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The fact that there are so many tricky traders over ready to delude, ta-one that is in favour of the really bonest man, if only he can have putience, and "bide his time." Integrity and aprigidaces, if they are not always at a premium, see some of recogniniways at a premium, see sate of recogni-tion and appreciation scotter or inter; and if their progress is slow it is ture. Further, of all methods of doing business, the honest method is the confortable method, as being the simplest and the most free from anxiety, not to speck of the higher motives which will always affect the busine selife of a true man. "Plain dealing," says one, " is safe sailing;" and plain dealing is what the public want. If we want a free breakfast table, we want still more an honest one-honest bread, honest butter, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, eggs, &c.—instead of the substitutes, adulterated and stale, with which we are too often treated. We want genuine beer, wine, and spirits, if we want them at all; and we want fair weight and measure, in the place of light weight and fraudulent bottles, and lying envelopes in which too many of our liquors and viands are contained. Again, we want cutlery that will cut; plate that is really cuttery that will cut; plate that is really silvered, and not superficially filmed over by the electrotype process; watches that will go correctly, and tools that will do their work. We want books correctly printed, and not cut down and eviscerated that they may fill fewer pages, and we want them honestly bound; and among other things, we want cloth that will wear and coals that will burn. In a word, we want to have what we pay for, and not a good-for-nothing semothing else in its place. Whoever will satisfy those wants at a just price will be doing business in the right way, and he shall prosper in spite of all the reguery and chicancery that blows its brazon trumpet in public, and gots it-self periodically waitewashed according to the latest improved system in private.— Leisure Hour.

The Letter "Y."

There is no letter more often cheated out clits rights and put into its wrong place than the letter "y." There is no greater offenders in this respect than the people who are always finding occasion to talk the "spliynx," instead of the splinx, and the novelists and story-tellers who will write "Sybil" instead of Sibyl. But if the unfortunate letter often appears as "an abomination, standing where it ought not," it may also fairly complain of being left out where it has a clear claim to be used. There used to be a rule that in such words as "pony," "amnesty," "injury," "sky," otc., where the final "y" follows a consonant, the plural termination should be "ies;" but that when the singular ended with "ey," as in the word "key," the plural should end with "eys." And yet, even in Parliament, the Queen's English is so abused that the Queen horself has signed Acts in which her legislators have talked of monies," and nothing is commoner than the words "attornies," "flunkies," and chimnies." One has even seen such monstrosities as "turkies," "monkies, and donkies," but these are more rare.

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