MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

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"LIVE WIRES"

"Don't touch that wire !" was the warning given a young man who was standing on a ladder, forty feet from the ground, painting a house. The caution was given in the best of faith, and his friend standing on the ground called out as earnestly as though his own life depended upon it. Again he said : "Rob, don't touch that wire,

He doubtless meant to say the wire was "live," for it was an electric wire, but before the words were out of his mouth, the young the words were out of his mouth, the young man, attempting to reach over the wire to contact with it. He utterd a 'aint ejacul-ation, as though about to cry from pain or to call for help, then he reeled, evidently in an attempt to free himself when he lost his balance and fell heavily, head 6 remost to the ground. His frieved rushed to his side, as did a policeman and others, but too late —the young fellow was dead. Young men and women are constantly being warned by parents, pastors, and friends not to touch the many "live" wires of sin, which are everywhere to be seen. Be on the lookout, and keep always far away from temptation.—Ex.

AN ENEMY OF SUPERSTITION.

Mr. Holley looked at his grandson with a mixture of amusement and reproach on his shrewd old face. It was dusk in the barn, a time for confidences. "I dunno whère in all the earth you got such notions, sonny, old man said ; "not from your ma's folks, or your pa's, either. There never was any talk o' belief in signs and sup rstitious in either the Holley or the Fawcett stock, that's sure. have come from that foreign lady lt must they had to teach you, I expect."

"And you don t believe there's any harm "Aid you don't believe there say mining in a bird flying into the house, or breaking a mirror, or seeing a black cat, grandpa?" asked the little boy, earnestly. "And don't you care whether a pin sticks straight up in the floor, or which shoulder you see the moon over, or whether you get anything on you wrong side out? Not any of these things?"

moon over, or whether you get anything on you wrong side out? Not any of these things?" "All foolishness," said the old man, with a reassuring pat of the hot little hand. "I'm glad ye've talked it out with me, sonny. Now you just put it out of your 'ead, and 11 teil you what I'll do. When we go up to the house I'll give ve a fittle old penny lv'e been saving for ye for a 'ucky piere. You jest carry It in your pocket all the time,-change it from one suit o' clothes to another, -and see, what I ll bring yee." "Do they really bring luck, grandpa?" asked the lit le boy. "Course they do," said Mr. Holley, firmly. "When we get another spare time I'll relate to ye a few cases that's come under my own eye, of lives saved by 'em, and so forth. Course they do ''-Ex.

NO PLAGE.

The Luzy Ones Must Stand Aside.

That dull heavy feeling from coffee may not amount to much in itself but it is a great obstacle in the way of fame and fortune for it kills ambition and makes one lazy and finally sick.

The successful men or women must first conquer themselves. The way to conquer that dull stup d feeling nine times out of ten is to pay a little attention to proper food, coffee in particular will dull the senses and make one feel lazy and stupid after the first effects of the cup have worn off an hour or so after drinking it.

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ATTACKING HIMSELF.

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told Burnand that when he was younger he "would have pulled the nose of the man whom I considered had attacked me." Mr. Burnand firmly replied that if Sala really wished to carry out his threat he could easily take the affair into his own hands. "I can," exclaimed George rising up ex-citedly, "and I will " Everyone jumped to their feet. It seemed as though he were going to assault me there and then I What was their surprise at seeing George, first with one hand, then with the other, wring his own nose, and, murnur-ing humbly, "I apologize," drop down abashed into his seat. They all stared George burst into one of his shoulder-shaking fits of laughter. All were puzzled, and looked from one to the other for enlightment. "At my request," I explained, "George wrote that artucle himself."—Ex.

Amiable Tourist(to guide)—'That's a very imposing statue, guide.' Guide—'Indeed, you are right, sir; nost people are imposed on by it I hey think it's marble, but it's only painted timber'

'Miss Biggs is interested in you, pa,

'How so?' 'Why, to-day, after she told me seven times to sit down and behave myself, she said she wondered what sort of a father, I had.'-Sel.

FELO-DE-SE.

FELO-DE-SE. A new variation of a good old story of making the rounds of the British papers. It runs like this: The Coroner had directed the jury to find a verdict of felo-de-se. "Well, chaps, 'said the foreman of the jury, when they had retired to consider the verdict 'nt appears, to me that this 'ere chap shot 'issell with a gun, after shootin' another chap with a gun, but Dr. Jones, the Côrôfter, whom all know ard 'ighly respect, e' says that this 'ere chap fell m the sea. Well, it ain't for the likes of us to ge arguin the point with the doctor, for e' knows more about it than we de So, 1 propose we find a verdict of found drowned—and they did. a verdict of found drowned — and they did. — Ex.

THE DROPPED LETTER.

'You made quite a mistake in my article on the modern hotel,' said Mr. M. Inchost to

on the modern hotel, said Mr. M. Inchost to the editor Trm sorry to hear that. What was the error? We will try to correct it.' 'Well, when I wrote, "The problem of feeding the corps of attendants and attaches has grown to 'e one of great importance," your printers made it read "the problem of feeding.'

you printers made it read feeing." "Oh, that's nothing," said the editor, turning again to his work. 'I thought at first that we had made some misstatement of fact.—'Judge.'

'I will go a step farther, gentlemen,' said a fiscal orator who was addressing a meet-ing in the north of England. He did go a step further and landed heels over head a mong the newspaper reporters.

THE YANKEE IN ENGLAND

An enterprising Yankee came over to Eng-land and decided to open a shop in Birmingham. He obtained premises next door to a man who also kept a shop of the same des-cription, but was not very pushing in his business methods. The methods of he Yan-kee, however, caused the older trader to wake up, and with the spirit of originality str ng upon him, he affixed a notice over his door with the words, Established fifty years, painted in large letter. Next day the Yankee replied to this with a notice over his door to this effect 'Established yesterday. No old stock.—Sel man who also kept a shop of the same des

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