

man in any of your departments?' Boss Lion-Yes, I need a nice one **Prop.** in my interior department at about dinner time.-Philadelphia Bulletin.

"It is to Laugh.

In the foreign districts of large cities drug clerks are sometimes asked for queer things. These requests are particularly queer when they are sent in written, and quite justify one druggist in pasting them into a scrapbook, which will be unique when finished, as the following notes copied from the originals, testify:

"I have a cute pain in my child's CHAS. STOFFEL, & Prop: diagram. Please g diagram. Please give my son some-

"Dear Doctor, ples gif bearer five sense worse of Auntie Toxyn for garle baby's throat and obleage." "My little baby has eat up its

father's parish plaster. Send an anecdote quick as possible by the inclosed girl.'

"This child is my little girl. I send you five cents to buy two sitless powders for a groan up adult who is sike." "You will please give the lettle bol Boats, Fishing Tackle, etc. five cents' worth of epecac for to throw up in a five months old babe. N. B.-The babe has a sore stum-

mick." "I haf a hot time in my insides and vich I would like it to be extin-

guished. what is good for to extinguish it? The inclosed money is the price of the extinguisher. Hurry, please."

## Why He Laughed.

While Frank Daniels, the comedian, was taking a stroll about Rochester he came across an old negro who, as he watched an iceman slide ice

through an opening in the asphalt, laughed uproariously. "Observe how easily amused he is, and yet there is nothing to laugh at," commented Mr. Daniels to his friends. "Still they tell us that the negroes

have a keen sense of the ridiculous. You'll notice that most of the successes in the minstrel business are white men, however." Then, "Hey, uncle!" he shouted. "Do you think it's

funny to watch a man slide ice down into the cellar of a saloon?" The old man straightened up, scratched his nose thoughtfully for a moment and then replied: "Why, boss, I 'low dat performance

do tickle dis old man's risibiliters. It suttenly does, boss. You see, sah, he's a new icéman an' 'stead o' slidin' ice down in de basemen', he's jes' slidin' in into de sewer. Yah, hi hi!" -New York Times.

Lord Kitchener and Spinsters

When Lord Kitchener was in Iremachines look like 30 corts.

Tradevin South America.

One of the most notable features of the trade of the United States with South America is its comparative fixity. During the last 30 years there has been an increase of only 5 per cent. in trade, and the sales of 1890 were about the same as those of 1903 Compared with the trade of 1873, America's 1902 trade with the world outside of South America has more than doubled. To the 40.000.000 people in South America the yearly sales amount to less than \$40,00,000.

## Drink Called Ricky.

The reputed inventor of the drink called "ricky" was the late Joseph K. or "Col. Joe" Rickey, a well-known speculator and politician, born in Wiscousin. Most of his life was spent in Missouri, but for the past ben years of it he made his bome in New York City, where he died in April, 1903.



It's a nice, refreshing rest from business for a man when he comes home to crawl around on his stomach under the house to see if there is a leak in any of the plumbing.

Every woman would like to be a royal princess long enough to cut her next door neighbor dead who has had two new hats in three months.

Money talks-especially when a long-distance telephone is used.

Man wants but little here below, but he wants that little badly.

What a jolly world this would be if every man came up to the standard of perfection he fixes for his neigh-

A good many women have a hard time recognizing the mighty big difference between ignorance and innocence.

There's nothing so disgusting to a girl as a young man's love for some other girl.

A little girl has the same admiration for a crih as a boy has for a bigjack knife.

Many a man who takes himself seriously is regarded as a huge joke by others.

The wings of riches make fiying

insufficient, and less than in any civilized country. The hovel he lives in is two and a half yards long and one and one-half yards, high, harbor-ing the whole family and whatever cattle he possesses. These data are taken from official sources. Is it a wonder that the Russian

peasant has morally and physically degenerated? That the women are immoral, dreading maternity, and given to a frightful extent to infantiolde? That the men are nomade, leaving wives and children for months often years, trying to earn something in town or in far-away districts? That the recruiting in these central provinces shows progressively physical unfitness for the army? That the health of the women is bad, and that the rate of increase in the population in this "black-earth belt" has dropped to 0.26 against 11/2 in the whole Em-

pire?-Harper's Weekly.

An Absent Minded Man. "I suppose," said John Sharp Wiled man in the South lives in my town he forgets his name half the time. One day last summer he had to go up to the Court House on some busiand stuck the paper on the door of his soil. office.

"He finished sooner than he set pected and came down the street An odd little word of three is thinking out some weighty problem. ters, which greatly influences th When he climbed up the stairs to his treatment = man gets in public dim-office he found the sign; 'Back at ing places, goes back a couple of char three o'clock,' staring him in the tuites to the confee bounder of Bag face. He took out his watch, found land for its origin. At the doors of

in the Japanese Navy. world .-- The World's Work.

The Names of Denmark's Kings. dent. It is the law of Denmark that Christian must be succeeded by Frede erick, and Frederick by Christian. To channot leave this acts of the regime erick, and Frederick by Christian. 10 attain this, and without the changing of names, in case or death or other reason, every Danish prince, no man ter what other names he may receive always inclusion Christian and Free erick strong them.

dying early in his career, without causing sorrow to the native rest dents. It may be true, as the Har-tians assort, that their frequent reve olutions are strictly family affaired and that the foreigner is periodicy nate-provided he goes into biding while the fighting continues-but the fact remains that very few foreigners in Hayli ever die of old and. In a land where somebody or other in nearly always out gunning for some body else, there is the danger, and ever-present danger, of being shet.

It may not be with inference; but therein the real danger lies; for no Haytian was ever known to hit what he fired at-though he is sure to hit somebody, and that somebody is use-ally the highly respected foreigner. Even an execution is no exception the the rule for it requires whole voltaget of musketry to slay one solitary vis-tim, and it rarely happens that he does not have several innocent attende sais to the spirit land, sight by bublets that went astray .- From the New . Tork Erealns Post.

Slikwarms Produce Colorad Cassona French scientists have discovered

by experiments that silkworms may be made to produce coscoons of simost any desired colors. As the ordinary white, yellow or green was known liams, the Democratic leader in the to vary with the food, this was col-House, "that the most absentmind-ed man in the South lives in my town dyed privet leaves yielded coccoust in Mississippi. He is a lawyer, and of coresponding red, blue or other color. Plants have been similarly colored by food, some blue French beans exhibited in London a few ness. He took a piece of paper and years ago seeming to have resulted wrote on it, 'Back at three o'clock' from a chemical pechlarity of the the state to she was the

"To Insure Promptmees."

it was but a quarter past two and sating fooms there hung sta sat down to wait until three." bound boxes, engraved with

phrase "To Insure Promptasses." I Into the allt in the top custometry The average age of the Japanese expected to drop coins for the waiter Navy is lower than that of any other The initial letters of that phras navy in the world. No one over have ever since been used to express twenty years old is accepted for en-listment. The average height is five mits as an extra inducement to them fest four inches-less than the aver to do their work well or as a require age height of any other navy in the al for service promptly rendered.

A St. Peteraburg Experience. An American wished to move from Denmark's kings for 35S years have all been named Christian or Freder ick. This is not the result of acci-ground the corner. He came for

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