

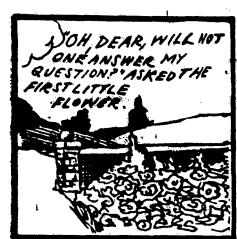
OLD EARTH REPLIES.

ONE night just before the Spring called her children to come forth in all their splendor of color and beauty, a little flower poked out its head and asked: "Where does the show go that covered the Earth all winter?"

"Oh, what a useless question!" said another flower; "who cares where the snow goes as long as it goes and we can come out and find the sun nice bird,"

"I think it must go just as the rain does." said another flower who was ready to come out in the morning sun. "But where is that?" asked the first flower; "that is what I want to know

and no one can tell me."
"I do not use it," said a big rock. "I let it slide right off of me. I'd



much rather be nice and dry and I cannot see of what use the snow and rain can be to anyone."

"Well, I can tell you that if we had no snow or rain we should not "But where it goes after we have had all we need for our roots, I cannot tell you."

"I wonder if the old Sunman drinks It up?" said the first little flower. "Oh! no: I am sure he does not." said the tree, for he has all the water he wants nearer home. There are all. the rain clouds right up there where

question?" asked the first little flow- bloom tomorrows" er. "Here I am ready to bloom and

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the one thing I wanted to know I have not discovered, and all the winter slept, with one eye open, too, just to find out."

"Ask the birds," suggested anothe little flower.

"But the birds are all asleep a night when we can talk," said the first

sister," replied one little flower, "and curately point out the whys and

"He is so far away," complained the titudes. first flower; "my head is hardly above Frequently these readers of human go? Will no one tell me?"

all this time to what had been said, passion selfishness. "you seem to have forgotten me, my It isn't true. There is a good deal

were so old-fashioned that you would animated and influenced by high not know." said the first little flower, motives and splendid desires. never asked it before, and I have exception never heard anyone else ask it,

der the sun to me, and if you had ing. asked me first you would have been Blihu Burritt, the learned black-"Well, tell us then," said the little sum total of human happiness." flower. "Where does the snow go when

we come back in the spring?" "I drink it, my dear, of course," re- in the general scheme of things. plied Mother Earth; "how do you The corner grocer may be cross and

grow," said a tree standing nearby, drinks and then she gives to her chil- hospital. Human nature in his case is of them." This sentence is incorrect usage: dren the nourishment they should dominated by good. have.

here to feed them?"

"Do you know everything, Mother Earth?" asked the little spring flow-

replied Mother Earth. "Now go to encourage them. "Oh, dear, will no one answer my sleep or you will not be able to There is some bad in the best of us.

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Something to Think About By F. A. WALKER .

HUMAN NATURE

HERE is one boast that is pretty nearly universal. You probably ever met a man or a woman who, if occasion gave opportunity, would not say with considerable show of pride, "Well, I know human nature."

They mean when they say it that they think they can solve the causes "You forget the Owl; he is awake of human action, that they can ac-I have heard that he is a very wise wherefores that influence our relations one with another, our acts and our at-

the ground and I can never make him nature will ascribe a questionable hear. Where do the snow and rain motive for any kind of an act, good, bad or indifferent. They would have "Why not ask me where they go?" you think that the chief force at work said Mother Earth, who had listened in the world is evil, the commanding

of good in the world. "But, Mother Earth, I thought you The great majority of people are

"This is a new question. It have The really bad man or woman is the

Human nature as a whole is of a "My child, there is nothing new un-kind that really makes life worth liv- the ateamship

spared all this bother. Even if I smith, wrote down this wisdom: "No am old I can answer all questions, human being can come into this world old or new, that my children ask." without increasing or diminishing the

> After all, the most of our lives and the most of our endeavors are to help

suppose you all would grow if I did surly sometimes, but if you only knew it he sent a basket filled with things "Your roots are nourished, it is good to eat to the woman down the say KNOW the family well, and the Here are a few hints which should them add very slowly me true, but first your Mother Earth street whose husband is sick in the And as it is with the grocer so it

"How would the infant seeds know is with the butcher, the baker and the what is good for them if I were not candle-stick maker, with the minister and the sinner, with everybody.

It is a splendid thing, a helpful thing, to seek the good side of people, "All you need to know, my dears," to find out their better qualities and

There is a lot of good in the worst ment is absurd, and to express clearly

Human nature is very much like a rarden. In it-we plant seeds. pleasure. Some come up useless weeds, If we plant kindness and charity and ove, the garden will be worth-while.

If we plant envy and greed and not prove a source of much joy to any-

Nobody can plant or tend the garden but you. Nobody can take from you the credit for the flowers and you cannot shift to another the blame for the growths that are worthless.

Try to know the good side of human nature. Try to cultivate it and encourage it.

If a motive is in question give it He pronounced that "It was good."

Anyhow, it is sort of satisfying to than Evil and unless we have to change, let us keep on thinking so.

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THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"GROG." A T FIRST glance there would appear to be, little connection between the word "grosgrain," applied to heavy silks

and ribbons, and, "grog," the saflor's slang for drink. But both of them were connected with Admiral Edward Vernon of the British navy, the man who gained fame for the capture of Porto Bello during the war with Spain in 1739 and for whom Moun' Vernon, the home of old darky was in charge. Washington, was named.

To the men of the British navy, however, he owes his greatest fame to the fact that he was the first to order rum and water served to the men of his squadron, beginning this practice on board his own ship. the Burford. Previous to this time, the admiral had acquired the name of WOld Grog," from his habit of strolling along the quarter-deck in a "grogram" cloak - "grogram" being the British sailor's corruption of the term, "gros-grain," Because of the nickname of the man who originated the serving of rum in the navy, the drink was called "grog"-and "grog" it is, to this

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Effectual Effacement. "I hear that Crimson Guich's big raming resort has been closed." "Yes," replied Three-Fingered Sam "The police got busy at last!"

had a winning strenk.**

"Tweren't the police. Cactus Joe

Pearl White



One of the most popular of the White. She is so well known to the patrons of the picture houses that lit-

HOW DO YOU SAY IT By C. N. LURIE

Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

THE USE OF "ANY."

I youngest son is brighter than anyobe observed in the etiquette of card to a creem ches and should be changed to "I know the ... Always call or leave cards within family well, and the youngest son in ten days after a dinner, reception or brighter than any other one of dance invitation, whether it is acceptthem," or "brighter than any of the ed or declined. rest of the family."

When the sentence first quoted is unless you are sure that customs of ming in one-half custom of sing in one-half custom of sing in one-half custom of sing in one-half custom of the heighborhood exempts you from Cook until smooth and two the amihed critically—it seems to say this duty. In some of the big cities, full of vinegar and a that the youngest son is brighter than among many groups, cards are not reany one, of the family. Such a statewords (such as "other" or "the rest sent. of") to show the comparison between Leave cards or call at the home of cussion and the rest of the family.

If you say, "The blacksmith is tended. stronger than any man," you imply that the blacksmith is not a man. Say, their own for each woman of the mixed, mold and chit. Serv mailce and hatred and jealousy, it will therefore, "The blacksmith is stronger household, a card of their husband for ed on lettuce with French d than any other man."



EXPLOSIVES.

the benefit of the doubt and believe it IN THE early days of warfare comwas good unfil it is proven to be bad. I bustibles were hurled at the enemy It says in the book of Genesis that to help demoralize his ranks. Many slone unless the hostess is not home when the Greator considered his work experiments were conducted with the when you call. In that case a card idea of producing highly inflammable may be left. Unless there is a greater power than material. Roger Bacon, a monk, in Never have anything put on the card the Creator it must have remained the Thirteenth century, while experi- but the name, address and if wanted menting on this subject, happened to the day at home. use pure instead of impure saltpetre, believe that Good is more powerful with the result that he nearly wrecked the place, but from this discovery came our modern powders and high explosives.

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Egg Strangely Marked. A new-laid egg was put in a pan to boll and when the white began to whiten, says an Ontario reader, she noticed a dark spot appear. The dark spot was so like a tlay mouse that when she showed the egg still in the pan to three men they thought it was

Truly Amphibian.

While on the subject of alligators, there is always a chartle for me in the yarn that Pete Daley, the actor, used to tell. He was down south looking at a school of alligators. An

"Colonel." said, Pete, pointing to the alligators, "are they amphiblous?" "Yessir, yessir," replied the old darky, "they's as amfibble as b-. They'll bite you in a minute."-New York Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Tispatch.

BROWN'S BRILLIANT BUNCH

Blessed iz a woman, bekaws shee

Blessed iz the dog, bekaws hee don't hat to goe to Hadeez when hee dize.

Blessed iz the man with dispersy. for they can lay hiz cussidness to the

Blessed iz the skinnle man in the summer time, for there izent so mutch of him to get hot.

Blessed iz thee purty gurl, for shee can goe to awl the shows and don't haf to pay a sent.

Blessed iz the man who has muther-in-law, for het, will a nevver find life monotonus.

THERCHTTHE BY MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

CALLING CARDS

Nothing is no difficult but that it may a found out by seeking Terrance.

WRITER on social usage has A called attention to the fact that in the countries of Europe the etiquette of the calling card is clearly a little four, and laid down by social law; in this country it is left in the air.

If there were but a congress of cusom where some one could so and introduce a law setting forth the occa- peel, cut in cobes and a sions on which the calling card can green colons mined a ten t with propriety be used and the occa- fels of chopped celery, sions on which it cannot be used how paraley (a teaspoints) of much confusion could be avoided! As ever the salad some het this cannot be done, we can only do stirring and tossing until we our best with our calling cards, and peason well, add boiling trust to luck and instinctive good taste a little at a time satt the that we will not break such laws as well seasoned, and serve het.

is customary for newcomers to make steed of vinegar. American "movie" stars is Pearl the first call, and as cards are the emblems of calls the rules regulating them can be grouped with those regutie or nothing could be said about lating card usage. In most sections ing water to cover; drain her that is not already known. Mise it is customary for the old resident to apparate into flates. To a white recently sailed for England and posed this picture on the railing of places it is usual for a newcomer to petate cut in cabes end out at-home cards to such per of the amount of hardsons as she changes to meet and de in bits. Mix until mobile sires to become acquainted with.

It is usual, however, in most places, for pepper, cayenne and pa for the old resident to make the first on a bed of lettuce, garainh wit call. It is essential for the person of any white and the yellin put called on to return this first call or a store serve with a good else run the risk of being called rude. ing which has been enriched. The newcomer who waits for others addition of whipped cream, to call on her, no matter where she is, will do better than the newcomer who makes first calls where this is not cus-

Call or leave cards after teas, also, maif-teaspoonful or less of

the meaning of the writer or speaker it | Send cards when it is impossible to

dowering plants that give everybody the member of the family under dis- the mother of a bride whose wedding ale, one-half cupical of or reception at the house you have at. Jules of a lamo

Married women leave a card of banana sliced this. See each married woman and another for her husband. Young men or bachelors of any age leave cards for the daughter of the household and for her

Here are flye "don'ts" about cards: Never regret an invitation on a gard. An invitation sent on a card, it it demands an answer, should be an swered by note.

Never leave a card without making a call on any one's day at home.

Do not return first calls by card

THE CHEERFUL CHERUP Oh, may I keep the common touch-All through this life of toil and fuss want to have the feeling that im simply one of all of us.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs

MY STRIKE.

For longer days then those we see-

So short indeed are twenty-four;

LUCKY. My hubby never kicks at the expense of maintaining a wife But then I was How's that? Before I was married he had six months experience in main-

thining an auto-

liquor for a must, add the spring of mint.

Cook potatom with the ell may be used instead of the In some sections of the country it fat, if preferred, and leanon is

Make the ordinary From Sork until the dre Serve over leaf lettuce

Mix with three-four

cupful of butter. Sprea stices of crisp teast and

our country as the that title. Anita how more redolent of North its prototype. For Asits. grace, has an origin pa About the time that t

Samuel was recorded chronicles as the original. etymological way was being the entrance of Anita ti gateway of Spain. Byses kingdom of royal miendors age to a St. Appa who is be a flare-back to the gr deity. The daughter of Burne

ing hernelf Assa, m Prince of Muscovy and name into Russia, wi jected to the Blavic in sued forth in various the tives and endearments. pretty Amar, which to the influence of all ably brought it to th soft-syllabled Spain. cut of the "P" and to "n" for euphony's charming Ana, which larity there. But adopts a name dist dimirritive, after the hence Anita. Italy took An

Antra's talf