CATISTICS possessions was exports to all countries y are now more y apan with other actions

nan any previous year since sopened to fereigners. It 5 by \$2 337,000, and the th 377 to 1883 by £2,690,000. ds will speedily past in England. In D. there were in England to 1,047 turnpike-trusts, th roads confined being 20.18 uary, 1887, only 15 of thee ng 269 miles of road, vere i of these 4 will expire the e in 1888. By the ead of the

131 miles if turnpike-roe ime in Britain appears to b s is by no means the case, venile offences when take Thile in 1861 the number of ents was 130,722, last year an increase out of all propor rowth of population. Kve s the comparison between th nissions to industrial school tes. In 1861 this was only ast year's record showed ove

ans, sec etary of the Iron an lately mentioned, as a strik s at variance with the genera nomists and politicians, the ates have actually since 186 21,000,000 sterling on their d. But at the present tim cenditure on this account i is from £35,000,000 to £40 , as against about £13,000,00 that the English expenditur out 20s., as against 4s. 2d. i

ed number of etters, &c., de t in the United Kingdom dur nded March, 1887, was as fo 1 459 900,000 : post-card book-packets and circular ewspapers, 151, 200,000-total : parcels, 32,860,000, gran 0,000, being an increase of 4. n the previous year. Abou were delivered in England an r cent. were delivered in Rng es-2S per cent being delivere a postal district alone-9.0 pe nd, and 6.0 per cent. in Ireland of registered letters was 10 crease of 3.1 per cent. Thi ecrease is owing mainly, n extended use of Postal Order f remittance.

ng hogs and cattle into por chief establishment in Chicago which does about one-fourth of of the city. The works con the stock-yard cover about 3 in nothing." this 20 acres are used for and storage ; for all the frest pt at a temperature of about and the pork is also cooled for ars after killing before being the various buildings there are ployed in these works, which ed, smoked, and canned. Dur twelvemonth the Armour slaughtered 1,113,000 hogs es, and 86,000 sheep, and the products reached over £10, ing, the goods, weighing about bs., being sent to market in var the dining room to tea." the world.

Buying His Time.

ice of admitting callers, even we her Mrs. William. terrupted his studies. Horace

him to be interrupted while es for the Tribune, and his pressed itself in the form of urled at those who encroached able time. But he lacked the pull in the latch-string of his All sorts of people opened his with new machines, new the arities and new wants, seeking benevolent editor. y borrower thrust himself be

r as Mr. Greeley was writing corial, and asked for a loan of ke it," exclaimed the busy edi his pocket book in the man's

but for heaven's sake, don' writing!' day a woman, who said she called when Mr. Greeley wa is work. Telling her he was to listen, he kept on writing

scheme for a mission, and per lding it to him. gain he growled out that he ning, but she would not

He kept on writing, she kep At last, he jumped ap, rushed ng-tube that led to the count shouted, "Send me up five

came up with a rush through ter. Thrusting the bank-not d, he opened the door and out, and then resumed at having conquered her. ad she conquered him, though lize it.

Ir. Greeley's intruders kne purchase freedom rom inter lonation.

Pearl Fishing.

pearl fishing season, villagern end of the island of Cey a very busy scene.

ats go out daily, it said about ten divers on beard ng-in of oysters is shout this en thousand. They are place, carefully counted and tasers remove them to the ards, and "leave them till the way. Afterwards the filth way. Afterwards the filth way. are fully washed, and part of a dearer. The washing the discussions the is frightfully disgus matter being almost unbear pean. But this is borne cheer

ske of the pearls.

LAWN-TENNIS.

the guests are come, suprer served up, Igrden party, Mrs. William Egremont the best made of testinger spprobation of her sister-in-law. introducing the newcomers to the bourhood. So the invitations were fer:h for an early day of the coming how many points of view was Mrs.

Egremont's garden party regarded, how different ! There was Basil, it meant wearing his velvet suit and ing as many ices as mother would allow.

Blanche, it was an occasion for triumph the tennis ground for herself, and for for her pupil; and Ursula herself ated forward to it and practised for it to knight for his first encounter in the her sole care being to distinguish herwith her racket. To her mother, it was ordeal, where she trusted not to be princation to her husband and his family; tile to the hostess, it was a not unweloccasion of exercising honest diplomacy at act, not without a sense of magnanim-To May, it was a bore to be endured de:iful philosophy; to her good-natured an occasion for hospitality, where he rated that his brother would appear, and per to advantage, and was ready even to hie him thereto with that wonderful claret Alwyn had always envied, and declared alewasted on a parson. And Mark, perhe viewed the occasion with different from any one else. At any rate, even denizens of Bridgefield mustered there d. But at the 700,000 steri stants of Binnockburn, and there were sobbly as many other circles of feeling or less intersecting one another among nore distant guests, most of them, howret, with the same feeling of curiosity as to this newly-discovered wife and daugh-

wof Alwyn Egremont might be like. Externally, in her rich black silk, trimwith point lace, and her little strawwered bonnet with its tuft of feathery and blue cornflower, she was so charmthat her daughter danced round her. jing, "O mammy, mammy, if they could in see you at home!"—then, at a look: Well then-Aunt Ursel, and Miss Mary,

Mr. Dutton !' Nattie was very much pleased with her m pretty tennis dress; but she had no monal vanity for herself, only for her wher. The knowledge that she was no menty was no grievance to her youthful whits; but when her father surveyed them athe hall, she looked for his verdict for m nother as if there relations were revers-

"Ha! Well, you certainly are a pretty muture, Edda," he said graciously. "You'll pass muster! You want nothing metyle. And, hang it ! you'll do just as without it if the Canoness will only do m justice. Faces like that weren't given

the blushed incarnadine and accepted one this kisses with a pleasure, at which Nutinvondered, her motherly affection promptwher to murmur in his ear-"And Ursuia ?"

"She'll not cut you out; but she is Egreloor-space. An army of 5,000 mut enough to do very fairly. Going al-

kinds of meats-green, salted "If you would come with us," she said witfully, to the horror of Nuttie, who was ming to be at the beginning of all the

"I! oh no! I promised old Will to look a, but that won't be till late in the day, or lual have to go handing all the dowagers

"Then I think we had better go on. They uted us to come early so as to see people wive and know who they are."

who wishes to see me is the wit a liberty to call her grand-looking see," said a minister, defende to well-bred to The mother and daughter crossed the gar-

was the busiest of editors is Nutrie chattering all the way about t to see nineteen of every te tennis tactics she had picked up from and women who wishes to see Manche, while her mother answered her wewhat mechanically, wondering, as her of fell on the square squat grey church wer, what had become of the earnest de-Mion to church work and intellectual purthat used to characterise the girl. he, always both mother and daughter hitherto kept up their church-going, even their Sunday School habits, any hindrance come in their way, b. Egremont apparently acquiescing in he never shared. But these things tened, in Ursula's mind, to have sunk ou the proportion they held at Bridgefield, blonger to be the spirit of a life, but mere kaday duties and occupations.

Was this wicked world getting a hold of poor child? Which was duty? which the world? This was the thought that plexed Alice, too simple as yet to perceive nice?" Ursula's former absorption had been in interests that surrounded her and her panions, exactly as they were at present, that the real being had yet to work it-

for herself, Alice did not think at all. rejoicing in her restored husband, e, that he had no religion, but she ac- rate. the fact like that of bad weather; loved him, and she loved her daughter , she heped, and she did her best, withtrying to go below the surface. There was the Rectory gate wide open.

the Rectory open, and the nearer slopes ma got for us." with chairs and seats of all dimensome under trees, some umbelliferous, glowing Afghan rugs or spotted skins ought to turn out well." for those who preferred the ground. tement, and pouncing on Nuttie to ad- comes !" her outfit, and reiterate instructions; directions; there were actually with May's double?" guests-not very alarming ones, only curate and his wife, both rather gaunt, people. He was button-holing the pity." Canoness about some parish casualty. Hy at somebody is tister in the welcome of Exhaust your feelings on your racket,

tention to the cruelty of Mrs. Parkins' de- beyond their long pedigree; even the head priving Betsy Butter (with an old father of the family, Lord Ronnisgien, being and methorsto support); of her family mach, forced to live as a soldier, leaving his ing, on the ground of a missing pocket castle to grouse shooters. His seven brohandkerchief, the which Mrs. Rowards there had fared mostly in distant lands M believed to have been abstracted by the they could, and his mother had found favourite pockle of Miss Blanche's class, home, together with her youngest child, at only if a confession could be lifted from Lescombe, whereher eldest was the wife of Sir him when undefended by his furious mother. John Delmar. Lady Ronnisglen was an Mrs. Egremont was listening with actual invalid, confined to the house, and Lady interest and sympathy to the history of Delmar had daughters fast treading on the Betsy Butter's struggles, and was inquiring heels of Annabella, so christened, but called the way to her cottage, when she was Annaple after the old Scottish queens, her called off to be introduced to the arrivals ancestors. She had been May Egremont's who were beginning to flood the lawn. chief friend ever since her importation at She presently saw May, who had just twelve years old, and the intimacy had come down, walking up and down with been promoted by her mother and sister. Mrs. Edwards, evidently hearing the story Indeed, the neighbourhood had looked on of the handkerchief. She thought it had with some amusement at the competition been Nuttie for a moment. There was a ascribed to Lady Delmar and to the wealthy general resemblance between the cousins parvenu, Mrs. West, for the heir-presumpthat made them be mistaken for one tive of Bridgefield Egremont. another several times in the course of the day, since their dresses, though not her the best of the lady tennis-players, and alike, were of the same make and style.

Thus it was that as Nuttie was sitting on | defeated in the match, in spite of a partner the grass in earnest contemplation of whose play was superior to Mark's, Blanche's play, a hand was familiarly laid and with whom she shyly walked off to est on her shoulder, and a voice said, 'I haven't | ices. seen that horrid girl yet!'

After so many introductions, Nattie had town edition of May. I shan't blunder belittle idea whom she knew, or whom she did not know. She looked up and saw a small person in light blue, with the delicate features, transparent skin, and blue eyes that accompany yellow hair, with an indescribable glitter of mirth and joyousness novated!" about the whole creature, as if she were part and parcel of the sunbeam in which she stood.

"What horrid girl?" said Nuttie. "The interloper, the newly-discovered savage, come to upset—Ah !" | with a little shriek-" It isn't May! I beg your pardon." "I'm May's cousin," said Nuttie, "Ur-

sula Egremont." gacity, you understand? I always see "Oh, oh!" and therewith the fact burst all the villains in books just on his on both girls at once. They stood still a model. Oh, but who's that? How very moment in dismay, then the stranger went pretty! You don't mean it is she! Well into a fit of laughter. "Oh, I beg your parshe might be the heroine of anything !" don! I can't help it! It is so funny!" Nnttie was almost infected, though some-

what hurt. "Who said I was horrid?" she Patience on a monument all these years? asked. "Nobody! Nobody but me - Annaple Ruthven-and they'll all tell you, May and all, that I'm always putting my foot in it. And I never meant that you where horrid-

you yourself—you know—only——" "Only nobody wanted us here," said Nut Grosmede that is impending." tie; "but we could not help it."

"Of course not. It was shocking, just ish duck with the red rag round her leg to my way. Please forgive me!" and she lookmost pleading. Nuttie gave out her bearded Dowager, and rule one's neighbourhand with something about " No one could mind;" and therewith Annaple cried, "Oh. if you don't miud, we can have our laugh out!" and the rippling laughter did set Nuttie off at once. The peal was not over when May herself was upon them demanding pity and disgust. what was the joke.

"Oh, there she is! The real May! Why," said Annaple, kissing her, "only think here side. I've been and gone and thought this was you, and inquired about-What was it?--the awful monster-the chimera direthat Mark had routed up-

"No; you didn't say that," said Nuttie, half provoked.

"Never mind what I said. Don't repeat it. I only wish myself and every one else to forget it. Now it is swept to the winds by a good wholesome giggling. But what fagged out for want of an honest day's business have you two to be so inconveniently alike? You are as bad as the twin L:s-

"There's an old foremother on the staircase in white satin who left her looks to us both," said May. "You'll nave to wear badges," said Anna-

ple. "You know the Leslies were so troublesome that one had to be shipped off to the East Indies and the other to the West." "They mairied, that's all," said May, see-They was a useful pronoun to Alice, who ing Nuttie looking mystified; and at that moment, Blanche's side coming out victorious, Nuttie descended into the arena to message that Lady Delmar was ready to congratulate and be asked to form part of | go home. the next set.

"Well, that was a scrape!" said An. | Mark paused as they came near Mrs. Egrenaple; "but she wasn't bad about it! mont to say, "Aunt Alice, here is Miss must do something to make up for Ruthven, May's great friend." it somehow-get Janet to invite her, but really Janet is in such a state of mind that I am mildness itself compared with her. She would not have come, only John was curious, and declared he should go whether we did or not."

"Ah!" said May, "I saw him, like the rest of mankind, at madame's feet. "Oh ! is she of that sort?"

"No," said May, "not at all. Mother and father too both think she is good to the backbone; but she is very pretty, with just the inane soft sweetness that men rave about-innocent really. All accounts of her are excellent, and she has nice parish ways and will be as helpful as Uncle Alwyn will

"But she couldn't always have been

"Well, I verily believe it was all Uncle Alwyn's and grandmamma's fault. I know Mark thinks so.

"When the women of a family acquit a women it goes for something," said Annaple. "That's not original, my dear, I heard old Lady Grosmede say so to Janet when she was deliberating over the invitation, 'For was in her eyes plain. She saw, of a good deal more than Mr. Mark's, at any

"Mark is very fond of her-the mother, mean. He says when he was a little fellow her prayers with all her heart for her loss was worse to him then our mother's." "Do you remember the catastrophe ?"

"Not a bit. Only when she is petting Basil it strikes me that I have heard the was Basil rushing up to greet his tones before. I only remember the time of Aunt Alice, there were all the doors misery under the crosspatches grandmam-

"Well, it was a splendid cutting of his own throat in Mark," said Annaple, " so it

"I don't know how it is to turn out Blanche fitting about wild with for Mark," answered May. "Oh, here he " Will you come into this set, Annaple?"

were the two younger girls altering he asked. "They want another couple," Position of chairs according to their and, as she accepted, "How do you get on "I pity May for having such a double." Don't encourage her by misplaced

and she was trying to do the same It's abominable altogether! I want to

sister in law and niece, but he was and reflect that you see a man released from it requisite to hurry off elsewhere the Edwards to tell her story to she said in a coming tone as the game be-

The Ruthvens had very blue blood in the good lady, was quite at case their seins, but as they possessed little to that she gave full heed and at present &

ROBBERS OUTMATCHED.

Annaple's lightness and dexterity rendered

"I see," said Annaple. " it is a country-

"She will polish," said Mark, "but she

"Whom I have not seen yet. Ah, there's

"But Mark, not to hurt your feelings, he

"I'm not going to deny it," said Mark.

"When have you seen him before?"

"I always did think he looked like it,"

"Only once, but it was my admirable sa-

"And has she been keeping school like

It doesn't seem to have much damaged her

"It was only daily governessing. Sh

looks much better than when I first saw

her; and as to the damask-why, that's

deepened by the introduction to old Lady

"She is being walked up to the old Span-

receive her fiat. What a thing it is to be a

"I think she approves. She has made

Annaple made an absurd sound of mingled

"Not that she-my aunt, I mean-need

"And I think Lady Grosmede has too

much sense to think the worse of her for

having worked for herself," added Annaple.

"If it was not for mother I should long to

"You? It's a longing well-known to me

"Exactly! As the Irishman felt blue

"If one only knew what to turn to," said

"We seem to be in the frozen-out state

"Too true," said he, joining in the hum.

"But I thought you were by way of

"One must see more than only "by way

They walked slowly up the terrace and

"The only wonder is he did not!" re-

"Very good taste of them. But, now I've

seen her, I don't believe there's anything be-

hind. Very hard upon the poor young man,

though it was all his doing, his mother says.

I congratulate you that it had not gone any

"Oh, dear no! Never dreamt of it. She

Nevertheless, Lady Delmar made a second

"Isn't it disgusting?" said May, catching

"You will see a good deal more of the

same kind," said the Canoness; "I am

afraid more mortification is in store for Mark

than he guesses. I wish that girl were more

"Mamma! a girl brought up among umbrel-

la-makers! Just fancy! Why, she has just

"Don't set Mark against her, May; he

"Her head is a mere tennis ball," said

"She is young enough," said the Canon-

May-I only say-if- and that I don't

think you realize the change Mark will feel.'

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A Far-Seeing Youth.

is twenty-five cents any object to you?"

" Well, all I wanted was for you to see

"Better so than sell himself," mattered

" Don't class me with Lady Delmar,

May, drawing her own higher than ever,

descent in person to hurry Annaple away.

At that moment, Basil ran up with

of" in these days to de any good."

might have done worse.'

farther in that quarter."

her stepmother's smile.

like her mother."

nothing in her!"

might do worse.

of shingles drove up.

of his new barn."

"I reckon so."

"Yes," responded the driver.

is May's friend, that's all."

best of it here.

gave the well-known intonation.

Mark so wearily that Annaple exclaimed.

of mind, and might walk up and down sing-

ing ' I've got no work to do,' " to which

moulded for want of a bating, so do I feel

be afraid. The shame is all on the other

room for her by her side. Is she going to

Mr. Egremont ! Why, he looks quite re-

tween them again.

said Annaple.

is not equal to her mother."

"Well he may be !"

" len't she lovely ?"

damask cheek !"

catechise her?'

begin !"

-but you!"

reading law."

must have behaved atrociously."

the less practised Ursula found herself

old Mariposa stage coaches before the days of the railroad, and it was five c'clock in the afternoon of an August day. We were on our way to Stockton, and of the passengers up, but we made the descent in safety, and one was a lieutenant in the regular army, walked around to both men they were another a tourist in search of health, a dead. Our rocks had fallen squarely down third a ranchman, and the two others were upon their heads, and you can imagine the spectators and miners. None of us had met result. There was a dry, airy cave but a each other previous to the start. Those few feet away, and the gang had made the were perilous times, and the first half hour place a rendezvous for a long time. We rewas spent in sizing each other up. I don't covered every dollar our coach had been know to what conclusion the others came, robbed of and more than as much again but I looked over the four men and said to which had been taken from others. The

are attacked, but he seems too nervous to on the wall were ten gold and silver watches. be gamey. The tourist is ill and has no sand, but the ranchman and prospector can six valuable pins and firearms worth at least be depended on."

At that time the coach which was not stopped twice out of five trips was consider. | dollar of it. An attempt was made in Stocked very lucky. In some few instances the ton to compel us to "divy" with several robbers were driven off, but in most cases people who had been robbed, but it was a the passengers submitted to being "held up" failure. As the tourist was out of ready and were glad to get off with nothing worse. | cash we gave him two hundred dollars, but I had with me over \$6,000 in bank bills and | we would not even sell the lieutenant back gold, and I was determined not to part with his watch at any price. It was told all over that money without a fight. The ranchman | the slope that our hau I amounted to twenty had \$4,000 and the miner about \$3,000, as five thousand dollars. If it did we earned was afterwards learned, and both had deter. every dollar of it, besides wiping out a bad mined to fight. We had just forded the gang, and leaving the stage line clear for the Merced River, and had come to a lonely next six months. stretch of road, when the ranchman pulled his revolver and examined the caps. It was not yet restored to the holster when we heard a shout, the report of a pistol, and the stage came to a full stop. I reached for my pistol, as did the miner, knowing that robbers were at hand, but before mine was out the lisutenant flung his arms around me and cried out:

" For God's sake make no move or we shall all be murdered! Let them take all we have !"

At the same time the tourist flung himself upon the miner, and neither of us had a weapon out when a robber showed himself at either door. The ranchman was ready however, and he killed the man on his side. He would have also killed the other, but his revolver failed on the second shot, and the robber pushed his revolver in and fired with the muzzle pressed against the poor felshelled out a watch and \$40, the tourist | shade softer and you'll have it.' a watch and \$400, and they got from the other two of us the sums I have previously named. I had my bank bills in my bootlegs but as we were forced to strip to our shirts, they found every dollar.

When they were ready to go they cut the harness so that the stage would be detained a couple of hours, broke up or carried off every firearm and drank to our health from a flask the tourist had with him. They made off for the foothills to the East, having so little care for us that neither of them once looked back. I was mad and no mistake, and the miner gave utterance to his feelings in curses which almost cracked the stones around us. We had been robbed of every dollar, and with the money our every prospect. The tourist could get more a Stockton, and the lieutenant was only out a few dollars anyway. I was not yet dressed when he began to put on airs over claiming that if we had not been so hasty he would have managed the affair to the defeat of the robbers. This added to my anger, and I sailed in and pounded him until he velled for mercy.

ready to go, but there were two of us who his desk with some such question as this : did not propose to go that way. We were "Didn't you know, Mr. Greeley, that you unarmed, but determined, and while the made a dreadful blunder in one of your stage lumbered off down the rough road we found a club apiece and set out on the trail how was it?" said Mr Greeley. "Why, of the robbers. Luckily for us the miner had been long in the country and seen a good deal of the hunter's life. We, therefore, had no difficulty in following the train until darkness came on. The fellows made Annaple met a pleasant smile, and they directly for the toothills, and we had no shook hands, exchanging an observation or doubt that they had some sort of a cave or two, while a little way off Lady Grosmede stronghold out there. From the topograwas nodding her strong old tace at Lady phy of the country he felt certain that a Delmar, and saying, "Tell your mother ravine or rift would be found not far away. I've been waitin' for some time to be waited I'll soon come and see her, my dear. That's We were then between the foothills and on, boy. a nice little innocent body, lady like, and the true mountain in a narrow valley, and thoroughly presentable. Alwyn Egremont a full moon had come up. Without this you light we could not have made our way, as the ground was much broken and boulders turned Lady Delmar. "They make the lay thickly scattered about.

We went ahead very cautiously up this valley for about a mile, and of a sudden a rift opened to the left, and the glare of a camp fire greeted our eyes. It was not over two hundred feet away and after a minute we made out the forms of the two men as they seemed to be preparing supper. We crept back a few yards to hold a consultation, and the miner carefully studied the lay of the land. He was of the opinion that it was a short, dry rift with a cave at the far end. Three sides were enclosed by walls of earth and rock, and our only way was to attack the men from above. How high we would have to climb, or what the three minutes, deciding to make the attempt, and we prepared for it by leaving coats, vests, hats and boots behind. We a lay-reader, I expect." began the ascent about a hundred aback from the mouth of the rift, and I do know? not believe two panthers could have done better. The side of the mountain was he cackles so much about it. thickly covered with cedars, vines and rocks and progress was made almost entirely by "and no one would know her from a shop creeping.

We had been going up for half an hour before we bore off to the right in the direction of the rift. We then had to move far more cautiously and I presume it was a full hour from the time we left the valley before we lay on our stomachs a hundred feet above the camp fire and looked over. The men were directly beneath us, seated close together, and were smoking as they counted in

We had but one way to attack. Luckily the man beneath me. We were out upon a Germans." "What are you goin' to do with them?" all sizes all about us. I selected one weigh- Whetely, I suppose?" "Your father's going to shingle the roof ing about twenty five pounds, the miner got the smallest pebble would startle the men ed and even tried to nerve himself with our lives would pay the forfeit. After a bit finally succeeded." we were ready. The men had not moved. . "Got the moral courage, ch?" the removal of all them shingles that don't go We poised the stones on the edge of the "Yee, he studied German. Hadn't procliff, and at a whispered " Now from him coeded very far until he hanged himself.

we dropped them. I heard them strike, and drew back. He peered over, and after a

"Now we can go down! Those chaps

will never rob another couch !"
It took as longer to go down than to come cave had a big supply of firearms, blankets "The lieutenant ought to fight in case we and provisions, and in a mail bag hanging We got altogether sixteen watches, five or \$600. We not only secured the wealth, but we made an even divide and kept every

## The Gentleman Still.

An exchange reprints the old couplet: "When Adam delved and Eve span, Who was th n the gentleman?"

If our contemporary asks this with a sincere desire for information, we would reply that a preponderance of evidence would point to Adam's being the gentleman.

## A Pad Case.

Biddy : "Yis, and the poor thing kept sinking, and never revived until afther she had breathed her lasht." Mary Ann : " Yis, and even thin she was spacheless, Oi've heard."

## One Shade Softer.

A German composer was conducting one low's heart A third robber then came up, and of his overtures. As the "horns" played we were covered from either door and called | too loudly he told them repeatedly to play upon to surrender. The jig was up, and more softly, and more softly they played we climbed out, delivering our pistols butt each time. At the fourth repetition, with a foremost as we left the stage. There were knowing wink at each other, they put their four of us and only two robbers, but when instruments to their lips, but did not blow a man has the drop on you and means busi- at all. The conductor nodded approvingly. ness it's no use to kick. The lieutenant | " Very good indeed," said he; " now one

A certain gentleman from the North being of a genealogical turn of mind, believed that he discovered in his pedigree some remote connection with the Royal Stuart blood. Going south, he made much of this presumed relationship, until he was generally spoken of, in bated breath, by his innocent English friends, as "a descendant of the Stuarts." At a large public gathering he was thus mentioned, and the description instantly engaged the rapt interest of a stranger, a new arrival from Caledonia. "A descendant o' the Stuarts !" he cried. "Eh, sirs, I'd like fine to see ane o' the old Royal race." "Then there he is," answered his interlocutor, pointing him out-"there—the gentle:nan standing in front of the fireplace." "Gude sakes !" said the astonished Scot; "that's just my ain brither

# The Only Man Who Could.

One evening an associate editor of the It was just sunset when the stage was Tribune accosted Mr. Greeley as he came to statistical editorials this morning?' you said something about 'Heidsieck and champagne.' Don't you know Heidsieck is champagne?" "Well," said Mr. Greeley, quietly, "I am the only editor on this paper that could make that mistake."

# Striving to Please.

Old Lady (sharply, to boy in ray store)-Boy (meekly) Yes'um; wot kin I do fer

Old Lady—I want a two cent stamp.

Boy (anxious to please) - Yes'um. Will you have it licked?

# A Mistaken Orator.

"The great trouble with most people is," shouted an impassioned orator, "they never know whan they've got enough !" Then his audience began to grow thin as

one after another left, and the impassioned orator discovered before he got through that quite a number of people know when they've

# Why They Called Him a Lay Reader.

"Mr. Dombey continues to read the service, I see, in the absence of your rector. difficulties, we could not say. We were not He's very proud of his elecution, I under-"Yes'm. That's the reason they call him

"What's that to do with it, I want to

"Why, they call him a lay-reader because

# Regotiating for a Dog-

Robinson-That's a fine dog you have, Dunley. Do you want to sell him? Dumley—I'll sell him for \$50. Robinson—Is he intelligent?

Dumley (with emphasis)—Intelligent? Why that dog knows as much as I do. Robinson—You don't say so! Well, I'll give you twenty-five cents for him, Dumley.

# Why He Committed Suicide-

"It has been discovered," remarked a man "Say, mister, is all them comin' to this for us it was a straight descent. I could to a friend, "that eighty per cent. of the house? asked a small boy as a wagon load have dropped a coin fair upon the hat of suicides in this country are committed by

rock shelf, but there were loose stones of "Yes, and it is rather strange. You knew

one equally as large, and we carefully crept "For many years he contempleted suicide, "Say, mister," said the boy, confidential- back to the edge with them. The fall of but he hadn't the moral courage, He praybelow, and we used as much caution as if whiskey, but could not face the ordeal. He