Desired by Gildemusto Visitato Guntifertimal Control of the Contro placing an embarg oupon she local funds of counties. (Hear, hear.) That proposal violates A participates which the House ought to hold sacred. The only really available and valuable guarantees provided in the measure were grants from the Imperial exchequer on account of probate duties and other public charges. The Governmens had already given England and Scotland similar grants, placing them wholly at the disposal of the local authorities. Wasit possible the Government would sell the counties of Ireland that the grant to that country must be used for the benefit of persons contracting dome, than which he never knew a more glaring instance. (Cheers.) It was a violation of equality in governing bis three kingdoms, than which he never knew a more glaring instance. (Cheers.) Goming to the "constitutional" objections, any of which, he asserted, formed an absolute teason against the second reading of the bill, Mr. Gladstone urged it was obvious that Ireland opposed the measure, as five-sixths of the Irish members discorded the consideration of the protess and the Government was going to make Ireland its debtor, it was important to consider the attitude of the presens about to be subjected to debt. Was it possible to imagine the Government imposing a similar measure upon Scotland in defiance of the protest of 60 out of 75 octoic members? (Cheers.) He objected also to the use of English oredit. In the last general election both the Conservatives and the Opposition were pledged against the use of the public credit. This Parliament could not in conformity with its honorable obligations pass a Bill instituting a loan fund having an interminable operation. (Cheers.) Besides the large pecuniary risk the Bill rot. He was a sad disappointment to find under the name of a voluntary very weapon of the State to enforce an unpopular law. It was a sad disappointment to find under the name of a voluntary very weapon of the State to enforce a unpopular law. It was a sad disappointment to find under the name of a voluntary arrangement

ment to ind under the name of a voluntary arrangement between landlord and tenant a device for bringing an irresistible pressure upon the tenant, with a view to extorting for the landlord's benefit nearly the whole of the immense boon that Farliament might confer. Mr. Gladstone said these objections covered only a part of this measure, which was probably the most complicated one he had ever seen. In conclusion he said: I feel it to be my absolute duty to protest against principles of so flagrant a character and so tending to embark the country in immense pecuniary risks, while making land purchase not an aim in the settlement of the general Irish problem, but a means to further plunge us into the deepest political embarrassments. (Cheers.)

country without touching at any American port en route.

Methodist Ecumenical Conference.
The second Ecumenical Conference, composed of Methodists from all over the world, will be held in the fall of 1891. The Commission appointed by the last General Conference met in Philadelphia in March Conference met in Philadelphia in March and appointed Bishop Hurst, ex Governor Pattison, J. M. Cornell, of New York; G. H. Hunt, of Baltimore, and M. G. Emery, of Washlogton, a committee to decide upon the place for bolding the Conference and The objects of the Conference are to

The objects of the Conference are to bring together representatives from all classes of Methodists, not only those belonging to what is known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, but thore believing in the general principles of that faith. It will be composed of about 500 delegates, 200 of whom are expected from Europe. The Conference will continue for about a week and will consist of daily meetings for discussion. The first Ecomenical Conference—we held in London in 1881 and it was was held in London in 1881, and it was then decided to hold another one in 1891

What's in a Name?

A Washington despatch says: The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has decided to urge upon Congress the advisability of placing our Ministers to the great powers of Europe on an equal footing in respect of rank with representatives of other nations. Senator Sherman to-day reported from the committee an amendment to the Diplomatic Appropriation Bill giving the title of ambassador to our Ministers to Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, the salary to be as now. ment to the Diplomatic Appropriation Bill giving the title of ambassador to our Ministers to Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, the salary to be as now, \$17,500 per annum. Other amendments proposed by the committee to the bill provide that the salary of the Minister to Turkey shall be \$10,000, an increase of \$2,500; to Denmark, \$7,500, an increase of \$2,500; and to Greece, Roumania and Servia, \$7,500, an increase of \$1,000.

Unconscious, Squeers—You're not looking well this morning, old man. What's the matter?
Nickleby—No wonder! I was unconscious ten hours less night.
Squeers—By Jove! And up this morning! Why, man, you ought to be under the doctor's care. What was the matter?
Nickleby—I was asleep!

"Oh, James, come quickly, Freddy has swallowed his mouth-organ." "Is that so? Then their's music in the

Mrs. Yough Case.

Mrs. Youngwife—Did you ever try any of my biscuits, Judge?
Judge—No, I never did; but I dare say they deserve it.

Judge—No, I never did; but I dare say they descrive it.

The city of Austin, Tex., will erect the greatest dam in the United States. It will cost \$1,800,000.

Tramp—It is needless to ask you the question, madam. You know what I want. Lady—Yes, I know what you want badly, but I we only one har of soap in the house, and the servant is using it. Come spain onto other time.

## A WINNIPEG ELOPEMENT

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A London cable says: The crew of the British barque Osseo, from Savannah for Newsastle, before reported abandoned, were rescused by the British ship Highmoor. Some of the rescued men were placed on another vessel off Lisbon. Five of the Osseo's crew refused to proceed on the Highmoor and started in a boat for St. Vincent 50 miles distant. They reached Vincent, 60 miles distant. They reached the island in a starving condition, but the the island in a starving condition, but the Portuguese authorities would give them no succor and refused to allow them to land. The British consul gave the men a distress order addressed to the captain of the British steamer Buffon directing him to carry them to England. Statements in regard to the matter have been received by the British Government.

San Franscisco Shaken.

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A San Franscisco deepatch of last night says: One of the most severe shocks of earthquake experienced here for a long time was felt in this city and neighbouring localities a little after 3.30 o'clock this morning. The buildings were shaken perceptibly and persons aroused from their sleep. Plastering fell from the walls in places, but no serious damage has been reported.

The earthquake shock at Mayfield was very severe. The railroad bridge was rendered impassable, as the piers, 60 feet high, settled a few inches, and the rails spread apart about a foot. The ground in places settled six to twelve inches. Railway travel will be delayed.

Centenarians Rare.

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It is a significant fact that twelve of the largest and oldest London life assurance companies, which had, of course, issued policies only to the most carefully selected, could produce from their lists but a single case of centenarianism. The instances alleged of persons reaching their 120th, or even their 118th year, etc., may be set down as without exception not authentic. The three to five years over a hundred, which science indicates as the natural term of human life, is found to be the period beyond which post-centenarians, even under the best conditions of attendance, nursing, etc., fail to go.—Boston Herald.

Emin Charged With Treschery. Rmin Charged With Treatchery.

A Cairo cable says: A Coptic clerk, who was an employee of Emin Pasha while Emin was at Wadelai, has made a sworn deposition before Masou Bey to the effect that the revolt of Emin's forces was solely due to the discovery of Emin's plans to surrender his Province to the Mahdi. Emin, according to the clerk's statement, sent three messengers to the Mahdi offering to surrender, but they were seized and stopped by Emin's officers. The revolt followed this discovery. Masou Bey considers the statement oredible.

Next Summer,
Wife (awakening her husband)—Oh,
George, there's a burglar in the house !
Husband (sleepily)—Huh!
"Yes, and he's at my jewelry box!"
"Huh!"
"No; I declare, he's in the ice chest

room!"
"Is that so? Give me my revolver quick!"

A movement is on foot to effect improvements in Glasgow Cathedral at a cost of between 2800 and 2800.

The Duchess of Marlborough declares that she and the Duke can't live on \$200,000 a year.

THE KEMMLER RESPITE

THE CRONIN CASE. Kunse and Woodruff Liberated-Three of New Revelations.

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A yesterday's Chicago despatch says:
State Attorney Longenecker has had the
case against John H. Kunze stricken from
Judge Hawes' dookst. Kunze has been out
on bail ever since Judge McConnell granted

suddenly and unnaturally in a Wisconsin village.

These facts have come out in consequence, it is claimed, of the misdirection of funds raised for the defence of the Cronin murderers. The relatives of Sulivan, the iceman, and Dan Coughlin have been compelled to mortgage their property to raise the necessary funds to pay legal and other expenses, and they now threaten to tell what they know. Should they do this, it is confidently anticipated those of the conspirators now out of jail will scon find themselves in a bad box.

A Daring Leap for Liberty.

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A Columbia, S. C., despatch says: A remarkable leap from a moving train was made Sunday by Vince Story, an escaped convict, who had been recopiured in Georgia, and having been extradited, was being taken to the penitentiary.

They were on a fast passenger train and the hands of the convict were tied with rope. When passing through Edgefield county, the home of Story, the guard left his side a moment to get a drink of water. The window by the convict had been left open to admit the air, and the guard had hardly turned his back when Story, with his hands tied behind him and the train making over forty miles an hour, sprang his hands tied behind him and the train making over forty miles an hour, sprang head first through the window. The train was stopped and backed up, but nothing could be found of the daring convict. The guard remained behind to continue the search.

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Millions of Methodists.

A St. Louis despatch says: One of the greatest religious bodies in the world will meet in this city, May 10th. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South meets quadrennially. Such has been the growth of the church during the past decade that is now stands second among the great Protestant religious assemblies of the world. The General Conference of the Methodist Church alone excels it in the number of communicants represented and the value of property owned by Protestant Church, aut sorties. The Methodists in this country, white and black, and of all kinds, number more than flue millions (actual communicants). The Methodist Episcopal Church has nearly Methodists Episcopal Church has nearly five millions (actual communicants). The Methodist Episcopal Church has nearly three million and the Methodist Episcopal Church South has about one million eight hundred thousand.

Why Schoolmarms Are Old Maids. Why Schoolmarms are Old Madds.

"How does it happen that there are so many old maids among the school teachers?" a teacher was asked, according to a contemporary. "Because school teachers are as a rule women of sense, and none of them will give up a \$50 position for a \$10 man," was the reply.

An Expert's Opinion.

Bobby—Why do they have that big antern in front of the engine, papa?

Papa (with memories of the past)—To warn travelling actors, Bobby.

The pet names of the four baby states are as follows: North Dakota is the "Flickertail State," South Dakota is the "Swinge Cat State," Washington is the "Ohinook State," and Montana is the "Stubbed Toe State." These characterizations will be short lived. They don't compare well with the "Empire," "Keystone," "Pine-tree," "Green Mountain" and similarly accepted appellations of she older States. or a mother?

The deepest well in the world is soon to be dug in the environs of London. It will be nearly 1,300 feet deep, be furnished with stairs and be illumined. Its object is to enable students to observe the various geological strats.

THE FÄRMER A SKILLED LABORER

The Meaning of "Whoa,"

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A horse-breaker has given me a lesson in the proper use of words. This, in its way, is quite as remarkable as would be a literal-finding of sermons in stones. This expert was instructing his audience, as he proceeded to subdue a balky horse, in the right use of the word "whoa." "Balky drivers," as he phrased it, make balky horses. These unshifted drivers, for example will asy "whoa" to a horse repeatedly, as in going round a corner, when they really mean only "steady." "Don't say whos unless you mean stop," was his terse injunction. In other words, do not use a superlative word when a positive word serves the purpose. Better for the horse and better for the driver. Emerson championed the positive degree in speech, and this horse-trainer likewise, inferentially, preached against exaggeration in talking—to one's horse.—Spectator in the Orbitatian Union. Christian Union.

Praying for a Sense of Humor, Praying for a Sense of Humor.

The Scotchmen, the joke and the surgical operation are sufficiently familiar. Mr.

Max O'Rell's experiences in Ohio are, however, of a distinctly novel character. He was called upon to deliver one of his lectures to the students of the Ohio College. Before he began, the president of the institution rose in a very earnest manner and offered up a prayer "that the Lord would so prepare their minds that they could appreciate Mr. O'Rell's subtle wittloims." Query: Who was the real wit in this instance? The scholastic president or the Frenchman?

Evil of the Pull,

Evil of the Pult.

I believe there is nothing that takes the heart out of young men more than this modern talk about a pull. If one gives over to it he begins to neglect his work in his effort to get a pull, or he becomes disheartened because he has no pull, and so gives over trying to do his best. I hear so much of this talk that I wish my voice could reach these tempted young men. much or this task that I wish my voice ould reach these tempted young men. They are being paralyzed by the pull orase. They shipk the modern business world is a lot of the without a pull.—Harker in New York Weekly.

It's a Way They Have.

The knack Scotchmen have of becoming the rising men in nearly every community in the face of the earth is a caution. I on the face of the earth is a caution. If there is money to be got out of a country the Macs are generally the first to find it out and profit thereby. Seattle, it is said, is another example of Soutchmen's pluck and industry; and one of issuest divisions, Abderfeldy, is as Soutch in name and population as a haggis or an oatmeal scone.—Chicago Canadian-American.

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Name to young hysband.—A heantiful

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Nurse (to young husband)—A beautiful
ten pound baby, sir.

Young Husband (getting things mixed in
his excitement)—Giorious! Am I a father
or a mother?

—A glazed pork-pie hat smartens a girl's

demands as great dexterity as to shave a beard from a face. The successful farmer is necessarily a skilled laborer. He is master, not of one trade, but of many, and a long time is required to learn each of them. He is also a merchant, and to be prosperous he must be a judge of the quality of many things, and know how to buy and sell them to the best of advantage.

—Rodney Welch in January Forum.

SALTLESS BUTTER.

The butter supplied in summer to the best families in Great Britain is absolutely free from salt, and is considered a great luxury. The tasts for unsalted butter is spreading in this country, and in Chicago the.e is a firm which does a good business among the richer classes with unsalted butter. Those who have tried this butter report that it is peculiarly plessant to the taste, having nothing but the natural flavor of the oream. In autumn, salt at the rate of one quarter of an ounce to each pound of butter may be used. In England this is called "powdered" butter to distinguish it from the "freeh" (unsalted) and "salt" (winter) butter. SALTLESS BUTTER.

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It is thought that in the, agricultural districts botany should be a study in the public schools, and that one day in the week should be given up to lectures on soils, plants, breeds of stock, cultivation, fertilizers, etc. Such studies are not uninteresting to children who are accustomed to the farm, and they would quickly comprehend the lectures from the sid imparted by every-day experiences. No doubt such studies would be of much benefit to the coming generation and lead to better systems of farming.

The better the quality of the manure the less the cost of handling it. Bulk does not give quality, and this is especially the case with manure. To heal and handle great quantities of unrotted, coarse, bulky material costs the labor of both men and teams. It is claimed that a ton of ordinary stable manure contains only twenty-five pounds of fertilizer in its concentrated form, and it is as expensive to handle this twenty-five pounds as it is to handle manure twice as valuable.

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When the farmer churns his milk and sells butter he does not deprive his soil of fertility. The buttermilk may be fet to write and eggs are sold the fertility of the soil goes also. Nothing robs the soil faster than selling milk, and unless the farmer procurse fertilizers or buys a large proportion of bran and linesed oreal his farm wild deteriorate in quality.

To get a full crop of potatoes use plenty of mauure or fertilizer. If manure, let it be fine and well rotted and applied it blerally in the rows. If fertilizer be used it should be applied in quantity to push the protocol as much as possible. If does not pay to be too coonomical in the use of maure or fertilizer.

It is a pleasure with those who live on the suburbs of towns and offices to keep a faw hens. A small flook will cost builtile, as the scraps from the table and any waste material, will provide a large share of the food. It is claimed that as many eggs are produced in suburban sections as on the farms.

While the weather is dry the roots of plants will quickly dry if exposed. It is best to pour a little water around the roots of plants that are transplanded, as it will prevent many of them from wilting. If the ground below the surface is quite damp this precastion is not necessary.

Do not plant corn on the same land that you grew a crop of corn upon last year. A

"Talk about bad boys," said an old resident to-day, "why, the boys now are not half as bad as when I was a youngster. If they played the pranks now that we used to in the good old days they would find themselves in the Penitentiary, sure. I recollect there was a circus in town one afternoon, and it was exhibited near the present Central School grounds, which were then a common. The circus people had a steam calliope, and the engine which supplied the music was detached. A lot of boys (myself amongst the number) attached a rope to the engine, and at a signal dathed off with the machine, to the great consternation and chagrin of the showman. We never stopped running uttil we got away down King street and were met by Constable Ferres (No. 1). Then we slunk away and nobody ever was a bit the wiser as to the perpetrators of the outrage. At night we went back to the show, lighted turpentine balls and put them under the sides of the canvas, causing a conflagration. The circus company entered a suit against the city, got back the license money and some damages, and for years the town had such a name that no other similar show would come near us. Oh, no, the boys are not as bad as they were when I was young."

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To Bemove Spots From Books.

Grease spots if old may be removed by applying a solution of varying strength of caustio potash upon the back of the leaf. The printing, which looks somewhat faded after the removal of the spot, may be freshened up by the application of a mixture of one part of muriatic acid and 25 parts of water. In the case of fresh grease spots carbonate of potash, one part to thirty parts of water, chloroform, ether or benzine renders good service. Wax disappears if after asturating with benzine or turpentine it is covered with folded blotting paper and a bot flat iron put upon it. Parsine is removed by boiling water or hot spirits. Ink spots or rust yields to oxalic acid in combination with hot water; obloride of gold or silver spots to a weak solution of corrosive sublimate or oyanide of potassium. Sealing wax is dissolved by hot spirits and then rubbed off with cesia sepia; india ink is alightly breashed over with oil and after twelve hours, asponified sal-ammoniac; any particles of olor still remaining must be removed with rubber.—dmerican Bookmake.

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Boleyn, putting her hands about it and laughing heartily.

"I pray thee, see me safe up, but for my coming down I can shift for myself," remarked Sir Thomas More, observing the weakness of the socifold,

Boileau, the poet, in the same breath hailed a friend and bade him farewell, saying, "Good day and adjue; it will be

render of Quebec."

Edmund Kean made his final exit in the middle of the greatest scene of his greatest play. "Get me ofi, Charles," he gasped, "I'm dying!" His son led him oft, and

play. "Get me off, Charles," he gasped,
"I'm dying!" His son led him off, and
all was over.

"Come and lie down," entreated
Dickens' sister.in-law, when it became
evident that a fit was upon him. "Yes, on
the ground," he said very distinctly, as he
slid from her arm and fell on the floor.

Phelps, who had a superstitions horror of
the word "farewell," while acting Wolsey
and actually uttering the ominous words:
"Farewell is a long farewell to all my
greatness!" broke down and the curiain
alowly dropped upon him for the last time.
Mozart wrote his requiem under the conviction that the monument he was creding
to his genius would prove a monument to
his own remains. When life was ebbing
fast he called for the score, and as he mused
over it he said: "Did I not tell you truly
that it was for myself that I composed this
death chant?—Once a Week.

A Cameroons Woman's Tollet.

So long as they are young and handsome the Cameroons women pay great attention to their toilet. The petitions, which reaches down from the hips to the ankles, must be thoroughly smooth and clean, and the apron, which is worn under it, is as apotiles as the underclothing of a European lady. Their hair is woven by professional hair-dressers into braids of various ahapes, without grease and usually without ornaments, although a woman is cocasionally found, who wears a string of beads around her head. The dressing usually lasts for a week, and is bound up at night in a cloth for protection. It is also a part of the hair-dresser's business, which is carried on in the street, to pull out the lady's eyellahes. A string of praris or some other ornament of European origin is worn around the neck. The shoulders, breast and belly are covered with ornamental tatooing in red and blue, apparently centering at the navel. Elaborate ruffics of ivory or metallic rings are worn upon the wrists and ankles.—From "Life at the Cameroons," by Robert Muller, M. D., in the Popular Science Monthly. So long as they are young and handsome

orter-Well, sir, it looks as if spring Reporter—Well, sir, it looks as it spring had about come. Editor—Oh, no. Not for some time yet. Reporter—What makes you think that? Editor—Scarcely any poetry has been sent in so far. I can always tell by that.

In a Chicago Court.

Judge—On what grounds, madam, do you claim a divorce from your husband?

"The doctor told me to discard everything that disagreed with me, and my hus—"

"Granted. Next!"

How music spreads among the masses an he imagined from the estimate that in Sheffield there are about 600 artisans who play the violin.

play the violin.

A Bridgeport newspaper recently pulnted the following advertisement. "Chu Fong would like smally nice Melican lady. She no have to work, as Chu Fong got hig lot of money. Ohn Fong will do the washee and the cooles; wife the can dress up every day. Priss, \$10 for best girl. Ohn Fong."

—A milliner says ties on a bonnet or hat make you look younger.

who have tempted fortune on the other three sides get nothing but disappointment. If two counters remain at the end of the count, then the players who have bet on No. 2 side win, and all others lose. The outcome of the game, it will be seen, depends entirely upon the number of counters remaining at the end of a count. A system of betting on the corners of the squares is also used. For instance, if a player places his money on the corner of the squares is also used. For instance, if a player places his money on the corner of the square, and at the end of the count either of his numbers has been successful, he would win, but would be paid only double his money. As soon as all debts are paid the dealer takes another handful of counters and goes through his performance sgain. There is no limit to the amount of bets, and a great deal of meney may change hands in a short time.

Death-B-d Utterances.

Rabelais calmly remarked: "Drop the curtain, the farce is played cut."

The last words attributed to "Buotshot" Forster were: "No home rule."

The unhappy Oharles I. expired with the word "Remember" on his lips.

"We aball soon meet again," were the last words of Louis XIV. to Mms. de Maintenn.

Walcot, the poet's, last words were, when asked by his friend Taylor if he could do anything for him on earth: "Give me back my youth."

"House had a still be proved the counter of the counter of

Ohiness girls have, not unfrequently, pleasing faces; but this applies more particularly to those of the middle and upper classes. The younger children wear their lauralent rayen tresses twisted into a heavy plais hanging down behind, secured with many yards of twisted scarles cord. Up to the time of marriage, girle part their hair smoothly at the forehead, at the sign of their single estate; but when the weddingday arrives, the young bride's heir is drawn back, and all the short hairs are pulled out by tweezers, with the idea of making her forehead appear broad and high. With regard to dress, a Chinese girl is little troubled by considerations of fashion. There is a slight difference, scarcely apparent to Western syes, in the cut of the costumes of the girls and women of different Provinces; but, speaking generally, the same attire is worn by the aged grand-dame and her year-old grand-daughter, by the mandarin's child and the daughter of a poor coolie. Their clothing differs, not in shape, but in the material of which the garments are composed and the manner in which they are ornamented. With reference to this question of dress, a well-known American missionary lady, who has lived and worked for many years in Ohins, writes: "In one thing the Chinese woman is exceptionally blessed—she has inherited from formar generations a style of dress at once modest, economical and becoming. It stakes but cight yards of yard-wide cloth for a complete suit of winter germents, and there is no waste in cutting nor in nuncessary appendages. Its truest concess, however, is in that saving of member corry—cightomes from always cutting by the same pattern and the obviation of all need of thing. It allows unrestricted play to every muscle, is of the same thickness over the whole body, is not in the way when at work, and it has little weight, while it has all needful warmth." Probably some of my English girl readers may hold different opinious upen this subject, and think there are two sides to this, as to most other matters.—Quiver.

A New Catchword.

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Another Sweetheart Now.

Young man—I wish to get this engagement ring enlarged.
Jeweller—Enlarged? Why, you told me a while ago it was a perfect fit.

Young man—Oh yes, that was all right for her.

Harshness with Children.

I wonder if parents really know how much they are standing in their own light when they are so striet and severs with their children, forbidding them to play cards, dance and go to the opera and theatre. Let them reason with them and advise them not to go if they are opposed to such places of amusement, and give them smusement at home, but forbidding them will oftentimes make the children lie in order to accomplish their and.—Farsar's

Unique in History. "Maria, it makes me awfully nervous to see you put pins in your mouth " said Mr. Mumble, as he looked over to where his wife was sewing.

But she could not answer without danger of choking. There was no last word; Mumble had broken the record.

"What do you want?"
"Your daughter's hand."
"Can't do it. Take her as a whole or leave her. We don't do an instalment plan