! A Comparison.
! d rather lay out here among the trees, With the singin' birds and the buml'ebees A known' thet I can do as I please.
Than to live what folks call a life of ease.
I'p than in the city.
Fer I really don't 'zactly understan'
Where the comfort is fer any man it walkin hot bricks and usin' a fan, and enjoyin' himself as he says he can.
Up thar in the city.
It's kinder lonesome mebbe you'll say
A livin' out here day after day.
In this kinder easy, careless way,
In this find to the city.
As fer that, just look at the flowers aroun'
A peepin' their heads up all over the groun'
An' the fruit a bendin' the trees way down:
You don't find such things as these in town.
Or rather, in the city.
As I said afore, such things as these.
The flowers, the birds an' the bum 'lebees,
An' a livin' out here among the trees,
Where you can take your ease an' do as you please.

Makes it better'n the city.
Now, all the talk don't 'mount to sunf.
'Bout this kinder life a bein' rough,
An' I'ween you an' me 'taint half as tough
As livin' in the city.

James Whitcomb Rile.

ON THE BIAS.

INFANTILE ENNUL.

Grace was deep in meditation. At last the exclaimed:—"Mamma, when we are gone from here, will there be people on the Her mamma said, "Yes, dear."

And Grace added, "Well, it is a kind of

an everlasting game, isn't it?" Husband (out of humor)- 'Well I never saw a tooth-brush wear out like this one only had it a week, and here the bristles are all gone and it tastes like the dickens. I wish you'd take better care of my things." Young and inexperienced wife (pouting)—"I do, and I am sure I cleaned it thorough. by after polishing the silver with it. I d my best, and you shouldn't complain." Harper's Bazar.

THE HEIGHT OF MAGNANIMITY. Little Bertie was one day very very aughty, and her mamma had been com-pelled to correct her severely.

After pouting for a quarter of an hour, in a corner, she heaved a deep sigh and maid:

"You may come and kiss me, darling mamma; I forgive you." NOT FOND OF SAD COLORS.

A patron of the fine arts, possessed of more money than taste, had ordered a landscape of Millet. The day it was brought home the purchaser exclaimed:

"Good heavens! Monsieur Millet, couldn't you afford to make your sky a little more lively?"

"What for?" demanded Millet.
"Because it is my daughter's wedding.

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Heard on the Risko

"I am exceedingly conscientious in the preparation of my parts," said B., the other day, while waiting to "catch on" to a summer "snap." "Why, when I played Coupeau in 'Drink' I went ou the stage as full as a goat."
"Oh, that's nothing!" replied the knight

of the sock and buskin whom he was ap-dressing. "When in the leading part in "A Woman Who Beats Her Son-in-law," I actually took the trouble to get married a fortnight before the opening night in order to make a little study of mothers-in-law from life. Nothing like going to nature my boy."

OVER THE STOVE TO BREAKFAST. Oatmeal must be boiled hard, at least fifteen minutes, then poured carefully into a pail and carried out to the cow.

Beefsteak should be cooked, first on one

done brown, or black, according to taste-Potatoes au naturelle is the only natural way to treat potatoes.

Select the most tired-looking eggs for the omelette. A slight flavor of onion will

brace them up.

Let the coffee come to a boil. If you don't the head of the family will come to a boil when he drinks it. Keep the stove hot and the temper cool.

If this rule is reversed the effect on the breakfast is disastrous

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY. Captain of amateur base ball team (after alipping half a dollar into the umpire's hand)—"Take care of the umpire and the game 'll take care of itself."

. Six species of North American birds have become extinct in the last ten years. They weren't as fly as the sparrow. IN-"TENSE" VERSES.

Last summer Agnes, gentle girl, when empress of my heart, And life seemed very empty when time came for my to part. us to part;
But now to Ethel's tyranny I live a willing thrall
And Agnes is a "girl I met"—and aothing else at

Alack the teases of the verbs they always bothwhat Agnes was now Ethel is, but Ethel, too may be
What Agnes now has come to be, though this is sure I wis
That Agnes ne'er can come to be what darling Ethel is.

"The Old Order Changeth."—"By the by, I wish you would get me a card for the duchess of Beaumorriss's dance." "Til try. But you'll have to get a costume from her, or a bonnet or something, as she only asks her customers."

He (with a bunch of wild flowers in his hand)—"Ah, my dear Miss Sereandyellow, what kind of posies will you choose?"

She (in a perfect twitter)—"Oh, Mr.
Smith! Oh, te, he; te, he; I will choose pro-

posies."
Mr. Smi'h sinks into the earth. First business man (busy with a pile of letters)—"Yes, I'm most dead, and my correspondence not half done. I wish I could afford to adopt your plan. You dictate to that pretty girl typewriter yet, I suppose?"

Second business man—"Dictate to her Second business man—"Dictate to he yet? Not much, I don't. We're married

"Have I mowed the lawn even?" asked Eddi

one day, Looking up with a gratified nod. Well, yes, it is even, my boy, as you say, But yet, at the same time, it's sod." IT WAS AGAINST THE RULE.

"What's the matter, sonny?"
"P-pa's been w-whippin' me hard." Why, did you go against any of hi "I should say I did. The hardest on

he's got, for 'bout s'teen minutes,' KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO PAST. "Wonderful, isn't it, how people can go for days and days without food. I've just been reading about a man out west who hasn't touched food for two months."

"Notning remarkable about that."
"You think so?"
"Certainly, I do. I lived in a boarding house in New York for two years myself."

THE METAMORPHIC QUALITIES OF THE SILK CAP.

From a comfortable seat at the rear of and not smell, that Cos-cob Regina cigar the smoking-car, just far enough away to see, a few seats ahead, the student of comparties physiogroup awaited desclosed. At Stamford this gentleman boarded see, a tew seats ahead, the student of compar-ative physiognomy awaited developments.

Then came in a fat and pursy, lean and sallow, long and lanky stream all the way between New York and Springfield, and

Leven bets were laid (in solvanic) that was a jewelry drummer on his way to Bridgeport, but he might have been a suc-cussful clam broker, as it was in the mid-dle of the season for these Connecticut vegetthe results of the observations are before us ables.



From the general contour of the man it was a foregone conclusion that he would put on a silk travelling-cap, and he dideeven before he got well into his seat—challenged ten different men for whist, and finally settled down to cut-throat "high-low" with two express messengers.

It is very lucky that he kept the hat he took off, as his family would never have recognized him had he gone home in the head-gear of the train.

At Darien came another. This one was tall and thin, and wore a plug hat. In mentioning the word "plug," it may make things clearer to say that it should be taken in the horse-sense, as it literally was a plug. As this gentleman had no valise, it was fondly hoped that he would have to get along with one head-covering, but these hopes were dashed when he pulled a flat parcel from his pistol-pocket, blew into it, and produced something that bore a strong resemblance to a sawed-off ham-bag.

He got under it, and here he is—"before and after taking."



When the train drew into New Haven, and the ten-minute refreshment season was over, a man with a valise on which "J. Himmighoffer. St. Louis," was painted, came out of the restaurant gnawing a henleg, and boarding the train he took two double seats. He was very kind to his fee



If his wife had met him when he came out she would have demanded credentials. Out she would have demanded credentials.
The observations were getting extremely interesting, and as a capper (?) the Hartford bridegroom, who left his new responsibility to come in and smoke a pipe was a complete success blete success.

He wore a dicer—there was no other

name for it—when he first appeared, and it looked as if he had been monkeying with a run-away pile-driver.

He was the only one of the assortment whom the silk cap partially improved, but the betterment was, as it were, seared and cauterized by the fact that he evidently knew it and wanted others to.



The student of character had to leave the | Man," but he could not help watching that train here, as he had an engagement to leclast instance of evolution until the trainture at Trinity college on "What Makes the | window was obscured by distance.

Living on a Miserable Joke for Two Years. "John, dear?"
"Well, Mag—what is it?"
"I don't believe you love me as you used

to do."
"Why not?"
"Oh, you don't say such rapturous words and do such crazy things.
"Don't I kiss you every morning when I leave and every night when I return?"
"Yes inst as you take your medicine." "Yes, just as you take your medicine when you're sick—because you've got

"What a little goose of a darling you are, to be sure!"
"And I don't believe you'd give me the same answer you did during our courtship days—when I asked you about Eve."
"What"

"Why, that Adam got a bonanza when got Eve."

'Oh, I never said any such thing."

'You did, John."

'You misunderstood me."

'No, I did not, you wretch."

'Now, Mag, I'll tell you—"

'What?"

what?

"What?"
"This was what I said. I Remember it distinctly. It was a little joke of mine."
"Oh, it was? Well, maybe your love for me was a jok."
"Now, Mag."
"Well, go on."
"You asked me what reply the Lord made Adam when he asked for a companion."

"Yes, and you said he gave him a conanza, and implied that I was your conanza Oh, I am a poor deceived

"Now, Mag! I said no such thing. I said, when Adam asked for a companion, "The Lord gave him a bonanza."

"No, dear—you misunderstood me. A woman never can see a joke. I said He gave him a bone-answer."

"And I've been living on that miserable oke these two years past.
"Ha! ha! ha!"

"Oh, yes! laugh, you monster! And now I suppose you tell me that 'bone-answer' and 'bonanza' are not the same!" and 'bonanza' are not the same."

'Oh, that's outside the limits of my joke. A joke don't want to be covered all commend it for all wasting diseases of citidren over with frills and furbelows like a and adults. Put up in 50e, and \$1 size.

woman's gown.

"Oh, it doesn't?"

"No,dear. A joke is masculine."

"Of course. That's why it is brutal."

"Good-bye, dear. Here comes my car."

"Good-bye. Do you really love me,

John?"

"Can't stop now. Tell you all about it to-night. A TIMELY WARNING

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Bernstein—"Ah, mein friend, it's blain you vas nod a peezness man. De inderest on dot ulster keeps growing while

on dot ulster keeps growing while you vas "Such an affable man! I was glad we had met.
For he made a short hour most pleasant:
He spoke in a way I shall never forget.
On questions concerning the present.
His opinions they suited my own to a T:
I regretted that brief hour's durance
When my coat by the buttons he took, and said
he:

'Are you carrying any insurance?' "

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was impossible for me to lay my hand on any decent man who would help me."

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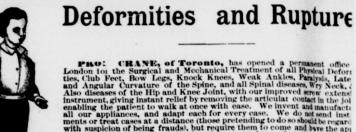
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