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Prespectore Occasionally Realize Their Dreams of Great Riches. Up in the Black Hills in South Da-

kota are a number of those queer individuals, the prospector or grub staker, whose prospect holes dot the hillside for miles like a great rabbit warren. Their little log cabins are usually far from the haunts of man in the fastnesses of the mountains, and their lonely labors are only occasionally rewarded by discoveries of the hidden riches of the earth. One of these strange characters-in fact, the most eccentric in the hills-was

a big red-headed Irishman. For twenty years he had tunneled and blasted without a strike reward-

ing his toil. Last summer Dame Fortune smiled upon him. He opened up a rich hole, which he quickly disposed of for a good round sum. With the money in his pocket he hastened to Deadwood, where he announced his intention of taking a trip to the emerald isle. In arranging the itinerary of his journey the ticket agent asked him if he wanted a cabin or saloon passage. The son of Erin very indignantly responded: "A cabin, is it? Phat the divil would I be doin' in a cabin with tin thousand dollars in me 1990ket? Put me in the saloon, and are fornist the bar. D'ye moind."

Heard a Smell.

She was a bright little gill of about three years, and kept a crowded Broadway car laughing from the time she got on with her mother at Thirtyfourth street until the car neared Fifty-ninth street. She kept up a continual chatter about passengers in the car, sometimes embarrassing to the mother, but always amusing to those who were not the butt of this little one's conversation.

Presently a fashionably gowned young lady arose from her seat and ordered the conductor to let her off at the next corner. As she swept by there was a swish of silken skirts and the odor of violets in the air. The little girl looked at her mother and then at the retreating figure of the young woman, and remarked:

"Oh, mamma, did you hear how that woman smells?"

This caused such a ripple of laughter in the car that the mother threat ened to punish the child if she did not keep still, and for half a minute she said not a word.-New York Herald.

Absurd Decision Causes Suit. The Australian government finds itself the defendant in a suit for \$5,000 on account of the most absurd of decisions. The new immigration law declares that an immigrant must submit to an educational test in his native language before he is allowed to land. Not long ago a mate on a ship was arrested for smuggling. When he was released he was ordered to submit to the test or be expelled from the country. It was found that his father was a German and his mother a native of Egypt. He was born in Alexandria. It was decided, therefore, that his native language was Greek, since Greece is the European country nearest to Egypt. He failed to pass an examination and was condemned to a further imprisonment of six months. Now he is suing for damages, with a fair chance of getting them.

How to Judge Flowers.

Last summer a young fellow who had just graduated from an agricultural college and found a position as assistant horticulturist in a southern experiment station wrote the following letter to his friend and mentor

"Dear H-In an unguarded moment I promised to act as judge at the have had lots of experience. Won't you tell me some book where I can and out all about it, or, better still, tell me what to do? Here is the reply of the hard-head-

ed gardener to whom K wrote:

say nothing, and get out of town as fast as you can. -Country Life in America.

How to Know a Diamond.

A small Reading, Pa., girl, whose love of finery is very pronounced, was tireless in her importunities for a ring. The latter finally brought their complete reward in the form of a pretentious gew-gaw. A caller several days later, with the aid of the little one, noticed the acquisition, and re-

plied its possessor, indignantly. "It phabet. cost seventy-five cents."

Getting Rid of Matilda. Conjurer (pointing to his cabinet)-Ladies and gentlemen, I now call your attention to the great illusion of the evening. I will ask any lady in the hospital last Fourth of July." the audience to step on the stage and enter the cabinet. I will then close the door. When I open it again the lady will have disappeared, leaving no

Husband (to his wife)-"Matilda, my love, do obliga the gentleman and walk up."-Answers.

Japanese in Korea.

There are at present about 15,000 Japanese settlers in Korea. In the third century that country belonged ture," is dead. to Japan, having been conquered by the Empress Jingo. In the years 1594 in general. Thanks to Dr. to 1598 Korea again was subject to servine I have been gain. Japan.

> Around the World 100 Times. J. T. Clary, chief master-at-arms on the United States battleship Nevada, with service stripes on his arms denoting twenty-eight years of naval service, recently completed 100 trips around the world.

HE OWNED THE AUTO.

Short Controversy. "Drinking and smoking," said the

no longer young female to the man toward whom her attentions were directed, "are not only sinful, but feolish. I read only the other day in one of the paper about a boy who saved Fits perfectly, comfortably, does not show. cigarette labels to secure a shotgun, and when he got the gun he was too nervous to use it. Now, wasn't that foolish? How much better it would have been if that boy had saved his money."

"If you didn't smoke or drink," she continued, "but saved the money, you would be able to buy that automobile on the corner with what you have squandered."

"Do you smoke?" asked the man whose temperament was laconic. "What! Me smoke! Me! Why---"Drink?" continued the man.

"Gracious goodness! How insulting "I meant no insult, but where is

your automobile?" The missionary sail he was a hardened sinner and wasn't open to reason. But the hardened sinner smiled and walked over to the automobile, lit a cigar, bowed and rode away. He owned the vehicle.—Automobile Magazine.

One American Fool.

Like our c: ts, the turkeys wear cloak of dome ticity; but not even pussy could , ... hers off and go utterly wild more readily than a turkey. Not a wild trait or habit seems to

have been radically changed-not more than altered a little-by all our efforts at home and abroad. For the turkey has traveled. He is

strictly an American-Mexican, perhaps-sailing first from these shores as early as 1626, and not returning until the Pilgrims and early settlers brought him back, a larger bird than when he set out, but still a turkey, as unalterably American as ever.

That does not mean that he is good American, deserving the eagle's place as our national emblem. The turkey is unalterable because he can not learn anything, so nearly brainless

The mother of all the turkeys was originally endowed with two wits and as many crafty ways as she had toes. Since the line began no turkey has gained another wit, nor learned a new way nor forgotten one of the old ones.-National Magazine.

The Talesman Was Let Go.

De Lancey Nicoll was somewhat taken aback the other day by an answer he received from a prospective juryman whom he was examining. The talesman was the owner of a boarding stable on upper Broadway. "Do you know me or any of the

other lawyers in this case?" he asked. "No." answered the talesman. "You don't know me or Judge Dit-

tenhoefer, or Mr. Platt, or Gen. Bur-

"None of us board any horses at your stable?"

"Well, sir," replied the talesman, 'all I can answer to that is that none of you do it under the names you have given in court this morning." That line of examination was immediately dropped and later the talesman was excused by consent.-New York Times.

All Young Fellows.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the new chaplain of the Senate, is 84 years old. A day of two after he began his duties he went into Senator Hoar's committee room. The senator was not there, but the clerk was. Mr. Hale walked around the room and looked at the forthcoming ladies' flower show. You pictures. Then he turned to the clerk and said: "I thought the senators were old men." "Well," said the clerk, "most of them are pretty old, are they not?" "Old!" snorted Mr. Hale. I should think not! There's Senator Pettus of Alabama, who is 83 "Dear K-Think quick, look wise, and has reached mature years, but the rest of them are young fellows, so far as I can see."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Question Marks-Perhaps.

The Koreans, who have lately recalled their minister in Washington, attract attention for one reason, if for no other. Their peculiar flag adorns their legation building. The body of the flag is white, and in the center is a design about the size of a football in red and blue, looking very much like huge entwined comma "What a pretty ring; is it a dia- marks. On the top, bottom and sides are short lines of dots and dashes, "Well, I guess it ought to be," re- reminding one of the Morse code al-

His Qualifications.

"That boy of yours appears to be anusually brisk in all his movements." "My boy? You are right, he is. Why. he was the very first boy to get into

Their Finish in Sight. Stubb-"A dispatch says that tall silk hats are doomed in London." Penn-"Yes, and everywhere else as soon as the small boy begins making snowballs."

Noted Traveler is Dead. Wilhelm von Polenz, noted German traveler, who wrote a book with the title "America, the Land of the Fu-

Hide for Leather. The hide of the cow produces about thirty five pounds of leather; that of a horse about eighteen pounds.

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