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A SENSIBLE LASS.
Scotch gentleman, while walking in a meadow with some ladies, the impudence to snatch a kiss from her, unperceived by the rest. She indignantly: "Sir, I am not accustomed to such freedom."

will be the greater rarity, then, "said the gentleman.
"ye idiot," said the mother, "go this instant."
He returned smiling, and said: "Again, its no' forbidden." (kiss)

ORNITHOLOGY.
"Lord Robertson," said a lady eminent lawyer at a party, "you tell me what sort of a bird you suppose, ma'am," replied the husband, "it is the male of the female."

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a second later, the "two lawbees" were noisily dropped in. "There they go," exclaimed the Doctor, "three-a-penny—three-a-penny, the price o' last week's fresh herrin'—three-a-penny, three-a-penny."

HAD NO PRACTICE.

Dr. Anderson was a man of very fine musical taste, and one Sunday, in John Street church, after the first psalm had been sung, and sung badly, he addressed the congregation thus: "Are ye not ashamed of yourselves for offering up to God such abominable sounds? If you had to offer up a service of praise before Queen Victoria in her presence, then you would have met every night, if necessary, for weeks on end, but as God is unseen you evidently think anything is good enough for him. I am ashamed of you." Then, taking a pinch of snuff out of his waistcoat pocket, he said solemnly, "Let us pray."

Improvement in Newfoundland.

Just returned from a ten days visit to Newfoundland, Mr. Charles Rowings, of Farquhar & Co., gave the "Merchant" some first hand information about industrial and trade conditions down there, which we feel sure will be interesting to maritime province merchants. And the first thing he said was this. He told us that the psychology of the Newfoundland people was much improved of late. A year ago they were very much down in the dumps. World markets then were full of fish and with prices falling, while at the same time, owing to heavy taxation and other expenses, the cost of living at home seemed to be constantly rising. The outlook was blue indeed. But to-day conditions are different, at least they are in so far as foreign markets are concerned. The world has cleaned up on fish, and what Newfoundland will have to offer this fall seems likely to find a fairly responsive purchasing market. It may not be a market that will assure high prices, but it ought to be one sufficiently good to give the fisherman a fair return for his labour and perhaps a little extra besides. Of course taxation in Newfoundland as in most o-har countries is still very high, this as a result of the war, but it has not the discouragement of a year ago, when people had little of nothing with which to meet it. To-day the prospect is that the Newfoundland cod fishery for the present season will be quite large. All the signs point in this direction, and though it does not seem likely that prices will be high, yet the return as a whole should be sufficient to give the country a much better position financially than it had six months or a year ago. The feeling now is that the worst of Newfoundland's financial and trade depression is over. From now on, unless something unexpected occurs, her condition should gradually improve.

Mr. Rowings made a remark or two about the other fisheries. He said that the lobster catch this spring had been short, but that owing to the high prices paid, the fishermen made more money than usual. He also said that the total catch of spring herring had been 40,000 barrels, and that prices were too low for profit. The fishermen, he says, are still wondering what has gone wrong with the West India negro that he should have grown so indifferent to the Newfoundland herring of which at one time he used to be so fond.

But it is not only in connection with the fisheries that Newfoundland exhibits signs of greater industrial activity. An interest is being taken in her minerals and it is now planned to

hardness some of the big rivers so that they may provide hydro electric power for mining and smelting work. It is too early yet to make promises in connection with these developments, but Mr. Rowings says that many people believe that great things are on the way. The production of pulp and paper seems likely from now on to proceed on a larger scale. Mr. Rowings spent a day at Bonne Bay, the little west shore town which was recently almost completely destroyed by fire. He says that the place is being rebuilt and that the spirit of the people is by no means broken. "All they need," said he "is a few seasons of good fisheries, to bring them back to their old form again." We asked him what the weather was like in Newfoundland during his stay. He reported it wonderfully fine and warm. "On one day at Bay of Islands," he says, "I saw the thar-

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By EDGAR A. GUEST.

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Youth puts its lessons grim aside. But age must meet a sterner test. With man life's never satisfied. He must do better than the best.

Thus while the children romp and play And from the path of duty turn, Age never puts life's books away. Each page has lessons it must learn.

No glad vacation ever dawns When age has come and youth has fled. Old feet must shun the velvet lawns To trudge the road which lies ahead.

So let them romp the while they may And let them think their lessons done. They shall discover down the way The work of man is just begun.

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Panel 1: Uncle: "WELL, WE'VE GOT THE BILLY, I WANT MESSAGING, AND I'LL BE FLYING!"
Panel 2: Billy: "SHE'S LOOKING THE WAY NOW!"
Panel 3: Uncle: "IT'S FUN TO FLY WITH MESSAGING, STENOGRAPHER!"
Panel 4: Billy: "WELL, YOU CAN FLY WITH MESSAGING, STENOGRAPHER!"