It was His Wife.

A noted music teacher in New York city clates the following incident, which contains a moral worth recognition by wives:

A year ago last fall a card was brought

into my music-room bearing the name of a well known and fashionable married lady. When she was ushered in I was surprised to see so young a looking woman, though, to be sure, she is not yet 40, and a fair complexion and clear blue eyes make her look younger. She seemed a little embarrassed, but asked me to try her voice. I lid so, and found it uncultivated, but was singularly fresh and sweet; in quality a fight soprane. I told her so, and her face flushed cagerly as she asked: "Professor, could you teach me to sing?" "Yes," I replied, "it you choose to apply yourself carnestly."

"I will: and if you can manage it so that I need not be seen, and that no one knows of it, I will take a lesson every day." We made the best arrangements we could, and the lady never failed to appear promptly at the hour. She was so anxious, and so persevering that she made the most extraordinary progress, and, when spring came, her voice had so strengthened and developed as to be almost beyond recognition.

During the summer I heard nothing of her beyond mention in the society papers of her being at Saratoga, but about a month ago she called upon me, and, taking both my hands in hers, she shook them earnestly, as she said: "Professor, I have come to thank you for making me the happiest woman alive." She then told me that her hushand, to whom she was deeply attached, was passionately fond of vocal music, and had always regretted that she could not sing to him.

She had never cultivated her voice before marriage, and afterward the coming of children and the claims of society had prevented her attempting it; but the unlucky day came when Mr. R. made the acquaintance of a charming widow with a charming voice, who was always ready and willing to sing sweet songs to him, and he gradually fell into the way of spending many of his evenings with her.

A heart devoted to his wife, he was unconcious of his gradual neglect of her, and would have been astonished had she resented his enjoyment of these musical tete-atetes. About the widow I am not prepared to speak. Mrs. R., like a nice woman, did not resent it, but undermined the enemy, as you will see. Her music lessons the kept a profound secret from her family. In the summer they went, as usual, to Saratoga and took possession of one of the pretty cottages, at the United States hotel

The morning after their arrival the local rewspaper contained a notice that the eading soprane of the Episcopal church leading soprano of the Episcopal church was ill with a throat affection, and the congregation was asked to make due allowance for the disabled choir. The next raorning (Sunday) Mr. R., with two of the children, wended his way to the church of his belief, Mrs. R. having excused herself on the plea of a headache.

After the opening service, the minister announced that "a lady from New York announced that "a lady from New York had kindly volunteered to sing in the place of the sick soprano, and in consequence the musical service would be the same as usual." A few moments later a clear, sweet voice rang through the church and touched the hearts of the people, per-haps, even more through the requisite expression and feeling with which the music was rendered than the qualities of the voice itself. Mr. R. was fascinated, delighted, and inwardly made comparison between it and the witching widow, not flattering to the latter. After the service was over he cagerly sought the minister to ascertai, the name of the charming soprano, whose face he had not been able to see from his seat.

"Come with me and I will introduce you," said the minister, who knew Mr. R. by reputation. They entered the choir to-gether, and the good man began: "Miss Grown, permit me to introduce—" when Frown, permit me to introduce—" when he was interrupted by R. cjaculating: "Great heavens, it is my wife!" And, place and company notwithstanding, he gave her a hearty embrace in his delight and surprise. To cut the story short, he fell in love with her all over again, the singing siren was forgotten, and I don't believe you could find a happier couple in

A Famous Bear Dead.

Berne mourns the loss of Mani, the oldest inhabitant of its bear-pit, at the ripe age of 28. He had become paralyzed in his hind legs, and it was deemed a mercy to give him a dose of prussic acid. His weight was something over 550 pounds, and his skin is to be stuffed and given a place of honour in the Berne museum. The hears of Berne, as everyone knows, are cel-chrated and cherished animals. The bear is the heraldic device of the city to which it lends its name, and a famous procession of bears makes the round of the clock tower every time that the hour is struck, became quite famous on the day of Lincoln's inauguration, almost twenty-one years ago, when a Capt. Lorts, of the Brit-ish army, fell into his pit by accident. Ac-cording to an English chronicler, "an attempt was made to rescue him about an hour afterward, when the brute attacked the young man with great ferocity, and finally killed him in the presence of many excited friends." According to the Bernese version, the captain fell in one evening after supper while doing some feats of balancing on the railing of the pit, and Mani declined to tackle his adversary until the Englishman, through panic or bravado, poked him up with his trusty umbrella, whereon he killed the intruder. A claim of \$20,000 was made by the government on the city, but was dropped soon afterward.

They are telling of a Missouri man who has twelve bullets in his body. He must have been in the Confederate army. The Federal surgeons would have taken him all apart for much less inducement than

ALL SORTS.

TIME's whirligig is a wagon that's all wheels.

You may be left at first but try to be right at last. "TIME makes all things even" except odd

EPITAPH for a carpenter-Pussed to the

higher plane. Boot-jacks have caused many ill-felines between neighbors.

WHEN a rive: breaks its bank is the result financial ruin?

THE fat man is lazy because he wants to spare himself.

By contracting a disease you help to spread it. Queer, isn't it?

"On, Pat!" "What, sir?" "Did yez iver see a winter loike this?" "Yis sor." "Whin?" 'Last summer, sor."

THE nearest approach to the block system which most of the railroads have yet got is allowing blockheads to do the signaling. FRITZ is anxious to know if close corpora-

tions are so called because they are so confoundedly stingy with their employes. "MARK how plain a tale shall put you down," said the cow to the milk maid, she switched her off the milk stool into the

mud. Ir isn't because a woman is exactly afraid of a cow that she runs away and screams, but it is because gored dresses are not fashonable.

"You had better change that rug," lady to her servant. "Don't you think corroborates better with the carpet in this way?" was the response.

"Is the General on the retired list?" they asked of his wife the other evening. "Retired! No, indeed!" she replied; "he's down to the club playing poker."

Co-nun-drum. Why is a kiss like rumor? Because it flies from mouth to mouth. Why is it like a sermon? Because it requires two heads and an application.

SCANDAL, when it has truth in it, is like a grease spot on new cloth, but when there is no truth in it, it is like a splash of mud which will come off easily when dry.

A woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil or throw a stone at a hen, but she can pack more articles into a trunk than a mun can in a one horse wagon.

"CAN'T trust me, darling?" murmured Spilkins to the daughter of old Money-lead-"Not without real estate security," replied Isabella, absent-mindedly.

Paris advertisement: "For sale, a mon key, a cat and two parrots. Address Mme. Y—, Rue—. As the lady is about to get married she has no further use for these animals."

A gentleman whose vacabulary was mixed wished to praise a certain lady reader of this city. "Yes," said he, "besides being a very fine elecutionist, she has a great deal of ejaculation."

Ir is a time-honored custom in Quincy, Fla., to salute a newly married couple by firing a cannon. This is to remind them that the battle of life has fairly begun.

Wn see by the papers that the butchers have raised a club. If their tenderloin steaks are as tough as they used to be they might use the club to advantage on them.

THE noisest man in a public conveyance is usually the meekest in the office or shop where he works, and the idea of his importance with which he endeavors to impress you is not always so small as it is on the books of his employer's cashier.

A lecturer was explaining to a little girl now a lobster cast his shell when he had outgrown it. Said he: "What do you do with your clothes when you've outgrown them. You cast them aside, don't you?" "Oh, no," replied the little one, "we let out the tucks,"

A contemporary asks: "How shall women carry their purses to frustrate the thieves?" Why, carry them empty. Nothing fras trates a thief more than to snatch a woman's purse, after following her half a mile, and then find that it contains nothing but a re-cipe for spiced peaches and a faded photograph of her grandmother.

An ancient Bohemian, who has come into a snng fortune, is felicitated warmly by an old acquaintance. "Yes," said the new Cræsus, reflectively, "it is a pleasant thing to have money. And do you know what is most agreeable about it? You feel, sir, that you are appreciated—you find friends who esteem you for your own qualities alone."

PEARLS OF TRUTH.

Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can, in every place you can.

True power is calm, self-contained, seeking not for recognition, but willing patiently to abide its time, and anxious only to meet the demands, however arduous and trying, that may be made upon it.

Men as a rule are easily attracted by a beautiful face; but it is by internal beauty of character that a woman can exert the greatest amount of influence. A true-minded man, though first enamoured by personal beauty, will soon feel the hollowness of its charms when he discovers the lack of mental beauty.

Nobody who is airaid of laughing, and heartily too, at his friend can be said to have a true and thorough love for him; and, on the other hand, it would betray a sorry want of faith to distrust a friend because he laughs at you. Few men are much worth loving in whom there is not something worth laughing at.

The Persian author Saadi tells a story of three sages—a Greek, an Indian, and a Persian—who, in the presence of the Persian monarch, debated this question—Of all evils incident to humanity, which is the greatest? The Greeian declared, "Old age oppressed with poverty;" the Indian answered "Pain with impatience;" while the Persian, bowing low, made answer. "The sian, bowing low, made answer, "The greatest evil, O King, that I can conceive is the couch of death without one good deed of life to light the darksome way!"

A crank would be all right if he could be used to turn the grindstone of industry.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Five Minutes' Select Reading.

Summary of Foreign, Domestic and Was Items-Concise, Pithy, and Pointed.

DOMESTIC.

St. Henri village near Montreal is completely under water.

A death from small-pox occurred at St. Croix, on the Intercolonial Railway, the

Sullivan, the crank who assaulted Mr. Weldon, M. P., is the same individual who attacked the Hon. R W. Scott some time ago. Speculators centinue to swarm to Winni-

peg, and every known method is resorted to in order to keep up the value of real estate. While giving an athletic exhibition in the City Hall, Guelph, Mr. E. W. Johnston

had the misfortune to break one of the small bones in his ankle. A Winnipeg despatch says that the re-port that the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate are about to buy up the Hudson Bay lands in the North-west is considered un-

true. Mr. Legru, the absconding manager of the Credit Mobilier in Montreal, has been arrested in New York on board a French steamer on which he had embarked with the secretary for Havre.

The London Board of Trade have resolved to petition the Local Government praying for amendments to the Insolvency Act providing against a debtor making over his property to a friend or relatives.

UNITED STATES.

An Ohio rope manufacturer has asked the privilege of supplying the rope with which Guitteau is to be hanged. He bases his request on the doctrine of State

An interesting discussion took place in the U.S. House of Representatives the other day on the Monroe doctrine. The general tenor of the discussion was adverse to Blaine's position.

Thomas Matheson, Mormon, reports that his wife and daughter and two Mormon men were killed by Apaches near the Chiquita Mountains. Matheson was absent from camp when the massacre occurred.

A crowd of striking laborers at Homestead, Pa., set upon officers sent to protect non-union workmen, and inflicted probably fatal injuries upon one, and severely injured several others. The citizens are guarding their property.

Dismal reports continue to come in of the damage wrought by the floods in the Mississippi valley. The whole levee system has been wrecked, in addition to widespread destruction of private property, while scores of lives has been lost, and hundreds of families are without shelter, food, or cloth-

Skebeloff arrived at St. Petersburg the other evening.

The Madrid printers' committee has been imprisened for inciting men to strike.

The death sentences of three of the condemned Nihilists have been com-

Advices from Port au Prince report forty to sixty deaths a day there from small-

The Government of San Domingo offers a refuge to all the persecuted Jews. They will receive land and means to cultivate them.

The Spanish Government has addressed strong representations to the Sultan of Morrocco regarding the murder of a Spanish subject and the imprisonment of another at

The National Rifle Association of Great Britain has decided to send a team to shoot at Creedmoor in September, the American association giving a guarantee that they will send a team to Wimbledon next year.

Preston Mineral Springs.

We call attention to the advertisement of the water of the now famous Preston Springs in another column of this issue. The Preston Springs through the wonderful medicinal value of its waters and without advertising, attracts a throng of patrons every year. The capacity of its hotel and the neighboring public and private houses being taxed to their utmost throughout the entire visiting season by a worked-out, worn-out, dyspeptic and rheumatic humanity engerto benefit by the use of this curative water. Since the water of this spring has become known, there has arisen a demand for the water throughout the country. Patrons of the springs returning home with an attach-ment for the water as a beverage and missing its remedial influence and regulating effect upon the system have clamoured for a supply at their own houses throughout the year. Mr. Dixon, 307 King Street West, Toronto, after having thoroughly satisfied himself of the unquestioned value of the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the waters as a remedial agent, has obtained to the water and the water and the water agent tained the sole right to handle it in the Dominion, and invites patrons of the springs to arrange with him for a supply of the water. He would inform those to whom the water is unknown that in rheumatic affections it is a specific; persons so much crippled with rheumatism, as to be quite helpless, have been known to move around in an incredibly short time. Perhaps its next most potent influence is upon the Dyspeptic; good effects in impaired digestion and even chronic dyspepsia is as marked as it is rapid. Patients who have been trying to drag along an existence with the aid of the Pepsins and Maltopepsins of to-day will never return to them after consuming a single gallon of the water-it is a perfect system regulator. Constipation cannot exist where it is used and not one of the unpleasant effects of cathartics and purgatives is ever observed. It is nature's own diuretic, establishing a healthy action of the Kidneys. Lassitude, Depression of Spirits, resulting from overwork, or irregularities of diet, sluggish liver with its attendant discomforts, loss of appetite, and distaste for work or pleasure, all find a panacea in this natural and health giving beverage.

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Taken Out of Bed.

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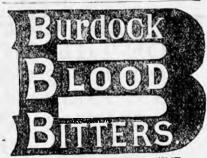
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