## Too Difficult

In a Pennsylvania town where the Friends abound a prim old Quaker spinster one day attended the marriage of her grandnephew, a young person who had in the course of his twenty-one years received much needed discipline at her hands. The old lady was at her best on this festive occasion, and at a pause in the wedding-breakfast her young relative looked over at her with a beguiling smile.
"Tell us why thee never married, Aunt Patience ?" he said, teasingly.
"That is soon told, William," said the old Quakeress, calmly. "It was because I was not as easy pleased as thy wife was."

## Little Lean Shanks

Little Lean Shanks, says the Boston Transcript, sounds like a nickname, but it is the real name by which the infant son of Rev. L. S. Shanks, of Menominee, Wis., will be known through life.

This peculfar selection of names is thus explained by the Rev. Mr. Shanks : "I wanted to name by child after Dr. Little, of Evanston, Ill., because the doctor was my instructor in the divinity school. Then some one suggested that the child be named after the presiding elder of the district, and that sounded so sensible that I agreed, and decided to take both names. The presiding elder's name is Lean-Rev. Mr. Lean, of Milwaukee. Now, in spite of his mother's protests, every one here calls him Little Lean Shanks.

## Helping Her Out

The most impressive part of the marrlage ceremony had arrived. Big Tom Briggs had, in reply to the fatal question, answered, "Oi will," in a tone which showed there was no doubt about it at all, so far as he was concerned.
But although the minister was pleased to note the evident heartiness of the bridegroom, he was a trifle disconcerted when, on putting a like question to the lady, Tom once more thundered, " Oi will."
The clergyman took it that there was a slight misunderstanding, and repeated the question.
"OI will," again said Tom.
"Pardon me," said the minister gently, "the lady must reply."
"Oh, that be all right, master," grinned the groom. "Er be stone-deaf, so OI be answering for she."

## Spaces Which Paralyze

Let us suppose a rallway to have been bullt between the earth and the fixed star Centauri," said a lecturer. "By a consideration of this rallway's workings we can get some idea of the enormous distance that intervenes between Centauri and us.
"Suppose that I should decide to take a trip on this new aerial line to the fixed star. I ask the ticket agent what the fare is, and he answers
' The fare is very low, sir. It is only a cent each hundred miles.
"' And what, at that rate, will the through ticket one way cost ' ${ }^{\prime}$ I ask.
"'It will cost you $\$ 2,750,000,000$,' he answers.
"I pay for my ticket and board the train. We set off at a tremendous rate. " 'How fast,' I ask the brakeman, 'are we going ?
'Sixty miles an hour, sir, and It's a through train. There are no stoppages.' "'We'll soon be there, then, won't we ?' I resume.
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" And when will we arrive ?'
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