WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS "I wish 'twould snow!" cried little Ted I want some skates, I want a sled! If it would blow and frost and freeze And ice and snow-came to our knees Why, then it would be Christmas."

"You foolish Ted," laughed brother "Why, little man, I'm sure you know That Christmas Day comes with its In Southern lands as well as here:

It isn't snow makes Christmas." "I wish old Santa Claus would come From the north pole if that's his To bring the things I want so much

And light the candles with a touch. For then it would be Christmas." "Tis fun to tell of Santa Claus, We give our gifts this day because To give is part of Christmas joy

When holy things our hearts employ. Yet Santa can't make Christmas." "What is it then?" said little Ted. "If not the thing that I have said? If 'tisn't books and toys and fun

And happy thought for every one What is it that makes Christmas?" "It was this day a baby came, With joy the angels spoke His name. The oarth is full of happiness Because a Saviour came to bless,

For Jesus' birth made Christmas." -Lawrence Highfield.

#### DRESSING IN GOOD TASTE

It is a commonplace of observation that dress with women is largely imitative, and that neither taste nor good sense has much to do with the choosing not of the lelsure class, or yet of the able and successful workers, are the ones who suffer most from the whimsicalities of fashion, for they have as may dignify even an absurd style a fit model to imitate. The consequences is that whenever some extreme of style is in favor, the poorer classes of shopgirls, factory women; seamstresses and others who have little education, and who earn small wages, are objects of derision or pity. The hardest thing for them to learn dress in that way.

There is a woman's organization in one of our large cities that is trying to improve the styles of dress for women. - No body of women could be better fitted for the task, for it has a representative membership of five thousand. From such women a set of suggestions drawn up to further the adoption of sensible standards in dress is a matter of real interest. Here are some of the things that they recom-

The width of the skirt around the bottom should allow for freedom in stepping; the width round the hips should be sufficient to prevent any drawing across the back or front. The fullness of the skirt should be so planned that the garment will not pull up or drop too low when the wearer is seated. The length and fullness of street or business dresses should be so planned that it will not be necessary to hold them up, either going up or coming down stairs. Waists and sleeves should allow for freedom of movement. Dresses, suits and coats should have pockets. Light colored collars, cuffs, fronts and linings should be detachable and cleansable. Shoes for business should have low, broad heels, and plenty of room in the toe. All clothing should be designed with a view to rapidity and convenience in

dressing. There is a simple plan, absolutely free, and not restricting a woman to any partricular style, but exercising, in the interests of health, comfort, economy and good taste, a few broad principles that apply to every style. The young girl who wishes to be really well dressed-judged by a court last night, were of childhood in the be back again in the days of my Let the schoolboys and schoolgirs count niggah nebbah came anight!" whose opinions are entitled to respect days of a bygone year. I fancled I childhood. That time is over now familiarize themselves with the met--might well paste up the suggestions was a child again on the old home and I would not spoil my beautiful ric system, employ it in their games, in her room.

### POWERFUL EMOTION

Arkansis plantation before the war, doings. had one story which the children were

aloud' always, had a thrilling effect of turnips, which had been cut upon his young hearers, although they straight at the larger end, or the base. firm was sent to a certain suburb to spoke softly: had very little idea how it was done, while at the narrow end a hole large tune a plane. He found the instru-Years afterwards one of them asked enough to hold a tallow candle had ment in good condition, and not in the said, "away from all the noise and nificance that made the words he left chile," said he, "way down in Ally plastered walls of the log cabin, on

"Go "long, chile," said Uncle-Jeff, I tell you what it wur, and

#### NOT REDUCED TO THAT

The traveller through a part of the country where the stones were very

all sixes and shapes. "Yes, Jake's having a hard time of it," said the driver, who apparently "I should think he'd be perfectly

"Oh, he doesn't own it, ma'am, Jake doesn't," said the driver, hastily. "Jake isn't so poor as all that. It belongs to

#### to clear it, that's all." **8UMMER'8 PROGRESS**

actor. Summer was disinclined to we were permitted to stay up.

God Almighty has not got so far."

WITTILY ACKNOWLEDGED.

not one of those women who say ond Kriss Kringle was dressed like a vir- cause it is the biggest. But if I took culate whether you made or lost cars the door close he think wan of thing to-day and another thing to- gin' of Biblical times. Her robe was the threepenny bit they'd soon stop Christmas is not the time to be any yez is getting down ter walk up the pure white, and her face was veiled. / loffering it."



WHEN MARY FIXES THE KNICKKNACK8

of the models worn. Women who are An' the 'hills that was hid in darkness greatest event of time and eternity, "No, many of our guests give second 's at last comin' out o' the shade. became a spiritual reality. Direc'ly a silence settles, so plain it is An' me an' the past stand together, appeared, and soon we saw new reurse, I suspect that he has spent with scurcely a minit between, neither the means to buy such goods Fer I feel unusually tender—in a glad, Finally this was dropped to the floor, room than he has in a country hotel." half sad sort o' way-

an' I wonder if our own children is

homestead, where they lived when

fer us it lies behind-· even I keep in mind Wee, faded clothes in the attic, and the dinner on Christmas day.

It is a long thought back from a log was quite beautiful. cabin in a sparcely settled part of Canada to the present surroundings we have here now, just a mile or two

stead in the woodlands of Halton. I memory picture by bringing it back to and make their opinion in favor of it saw myself once more in the log cabin, a crude reality. Instead I keep it lock- known by monster petitions to the where mother had been moving about ed away, to be contemplated on rare powers that be. early and late for weeks making ready occasions while Mary and I enjoy the for the reception of old Saint Nicholas life, that is going on around us in the An old colored man who used to tell and Kriss Kringle, while father had present.

It was on Christmas eve between very fond of hearing which ended, sixty and seventy years ago, when our "An' when dis innocent and accuse log house was quite unusually brilman got 'quitted in de co't, fo' de liant. Tallow candles served for usual judge\_ and fo'/de juhy, dey all in de illumination, and on that particular The Mea that many people "sobered The new candlesticks were made out "Dat's de way 'twuz tole to me, my on wooden shelves against the un-"But how could people 'sober aloud,' open stairs leading to the attic, as well Uncle Jeff?" persisted his inquisitor. as on the troble, formed a really beau-"Don't you suppose they all sobbed tiful and artistic display. The longer the candles burned, the more charming those homemade candlestick hold -

ers became, for the white, molten talsoberness . does that low on the background of yellow turnips was really very effective. no 'staking' it, dey all in de co't-In one corner of the house I remember seeing a white sheet, which children, of course, were suspicious of all out of tune again." this. For some evenings we had heard sounds behind it which made us very inquisitive, My slater and I slept in the attle, which was all we had of an

upstairs. The room on the ground floor served as kitchen, pantry, dining room, living room and bedroom, all was visiting the school one afternoon We were sent to bed rather early ster's address at Plymouth.

those nights prior to that wonderful Christmas, and although we could not tain. go to sleep, we did not dare to move about, for every step would have been heard by our parents. However, my sister's bed was just above the curtained part of the room below, and could see something of the activity belrind the sheet. From time to time

the sights below. On this, the first Christmas eve I Squire Rarnum, and he's hired Jake supper at the usual time, but not in speeches." the usual way. Everything looked, and was, different. The whole room had evergreens from our woods for

In H. J. Warner's "New Letters of had been cut into all sorts of fancy to you?" asked the new servant who fire did not take place till three an Idle Man" appears the following shapes, was hung from the colling, had been engaged in an English home, o'clock. Why this delay?" blief apecdote concerning Julia Ward The atmosphere was surcharged with suppressed excitement and anticipa- mize, so we've 'ad margarine with the She had invited Charles Summer tion, for a great event to us was meals in the kitchen," replied the to a party to meet Edwin Booth, the about to take place. That night, too, cook. come. "The truth is," he said, "I have | Some time after suppor we heard got beyond taking an interest in in- the ringing of bells-they sounded not suit 'er digestion. But there ain't the escape of a sort of secretion. like our cow-bolls-coming gradually nothing wrong with 'er digestion. We Mrs. Howe made no reply at the nearer and nearer. Then there was a know that, for we often sends 'er up time, but in her diary that night she most unusual noise outside the door, the margarine, and ave butter ourwrote, "Charles Summer has got be- The sounds of the cow bells mingled selves."

youd taking an interest in individuals. With the rattling of chains, and the stamping of feet. Finally the door opened, and lo, behold, there stood dear old Santa Claus, linked arm in arm with Kriss Kringle! Old Santa boy who was supposed to be dull-Claus, in his great wildent fur 'coat witted, says a writer in the Tatler. The irritation caused by, say, a speck of at the rear opened and stammed. At A faughable little story is told of a and cap, with his long, flowing white men of the village used to find great dust in the eye, or some mental emo- first, says London Notes, those inside woman on the witness-stand in a beard, looked quite attractive. His ampsement in offering him the choice tion whether of pain or joy, more paid little heed, but the third time it French court. She was asked her age, high boots with brass tips on the toes, between a threepenny bit and a penny, pass away in the ordinary fashion, the occurred they demanded to know why and answered that she was thirty and red tops, were covered with snow, of which he invariably chose the pen- tiny channels will overflow, and we they should be disturbed in this fastr-He also wore very heavy, knitted mit- ny. "But," said the magistrate, "did you tens. About his neck, hung from one amusement in offering him the choice that we call tears. not tell me you were thirty when you shoulder, was a polished chain, while the penny rather than the threepenny appeared before me two years ago?" from this other hung a string of glis- bit, and asked him for the reason. "I think it very likely," she replied, tening sleighbells. On his back he . "Is it because the penny is larger?" smilingly acknowledging her false- carried a large, white cotton sack, and the stranger asked. good, and not at all abashed. "I am in his right hand a hunter's staff. "Naw," wasp the response,

Old Santa Claus made inquiry of ur parents as to the behaviour of the children, and while we felt guite certain that the report would be better and surgeon from Central Ohio, comthan we deserved, nevertheless, we plained that he had not had a satiswere afraid of results, for we had-a factory vacation for many years. No very strong suspicion that this strange matter where he went, sooner or later. pair knew everything. Old Santa he was called upon for professional Claus was about to leave when Kriss services. "But I'll fool them this year," ing presents out of his sack. She I'll forget where I am from." threw on the floor, nuts, oranges, apples, raisins, candles and figs. We were mountains and finally alighted from told that these were for us, but when the stage at a little hotel far from we tried to pick them up, Old Santa his native town.

A little later, our grandparents who good-fellowship. her entertaining way. How those located her shoulder." sentiments, so beautifully expressed At the first words the doctor's fishabout the Christ Child born in the ing tackle rattled to the floor, and he lowly stable did fascinate us! The threw up, both hands in complete sur-Lord in the darkness of the night exclaimed. Is puttin' the finish on knickknacks city of David, a Saviour, which is are a physician, but that you are a for the dinner on Christmus day. Christ the Lord," made a lasting im- surgeon as well." Say, tollible early o' mornin's, when pression on my childish mind. She - The doctor's face was a blank.

An' out through the white curtained saw the heavens opened, while the ly throne, all interested in this, the a second order of cakes." and to, behold, what a sight met our While Mary's fixin' the knickknacks young eyes!" I have never seen a for the dinner on Christmus day. Christmas tree to equal this one in my person don't never, I reckon, disre-ing star to represent the Star of the

is that ladies-real ladies-do not Till I push my chair in the shadders-paper and wool which had been not throwing stones through our own see the grave face of my father as sprinkled lightly over the branches to glass houses?

When he got back to his quarters to the many curee are there in a I see the grave face of my father as represent snow. The tree was quite a he reads by the candlestick there, are one, perfectly shaped. Every-pound? Twelve of one kind in one before his communder-in-chief. as she rocks in the hickory chair; thing on it was very simple and prim- sort of a pound, sixteen of another Then the firelight falls on the cellin' itive, but so were our eyes and de- kind in another sort. Three feet to a with the rose o' the old time glow sires. There were animal cookies yard; five and a half yards to a rod. As I dream only dreams o' the future covered with frosting and colored Thirty-two quarts in a bushel. An have known that he was not entitled Heigh ho! What a world o' changes stick candy, and also maple-sugar by sixteen rods, making forty-three watchin. Mary as she fixes knick. knacks for the dinner on Christ- our simple little gifts, such as a thousand, five hundred and sixty knitted mittens, knitted caps, knitted nine cubic feet. Then my thoughts travels on an' on - mufflers, and stockings. For all of These illustrations show what a big grandmother had knit them, too.

of devotions. There was no musical with our money unit. Through the holy Christmas mornin, instrument, but mother was a good A HOME CHRISTMAS LONG AGO letters being transparent, reflected the pounds; shillings and pence.

"Tis Christmas, 1925. My dreams happy, though, and I do not long to fogyish" to bring about the reform.

stories to a group of children on an an air of great mystery in many of his We join in wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

night we had an extra supply of them. "INJUN NO LOST, WIGWAM LOST"

that the plane had not been properly trolley-cars." tuned." It was no better than before, After receiving a reprimand from his employer, the hapless tuner made another trip to the suburbs, and again?

tested every note; only to find, as before, no fault with the instrument This time he told the lady so. . "Yes," she said, "it does seem right, doesn't it, when you play on but as soon as I begin to sing it get

### HIS DEFINITION

A captain who was one of the scho board in a New England scaport town and heard the class read from Web-

"A statesman," said one boy. "An orator." said another. "But what is a statesman?" asked

speeches," answered a small boy. "That's not just exactly right." the captain, smiling. . "Now. I go she would whisper to me, telling me of around, making speeches once. in while, but I'm not a statesman at all "I know what a statesman is," spoke can recollect anything about a Christ- up a bright little fellow. "It's a man who goes around making some good

### A CONCLUSIVE TEST

HE KNEW HUMAN NATURE In a little village there once lived a

#### MURDER WILL OUT-

Dr. Smith, a well known physician Kringle stopped him, and began tak- he said, "I am going so far away that

Claus prevented us by tapping on our The fishing was good, the woods fingers, with his staff, Then a con- abounded with game, and the doctor flict enused between Santa Claus and congratulated himself upon his good Kriss Kringle, during which the latter fortune. The guests at the hotel seemurged us to huery up and help our- ed to be a jolly lot of business and selves. When we had gathered all the professional men; no questions were goodles, the couple left as they had asked, and each went and came to suit himself, yet there was a fine spirit of

lived in a house on the farm near our . It was the evening of the fourth day cubin, came to enjoy Christmas eve after the arrival of the doctor, who with us. Somehow sister and I had registered as John Smith, Smiththought that we had at times recog- ville, U.S. A., that he was met in the nized the voices of the grandparents lobby by the old landlord. "We have in old Santa Claus and Kriss Kringle, been looking for you, Dr. Smith. A Next in order was the story of the lady was thrown from a horse a few first Christmas eve, told by mother in minutes ago, and I think she has dis-

picture which she painted concorning render. "How? Where? Who on the appearance of the angel of the earth told you I am a physician?" he proclaiming, "Fear not: for, behold, I The landlord's eyes twinkled. "You like to loaf in the kitchen while bring you good tidings of great joy. . . told us, sir, before-you had been here For unto you is born this day in the twenty-four hours; not only that you

the coffeepot's simmerin' low, made everything so vivid that I imbreak—like nobody, else didn't that I could hear the voices of timed the hotel man, "and at breakthat chorus, and in my mind's eye I fast you call for a second order." "Well?" snorted the doctor, "Do winder the stars de beginnin' to vision of the throng about the heaven- only physicians and surgeons call for

orders for cakes. But when our guests In the meantime, father had dis- persist in addressing the waitress as lights reflecting through the curtain. more time in a hospital operating

WEMENTS AND MEASURES When we smile at the excessive member the old tolks at home. East, which had directed the Wise- conservatism of the English in rematter now record no grows an no men to the new-born King. The fusing to adopt a decimal system of him. The "noncom," unaware that An they show pretty clear at such homemade candles were all lighted, money, and sticking to their incon- General Gouraud was close behind minits, true an' brave as in days showing up the gifts, some of which venient reckoning in pounds, shillings him, promptly returned the salute, alwere partially hidden by the colored and pence, are we sure that we are though he knew that in the circum-

mouth-harp and homemade slippers, square feet. A cubic yard contains which I am not entitled," he said.

ward from mists where the old these presents mother had carded the waste of time and energy there is in of hearty hughter. wool and spun the yarn, and she and converting our own weights and measures from one unit to another. f they, heard some organ sendin' the Before we were permitted to ex- It is all needless waste, as we know song. "Do They Miss Me at amine the many gifts, we had a period from the ease with which we deal Our readers will perhaps be tired through the holy Christmas gloam, singer, and we all joined her in the of being told that in all the civilized they heard their children shoutin' Christmas songs, Then followed a world, England; Canada, Russia and young negro house servant in an At- and always asked for the same book. Would they think once more o' the prayer in which everybody took part, the United States are the only thanking God for the greatest gift, the countries which do not use the metric attended. Christ Child. The service was most system for all purposes. If we are The next day the mistress said to him to an alcove, where she found Mary inquired for her sympathetical-The young has the world before 'em, impressive and wonderfully beautiful, asked why we do not use it we can- her:

I was especially impressed with an not reply that our method is better. dim dear land of memories, where illuminated motto, reading: "Glory to We can give no better excuse than go off?" God in the highest, and on earth peace, that we are too conservative, that the good will toward men," and to this change is "too much bother," that we As I watch Mary fixin' knicknacks fer day Christ is to me, the Prince of are too lazy to conform to a system ly! Oh, yo' jess ought to ob seen de Peace. I learned later that father had that is far superior to that we employ -Will T. Hale, spent many evenings cutting the let- as the dollars and cents of our money pah, an' de bride-oh, de bride! She ters out of a piece of cardboard. The are more convenient than the British tight from within the box. The effect | It would not be a bad idea for the young people of the land to organize My dream is ended now, and I will themselves into a metric league, to

spend my Christmas day to-morrow in lurge on the change which must come a very different atmosphere and in a sconer or later. Perhaps the present came into the fact of Chloe as she Baid, scornfully: very different way. I am not un- generation of statesmen is too "old-

#### HE COULD SAVE MORE THERE

They had been engaged for over two authority, and not entitled to be call years, and George was hoping to have ed ministers of the gospel. money enough to be married before the end of another twelve-month. Mabel was with her family in a quiet country place for the summer, much manner and ostentation. and George went there to spend his . "Sir," he said, "I am glad to shake two weeks' vacation. The first Sun- hands with you as a gentleman, al day afternoon they were taking a walk though I cannot admit that you are A plano-tuner employed by a city in the beautiful woods when Mabel a clergyman."

bustle of the city. I love it." letter from the owner of the plane. vently. "It is safe and calm away you-as a clergyman."-New York lady of musical intention, stating from the soda-fountains and the Herald.

CHEERING HIM UP antly, in reply to his friend's remark round for a quiet time. One player that Mrs. Joyce was "an awfully sweet begins: "I like a man who is aflittle woman." "So cheerful! Always fable and amiable;" then the second sunny; always looking on the bright continues, "Bright and breezy;" and side!" Billings's friend continued, en- the third, "Cute and clean." The fourth

that 'bright side' business,'t said Bill- difficult to think of anything for X ings. "The other night I was up there and Z, and those who have these letand Joyce-you know how absent- ters are the unlucky ones. minded he is?-put the lighted end of The most amusing way of playir.g his cigar into his mouth. He jumped this game is to play it as fast as posthree feet, and was a little noisy for sible, each player bringing out his two a minute. Right in the midst of it words in a flash almost without thinkall. Mrs. Joyce smiled blandly, and ing: but remember that the qualities "'How fortunate-you were, dear, to

discover it at once!'

CULPABLE DELAY A certain man, who kept a sma pawnshop, took out a fire-insurance policy. A few hours later, by a very curious coincidence, a fire broke out and consumed his shop, together with The insurance company could not

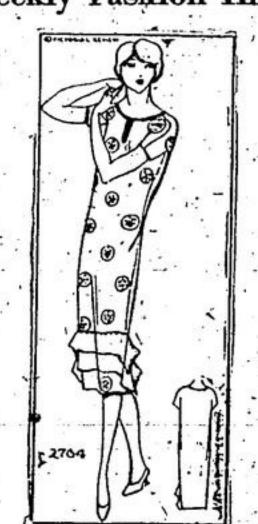
find sufficient grounds on which to refuse payment, but that the officers had auspicions the letter that accompanied their check proved: "We note that your policy was is sued at nine on Friday, and that the

#### WHERE TEARS COME FROM

ness of which is perpetually to allow tent. In the ordinary way this fluid passes inside our eye-lid, is brushed over the eye every time we blink, so keeping ones, real pale blue, but none with our eyes bright and free from the tiny specks of dust which would otherwise cause us intense irritation. It is finally passed away through tiny channels into the nose. Under, however, either the physical

-You'll be happier it you don't "Who?" check off each gift you receive against . "The hose. Spake low, Sure Of in each present that you gave, and cal- desavin' the crayture. Every time he

## Weekly Fashion Hint



FOR THE "LITTLE" FROCK Just the thing that the wardrobe needs at this season for the informal afternoon tea or unexpected week-end trip. It is developed in figured crepe, and although exceedingly simple in-line has all of the salient features that will make it smart even with the coming of another season. The trimming bands at the lower edge of the skirt may be of self- or plain crepe. Medium size requires 278 yards 36inch figured and 5% yard plain silk.

#### A WITTY CORPORAL

The French still possess the guickness of wit and neatness of phrase for which they have long been famous. A nameless corporal, who was in Gen- ings before they'll bite." the latest to uphold the reputation of

A very raw French sentry, mistakstances it should not have been given. Say, how do you put these shiners on When he reported, General Gouraud rated him soundly and asked why he returned the salute when he must

The man was not in the least "Sir, I always return anything to His reply turned General Gouraud's disciplinary indignation into a burst

HER WEDDING

weddin' I eber saw! It was just lub- low's face. veil all ovah her, an' a wreath ob flowahs, an' oh, it was jess de mos' elegant weddin'! "How did the bridegroom look??" -An expression of infinite disguest

## 'La, missy, dat good-for-nothin', no

ANSWERED A reproof which was just and no discourteous was once addressed to young rector who had been rearce under the highest church doctrines and who held that clergymen of al other denominations are without One evening at a social gathering be was introduced to a Baptist clergy man. He greeted the elder man with

"Sir, I am glad to shake hands with

### A VOCABULARY GAME

Here is a game to play at a pic-nic "Ye-es," Mr. Billings said, rejuct- or on the verandah, when sitting "There's such a thing as overdoing on till Z is reached. Of course it is able" or "bad" not being accepted. Those players who cannot think of

#### for improving one's vocabulary. NONE TO MATCH

their two words within a stated space

of time must pay a forfeit at the end

of the game. It is a splendid game

"Have you any neckties?" inquired dandified young man, addressing the proprietor of the Cedarby corner tore." Then, turning to his comanion, he said, with a slight lisp, " have a fad of getting neckties as souvenirs of every place I visit. my own iden, you know." What color do you want, young man?" inquired the proprietor, surveying his customer through a pair of iron-bowed spectacles. "Oh-uh-I'm very fond of having them to match the color of my eyes." said the young man, languidly, opening his small orbs to their widest ex-

"Haven't got any neckties that'll do, then," said the proprietor, shaking his head decidedly. "I've got plain blue

#### RAISING HIS SPIRITS

pink edges."

smaller or meaner than you can help. I hill, and that sort of raises 'is spirits."

shall be crying. It is this overflow ion

"Whist!" cauffoned the driver. "De not speak so loud. He'll overhear

#### WATKINS'S FRIEND

There was, says a writer in Outing, a man who used to come to watch fastened itself upon the public on this Watkins fish. His nose was long and side of the ocean to the same degree his eyes were watery, and his clothing | that it has gained abroad. A Senator never fitted him. Whether Watkins was from an Eastern state gives an amusfishing for flatfish in the spring or ing, if slightly exaggerated, picture of in the fail, the man always showed up A New Mexican told me that at the and gave Watkins advice. He never Savoy in London he went to, have a fished himself. He merely assumed wash before function, but saw a plathat Watkins, who had fished every card on the mirror, saying: spare minute of his time for eighteen years, needed to be told things about

fishing. So he told him. Watkins had another fad besides ing: fishing. He used to follow it on the street, cars and railway trains. He had an idea that he could tell people he got his lunch he tipped the waiter, by their looks. Once he had decided the waiter's two helpers, the man who that a young man on a train was a gave him his hat and gloves, and the pickpocket. When the train got to man who whistled for a taxicab. The New York Watkins kept his eye on vehicle rolled out into the Strand, and the fellow, and, sure enough, a de- our friend leaned back with a sigh of tective nabbed him in the, very act relief, when he was aware of a boy in of getting an old lady's purse out of buttons running along beside the winher shopping bag. Watkins had been dow. guessing about people ever since. After the man had hung around and New Mexican, savagely watched Watkins fish for a couple of ."A few pennies, sir-according t seasons, Watkins began to speculate the usual custom," replied the boy. about him, especially when, the fish '?"Why, what did you do?" snarled

did not bite. The man must have the New Mexican." money, because he never did anything. "If you please, sir," said the boy, " He could not have much, because he saw you get into the cab." never went anywhere. So far as Watkins could see, the only thing the man NURTURING A CHEERFUL SPIRIT could do was to lie. He could do that to the queen's taste, thought Mr. | Lucky was the patient in Cedarville Watkins; with his whoppers about his who could secure the services of catching three macherel on the same "Aunty" Bond, as his nurse, but h hook at the same time, and about must make up his mind that while his landing a three-pound trout with a wants would receive due attention. thread and a bent pin when he was a and he would have a fair amount of boy, and about his having harvested coddling, there were some things in four hundred and ninety smelts in an which he could not count on having hour and a half right there where Mr. his own way. Watkins was standing, nine years ago . "Now you just take that look off Thanksgiving Day.

little line dock, but merely bawled out on that, and let 'em dwell on this: have two or three good frosty morn- a-getting run Into and over by auto-

Then he looked at Watkins. "Know I temptation o' various kinds and being him?" he asked. has got hold of some crooked dough to you. You are getting well at home, somehow." "I know him," said Bizbee. "He's in as handsome a walnut bedstead as the fellow that invented the Watkins there is in all Cedarville! screw machine. Your dad gave him "You let your mind dwell on these

so that the smelt can't swipe 'em?"

as great as his relief to find they never she read a few pages, and then dozed A recent number of Lippincott's had. The New York Tribune tells a off. Magazine contains an amusing little story of another little boy, a negro. story of the account given by Chloe, a who often went to a public library, most everything and everybody, and lanta family, of a wedding she had He seemed to enjoy it immensely, young Frenchman, whose wife had

"Well, Chloe, how did the wedding ing at the picture of an old man, also A happy smile spread over the face colored, being chased by a bull. A lof the young man, and his hands ges-"Oh, la, missus, it was de grandest wide grin had illumined the little fel- ticulated to punctuate his picturesque "What's the joke?" asked the attendant.

He pointed to the picture and then

#### "He ain't ketched him!" he explained, delightedly. "He ain't ketched him

chuckled nnew.

GOOD ADVICE The well-known English physician, little difficulty in getting a place. Dr. Lestler, was in his youth notor- | Japanese-Bright youth wants posifourly wild-and as clever as he was tion as cook or any work in Boston or One day the schoolmaster kept the smartest hands and legs as lightnyoung Lestler after school, and talked log, obedience to maxim, "Dust aclong and earnestly upon the error of cumulating becomes a mountain,"

sternly, "I shall-send a note to your sentative of Japan in America, never father, and have him call'and see me." laid down except human, natural "Oh, don't do that," said the boy. | sleep, as above results, absolutely eco-But the master repeated, "Yes, I will. monical, responsibility, careful of hu-Your father shall come and see me man virtue, in character there's no "I advise you not to," replied the falways finest daytime weather, work

mischievous youth. "Because my father charges five est mathematics), employer's boys to shillings for a visit" Young Lest- spend leisure hours; try how am I; ler's father was a physician.

#### TIPPING IN LONDON

Tipping has fortunately not

"Please (ip the basin after using." . This made the man so angry that he rushed from the wash-room, mutter-

"No, I'll go dirty first!" The New Mexican added that after

"Well, what do you want?" said th

your face, won't you?" she half-coax-One morning in the fall, Watkins ed, half-commanded a man who was took his friend Rixbee, smelt fishing recovering from pneumonia. "You with him. Along the dike-came the aren't half as sick as you were a man. He did not come out on the month ago; let your thoughts dwell There's lots of folks outdoors a-fall-"Too warm for smelts. Have to ing from the tops of buildings, and mobiles and contraptions of all sorts, Bixbee looked at the departing man. besides those that are yielding sent to jail, and then to prison. And "Know him for an infernal old pest, while all these dreadful things are that's all. He's some old weasel that going on outside, what is happening in peace and plenty, and what's more,

#### eight thousand dollars for it-and things a minute and then you turn made a quarter of a million out of tt. over and go to sleep." ON THE MENDING HAND

Cousin Mary is the librarian in quaint New England town. Nearly A well-known and very serious- every day she comes home laughing minded citizen confesses that the most over something funny that has ocintimate friends of his childhood were curred. Once a little boy said he two cast-iron Hessian soldiers, that | "wanted a book-a kind of a red book made the "fire-dogs" of the sitting- with black, scrawly things all over it." room. He told them his secrets, and He did not know the name or the went to them every morning the first author, but he was sure he could 'tell thing on entering the room, to see if if he saw it. And once an old man they had been moved out of their asked for a nice stupid book for his "first position;" and his wonder was wife-to go to sleep over. Every night

Cousin Mary was interested in alknew all the happenings, so when a and one day an attendant followed been quite ill, dropped in; Cousin him, the book open before him, look- ly: "How is she feeling to-day?"

"Oh-sank you-he better! He stand

#### up in bed and eat teal" THE HONEST JAPANESE

SCHOOLBOY If the ability to please his employer is the chief virtue in a servant, the Japanese youth who advertised in one of the Boston newspapers should have anywhere, will move and work as if his ways. The lad showed little in- never said "Didn't come to mind for terest, and at last the master said, duties;" appointed myself as a repredifference of daytime and nighttime, with pleasure and positively willing "But why not?" asked the teacher. Ito teach mathematics (included high-

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