

WIDE AWAKE has been merged in ST. NICHOLAS, thus making ST. NICHOLAS the standard magazine for boys and girls, in America. The magazine has been greatly enlarged, and the volume just commenced will contain a remarkable program of attractions.

Edison, the famous electrician, is said to have declared himself to be no longer an agnostic. 'No person,' he is reported to have written, 'can be brought into close contact with the mysteries of nature, or make a study of chemistry, without being convinced that behind it there is Supreme Intelligence. I am convinced of that, and I think I could demonstrate the existence of such Intelligius through the operations of these mysterious laws with the certainty of demonstration in mathematics.'

Hwen enybudy dız, gets marad, runz awa, stalz enything, komits swiqd, bildz e hous, mks e big sul, bruks e lug, kechs e hwd anr udher monstus fish, gets kkd by e mul, anr dız enything remorkebel, and u hav ræzen te belæv dhat u nq az much about dhe okerens az enybudy els, dqn't wet fer sum wun els te repaurt it, anr trurt te us te find it out by instinkt, but kum and tel us about it, anr

send dhe faks on e pqstel kord. Dhe ræl nem uv dhe auther must in an! kvæz altum-peny such komuikushen, not fer publikesh-en but fer our çu benefit.

### Leaves from a Spinster's Diary.

I'm sorry I ever learned to say No.

If the man I refused years ago had only come back, he would never have died a bachelor.

Everything comes to the man who waits; it is different with the woman.

Philosophers say that woman is at her best at 35; but they don't seem to think so when they pick out one for a wife.

In regard to my first lover, I refused him in haste and repented at leisure.

I might have been happily married if it hadn't been for my little brother.

The flirt at 20 is the old maid at 30.

If women could be always young and beautiful, very few of them would marry.

When a man is alive his wife is his better half; when he is dead she is worth only a third.

Although both my former lovers made their wives wretched, I am sure I could have been happy with either.

Marriage isn't so much of a failure as marrying.

As soon as a style gets a little old, we put the price drwn where it belongs--or a trifle lower to make sure.

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