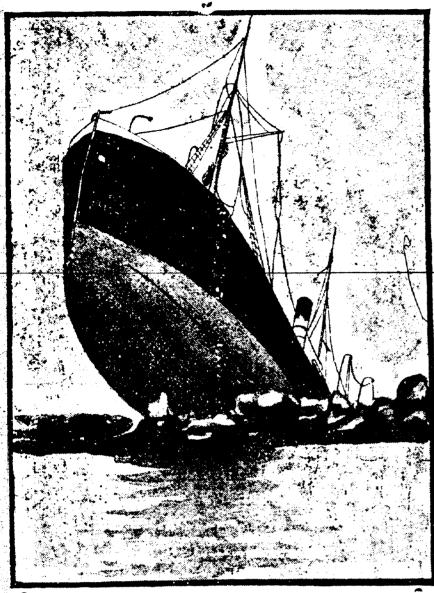
Ship in an Extraordinary Plight



The British steamship Carrington ran aground the other day on the treacherous rocks of Ushant, off the French coast, but, strange to say, was little damaged by the shock. The bow was tilted high in the air while the stern kept afloat, and the big vessel actually played see-saw with the rise and fall of every tide. It was the wonder of all who witnessed it, that she did

"IS JONES MARRIED?" ¡

MATRIMONIAL TANGLE VEXES TOWN OF BLACK HAWK, COL.

Leaves Him and He Is Now Worried Over Matter -- Citizens Are Divided.

Black Hawk, Col.-"Say, am I mar-

into the ear of the town marshal, prying world, Jones poured this hot query on hot toddy breath. The marrhal got the odor, and shook his head tadly. He passed on.

"Say, am I married?"

Now, Jones is an old resident here. For ten years he has been making his personality felt, and everybody knows him. They have known or thought they knew, for seven years, that he was married. But three months ago he talked. Now everybody in town is wrestling with the problem.

"Is Jones married?" It threatens to stop the wheels of industry. The barred to Johnny for obvious readand is neglected. Children are perexitted to go out in the morning without having their faces washed, and the lows are suffering from lack of care. Down at the store the few people in town who gave up the problem when that colossal youth's glory. they got headaches, get in only by elimbing up over the legs of most of the male population, who discuss the question learnedly. Before long everybedy, including most of the women, will be either deeply learned in the daws concerning matrimony or crazy. Jones has been advised 40 times is that he is married, and as many times that he isn't. Some take the view that The is a grass widower, and one wosome one will only answer his query:

'Am 1 married?" Jones has a good deal of money. He has a good deal of land. He is worried about whether his "wife" can cousin of General Robert E. Lee. sue him for divorce and get alimony. Some hint that a certain schoolma'am as much interested as Jones, and that if it would not be subject to attack they would marry.

BRET HARTE'S CHILD A PAUPER. Daughter is Resident of Poorhouse

at Portland, Maine.

Portland, Mc.-Mrs. Jessie Steele, & daughter of Bret Harte, is an inmate at Pontland's poorhouse. She was taken there a few days ago and the inity overseers are endeavoring to get into communication with her husband, Lother Steele, to ascertain who is to Te responsible for her maintenance She is believed mentally unbalanced

In a confortable, steam-heated, sonny room Mis. Steele spends prac tically all her time, writing on paper pads. She says she is writing a play and that she intends to earn money negough to go on the stage.

> She says she thinks her husband is in the west, but doesn't know where, cannot be sold in Omaha stores, For

ings won her a livelihood.

Pounds. London.-Johnny Tranley is not

BRITAIN HAS STAR FAT BOY.

Only Five Years Old, But Weighs 159

the brightest boy in the school in Battersea London but he attracts the most attention because he is the fat-Woman Supposed to Have Been Wife test boy in all England. Johnny is only five, but he weighs "eleven stone five," which in American figures is 159 pounds

Johnny's proportions, considering his weight and age, are remarkable. The circumfeerene of his head at the brow is 23 inches, his thigh 28 inches, behind a hand that keeps it from the his calf 17, his chest 44, his waist 441/2, his biceps 15 and his forearm 11 inches.

Master Trunley is not a sprinterindeed he walks with difficulty. He The postmaster was led behind a goes to and from school in a wagon, sence, and bent his head down to catch which the London county council sends for him, for the L. C. C. doesn't wink at truancy even for fat boys.

In school the ordinary desk and bench were not big enough or strong enough for Master Trunley, so the school cafpenter had to build a desk and bench strong enough to support Johnny's mighty frame. Johnny is his "wife" left him, and she talked and proud of his size and weight, but sighs when he thinks of the rare fun his fellows have been having this winter skating and sledding, pastimes

> Johnny is erroneously called "The Fat Boy of Peckham." There was a fat boy in Peckham, but Johnny's weight and proportions have eclipsed

sons.

FINDS AFFINITY AT LAST.

"Uncle Billy" Duke After Advertising Half a Century Is Wedded.

Hamilton, O.-William Duke, known as "Uncle Billy," an Oxford township bachelor, whose industry in advertising and corresponding for a wife for the last 52 years, has found his man called him a villain. But Jones affinity. He was married here by ilcesn't care what they call him if Rev. A. B. Austin, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, to Mrs. Mary Allen Markham, aged 48 years, a widow, of Kansas City. The bride's mother was a Lee of Virginia, a first

Duke is 75 years old. It is estimated that he has spent thousands of dollars in matrimonial advertising and in paying the railroad fare of women from all parts of the country to Oxford. He always wore a white ribbon on his coat as a means of identification and crowds would gather at the Oxford station whenever "Uncle Billy" appeared wearing a white rib-

Though the women arrived none would ever remain at his farm until Mrs. Markham arrived. Mr. Duke met her, wearing the usual ribbon. and the marriage was the result. Mr. Duke tried hard to have the license suppressed, because the newspapers have had so much fun with him for two generations.

Old Masters Held Indecent.

Omaha, Neb.-The Omaha courts have decided that works of art by famous painters, including Van Dyke. Rubens and Van der Werff, are indecent and that reproductions of them He had been contributing \$15 per persisting in their sale John Greenweek toward her support, but this was being was fined and warned that on the insufficient to meet her wants, and he next occurrence he would be sent to finally stopped. She recently adver- jail. Greenberg had on sale copies of tised readings from her father's works Rubens' "Judgment of Paris" the her patrouage was very limited, original of which is in the Dresden Mrs Steele is about 30 years of age | Art Gallery; Van Dyke's "Diana and and is a handsome woman, and was the Golden Reign of Jupiter;" Van der mell educated. For a time her read- Weiff's 'Magdalena' and others of - that class.

TOOK THE FIRM'S TRADEMARKS.

Ingenious Hollanders Put Minnesota ਿ⊹,Firm in a Hole.

A Minnesota flouring mill company has recently had an experience in Holland which will not only make it more careful in the future but will serve as a warning to other concerns to pay strict attention to the protection of its own brands of flour under the peculiar registration laws of Holland.

For a number of years the company alluded to sold one concern in Amsterdam under one of its mill brands. a name made famous both in this country and abroad by years of quality and advertising, and to another concern in Rotterdam, under another mill brand, also well advertised and generally known.

Not long ago it occurred to the mill that it would be a good idea to register its brands in foreign countries. and it proceeded to do so. It then discovered that its Dutch correspond-/ ents had both registered its brand in their own names. It requested them to transfer the registration to the mill name. This was positively refused. Thus the mill is actually deprived of the use of its own brands unless it sells to the two concerns and no one

Under the laws of Holland these former representatives could prevent the mill shipping flour to other parties under its own established brand!

Other Minnesota mills have had the same unpleasant experience.

WOMAN ROSE IN REVOLT.

For Once Brakeman Got at Least as Good as He Gave.

A few evenings ago a train made up of two ordinary passenger coaches and a baggage car pulled into the Union station from the yard, prepared to go out over one of the branch roads, says the Providence Journal. The hands of the station clock pointed to a few minutes of the schedule time of departure and the shivering passengers who had been standing on the station platform laden with bundles quickly filled the coaches.

Men and women alike sought seats in both of the coaches, when a brakeman entered the car and after answering a score of questions in the affirmative that the head coach was the smoking car a fat woman loaded down with bundles approached him and asked:

"Say, mister, is this the smoking

"Of course it is the smoking car." said the brakeman. "Does it look like a parlor car?"

The fat woman pulled her cloak closer about her shoulders before she

"It looks like a cattle car and it feels like an ice box," she said. "Evidently you folks think the people who ride on this line are paying for cold storage and impudence."

Buffalo Herds.

"There are not, all told, more than 1,500 buffalo remaining in the United States and Canada," said Mr. C. J. Jones of Grand Canyon, Ariz. Mr. Jones has for years, borne the sobriquet of "Buffalo Jones," because of his efforts to perpetuate the bison breed. He is also distinguished for his successful experiments in crossing the buffalo with the domestic cattle. producing a high-bred animal, to which he has given the name of "ca-

"The largest single herd of buffalo remaining," said he, "is owned by the Flathead Indians of Montana-about 400. The second largest is on the Austin Corbin estate, in New Hampshire. Next comes the herd of Scotty Phillips, in North Dakota, and there is also a fair herd on the big ranch of Mr. Goodnight in the Texas panhandle. The catalo, a cross between the bison and common cattle, is an animal that has the traits of both progenitors; not so wild and hard to manage as the buffalo, and yet a good bit shyer than its dam."

Not What He Expected. Rev. Rodney Swope, rector of the

Vanderbilt church at Asheville, said the other night in the course of an ad-"Subtle attacks are the most wound-

ing. You have heard about the clergyman and his aged parishioner? "The parishioner said that he

thought clergymen should be better "'I am pleased to hear you say that, Brother Brown,' exclaimed the clergyman, beaming with good will and happiness. 'It rejoices my heart to

hear you say that." 'Yes,' resumed the parishioner, thoughtfully; 'weld get a better class of men then."

Outspoken. A representative from a southwest-,

ern state was not long ago lamenting to a colleague that his memory was getting poorer each year. "Things that I hear go in at one ear and out at the other," he said.

"That's bad," said the colleague, with a broad smile; "but you'd better he thankful that your case is not as bad as that of Blank of Indiana. Things go in at his ear and come out of his mouth."-Harper's Weekly.

Got There. "You shouldn't have been in such a

hurry," said the man at the top of the stairway. "I told you it was only one flight down."

"Well," groaned the man at the foot, feeling of himself to see if there were Tany bones broken, "I made the flight all right didn't I?"

AMBITION FOR LITTLE SON.

Italian Peanut Seiler Had Great Object in Life.

Outside Columbia university subway station is a pathetic instance of the eagerness of a newly-arrived Italian to learn English, says the New York Herald. He sells peanuts at the corner of the university grounds, and can be seen any time of day laboring over an English reader, the same that his little ten-year-old child studies in the public school nearby.

Shortly after three in the afternoon he is joined by his little Rocco, to whom he daily recites his lesson. Many a passerby stops before the touching picture of the middle aged father listening with rapt attention to the boy's explanation of the printed page. Rocco is not the only teacher. Occasionally a Columbia student pauses to help him with a difficult word, or at least to inquire what progress he is making. One of them the other day interrupted the lesson with: "Well, Giuseppe, you'll soon be ready

"No, I no go-a-I no go-a," smiled Giuseppe sadly. Then, flinging his arm passionately around his little teacher, he added proudly:

for the university, won't you?"

"But Rocco, he go-a soon. Six, seven year, he go-a Columbia. Then he be gentleman, Rocco."

HAND HARPOON OUT OF DATE. Weapon for Slaughter of Whales Now

Fired from Gun.

The Norwegian whale fisheries extend over nearly the whole of the Arctie sea, from the north of Norway toward Spitzbergen and even to the

Shetland Islands. The whales are shot from small steamers, the implement used being the so-called bomb harpoon, an arrowshaped iron spear furnished with a line, which is discharged from a small

cannon. The whale often drags the vessel a long distance until it becomes exhausted and expires. It is then towed to the anchorage, where it is stripped of the blubber.

This whale fishery was begun by a well-known Norwegian, Svend Foyn, in 1868. While only 30 whales were killed in the first year, 1,080 whales were taken in 1897, when 513 men were engaged on 25 steamers. At first only the blubber was utilized for train oil; now the bones are crushed for manure and the fish is used for fodder.

Benny on the Codfish.

The codfish is a large, salty fish. It comes in dry slabs, which you buy at the grocery store, and has a strong smell. When mixed with mashed po tato it can be eaten without lear, although I would rather have custard pie. The codfish is a native of the ocean, and is caught by bearded men who smoke pipes and have great rough hands. In its wild state it mingles freely with other fish, and will sometimes eat them when provoked or if it is suffering from the pangs of hunger. My Uncle Jared once knew a man who lived for six weeks on codfish and water, to cure himself of dyspepsia. It cured him of the dyspensia, but it gave him the dropsy. This shows that everything has some use. Let us be kind to our fellow creatures, obey our parents. and we may live to old age, respected by all. The codfish has fins and scales and is all stringy inside .-- "Benny," in Chicago Tribune.

Cause for Regret.

A Scot who had been a long time in the colonies, paid a visit to his "native glen," and meeting an old schoolfellow the two sat down to chat about old times and acquaintances.

In the course of the conversation the stranger happened to ask about a certain Gordie McKay.

"He's dead long ago," said his friend, "and I'll never cease regrettin' him as long as I live." "Dear me! Had you such respect

for him as that?" "Na, na! It wasn't only respec' I had for himself, but I married his widow."

- Italian Love of Art. The mutilation of a Roman fountain attributed to Raphael is probably not the work of Italian vandals. The open and comparatively unprotected way in which art treasures are displayed in Italy proves the respect in which the natives hold them. In an open portico in Florence, called the Loggia del Lanzi, for example, are displayed priceless sculptures by Flaminio Vacca, Giovanni da Bologna, Donatello and Benvenuto Cellini. Among them beggars and peddlers have eaten and slept for centuries and never a statue has been defaced.

Woman Deserving of Honor. Not long ago Wilbur Nesbit, author of the Gentleman Ragman, was sent a list of questions by a woman who was arranging a symposium of some sort for a publication with which she was connected. One of the questions was: "Who, in your estimation, was or is

Mr. Nesbit's reply was: "The unknown woman who invented apple pie. She was, and is, and ever will be, the woman who has done more than any other to gladden the heart of man."

the greatest woman in the world?"

By the Old Piano Jack-You are not playing very loud this evening? Eva-No, I am afraid of disturbing

the neighbors. There are some keys I only touch at night. Jack-Ah, I see. They are night

ARTS OF THE SOMBMAKES Bimple Machines That Are Centrived

/ to Maim or Kill. So expert are bombmakers nowsdays that an apparently harmless letter thay kill any person who tries to open it. A piece of cardboard is cut to a size, which when folded over, will into an ordinary envelope. The four forners of this are slit into narrow strips. Fulminate of mercury is spread over three of the slits and the sheet is folded and fastened together. Projecting from each side of the folded sheet is a little metal strip, or detonator, glued to the cardboard in such a manner that the envelope cannot be opened without striking one of them. Upon meeting this slight resistance the hand moving the paper

tis or matous The easiest bomb to construct is set in operation by simply turning it upside down. It is usually a good-sized dracker box, lined with paper and halffilled with a mixture of chlorate of potassium and ordinary sugar. Into this a bottle of a powerful acid is introduced. The remainder of the space in the box is filled with scraps of

cutter instinctively pushes harder, and

the result is an explosion that either

metal. Then the lid is soldered on. All that is then necessary is to place the box upside down at the spot in which it is to explode. The acid eats quickly through the cork of the bottle, and comes in contact with the chlorate of potassium. As a result of the chemical combination which takes place there is a terrific explosion.

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to Sightless Mortals. The blind, like other mortals, wish to know the time exactly, and as very few of them are in a position to secure a good repeating watch, whose cost is always great, they have to be

content with ordinary watches, and taking the crystal out of the face they ascertain the time by the angles and position of the hands, which frequently causes disarrangement of the time-"**pi**ece.

In view of these difficulties a foreign firm has constructed a watch for the blind, which represents the figures in allegorical manner, and apparently is very convenient. The signs in relief are the following: One o'clock, one dot; two o'clock, two dots; three o'clock, a triangle; four o'clock, a square; five o'clock, a fivepointed star; six o'clock, an elipse.

These same signs are repeated in bas-relief representing the hours from six to 12. The number of signs is therefore limited to six, and it is very easy to ascertain from them the time of day. The hands are very strong and the watch has been used with good results.

Another watch for the blind has been, invented by M. Pierre Tissot-Bersof, by which the blind can tell not only the hour, but also the minute. The hours are represented by figures of the Braille system.

> A Projectile Camera.

A projectile to take photographs, and claimed to have been successful at heights up to half a mile, is the idea of Herr Marie, a German photographer. A camera having the form of the usual conoidal shell, is thrown into the air by means of a kind of trap At a predetermined angle, as the camera turns to make its descent and is pointed slightly downward, the shutter is automatically released and the picture is taken of a broad expanse of country. In still air the flight and spot at which the aerial camera will fall can be calculated with much precision. Precautions are taken to avoid damage by concussion, and the results are expected to be of great possible value in military operations

The Patient Countryman.

In driving through a certain part of New England where a number of writers have bought farms and made their summer homes I remarked to a farmer's wife who lived in their midst that there seemed to be a good many literary people in that neighborhood. "Yes," she replied, with a certain air of resignation, "there are quite a few-but we don't mind them."

I wish I could quote the tone of voice in which this remark was made. It was that more than the wordsthough the words are amusing enough, particularly as Mark Twain was one of the literary people to whom she alluded .- The Lounger, in Putnam's Monthly.

Postmistress for 24 Years.

Mrs. Ann E. Farr has resigned her position as postmistress at Owi's Head, Mass., and James A. Brown has been appointed in her place. Mrs. Farr, who is 66 years of age, has been in charge of the post office at Owl's Head for 24 years. She is the wife of Chandler Farr, one of the oldest and best known residents of South Thomaston.

In spite of her increasing age she is enjoying excellent health and has always been able to attend to her household duties in addition to having charge of the post office. She is the mother of six children, four of whom are living.

Where the Block System Works "I am going to railroad this case through the courts," declared the in-

"You can't," replied the astute lawyer. "The block system works too perfectly there."-Baltimore AmeriHORSE WENT TO CHURCH.

Instinct Bade Him Respond to Call of the Bell.

H. B. Smith of Monterey, Cal., has a remarkable bay horse, Muggins, which appears to have more religious instinct than the majority of animals. The horse has been used by Mr. Smith for the last 25 years to draw the family to the village church. In the last 20 years there have been only two Sundays on which Muggins didn't have to carry some member of the family to church. The second occasion was a few Sundays ago. A year & ago the horse was turned into the yard for a little Sunday recreation and nothing more was thought of Muggins! until the far distant toll of the church bell was heard. Then the horse pricked up his ears, and realizing that he was late, started off at a quick pace for the church. He went directly under the shed and took his accustomed place, where he remained watil it was time to go home.

A couple of weeks ago the horse made his second appearance at the shurch alone. Mr. Smith had placed Muggins in a stall and had left the stable door slightly ajar. The old bell tolled exceptionally loud and long. and Muggins could not resist the call. In some manner he slipped his halter and; made his way from the stable; to the church, where he remained until the service was over. The par son patted the horse affectionately as he trotted up to the door, and then he started on his homeward journey.

DID NOT BELIEVE STORY.

Tale of Old Testament Too Much For All (Artiess Youth.

"When I was a youth in-Zanesville," said E. S. Timms, clerk at, the Hotel Normandie, the other day, "I was an active worker in a local Sunday school. I was pretty popular with the boys, I was delegated to gather the outsiders from the glass works district together in a vacant storeroom and begin their religious instruction.

"One Sunday I gathered about 45 youngsters who had never attended Sunday school before, and as they did not take kindly to the reading of the Scriptures and the regular Sunday school methods, I began telling them tales from the Old Testament. They listened with much interest to the stories of Adam and Eve, and Moses in the bullrushes, and so on, but when I came to the story of Jonah and the whale they listened with particular attention.

"When I concluded the story of how Joi h was cast overboard from the ship and received by the whale who afterwards cast him up on shore, one follow broke the silence by saying:

"I believe that's a d-lie. Give me a chaw of terbacker." "Well, everybody joined in a laugh, and I passed over the remark In time I got about 30 of those boys to

attend Sunday school regularly "-Detroit Free Press.

When Her Anger Vanished. She was telling a few visitors, among whom was her best friend. what a write her husband had been; how he had left her to cry her eyes out when they lived together, had borrowed money from her and neverpaid it back, and finally left her to get along the best she could alone; all about her trials and tribulations get ting along till she could scramble toher feet again and reestablish her-

self, and -Just about that time there was a ring at the bell. She sprang up, rushed into the hall, hurried to the outer door, opened it; there was the sound of a little smothered cry, a kiss, and her best friend, left in theroom with the others, arose and said,

softly: "I think we'd better be going now. Something seems to tell me that that is her husband"

Whooping Caugh Cures.

Much recent progress in dealing; with whooping cough is noted by a French reviewer. The specific microbe has been isolated, and proves to be a small ovoid bacterium that evidently produces no spores. Dr. J. de Nittis reports that arsenic, to which he attributes specific action on the germ, is a most effective remedy against the disease. Dr. H. de Rothschild has administered chloreform internally, and has had very favorable results, especially in children, two patients out of nine having been cured at once, while three were immediately relieved and soon cured; the four others being cured only at the end of a fortnight. The Pasteur institute finds promise in a serum treatment.

Playing Poverty.

The little princess, Victoria Louise of Prussia, was playing with her friends one day, and longed for some new, original play.

All the old games were worn out and exhausted. If only they could think of something quite different! Her serene highness considered the matter seriously until a novel idea occurred to her, and she cried with enthusiasm:

"We will play poor people! Let us play that we are poor, frightfully poor, so poor that we have only two lackeys!"

At a Disadvantage.

"The court fortune teller is going to resign." said one Russian official. "Yes." answered the other: "he is at a disadvantage. If he predicts bad news ,he comes into royal disfavor, and if he predicts good news, it

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