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Colonel John Harrington, who has just presented to the Emperor of Abyssinia, to whose court he is accredited as Minister resident, a superb and perfectly trained Indian elephant, as a token of friendship from king Edward, is the only chief demission in the diplomatic service of Great Britain who has risen to that office from the position of a common soldier in the ranks. In 1888 the Colonel, who received the Order of the Bath some years ago, and is now about to become Sir John as a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, was a private in the Middlesex regiment of

private in the Middlesex regiment of infantry. A year later he won a commission, and eighteen months at

terward was transferred to that picked body, the Indian Staff Corps. Before long he volunteered for service as Vice-Consul at Zoilah, a pes-

vice as Vice-Consul at Zoilah, a pos-tilential place, which serves as one of the seaports to Abyssinia, the post on question being avoided as much as possible by the other mem-bers of the corps, by reason of its loneliness and unhealthiness. So good was the use which Harrington made of his opportunities that he was able to render invaluable assist-ance to the special mission of Sir

ance to the special mission of Sir Rennell Road to Emperor Menelik in 1897, striking up a great friendship with Lord Edward Cecil, the soldier

sen of Lord Salisbury, who formed part of Sir Rennell's staff. The re-

sult was that when the British Gov-ernment resolved upon establishing a permanent Legation in Abyssinia, where British interests are exceeding-

ly important, both Sir Ronneli and Lord Edward Cecil warmly recom-mended Licutenant Harrington for the post. He has since received mili-

the post. He has since received maintary promotion, and the influence which he has been able to acquire over the dusky potentate to whom he is accredited is so great that it has completely relegated into the background that of Russia and of France, which formerly predominated that a helps.

How He Settled Theft Charge In a Scotch country parish not long ago, says Tit-Bits, there lived a church officer who had filled that

post and that of grave digger for the long space of fifty years. Suspicion had long been entertained that he was in the habit of helping himself

out of the collection plate whenever opportunity admitted. It was difficult, of course, to prove this. At last, however, the sum of £1 was ab-

stracted from a missionary box which stood in the vestry, and every-thing combined to point out this man as the culprit. The elders told the minister that something must

really be done. The reverend gentle-man said he would make investiga-

The following Sabbath, after the

morning service, the minister was taking off his gown and bands, and, being alone in the vestry with the suspected man, he thought the op-

portunity was too good to be lost,

"Andrew, have you heard of the money that is a-missing from the

"O'ay," said Andrew. "I was hearing something about it."
"Andrew." continued the other, very gravely, "this matter lies between you and me. We are the only two who have access to the box. Either you or I must be the thief."
"Deed, sir," rejoined the imperturbable Andrew, "it is just as you say; we're the only two that has had access to the box, and I think the

access to the box, and I think the best way'll be for you tae pay the half and I pay the tither, and sae nae mair aboot it."

A publisher once gave the follow-ing: "Woman, the fairest work in all creation. The edition is large and no man should be without a

This is fairly seconded by a youth

who, giving his distant sweetheart, said: "Delectable dear, so sweet

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that honey would blush in ner puseus and treacle stand appalled."
Further, in regard to the fair sex, we have: "Woman, she needs no

Further, in regard to the fair sex, we have: "Woman, she needs no eulogy; she speaks for herself." "Woman, the bitter half of man."

In regard to matrimony some bachelor once gave: "Marriage, the gate through which the happy lover leaves his enchanted ground and returns to earth."

At the marriage of a deaf and dumb couple some wit wished them "unspeakable bliss."

At a supper given to a writer of

"unspeakable bliss."
At a supper given to a writer of comedies a wag said: "The writer's very good health. May he live to be as old as his jokes."
From a law critic: "The bench and the bar. If it were not for the bar, there would be little use for the bench."
A celebrated state.

A celebrated statesman, while din-

ing with a duchess on her 80th birthday, in proposing her health,

said:
"May you live, my lady duchess,

until you begin to grow ugly."
'I thank you, str," she said, "and
may you long continue your taste
for antiquities."—Tit-Bits.

Obeying Orders.

The Irishman that figures in the

following anecdote would seem to have been excellently fitted to shine in some branches of the civil service where red tape is at a premium.

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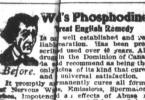
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One morning the supply of bricks ran out, and do his best the new man could find but thirteen to put in his hod. In answer to a loud yell from the street one of the masons on the sixth story staging shrieked down, "What do you want?"

"T'row me down a brick," said Pat, pointing to his hod, "to make me number good."

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Statistics Showing Accidents Resulting is Death on Other Conveyances.

In the forthcoming issue of the Au-In the forthcoming issue of the Au-temobile Club Journal appear some important statistics of fatalities caused by motor cars and other veh-lcles. They are drawn from the offi-cial figures of the annual reports of the Commissioner of Police of the Matropolis and cover on area of 682 the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and cover an area of 688 square miles, from Colney Heath, in Hertfordshire, to Tadworth Heath, in Surrey, and from Lark Hall, in Esex, to Staines Moor, in Middlesex the most congested and densely populated part of the United Kingdom. The figures cover the years from 1896, when the motor car was legalized to the conversed to the state of the control ly empowered to run on the public roads, to 1901, and on the strength of them the leading article in the Automobile Club Journal is headed "The Safest Vehicle on the Public

The Journal says: "It will be seen from these figures that a very com-mon impression that motor cars are responsible for a large aumber of fatal accidents is totally unsupport-ed. Since the act of 1896 legalized the use of light locomotives upon the highway, the average number of persons killed annually in the streets of the metropolis by light locomotives is less than one. * The slowgoing vehicles are responsible for more fatal accidents than the quick traveling ones. The following fig-ures speak for themselves:

Killed annually by vehicles in Lon-

carts, wagons, and drays -By cabs By omnibuses
 By private carriages
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 By Cycles
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 By light locomotives
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"Making every allowance for the fact that the number of motor cars is still limited as compared with horse-drawn vehicles, it is still clear that autocars are among the safest vehicles in use in London, and that the popular opinion as to the number of persons killed by them is totally unsupported by the facts. • • • The real fact is that control, and

not speed, is the measure of safety. Motor cars and bicycles being the most under control are the safest vehicles on the streets, while the brakeless, slow-going, clumsy vans, drays, and wagons are the most dangerous."—London Telegraph.

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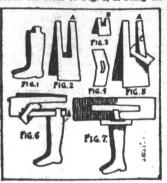
It is Made of Paper and Will Be Found Quite Amusing.

Here is a clever paper puzzle that will amuse you while you are making it and will amuse you after it is made in watching your playmates trying to solve the secret of properly taking it apart. You can make the puzzle as large or as small as you wish.

First take a piece of paper, double it, and cut from it a pair of boots, as in Fig. 1, the fold in the paper coming at the top of the boots and consequently

joining them together.

Then take another piece, fold it and cut in the form of Fig. 2, A being the



HOW TO MAKE THE PUZZLE. folded end. Fold still another piece and cut it like Fig. 3, B representing

the folded side.

Now open the smaller piece, as in Fig. 4, and push the point A through the opening in its center, Fig. 5. Then put one boot through the loop of the long arm, between A and the smaller piece, which has been pushed forward as far as it will go (Fig. 6). Now pull the smaller piece down over A and epen the largest piece, and the boots are fastened on to the larger paper in such a way that, if you do not know how, they are hard to get off.
After they are in place, with your fin-

ger nail smooth out the creases made at A, Fig. 5, as their appearance might furnish a clew toward solving the mys

When you pass them to your friends to take off explain that they are not to bend the boots.

A Toy Electroscope.

Some very pretty experiments may be made with the simple apparatus therein described. An ingenious boy can make all the necessary preparations and without expense.

Get a piece of wire about six inches in length and bend two inches of it down at right angles. Then bend the other end, also at right angles, but in a direction opposite to the first.

Place the horizontal branch of the

wire on the rim of an ordinary glass tumbler and let it hang there so that the vertical part of the wire shall not touch the inside of the glass. Over the lower branch of the wire hang a piece of tin foil and then place on top of the glass an ordinary tin plate.

Now, what you have to do is to elec-trify the tin foil, and this you can do by rubbing a glass rod or a stick of sealing wax with a woolen cloth and holding it close to the tin plate, when the two ends of the tin fell will fly apart suddenly. This shows that you have electrified the foil by means of the electricity awakened in the glass rod or sealing wax by rubbing it.

Conundrums

Why is a fashionable lady like a steam engine? Because she has a train behind her. What relation is a door scraper to a

door mat? Step farther.
Why is a horse the most curious feedthe world? Becs

when there is not a bit in his mouth. What flower is always under your nose? Tulip.

A washerwoman dropped something she couldn't pick up. Why is a cat like a match? Because

the cat lights on its feet and the match lights on its head. Why is an elephant an unwelcome

caller? Because he always brings his trunk with him. What is the strongest rope in the

world? Europe.
What is the oldest table in the world? The multiplication table.

Why is the heart of a tree like the tail of a dog? Because it is farthest away from the bark.

Laid Up In His Head.

Daniel Webster once told a good story in a speech and was asked where he got it. "I had it laid up in my head for fourteen years and never got A chance to use it until today," said he. Some little boy or girl wants to know what good it will do to learn the "rnle of three" or to commit a verse in the Bible. The answer is this: "Some time you will need that very thing. Perhaps it may be twenty years before you can make it fit in just the right place, but it will be just in place some time. Then if you don't have it you will be like the hunter who had no ball in his rifle when the bear met him.-Washington Star.

Little Minny Ham.
Little Minny Ham
Thought she'd like to have some jam't while the cat her mother spurned.
The pantry key she turned.
Then little Minny Ham
Got acquainted with that jam.
When she could eat ne more
She unlocked the pantry door,
And the face of Minny Ham
One couldn't see for jam.
Said her mother, "Minny Ham,
You kave eaten all the jam!"
And Minny said, "Then you
Sheuldn't have peeked through." Little Minny Ham.



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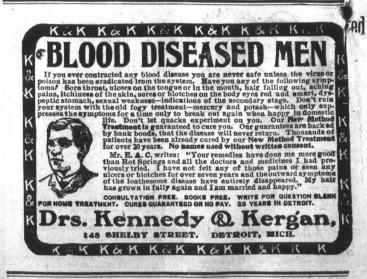
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