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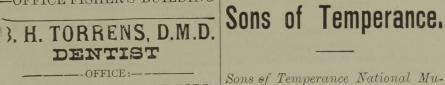
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encouraging to young speakers to into there never has been and never such a thing as a "born orator," thas never been an instance of an becoming famous who did not imself assiduously to the cultiva-his set. Many even had to overphysical infirmities that rendered it almost hopeless for them to adopt the career of a public speaker.

e best known instance is that of Dcmosthenes, who passed some months in a subterranean cell, slaving one side of his head so that he could not appear in publie. He there practiced with pebbles in his mouth to overcome a defect in his speech, and gesticulated beneath a suspended sword to rid himself of an ungraceful movement of the shoulder. Even then ho was hissed from the bema in his early efforts, but he persevered-the world

knows with what success. When Robert Walpole first spoke in the House he paused for want of words and continued only to stutter and stammer. Curran was known at school as "stattering Jack Curran," and in a debating society which he joined as "Orator Mum." Every one will also Mum." Every one will also readily recall Disraeli's failure when he rose to make his maiden speech. Cobden's first effort lso a humiliating failure.

But one should not conclude from these instances that every speaker who breaks down is sure to blossom into fame subse-quently. We have been quoting the ex-ceptions to the general rule. More fre-quently speakers' mishaps are like that of the Earl of Rockester.

"My Lords," said he, on one occasion, "I-I-I rise this time, my lords, I-I-I divide my discourse into four branches." Here he came to a woeful pause, and then he added: "My lords, if ever I rise again in this

house I give you leave to cut me off root and branch forever."

Many of the best orators have, even to their latest efforts, felt a tremor on rising to speak. Erskine said that on his rising to speak for the first time he should have sat down in confusion had he not felt his children tugging at his gown. The Earl of Derby, "the Rupert of debate," always knew when he was going to speak well by his nervousness on rising. This was also a characteristic of Canning.

At a dinner given by the Mayor of Liverpool he was so nervous before being called on to speak that he had twice to leave the room to collect his thoughts. This may have been, however, owing to the comparative novely of his position. Many an orator outside his accustomed haunts is completely lost. Lord Eldon said he was always somewhat nervous in speaking at the Goldsmiths' Dinner, though he could talk before Parliament as though he were addressing so many rows of cabbage plants. Mr. Cobden, speaking of Lord John Russell, said:

"On the boards of the House of Commons Johnny is one of the most subtle and dangerous of opponents; take him off these boards and I care nothing for him."

To few was it given as to O'Connell to succeed equally with all audiences. Before he entered the Househe was declared to be a mere "mob orator;" but in 1830 he was returned, and in 1831 he was recog-nized as a leader. Whether in swaying a multitude on hillside, appealing to the more educated assembly in Parliament, or in persuading a jury in a court house, he was equally at home.—Gentlemen's Magazine.

"CIGAR" OR "SEGAR."

An Inquiry for the Curious.

An exchange says that people who profess to sell "segars" should be made liable to punishment for misdemeanor. r does not spell clgar by any i or custom in the language. The cranks who invented the word, and those worse cranks who still use it, must, if they are at all consistent, pronounce it "seegur," with the accent on the first syllable. Etymology, and that most important fact that English is essentially an eclectic language, are things unknown to those persons; although, remembering that, it is still hard to understand why they object to "cigar." It is more defensible than "potato" or "tea," and quite as good as "calico," whereas "segar" can only be regarded as the monument of some egotistical idiot, whose name has nevertheless M. Littre, as we are reminded by a foreign newspaper, gives the origin of "cigar" in his new French dictionary. It is, of course, Spanish. Tobacco was at first grown by the Cubans in their gardens—Cigarrales. They learned to roll the leaves from the natives of the West Indies, and when they offered a smoke to a friend they might say, "Es de mi Cigarral"-It is from my garden. The expression soon came to be, "Este Cigarroes de mi Cigarral"-This cigar is from my garden. And hence the word spread. Cigarral, adds M. Littre, comes from Cigarra, a grasshopper, and means liter-ally the place which grasshoppers fre-

A LIGHTNING MATTIAGE.

An Indiana Parson Unites an Anxious

"One of the quickest marriages I ever beard of," said a man from down on the Wabash to a Mail reporter, "was per-formed by Rev. Dr. Aaron Turner, now in Minnesota Conference. the

"Dr. Turner was in charge of the Vin-cenues circuit at the time. One evening he was hurrying his toilet in preparation for a marriage that he was to perform at 8 o'clock at the home of one of his flock. He was late and very much afraid that he couldn't reach the place of appointment in time.

"Just as he got his white tie adjusted and was settling himself into his coat a knock was heard on the parsonage door. Dr. Turner took up his hat, stepped to the door, and opened it. A young man stood outside. Dr. Turner asked his business.

"The young man was flurried, but he managed to say that he wanted to get married, and handed the parson a mar-

"'Well,'said Dr. Turner, 'I can't do it to-night. I am hurrying now to per-form another ceremony, I'm already

"But,' pleaded the young man, 'it won't take you long.' "'I know, but I can't wait,' fand the

walking rapidly sway. "But, Mr. Turner,' called the young man, desperately, and he ran after the minister; 'you surely can marry us. It work the her on but a minute." won't take you but a minute.'

" 'Where's the lady?' " 'Right back here,' and the young man

pointed to a figure standing in the shadow of a tree. "'Well, come on,' Dr. Turner said, and the two went back to where the girl

stood. "'Is this the woman you want to

marry?' "'Yes,' said the young man. "Then you are man and wife. Good pair standing speechless.

'It was a minute before the newly made husband recovered enough to run after the preacher, who was rapidly disappearing in the dark. "'Mr. Turner! Mr. Turner!' he cried.

"'Well, what is it?' said the preacher,

pausing. 'Why, was that all? Will that do?' " 'Yes, yes, that will do. You are just as much married as if I'd gone through a yard of ceremony. Good night? And again he hurried away, reaching his ap-pointment just in the nick of time.

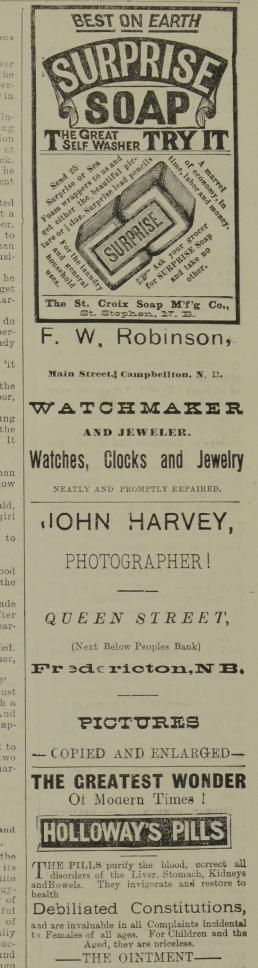
"The young man went slowly back to his bride and spent the next hour or two in satisfying her that she was really married,"-Chicago Mail.

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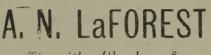
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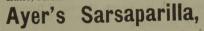
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sleep,"said her mother one morning, when this early bird began to chirp. "I'll try," said the child, and so she did, but it was to no purpose. In five minutes she was sitting up in bed play-ing with her little pink toes. This time her mother growing impatient, as slee, y people have been known to do, summar-ite ortinguished her under the hed extinguished her under the bed-clothes, saying in despair: "Lillian, I told you to try once more to go to sleep!"

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