A FEARFUL BLAZE.

VILLAGE OF STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE DE-STROYED BY FIRE.

A special to the Gazette says :--

The village of Ste. Anne de Beaupre came near being completely wiped out on the morning of October 24th and the famous shrine of Ste. Anne had an almost miraculous escape, being only saved by the blowing up of a wooden building which threatened to carry the flames to it. At 2 a.m. the people of the village It. At 2 a.m. the people of the village were awakened from their slumbers by cries of "fire" and they rushed out of them only half dressed, to find that the outbuildings owned by Adolpe Pare, in the rear of the post-office, were ablaze. A rush was made to the spot to arrest the flames if possible, for the villagers well knew that if they were not got under control at once there were not got under control at once there was little hope of saving the village. Before anything could be done, however, the flames had spread to the Dominion hotel, the ground floor of which was occupied by a general store, in which the postoffice was located and a grocery store. The hotel was speedily a mass of roaring flame, which swept along the street from building to building, destroying everything in its course. The buildings were mostly of wood and so closely together that the flames spread readily from one to another and the few brick houses which the village possessed did not serve to arrest their progress, The church authorities got out their hose and the people worked with a will, not to extinguish the fire, for that was clearly impossible, but to save the church, and in this they were eminently successful, for not only the church, but the convent, the Q. M. & C. depot and the Regina hotel escaped. All the other principal buildings in the village, nineteen in number, including nearly all the large boarding-houses for pilgrims, were completely destroyed, though the furniture were saved in some cases. The insurance on the burned buildings is estimated at \$15,000.

George-"Do you think it is safe for me to approach your pa on the subject?"

Lucy—"I think, George, you had better wait until later in the fall. He always has the rhoumatism then.'

A lady writer asks :--"Why don't bachelors marry ?" That's so--"Why don't they ?"

"Come to think about it, we have never yet seen a bachelor who was married. It's lamentable, too."

"Miss De Trop had on the longest gloves last night that I ever saw. She buttoned them from her wrist to her elbow."

"That's nothing. My girl buttons her's all the way from home to the "That's theatre.'

She—"How dare you ask to kiss me when you have only known me two weeks !"

Weeks " He---"I beg your pardon, but Jack Hurdlow said the night he called he had only known you a week." She---"True. But mother was not in the next room that night."

-He (after many days)-"Do' you think, as some do, that love is a dis-ease?" She (responsively and hopefully)—"Really, I cannot say what it is ; but think—I—I am sure it is catching."— Detroit Free Press

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

That "early American" work, Allen's Biographical Dictionary, published in 1809, refers, incidentally to persons bearing such names as Preserved Fish, Adam Eve, and Pickled Ham. These combinations indicate a certain whimsicality in the minds of those who made them. But equally striking effects sometimes make themselves apparent in a way leaving little room for doubt that they are accidental. The city hall of a certain American city was erected with a strict regard for honesty which does honor to all concerned. The three citizens of credit and renown who formed the construction committee asw that the work was done faithfully, and then handed back to the treasury a large surplus. The names of these gentlemon-inscribed on a small and rot at all conspicuous plate in the building-are Robb, Steele and Swindell.

In the same city, not long ago, two physicians happened to rent offices in the same house, and the wayfaring public saw displayed over its door the startling signs of Doctor Slay and Doctor Blood.

It would be strange if chance did not sometimes bring about a really appropriate conjunction of titles. It did this with great success in the case of a recent marriage ceremony, when a Miss Post and a Mr. Stump were fitly united by the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

"What have you named your baby, Rastus?'

"Sam Pro Tem Johnson, sah." "What is the Pro Tem for?"

"To show that the name is only temporary, sah. We kind o' thought Sam might like to choose his own name when he growed up, sah, so we put Pro Tem in as a warning to the public."







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-Educational Note.-Travers-"How long a course does your son take at col-lege?" Dobson-"That's just the question I asked. He wrote back that it would be 'two miles with a turn.' "-N. Y. Sun.

-A Reason for It .- Wife-"Why do they call these small bankers who discount notes shavers?" Husband-"I presume, my dear, it is because they are money raisers."-Detroit Free Press.

-Featherstone-"What did your sis-finger and put it on another."

-Another Point. - Fangle - "The question is, 'Should women smoke?" " Cumso-"Well, they certainly should uge."-Detroit Free Press. not smoke the brands of cigars you wige

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