Sparkles.

POSITIVE, cash; comparative, cashier; superlative, Canada.

A BURGLAR got into the house of a lawyer the other day. After a terrible struggle the lawyer succeeded in robbing him.

"SHE is a beautiful poem," says a gushing lover. We are glad to hear it. It does not harm a young woman to be well versed.

COUNTRYMAN instructing his lawyer in his first case: "Ye know I am an honest man—my whole life long I never employed a lawyer.

"WHAT is a lake?" asked the teacher. A bright little Irish boy raised his hand. "Well Mikey, what is it?" "Sure, it is a hole in the kittle, mum."

AN Irish magistrate asked a prisoner if he was married. "No," replied the man. "Then," replied his worship, amid peals of laughter, "it is a good thing for your wife."

TEACHER: "Who reigned after Saul?" Little Bessie: "David." "And who came after David?" "Solomon." "And who came after Solomon?" "The Queen of Sheba."

ON 587 page to-day will be found a striking and instructive illustration of the comparative worth of the various kind of baking powder now in the market.

A LITTLE girl was trying to tell her mother how beautifully a certain lady could trill in singing, and said: "O mamma, you ought to hear her gargle! She does it so sweetly."

SPURGEON tells a story of an old lady who started up when her grandson was about to take her umbrella, exclaiming, "No, now you don't. I've had that umbrella twenty-three years and it's never been wet yet, and you ain't going to begin."

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"I HAVEN'T got any case," said the client, "but I have money." "How much?" asked the lawyer. "Fifty thousand dollars," was the reply. "Phew! you have the best case I ever heard of. I'll see that you never go to prison with that sum," said the attorney, cheerfully. And the man didn't—he went there "broke."

A STRONG ENDORSEMENT.—The Clergy, the Medical Faculty, the Press and the People all endorse Burdock Blood Bitters as the best system renovating blood purifying tonic known. Its work bears out their best recommend.

A PRISON chaplain was recently appointed in a certain town in Scotland. He was a man who greatly magnified his office, and, on entering one of the cells on the first round of inspection, he, with much pomposity, thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it: "Well, sir, do you know who I am?" "No; nor I dinna care!" was the nonchalant reply. But the criminal seemed to be repentant a few minutes afterward, and added, conciliatory: "Well, I hae heard o' ye before." "And what did you hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity. "Weel, I heard that the last two kirks ye war in ye preached them baith empty; but ye'll no find it such an easy matter to do the same wi' this ane."

Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two—and then comes night;
Though thou have time
But for a line, be that sublime;
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.
—*J. R. Lowell.*

A PRETTY beading for the top of a muslin curtain is made by hemming each edge of a strip of muslin and gathering it in two places so that there shall be a puff in the centre and a ruffle on each edge.

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DR. PRICE'S.....
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GILLET'S.....
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