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THE END MAN.

"John, you don't seem to enjoy the asparagus." "No; just as I was buying it that miserable Tom Biggs came along and dunned me for that \$10 ! owe him.

"Say, I wouldn't be as superstitiou as you for forty dollars." "Who's su-perstitious?" "W'y you. Carryin' a horseshoe to de ball game." "Aw, go on. Dat's to soak de umpire wit'.

"Where's your bottle of cough medi-cine, Josiah?" What do you want with it?" "Well, you won't take it, and, as it cost sixty-five cents, it shan't be wasted. I'm going to polish the piano with it."

A man at a hotel fell the whole length of a flight of stairs. Servants rushed to pick him up. They asked him if he was hurt. "No," he replied. not at all. I'm used to coming down that way. I'm a life insurance agent.

Johnnie Alfalfa-One of those little chickens won't mind the old hen at all. It runs about by itself and doesn't pay any attention to her clucks. Sister Mary-I don't really blame the poor little thing. It's one that was hatched in the incubator.

"How the dickens do you keep your lawn so free from dandellon, Jones? "Patent scheme. I found when I tried to raise grass I got nothing but dancelions, so I made a change and tried to raise dandelions." "What good does that do?" "I get nothing but grass."

"Why haven't I a 600 acre farm as well as that man riding by in his car-riage?" yelled a red-nosed orator as he glanced at the crowd. "Because he saved \$600 and bought his farm when it cost him \$1 an acre, and you poured your \$600 down your throat," responded a man on the back seat, and the orator asked no more conundrums.

"Yes," said the official who was connected with the census work, "It'll be comparatively easy when we once get started." "Have you a special program?" "Yes. We'll keep records of all applicants for appointment, and all we'll have to do is to count the comparatively few men, women and children who haven't demanded positions.

"You see, my daughter Harriet is married to one o' these homeypath doctors, and my daughter Kate to an allypath," said a perplexed old lady. "If I call in the homeypath my allypath son-in-law an' his wife git mad; an' if I call in my allypath son-in-law, my homeypath son-in-law an' his wife git mad; an' if I go ahead an' git well without either of 'em, they'll both be mad; an' I don't see but I'd better die outright.

A westener was traveling in Germany; he was telling about the great inventions of America. He told about the great slaughter houses in Chicago, where they stab a pig, throw it in boiling water and run it through a machine where each part of the pig comes out at different places; and all kind of sausages-everything done by machinery. The German stood with his mouth open a little while, then he asked, "What do you do yen the sausage ist no goot?" The braggart didn't know. Vell," says the Dutchman, "Ve have got a machine if the sausage is no goot we takes everything back again and it goes through the machine, and the pig comes out on the other end alive."

PHUNNYGRAPHS.

A coolness, growing out of the fellowing conversation, has sprung up between Jones and Smith. "I had a splendid time last night," said Jones.

"I spent the evening at a little social gathering at the Goodman mansion." "Are the Goodmans nice people?"

queried Smith. "Well, I should say so. They are very aristocratic. To get into their circle one must have either a great deal of money or a great deal of "You don't tell me so! And you say you were there?"

"You were invited, were you?"

"Of course."
"And to be invited a man has to have plenty of money or a great deal

"Precisely." "Well, Jones, I am very glad to hear you have become rich all of a sudden. Lend me five dollars!"

"I am so troubled about my husband," said Mrs. Badman, seeking sympathy from the pastor's wife. "He goes from bad to worse. He is an infidel and an atheist and now he says he is an agnostic, and doesn't know anything, and doesn't believe anything,

and doesn't think anything." "My dear sister," replied the pastor's wife. "you don't know what trouble is. My husband thinks he knows how to cook."-San Francisco Argonaut.

"While I was away," said Mrs. Trotter, who had just returned from Europe, "I attended a great many parties, but the most enjoyable was a masquerade at Paris. That handsome Mr. Spiffins was there."

"What costume did he wear?" "He went in the garbage of a monk." — Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"Jimmy," said the joke writer on the prison paper, "when I get out of this place I'm going to have a period."
"A period?" echoed the horse edi-

"Yes, or, in other words, a good old

"What did you call it a 'period' for?" "Because it comes after a long sea tence."-Chicago News.

Sch-I hope, governor, that when I attain to your years, I'll know more

than you do.' Father-I'll go you one better, my dear boy, and hope that when you reach my age, you'll know as much as you think you know now .- Boston Courier.

"So you are absolutely sure there is going to be a great deal of money in circulation?" asked the social economist. "Absolutely," answered Senator Sorghum; "look at all the deadlocks in the State Legislatures."—Washington

GIRLS WHO WORK HARD

A Philosopher who Believed the Life of the Bired Girl to be Ideal.

Yet a Large Majority of Young Ladies Prefer the Shop and Work Room.

Philosophers who study mankind chiefly in books, and view human life through their study windows, sometimes fall into strange errors.
One of these lately expressed his astonishment that girls should prefer to work in shops and stores to tak-ing places in households. He said that a hired girl enjoyed the following advantages: "A healthy and regular occupation, a home shielded from contaminating influences, healthy and abundant and regular meals, fair wages and, constant employment all the year round, a kindly care and sympathetic concern for her highest and best interests, freedom to enjoy Sunday and a large part of week day, a yearly holiday of two or three weeks, and a considerate al-lowance for her failings and weak-

Happy man who has had such an acquaintance with families as to lead him to suppose that hired girls generally enjoy these great blessings! When that shall be the case there will not be any social problem left. upstairs and All will be serene downstairs, and in my lady's cham-

Bread and Milk Diet Causes Thick Hair. It is said that rustics who live on bread and milk diet nearly always have thick hair to an advanced age, while people who lunch and dine on meat rarely have thick hair after

OF STATES Massachusetts has expended \$20,000 in trying to get rid of gypsy moth.

Tampa, Florida, is the Mecca for the manufacture of clear Havana cigars. An ordinance has been passed in West Palm Beach, Fla., forbidding females to enter saloons.

An attempt on a large scale is soon to be made to stock the abandoned farms of Maine with cattle from the West. Texas makes nearly one-third of the

cotton crop of the United States, and that State is almost destitute of cotton mills, and Arkansas; another great cotton State, has no mill at all. The cultivation of land on vacant

lots in Wilmington, Del., by poor people, under the supervision of the Associated Charities, has been very successful. The timber on 30,000 acres of hardwood at Alboma, W. Va, is about to be cut at the rate of 35,000 leet per day.

It is estimated that five years will be spent in finishing the tract. There is a leech farm in Indiana and that is probably the only one in the The industry is car whole country. ried on in mossfilled vats. The breeding leeches were shipped from Ger

many some years ago, and all of the product is thoroughbred. Raleigh, N. C., has the largest pair of oak trees in the United States, when perfect symmetry of trunk and top is

taken into consideration. They stan 300 yards north of the capitol. Cattle raising in Georgia has reached

a point where there is a surplus, and the surplus is coming west. While plowing on his farm Joshua

Dean near Petersbrrg, Ind., unearthed ninety-eight flint spear heads and two skeletons. South Dakota is called the "Singed

Cat State.' At Santa Ana, Cal., there is a cherry garden of 500 acres. Arizona, once practically nothing but

an arid desert, is fast being covered with heavy verdure.

Indiana has six large skunk farms and the industry is becoming so extensive that recently a "trust" has been

formed. An enactment of the Texas legislature provides for the teaching in the public schools: of a course of humane treatment to animals.

Wisconsin boasts of a State Board of Immigration engaged in the Jaudable work of persuading people to move from one part of the State into another part.

At Boscowen, N. H., recently nine bronze tablets marking historic sites within the town limits were dedicated. These were the birthplaces of General John A. Dix, Willian Pitt Fessenden, ex-Governor Currier and Charles Sargent Coffin; the first law office of Daniel Webster; the residence occupied by him and afterward by his brother Ezeklel; the sites of the old fort built for protection against the Indians, of the first church in town and the first pastor's residence.

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The Filipino army has been thoroughly dispersed by the U. S. troops, but the rebels propose to centinue the war in small squads.

THE MAN FROM BOSTON.

to the Occupants of the Car. It was plain to see that the fat faced man with the short clay pipe and the bent straw hat on the rear seat of the open car was anxious to talk. He shifted about nervously in his seat, spat tentatively at marks on the receding pavement tevera, times, and eyed slantwise the sour looking, side whiskered, cold eyed, primly dressed man alongside him.

"Purty warm, ain't it?" he finally "Um-I don't feel warm," replied

the sour looking man. The man who wanted to talk dug penknife into the bowl of his pipe and began again:

"Cert'nly are puttin' it on that poor Dreyfus man, ain't they."

"Don't know that they are; probably he deserves all he's got, and more." It was a somewhat remarkable statement for a citizen of this country to give vent to, but that fat faced man who hankered to talk wasn't easily discouraged.

"Bum ball team we've got, ain't it?" "I am not interested in ball, indiffer-

ent or otherwise." The man with the sawed off pipe didn't say anything more for a while, but when the caregave a jolt rounding

a curve, he said: "Kind of a rocky road to Dublin, "I don't know anything about Dub-

lin; never been there," replied the sour visage man. The stout featured man wasn't downed yet, however, and he went on: "Be great times around here when

Dewey gets back to us, won't they?" "I'm sure I don't see why there should be," was the choppy reply. Dewey just did what he was ordered to do; what it was his duty to do and business to do, and what he was paid to do. Don't see why any particular fuss should be made over his arrival." The man with the pipe looked

straigth ahead for a while, and then he opened up again: "Think they'll put Bryan at the head of the ticket again?" he inquired. "Don't know anything about it." "Even if they do, it looks like a

cinch for McKinley, don't it?" "It doesn't bother me, one way or the other." "Funny game, that little 10-cent Van Wyck boom the Tammany ducks 'er

tryin' to put through in New York, "New York politics do not interest

"Seem t' be shapin things up some down in Cuba, I spose you've noticed?" "I haven't noticed anything of the

The fat faced man looked to be somewhat squelched for a while, but

after the car had gone a few squares he opened up again. "Seem t' be havin' some trouble roundin' up that cheap gezebu of a blatherskite, Aguinaldo, down there in

the Philippines, ain't they?" The sour visage man bridled. "Blatherskite!" he exclaimed, turning haughtily upon the fat faced man. "You don't know what you are talking about. He's the champion of an outraged people, and you'll find that when the iron heel of popular vote is placed upon the neck of the administration that is responsible for this

infamous persecution of men struggling for their liberty that-" But the fat faced man had reached his getting off place. As he clutched the stanchion, preparatory to hopping off, he looked the sour visaged man square in the eye, grinned, and

asked: "Hey, mister, how are things up around Boston, anyhow?" With which Parthian dart he got off.-Waskington Star.

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"A ragged boy about 10 years old," says a correspondent of the Detroit Free Press, "sat on the fence in front of an Arkansas cabin, and just as I came up his mother came to the door and called 'Moses!' in a loud voice. The boy did not look around, and after a minute she called 'Abraham!' He made no move, and I was asking him how far it was to Greenville when she put out her head and called 'Luke!' He did not appear to hear and had answered me that it was seven miles when the mother raised her voice still higher and shouted 'Mark!' "'Your mother is cailing you,' I said,

as he paid no attention. 'No, not me,' he replied.

"'But who, then?

"'My brothers over in the woods. She's called for Moses, Abraham, Luke and Mark. She'll call for Philetus, Jeremiah, Judas and Abel, and if they don't come she'll yell out for Ananias, and that'll mean me, and I'll jump."

HIGHGATE.

Those interested in the welfare of the public library in our village are to be congratulated on the success with which they are meeting in their endeavor to increase the membership of the institution.

The annual Xmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening Dec. 21st.

Hugh McKinnon, of Toronto, was the guest of A. J. Stone, on Sunday.

NORTHWOOD. Quite a number from here, attend-Methodist church on Sunday.

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ng. Come and enjoy a rare treat.

Vean Campbell is all smiles, It's a W. Martin preached in the Metho dist church on Sunday morning.

Miss D. Crosgrove, of Thamesville has been engaged to teach our school

BALDOON. The juveniles are looking forward The juveniles are looking forward to holiday time with great delight, and big expectations, and if we could persuade old St. Nicholas every stocking would be filled, "from the top right down to the toe."

The cases of typhoid fever existing the c

a few weeks ago, have quieted down and the little ones are all right

T. Rankin, J. Wemp, R. Owen, and the pastor have been appointed a committee to purchase a suitable organ for use in the Sunday school. The church trustees intend to tile

the yard on both sides of the building, and drain into Bear Line ditch, and gommissioner. T. O'Nei!, has kindly consented to supply the tile across the As the year closes on Sunday night, 31, watch night services

be held in Grace Church, commencing half past ten.
Miss Winnie Haylock, has returned after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Jas. McDonald, of Har-

Old and young in connection with the Sunday school, seem bent on hav-ing a good time on Wednesday evening a good time on Wednesday evening next, at the Christmas entertainment, and music, dialogues, recitations, singing, and fancy drilling by sixteen young ladies of the school, will be on the evening's program.

Mrs. Archie Wemp, of Chatham, is visiting relatives on the 13th of Dover.

Baldoon orchestra will play in the program at Mitchell's Bay and Oldfield Christmas entertainments, and

field Christmas entertainments, and the girls at the parsonage will help

music and singing.
One of our Dover boys has captured One of our Dover boys has captured the gold prize at the Collegiate, and now as a teacher holding a first class he goes over into the neighboring township to take charge of a school. Our congratulations and those of the neighbors are cheerfully offered to Richard Asher, of the tenth concession.

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We country people sincerely hope that Mayor Smith, of Chatham, will be successful in his electric railway negotiations, for all this county needs to make it a paradise is easy work getting out of and into it. Mitchell's Bay, as everybody knows, has superior facilities for fishing boating, bathing, etc., and might very easily become the star summer resort of the county, and even this peninsuilar.

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I call to mind the songs that Ma
Was wont to sing to me in youth;
But what it was that came from Pa
I've clear forgot and that's the
truth,
I've pondered o'er the matter long,
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