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CLERICAL STORIES.

HUMOROUS INCIDENTS NOTED BY AN ENGLISH CLERGYMAN.

A Bit of Irish Repartee That Restored Good Humor-The Cause of a General Laugh In a Dublin Cathedral-An Interrupted Sermon.

"An Irishman of the full blood cannot resist an opportunity for repartee, no matter how solemn the occasion or what his surroundings," said an English clergyman, a visitor in Washington, the other day, when the conversation turned on the funny experiences of clergymen and the humor that creeps into matters connected with the church.

"I was assisting an old friend of mine, the rector of a church in Ireland, one Sunday, and before the service we were in the vestry room putting on our robes, with the old sexton, a shriveled up Irishman of the perfect type, as sisting. My friend. who was somewhat old, was a little testy that morning, and somehow the sleeve of his surplice got mixed up. Notwithstanding the assiduous efforts of the old sexton to direct his arm to the right hole the two would not connect. Finally, losing patience, my friend said sharply: 'Oh, the old boy's in the thing.' "The old sexton brightened up and, looking over at me, with a twinkle in his eye, said as quick as lightning, 'Not

vit. your riverince.' "It restored the good humor of the situation, and the vestment was proper-

ly adjusted. "The only time I ever heard a congregation laugh unrestrainedly during the regular services in a cathedral was back in the eighties, when I was a resident of dear, dirty Dublin. On one Sunday morning the bishep of Cork preached. He was a splendid man, an Irishman to the backbone and possessed of as fine a brogue as ever distinguished a son of Erin. His congregation was made up of the very essence of fashion in Dublin, which, in those days, was one of the greatest social centers of the world. Notoriously, people were living beyond their means, for the income from the landed estates of Ireland had taken a big tumble. But that made no difference, and good dressing went as a matter of course and was one of the smallest of the extravagances. The bishop preached on the subject of extravagance and spoke particularly of overdressing. His sermon was a bitter arraignment of the sin of debt and the wickedness of setting the heart on fashion and dress. He attacked the overdressed woman and wound up this particular reference

"'Now, supposing every one of yeevery one, man and woman-should stand up in this church, take off, the clothes ye have not paid for, just walkin out with the things on your back ye have paid for-a pretty lookin lot of

scarecrows ye'd be.' "There was a pause until the real significance of the suggestion had percolated through the members of his congregation, then some one snickered. Every one was picturing to himself and herself the real scene that would occur should the bishop's idea be carried into effect, while wife looked at busband and members of each family nudged one another. The ludicrous side was trresistible and the laugh was general.

"I once attended church at Whalley, a little village on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire, in England. The church, which had been a part of the old abbey, was built in the year 1066 and is today one of the most interesting sacred edifices in Great Britain. The rector was a Mr. Whittaker, very old, very stout and very deaf. He had occupied the living for 30 years, and while he generally appeared in church and took some part in the services, he was able to afford the luxury of a curate and was always glad to secure the services of a friend to preach. On one occasion a gentleman I knew very well was to officiate. It was his custom to limit his sermon to 20 minutes, preaching ex tempore, and always took out his watch and his pocket handkerchief, placing them beside him before commencing. This he did as usual. and, finding a very convenient little round receptacle, stuffed the handker chief into it, laid the watch on top and fired away. .

"The congregation was surprised to see the old rector, who was sitting at the bottom desk of the 'three decker' erection, which I suppose still stands right in the center and half way down the aisle not in the chancel, as in the modern churches-become very uneasy in his seat. He squirmed around and looked up, though every one knew quite well that he could not hear a word of the sermon. Finally he beck oned to the black gowned old verger, who carried a long wand, and whispered to him. The verger ascended the pulpit and in turn interrupted the sermon by a whispered conversation with the preacher, who was seen to suddenly grasp his pocket handkerchief and watch, smile and nod, and then proceeded with his sermon. He had filled the receiver of the old rector's ear trumpet, which connected with a tube to the lower desk and the rector had been unable to ten whether any sermon was going on or not."

Hope For Him, "Have you ever tried to reduce

"Yes, I'll bet I've spent \$500 for antifat medicine; but it's no good. I've tried everything and I just keep getting fatter. I'll give it up now and go on and weigh a ton if I have to." "Oh, don't get discouraged. Come over and try our boarding house for a month or so."

Usually, when you pass two women, you can hear one ask, "Did you make it without a pattern?"—Atchison Globe.

THE VEHDICT.

New York's vaccination appears ave "took."—Washington Post. Many people will be giad to learn that skimmilk is more useful for paper making than for sale to city people at 5 cents a quart.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

In searching for the south pole the Duke of Abruzzi will enter upon a field of exploration which has been very little cultivated as yet. It would be a scientific surprise if the south pole were to be first reached.—Buffalo Courier,

The present congress may be asked to consider the expediency of uniform marriage and divorce laws. The ease of American divorce is one of the national jokes. There is an opportunity for wise legislation in that direction.—Ohio State Journal.

The protests of the artists against any meddling with the White House in ad vance of a report from a representative national commission of architects, sculptors and landscape gardeners seems to us altogether reasonable and not untimely.— Hartford Courant.

The Germanizing of eastern Prussia proceeds apace. It is announced that at Kijewo a schoolmaster and his pupils have received notice that they must cease to wear boots high in the leg, such footgear being considered as a sign of na-tionalist ideas.—Hartungsche Zeitung.

The multiplication of accidents with automobile vehicles emphasizes the need of "other devices, other rules and cus-toms." The new machines are capital things so long as they keep in their place and go right. Out of place or out of con-trol they are a menage and a horror.-New York Tribune.

If the settlers at Plymouth could have managed to land on the historic rock on some day either a month before Christmas or a mouth after the recurrence of that high festival, Forefathers' day would find much more general observance at the hands of this latter day genera tion.-Boston Globe.

A Seattle physician cheerfully and approvingly announces that the practice i becoming more and more common with the members of his profession to "put to sleep" permanently patients whose sufferings are incurable. It might be well for people who travel to be a little cautious hereafter about getting sick in Seattle.

THE WRITERS.

James Whitcomb Riley, the poet, now rarely wears the buttonhole bouquet which he used never to be without. He dresses very simply and wears the flowers but seldom.

Punch announces the immediate publication of a three part serial by Frank R. Stockton. It is ertitled "The Gilded Idol and the Conch "hell" and deals with American life on the side of politics.

Miss Beatrice Harraden, the novelist, who was recently severely injured while mountaineering in Norway, has returned to England and is rapidly recovering She found while in Norway that the Nor-wegian translator of her first novel had omitted its last chapter, saying that thus the story was much improved. Mme, Sarah Grand will make her de-

but upon the lecture platform in the United States. Her lectures, it is said, will not consist of mere readings from her novels or essays, with anecdotes in terpolated, but will comprise a series of carefully prepared addresses upon literary, artistic and sociological subjects.

Rudyard Kipling says his second trip to South Africa is made simply for rest. "I hope," he said, "to return with my wife and two daughters early in May. I propose traveling extensively in all phases of the closing scenes of the war, but as a spectator only. I have no in-tention of writing a book on what I may ee. I am going out simply for a good loafing spell.

PLANT LIFE.

Impatiens sultani is one of those persistent little blossoms that keep the winow garden gay almost the year around. It is literally never without flowers. A vessel of water kept steaming on the stove will keep the atmosphere in good condition for plant growth. When the air is too dry for plants, it is too dry for

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THE BOERS.

bitten.

The Boers have at least made it certain that England will think long and well before attempting the conquest of any other country inhabited by white men. By their stubborn valor and their fortitude in suffering they may have prevented great wars and terrible slaughter.

-Cleveland Leader.

The Boers can't be bothered with prisso when they have caught the they let them go again, It is rather lucky or the captured men that they are not oldiers of two or three centuries ago, then a different, but effective, plan to the same end might have been pursuedone precluding the chance of catching the same men twice.

POWDER AND BALL.

The military stores of Paris are boundless. In a day she could clothe and arm 150,000 fighting men with 70,000,000 rounds of melinite cartridges.

Nine ounces of sugar is the extra allowed in the British army; Russian soldiers get two gallons of beer; German, seven ounces of butter, and Spanish, three pounds of salt fish Until the middle of the eighteenth cen-

tury cavalry deployments were by two right angle turns, and when the discount march was adopted instead of making the liagonal by a half turn of each horse the movement was by the whole troop or

THE CANAL.

While the isthmian canal is going to be a short cut, they are not cutting short the preliminaries to building it.—Phila-

All Mexico asks is that a ship canal be built on some conditions. It would also move her coast line far to the south.— Mexican Herald.

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hastily and you will see at a glance

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goes down to the knuckle joint. In testing meat in that manner the man with the trier judges by the slightest shade of difference between the smell of one plece of meat and another. The smell of the meat is almost universally sweet, and that is what he smells. The slightest taint or deviation from the sweet smell is therefore appreciable. It is not the degree of taint that he expects to find, but the

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