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JULIET V. STRAUSS.

I used to believe with my whole heart that all my social lacks were due to poverty. I would look at dull people sitting placidly in the inner circle of some mysterious ring of seemingly happy and charming people and wonder by what right they were furnished with the means of

It is very easy for poor people to imagine that they are slighted or treated with scant consideration on account of their poverty, because it is

she belongs by birth and bringing up. But it is not always so. She may be needlessly sarcastic and proud, or she may be self-conscious and touchy.

We pretty nearly assume our own position in the world. Again, it may be because she is prettier in her old rags than the other women in their smart costumes, or it may be that her own unerring sense of what is fine

When you realize that you are not an active member in your social world and that there is much lacking in your life, you at once begin looking for compensations; and whoever looks for compensations is sure to find them,

small tragedy it turned into the most heartsome comedy, as it will always

Never shall I forget the first time I went to a semisocial event at a very fashionable and exclusive house in the city. I entered the house in deep bumility, for here I supposed I was going to see something really great and fine.

in the city had a finer quality of mind than any people I had ever seen. A person of worldwide celebrity was present. After sitting dumbly amid all

Most of the women who had the affair in charge were silly and affected beyong the limit. What they said was beside the point, vapid and tiresome, and the celebrity—why she was exactly like the plain village woman I knew when I was a little girl. She was real. I got a new idea of the quality of greatness right there, and from that day I have realized that whoever is quite sincere is great.

long as you can get out of life something worth having. I doubt that the social leader of any fashionable set can ever tell you as much, sketch for you as many amusing incidents or give you so clear a conception of vivid human characteristics as some person who, in his younger days, at least, occupied the humble position of tag tail.-Chicago Journal.

nearly uniform thickness to within a

As it swims around in the somber

deep it espies a fish many times larger

than itself. Darting upon its prey, if

seizes it by the tall and slowly but sure-

ly climbs over it with its jaws, first us-

Gradually the prey is taken in, the

become so stretched they are transpar-

ent and the species of the fish within

can be discerned. But in swallowing

overdoes the matter and retribution fol-

King Oskar to the Resent.

crewn prince of Sweden, Miss Emma

Thursby, the American singer, and

Mme, Christine Nillson were appear-

Theater at Stockholm, Madame Nill-

son would sing in opera one night and

Both ladies were invited to the court

ball given by King Oskar in honor of

the crown prince and his bride, and

both wished to attend. But neither

had a court train. Miss Thursby recent-

ly wrote in the Philadelphia Press, and

ther were at their wits' ends to know

what to do. Every dressmaker to

Stockholm was busy night and day; It

In Good Senson,

In a place in New Jersey the town

A few days later at the town meet-

After they had freely discussed the

Shortest Name for a Street.

were simply a letter of the alphabet.

Some years ago nearly every letter in

the alphabet gave its name to a thor-

oughfare, but D Mews is the only one

ed .- Tit-Bits,

which has not had its name lengthen-

Quickly Supplied.

There have been many strange things

"The hydra," said this much-informed

young person, "was married to Henry

the Eighth. When he cut her head off,

Miss Thursby in concert the next,

ing on alternate nights at the Royal

At the time of the marriage of the

ing one and then the other.

ance when hungry.

small in comparison.



Three new stamps have just been sued in Holland, Those who stick them on their letters pay double postage, half the value going to the state and half to anti-tuberculosia work.

Several big nuggets of gold have recently been discovered at Poseldon were unearthed weighing, respectively, 373 ounces and 967 ounces,

A staircase has been invented which plays tunes as it is walked up and down upon. A series of pins is pressed by the feet and plays gongs and drums while others are connected with collapatble chambers, which blow various in struments.

The latest building material is called kremite, and is being made in St. Petersburg. It is a compound of powdered clay, sand and flourspar melted together at a high temperature. The molten mass can be molded like Iron

The height of the loftlest known mountain in the world, Mount Everest in the Himsleyas, has long stood in the school geographics at 20,002 feet. Recent computations from the surveys of Captain Wood of the Survey of India reduce this estimate to 28,700 feet. Other high Himalayan peaks come down proportionately. But these reanits are not regarded as final, and it is thought that when certain factors have been allowed for the estimate of Mount Everest's height may be increased above 29,000 feet instead of being di-

Successful experiments in sending telephone messages by wireless electric waves over a distance of forty kilometera, nearly twenty-five miles, were made recently by Professor Slaby. The messages were transmitted between Berlin and Nauen, and Professor Slaby says that no approach to so great a distance has ever before been tried. Words and sentences were sent and repeated back with great distinctness. The success of the experiments is ascribed to the isolation of the microphones and to the damping out of all foreign vibrations. Further experi-

mining districts, where engineers and officers of the companies employ them be a daily occurrence for a mining engineer to visit, in his automobile, a mine forty or fifty miles from his office. knocks, as well as for steep hill-climbing. The dry climate prevents the use of wood for veneering, box-work and fittings, and aluminum is used instead. Notwithstanding ant-hills, boulders and guilles, the trackless wastes are often preferred to roads.

FISH THAT ARE CANNIBALS.

Can Swallow Other Fishes that Are Many Times Their Bulk.

anywhere in the world. swallow whole other fishes which are curious was recently mentioned by

from six to twelve times its superior little schoolgirl. in bulk. This fish inhabits the deep sea, living, it is supposed, at a depth of 1,-500 fathoms.

In the latter half of the last century | another one sprang right up." three specimens—one of them being now in the national museum—of chiasmodon niger, or black swallower, the specles referred to were found, in each instance with a fish from six to twelve times bulkler than itself in its stomach. This fish has an elongated body of

having a good time.

so often the case.

A woman with a costume "faked up" from an old black skirt and a homemade lace waist with the wrong kind of sleeves in it finds it quite natural literally to believe that her lack of proper costume and means of entertaining is the reason for her being "tag tail" in the circle to which

and worth having excludes her naturally from what is popular.

I have seen lovely princess rag tags who had all these qualities and who were poor and pretty, and proud and talented, and sarcastic and sensitive, and audacious and timid, whom I would rather resemble than any smart society | ity?" dame I ever saw. And I will tell you why.

and they are so much more worth having than any number of first-hand elegancies! I doubt that people who are born into a world of ready-made pleasures are the fortunate ones. Long, long ago, I stopped grieving over being tag tail. From being a

do when one learns to live one's own life.

I was so ignorant of life, I really believed that rich and great people

this greatness a while I began to prick up my ears, and what do you think I discovered? Why, just this:

It makes no difference what position you occupy in your social world as

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stomach and integuments of the swallower stretching out, and at last the entire fish is passed through the mouth Rush, near Taraguella, Australia. Two and futo the stomach and the distended

such large prey the captor sometimes lows swiftly in the shape of scute indigestion, which causes its death.

into any desired shape. minished below it.

was too late to order their trains from Paris. Madame Nillson finally solved the difficults. "I will write to the king about it," she said. And she did. "Your Most Gracious Majesty." she wrote in her letter, "Miss Thursby and I have no flaps to wear to the court ball. What shall we do?" "Come without them. Oskar," was the answer they got back the same day. They went to the ball, and had : memorable time.

ments are awaited with much interest. officers had just put some fire extin-There are few places where the autoguishers in their big buildings. One mobile is more indispensable for everyday one of the buildings caught fire. day business than in South Africa. The says the Philadelphia Ledger, and the number in use is constantly increasing. extinguishers failed to do their work. They are particularly valuable in the ing some citizens tried to learn the reain running long distances. It is said to son. subject one of them said, "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the fire exand return the same day. The cars have to be strong and suited for hard | fore every fire." The thoroughfare which can boast the shortest name of any in London is D Mews, in the locality of Regent's Park. It is the only surviving "alphabet" street-1, e., streets whose names

The waters adjacent to the coasts of the United States contain some of the most extraordinary fishes to be found There is a fish able and willing to in English history. One of the most

ting rid of the pest if every one included in his spring medicine a little | his wife. dandelion tea. Many a man takes a better half i a half-hearted manner.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DO-INGS HERE AND THERE.

Jokes and Jokelets that Are Supposed to Have Been Recently Born-Sayings and Doings that Are Old, Curless and Laughable-The Week's Humor.

"Conscience doth make cowards of us all," remarked the grocer with the

quotation habit. "According to that," rejoined the cynical customer, "you must be a brave

"Because why?" queried the man behind the counter. "You don't seem to have any con-

science," answered the c. c.

Prodigious. Do you know a man got up and of

fered me his seat on the train this morning. !" "Well, my dear girl. I don't see as

that was such a prodigy of urban-"Not of urbanity, perhaps, but of

sub-urbanity! Think of it!"-Puck.



Patience-And did you scream when he kissed you?" Patrice-Of course! But he said he

Statemnon. Hard on Teeth.

Bacon-Doesn't smoking discolor the Egbert-Oh, yes; my wife left hers short distance of the tail, into which in the bathroom, where a lamp was it tapers slightly. Such is its appearsmoking, and it pearly ruined them !-

Yonkers Statesman. Vain Wishes.

Husband-I wish I had some of those good old-fashioned biscuits like mother used to make for me.

Wife-And I wish I had some of those nice new-fashioned clothes like father used to buy for me.

Solld Food.

"I'm afraid," remarked the Cincinnati hostess, "that you will find our Ohio River water rather distanteful." belly appears as a great bag, projecting far out backward and forward, over "Not at all, madam," rejoined the which is the swallower, looking very guest from Allwaukee. "On the contrary, it's the best I ever ate." The walls of the stomach and belly

Deep Disappointment. "Yes," said one Cincinnati heirem to the other, "her parents are fearfully disappointed in the match she made."

"For what reason?" "She married a man who plays pin ochle instead of baccarat."-Washing dear. ton Star.

Weary of Abstractions. "There is some satisfaction in know- it! ing you are right, even if the world does not recognize it," remarked the

"Not much," remarked young Mrs. Torkina. "I can't help wishing Charley would bet on the horse that does win instead of on the one that ought to,"-

About to Blow Himself.



Comforting Thought. Mrs. Browne-Mrs. Wythe says she thinks that it is wrong to play whist. Mrs. Black-It is, the way she plays ft.—Somerville Journal.

A Clever Woman. Biggs-That young widow is certainly a very clever woman, yet she has lit-

tle to say. Mrs. Biggs-That's where her cleverness comes in. She leads a man to be-Here that she thinks he is worth listentinguishers be examined ten days be. ing to."

> Brought It Back. Hyker-Here's the umbrella you lent me yesterday. Pyker-That's strange. Hyker-What's strange? Pyker-I had no idea it was in such

had condition as that. The Sensitive Trout. "What's the matter?" asked the companion of the disgruntled trout. "That fellow's hook barely touched you." "Yes," admitted the sulky one, "but fust think how he's lying about me now."-Philadelphia Ledger,

A Woman's Reason. "Isn't Mrs. Blimber aging rapidly?" "Yes, I understand her husband gives her \$1,000 every birthday."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Vanity. "Wal," said Farmer Kornton, "ther ain't nothin' that Rube Medders loves Perhaps it would help a little in get more'n newspaper notoriety." "Wat's he bin a-doin' now?" asked

"Paintin' his barn ag'in, an' than her chin a setion. ain't no occasion fur it 'cept tew git his name in the paper."-Philadelphia your fadiment if you call him a fool,

Oredit Where Credit to Buc. Bacon-Your wife is so tasty. I no-

tice she always puts a flower in her Egbert-Ob, she doesn't do that. The

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hairdresser does that before she sends the hair home!-Yonkers Statesman. Unrealistic.

Scribbles-Did you read that detective story of mine in the current issue of Blank's magazine? Criticus-Yes. It's rather interest-

ing, but it isn't true to life.

Scribbles-Why not? Criticus-Because in the end the detective actually captures the crim-NARAMORE AND FOSTER

Poette Wisdom. "Art is long, but life is fleeting,"

quoted the amateur artist. "That is applicable in your case," replied the friendly critic. "It would take you such a long time to acquire the art of painting that your life will be entirely too short."

An Advantage of Elaborate Diction. "You say he accused you of being untruthful?" "That's what happened" answered

Plute Pete, with much embarrass-

"And lives to tell the tale?" "Well, you see he used long words in such a roundabout way that he was out o' town before I had figgered out exactly what he meant."-Washington Courtesy Solely.

Counsel (waxing eloquent)-Yes, 188 and, furthermore, your poor wife said you have not spoken to her for three

Defendant-Well, you see, I didn't want to interrupt her .- Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.

A Monroe Honk. Lawyer-And you say the noise made by this defendant with his motor caused your borse to take fright and run away. What made the noise? Farmer-I dunno, but it sounded like

sawmill with the grip.—Baltimore

American. Reason Enough. liked to hear me scream, so he de-Miss Smatters-How did you happen manded several encores !- Yonkers to look so smiling in these pictures? Mrs. Patts-The photographer took them before he told me the price.-

Detroit Free Press. Caught on the Bebound. The Man-Do you constuer the opal

The Maid-Well, if it's all the same to you, I would prefer a diomond.



has cut off a log!"

Bound to Leak Out. Jack-I'm afraid it will be impossihie to keep our engagement a secret,

Lois-Why? Jack-Well, I had to tell you about

More than That.

Discovered!

potatoes are principally used in the

Mrs. Crimsonbeak-Now I can un-

derstand why you want sweet-potato

ple for dinner so often, John .-- Yonkers

Impatient Tommy.

day the teacher said: "Now, children,

want you all to be so quiet you could

hear a pie drop." The little ones

straightened up and kept very quiet,

not one moving a finger or toe. Pretty

con Tommy, becoming impatient, cried

out: "Well, why don't you drop 'er?"

Beyond Doubt.

"Yes," said the editor, handing back

"What!" cried the proud father.

"didn't I just tell you my son wrote it?"

"Sure! Don't you suppose I know

Responsibilities of a Son.

of Westminster he delegated Canon

Cureton to preach at the Abbey on a

certain saint's day. On such day, says

a writer in the Philadelphia Public

Ledger, the boys of Westminster school

attended service, and afterward had

While Mr. Cureton, on the morning

of the day he was to officiate, was look-

ing over his sermon at the breakfast

table, his son asked, in a tone vibra-

"Father, is yours a long sermon to

"But how long? Please tell me."

"Well, about twenty minutes, I

should say. But why are you so anx-

"Because the boys said they would

Our idea of a speaking likeness of

Don't expect a man to have faith to

woman is a moving picture showing

the rest of the day as a holiday.

ting with anxiety.

lous to know?"

half an hour."

"No. Jimmy, not very."

When Archbishop Trench was Dean

the manuscript, "It's a very clever

poem. Do you know who wrote it?"

"But are you sure he did?"

his hand?"-Philadelphia Press.

Tommy went to kindergarten. One

Mr. Crimsonbeak-I see that sweet

served man of 50, wouldn't you?"

"Preserved

Azores to make alcohol.

cago Tribune.

Statesman.

"You'd consider Boozer a well-pre-

He's pickled!"-Chi-

ARTHUR R. BEIDELMAN Naperville, III. Auspirtona Tom-Why did Fred break his en-

**\*\*AONUMENTS** gagement with Miss Peckem? George-Her father offered to lend him money to get married on, AND HEADSTONES The Real Thing.

Patience-And her color, isn't that tery lot at honest palees. Can come Patrice-Ob, no. That's real paint. and see you any evening. Leave or--Yonkers Statesman.

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