SMALL BOY OBEYED ORDERS.

But Perhaps His Methods of Play Were Too Strenuous.

He is a very small boy, but he has a very much smaller sister, a wee baby, who arrived only a few weeks ago. The small boy was delighted. Never had he seen anything so little or so interesting.

Could the baby see, could she hear. could she eat, did she have teeth, and why didn't she talk and walk? Those erre a few of the questions he asked. Answers not being altogether satisfactory, he began a personal investigation. He opened the baby's eyes when she was asleep to see where her eyes had gone to, anyway; he opened her mouth in search of teeth, and it was here that the family came to the resone, and the small boy was told that he could never visit his baby sister without clasping his hands closely behind him.

"He loves the baby so that he stands by the half hour just looking at her." said the proud mother of both youngsters to a visitor. "And he is so honorable that he never thinks of taking his hands from behind his back. Just come and see him now." But as the two entered the nursery mamma gave a wild scream as she rushed for her baby

There was the small boy, his hands elasped tightly behind his back, to be sure, but the baby not having responded to his challenge to play, he had taken har silence for consent, and was bumping heads with her.

HARD LIFE OF BACHELOR SEAL.

Has Nothing Like So Good a Time as Human Counterpart.

"This skin," said the furrier, "came from a young seal bachelor, a youth ignorant of love and of life."

"How do you know?" the lady asked. "By its fineness, its perfection," he replied. "The pile, you will note, is like closecut velvet. Only bachelor mealskins have such a pile.

"The bachelor seal," he went on, "has a rather sad life. The big bull seals in the seal islands have each a household of 15 or 20 wives, but the young bachelors must herd by themselves. Let one of them attempt to marry, and straightway a bull slays him. Not till he is big enough to fight and conquer a bull-not till he is 14 or 15 years old-can be know the delight of settling down in a home of his

OWB. "He is not like the human bachelor, the favorite of the chorus girls, the reveler in all sorts of club luxuries; but he leads a hard, ascetic, celibate life, only in the end, as like as not, to make a lady a very fine coat. All the wery fine coats, I repeat, are made from the unhappy bachelor seals."

Why Snow Is White. The reason that snow is white ts that all the elementary colors are blended together in the radiance that is thrown off from the surface of the crystals, which may be examined in such a way as to detect these colors before they

the impression of whiteness. The whiteness of the snow is also in some degree referable to the quantity of air-which is left among the frozen particles. Considerably more than a thousand distinct forms of snow crystals have been enumerated. These minute crystals and prisms remect all the compound rays of which white light consists.-Chicago Trib-

are mingled together to give the eye

Sartorial Windom.

A Manhattan magazine announces mpon the authority of the leadings writer on men's fashions that "doublebreasted trousers" will be the vogue next spring. The same authority is guoted as declaring that "it is now considered good form to line the buttonholes with silk straight to the edge." This oracle has a competitor who also periodically ventilates the Indicrous combined with the incongruous. In an article treating of the approved period of mourning, the rival of the "double-breasted trousers" dictator, prescribed weeds as follows: "Husband for widow-nine months."

Falled to Work.

"Yes," said the sad-eyed passenger, married the widow of a man who was hanged, and I thought, under the circumstances, I would be able to avoid odious comparisons in connection with the late lamented. But I was

"She praised him just the same, rejoined the hardware drummer. "Well, not exactly," answered the e. p., "but we hadn't been married a week until she declared that hangthe was too good for me."

Irksome for Both Parties. A long friendship and a short engagement is, perhaps, the best combination. A prolonged engagement is the most trying relationship between the sexes possible to conceive. For the woman it means the drawbacks of matrimony without the charm of restfal finality, or any of matrimony's molid worldly advantages. On the man's side it means the irksomeness of the marriage yoke without any of its satisfactions and comforts.-The Grand Magazine.

Best He Could Do. "Bir." said the trate parent as he unexpectedly entered the parior, "what

do you mean by kissing my daughter?" "Excuse me," replied the poor but otherwise honest young man, "but I desired to show my appreciation of your daughter's loveliness, and kisses are the only things I can afford to give her at the present stage of the game."

GENTLE VOICE A GREAT CHARM.

One of the Most Powerful Attractions in a Woman.

Very few women realize what an effect a sweet voice has on a man. A woman may be very pretty to look upon, may be faultlessly and bewitchingly attired and attractive in every way, and yet directly she opens her mouth and speaks the spell is broken, the charm is gone. And this need

never be. Very few voices are so naturally bad that they will not succumb to training, and the voice can be trained to be just as sweet and gentle as one pleases to make it.

A woman should speak in a low

voice. She should not allow her voice to raise itself to a high pitch. A shrill-voiced woman is terrible. She should not shout her orders to the servants down the stairs, nor call to any one who may be in another part of the house. This shouting and raising of the voice spells the tone and quality of the voice and tends to make it harsh. A pretty voice is a powerful attraction in a woman and she who would add to her charms a wondrous fascination should cultivate a voice "ever soft, gentle and low."

MOTHER INSTINCT WAS STRONG. Old Lady Ready to Ald Any One She

Thought Needed It.

A woman who looked as if she had a commuter's ticket in her handbag kept a long line of customers waiting in a New York bank one morning recently. She was writing something and was in no hurry. She was not one of the fashionable "no hips" creatures, but was of such generous proportions that she could not be cir-

ness was. The cashier himself was in doubt, but waited politely to see. "There, young man," she announced triumphantly to the cashier after putting her pencil in her mouth for the fiftieth time, "there is a prescription that has been in our family for 50 years. It will knock that cold of yours endwise. Hustle right out and get it filled and be sure and soak your feet in hot mustard water to-night. Don't

cumnavigated. There was nothing to

do but wait and wonder what her busi-

let your cold run on." The smiles that went round were kindly ones, it seemed so good to meet a universal "mother" ready to coddle any human being that she thought needed her ministrations.

Take Celestial Bridegroom. At Los Angeles, Cal., the other day a rich Chinese merchant was married to a colored woman, and almost the entire colored population turned out to witness the marriage. The ceremony was performed in one of the colored churches by Rev. C. H. Anderson, for The which he received a fee of \$50. Chinaman, whose name is Keen Scheck, was attired in American clothing of the latest fashion, and his bride, Miss Anna Laura James, was dressed in a manner that would have been envied by many a white belle. The bridal gown was of the finest white satin trimmed with real lace, and on her head was a hat covered with white ostrich plumes and satin plumes to match. After the ceremony the people retired at once to their own home, a \$7,000 mansion on a popular street, which had been previously deeded as a wedding present to the

Boy Originated Safety Pin. "The originator of the safety-pin," said an historian of inventions, "was a little boy, an English blacksmith's

"The little boy-Harrison by name -had to look after his baby brother. The baby often cried, and its tears were usually to be traced to pin punctures. The boy nurse tried a long time to bend pins into such a form that they could be used with safety to his brother's fiesh.

"In this he failed; but his father, the blacksmith, perceived the utility of the idea the lad had been at work on, took it up on his own account, and eventually turned out the safety-pin that is in use to-day all over the

Ignorance of South America.

One of our contemporaries referred yesterday to "little Paraguay." That republic is four-fifths as large as Ger-

Many persons have erroneous notions as to geographical sizes and lengths in South America. They have not the slightest idea that Brazil is nearly as large as the whole of Europe, that the distance between the north and south ends of Chile is as great as that between the North Cape of Europe and Gibraltar, and that steamers ply almost straight north and south on the Parana and its Paraguay affluent for a distance about equal to that between New York and Omaha.-

Model of Economy.

New York Sun.

A certain farmer, who is noted for his closeness in money matters, has a 12-year-old son, who is as industrious as his father is penurious.

Recently the father and son made a compact whereby the latter would receive ten cents for every cord of wood be sawed and piled in the woodshed. Immediately the boy became very busy at the woodpile and his earmings have been piling up at a rapid rate, his mother keeping her son's

hard-carned savings for him. "What are you going to do with all your money?" the thrifty youth was recently asked.

"Goin' to buy a new saw with it," was the reply,

BIRD ROSE TO THE OCCASION.

Male Ostrich Assumed Duties of Mother in an Emergency.

George and Martha Washington and the distinguished names of a pair of ostriches on a farm in southern California. In "Wild-Animal Celebrities" Miss Ellen Velvin tells a curious anecdote concerning these birds:

On one occasion, when Martha had laid the requisite number of eggs, she absolutely refused, for no apparent reason, to sit. When George saw that his wife was not doing her duty in the way of sitting on the nest, he did all in his power first to persuade, then to compel her to do all that was required of her. He would tap and turn over the big eggs with his wide bill, go over to her and peck her, and then back again to the eggs; and when Martha still refused, he tried to drive

her over to the nest. But after a time he seemed to realize that it was no use; and one day, although it was midday, to the astonishment of the onlookers, he deliberately sat down on the nest and stayed

there. This is an extraordinary fact, especially when one considers what a tactless, unintelligent bird the ostrich is. He sat patiently on that nest during the ensuing 40 days and nights, kept the eggs warm, and finally hatched out the finest brood of chicks which had ever been hatched on the farm. -Youth's companion.

SOCIAL CHARM OF PUNKVILLE.

When It Came to a Question of Exclusiveness. Why---

"You ought to come to live in New Yawk," said the young lady whose father had struck it rich in a mining venture. "Really, it is the only place. Chicago-ugh! I couldn't think of living where society is so primitive, don't you know. San Francisco-it used to be rather pleasant there, but everybody who is anybody has moved away. No, there is only one place worth considering. Or, of course, if one could live in London it would be even more pleasant than New Yawk, but I suppose one ought to stick to one's native country as long as one can stand it, so while one has to remain on this side, New Yawk comes nearest to the ideal, which, of course, is London. I can't imagine how your are able to stand it living out here in this little bit of a town."

"Why," replied her country cousin, "this is just the place for one who wishes to be exclusive. I wouldn't think of leaving here to live in New York. New York is so common. Millions and milions of people live there. Only a few hundred reside in Punkville."

How the Young Idea Shoots. Many children are so crammed with everything that they really know nothing.

In proof of this, read these veritable specimens of definitions, written by public school children: "Stability is taking care of a stable."

"A mosquito is the child of black and white parents." "Monastery is the place for mon-

"Tocsin is something to do with getting drunk."

"Exposulation is to have the small-"Cannibal is two brothers who kill

each other in the Bible." "Anatomy is the human body, which consists of three parts; the head, the chist and the stummick. The head contains the eyes and brains, if any. The chist contains the lungs and a piece of the liver. The stummick is devoted to the bowels, of which there are five, a. e. i. o. u. and sometimes w and y."—Everybody's Magazine.

Hooked a Big Shark.

The officers of the steamer Limon, which reached her berth at Long wharf yesterday afternoon, told a story of the capture of a man-eating shark while the big fruiter was taking on a cargo at Port Limon. Costa Rica, says the Boston Globe. One of the negro fruit handlers was fishing over the side. He had thrown out a small hook baited with meat and almost immediately it was snapped up by an

exceedingly voracious man eater. Every one on board ship ran to see the fun. The negro played the shark until it was exhausted, and then one of the crew went down the Jacob's ladder and slipped a noose under its fins. The monster was hauled to the deck, but before it was killed it knocked one negro down. Two of the sailors killed it with a heavy club. The shark measured 12 feet and weighed 500 pounds. It was the largest of its species ever seen at Port Limon.

The Flatterer. The tramp had applied to the farmer's wife for assistance. "You have a beautiful voice, lady,"

he said. She looked interested.

"Have I?" "Yes, ma'am. I'd rather hear you

say no, lady, than most other women say yes." Then she drove back the dog and gave the wanderer half a loaf and a

chunk of cold beef.—Cleveland Plain Hard to Explain. "Really" said the first speculator,

'it's a wonder that stock hasn't taken a tumble. It's steadily rising, although a believe it's full of water." "But," remarked the other, "how

en it be full of water if there isn't a drop in it?"--Catholic Standard and

RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE. Where Courage and Sympathy Were Needed and Found.

Abstractions are made to cover such a multitude of things that perhaps some definitions of courage may not come amiss.

First, courage to meet the "every day," thorough belief in some ideal; second, courage to do the right though impelled to do the wrong; third, courage to help and to sympathize in spite

of criticism. An example of the latter came up the other night. People were discussing the real significance of New York. Into this, of course, there entered the "indifference" of the crowd. Of this a seemingly "every day" man told this incident:

He was walking uptown one evening when attention was drawn to a large man holding a boy by the collar. The little fellow was crying lustily. A crowd had gathered. No one spoke. The plain man pushed to the center and asked the big man what was the trouble. He said the boy had tried to steal something from an electric car. He was going to have him arrested. The man asked:

"Have you any idea why the boy should try to steal?" 'Well, I'm sure I wouldn't a done

it at his age." "Were you brought up in the city

atreets?" "No: raised on a farm. I was always in bed and asleep at nightwhere this brat ought to be."

"Then you had a better chance than this boy. Will you hand him over to

me?" Taking the hand of his new-found friend, the boy stopped sobbing enough to answer questions. It was found that his mother and father worked until 12 at night in a nearby hotel. The boy could not go home till they returned. The child had been cold and hungry and very lonely. The man talked pleasantly for a time, gave him a quarter, and sent him away as happy as a king.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

Street Urchin Drew the Line at Hash Twice in One Day.

Mr. George Marshall, a philanthropist who always kept a sharp lookout never to be wasteful, decided to go for a week's camping, taking as his guests some ragged street urchins. One morning he used the bits of meat left from the evening before and made hash for breakfast. There was some left over, which he concluded to reheat and serve again at noon.

"Johnnie, will you have some hash?" he asked one lad.

"Bet your life," replied the lad, who was constitutionally nungry.

"Peter, pass your plate for some hash"- to another freckled-nosed lad-"Not if I knows it," was the unexpected reply.

"I thought you liked hash, from the way you are it this morning," replied

"I did like it for breakfast," replied the lad. "but none of yer review of reviews for me for dinner."-Lippincott's Magazine.

Birds Sacrificed to Fashion. The savageries of fashion were 11 lustrated afresh by the visit of a bird lover to a colony of egrets after havoc had been wrought by a party of plume hunters. The bird lover made his visit during the height of the breeding season. On his arrival at the colony he found the painful evidences of the recent raid in some 50 carcasses of adult birds floating in the water. These 50 birds had been ruthlessly shot while brooding their young. The young were left remorselessly to die a lingering death from hunger. Many had already succumbed. Others from time to time fell from the nests to share the same fate, while others again died from exhaustion as they s.c. in the nests. Perhaps the most pitiable sight of all was to watch those which still had sufficient strength to move and cry attempting vainly to attract the attention of old birds flying

Most Popular Name for Brides. Ann was the most popular name for brides in 1907. The Maggies, the Marys, the Kates and the Rosies, all of whom have in past years carried off the honor, must bow to Ann.

heedlessly by with food in their beaks.

Thomas C. Smith, the application clerk of the marriage license bureau, has for years kept a record of the most popular names of brides, and his records for 1907 show that there have been more brides with Ann as a handle to their names and surnames than any other.

Katie carries off second honors and Mary, once so popular, drifted away back to the seventh place. In 1906 Maggie won first place, but now she takes third place. Mr. Smith places the ten most popular brides of 1907 in their respective standing as follows: Ann. Kate, Maggie, Elizabeth, Sarah, Carrie, Mary, Rosa, Emma and Clara.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Intelligent Witness. "What time was it when you saw the accident?" asked the Billville justice.

"Well, sir," replied the witness, "et I don't disremember, it wuz winter time." "I mean what hour was it?"

""Well, sir, of I ricollect right it wuz two hours by sun." "You don't seem to have any idea

of time." "I don't see why," replied the witness, "fer I've done time in my time!"- \tlanta. Constitution.

ARTIFICIAL HONEY IS COMING. German Laboratory Sends Out Formula for its Production.

From one of those amazing German laboratories which produce everything from tanbark to turquoise has come a formula for the making of artificial honey. It is tossed into the lap of the world without price, take it or leave it. We might as well resign ourselves to the coming of the day when the honey which lubricates the breakfast biscuits shall come from a red factory in the suburbs, guiltless of loot from the busy little bee and utter

stranger to every opening flower. The crusher of tartaric acid may in one shoveiful duplicate the task at which a thousand bees toiled for 40 days. . The flame under the evaporator may replace sun and dew and the wind at morn. There will be no test by anything so uncertain as the tongue. The housewife will have no dread lest taint of chestnut, asparagus or onions come with her from the grocery. The food inspector will relieve her of this fear. He will see that the honey has a fine, golden color, that it has a specific gravity of 1.37 and that the picture of the bee on the label is not an admission that some disreputable little insect had something to do with its manufacture.

NEW IDEA IN BRIDAL GOWNS. Descendant of Robert Bruce Sets

Fashion Much Admired. Women have been slaves too long to this tyranny of the bridal gown, and a novel suggestion is hailed with uni-

versal delight. To a Scottish bride belongs the honor of having set the pretty fashion of legendary wedding gowns. She is a direct descendant of King Robert Bruce of Scotland, and she utilized the lesson, taught to her distinguished kinsman by a spider, as an ornament for her marriage costume. Her frock of snowy crepe de chine

was embroidered with a delicate silver tracery of spiders' webs, on the glittering strands of which tiny moonstones, to represent drops of dew, sparkled. Her white tulle veil was bordered with the same design, and the conventional wreath of orange blossoms was replaced by a fragile coronet of white heather.

The American bride wears a more delicate fabric if such be her wish. She has silver on white satin, or perhaps orchids in veritable bas-relief. Here we never have crude imitation orange blossoms.

Bridge in the Country.

"If you want information on the spread of the bridge whist craze," said the exile from Vermont, "just borrow some country papers from people who still hanker after home news, and look over the society notes. The cor respondence from the most sparsely settled four corners is composed largely of bridge items. This change in the tone of the social gossip in country papers is the growth of the last few months. A year ago the weekly letters from tiny villages still spoke of old-fashioned parties, quiltings, and missionary meetings. Now, when Mrs. John Smith entertains, her guests play bridge. To any one who knows these primitive hamlets the echoes of metropolitan customs sound ludicrous. Imagine the dear, prim ladies whose social gatherings have been devoted to fashioning flannel garments for the heathen these many years, now scrapping over bridge. But notwithstanding the incongruity of the fad the news of its prevalence ought to bring to the devotees of the game, which, according to present reports, threatens to become our national pas-

Ceylon Elephants Tuskiess. It is a singular thing that Ceylon is the only part of the world where the male elephants have no tusks; they have miserable little grubbers projecting two or three inches from the upper jaw and inclining downward.

Nothing produces either ivory or born in fine specimens throughout Ceylon. Although one of the buffaloes have tolerably fine heads, they will not bear a comparison with those of other countries. The horns of the native cattle are not above four inches in length. The elk and the spotted deer's antiers are small compared with deer of their size in India. This is the more singular, as it is evident from the geological formation that at some remote period Ceylon was not an island but formed a portion of the mainland. It is thought that there must be elements wanting in the Ceyion pasturage for the formation of ivory.

The recent criticism of Dr. John Brown on the books of George Eliot will not voice the opinion of most of her readers. Dr. Brown says she is "full of nasty, unwomanly knowledge, which she is always hinting at; she is unwholesome." And again he speaks

of the "offensiveness" of "The Mill

Criticism le Surprising.

on the Floss." Many good women who have read the books again and again have failed to discover any of the faults referred to, but no doubt an evil mind could easily construe evil where it was never intended.

Dallying with Leap Year. "Do you think Bliggins would make a good husband?" asked the consci-

entious vouth. "Why do you ask?" inquired the zirf..

in surprise. "Because if you think such a fool as Bliggins could manage it, I have u good mind to take a chance myself."

TRETH AS CAUSE OF INSANITY. Medical Records Contain Many In-

stances of the Fact. Apropos of a dispatch from Cleveland referring to the cure of certain forms of insanity by the extraction of teeth, by Dr. E. Ballard Lodge, attention has been called to a thesis on the same subject written by Dr. Richard Grady, a dentist of the city of Annapelis, more than 16 years ago. It was the prize thesis in 1891, and Dr. Grady was awarded the first gold medal ever given by the alumni of the Baltimore Medical college. In this connection Dr. Grady wrote:

"The occurrence of insanity as a result of the pain and irritation caused by the eruption of the teeth was first noticed by Esquirol. Dr. D. Corbett relates a case of insanity from overcrowding of the teeth, in which a girl 13 years old would run about the room, biting at chairs, tables and door handles. In the street she would run away from her attendants and attempt to bite lampposts. The biting propensity completely disappeared on the removal of two teeth. Dr. Tyler relates a case of mania from carious teeth, in which a young woman had several decayed teeth removed, remaining for 24 hours under the influence of the ether which was given at : the operation; after that she was cured of her mania. Dr. Pepper relates another interesting case of insanity caused by the irritation of carious teeth, the removal of which cured the patient. The trouble again returned after three weeks, when a portion of the inferior dental nerve (about half an inch) was removed, and the patient was permanently cured."

READY TO FACE THE WORST. English Woman's Resignation Realty a Thing to Be Wondered At.

There was an amusing incident at a little tea last week, amusing in the light which it throws on the muchvaunted feeling of brotherly love existing between ourselves and our English cousins.

An American girl was presented to an Englishwoman who has been in this country but a few weeks, and who looked a little lonely and out of it. "Have you been over here long?" asked the American girl, just for the

sake of starting conversation. "No, we came out only last month" "'Came out is a lovely phrase." thought the American, "and English people always use it in reference to this country. Here we 'go out' as missionaries to the heathern in China and the Philippines-I wonder if the obvious inference holds good?" But she

how she liked America. "Oh," was the resigned reply, "when we came out we made up our minds to be quite philosophical, don't you

smiled, and asked the Englishwoman

Good Joke on Billiardist. "I had a great joke played on me while shooting billiards at a hotel in

New York last week," said A. S. Jenkins at the Republic. "Having a little time on hand I sauntered into the billiard room. I became engaged in conversation with a fellow in the room and I proposed a game, while he readily accepted: At first things went along splendidly and I had 20 to his 10. But soon he forged ahead and beat me out by a close

score: "Then a friend of mine, who was stopping at the same place, said he was willing to wager that my opponent could heat me with one eye bandaged. I accepted his defi and placed \$5 on the result. He didn't give me much of a chance, trimming me to the tune of

50 to 15. "After the game was over I paid my bet, when the above; mentioned friend loudly told me the eye that he had bandaged was a glass one. You can imagine my chagrin."-Milwaukes SentineL

First Lead Pencils. One of man's best friends, says "Prometheus," will have a 250th birthday some time in 1908. The day cannot be fixed when the lead pencil was first used, but all signs, all records, show that it was just about 250 years ago that the useful article was invented. The "praeductau" of ancient Rome, which was a leaden disk used to draw lines, was undoubtedly its progenitor. In the fourteenth century lead and silver points were used in Italy, but employed exclusively by artists. For the sake of cleanliness these were encased in wood and became the first lead pencils, but the pencil similar to those of the present day came after discovery of graphite & in 1665. The first German pencils were made in Nurnberg, where there are now 30 pencil factories, which turn out about 800,000,000 pencils every year.

Refuge in the Abstruse. "Ethelinda seems to prefer the most classical pieces she can find," said the fond mother.

"Of course she does," answered Senotor Sorghum. "Some people play the piano just as some people make speeches-the more difficult and mademiliar the subject, the less liable they are to be corrected when they make mistakes."

Fearful Candor. "What do you think of my new book?" asked the woman who writes, "I haven't read it," said the woman who reads. "And since there seems . to be nothing in it that prevents your discussing it, I don't suppose I shall take the trouble to get it."

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