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Writing in the Quiver, the author of "How to be Happy though Married" says; I quite believe in marrying for gold and working for silver; but there should be a seasonable chance of getting work to do, for it is nothing less than eriminal folly to marry on nothing a week, and that uncertain—very! On the other hand, there is some truth in the saying hand, there is some truth in the saying that what will keep one will keep two. Show me one couple unhappy merely on account of their limited circumstances, and I will show you ten who are wretched from other circumstances. There are bachelors who are you ultra-noughput, and will have not provided the saying who are you ultra-noughput and will have a constitute of the saying the say in the say who are so ultra-prudent, and who hold such absurd opinions as to the expense of such absurd opinions as to the expense of matrimony, that, although they have enough money, they have not enough courage to enter the state. Pitt used to say that he could not afford to marry, yet his butcher's bill was so enormous the could not afford to marry, yet his butcher's bill was so enormous the could not afford to marry. that some one has calculated it as affording his servants about fourteen pounds of meat a day for each man and woman. the more economical regulation of his household, if for no other reason, he should have taken to himself a wife. Of course a young man with a small income cannot afford to marry if he smokes big cigars and gives expensive drinks to every fool who claps him on the back and calls him "old man." He must be particular, too, in choosing a wife, to select one who is economical and can keep house with the least amount of waste. Swift's saying about nets and cages is well known ing about nets and cages is well known. He thought that one reason many marriages are unhappy is because women spend their time in making nets to catch husbands, rather than in making cages to keep them in when caught. True, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and we see no reason hy a girl should not do all that is consistent with self-respect and modesty to obtain a husband. She should

remember, however, that conquests have to be kept as well as made, and that for a woman to fail to make and keep her home woman to fail to make and keep her home happy is to be a "failure" in a more real sense than to have failed in getting a husband. "Why don't the men propose, mamma?" Ore reason is because they are afraid that the girls of the period will make extravagant wives. The other day a girl was talking with a middle-aged bachelor. The girl was of a by no means shy disposition, so she began to "chaff" him about his wretchedly unmarried conshy disposition, so she began to "char him about his wretchedly unmarried condition. "Why don't you marry? Can't you afford to keep a wife?" "My innocent young friend," was the reply, "I can afford to support half a dozen wives; but I can't afford to pay the milliner's bills of one." And you mothers, think not always about getting good husbands for your daughters, but think sometimes how to make your daughters fit to be good

#### Progress of India

During the last twenty years British India has progressed very rapidly, and more particularly in railroad construction. In 1853 there were in all only 20½ miles of railway in India; that in 1873 there were 5,695 miles of railway, while in 1887 there were 13,386 miles. Telegraphic communication with India was first opened in 1865, and the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 was scarcely of less importsuce in developing her trade. Another agency has been the development of irrigation works. We read that only 30,-000,000 acres have up to date, been artificially irrigated, but the appropriateness of the qualifying adverb is rendered evident when it is employed in contrast with the total area of 200,000,000 acres of cultivated ground, and the vast tract of 868,314 square miles which include British India.

A former Rugby boy, who was himself admitted to holy orders by Archbishop Tait, says that the candidates for priest's orders were obliged to undergo a very trying ordeal. Each of them was compelled to preach a short extempore sermon in the chapel to the Bishop and Dr. Stanley, who formed the sole congregation, and who occasionally interrupted and criticised the sermon. One day a candidate, who was by no means a ready speaker, overwhelmed by nervousness, began stammering, 'I will divide my congregation into two, -the converted and the unconverted.' This was too much for the Bishop's sense of humor. 'I think, sir,' he exclaimed, 'that, as there are only two of us, you had better say which is which.'

### A Queer Barometer.

It is not generally known that the rendered fat of a woodchuck is as good a barometer as any we have today. While in the country a short time ago the writer had occasion to travel through the lower part of Berks. At the house of a friend I was pressed to take an umbrelia with me. There was no sign of a storm. I asked why he persisted in so dogged a manner for me to accept the article 'Why,' said he, 'look at my barometer'. There upon the shelf stood a bottle sealed with beeswax. It was all cloudy. The old gentleman said he had used this

The old gentleman said he had used this one for most twenty years, and if a storm was brewing the barometer got cloudy twelve hours before the rain or snow began to fall. In clear weather the oil was always clear.—Reading (Pa.) Herald.

When coal gas came into general use for lighting houses and streets an old woman was told there would be no more oil used. 'Na mair oil!' she exclaimed, 'then what's to become o' the puir whales, I wonder?

#### The Girl F Left Behind Me.

I women who can kiss and keep How could ye bear to kiss and weep,
And let your lads march by you? 'Tis more than twenty years ago,
But foolish tears still blind me
Whene'er they play, or loud or low,
"The Girl I Left Behind me.

O well we women held our tears-Our eyes the brighter for them; Our mouths the tenderer for our fears That dared not tremble o'er them O Warriors! let victory tell 'Twas with our help you won it, Who tossed you dainty kiss farewell, Or waved a rude sun bonnet.

O many a hero grasped his fame With "For their sake I dare it!" And many a coward turned from home Whispering, I could not bear it!" And many a dear lad fought and fell Where no kind hand might find him,
Dead for his flag—his last farewell
For her he left behind him,

The war is over, its fields are green; Small, fearless birds are nesting In cannon mouths, and flowers serene Bloom where our dead are resting; Only the moon beholds them rise, Their spectral ranks reviewing, Till gray dawn with her pale ray vies, Their martial deeds renewing.

—Mamie S. Paden.

#### Turkish Invitations.

LITERARY PAROXYSMS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE. LY ABSURD AND NAUSEATING

The Oriental imagery, so plentiful in all the written communications of the Eastern peoples, has been carried by the the Turks to the point where its literary the Turks to the point where its literary paroxysms become very absurd. One Effendi, or dignitary, writing to another, speaks of himself as "thy servant." "thy miserable valet," "thy slave," and so on, while all his references to the person addressed are to "thy highness," thy gracious lordship," "thy most exalted personality," and the like.

The Turk, in addressing his equals or superiors, never uses the plain words "you" or "me." Instead of "I saw you the other day at the mosque, "he says: "I observed at the mosque the dust of your excellency's feet." There is a Turkish proverb which declares the word "me"

ish proverb which declares the word "me

to be always and everywhere hateful. Here are two genuine Turkish invita-

tions to festivals:
"Noble and venerated friend: Tonight, when the silver barque of the moon, now fourteen days old, floats out upon the sky's azure expanse, bestowing upon all the world romance and tenderness, we shall be assembled at the village of Rumili shall be assembled at the village of Rumili Hissar, in the place called Hozreti-Mollah, a spot full of delights; and all the night, even to the rising of the sun, we shall taste the pleasure of the feast. We shall not admit a delay so great as the thickness of a hair. May the fleetness of sails and the strength of rowers bring thee thou source of joy, to all thy friends!"

"Most gracious master and most venerated lord: This evening, if it please Allah, when the great king of the army of stars, the sun of all the worlds, shall,

of stars, the sun of all the worlds, sh setting forth towards the realms of the shadows, thrust his foot into the stirrup of velocity, thou art besought to illuminate us with the bright rays of thy countenance, which, indeed, arrival, like that of the zephyr of the springtime, will, for us, dissipate the somber night of solitude and desolation.

And this ponderous composition is only an invitation." "Come and one at six."— Youth's Companion.

### A Simple Test

A story told of the eccentric Stephen Girard is worth remembering. He once tested the quality of a boy who applied for a situation, by giving him a match loaded at both ends and ordering him to light it. He struck the match, and after it had burned half its length, threw it away. Girard dismissed him because he did not save the other end for future use. The boy's failure to notice that the match was a double-ended one was natural enough, considering how matches are generally made; but haste and heedlessness (a habit of careless observation) are responsible for a greater part of the waste of property in the world.

### The Barber's Mistake.

It is noticed that many New York and Brooklyn barbers fleck superfluous lather from the face, while shaving, with the hack or blunt top of the razor. This habit was thrust upon a patron the other day, and he stoutly objected. He said that even barbers are but human and liable to mistakes, and that he remem-bered a painful scene in the west, where the barber, thinking he had the blunt top turned to a customer's face, essayed to fleck the soapsuds from the face and actually used the glittering edge and made a gash that the unfortunate one will see until the coffin lid closes over him. -New York Sun.

You never find me hiding my light under a bushel," remarked Mr. Mc-Swilligen, in the course of a discussion with his wife. "You don't need to," was the somewhat ac.id reply; "a quart measure is quite large enough."—Pitts-burgh Chronicle. burgh Chronicle.

"Dear me," said the little Boston boy, after intellectual suasion had failed, and they had spanked him for the first time; "if I had had the slightest suspicion that the resultant sensation was so poignant I should never have invited the experimont."-Puck.



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