150 ears ago the Jesuit priests, who then ruled that secluded country, imported grange seeds and planted groves, which have now become immense forests, filled with small establishments for extracting the essence, which is exported to France and the United States for use in soap and perfumery making. It is also employed by the natives in Paraguay as a bealing ointent and a hair tonic.

HOW WRET HARTE LOOKED.

Winning Personality of the Great Callfornia Author.

Mr. Howells gives us some charming reminiscences of Bret Harte in the Masy Chair of Harper's, relating to a week's visit Harte paid him when the latter came East from California. Mr. Howells thus describes the author of "The Luck of Roaring Camp:" was then, as always, a child of treme fashion as to his clothes and the cut of his beard, which he wore in a mustache and the drooping side whiskers of the day, and his jovial physiogromy was as winning as his voice, with its straight nose and fascinating forward thrust of the under lip, its fine eyes, and good forehead, then thickly crowned with black hair which grew early white, while mustache remained dark. . . was, as one could not help seeing. thickly pitted, but after the first glance one forgot this."-Pittsburg Press.

Followed the Same Craft. In the days when Sir Gavan Duffy was a leading figure in Victorian politics there sat in the Melbourne parliament a wealthy but not well-informed butcher. The chief secretary of the day was deprecating the attitude of the leader of the opposition, whose conduct was, he declared, worse than Nero's. "Who was Nero?" interjected the knight of the cleaver, with equal scorn and sincerity. "Who was Nero?" replied the delighted chief secretary. "The honorable gentleman ought to know. Nero was a celebrated Roman butcher."

New System in British Army. Confidential reports are henceforth to play an important part in British army discipline. Exact reporting is to be rigidly insisted upon. If the reports are favorable, a promise of accelerated promotion is held out to the officers; if the reverse, he will be condemned to retire from the profession for which he shows himself unfitted or too careless to qualify. Two adverse reports in succession will bring up the question of removal even to men of long standing; the juniors of less than three years' service will be incontinently dismissed if they do not show up well.



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Eldera. The Dutch girl does not enjoy anything like the amount of freedom granted to her English or American sister. She is a very carefully chaperoned young person and when she goes to the theater it is with her elders, not merely with a friend or two of her own age. At the dances she attends. songs, recitations and music for the entertainment of the elders form part of the regular program and the chaperons sit at tables socially enjoying their coffee or other refreshments, while the young folk glide over the waxed floor to the strains of the latest waltz. Dutch maidens have to make the best of their opportunities of amusement, for when it pleases their parents to seek the quiet of home they must meekly accompany them In their country the idea of a girl being unchaperoned at a dance is not to be thought of-at any rate, not yet!

CARRIED POLITENESS TOO FAR

Act of Courtesy that Lost Lighthouse

Official His Pos'ion. Recently the British warship Sparrow visited the native kingdom of Tonga, in the south Pacific, over which the British government exercises a protectorate. Its ruler is a dusky and spirited young man who calls himself King George II. When the Sparrow was in the harbor of the Tongan capital a ball was to have been given on board. But the electric light failed and all sorts of expedients were resorted to for the purposes of illumination. An obliging customs official of high standing removed the light from one of the lighthouses in the harbor and took it aboard the Sparrow. For this risky piece of politeness he was dismissed by the Tongan government. The captain of the Sparrow interceded with King George on his behalf, but his majesty was inexorable, which indicates that he knows his business.

Fever That Seldom Dies Out.

Do you know there is such a thing as "newspaper fever" and that it just worms and burns its way into a fellow's system and remains there as long as life lasts? It is a fact, Men who work around newspaper offices know it to be true. They know it is true not only to the men who work in the business, but many others who never happen to get into the business at all. There is an old legend to the effect that if a man once takes the Mississippi river water he will keep coming back to the same old giver, so matter where he goes. It is the same way in the newspaper business. Taste it once and you have got it in your system for good .- New Orleans Times Democrat.

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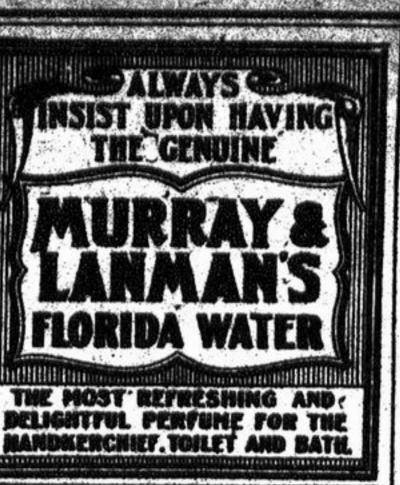
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