

WHAT WAS IT.

BY SYDNEY DAYRE.

Guess what he had in his pocket.
Marbles and tops and sundry toys
Such as always belong to boys.
A bitter apple, a leathern ball?
Not at all.

What did he have in his pocket?
A bubble pipe and a rusty screw,
A brass watch-key broken in two,
A fish-hook in tangle of string?
No such thing.

What did he have in his pocket?
Ginger-bread crumbs, a whistle he
made,
Buttons, a knife with a broken blade,
A nail or two and a rubber gun?
Neither one.

What did he have in his pocket?
Before he knew it slyly crept
Under the treasures carefully kept,
And away they all of them quickly
stole—
'Twas a hole!

Indignant Citizens of Johnstown.

Johnstown, Pa., July 12.—The feeling has been growing that things have not been properly managed relating to the distribution of the large relief fund, and it has been intensified by the statement of Governor Beaver that \$1,500,000 has already been expended in the city. The matter will take shape in a call or an indignation meeting, which will be held in the public park on Saturday evening.

Hadjji Hassen Ghooly Khan, the Persian ambassador at Washington, is very much annoyed at the remarks made by the press of the United States about his master, the Shah, and he purposes meeting the latter in Paris in order to tender his resignation. It is claimed, however, that the newspapers have only been making a little fun over the Shah's second visit to Europe, and that the ambassador's trouble is that he is unable to appreciate American humour. Still the paragraphs' humour has undoubtedly been somewhat offensive. It is said that the Persian monarch is really a man of fine parts, and that he has proved himself the wisest and most progressive ruler Persia has ever had. He learned much of European civilization during his first visit sixteen years ago, and on his return to his own country instituted many practical reforms, one of which was the establishment of an Advisory Council, to which he referred various projects for the improvement of the condition of his people. He established an imperial coinage introduced the postal and telegraph systems, simplified taxation, and in many ways modernized the country over which he has now ruled for forty years. It would seem, therefore, that the American newspapers owe him an apology, and if they would send it by his ambassador the wrath of the latter would doubtless be appeased.

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Ironing a Shirt.

After the shirt is washed and dried take the bosom wrong side out and fold it together in the centre. Moisten a table-spoonful of starch in a little cold water, then add a pint of boiling water stir until the whole is perfectly clear. Dip the bosom, wrong side out, into this starch, dip your hands in cold water, and wring the bosom while it is still very hot. Rub the starch in thoroughly taking great care not to get the least portion on the right side of the bosom. Rub it in, and, if you find all parts are not sufficiently moistened, dip it in the second time. When the shirt is perfectly starched shake it out and fold both sides of the bosom again together, thus bringing the side seams together also, straighten the sleeves. Now fold the sides of the shirt over the front, and, beginning at the neck, roll up tightly. Roll it in a towel and put in a cold place several hours or over night. I say a cold place, because the starch would sour if kept in a warm place many hours. Now for the ironing. Iron first the neckband, then the front, and last the bosom. Put under the bosom a rather hard, smooth bosom-board, cotton flannel is the best material for covering, and one thickness under a plain muslin cover is quite sufficient. Spread over the bosom a wet cloth, and iron it over quickly with a very hot iron; then remove the cloth, and, with a perfectly smooth iron, as hot as can be used without scorching, rub the bosom rapidly up and down, not crosswise, at the same time holding and pulling the bosom into shape. If you have a polishing iron use the rounded part of the iron, thus putting all the friction on the small part at one time, giving full benefit of the gloss of both starch and linen.

The Queen Chagrined.

London, July 10.—The Queen and Prince of Wales are very much chagrined at the treatment accorded them in the House of Commons in referring the whole question of dowries for the young Princess and Princesses to a Committee on Royal Grants.

A Committee on Royal Grants.

London, July 10.—In the House of Commons last evening Mr. William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, moved the appointment of the Committee on Royal Grants, proposing that the Committee consist of 23 members, Mr. Dillwyn, Liberal member for Swansea Town, proposed to make the membership 25 by adding the names of two Radical members, thus wiping out the majority of the supporters of the Government. Mr. Smith contended that the Government should have a majority on the Committee, and that in this claim they were supported by all the precedents. Mr. Gladstone supported Mr. Smith in this contention, and Mr. Bradlaugh spoke in favor of the amendment, which was finally rejected by a vote of 300 to 105.

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