ACTING AS GROOMSMAN.

Suggestions of What Things are to be Dene and What not to be Done

A certain youth is going to act as "best man" at a friend's wedding, and, although he has the reputation of being possessed of a moderate amount of common sense and considerable courage, he is already show ing the white feather and is in a most deplorable state of mind.

And no wonder, for, to see your friend safely through the perils which surround what is commonly called entering the state of matrimony is no small task. It is to be noted that neither Hercules nor Samson was assigned to it, and as for Job, there is no record that this was numbered among his trials. If it had been, something different might have been written on the page of history.

From the moment he accepts the position the best man becomes a slave to the whims of every one, from the first bridesm id down. She is supposed to be his paticular care, and, therefore, she has much to say when the question of selection comes up. She has been known to interfere seriously with the groom's wishes and by strategy, the secret of which is known only to women, has frequently managed to have some handsome and fascinating personage take the place of the groom's bosom friend. Verily, the ways of the bridesmaid are past understandingby men, at least.

But to return to the grief-stricken young person who suggests this article.

"Is it my business to pay the fees of the bridegroom?" he asks, "and must I bear this expense ?"

Naturally the fees are paid by the best man-that is one of the things which he is there for, but he does not furnish the money. The happy groom is usually able to bear the expense of his wedding, even it he has to borrow to do so. Matrimony makes even the most prudent reckless.

As to the other duties of him, misnamed the best man, he is supposed to call for the bridegroom and see that he gets safely to the church. There it becomes his cheerful task to tide over the weary time of waiting for brides are always late, and grooms always imagine that something is wrong.

At the altar the best man is held responsible for the ring, especially if it has been torgotten, and as the bridal party leaves the church he must see to it that the bridegroom takes his hat with him. Bridegrooms, for ages past, have seemingly been bent on leaving their hats behind them, thereby causing their attendants much grief

the ceremony he stands at the bridegroom's right hand although even then he is a little in the rear. As there are two ways of torming the procession down the church, the best man would do well to acquaint himself beforehand as to every detail of it lest he get hopelessly tangled up and add still further to the burden of his woes.

As a general rule the bridesmaids, preceeded by the newly married pair, go down the aisle in the same order in which they pa s d up, and in this case there is no particular place for the best man. He can go down whenever or with whosoever he wishes after the bridal procession has passed and the bride's mother has followed. It is well for him to uncerstand on the start that he is not of much account any way. When there are groomsmen, however, the old tashion is occasionally revived, and the best man follows in the wake of the nealy married pair in company with the chief bridesmaid, followed by the remainder of the billesmaids, with their attendendant BWin.

The best man should be last to leave the thurth, as he can make himself extremely useful by patting the ladies into their carriages. The crowd outside the church is often very great, and it the ladies bave come to the wedding unattended by a cavalier they are very thankful for the services

Arrived at the house, the best man leaves his hat and gloves in the hall, and makes his way upstairs to offer his congratulations to the bride's parents, and also to the happy pair. He then makes the tour of the rooms in which the presents are displayed, conducting the chief bridesmaid, or some other lady who is anxious to get a good view of them, and it is next his pleasant task to take the head bridesmaid in to brekafast (or tea, as the case may be). The order of precedence is as to lows: The bride and bridegroom, the bride's father with the mother of the bridegroom, the bridegroom's tather with the mother of the trides next Delicate Females who the best man with the chief bridesmail, tollowed by the rest of the bridesmaids with their attendant groomsmen.—Chicago

Trousers Must Bag

A desperate young man implores our aid to prevent his tronsers bagging at the knees. Unless he adopts those made of cast iron, it not easy to see how help can come, for no man has yet invented cloth ones which will not yield to every movement of the leg, and consequently grow un-shapely in time. A New York writer recently suggested that men wear their trousers first one way and then another, and see it that would not be effectual in at I ast preventing any set shape at the offending knee. But even this genius remembered the sad fate of the little boy whose mother made his trousers of the same pattern both in the front and back, and who as a consequence never knew whether he was walking forward or backward, and warns his readers that if this suggest ion is adopted the same mistortune m v result to them .- Inter-Ocean.

Consumption and lung troubles are the cause of fully one-third of the mortality in America. Prevention is better than cure. If you catch a cold, take at once some of Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry. It is a sure cough cure.

The sight or smell of food sometimes sickens you, that's because your bilious. Hawker's liver pills cure biliousness and all bilious ills.

Hawker's catarrh cure, cures.

Not what we say, but what the people say, that

chase & Sanborn's



Coffee Universally accepted as the Leading Fine Coffee of the World. The only Coffee served at the

WORLD'S FAIR.

CHASE & SANBORN, BOSTON. MONTREAL. CHICAGO

ERBINE BITTERS

ERBINE BITTERS Cures Indigestion **ERBINE BITTERS** The Ladies' Friend

ERBINE BITTERS Cures Dyspepsia

Large Botties, Small Doses, Price only 25c. For sale all over Canada. Address all orders to

For sale in St. John by S. McDIARMID and : MAHONEY, Indiautown.

GERARD G. RUEL,

BARRISTER, &c.

Walker's Building, Canterbury Street, St. John, N. B.

DEAFNESS

thereby causing their attendants much grief of mind.

For just one little moment does the best man triumph over common mortals. During

An essay, describing a really genuine cure of deafness, singing in ears, etc., no matter how sever or long standing will de sent post free. Artificia Ear-drums and similar appliances entirely super seded. Address:

THOMAS KEMPE. Victoria Chambers, 19 Southampton Buildingr Holborn, London

PATENTS,

FOR INVENTIONS.

Applications for Patents, Trade Marks and Designs, searches made, Defective Patents reissued. Opinions on intringement, validity, scope, etc. Reports on state of art and improvements on any Chicago Chronicle. subject. Assignments, licenses, contracts, etc., drawn and recorded. Expert testimony prepared, arbitration conducted. OFFICE, New York life
Building, Montreal.
Cable address "Brevet."

HANBURY A. BUDDEN,
(B. A., B. C. L., A. car.
Soc. C. E.)

Advocate, Patent Attorn ey

Worth

Hundreds of business men in his city read Progress who do not adthe power of printer's ink to in-

Isn't it worth a trial? Think about it, and if you conclude to try advertising, come to Progress. We will give you a handsome, well written adv't., a splendid circulation, and result.

Try it.

are st ffering from General Debility, Anemia and all diseases of their sex, will derive great benefit from the use of

tion, Purifies the Blood, repairs the waste that is continually going on, and Weary, Languid and Worn out feeling.

CAFE ROYAL, Domville Building, Corner King and Prince Wm. Streets.

MEALS SERVED AT ALL HOURS.

WILLIAM CLARK

CAN CATS CONVERSE? One Man who Thinks They Have a Language

Something Like Chinese. Theories of articulate language n the animal kingdom are advanced every day. Some of them are serious, like Prot. Garner's notion of an intelligent and intelligible speech ot apes; but the most interesting are those which treat of the matter in a half humorous way which does not tax [the credulity too far. Such a one is the theory of a feline tongue, exploited by the blind author, Marvin Clark, in his little book on 'Fussy and her language.' He declares that the smooth and liquid passages in our poets, which express onomatopoeia, are but echoes from that most beautiful of all languages that of the cat. The ore most like it among human tongues, he says, is the Chinese, the sounds in each being musical, mellifluous and pleasing to the senses. As in the Chinese, too, words in the cat's language have various meanings, according to the inflections of the voice. The number of words is very great, but the author has made up no complete lexicon of them as yet. The following seventeen, says a writer in the Buffalo Commerical, are the most important and frequent in the conversation which cats struggle to carry on with members of the housebold: Aelio means focds; lae, milk; parrière, open; aliloo, water; bl, meat; ptlee-bl, mouse meat; bleeme-be, cooked meat; pad, foot; bo, head; pro, nail o: clam; tut, limb; papoo, bcdy; oolie, tur; mi-ouw, bewaae; purrieu, satisfaction o: content; yiaou, extermination; mi-youw here. Of primitive words, it is believed there are not more than 600 in the ca tongue, and many or these are obscurfor the cat relies greatly upon signs for making its meaning clear to those who have neglected a study of its articulate speech. Thus the last word in the fore going list is used by a matronly cat in call ing her tamily together, and she will continue to use it while caressing them. But the maning of the word is never so well understood by kittens as when uttered in a sharp tone and repeated a number of times, more as an explosive than otherwise, for it is a warning of danger and a call for instant action from the mother cat, who is imperious in her demands for obedience.' Then there is the word 'mi-youw' which is varied to 'wow-teiouw-yow-tiow, wowyou ts-s-syow!' ending in an explosion. The author believes that the word thus uttered signifies both defiance and a curse, and comes so near to bold, bad swearing' that he refrains from giving the English

There may be skeptical persons who will ridicule this theory, but we should say that it was just as reasonable as Prot. Garner's, while the language of the cat sounds far more articulate and significant of design than the squeaky vocabulary which he brought home from gorilla land. One thing is certain, the means for carrying on investigations in the interesting field of feline language are available in almost every household, and to obtain the desired conversations from which a voluminous treatise upon that language can be written it is not necessary to go to Africa and remain for six months shut up Chicago Chronicle.

TYLE IN MENSHIS

What Makes One Man Look Well Is a Ugly as Sin on Another Man.

A man who has suffered and grown wise thus writes about hats; "As to hats, no great deviation from the conventional has been aimed at. The silk hat has a slight bell and the derby has a somewhat rounder crown. The differences, after all, are largely a matter of makers' whims. For, whereas one inclines to a rounder-topped derby, another of equal authority runs rather to a peaked top. One great hat vertise in any paper. They do a builder shows almost straight lines in the certain amount of business and donbt sides of silk hat.

"Now, all this is cheerful news. Every man can have a proper hat. Dr. Holmes said truly that the hat is the most vulnerable part of man's attire. The unknown philosopher, also, who said it isn't the coat that makes the man, was a deep thinker. if the people want your goods then He knew his business, and he knew well it there should be no doubt about the is the hat that makes the man. Consider, It you ask your nearest friend who made that coat or suit or overcoat, he answers readily and affably. Even it you find fault he will argue with you pleasantly enough. But where is the man so brave that he can hear without alarm the simple question: 'Where did you get that hat?' No weak pretence of flattery can disguise the purport of that deadly query. The one who hears it will fight forthwith if he is a brave man; or, it he be a coward, he will turn hot and cold in streaks and run away. You can't argue about a hat.

The variety in shapes of hats this year gives every one of us a chance to get just the right sort. Here are simple rules, which, it followed faithfully, will fill your days with peace:

"If you have a long, lean face, like the horse, wear a small-crowned derby, with as small a brim as your age will allow. In silk hats choose the bell shape. Thus you will not look like a plucked spring last, and all the time, forever

chicken. "If your face is round and jolly as the rising sun, wear a big derby, with plenty completely removes that of brim, or a straight-sided silk hat. This will keep you from looking like a balloon."

I was cured of rheumatic gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT. ANDREW KING.

I was cured of acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. LT.-Col. C. CREWE READ.

DINNER A SPECIALTY I was cured of acute rhoumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT, C. S. BILLINGS. C. S. BILLINGS. Markham, Ont.

Babies

and rapidly growing children derive more benefit from Scott's Emulsion, than all the rest of the food they eat. Its nourishing powers are felt almost immediately. Babies and children thrive on Scott's Emulsion when no other form of food is assimilated,

Scott's **Emulsion**

stimulates the appetite, enriches the blood, overcomes wasting and gives strength to all who take it. For Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Weak Lungs, Emaciation, Consumption, Blood Diseases and all Forms of Wasting. Send for pamphlet. Free. ott & Bowne, Belleville. All Druggists. 50c. & \$1,

THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE!

A Happy, Fruitful

EVERY MAN who KNOW the GRAND TRUTHS; the Plain Facts; the Old Secrets and the New Discoveries of Medical Science as applied to Married Life, should write for our wonderful little book, called "PER-FECT MANHOOD." To any earnest man we will mail one copy

Entirely Free, in plain sealed cover. "A refuge from the quacks." Address ERIE MEDICAL CO., Buffalo, N.Y.

CANADIAN

General Express Forwarders, Shipping Agents and Custom House Brokers.

Forward Merchandise, Money and Packages of very description; collect Notes, Drafts, Accounts and Bills, with goods (C. O. D.) throughout the Do and Bills, with goods (C. O. D.) throughout the Dominion of Canada, the United States and Europe.

Special Messengers daily, Sunday excepted, over the Grand Trunk, Quebec and Lake St. John, Quebec Central, Canada Atlantic, Montreal and Sorel, Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec, Central Ontario and Consolidated Midland Railways, Intercolonial Railway, Northern and Western Railway, Cumberland Railway, Chatham Branch Rail vay, Steamship Lines to Digby and Annapolis and Charlottetown and Summereide, P. E. I., with nearly 600 agencies.

Connections made with responsible Express Companies covering the Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western States, Manitoba, the Northwest Territor ies and British Columbia.

Express weekly to and from Europe via Canadian

Express weekly to and from Europe via Canadian Line of Mail Steamers.

Agency in Liverpool in connection with the for warding system of Great Britain and the continent.

Shipping Agents in Liverpool, Montreal, Quebec and Portland, Maine. Goods in bond promptly attended to and forward

ed with despatch Invoices required for goods from Canada, United States, and vice versa. H C CREIGHT Asst. Supt.

For Fredericton and Woodstock

MAIL STEAMERS David Weston and Olivette, leave St. John every day. (except Sunday) at 9 a. m. for Fr. dericton and all Intermediate landings. and will leave Fredericton every day (except Sunday) at 8 a. m. for St. John. Steamer Aberdeen will leave Fredericton. ericton every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY at 6 a. m. for Woodstock, and will leave Woodstock on alternate days at 8 a. m., while navigation permits. Commencing June 15tn, steamer OLIVETTE will leave St. John EVERY SATURDAY at 6 p. m., for Hampton and intermediate landings and will leave Hampstead every Monday morning at 5, due at Indiantown at 8.30.

CEO. F. BAIRD,

Progress Print

FOR GUICE, NEAT AND REASONABLE WORK



The first of American Newspapers, CHARLES A. DANA- Editor.

The American Constitution the American Idea, the American Spirit. These first, over \$4.000.

The Sunday Sun

is the greatest Sunday Newspaper in the world

Price 5c.a copy; by mail \$2a year. Daily, by mail - - \$6 a year. Daily and Sunday, by

mail, - - - - \$8 a year. The Weekly, - - -Address THE SUN Yo | Washington Post.

DIRTY WORK ALL AROUND. How Money is Sometimes Made by Informers and Custom Officials.

"'A friend of mine,' said an old secret ervice official, was one of the inspectors in the New York office. His business was to go aboard boats, ransack the trunks of passengers, and overhaul the effects of immigrants. This was in 1869.

" 'One day his chief came to him, and said: "You meet such and such a ship when she comes in. She's at the Narrows now. Take with you one of the women of our office, because you will have to search a German girl who is aboard the bcat This girl will be with her father, whose name is Schmidt, and who comes from Bremen. He has nothing on him or about him that is wrong, but the girl has a whole handful of diamonds done up in her back hair. You have the inspectress who is with you to search the girl, and have her finally find the diamords in her chignon. Don't bungle the job, nor go straight to the diamonds as if you knew where they were. I want the discovery to come along in a regular way and nothing done to indicate that we have had any pointer as to tolks and their diamonds."

"There was no time," continued my friend, "to a k any questionss as to how my chief knew of the whereabouts of this plant of diamonds. I took the woman inspector, as he directed me, and we went aboard the boat and quickly found our passengers from Bremen. This Schmidt had been further described to me by my chief as having only one eye, so he was easy to pick out, I searched the old man in a careful way the woman with me cook the girl into a state room, and after fooling away ten minutes in a pretended search. finally discovered the diamonds in her waterfall, as the peculiar coiffure of that day was termed.

"Ot course we took possession of the diamonds, and put the old German and his daughter under arrest. It was a sore blow, and they wailed and wept and beat their bosoms mightily.

"As we always did at that time, we con-

tented ourselves with confiscating the diamonds. Of course I made a bluff. I told the old man and his daughter they CLOCKS AND BRONZES. were under arrest, but that I would let them go for the night. The next day they must return at 10 o'clock to the customs offic, when we would send them to the penitentiary for anywhere from ten to twenty years.

"This last, as I say, was only a bluff, however, and the people never came back, as we had every reason to suppose would be the case. We had no time to try criminals and usually contented ourselves with confiscating the goods which they attempted to smuggle, and, as these were generally very valuable, it was punishment enough.

"When I found my chief I told him had the diamonds all sate enough, and had given the old German and his daughter such a scare that none of us need expect to see either of them again. Then I asked him how he knew so accurately about the diamonds.

" ' My chief told me that his information came from the son-in-law of the old man. It seems that the old German had two daughters. The elder one was married and already in this country, living in New York city. The younger girl, when she and her father got ready to come over, wrote the other how they had turned all of their property into diamonds, which could be bought at a low figure in Europe, and on account of the tariff sold for double the money here; and how she proposed to conceal them in her bair in order to smuggle them ashore. Naturally, the elder sister told her husband, and it was he who informed my chief. What was his object? Why the infernal rascal expected to get 45 per cent, of the proceeds of the confis-cated property when sold, being the amount

which in that day went to the informer. "I couldn't for the life of me see where my chief and myself and the other boys in the Custom House were going to get any part of the proceeds of these diamonds. They were of course reported to the office as confiscated, and their sale would duly take place; but with the reptile son-in-law getting 45 per cent as informer, and Uncle Sam the other 55 per cent, as confiscator, I couldn't see where we'd get in. But my chief, who was a very intelligent man, bid me be of good cheer. He had a plan which he was confident would work. "At one of the sales which the Custom

House periodically holds the old German's diamonds were duly hawked off. We had never seen either him or his daughter since I turned them loose on the whart, although we knew from the son-in law that they were at his house in New York, very much overcome with their loss and the fear of being punished as smugglers, a fear which he very much fed, by the way, by telling them some awful stories of what happened to people who were caught trying to beat the Custom House. The diamonds, when sold it I remember correctly, were taken by Tiffany and brought between \$9,000 and \$10,000. The share due the informer was

"The amount due to the Governm was turned over, and shortly following the faithless son-in-law came sculking in to get his share of the money.

"'Certainly, "replied my chief.
"You're the informer and the money's yours. There is something over \$4,000 coming to you. But I propose to have witnesses when it is paid over. I will pay it to you at any time when you bring your wife and her sister and your father-in-law with you to see it done. I intend that they shall witness this transaction and learn just exactly what sort of a cur you are."

"The son-in-law informer crept away and never returned. He couldn't face the conditions which made his obtaining the money possible. It was not lost how ever; you may be sure it went to good people, who knew how to use it."—



CANCER ON THE LIP

consulted doctors who prescribed for me but to no purpose. I suffered in agony seven long years. Finally, I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. In a week or two I noticed a decided improvement. Encouraged by this result, I persevered, until in a month or so the sore began to heal and month or so the sore began to heal, and after using the Sarsaparilla for six months, the last trace of the cancer disappeared."— JAMES E. NICHOLSON, Florenceville, N. B.

Admitted at the World's Fair.

relieved and cured by ADAMS'

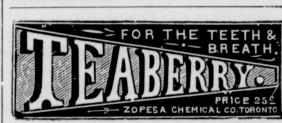
TUTTI FRUTTI. Insist on getting the right article.

GURE FITS!

SPECTACLES EYE GLASSES OPERA GLASSES SILVER GOODS JEWELLRY. WATCHES AND DIAMONDS,

AT 43 KING ST., FERGUSON'& PAGE.

Spring Lamb, Turkeys, Fowl and Chickens.



THOS. DEAN. 13 and 14 City Market

Dr. TAFT'S ASTHMALENE CURES
ASTHMA so that you need NOT
SIT UP all night gasping for breath for fear of
suffocation. Send your name and
address, we will mail trial bottle
DR. TAFT BROS., 186 ADELAIDE ST.. W.
TORONTO, ONT.

THE SAME MAN,

Well Dressed,

fills a much higher place in the estimation of even his friends, than when the phtlesslv and indifferently clothed. **Newest Designs**

Latest Patterns. A. R. CAMPBELL, Merchant Tailor, 64 Germain Street.

(1st door south of King.)

PROFESSIONAL.

GORDON LIVINGSTON. GENERAL AGENT, CONVEYANCER,

NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC. Collections Made. Remittances Prompt. Harcourt, Kent County, N. B. HOTELS.

a fev

cause

to a

and k

man.

spira

of ins

nurci

out h

CONNORS HOTEL,

CONNORS STATION, MADAWASKA, N. B. JOHN H. McINERNEY, Proprieto Opened in January. Handsomest, most spacious and complete house in Northern New Brunswick.

BELMONT HOTEL, ST. JOHN, N.B.

Directly opposite Union Depot. All modern lims provements. Heated with hot water and lighted by electricity. Baggage to and from the station free of charge. Terms moderate.

J. SIME, Prop.

QUEEN HOTEL,

FREDERICTON, N. P. JA. WARDS, Proprietor

For sample rooms in connection. First class Lvery Stable. Coaches at trains and boats.