

Postmaster-General of the United States (From an Official Photograph.)

PAINTED OLD HOUSE

Maine Man Lost Thirty Thousand Dollars by Job.

Pasture He Swapped for \$60 Worth of Paint Afterwards incressed Rapidly in Value; Says Style la Coetly.

Bangor, Me.-The costlicat job of house painting on record hereabouts is reported by a Northeast Harbor man, who lost a fortune through his anxiety to make improvements upon his residence and his poor opinion of Northeast Harbor's prespects. This man concluded some years ago that great deal better if painted a sort of canary color, with pea green trimmings. He hadn't the money to pay for the paint or work, but he had plenty of land, being in fact land poor. To a friend from Ellsworth the Northeest Harbor man said:

"Here, Jim, I need \$50 the worst sy. Now, you give me the \$50 and \$31 give you a deed to that pasture lot own there to the shore."

And Jim said, after some thoughtful inspection of the land: "Well, John, bein's it's you, an' you want the money, an' it's a consid'able bit o' pastur'-well, here's your money, an'

get the deed." ... So the pasture let changed hands. The white house was painted what the neighbors described as "light yal-Ber." Summer visitors subsequently pame and Northeast Harbor began to hump theelf and get rich. The man who got the pasture lot sold a half interest in it to another Elisworth man for \$1,260, and then, not long after ward, the two got \$2,500 to bind an eption on the land at the price of \$10,000, the deposit to be forfeited in case of no sale. There was no sale and the owners of the land pocketed the \$2,500. Last summer they sold a guarter of the land for \$7,500 to a New York man, who built a fine cottage there, and to-day they are saking \$25,000 for the remaining three-

quarters. The man who painted his house t this great cost says that the sea waves are positively gay compared with him. "More than \$30,000 for paintin' that remshackle of a house! he exclaimed. "Now, if I'd had more sense and less style I might have a yot and a team o' speckied hosses an' be a swelling 'round with them big bugs-yes, sirree."

Happy Snake Hunters.

York Pa.-The snake crop about New Salem, this county is in a flourishing condition. Warren E. Mummort, having read with what case a rattlesmake can be captured by pinming it to the ground with a forked stick, tried the stunt upon a 63-inch blacksnake, which he found close to the town. He was bitten in the thumb but managed to take the reptile alive and is exhibiting it.

A four-foot copperhead was shot by Theodore Becker a short distance from the borough, and as she stood looking at it a tond which had evidently been partly swallowed by the reptile a short time before, scramhled from its mouth and hopped seremely away.

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Art Premetten Committee. Paris.-The Figure assounces that a committee of Frenchmen and Amertrees has been formed in Paris for the purpose of developing economic. etual and artistic relations be-Aware the two countries.

BEAUTY BY TAKING MICROBES.

Patient Gets 125,000,000 Staphylococcus and Other Germa. Then Waits.

London.—The beauty parlors of London have a serious and scientific rival in the inoculating department at St. Mary's hosuital. Here complexions are being renovated and revived by

the latest scientific treatment. The injection of a few millions of disease germs into the tissues of the shoulder or flank can transform a sluggish, blotchy complexion to a normal healthy skin, according to a doctor at the hosuital. The best results are obtained in the cases of muddy. sallow complexions due to sluggish actiol of the skin glands.

The disease here is caused by a recently discovered germ named the acme bacillus. In other cases where the skin is tender and painful another germ, the staphylococeus, is usually found as well. The treatment consists of injecting under the skin vaccines composed of one or both of these two bacilli, according

to the symptoms of the case. The ordinary patient seeking treatment for a bad complexion will receive in his first dose about 125,000,-000 of staphylococci, with perhaps 5,000,000 of the acne bacilli. The vaccines are manufactured in laboratory and are supplied in glass bulbs, each holding about a teaspoonful. One of these bulbs is sufficient for three or four doses and contains over 500,000-

000 of the bacilli. Where the new treatment has a great advantage over the beauty parlor complexion cure is in the time required to accomplish results. A timy patch of skin on the shoulder or flank is washed and sterilised and the vaccine injected with a hypodermic syringe. The whole treatment takes only a minute or two and the patient has only to go home and await results.

GETS LOVER THROUGH BOTTLE

Note Thrown into Wabash River Reaults in the Engagement of Indiana Girl.

Jasonville, Ind .-- The throwing of a bottle containing a note into the Wabash river at Terre Haute has brought about the engagement of Miss Minnie Calley of mear Jaconville and Homer Bradford of Cairo, Ill.

About a year age, while Miss Calise was visiting relatives in Terre Haute, she threw in a bottle containing a note asking the finder to answer, and the bottle was found by Bradford in the Ohio river nearly three months later, two miles north of Cairo, Ill. Bradford answered at once, and it resuited in the exchange of photographs and about two months later he came

to Jasonville to visit Miss Caline. Their friendship ripened into love and the last of his many visits here resulted in the announcement of their coming wedding, to take place in September.

Chicago Worth \$2,293,892,345. Chicago.-Chicago is worth \$2,293. \$92,345 this year. That is the grand total of real estate and personal property on which the assessed Univertion will be based, according to like computation of the board of hardsoors completed recently. The real estate was estimated at \$1,745,350,000 and the personal property at \$648,378,266.

Wrote Own Oblivery Notice. Salina, Kan.--Firm in the belief that she was soon to die, Mrs. Mary Moore of this city wrote her obituary notice a few days ago and to-day she 4566. The notice was used by the local papers and it filled a half column.

ENDED ALL SHOW OF DIGNITY

Mr. Newlywed's Extremely Modern Form of Introduction Broke the Ice at Once.

They had been married only two weeks and were going to spend the evening with friends. They were to meet friends of their friends there. It was expected that there would necessarily be a show of dignity when the bridegroom and the bride arrived All of the company was there and sitting around looking its sweetest. A

bride always makes dignity essential. It happened that the bridegroom was the particular friend of the host. The latter never met the bride. She was coming into an entirely new circle. It was expected that when the Newlyweds arrived that Mr. Newlywed would stammer and blush when he introduced Mrs. Newlywed as his wife. Not so for this boy. He sauntered in preceded by the dignified bride. Everybody in the parlor bristled up. But it wasn't to be a bristling affair at all. Mr. Newlywed simply swept around, caught the host by the arm and led him before the bride.

"Dave, meet the old lady," he said. Dignity exit. Everybody laughed and got acquainted in a hurry. The good-natured introduction of the host to the bride loosened up the strings of social stress. "The old lady" found herself among friends.

LIBERALITY IN MORAL CODE.

Too Many of the Great Financiers of To-Day Are Believers in the Idea of the Brazilians.

Joseph Widener, a young Philadelphia millionaire, was entertaining a party of Anglo-Americans at luncheon at the Ritz, in London.

The day was mild and sunny, and the French windows of the beautiful restaurant stood open on the green park and Piccadilly. A limousine glided swifly past Devonshire's house, a well-known American millionaire sat in the sumptuous car, and Mr. Widener, nodding toward the man, said to his neighbor:

'That is Bonns. He made 19 millions last year." "Is he honest?" the neighbor, an

Englishman, inquired. Mr. Widener lanughed. "Well, Lord John," he replied.

Bonns' moral code resembles that imputed to the Brasilians. It-oris liberal. It countenances many shady things.

"In Brazil, you know, in introducing a friend to your banker, in recommending him to a business associate and so forth, you show the highest confidence in him-a confidence that can go no furber-when you say: "This is my friend. For all he steals I will be responsible."

Had to Use Long Hand. "To take down dosens of letters in long hand is a queer experience for an expert stenographer," said the New York young man with a pencil and note book. "But that was what I did when I held a hospital position. The letters were written for the charity patients. My work was supposed to be confined to the superintendent's office, but when a man too ill to write his own letters expressed a wish for an amanuensis I was put on the job owing to my facility for picking up and transcribing languages. Almost a third of the letters I wrote in the wards were taken down in long hand. Many of the patients of Polish and Russian birth had a dread of shorthand. As soon as they saw I was dealing in mysterious dots and dashes they got scared. They felt sure that I could not report them properly by means of signs and they began to Sdret, so in order to pacify them I wrote out the message in long hand right under their even."

Rats Killed the Snake. Two big gray rats fought a battle with a rattleenake the other day and the rate won. The snake was purchased by a grocery firm in Dalton, Ga., for a window display and two big rate were obtained as food for the snake. When the rats were placed in the cage with the snake it made no effort to molest them. A crowd gathered to witness the snake eat the rate, but it was over an hour before the rattler moved to attack. The rats showed fight from the start. While the snake was after one the other would be plunging its teeth into the snake's body. After an hour the snake succumbed. One rat was nearly dead, while the other apparently was unharmed. As a tribute to its valor, the unburt rat was released. The rattler measured seven feet in

Shows Value of Advertising. Some idea of the enormous sums spent annually for advertising purposes along Broadway may be gained from the statement that a certain firm has offered \$40,000 a year for the exclusive use of a tall illuminated tower overlooking Times Square. This is by no means a record figure, however, in a district where blank wall space capable of bearing an ordinary painted sign rents for \$100 a month or more.

Had a Follow Footing. A little boy had lived for some time with a very penurious usels, who was one day walking out with the child at his side, whom a friend noeduted him, accompanied by a greyhound. The Ittle fellow, sever havtag seek a dog of so elim and slight a texture, clasped the creather round the neck, with the impactored cry:. "Oh, deggie, doggie, and did ye live wi' your uncle too, that yo are so

OLD MAN LIKE MANY OTHERS

If We But Knew, There Are Numbers Who Could Do with Services of Green Parrot.

We are all striving for two things--

success and happiness. To get these many of us are struggling for a thirdfortune. In striving to attain our desires many of us need a green parrot. Out in a little town in lowa, in the midst of a great stretch of timber and meadow, a man built a castle. Something over \$25,000 he spent in building a home. It was finished within with the finest polished woods. The foundation was of brown stone, the windows of French plate, and every detail was carried out in the best manner. He had grown to be an old man. He had always lived in a modest cottage of six rooms. This mansion had fifteen. On one side there was a magnificent stone arch over the paved drive that led up to the house. He had just completed showing a friend over the place and reached this point, when the visitor exclaimed:

"Well, John, you ought to be happy. This is a magnificent home. Here is everything one could wish for."

"Waal," replied the old man, who was a cattle buyer, a fellow always wants something else."

"What on earth could you want?" was the query. "A green parrot to hang up thar in the drive.

"Why a green parrot?" "So every morning afore I drive out he would say: 'John, you're a darn fool." -- Cleveland Press.

LEFT STORY WITHOUT MORAL

Judging from Boy's Comment Father Who Believes In Early Rising Must Stick to Shingle.

Is there a boy in the world who doesn't hate to get up in the morning? A Jersey man who has three possible future presidents does not think so. With his he has tried everything from a bucket of cold water and a shingle to proverbs. The shingle seems the best argument. The proverb was in this nature:

"You know Jones?" the father remarked at the dinner table, addressing his wife. "Well, he is a very early riser-takes a long walk before breakfast every morning. Besides the good it does his health, he says that he finds any number of things on the street—he got up at 5 o'clock the other morning and found a pocketbook containing \$20 before he had walked a block."

The oldest boy looked at his brothers, and grinned. "Wonder what time the man who lost that pocketbook got up?" he remarked.—Illustrated Sunday Maga-

Not Worth Shingling, The late Thomas Bone, "the sailer's missionary," was the soul of kindlinees, but he was selfor worsted in repartee. One of the many instances of this given in his just-published life is the following:

"His work was not without its humorous side. Among the new men there were always some who sought a little amusement at his expense, but they reckoned without their host. His kindly manner never changed. The smile never left his face. There was no venom in the retort, but it seldom failed to silence the interrupter. The laugh raised at his expense made it. quite certain that no second attempt would be made.

"Seeing him approaching one day. one of a group of sailors announced his intention of having some fun. He stepped forward and removed his hat, revealing a perfectly smooth crown,

'Can you tell me why my head is so hald, while all my companions have plenty of hair?"

" 'I don't know,' was the smiling reply, 'unless the reason given me the other day by a farmer would apply. that an empty barn is not worth shingling.' "---Judge.

Luck on the Stage. Stock exchange men and racing mon regard luck as a side tout. They follow it macretly and make excuses for it if it goes astray. as if it were a personal friend; but the actor has a deep reverence for it, and superstitious customs that sprang into observace during the resteration period are still maintained in the age of socialism and problem plays. It is almost pathetic to see the joy that beams in the faces of a theatrical company at rehearsals if a harmiese, necessary cat strolls on the stage; but if the out sits down and appears to watch the proceedings with approval the joy becomes ecstatic.

Nurse for a Hotel. At one of the hotels in New York a nurse has been installed whose duty it is to take care of the children of guests who come without nurses. The proprietor says that very often a woman is obliged to come without a nurse and in consequence is tied down by the baby and, moreover, obliged to consult a strange physician if it to ailing. The nurse takes care of all that and her services are not charged for.

Effort Approalated. "No you were despity touched by the pour young Mr. Guillage wrote to egid Mande. mid Maymie.

"But It was not a good poom." T don't care. It was just as much prouble for him to write it as if be

TYPICAL OF NEW YORK LIFE.

idea for Picture Postal Cards That Would Show Outsiders Just What is the "Real Thing."

"I have a new idea for a picture postal card," said the tired-looked man. "I'd make it to represent the interior of an uptown flat. There ought to be millions of them on the market. They would sell. Every day people living here are asked by out-of town acquaintances to send them postals descriptive of New York life. There are hundreds of such cards for sale, but none of them gots right down to the very marrow of metropolitan conditions It takes a flit to do that.

"Even persons who are perfectly familiar with the scenes represented on picture postcards complain that they cannot recognize the places. But just transfer to a postal card a drawing of a New York flat, and there will be no mistake made as to the environment. Chuck, a lot of bandboxes under the folding lounge, jam the baby's crib bang up against the buffet, hang a lot of clothes in every corner and on the walls for drapery, stack up a lot of illustrated books on the refrigerator, and pile the piano high with a bohemian luncheon outfit and other miscellany, and there you are. Friends and acquaintances all the way from Jersey City to Timbuctoo will exclaim at once: 'That's New York, all right.' -New York Times.

NO MORE USE FOR ANTHONY

Saint Had Disregarded Small Girls' Appeal and Her Falth in Him Had Vanished.

There is one small girl in a New York school who has lost her faith in the saints—a faith that was implicit, says the New York Tribune. Her name is Elisabeth, and she can't learn to spell. She is always at the foot of the spelling class. She does her best to learn, but if a wrong letter can creep into a word it sneaks in when Elizabeth tries to spell that word. Tuesday she came into the class beaming, but inside of two minutes she had spelled innocent "isocent" and flew "flough." The teacher shook her head.

"Elizabeth, what shall I do with you?" she asked. Elizabeth looked at her with a hopeless gase, two tears trickling down her nose.

"There ain't anything to do," she eaid in a tone of finality. "I did the last thing this morning. I offered St. Anthony 50 cents if he'd belp me spell right, and he basn't done K, and I've me more use for him."

Monetony Toe Much for Tramps. The shoriff of Burlington county. New Jersey, has adopted a novel method of ridding his county of tramps, and, incidentally, saving a good sum of money for the taxpayers. in soup was the agency employed. For a long-time the Burlington county fail was a favorite haven for members of the "hobo" tribe, until the sheriff began the bean soup treatment. He gave it to them at every meal. with the result that the tramps, who began to see beans and talk about them in their sleep, begged for a change in the meau. The sheriff was obdurate, however, and the result is that Burlington county has been articken from the itinerary of all members of the "looking for work and hope I won't find it" class.

Gratitude.

Kindness sever gots say thanks: 1 remember a man whose pai broke 'is leg while they was working together unloading a barge; and he went off to break the news to 'le pai's wife. A kind-'carted man 'e was as ever you nee, and knowing 'ow she would take on when she 'card the news, he told her fust of all that 'er husband was billed. The took on like a med thing. and at last, when she couldn't do saything more and 'ad quieted down a bit, he told 'er that it was on'y a case of a broken leg, thinking that 'er joy would be so great that she wouldn't think anything of that. He 'ad to tell her three times afore she understood 'im, and then, instend of being thankful to 'im for 'is thoughtfulness, she chased him 'art over to Wapping with a chopper, screaming with temper.-W. W. Jacobs in the Strand Magasiae.

As to Giris Who Whietle.

That old adage, "Whistling girls and crowing hene always come to some bad end," must be relegated to oblivion, for whistling has some into fashion, and it would be cruelty to prophesy calamity to all the girls now striving to attain proficiency in the ert. Some girls take as naturally as boys do to whistling while others have to cultivate it, and there are still others whose lips seem to refuse to pucker up in the fashies necessary for proper results. Boisterous whistling is not the sort in vogue, but sweet, birditte rendering of meladic trille and medicys which, artistically done, to an attractive, clever accomplishment.

Ten Religions.

the "ten great religions" of the world

According to James Freeman Clarks

are: 1. The Confucias reliates of China, founded by Confuctus 4B. C. 561-478). 3. Brahmanian of India. 3. Buddhlom, a revolt, from Brahmanie in centern Asia, founded by Sakya-muni (who died 143 B.C.). 4. The

Magian religion, of Persia, founded by Moreaster. S. The religion of Mgry4; a polythelem for animal worship. The Mythology of the Greeks and Remass. 7. The Scandinivian Mythelegy. 1. The Jewish religion. 9. The "lelam" (rollglon, founded by Mo-

hommed.' 10. Christicalty

WITHOUT BENEFIT OF GRACE

Dinner Went Unblessed Because Min ister Refused to Compete with the Pairot.

"Speaking of parrots," said the sky pilot, "I used to visit a parishioner, a pretty widow, who owned one, and what she said to him I don't know, but he seemed to have it in for me. He picked at me every time I came into the room. The moment I entered he tucked his head, gazed at me out of one eye, and said in a soft guttural tone. 'Let us pray!' Now, of course, that's my business, praying, but you want to let up on it occasionally, especially when you are calling on a pretty widow. She taught it to him. I am certain of it. When he said it she laughed fit to kill. I thought

she'd never quit laughing "Then, one evening, I took dinner with her. It was quite a large party and a merry one, but when dinner was served, of course she motioned me to say grace. I bowed my head with the others and was about to begin, when the parrot from the window at the other end of the room yelled sharply:

' 'Amen!' "They couldn't help lauhging, of course, and I lifted my head. 'Now, look here,' I said, 'there's one thing I'm not going to do, I'm not going to compete with a parrot who leaves off so abruptly just where I am expected to begin. We'll have to eat this dinner without grace,' and we

TOO MUCH FOR MRS. PIGGINS

Had Come to Attend Business Meeb ing, and Organ Recital Was Not to Her Taete.

It was to have been a business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society. but it took some time to get down to business. Mrs. Wiggins had to tell everybody about her recovery from a recent operation for appendicitis.

After she got through, it reminded Mrs. Higgins of an operation she had undergone a few years ago for the same thing, and she told about it at considerable length. That reminded Mrs. Bliggins of the time when she thought she had heart

trouble, and went to a physician, who told her it was something else, and she would have to have an operation, and how she had it. When she got through, Mrs. Triggins was moved to tell about an operation that had once been performed

on her for something else. At this moment Mrs. Piggins arose to go. "I thought," she explained to her hostess, who intercepted her in the hall and tried to get her to stay, "that this was to be a business mosting, but instead it seems to be an organ recital."

"When I wish to be really educated." the A. B. lady declared, "T shall be cast away on a desert island with a Standard Unabridged dictionary. And I shall stay there till I have read it all! Think bow much I'll learn -ectonce and philosophy, and more-French and German phrases than I have at my tongue's end now. And geography-and my own language-I'll have a bigger vocabulary than any author. And as for literaturedo you realise how many quotations there are in a dictionary? More than you could find in a whole system of anthologies.

They make fun of the idea of a walking dictionary. I tell you a womas who really was that wouldn't need! to be signing equal-pay teachers' peti-

King's Costly Napkin. Diego de Torres, the Spanish ambaseador who visited the emperer of Merocco in 1547, found that haives, spoons and forks were unknown at the royal table. Each guest helped himsolf with his fingers and closmed his hand with his tongue, excepting their emperor, who performed that effice: on the head of a black beg, when he retained by his side in readlesses. The emperor, observing the ambai sader mile, selend him with whall Christian kings wiped their hands at meals, and what such things were worth? "Fine asphine," replied the

meal worth a crown apiece or more.

"Don't you think this nankin much!

hetter?" said the emperer, wining his

hands again on he black boy's head.

"which is worth 70 or 84 erowns?"

Draw Your Own Conclusions. In an English school the children were asked to come prepared with the meaning of the word "hackelor" for the next lesson.

This was one little girls confident definition: "A backelor is a very BADDY MAR."

The teacher wanted to know more, How did the child know that? "Father told me sot"

True Sympathy. "You say the dog bite you?" "Yes, your bonor." "Can you show the sour?"

"No, but I can show the dust. bit me in me wooden leg." "The deg is discharged. His chagrin and disappointment must be could ered a sufficient punishm

They Got Together. "Use beadyork," urged the mothger of the department store."

EYes, sig! said the enigemen. Por instance, if a lady buye seems town it ought to be easy to sell has

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS

name des produces accordances. This de l'absocurent ins l'east of Sillian Contilleres : There indicated fide the said.