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which a horse would starve.

end, and do it day after day.

Plants That Can See.

To speak of a plant being able t

see seems extraordinary, but it can be

Tack a piece of string along the

The common bramble may be not-

and the shoot, as soon as it strikes

roots, which take hold of the soil and

When Trees Get Thirsty.

Plants are also sensitive to touch

taste, and thirst. The common sun-

dew, which grows in boggy places,

lives upon insects and is the best-

known flesh-eating plant. All car-

nivorous plants have a sense of taste.

This can be proved by placing on

but will have nothing to do with sug

Trees suffering from thirst will do

ed under a road, with a brick wall

Saved by Crow.

HOW RAILWAY WORKMAN ES-

CAPED ELECTROCIPTION.

To the horror of many onlookers

workman at Notodden Railway

Station, in Norway, came in contact

with the 10,000 volt "live wire" of

the power station. They expected to

see him fall in a shrivelled heap, but

he went on with his work. Investi-

gation revealed that the current had

been out off, short-circuited some

miles away by a crow pecking at the

insulation while perched on one of

the carrying masts at the very mo-

ment when the man touched the live

wire. But for this, the man would

have undoubtedly been electrocuted.

mazing things to satisfy this crav-

and like and dislike certain things.

feed upon it.

proved by simple experiment.

Animals as Athletes.

SURPRISING FEATS OF SPEED

If you were asked to name the swiftest animal, you might answer the hare, or possibly the greyhound. A first-class greyhound can travel for a short distance at thirty-five miles an hour, a speed about four miles an hour faster than that of a

The speediest animals are the greynound, race-norse, prong-norned an-telope, hare, Texan jack rabbit, common fox, and coyote. Next come the foxhound and the grey wolf.

The speeds of all the animals mentioned have been measured by counting the number of bounds in a given space of time by means of a stop watch: then-preferably on a snowclad surface-measuring the length of each bound.

A man can do no better than 2114 miles an hour, and that only in a hundred yards sprint. His best speed for a mile is but foureen miles an

A Hundred Miles in a Night.

None of the animals mentioned can keep up the recorded speeds for any a loose tendril of creeper. In a short considerable length of time, but in time the tendril turns its tip towards this respect the fox and the wolf can the support, reaches for it, and clings beat either the greyhound or the to it. How could it do this without racehorse. As a rule, wild animals sight? have greater powers of endurance than domesticated creatures. The iced growing over a pile of stones or grey wolf, for instance, has been an old wall. To get food and to help known to run over a hundred miles itself, it pokes the points of its growin a night, a feat which would be be- ing shoots into any cracks or crevices sond the power of any horse.

Incidentally, here is a very inter-

asting point. The domesticated horse food, changes its shape and character is swifter than the wild variety, and and becomes clubbed, flinging out real wen when carrying a rider a good can run down a mustang. The racehorse is even more a man de-production. Glance through the Derbystecords since times were first aken and you will see that they

re constantly improving. Still more remarkable is the imement in the pace of the trotter. Iman American paper of 1806 apeared the following? Yesterday termoon the Haerlam race course their leaves morsels of foods. The prome mile's distance was trotted in leaves will close at once upon meat, by horsescalled Yankey, a rate of ar, starch and so on! speed, it is believed, never before ex-

Within less than a century Lou ing. An elm has been known to send Dillon had tretted mile under two out a root sixty feet long to reach a minutes, or at a speed nearly a third little pool, while a polar has burrowfaster than the of Yankey.

When we come to endurance re on one side and a hedge on the other, comes some of the speedies animals in order to reach a well. The roots are nowhere. If you had to pick an have been found forcing their way animal to carry you for five hundred through a brick wall in order to miles at the greatest possible speed drink. across rough country, what would you choose? It should be a dromedary. A blood horse might travel sixty miles at a speed of fourteen miles an hour, but at the end of that distance it would be absolutely played out and in urgent need of food

Jaguars as High-Jumpers.



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Stories For All Moods.

SIR HENRY LUCY'S NEW YARNS.

(John o' London's Weekly.) One of the charished relaxations of ular young member of the House of Lords with a passion for mechanics Labour sheet of the London and South Western Railway, and succeeded in becoming an expert engine-

"One morning, he received a visit from a perennially needy ne'er-dowell kinsman, who represented him self as being more than usually near the verge of ruin. An immediate advance of £100 was the only way of preventing his toppling over. His lordship had not at the moment £100 to and will keep going twelve to four- spare. But his generous heart could teen hours out of the twenty-four not resist this appeal. He raised the for a week on end on a diet upon money and gave it to his visitor. Next morning he had a letter from the Even that ponderous beast, the railway manager informing him that elephant, can last far better than a a special train had been ordered to horse. Eight miles an hour is his run down to Southampton in the afpace on a long day's journey, but he ternoon, and, if he liked, he might will keep that up for ten hours on drive it. The offer was joyfully accepted, and the journey brilliantly achorse nearly half as much again, but his passenger. Strolling casually by a red deer has been known to clear the coach he beheld his needy kins-

and the African springbok can equal en route for a little trip to Paris." the latter record, and so can a kanstories as told in volume 3 of "The state of amazed trepidation went back tenance. The English Government But the champion jumper in the Diary of a Journalist. Fresh Extracts" animal world is undoubtedly the (John Murray; 12s.). Sir Henry's new black jaguar of South America. This | book is as fascinating as its predeces animal has been seen to leap from sors, every page graced with a kindly. wit and a matured wisdom.

the ground and gain a branch fifteen The Prince of Wale's Story. There is a pleasing story told of the Prince of Wales who when a child asked a lady to tell him a story. She suggested he should tell one, so he invented this:-

"Once upon a time there was an on the edge of a lonely moor. They wall parallel to, but on one side of, were poor, oh! so poor, they hadn't had anything to eat for a day and a half. The man heard his wife moaning. "What's the matter with you, my dear?" he asked. "I'm so hungry," she replied. "I hardly know what to do." "Very well," said her husband, "I'll see to it." So he got up, rang the hell for the footman, and when he came in ordered him immediately to bring diary is a specimen of the shrewdness a plate of bread and butter." where there is a little earth or mould.

trained art in this childish incongruity customed in the autumn to repair to breeches which the Duke wore at of ringing a bell in the room of a a busy little port on the west coast in Waterloo, if they can be found. But lonely cottage and instanter appears search of seafishing. He has regularly the Duke is not aware that they difa footman, probably powdered, who employed a boatman, hitherto anx- fered in any way from the breeches straightway from the unknown re- iously looking forward to his arrival, he generally wears."

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itter, and so averts immine A Lloyd George Story.

One of Sir Henry's funniest stories s that about Mr. Lloyd George's night adventure in 1915. While his chauffeur was lighting the lamps of the car the of the car to have a look at the real inside, drove off at full speed to make

"Plodding along, he was cheered by the sight of a building fairly well up in front. He recognized it as the County Lunatic Asylum, Surely her he would get a lift. In response to his summons at the front door the hall porter made his appearance and sharply inquired the object of his call. Lloyd George explained, and asked for assistance to complete his journey home. The porter shook his head and prepared to close the ducr. "But,' said the wayfarer, 'I am the

Chancellor of the Exchequer.' you'll get home before morning.' Turn to jumping. A man can clear complished. Arrived at the station the There being no visible appeal from a height of just over six feet, and a driver thought he would like to see this judgment the Chancellor recommenced his journey, and had not gone far when, to his delight, he saw his car returning. The chauffour, reaching home and opening the car door, found This is one of Sir Henry Lucy's he had lost his passenger, and in a smile lighting up his rugged counin search of h'm."

Joung Winston.

A glimpse of the very young Mrs. London and the Duke of Welling. Winston Churchill as revealed to Su Henry by his mother, Lady Randolph

"One morning at breakfast she showed me a letter the mail had most amusing yarn about her: brought her from her son, Winston, then at Sandhurst. It was a most dutiold couple who lived in a little cottage and take part in a little war at that time going on in the island. It concluded with the expression of the hope that his mother would not offer any objection to a course dear to his heart. Then came the postscript, characteristically brief and to the point, 'I start for Cuba on Saturday.'

Pat and Mike in the War. Another extract from Sir Henry's plied as follows:of the Irish peasant, as related by an

Sir Henry says that "there is some- M.P. on his return from Ireland:cesses produces a plate of bread and On his last visit he was amaged to

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nan. After a pause, Pat replied:-"'Well, if you must know, the Gernan Government pay me five pounds

amazed and indignant. He pointed out man selling himself to a foreign enemy with whom thousands of his fellow-countrymen were engaged in flerce struggle.

pay me brother Mike six pounds a week for taking them up."

wrote and filustrated interesting books on gardening. Sir Henry tells "In one of her works she desired to

ful epistle, humbly begging his Beeches at Strathfieldsaye—a picturesque clump planted to commemorate our deliverance from the wrote to the Duke of Wellington, resigning herself, in her usual form, 'J. London,' The Duke, who, in spite of extrem age and eyesight not quite so clear as it had once been, insisted on doing all his own correspondence, re-

"'F. M. the Duke of Wellington And he's yet to young to be fashioned presents his compliments to the Bishop of London. The Bishop is quite thing delightful beyond the power of "For many years he has been ac- at liberty to make a sketch of the He will draw his sword in the cause

Family Distinction.

A Beerbohm Tree story:-"Beerbohm Tree tells a new story. it relates how, at a children's afternoon party, one of the boy guests hoastfully announced that his father had presented him with a silver spoon bearing on the handle the inscription

'Well,' said another lad, jealous for family distinction, 'my father went out to dinner last night, and brought me home a silver fork with "Savoy Hotel" engraved on the

A Disgrace to the Family

The Recorder of London, Sir Ernest Wild, tells an amusing story of the chaplain of a certain gaol who, going his round of visits to the cells, found one of the prisoners, who was undergoing a sentence for burglary, considerably upset.

"What is the matter, my man?" he inquired sympathetically. "I've got bad news from 'ome, sir,'

eplied the man. "I'm very sorry to hear that," said the chaplain; "what is it?" "My brother, sir," replied the man

bitterly, "'e's gone into the workouse, sir; the first of our family to

"Oh, it is all right." "But doesn't it embarrass you to take rings from strange men?"

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And the spray of the restless sea, and his young lips uttereth daunt-For a warrior's soul hath he.

He has not tasted the wine of fear, Though he knows 'tis a common

To think as his neighbours think. Set many a captive free; When the challenge comes he

Whatever the odds may be The man-child stirs at a bugle call And thrills at a battle shout, And he rides by night to a castle wall

To carry a maiden out But life chains many a brave soul As the man-child soon shall know. And some are held by the walls of

As the long years come and And some are chained by fear, And the dreams of a man-child fade

As he bows to his duty here.

The Lighter Side.

"It is well to leave something for hose who come after us." said the man who threw a barrel in the way of the cop who was chasing him.

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> SOFT FOR MARY Mary had a little hen-Which laid two eggs a day-Now Mary owns the bungalow That stands across the way.

O. HEVVINGS ! A crafty guy is Henry Bink, He's good at seeing far, Insured the life Of his dear wife And then bought her a car.

Between Twenty-Eight and Thirty-Five.

st of the notable literary be innings of our time have occurred tween the ages of twenty-eight, and

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haven't I?" Mother: "Yes dear ery good indeed." Bobby: "And you don't di any more, do you?" Mother: "No, dear. Bobby: "Then why do

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