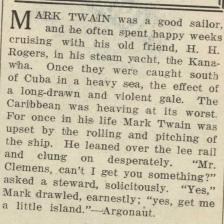


THE COURIER.



Storiettes

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The unsettled state of Irish affairs reminds of a slip made by the Duke of Wellington during a House of Lords debate on Ireland. In the course of his speech he mentioned that two clergymen had been murdered in Ire-A noble lord on the other side of the House rose at once to correct him. "No, no; only one." "Only one?" rejoined the duke. "Well, if I am mis-taken I'm sorry."—Argonaut.

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Gross Flattery.

"Does your wife ever pay you any compliments?" asked Frederick Jimson of his friend Benderley. "Never," replied Benderley.

"Well, mine does; she flatters me." "Often?"

"Oh, yes, frequently—particularly in winter," replied Frederick. "Why does she flatter you so much

in winter?"

"Whenever the coal fire needs replenishing she points to the fireplace and says, 'Frederick, the grate.'"-Tit-

* * * True Vigilance.

In a place in New Jersey a town building caught fire, and the extinguishers failed to do their work. A few days later at the town meeting some citizens tried to learn the reasome criticells they had freely discussed the subject, one of them said, "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the fire-extinguishers be examined ten days before every fire."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

* * Effective.

A lady entered a railroad-car and took a seat in front of a newly mar-ried couple. She was hardly seated before they began making remarks about her.

about her. Her last year's bonnet and coat were fully criticized with more or less gig-gling on the bride's part, and there is no telling what might have come next if the lady had not put a sudden stop to the conversation by a bit of strategy. She turned her head, noticed that the bride was considerably older than the groom, and, in the smoothest of tones, said: "Madam, will you please ask your

"Madam, will you please ask your son to close the window?" The "son" closed his mouth, and the bride no longer giggled.—New York Times.

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Longley's (in 1920)-"We do all our cooking by electricity here."

Customer—"Take this egg out and give it another shock."—Record.

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Didn't Move Him.

"Well, did the boss give you a raise?" "No."

"No." "Not even when you told him you had grown gray in his service?" "No; he merely gave me the name of a good hair dye."—Boston Tran-



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