Trifles for the Idle.

Dog seller: "That 'ere hanimal's the real stock, mum, and dog cheap at £5." Young widow: "It's a sweet, pretty darling, black and white; but in my present state of bereavement you must procure me one entirely black. This will do very well for half-mourning in about six months."

It is believed that the Chinese embasy at Washington will start a wash-house if the treaty with China is abrogated.

The P. I. man of The New York Herald saved himself from sunstroke through the hot weather by wearing a cabbage leaf in the seat of his pantaloons.

Lord Beaconsfield asked Lord Odo Russell what was the French for a sole, "Une ame," he answered, supposing, of course, that his eloquent chief was intending to perorate in elevated language, and never thinking of the humble fish. Late in the day he heard with consternation that the premier had repaired to a well known restaurant and ordered, for his luncheon, "Une ame, frite."

The Chinese are good shoemakers. Being children of the sun they are familiar with

his congregation by lustily shouting.

"Next!"

A German book entitled "Geschichte und Literatur der Geschwindschreibskunst" is only a history of shorthand.

The "guests" in a boarding-house have noticed for some time the peculiar manner in which the crusts of the pies were indented, and the modus operandi remained a secret until a few days ago, when one of them discovered that the landlady had recently invested in a new upper set.

That was a clever take off of some of our modern pulpit orators which the old Scotch lady gave when asked what sort of minister she had. "Oh, weel, he's so muckle worth we seldom get a glint o'him. Six days o'the week he's envessible and the seventh he's encomprehensible.

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It may be taken as one of the most certain of facts that there is no situation in life the occupant of which enjoys an immunity from trouble; so that when we hear much of the tribulations of any one position, we must not forget that trials, perhaps of a different kind but quite as hard to bear, beaet those who are in positions related to that one. For instance, we are always hearing of the annoyances which masters and mistresses have to put up with, arising out of the badness, carelessness, or stupidity of their servants, but we must remember that there are two sides to the story, and that, perhaps, servants have to endure as much from the greed, indifference, and harshness of their employers. In fact, we are quite sure they have, and it is not right that we should overlook them.

For example, a fair proportion of the young women—we refer particularly to them—who are in domestic service, have been driven to such work by reverses of which they were in no way the cause. Such are the ups and downs of life that scarcely anyone can look on his or her position of ease and self-gratification as fully and permanently assured. A succession of mischances, one following hard upon another, may in a short time dissipate an ample fortune, and make servitude desirable to those who have been all their lives accustomed to receive—not render it. Let a master or mistress be ever so consider te and generous to one thus reduced to a position of dependence, the fact of occupying it must be depressing, however bravely the servant may endeavour to adapt herself, in spirit as well as in behaviour, to the change of worldly condition. Situations, of course, vary; the duties pertaining to some are not so irksome, onerous, or repellant as those incidental to others; but no sort of dosseatic service is positively delightful; housework, as every

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We reached Mrs. Thurston's house about four o'clock. It was a quiet, old-fashioned, red-brick mansion embowered in trees, with oool gardens in summer-time, where we even now we could hear the splash of a fountain. In-doors everything was oak and crimson, with touches of gray colour, and sober, home-like warmth which made its way into your senses as soon as you stood within the doorway. Mrs. Thurston and her daughters were in the drawing-room. In rector's family were placidly seited about, and the man who had stopped my first progress to Newton stood looking toward the door from his station by the mannel. He was an uncomfortable surprise. Leonor involuntarily touched my arm as we drew back. The stranger moved away, summering into another room, while Mrs. Thurston rustled forward, greeting us with effusive cordiality; and then, having, as I could see, some one of importance on her was a man of excellent judgment, and we takeys regard his will as law—but I am glady ou are not a stranger any longer.

"We passed a charming evening. When I went to my room it was with the most delicious sense of c mort in my new surroundings, but I almost feared, on awakening, to find Leonor—her gold and white costume the splendour of her beauty, her luxurious surroundings—all a dream of fairy tale or roomance; but her voice, gaily singing as passed her doorway, reasured me, and Roger, coming in to breakfast, with his hands full of damask roses, was a decided reality.

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