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They that go up into the air in airships, lo, they have their troubles likewise.

"Saturday only.

Poor, weak man! The story is told of a Boston woman who won a husband by her mince pies.

The movement for preservation of the forests has made some progress, but it is not out of the woods yet. SECURITION OF THE PARTY.

A fairy tale for young and old Once upon a time there was a bright, bont.

a "Burn this" postscript.

An Indianapolis paper says: That being the case, why have they taken to the woods?

THE R. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH. If it were the "man who rocks the pointed the unloaded re-"Glorious Fourth" would have its redeeming

feature. We trust that King Edward, who now a Russian admiral, will be able to avoid awkward complications in

case Russia has any future trouble with his Japanese ailles. For some reason it seems it is most difficult thing for a runaway au-

tomobile to pass between two telephone poles, notwithstanding they are a considerable distance apart.

If boys would only learn algebra, history and the rest as easily as they learn batting averages and the stand ing of the baseball clubs, how much lot of the school teacher

The American theory of keeping our doors open to the oppressed of other nations is a beautiful one, or would be if the oppressed when they arrive would be content to grow up with the country and not blow it up.

A fairy tale for old and young: for a large family, swept the house, washed the dishes and wrote graduating essay, all in one day.

At last Homer has met his only real The "seven cities" which claimd the blind bard are outnumbered by municipalities which claim

STATE OF THE PARTY After forty-five years of service arked by unwavering fidelity, Sir Rob-Hart, the inspector general of the il Chinese maritime customs, has of for Europe on a leave of absence it the end of the year he does no e China, his successor will b In any case, owing to a re official career is regarde

dirst time, a Chinese government de partment became not only efficient but absolutely free from corruption. During his term of office the imports rose from twenty million pounds to sixtyseven million pounds. The career of Sir Robert Hart is only one item in the great debt which the East owes to the West, and especially to England. One could not estimate in dollars and cents the value of the work in Egypt of Lord Cromer, or of Sir Andrew Clarke and Sir Frank Swettenham in the Straits Settlements and the Malay Peninsula, or the long line of governors general of India, from Clive and Warren Hastings down to Lord Curson. Almost always their work has been carried on against native opposition and intrigue, in the face of active enmity or surrounded by cold hostility; and it is always thankless. When Sir Robert Hart sailed from Peking, the largest international gathering ever seen there was assembled to bid him farewell; but among the crowd there was hardly a representative of the nation which he had served so long. Something of this great work and this fine spirit of service marks the career of Mr. Taft, the real creator of government in the Philippines, and that work has been hampered not only by the native opposition, which was to be expected, but by distrust and aspersion at home. Clearing the ground for the establishment of civilized government is work that involves (1.2.08) OFFICIAL TIME suffering, frequently if not always works some injustices, and is sometimes accompanied by cruelty; but the Anglo-Saxon race may well be proud of its constructive work throughout the world. Wherever it has gone, democracy, too, has marched; and a greater degree of freedom for the common people has resulted.



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Recurrent Vemitting. This is a curious and often most distressing condition from which children sometimes suffer-often needlessly.

The term, recurrent or cyclic vomiting, refers to the chief, or at least the most striking, symptom. The attacks recur at irregular intervals-often after working hard over some more than usually difficult lesson, or after being kept in at a-hool writing "lines" or

making up for some neglected lesson. The symptoms preceding the attack are rather indefinite and uncertain. The child feels dult and disinclined to play. He may be pale or sallow; there are dark rings under the eyes, and often the lids look sore and red. Then sud-

names, vomiting occurs. This is profuse, violent and persistent, the effort continuing long after the republish that of yesterday," a certain stomach is empty. After whatever food village newspaper announced, on a there may be in the stomach has been | tempestuous day when the wires were expelled, mucus is thrown up, and often down. The editor of a more enterpris-

The attack may last, with occasional make good the deficiency himself. intermissions, for a few hours or even several days. There is little or ly or otherwise," he declared, confidenfever, and the pulse is weak but not tapid. If the attack continues to ascertain them. We first consulted great length of time the child becomes that respected authority. Squire Pedvery weak, and seems ill out of all proportion to the exhaustion to be exintelligent young man who rocked a perted from the continued comiting and crossed the pond that the ice is not consequent fasting.

It is indeed, poisoned with certain Some men live to be over 70 with lacids formed in the lasts, and not de out learning that it is extremely im- composed into harmless substances, as prudent to write any letter that needs is the case with the normal child. These acid poisons are the same as those found in cases of diabetes, and hence the disease is believed to be one due words are full of men who wish to to imperfect chemical action in the process of nutrition—of metabolism, as these internal processes are called.

> As the child grows up these attacks cease, but are often succeeded by sick-

> The cause is unknown, but from the resemblance of the attacks to those of sick headache, and from the fact that they are often succeeded by sick-headaches, it is believed that the two affections are essentially the same, and are due to defective chemical action in the body, caused or aggravated by some other fault, such as eye-strain. It is probable, indeed, that eye-strain is the most common cause. The child subject to should, therefore, he examined by an oculist as a preliminary to treatment.

> > Chinese Torture.

The ingenuity of the Chinese in derising punishment for offenders surpasses that of the most cruel people of the middle ages. Some time ago a boy was kidnaped from a village about thirty miles from Chinklang and brought to that city to be sold. kidnapers were arrested and returned to the village, where the people dug hole in the ground, like a grave, about three feet deep, covered the bottom and sides with unslaked lime, placed the offender, with his hands and feet tled, upon the lime and covered his body with the same material. Then they filled the hole full of water, and as the lime slaked he was roasted

alive and his body consumed Warnings for the Wise.

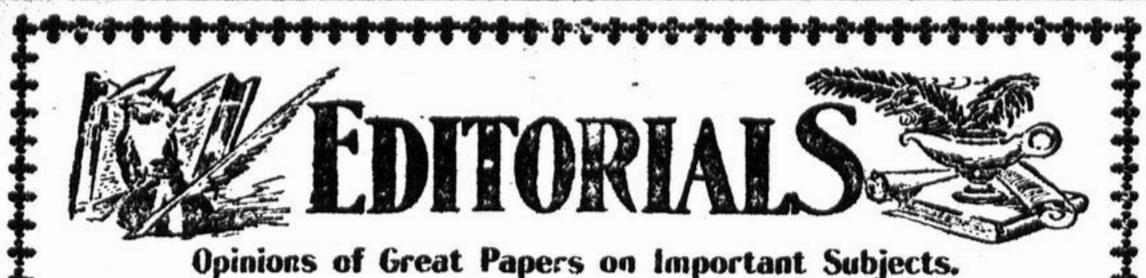
You know the first signpost on the Great Main road? "When a woman advertises that she is virtuous, a man that he is a gentleman, a community that it is loyal or a country that it is for really great poetry has not law-abiding—go the other way."—Rud- fish dealer because he was a man yard Kipling.

All It In Worth.

"Do you think there is anything of binding obligation when a man establishes osculatory reciprocity with a

"Of course not; that is mere lip serrice."-Baltimore American.

answered. Tre been a fishmonger al A woman, when packing up furnimy life and can't swim a yard." goem't know of anything that can't be made perfectly safe by being with a solitaire on it.



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THE INFAMY OF BLACKMAIL.

AM an old feel," and so were David, the hero, and Solomon, the sage; but Thomas C. Platt, as a sequel to his folly, has conferred on society a material benefit in that he challenged the blackmailer and that whole tribe of moral lepers, compared with whom the assassin and the thief are ex-

emplary characters. How many millions are extorted from men in high places as the price of secrecy the world will never know. It is the basest of all multifarious expedients of crime and the most cowardly. The "Black Hand" carries terror to those against whom it is aimed but compared with the secret and noiseless work of the social blackmailer the "Black Hand" is a rather respectable method of diabolism. It carries a kulfe with which to relieve its victim of his wretchedness, and takes its own life in hand when it makes the venture.

We are possuaded that the act of Platt in refusing the demands of Mae Catherine Wood and the act of Justice O'Gorman in sending the woman to prison will work wonders for the peace of society. It was a brave thing to do when Platt appealed to the court of justice, and would that every other man so beleaguered would do as much. Though his sin were scarlet, the public would appland his service to society. The murderer may be daring man, and so the thief; but your blackmailer is ever a coward, and it only needs to defy him to be ric of him. All other infamy shrinks to venial sin compared to the moral iniquity of the man or woman who demands a price for silence.-Washington Post.

#### KEEP THE SCHOOLHOUSE OPEN.

HY should our schools be closed during the

Is it to give the teachers a vacation They certainly need it, but could not substitutes be found? Is it for the sake of economy? What worse economy is there

than that which provides conditions which not only lead to the tremendous expense of courts and reformatories, but to the infinitely greater cost of lives that have been ruised through that mischief which Satan finds for idle hands?

Boys and girls might be injured by a twelve-months' application to books? There are other things than books in our education. The vacation school should teach something else than winter school.

Why not teach a trade? Or play? At any rate, boxs and girls ought to be kept off the street. And it makes no difference whether the street is in the city of in the small town. A great many of us think that the small town street is as demoralizing as the city street.

Notwithstanding all our talk about the new education. our schools still can be improved. But the reform that is needed is not so much in the curriculum as in the conception of the very purpose of school. It is all very well to discuss "Frills" and the "Three R's." but let us open

WEATHER TO SUIT.

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ing sheet did better -he proceeded to

wish to learn the probabilities, official-

tially, "we have taken personal pains

bury-discovering incidentally as we

firm enough for skating. Boys, take

warning! and as we sat on the top

step emptring the water out of our

boots, squire gave us his views from

drowned rat, and shook off showers

with every shiver, he did not, out of

respect for Mrs. Perlbury's carpets, ask

us in. We would have appreciated it

"Squire opines the wind will

down with the sun; that there will be

a big drop in the thermometer by mid-

night, and clear, cold weather to-mor-

"Our confidence in his judgment is

such that we were returning satisfied

when on the curner we blow violently

into the arms of Cap'n Ebenezer Tuttle.

who disentangled us from his muffler

with difficulty and warm language, but

subsequently consented to prognosti-

cate for publication. Cap'n Eb says

the mercury will rise as the wind

drops; that we are going to have

real springy, mild spell, and he'll bet

to-morrow noon. He states that Squire

Pedbury is a fine man, but when it

worth shucks

comes to weather, his opinion is not

"At our office door we encountered

our esteemed subscriber. Miss Lydia

Pettengill, with whom we enjoyed a

pleasant chat while rectifying her new

stik umbrella, which had blown inside

out. Miss Pettengill differs from the

gentlemen with modest reluctance, and

is a little shy at print; but she is per-

fectly sure there will be no present

wind subside, as we are receiving the

be a 'dry storm' of several days' dura-

"Our readers can take their choice,

Uneless Society.

really enjoyed a little chat with their

such original ideas, but one day, says

London Opinion, she returned from

market somewhat puzzled by his re-

"I said to him, just in the way of

conversation," declared Mrs. Jones,

like that with which he most associates.

A girl's idea of a glad hand is o

"that I had heard that a man becomes

"That's ridiculous, Mrs. Jones!" he

Mis. Jones often declared that she

change in temperature, nor will

first installment of what is bound

it."-Youth's Companion.

marks.

if he had, but cannot wonder.

"Feeling sure that our readers will

"No weather report received, so we

our eyes to something more fundamental. The welfare of the community demands training in self-restraint and plain decency.

When that happy day for which we took dawns and we all come to our senses, we shall see that the duty of the State is not to teach boys and girls for nine months in the year and then turn them loose for three months; we shall see to it that if fathers and mothers forsake their children, then the State shall take them up-into school, not jail. If it is the duty of the school to keep growing children from bad influences in the winter, it is even more its duty to keep children from evil in the summer.-The World To-Day.

DO WE WANT LOWER CALIFORNIA?



CALIFORNIA Congression wants this country to buy Lower California. The immediate prompting of such a purpose is the advantage of Magdalena Ray as a naval station. Although Lower California is, generally speaking, a desolate and deserted stretch of territory. Magdalena Bay is a

superb harbor; its wide and deep waters are protected by a natural breakwater, the Island of St. Margarita. Here the battleship fleet engaged in target practice, by permission of the Mexican government, which, however, refused its consent to small arms practice on shore. The United States might have taken Lower California at the close of the war with Mexico, but there was no reason to believe that it would have been in the least useful. Mexico does not now find its possession of any material benefit; but such is national sentiment in the matter of territory that it is improbable that she would consider favorably an offer to buy it. As an available half-way anchorage between the west coast and the Panama canal, the harbor could probably be made serviceable to the ficets of the United States, especially in event of war .-. Providence Journal.

WE ARE DYING YOUNGER.



N view of all that has been said about the fall in the death rate, it seems strange to realize that we are not living so long as our grandfathers and grandmothers did.

More babies live to grow up nowadays than formerly, but people in later life die younger. Once arrived at adult age, the average man or woman has few years of survival to-ex-

port. This seems on the face of it so surprising a statement that in order to be accepted it should be backed up by data authentic and indisputable. Such data are furnished by the figures of the insurance companies (which all agree on the point), but it is easier to refer to the government census reports, which tell the tale in simple and convincing fashion. Even during the last fifteen years the death rate among all persons over 55 years of age of both sexes has then very considerably,-

A PLEA FOR A VERMIN-EXTERMINATOR-THE BARN-OWL.



A BARN OWL ON A MOONLIGHT RATHUNTING EXPEDITION. The barn owl is not popular with the country people, and it is a muchpersecuted bird. If the farmers only realized how very useful the owl is in exterminating rats and mice they would protect it. The bird would be a very valuable ally to the Society for the Extermination of Rats, which has now begun active work in this country.-London News.

BOYAL SPINSTERS WELL OFF.

Backelor Princesses of Europe Need Not Enter Cloisters Now.

Daughters of royal families who remain single from choice or because no proper suitor is forthcoming have by no means a hard time of it nowadays and need not seek the cloister, as old-time unmarried princesses used to do, says the London correspondence of the New York Sun.

The English royal spinster, Prin cess Victoria, is a great favorite with we can assure them, with a fervor both her father and mother and it unanimously shared by our three auis not likely that she will ever leave thorities, that they will be much more them nove. The same income has comfortable indoors conversing about been allotted to her as her married sisthe weather than outdoors experiencing ters receive, so she is independent and need not marry for a money settlemen as some of her aunts were obliged to do. Her very delicate health rendered a somewhat quiet life necessary, so she travels very little and avoids all

Royal spinsters are increasing in numbers in all countries. They now have a position that was impossible now until a real empress comes. only a few generations ago, and they their world.

A venerable prince regent of Bavaria, who has long been a widower, has his household looked after by his eldest daughter, who is by no means young and has never married.

states, who is his devoted companion, and discover them.

the Princess Mattida, who is quite 45. There has been no thought of a marriage for her for many years past and, as she is independent in regard to income, her lot is pleasant

Duke Robert of Parma left a nur ber of unmarried daughters and the duchess has not yet succeeded in finding matches for any of them. Some of them are well advanced in the thirdes and the others are coming on apace They all lead busy, happy lives and are not in the least disturbed by their

failure in the matrimonial market. A very great lady at present is the Archduchess Maria Annunciata Austria, now in her 32d year and still unmarried. She holds the position of deputy empress, which may be hers for many a year. The Emperor Francia Joseph is a widower and nephew and heir presumptive has contracted a morganatic marriage, so a change of sovereign need not immediately affect the standing of the archduchess, who may continue to act as the world than they place within our

Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holgenerally find plenty to occupy them in stein is another spinster and it is difficult to see how her home could be managed without her. It is not in the least likely she will ever marry.

There are too many people who at idle, thinking to become known to fame The king of Saxony has a spinster when their Columbus shall come along

PICTURES FOR THE CINING BOOM

Floral Subjects and Dainty, Refresh-

ing Scenes Most Appropriate. Dining-room pictures are limited as to subject if one is to choose according to the accepted standards, says the New York Herald. The modern man and woman of good taste are fastidious about the company they dine with, and they prefer no pictures at all to inappropriate ones. Floral subjects are suited to dining-room walls, and dainty. refreshing scenes are appropriate. Figures fit better into other rooms.

French prints in delicate colorings are favorite pictures for bedrooms. They are dainty in subject and tone and look well in white, gold, pale gray or any light-tinted frame. For some time now women have been buying up French prints at auctions and in the shops to be later bung in their country homes. The prints are not expensive and they are perfect for rooms belonging to the sex they usually portray. Etchings and photogravures are the next choice for bedroom walls. The list of subjects in this line is so varied and so long that all tastes and faucies can be suited. The average hall is too small to sug-

gest a background for pictures, yet where there is space pictures can be hung on the slanting walls with charming effect. Colored or brown prints of uniform size and set in a uniform molding may be arranged in an ascending line parallel with the stairway. Often pictures are hung in this way so close together that the edges almost touch. Hunting scenes and qualit old prints are suited to hall walls. The walls opposite the stairs may be decorated with a few larger pictures of the same style and framed "you'll pay as you move in."-Washin the same way as the smaller ones. A higgledy-piggledy arrangement is never in good taste in any room. There you wrote me, and he seemed pleased must be a recognized regularity about the hanging if the result is to be at all satisfactory. Photographs are now hung only in

the bedroom or the boudoir. A group of one's relatives and close friends may occupy a large space on one wall. There may be a dozen or more single pictures. framed in small ovals, circles, squares and grouped together artistically. French frames, showing an elaborate festooning in gold across the top of the picture, are exquisite for photographs. These may be hung separately to give the effect of medallions against the delicate wall covering.

THE FEAR OF SNAKES.

Men than Among Women. The physician who allowed himself to

be bitten by a rattlesnake to demonstrate that the poison of the species of the ophidian race is a sure cure for insanity didn't survive to complete the proof, says Julius Chambers in the Brooklyn Eagle.

Recently a few pathologists succeeded In coaxing from a South American viper enough of his poison to furnish fifty years' supply of antitoxin.

with me is entirely too many.

greater fear of serpents than have women. During a visit to friends to the country I was crossing a stretch of mendow in the conguns of my hosters' herself loose, guthered her skirts about | for you soon .- Fliegende Blactter. her knees, gave a running lump and landed squarely upon the back of the reptile. His snakeship thrushed the grass and the girl's aukles with equal futility. As seen as she could dism gage one foot she planted it upon the serpent's head. In the absence of club or stones I was compelled to stand and witness a scene that to me was terrifying, but to the girl furnished supreme en joyment

Years afterward when I read flag gard's description of Jess' fight with the kangaroo I understood the kind of entertainment that my young companion had provided for me.

It is to be hoped that the pathologists have Oslerized this "sure death" snake. If it ever gets out of its box at the zon I shall ask contributions upon which to put the ocean between One snake like that might secrete

itself in a tenement house and kill half its population before anybody identified the character of the supposed epidemic of death.

Wonderful Machines. The sensitiveness of the human of

ganism is gross indeed when one com pares it with certain marvelous ma-A photographic plate, coupled with a telescope, discovers millions of stars whose fight the retina of the eye does not appreciate; the microphore makes the inaudible tread of a fly sound like the tramp of cavalrymen The human heat sense cannot realize a difference of temperature beyond one fifth of a degree. But the burometer. an Instrument 200,000 times as sensitive as the skin, notes a difference of a millionth of a degree. A galvanometer flexes its finger at a current generated by the "coherers" of Branley of Paris, so as to press it out of a spherical shape into that of an egg. The amount of work done by the wink of an eye equals 100,000,000,000 of the winks marked on the scale of a delicate in strument; but even this performance is surpassed by the "coherers" of Branley. of Paris, by which the Hertz waves of wireless telegraphy are caught in their pulsings through space. The range of impressions which we get from lifting an object is exceedingly small. An ordinary chemist's balance is some miltion times as sensitive and weights down the two-hundredth part of a milligram. Without such instruments as these we should know far less about

Knew the Role By Heart. "Do you think you could learn to love

me?" the young man inquired. "Learn to love you?" exclaimed the rapturous maid. "Harold, .. could giv lessons at it."--Louisville Courier-

we expect our neighbors to be,



Dyer-Don't you ever intend to marry, Ryer? Ryer-Not until these waists that button in the back go out of fashion.-Bohemian.

The Widow-Is yo' sho' yo' lubs me? Sammy-Co'se I's sho'. The Widow (suspiciously)-Yo' ain't los' yo'r job. is yo'?--Exchange.

Small Elsie-Grandma, is your teeth good? Grandina-No, dear; I baven't any. Small Elsie-Then I'll let you hold my candy till I come back .- Ex-

Father-How do you like your new mamma, Elsie? Elsie-Well, I won't complain this time, if you will let me :hoose the next one.- Fliegende Blact-Old Maid (in upper berth of Pullman,

ringing bell violently) -- Porter! Porter -Yaas, ma'am. Old Maid-1'm quite sure there's a man under my bed !- Bo-Waiter-Yes, sir, we're very hup to

date 'ere. We cook hevereythink by

belectricity. Customer-Oh, do you! Then just give this steak another shock. Exchange. "I pay as I go," declared the pompous citizen. "Not white I'm running these apartments," deciared the janitor;

ington Journal. Marion-I showed papa those verses Harry-He dld? Marion-Yes. He said he was so glad to see you were not

a poet.—Philadelphia Inquirer. "What business is Miss Gaddie in?" "Oh she's in everybody's business." "Wholesale, ch?" "Yes, except when it comes to a bit of scandal; she retails that."-The Catholic Standard and

"Smoking may not hurt some people," said Mrs. Lagesting, "but it isn't good for a pervous man like my husband. You know it's the Nicodenius in tobacce that makes it so injurious."-Chicage

She-I see where a fellow married a girl on his deathbed, just so she could have his millions when he was gone In Declared to Be Greater Among Could you love a girl like that? He-Sure, I could love a girl like that! Where does she live?-I'uck, At the Dentist's -- 'Ow much, mis-

ter?" "Half a crown, please." "Wot! Why, it didn't take yer half a minute. The last bloke I wept to pulled me all round the room for a quarter of an hour, and then only charged me a shillin'."-- I'all Mail Magazine.

Mrs. Nexdore (prond);)-I'rof. Fort called at our house to-day, and my One stake in the same square mile | daughter played the piano for him. He just raved over her playing. Mrs. It is a matter of fact that men have Pepprey-How rude: Why couldn't be concral his feelings the way the rest of us do?-Philadelphia Press.

Thief (acquitted of stealing a watch to his advocate; -- I thank you, sir, from daughter, a sprightly girl of 17, when a 1 the bottom of my heart. I have no black snake crossed the path ten feet | money to pay you; but here is the in front of us. I caught my compan- watch; take it; it is the best I can do ton by the sleeve, but she wrenched for you, and I may have another job

Rector -- Susie, I was surry not to see your father at church this morning Susle-Please, po, sir. He went out walking in the woods. Rector-Ah. Susie. I'm afraid that your father does not fear the Lord. Susie-Guess be does, too. He took his gun with him.

Mother-Just run apstairs, Tommy, and fetch buby's nightgown, Tommy-Don't want to. Mother-Oh, well, if you're going to be unkind to your new little sister, she'll put on her wings and fly back again to heaven. let her put on her wings and fetch her nightgown !- Punch.

"Do you know the value of an eath?" asked the judge of an old darky who was to be the next witness. I does. One ob dese yeah lawyers done gib me foah dollars for to swear to suffin. Int's de value of an oath, Foah dollars, sah." And then there was consternation in the court-room.-St. Joseph News.

"It's no use," said the young man with heavy-rimmed eye-glasses. "I can't get this political economy straight." "What's the trouble?" asked the professor. "I can't discover whether a lot of people go broke because we have hard times or whether we have hard times because a lot of people go broke." -Washington Star.

The agent of the titled wooer found that the ambitious American girl had only \$150,000 a year. Of course, he advised his principal to withdraw. "But," fasisted the latter. "I could scrape along on \$150,000 a year." "Possibly, but who'd support your wife?" Even love could put forth no argument against this.-New York World.

Mr. Stubb (in astonishment) -Graclous, Maria! That tramp has been singing out in the lack yard for the last hour. Mrs. Stubb-Yes, John, it is all my fault. Mr. Stubb-Your fault? Mrs. Stubb-Indeed it is. I thought I was giving him a dish of boiled oatment, and instead of that I holled up the birdseed by, mistake.—Chicago Daily

Menis and Brains.

We give too much thought to our meals, for instance. They need contriving, and it is pleasant to have them set temptingly upon a table on which fresh flowers are arranged and to eat them in a room wherein there is not speck of dust, but it is not right that our bodies should be fed at the expense of our souls or that the dust should be taken from every ledge in our house and left to gather thickly in our

brains.-Reader Magazine. Not Used to Them.

Miss Redd-That girl turned up her nose at your automobile.

Miss Greene-Oh, well, just wait unill she can afford one; she won't notice the smell like that !- Yonkers States-