G THE HOUSE ALONE.

**tting Experience of a Lond-
aker and a Sneak Thief.**

a class of old, or oldish, wom
ho make a profession of taki
uses during the absence of the
Mrs. Bloggins, the occasion
is one of this class, and
ll, being only too glad to giv
r three days a week charing i
es of a "house to mind," whi
is good for bed and board an
a few weekly shillings to boo
Mrs. Bloggins has seen so muc
, she has, unfortunately fail
illusions, and is not quite
guardian to property in the

nn Mr Servawrit, the lawye
his family to the seaside, lea
ggins in highly-satisfied posse
ndsome residence, with nothin
me to do but to answer calls an
ers. All went well for a tim
orning comes a thundering ra
door, announcing the arrival o
ly dressed gentleman in pate
lavender kid gloves, hot wit
ency, to consult with Mr. Serv
ess of momentous import. "No
good woman? Nonsense! I te
e him!" "I beg your honour
sure, sir; but all the family
e country." "Dear me! dea
where will a letter reach him?
the place, sir"—handing him
seaside address. "I must writ
stant. Show me where I ca
moment must be lost. Quick
an! quick, for goodness' sake!
if you please, sir;" and Mr
s the gorgeous stranger int
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ndsome devonport, where ar
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s the note and a shilling (a
the dame, exacts a promise
post the missive right away
talks away. Mr. Servawrit
tant letter next day:
" it runs, "I can but compli-
he good taste you have shown
of your plate. I was always
fiddle patterned articles, and
chased, as yours are, they
elcome. The fish slices and
ns are substantial and to my
oddy ladies are really unique.
of the spade guinea at the
unch bowl, which last named
preserve in remembrance of
rn under your roof. Yours
he they are),

"GOT 'EM."

dding insult to injury, was
enlightened as to the hazards

Spiders' Webs.

statement not long ago,
lers' webs that cover the
dows on certain mornings
, which was not entirely
t quite true, in the sense in
uttered, that these spiders'
bundant on some mornings
and that they presage fair
the truth is, that during the
mmer these webs are about
one time as at another; but
ore noticeable on some morn-
ners,—a heavy dew brings
They are especially conspicu-
ning of fog, such as often
alleys for a few hours when
They then look like little
all over the meadows; I
mmer in August, when one
one of these dew-napkins to
distances. They are little
the fog. Every thread is
umerable, fine drops, like
er an hour of sunshine the
, are gone.
people, I find, think they
g but the moisture; others
t the spiders take them in
nces. But they are still
bove the grass at noon and
dant as they were at sun-
n more serviceable to the
ess visible. The flies and
id them in the morning,
ey do not detect them so

have any significance as
g weather, this may be

occurs under a clear, cool
t preceding a day of rain
s night. Much dew, then,
r, and a copious dew dis-
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not the webs.

Drinking.

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A YOUNG GIRL'S FALSE STEP.

Phillips Steals $720 From her Father's Guest.

A Pittsburg despatch says:—The arrest handsome blonde for the theft of $720 a guest of her parents has developed antic story. The girl is Mamie Phillips, she is not yet 18 years of age. Her nts are respectable residents of Al-ny City. Some time ago James Devin, was staying with Mr. Phillips, missed that had been taken from his trunk. Devine never suspected any one about house, and the matter was placed in the ds of the police, the result being Miss illips's arrest.

Several months ago the newspapers chroni-d the brave act of a young girl, who, at risk of her own life, saved an old lady being run down by a horse car. That ng lady was Miss Phillips. She was king along the street when she saw an lady in deadly peril in front of a rapidly ancing street car. The girl sprang for-rd, seized the old lady, and rescued her. old lady thanked the girl, asked for her dress, and drove off in a carriage. There matter ended for a week. Then there came an express package to the young lady's ose containing a lady's gold watch and ain. There was no message or explana-n of any kind. The gift was attributed the girl to the mysterious old lady, and parents were delighted. The following ek there arrived a handsome set of plush-vered furniture for parlor use. The fam-y said it must be a mistake, and protested ainst its receipt, but the expressman was re it was all right, and showed the plain-written address on the tab attached. What would come next? That was answer-d in a few days by the arrival of a hand-some piano, with a card addressed to the ung girl. The excitement in the family the receipt of this present can be imagin-d. Still there was no word from the donor.

The next gift was in the shape of two silk dresses and some other handsome articles of clothing. At last, about ten days ago, ere came a letter with a considerable sum money enclosed. The writer said the money was to be used for music lessons for the girl, so that the piano would not be a eless present. The donor said he was the son of the old lady who had been saved by the girl, and he added that he was in the insurance business in New York. He did not wish to have his name known at present, but he said that inquries had been made about the girl and she had been found worthy of assistance. At some future time the writer declared he would make himself known, and as he had no relatives but his mother he hoped to give substantial aid to the girl and better her condition in life.

Armed with these and additional facts a detective called at the residence and was received by the mother of the girl. The lady was questioned concerning the recent accessions to her daughter's possessions, and then the story of how she had managed to account for the accumulation of goods was brought out. The mother said that her daughter had rendered an important service to a wealthy old lady some time previous, and that the latter had presented her with the articles as a manifestation of her appreciation. She produced a letter which purported to be writen by this person, but of which the girl was the author. The girl was then called into the room, and was formally accused. She denied the charge vehemently for upward of a half hour, but as she was confronted with one proof after another of her actions, finally broke down and confessed in a flood of tears.

There the matter now rests. The gentleman who lost the money does not want to prosecute if he can secure the return of the funds, and it is very probable that an arrangement will be effected. In the meantime the parents of the young lady are nearly heartbroken over their daughter's conduct.

An Accomplished Robin.

Thomas O'Donnell, of Rondout, N. Y., has a robin which whistles like a mocking-bird. This is probably due to the fact that it was raised in company with a mocker. The robin whistles "Jonny, Get your Gun," "Don't Leave Your Mother, Tom," etc, with all the sang froid of a Bowery actor. Its powers of mimicry are wonderful. One day recently a man went into a saloon, over the door of which the cage containing the robin is hung. The bird gave a quick whistle. A man on the opposite side of the street heard the whistling; and seeing a friend entering the saloon and believing that he had whistled to him to "come and take something," crossed the street. The man who first entered the saloon denied having whistled, but his friend insisted that he had, and succeeded in getting "something." In the early morning, when things are quiet, the whistle of the bird has been heard a quarter of a mile.

Origin of a Glove Fad.

Women who wear different colored gloves with full dress costumes know but little probably of how that fashion was first set. A charming French Duchess, so goes the story, had recently promised to be present at the festivity for some benevolent purpose at the Trouville casino. Being rather behind time, the lady put her gloves on while driving, and never noticed till she stood in the full blaze of the casino drawing-room that to her black and white silk costume she had put on one white and one black glove. It appears that her maid had laid two pairs of gloves ready for her mistress to choose from, and that the Duchess in her hurry had taken one of each pair. The mischief, however, could not be undone, and the gratifying result was that at the next fashionable assembly all the ladies at Trouville wore a glove of a different color on each hand—a custom which has become so general that at present all the ladies at Trouville have adopted it.

A bill providing for the appointment of three police matrons in Washington, D. C., at a salary of $600 a year each has passed the house and been favorably reported to the senate. This action has been brought about largely through the influence of the women in the District of Columbia, and the appointments are to be made on the recommendation of ten women of good standing in the District. Oswego, N. Y., has also a police matron, Mrs. Harriet Bond, recently appointed by the mayor. Massachusetts was the first state to pass a police matron bill. That act called for police matrons to take charge of all women arrested in cities having a population of 30,000. Compliance with the law has been slow in some cities.

A Legal Prayer.

When Judge Prolicks joined the Methodist Church of Regeneration, New Jersey, it was with the express understanding that he was not to be expected to actively participate in any of their festivals of prayer. He remarked that even in his chosen profession he had rarely, if ever, been called upon to do anything in the way of pleading or public declamation—his labors being almost entirely in the line of legal research, preparation of briefs, forms, etc.—and that even under spiritual influence he feared he would make an indifferent exhorter. To the credit of his brethren in the fold be it said that his preference in this regard was courteously deferred to, and during several years of consistent membership in the Regeneration Church Judge Prolicks was never called upon to do anything more than to pass the plate and punctuate the intervals of supplication with some warm and tremendous "Amens." One evening, however, a visiting divine was leading the service and had worked the participants to such a degree of ardor that even the judge acted as if it was about all he could do to "hold in." Deacon Lakwitt took note of the effervescence of the juridical member, and availed himself of the same by exclaiming:

"Will Brother Prolicks please lead in prayer?"

The judge was winged, so to speak, by the suddenness of this discharge. He fluttered to the limit of the "anxious seat," and for a moment seemed to wilt from sight. The fiery fervor had been smothered but for that moment, however, and flaming into life again it assisted the judge to his feet, whereupon, with much incoherence, aided nevertheless by the resources of his calling, he petitioned as follows:

"This evening we beg mercy and forgiveness for all people situate, lying and being within this tenement edifice, erection or structure devoted to worship. We are all miserable sinners; of, in, during and through the existence, duration and continuance of our life or lives—that is to say, the life or lives of each, any, either or all of us, collectively, jointly or severally—we have grievously, persistently, feloniously and with malice aforethought offended against the law in such case made and provided. We have, each and every one of us, at divers and sundry times, occasions, intervals and places—as will be more particularly and at length set forth, proclaimed, declared, enumerated and elaborated in the indictment hereunto annexed—committed, performed, perpetrated and caused to be done such acts, deeds, transactions and offenses as have rendered us unworthy the leniency of this honorable court. But we nevertheless beseech our lawgiver to give, grant, devise, transfer, convey, set over, release and bequeath unto each and every servant, the parties hereto of the second part, and to their heirs, executors, administrators assigns, and to the survivors or survivor of them, such mercy, sustaining grace, commiseration and relief as the need may indicate, and to this court may seem meet, just, worthy and commended in the premises. We know that the relief sought by us as petitioners, and by all parties serving under them or either of them, is such as passeth the measure of human understanding, but we know furthermore, and by these presents declare, affirm, insist and maintain that mercy is as boundless as the heavenly dominions. Infinite power extendeth over all those certain lots, pieces and parcels of land and water situate, lying and being in the solar system and bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point—"

To what further extravagance his momentum in the professional rut would have borne him can only be conjectured. Apprehension led Deacon Check to cut short his peroration, and from that day to this Judge Prolicks has never been invited to indulge in public prayer.

Love's Confidence.

Old Man (to daughter about to be married)—I think, my darling, that my wedding present will be a check for a thousand dollars.

Daughter—Oh, papa, that will be so nice; and be sure to draw it to my order.

An Object of Compassion.

"My dear," said a lady, who was sitting on her front stoop, "do you notice that poor man coming up the street?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"How I pity such people," she went on, gently. "Their life must be hard, indeed. Insufficient food and clothing, no money to buy even the simplest necessaries of—"

Just then the wretched object of her compassion vociferated:

"Pay cash clo'!"

Realistic Acting.

Prompter (to boy)—Tell Mr. Ham that his cue will be given very soon for the death scene; is he ready?

Boy—Yes, sir; he's just got through eatin' a water melon.

His Full Name.

Miss Ethel—Do you know, Mr. Featherly, what that pleasant little Mr. Sissy's first name is, who is playing tennis with Clara Dilberry?

Featherly (who doesn't like Sissy)—I believe he answers to the name of Charley.

Disastrous Suspicion.

Charley: I say, Harry, have you got change for a ten?

Harry (suspiciously): Er—no, Charley, I haven't a cent in my pocket.

Charley: Sorry, old man; I wanted to pay the five I owe you.

At the Restaurant.

Guest—"Here, waiter, take this away, I ordered Spring chicken and this is a laying hen."

Waiter—"'Deed tain't, boss. Dat's Spring chicken, sho."

Guest—"Not this Spring."

Waiter (ingenuously)—"No, sah; not dis Spring's but 87's Spring. Hit's a little soon yit, boss, fo' dis yer's Spring chickens."

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A Small Chance to Win.

Dumley (who has entered his horse in a race)—'Pon my soul, Featherly, I think my horse will win!

Featherly—Impossible!

Dumley—Nonsense. Why impossible?

Featherly—Because all the other horses would have to fall down.

A Very Funny Affair.

It was his first visit to the city. As he stood on the curbstone shaking his sides with laughter he was accosted by one of Toronto's finest.

"What's the fun, stranger?,'

"Fun! Can't you see it? Just look how that thing (pointing to a watering cart) leaks. Why, the blamed fool won't nave a drop left when he gets home!"

Canada's Great Fair.

Since its inception in 1879, the Toronto Industrial Exhibition has proved a continued series of successes, and the one for the present year, to be held from the 10th to the 22nd of September, promises to again surpass in every respect those that have passed. Already applications for space in all departments are more numerous than ever before. A liberal Prize List and a long programme of first-class and novel special attractions is what the Toronto Fair offers, and success is always the result. Special exhibits will be sent from Manitoba, British Columbia and many other sections of the Dominion. The special attractions already contracted for are the best that money can secure, and there will be plenty to see, both to instruct and amuse, every day of the Fair. Programmes containing full details will be issued early in August, and will be sent free to any one desiring them. Prize Lists can also be secured by intending exhibitors on their dropping a post card to Mr. Hill, the Secretary, at Toronto. All entries have to be made before the 18th of August. The people of Ontario seem to have set down the time of the Toronto Fair as the occasion of their annual holiday outing, and the railway companies recognizing this fact have decided on giving cheaper fares than ever before for this great exhibition, which is so popular with all. It will be opened on the 11th Sept. by Lord Stanley, the new Governor-General.

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The Mistakes of Moses

and Ingersoll, are common topics of conversation, but the mistake we wish to comment on here is the great one so many people labor under that consumption (which is really only Scrofula of the Lungs) is an incurable disease, and that there is no hope for one suffering from it. This terrible malady, that yearly fills so many graves, can be surely cured, if not too long neglected. Be wise in time, if you are afflicted with it, and arrest the undermining influence that is sapping your life blood, and hurrying you to an untimely grave, by using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a remedy that never fails in its life-giving mission, if taken in time. All druggists.

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