These were facts emphasized by Dr.

economy at Columbia University and

three Kennedy lectures given for the

Whatever may be the cause of suf-

cide, the fact, Dr. Devine said, was

an evidence of misery. The city at

present bas 1,000 sutcides a year; las

year's record was 77 in excess of that

for any previous season. Forty-three

cases of attempted suicide were care

fully investigated. Two were directly

due to poverty and four to unemploy-

ment. The remaining 37 were laid to

a variety of reasons, which led the

investigators to the conclusion that

poverty is not the greatest cause of

Statistics also show that the age at

which the greatest number of cases

one woman kill themselves. There are

suicide.

New York School of Philanthropy.

Calveston's Sea Wall Which Saved the City



The Galveston sea wall was completed recently at a cost of several million dollars to protect the city from a storm such as that which destroyed it in 1900. The wall is of concrete, several miles long and forty to one hundred feet high.



CCUPYING the east end of an island some thirty miles long and from one to three miles wide, with its original ground surface less than five feet above the Gulf of Mexico, the City of Galveston is provided by nature with practically no protection against such furious storms as that which

recently swept over the city or that which on the memorable day of Sept. 8, 1900, caused the death of more than 6,000 persons and destroyed property worth more than \$17,000,000. That the latest great assault of an gry waters did not cause the loss of a single life within the city was due to the promptness and energy with which the people of the stricken city in 1901 set to work to provide an effective barrier against another awful calamity.

The Galveston sea wall is one of the triumphs of re-enforced concrete construction. It extends along the city's water front 17,593 feet (three and one third miles), and its top is seventeen feet above mean low water of the gulf, or 1.3 feet higher than the highest point reached by the flood that was driven over the city by the hurricane of Sept. 8, 1900. The wall proper is five feet thick at the top and sixteen feet thick at its base, the front being concave and the back vertical It is built on a foundation of piles that are driven forty-three feet into the ground, the sen side of the foundation being faced with sheet piles twenty four feet long, that provide a seamless surface against undermin ing waters. In front of the wall for twenty-seven feet seaward a massive bed of granite rip-rap three to seven feet thick provide a further protection to the foundation. The wall itself, calculated to resist by its weight alone the shock of waves and the bydrostatic pressure. is backed by sand filling extending inland far enough to provide a walk thirteen feet wide next to the wall and a driveway thirty-eight feet wide. The surface of

the driveway is on the new grade of the city, which is being extended across the island on a straight slope to a point eight feet above the waters of Galveston Bay. permanently raising the general level of streets and the first floors of buildings

The sea wall is built of concrete consisting of one part of cement, three parts of sand and slx parts of crushed granite. Every three and one-half feet there were placed in the wall re-enforced rods of corrugated steel, one and one-half inches square and ten feet long. a short distance back of the curved surface and extending diagonally in a straight line parallel to a tangent to about the middle point of the concaved front. Three engineers of national repute designed the wall-Brigadier General H. M. Robert, a retired army officer; Alfred Noble, of Chicago, and H. C. Ripley. The grade raising was carried on under the direction of Captain C. S. Riche, for several years United States army engineer in Chicago and for six years in charge of the government's office in Galveston.

That their city is now safe from any storms that may occur is the exultant cry of Galvestonians. It is true that the wind during the recent storm did not reach nearly so high a velocity as in the great storm of 1960, when the anemometer at the government station blew away after registering 100 miles an hour. In that unprecedented fury of the storm king it is estimated the wind reached a velocity of 130 miles an hour. Some observers consider it demonstrated, however, that Calveston is safe against any storm that is likely to visit it for many years, considering that such calamities as the 1900 burricane come, like the earthquakes that devastate great cities, only once in centuries. Since it was settled, in 1847, Galveston has been visited by only six severe storms, and in none previous to that of 1900 was there a loss of sore than three lives.

THE HAPPIEST HEART.

Who drives the horses of the sun Shall lord it but a day; Better the lowly deed were done, And kept the humble way.

The rust will find the sword of fame, The dust will hide the crown; Ay, none shall nall so high his name Time will not tear it down.

The happiest heart that ever beat Was in some quiet breast That found the common daylight awoot.

And left to beaven the rest. -John Vance Cheney.

The Telegram

RESIDENCE TO THE RESIDENCE TO

~~~~~~~ "Odd hand, my last," remarked one

of the bridge-players. He was a good-looking fair man with an eyeglass, who was not much absorbed in his game to find time to glance at the girl in white who sat on the sofa at right angles to the card table. She seemed to have a great deal to may to the man by her side. He looked like a sailor, a man with a keen, alert face, and far-seeing gray eyes. They talked in low tones out

"What a good game!" said one of the men, as they rose. He stiffed a yawn, looking at the clock.

of deference to the players. The game

"Yes," replied the man with the eyeglass, absently. "Good game." He was looking towards the sofa.

Their hostess glanced suddenly at the clock. "My dear people," she exclaimed. "If any of us mean to hunt to-merrow, we ought to go to our little beds. I had no idea it was so late. Gaorge has probably gone to sleep in the smoking-room. Evie, are you bored to death watching us?"

The girl in white smiled demurely. "No, thanks, dear," she replied prettily. She did not look bored.

They moved into the hall where there was a keen but silent competition between the sailor and the man with the eyeglass to light and hand the candles. Both turned at the same moment to the girl in white.

"Naval or military?" whispered one of the bridge-players in his hostess' ear. She frowned at him as he handed her a candle.

"Don't let George sit up all night," remarked, generally, "Come, Evia."

The soldier pressed the girl's hand with an earnest good-night. The millor said nothing, but looked at her with those strangely far-seeing eyes of his. "Good-night," she said softly and impartially to them both.

corridor to the smoking-room and their | stood out legibly. host. A whistled chorus of "Of course I don't know, but I guess," came back softly to the two men left in the hall. | lently The women's voices sounded faintly metairs, with the soft rustle of their franks. The saflor's eyes suddenly met one of the other man and he held at his hand

og to turn in." He went upstairs

and then suddenly threw it into the sailor left the hall. fire. The flames curled round the They drank their bealths that evensheet. Some words stood out very dis lng at dinner, and everyone said how tinetly:

be known. It's quite private, and not After dinner there was another anto be breathed a word about, yet. But | nouncement to make. The man with he said it's almost certain that---" the flames burned out the name-"will | And the money. And such a pile! He | the richest commoner in England, and is to have a wire to-morrow. Be sure said what a thing it was to have an and not breathe a word." . . . The letter burned up quickly. A few and then died conveniently in the gray ashes dropped into the grate. Outside an owl hooted mourafully, met those of the girl, there was an The girl shivered, looking nervously odd look of contemptuous pity in over her shoulder. Three words still them. But Evie's hostess was saying stood out distinctly on the charred to herself what a mercy it was the sheet: "Such a pile." . . She girl had chosen the right man-before sat staring into the fire.

. . . . . . . next evening, tired and pleased with | waved her hand to the departing their day. There was the usual search | brougham. Evie had taken her soldier on the hall-table for telegrams, or to be introduced to her family. "I New York City... second-post letters. The man with the always thought it was the other, eregiass took up an orange envelope. He looked his tall, straight best in pink, mud-splashed as he was. He read the telegram and an eager light came into his eyes. He gathered up his letters, with one quick glance at

"Come along, Evie, let's go and change," said her hostess. She linked

the girl, and went upstairs.



SHE HAD A GREAT DEAL TO SAY.

her arm in the girl's, and they walked together to the foot of the wide staircase. But she suddenly remembered a message to be given, and turned back into the hall again. Only the saflor was there as she passed through. He was gazing at the staircase which the girl was ascending. At the top she paused, stooped and picked up something. It looked like an envelope. She passed on to her room quickly. The sailor's straight brows were knit together. He sat on in the hall, staring into the fire, until the girl came flown again. She held a pile of letters in her hand and was going to the post box. Something surely fluttered from her fingers as The two other men who had been she passed him. He stooped and playing bridge had gone down the picked up an orange envelope. A name

"You dropped this?" he said, interrogatively. She started, coloring vio-

Oh, no." He looked at her for one puzzled moment, and her eyes fell before his. She looked very young and pretty. The sailor laid the telegram on the mantelpiece, behind the "Book night, old man," he said: "I'm loud-ticking clock. Then he took the . . "But I am so very morry," she was saying, regretfully, few moments later. The soldier with long letter, in a fem- the sysglam was coming downstairs, plea

pleased they were. The saflor, too, " . . told me, and of course though his congratulations were brief. the eyeglass spoke.

bush. And when the sailor's eyes next she knew. . . . "She always liked him best, I suppose," she remarked to They all came in from hunting the her husband the next day, as she

George nodded, being a silent man. Behind them, in the hall, the sailor was putting a piece of paper, lying unnoticed behind the clock, into the fire. It looked like a telegram.

Artful Young Barney Kehoe,

I dunno? Oh! I'm glad o' that same! All the tourists think shame To be missin' the Gap o' Dunios-

Now, then, whisper! Mayhap When ye come on the Gap Ye'll be seein' a lass On this side o' the pass That'll ax for the toll. She's a dacint good soul,

An' ye'll wink an' ye'll ax: Would ye marry young Barney Kehoe ?"-

'Tin a bit of a joke That the folk love to poke At the lass o' the Gap o' Dunlos.

Will ye go? Ye'll be wise to come back By this very same thrack,

There is so. Sure, the hills are so bars There's no scenery there Like the kind that ye find On this side, d'ye mind? So, I'll watch for the day Whin ye're passin' this way

Whin she made her reply To the wink o' yer eye An' yer joke at the Gap o' Dunios-In it who may I be? Ye'll find me, d'ye see, If, ye'll az for young Barney Kehoe. -Cathofic Standard and Times.

Not Cond to It.

The new teacher was beginning the arithmetic lesson, says the London

"Now, boys, listen to me. Suppose | judge. John has five oranges and James gave him eleven more. Then if John handed seven to George, how many would he have left?" Dead silence and great perplexity would have caught me."

fell upon the class. "Come, come; that's easy enough Wall, my lad, what is it?" "Please, sir," said one of the boys, "we always does our sums in hap-

Inine hand. She read and re-read it, spick-and-span, and well brushed. The

They chaffed him, and called him unknown uncle who made fortunes

Will ye be for the Gap o' Dunloe,

They do so. Though the eyes of her twinkle

Well, ye'll pay her the tax

Fur there's little that's back o' Dun-

The time has come when the future demands as good children as we have race horses and pet dogs. The in spiration of the mother is all about her, and kindness and love can be Jist to hear what the lass had to say molded into the daily duties in household just as can the spirit of antagonism.—Rev. May Pepper Vanderbilt, Ind. Spiritualist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

> The Same Charge. Chumpleigh had just been fined \$16 for exceeding the speed limit.

"Now, your honor," he 32.d, "I desire to make charges against this policeman who brought me here. "What charge?" demanded

"Same as mine, your honor," Chumpleigh, "If I was going 40 miles an hour in my car he must have gone 41 on his motorcycle or he never

Quarreling is always expensive, but some people never realize it until they take the account to court to have it tabulated.

SUICIDE IN NEW YORK

Increasing and There is More Misage There than in Milton's Hell. The rate of suicides in this city has **SERIVE** increased tenfold in the last fifty years, while the mortality rate has decreased, says a New York paper.

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mm. The lammageler, or bearded vulture Edward T. Devine, professor of social of southern Europe, is known by the natives of the countries it inhabits as general secretary of the Charity Orthe "bone-breaker," from its habit of ganization Society, in the first of the dropping bones upon rocks from great heights to crack them, enabling it to

> One of the results of the recent exploration of the Antarctic Continent is the discovery that that lone and distant land, with its burden of snow the removal of the thorns .- London and ice, is able to furnish minerals Standard. of value to the civilized world. Among the minerals is a very good variety of coal. Professor David, one of Lieutenant Shackleton's companions, who climbed Mount Erebus, expresses the opinion that there are many minerals on the Antarctic Continent that could be profitably worked from Australia.

The recent experience of Count Zeppelin's huge airship in beating about Munich, unable to land because of the occur is from 50 to 60. Three men to storm which was raging, emphasizes the need of harbors for such vessels, more sulcides among Protestants than Catholics, more among Roman than and the German government has offered a competition for plans for har-

Greek Catholics, more among Greek Catholics than Jews. There are more kinds of misery in New York, Dr. Devine declared, than Milton Imagined in his "hell." Contrary to the idea that misery is a retribution for a man's or parents' misdeeds, Dr. Devine stated that it depended laredy on conditions which society could control. He discussed at length the statement of a probation officer that nine-tenths of the misery in New York could be traced to the social evil and pointed out that since the framing of the model law in 1962 by William Baldwin and the committee of fifteen to protect the children in the tenements there had not been

a single conviction. "The complete uninforcement is a most unfortunate break town of municipal government," Dr. Devine declared, and he said that the part of the police courts in it was "a miserable

## SHORT METER SERMONS.

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Wisdom's Heginalng. There is only one thing that can save our souls and save society, and that is "the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom." - Rev. Charles E. Spalding, Christian, Coronado, ('al.

Active hervice. No life is rich which is not mantfesting itself in active service. Life in every sphere will involve the privilege and opportunity of toil Rev. M. LeRoy Burton, Congregationalbst, New Haven.

Curbing the Appetites.

If the biceps require the dumb-bells, if the intellect require mathematics, logics and classics, so the appetites and desires require careful disciplining if the fullest life is to be obtained. -Rev. A. A. Brown, Episcopallan, Akron, O.

The Pruphet.

The prophet stands with his finger on the pulse of the times, and his words of soberness and truth like sweetening sait are cast into the very springs of royal power and influence. -Rev. J. Morrison Barkley, Presbyterian, Detroit.

Brotherhood.

Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is more than a fine sentiment or a beautiful figure of speech. It is the realization of all our hopes and desires, of our highest aspirations and deepest longings -

Rev. G. W. Grinton, Episcopalian, Newburgh, N. Y. The Reign of God. The reign of God begins in the human heart by unselfishness, hones's and a hearty support of every enterprise that has for its end the betterment of social, economic and religious conditions.—Rev. G. W. Grinton, Enis-

copallan, Newburgh, N. Y. Unrepented Repentance. For the many mistakes of the past we must have sincere regret, and for our sins sorrow, but if they have caused a "repentance not to be repented of" they have been mercifully for given us of God for Jesus Christ's sake. Rev. A. W. Snyder, Presbyterian, New York City.

Brighter Days.

Look for a brighter sunrise from some hill to-morrow. Look for surprises in the coming days. Look for the great thing that shall yet make your whole being to feel the fellowship which it was made to entertain with the infinite God.—Rev. E. L. Powell, Christian, Louisville.

Demand for Good Children.

in a most that went daily to the pasture. Every night the monkey would pick out the bure and thorns, sometimes to the number of 2,000 or 3,000, from that goat's fleece, in order that the animal might lie down in peace. On coming in from the pasture the goat regularly went in search of his light-handed friend and submitted himself to the operation. Strange to say, the tricky instincts of the monkey reasserted themselves after the pricks were removed. He would tease the poor goat unmercifully, plucking his beard, poking him in the eyes and pulling out his hairs. The goat bore it all with patience, perhaps regarding

KALAMAZOO IS NOW CLEAN.

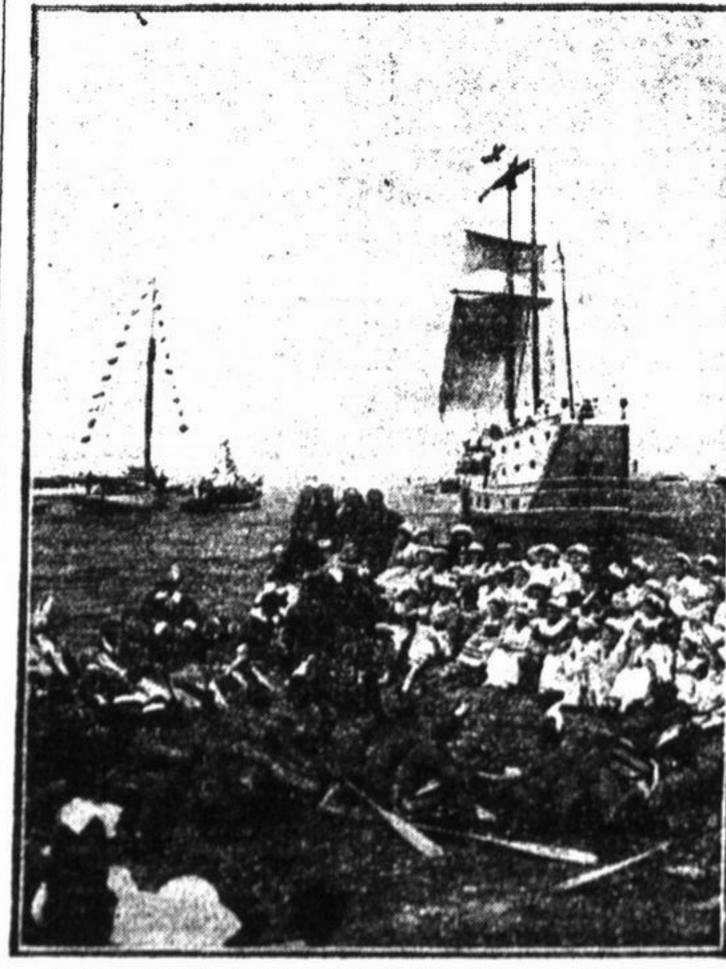
it as only a fair price to be paid for

Mrs. Crane the Improvement League That Effected Reformation. Kalamazoo is a city of only about 30,000 inhabitants, yet in many re spects it has attained to such correc civic deportment as indicates careful bringing up by hand by the Improve-

tal needs of the heart and lives of the community that are reached. The league looked on the streets of

Bartlett Crane organized. It is the vi-

OLD COLONIAL DAYS REVIVED.



LANDING OF THE HUGUENOTS IN AMERICA REPRODUCED.

Two hundred and twenty-one years ago a little band of Huguenota came to a new land and anchored their versel close to a rocky spit off what is now New Rochelle, and a short time ago the descendants of these men and women celebrated the anniversary of their ancestors' arrival with elaborate pageantry. Suddenly from their hidden rendezvous twenty canoes, each manned by two men attired like Indians, shot into view and pulled with racing speed towards the lower bay. A shout went up, and there moved majestically to meet the indians a strange craft, white, standing high out of the water, and with queer sails bulging fore and aft in the light breeze. The Indians surrounded the caravel, and their war whoops were answered by similar yells from a band of about fifty Indians on shore.

Nothing without brotherhood is worth while. Every man must die bors of that kind, in the form of sheds Kalamazoo and saw that they were not who will have no neighbor or brother, of re-enforced concrete, fitted with hygienically swept. How should men Everything that stands in the way of doors at the ends large enough to open know how to sweep, anyway? The human peace and brotherhood must out the entire frontage for the re- men of the city government said that I pointed of l'uffem, but he refused to go.-Rev. Stephen S. Wise, Henrew, ception of an airship in distress. It they were cleaning the streets as the accept it. Brushleigh It swepped to be is recognized that chains of such streets always had been cleaned and it a good likeness of him. What was the refuges must be erected across the must be right. But the women said frouble? DeAuber-It's only about half country in order to make navigation with the Zeppelin type of dirigible balloons a success.

Chief Engineer Burgess of the Honduras National Railway, giving advice to engineers working in the tropics. says emphatically, "Don't get lost!" He adds that a man should no more think of going into a tropical forest without a compass than of going alone to sea without one. Without a compass one has no way of getting his direction. In a few minutes he turned round. The sun can only Dan seen, if at all, when directly overhead. There is no moss on the trees to serve for a guide. Distant elevations, or mountains, if any exist, cannot be seen on account of the density llanos of South America, where mountains are too distant to be seen. the compass is the only guide. One can tell the direction of east and west at sunrise and sunset, but in the midthe shadow of his own hat.

Dr. G. C. Simpson proposes a new theory of the origin of the electricity of rain in thunderstorms. In such storms ascending air-currents carry There it grows into drops, which gradually become large enough to break. electricity, the water receiving a positive and the air a negative charge. A given amount of water may be broken many times before it falls, an charge, and when it reaches the A quantitative analysis shows, Doctor aration accompanying the breaking of dren to keep the streets free from Ht the drops is sufficient to account for the electrical effects of the most violent thunder storms.

Monkey and Gont.

Monkeys are more renowned for mischief than for kindness, but even monkeys can be benevolent. M. Mouton records the doings of one in Guadeloupe that surely seemed to merit that reputation. The monkey had a friend

council was asked to give over to the league six blocks of the main street for a period of three months, together with the appropriation usually expended on this strip of pavement.

The plan was agreed to. Then it became noised abroad that the women of Kalamazoo were going to conduct this demonstration of right streetcleaning. And the rellowest journals of Chicago, the nearby metropolis, began to focus the trained machinery of their all-searching staffs on the little

The women grew nervous in this glare of the limelight of publicity, but under Mrs. Crane's direction the arrangements progressed. It was Col. of the forest. Even on the treeless | Waring's New York system that was se to be introduced. The "white wings" were uniformed and all equipped with new brooms and little carts. Then, at the eleventh hour, the women who had been assigned in squads of two to act dle of the day the sun is useless as a as inspectors of the work, one after guide, because it is almost directly another rang the Rev. Mrs. Crane's overhead, and often one may stand in | front-door bell. With one accord they began to make excuses. There were sick babies and unexpected guests and the ever-useful husband who refused to allow it, says the Delineator.

So that the league that really cleanup large amounts of moisture which | ed the streets was mostly Mrs. Crane. accumulates at the top of the currents. At first appalled by the prospect, she nevertheless stood by her guns when all but one of her faithful lieutenants Every breakage causes a separation of | had fled. The yellow cameras got her, but at the end of three months she had her reward. The city adopted the system, for she had done for \$5 what had previously cost \$8.39 a day, and thus may obtain a high positive she had proved that sweeping by hand was better than the machine sweeping ground as rain it retains this charge. that sent clouds of dust and disease In the mountime the negative ions into the houses. To complete this left in the air are absorbed by the demonstration of neatness in municiclouds, which become highly charged pal housekeeping methods the league negatively. The rain failing from purchased and placed on the street corthese clouds will be positively charged. | ners galvanized iron cans for the reception of waste paper and refuse. And Simpson says, that the electrical sep | they enlisted the efforts of the chilter by organizing in the schools junior civic improvement leagues, with a badge declaring, "I will help."

> Sociologist-Do you have much trouble keeping down expenses? The Toiler-Not so much as keeping up the revenue.-Milwaukee Journal.

Even a very tall man may not come near up to your expectations.



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Teacher-What are heavenly bodies? Jimmie-Good dead people.

"Did his widow succeed in breaking his will?" "Yes; long before he died." -Kansas City Journal. The Teacher-Now, Johnny, you may

tell me how the earth is divided. The Pupil-By earthquakes! Ethel-Jack simply raved over my

figure and my complexion. Maud-And is he still in the asylum? West End-Do you I lieve in the principle that money talks? Murrayhill-Well, it says good-bye to me fre-

quently.-Town Topics. Miss Wabash - How delightfully ment League that the Rev. Caroline your sister plays? Miss Waldo-Why. my dear, that's the man in the back

parlor turning the piano .-- Life. "What is a chauffeur, Hans?" "A chauffeur is a man who is smart enough to run an auto, but too smart

to own one!"-Kansas City Journal. Johnny-They're making shingles out o' cement now'days. Dickey-I don't mind that so much, but if maw ever gets a pair o' cement slippers I' · goin' to run away!

"What period have you selected for this historical novel?" asked the publisher. "I shall not use periods," answered the author; "nothing but exclamation points."

"How did you contrive to cultivate such a beautiful black eye?" asked Brown? "Oh!" replied Fogg, who had been practicing upon roller skates, "f raised it from a slip."

"How do you recogn'- an infant industry?" "Like most infants," answered Senator Sorghum, "it is recognized by the amount of noise it makes when it wants to be noticed."

"Your son closed his co'lege career in a blaze of glory." "I should say he did. The week before commencement day he made a three-base hit with the bases full."-Detroit Free Press.

Friend I understand, Mrs. Stern, that your daughter has married since we last met. Miss Stern-Yes, and been divorced. Friend-Ah! And who is the happy man?-Boston Transcript. "Now, Tommy," said the terther,

you may give me an example of a co-

incidence." "Why er-why-me fadder and me mudder was both married on de same day."--Harper's Weekly. "What, Heinrich! drinking again? I hought you intended to quit." "Ach! dot is so, yes. But to der vords of der saying, 'I've ghost vas villing, but

der ment vas feeble."-Boston Tran-

seript. Gus-What did you think of our amateur theatricals, Miss Mamie? Rather a rare entertalnment, was it not? Miss Mamte-Well-er-yes; it wasn't very well done, to be sure .--

Harper's Bazar. "You want a speedy car, of course?" "You bet." "How about a hill climber?" "Oh, I don't keer to go af: "r pedestrians to that extent. Just gimme a machine that will get 'em on the

flat."-Pittsburg Post. "What is the difference between valor and discretion?" "Well, to go through Europe without tipping would be valor." "I see," "And to come back by a different route would be discre-

tion." Louisville Courier Journal. DeAuber -There is a life-size portraft No; we will show them." The city as big as he thinks he is, Chicago

"We don't have dinner in the middle of the day at our boarding house any more." "You have lunch, I suppose?" "No, luncheon," "Well, that's the same thing." "Oh, no, it isn't! Lunch is a light dinner, and luncheon a light

lunch."-Puck. "You can't make a man a gentleman by calling him one," said the moralizer. "True," rejoined the thoughtful thinker, "but nine times out of a possible ten you can please him and thereby carry your point, and that is more to the purpose."

Bridget-Sure, now, yez don't mane ter say er livin' in a family phere there aint no cat. Who kin ye blame things on! Ann - The childer'. Bridget-Oh, it's foolin' re are! Ann -They aren't her own childer'; they're the master's .- New York Weekly.

"Did you hear about the red, white and blue wedding this morning?" "No -what about it?" "The bride was in red, the bridegroom thought he had left the ring at home and turned white. and the bride's father, who had all the bills to pay, looked exceedingly blue."

Stranger-Zum Donnerwetter, now you have cut my chin a second time! If you can't shave be than that you will lose all your customers pretty quick. Barber's Apprentice-Not at all? I am not allowed to shave the regular customers : . I only shave strangers!--London Tit-Bits.

Street Car Driver-Me and that off horse has been working for the company for twelve years nor Passenger-That .? The company must think a great deal of you both. Street Car Driver-Wall, I dunno; last week the two of us was taken sick, and they got a doctor for the horse and docked me. Gid-up there now, Betay! -New York Tribune.

The Cause of the Fend. First Fair One-Let me see. Who is the oldest person in the Bible? Second Fair One-You're down in your family Bible, aren't you?-Brooklyn Citizen.

No man ever fell in love with a

suffragist; when you find a man married to a suffragist, he fell in love with her before she became one.

After all, is there any one in the world more stupid than the man who comes in at the wrong time?