OLD FASHIONED BARBER BEST

Writer Objects Strenuously to the "Torsorial Artist" With His Atrocious Clothes and Talk.

Scarce a man living but at times, drifts into dreaming and picturing what he might do if he had wealth. Many -far too many! -- aspire to something that may contribute to the sensational headlines. Here and there is one who merely inclines toward; some modest benefaction. For our own; part, suddenly finding ourself rich, we should like to devote much of it to eliminating the "tonsorial artists" from the field of barberdom; sepa-Trating the tares from the wheat as it were.

The average "tonsorial artist" affects the most atrocious neckwear; dons a millionaire's vest with a millwright's 'rousers, and puts popular ideas of garb all at points. He talks glibly of scandal, horse races and hair restorer and eventually drives many a man to whiskers who is perfectly sane and normal otherwise. There are too many of him!

On the other hand the old fashioned "barber" knows his financial, mental and artistic limitations. He seldom feels better acquainted with you the second time over than he did the first. He assumes you know what you want better than he does and rarely forces his "extras." Mostly he is a good tradesman, cleanly and careful in his work. One of his stripe puts greater crimp in the safety razor business than all the "artists" combined. Bless him, there is not enough of him!-Buffalo News.

POLITENESS OUT OF PLACE

Old Lawyer Did Not Want His Cilent to Think He Could Get Free Advice.

Politeness is politeness, but busimess is just business. One of the clerks of the supreme court tried to combine the two the other day, but hereafter he is going to attend strictby to business. He was anxious to destroy the common belief of many. persons who visit the New York county courthouse that little courtesy is shown by the attaches to those seeking information. The clerk was standing in the corridor on the second floor when two men came along, one of them gray haired. The younger one asked the elder the way out of the building. The clerk heard the query and at once told the questioner several ways he could get out. The older man turned on the clerk with the indunction to mind his own business. adding that he had been in the buildfing before the clerk was born and could himself answer his companion. A little later the old man looked up the clerk and apologized, explaining wanted to know how to get out of the building was this client and that he did not want him to get the idea that he could receive free advice. "If he gets that notion," said the old practitioner, "I'll Nose him as a client."

Drilling With Diamonds. A diamond bit for rock drilling is iquite an expensive article. Its value, however, will undergo fluctuations, dependent upon the price of the diamonds. Perhaps \$800 is a fair value for a bit. The diamond used is exceedingly hard-harder than those usually used as jewelry. Their carat price is considerable, averaging, say, \$60 a carat. The diamonds used will weigh from one to two carats, so that eight have a value ranging from \$480 to \$960, on the average. The loss of a bit means so many diamonds gone and may lead to difficulty with the hole. The diamond is not tough, but brittle. It will withstand heavy pressure if applied evenly and without shock. It can readily be seen that drilling through seamy rock may become quite unfavorable. If there is much quarts present the abrasion may become excessive. Under ordinary conditions, however, the wear on the diamonds, while considerable, is by no means prohibitive.—Caseler's Magazine.

Read and Reflect.

If the reader, says the Providence Journal, after perusing the following description of the probable mode of the formation of the earth, given by an English scientific writer in a new volume, does not understand the process, he had better leave this "internal apherical vacuity," and go where bigger words are used: "A formal idea of the heaven and earth may be obstained by imagining the heaven as at first an effluviant generation from a monocentral point, occupying, or creating and occupying space; the earth, as the arrest or end of such general, ing action, with the gradual relaxation of central tension and abnegation of such center, the consequence being the formation of a huge internal spherical vacuity, termed in the Genetic record 'earth.'"

Importance Recognized. "Do you think that man fully appreclates the importance of the office to which we have elected him?" said one constituent.

I "I guess he does," replied the other. "The first thing he did was to say it ought to command a larger salary."

Water powers coming to play a great part in the industries of this country: "Yes," replied Mr. Ara Grett, "espe-

cially in Wall street."

ORIGIN OF THE THREE BALLS

Familiar Sign of the Pawnbroker Really is the Arms of the Medici Family.

Few persons seeing the signs of the vast wealth of our avuncular relatives in most thoroughfares in London pause to consider their origin. Of course it is the balls of gold to which we refer. Not only may they be taken as indications of wealth, but as a sign that pledges are received. But the balls do not indicate what they really are. They are the arms of the Medici family Whoever has visited Florence will recall the three balls alternated with the red lilies. But how comes it that the decorations of the Tuscan palace have found their way to London?

The explanation is not difficult if we give the subject a moment's thought. The first gold changers to settle in London, as in Paris, were the Florentines or Lombards. They chose Lombard street as the place where they could carry on their business. These early settlers are perpetuated today by the bankers. In the early days the inhabitants counted among their number some of the Medici family and to inspire confidence they exhibited their family arms, to which they had a perfect right. The family of Medici is extinct today, but their arms survive them, the present users thinking the respectability of the origin too great to be dispensed with.-London Globe.

ONLY TAKING OUT WRINKLES

Woman Gives Her Gowns Steam. Bath and Alarms the Entire Hotel Staff.

The couple had been traveling and the wife's gowns had got wrinkled. After dressing they went to the theater, having previously unpacked the trunks, hung all the wrinkled dresses up in the bathroom and then filled the

bathtub with hot water. Not long after their departure persons passing along the corridor noticed something that looked like smoke coming out through the open transom, and an alarm of fire was given. One of the managers and a lot of porters and bellboys, some armed with fire extinguishers, rushed up to the scene. Things looked seri-

The manager produced his pass key and the brave followers prepared to rush in and distinguish themselves. The steam was so thick in the room that not a thing could be seen. One look established that the vapor was not smoke. When the traveled couple got back to the hotel they found an irate manager and a lot of soaked frocks. The woman said she had often taken the wrinkles out of dresses by a steam bath and she didn't see why the hot water was kept so very hot anyhow, for goodness knew that nebody wanted to take a bath in boil-

12018 When She Phones. "Business will be held up in this

store for the next ten minutes," growled the impatioent man. "Even the prescription clerk is holding his breath. Two good looking women are getting ready to use the telephone. That is why. When a handsome woman talks over an open telephone everybody within earshot takes a vacation and listens. A plain woman might talk half a day and nebody would pay any attention, but a good looking woman at a public telephone draws a bigger growd than the president of the United States. Everybody thinks she is going to say something worth hearing, and they become vitally interested."

"If you are in such a big hurry," said the impatient man's companion, 'why don't you go down street and attend to that other errand while they are putting up your prescription bere?"

"Oh, no." said the impatient man, "I want to hear, too."

Deserved Reward Came Late. Writing of the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of Ambroise Thomas, which took place a short time ago, Karl Delbitz says that the career of the great French composer furnishes another instance of achievement late in life. He was only seventeen years old when he had mastered the piano and the violin and was sent by his father, also a musician, from his home, in Metz, to the Paris Conservatory, where he won many prises for his extraordinary work. "But he was fifty-five years old before his 'Mignon' was performed and at once placed him in the same class with the great performers," adds Delbits. "When it had been performed in Paris

Service Functions. "You may break, you may shatter, the vase of you will—"

He paused and bent a severe look

1,000 times the president of the re-

public invested Thomas with the grand

cordon of the Legion of Honor. He

lived to be eighty-five years old and

enjoyed three decades of recognition."

upon his young wife. "But it is customary in our station of life," he went on, "to leave that sort of things to servants."-Puck.

"We want our product known from the Atlantic to the Pacific." "Start a big advertising campaign." "But we haven't much money." "In that case I'd start at Panama

where it isn't so far from the Atlantic

to the Pacific, and work gradually up."

By Degrees.

DON'T TELL OF THEIR RICHES

Great Britain Has Many Millionaires Who Keep Quiet About Their Great Wealth.

"While people in Europe marvel at the big incomes of our American magnates," said Arthur Albert Brooks, late of London, who has come to this side for permanent residence, "it must be admitted that there are many men in Great Britain who are blessed with large incomes and are careful to make no reference to the fact that the newspapers. Possibly England has as many millionaires to the population as this country, but it would be disputed offhand by any one who had not taken the pains to look up the figures.

"They are reaching out in England for a higher tax on incomes, and it was the operation of this new law that brought forth the information. In the United Kingdom there are more than 10,000 persons with an income of more than \$50,000 a year. They average \$63,000 a year each. There are 20 men in commercial pursuits who have an income each of more than \$250,000.

"I am told that you can find 20 men in one business block down town in New York_city with that income, and anxious to double it. Possibly in some of your industrial towns you have groups of millionaires who will laugh at our claims in England of large incomes. But our average to the population will keep up well.

"The agregate gross income of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom is more than \$5,000,000,000, and the average to each inhabitant will compare favorably with the annual incomes of citizens on this side of the water."

KILLING OFF THE MOSQUITO

Much Has Been Done With Crude Petroleum, and the Fish Experiment Works Well.

According to those who have given much time to the question of destroying the mosquito, considerable progress has been made in that direction in the last few years. Many of the breeding places have been wiped out in New Jersey and Staten Island, but unfortunately enough still remain to give the insects plenty of chance to multiply. Crude petroleum has been used with good effect in places where the drainage is bad, but this, of course, can bring only a temporary cessation of breeding.

The fish experiment is said to have been used successfully in the Barbados. All the swamps and ponds were stocked some years ago with a specles of fish that feed on the larvae of the mosquito. These fishes multiply rapidly and thrive in the West Indian waters. In a short time there were millions of them in the swamps and pponds, and it was observed that mosquitos were comparatively scarce

The success of this experiment led to the stocking of standing waters in Jamaica a year or two ago, and the health authorities of that island report a considerable diminution of fever as a result of the destruction of _the mosquito larvae.

"Mule" Stampeded.

It was in the battle of Stone River, a raw Hoosier recruit in one of Grose's regiments got very much interested in the fight. It was the first time he smelled fire. He had been long enough in the army to learn its slang, and he used it zealously. The fellow fought like a tiger. He loaded in a good deal less than "nine times," and fired whenever he could see a head. His whole soul was in it. Every time he leveled and fired he shouted: "Here's your mule," snap bang, "here's your mule!" At about the twentieth round a confederate sharpshooter struck him in the left arm. He looked at the wound with amazement and with a sort of spasm, ejaculated "they've shot me!" then laving down his musket carefully, and stripping off his accourrements he also laid them down deliberately, and ran to the rear with frantic energy. It was evident that "bere's your mule" had stampeded. The officer who described the affair said it was the most ludicrous incident he had ever witnessed on a battlefield. "Rosey" laughed at it until the tears rolled down his cheeks.

Boss Among Vultures.

The most beautifully colored of all vultures belong to the New World family; it is the true king vulture of South American forests. Its plumage is of a delicate cream, with black quills, and the bare head is brilliantly colored with red and orange.

This handsome bird exercises regal authority over black vultures and turkey buzzards, in the same way as the Pondicherry vulture does over griffons, etc., so that if any dissatisfied Indian vulture succeeded in reaching South America, he would find some new bosses awaiting his arrival.

The American boss, however, is not as large and strong as his Indian relative named Pondicherry. Both of these bosses, it should be mentioned, are much more strikingly colored than the subjects over which they exercise authority.—Rosary Magazine.

Awkward. This is how "salvation" wwas being brought about. A captain in the "Army," noted for his erudition and enthusiasm, said: "If you look to the hens they never so much as take a drink of water without raising their bills in token offgrattinds. Oh, that we were all hens!" To which there was an unanimous response of "Amen!"

VERITABLE SLAVE TO DUTY

Mr. Billtops Wishes He Could Get Mrs. Bilitops to Take a Nap Occasionally.

"After dinner on Sunday, and In fact after dinner on various other days, I like," said Mr Billtops, "to take a little nap, and I take those naps very easily. I just let my head drop back on the chair and the first thing you know I'm in the land of dreams. dozing away very comfortably as I did after dinner last night for instance

"But last night when I had waked up and had smiled across the table at Mrs. Billtops sitting on the other side sewing, and had said to her, as I guess I have said a thousand times, 'My dear, I think I must have dropped asleep.' 'Ezra,' she said to me, 'I never could take a nap like that. Sometimes I fall asleep over my work, and sometimes I go to sleep over the newspaper, but to sit down and deliberately let myself go to sleep like that is something I could never do. I should think it was a sin.'

"And that's the trouble with Mrs. Billtops, that's the trouble, she's got too sensitive a conscience. She thinks she must be doing something all the time.

"There are so many things to be done and she thinks it her duty to keep always at work, never to waste a minute's time. She's a slave to duty, and idleness in any form she looks upon as a sin. She's very lenient with all the rest of us, very kind and gentle, but to herself she denies all lux-

"I wish that I could persuade Mrs. Billtops to take a little nap occasion-

TOMB OF SEMINOLE CHIEF

Traveler Tells of Amusing Inscription On an Old Monument in St. Augustine, Fla.

"Recently," said a traveler, "while in the old town of St. Augustine, Fla., my attention was attracted by a magnificent specimen of a bibiscus tree in full blossom. It was growing in the rear of a drug store on the southwest corner of Orange and Cordova streets. "Stopping for a moment to admire

it I was surprised to discover beneath its branches an old stone monument, evidently of great antiquity, almost completely concealed by its biossoms. "The monument bears no date, and

persistent inquiry failed to elicit any information as to its origin or history. "It is about four feet in height, and bears the following epitaph on its

side:

"NOTIS This werry elaborate Pile Is ereckted in memery of Tolomato

A seminole ingine cheef This spot and surroundings Wee cherris his memery As he was a good harted cheef He wood knot take yo akalp without you begged him to do so, or pade him sum munny more like a christshum gentleman than a savage ingine Let him R. I. P."

🕷 Some Women Have No Hearts A Cleveland man was complaining the other day about the lack of sympathy in the world. And then he offered a personal ex-

ample.

He said he went home from his business on a recent afternoon and received a great scare on the way. He was still trembling when he entered the house. "Well, Mary," he said, as he dropped

into a chair, "I got a bad scare just now. As I went around the end of the car at the corner a big touring car went by me like a wild thing, and say, it was so close when it passed that the hubs of the wheels brushed my Dants!"

Did his wife turn pale at this recital? Did she express joy and thankfulness over his narrow escape? No. she didn't.

She just looked him over and said: "Well, your pants certainly needed brushing!"

Traveling Near Lake Chad.

There are native towns not remote from the Lake Chad region of interior Africa where a white man's life isn't worth a nickel. Lieut. Boyd Alexander, the British explorer, was put to death in one of them recently.

Lieut. Alexander and his Portuguese collector, one Jose, had encamped under a tree in the outskirts of Tama. Suddenly they were surrounded by a band of yelling savages. One, a mere stripling, seized a gun and shot the lieutenant and the others fell upon him with clubs. The Portuguese tossed his finger rings to the natives, and while they were interesting themselves in them Jose leaeped to his saddle and escaped.

Bilssful "Ignorance.

Holden, the New York "bird man," lately had in his shop a taciturn parrot. Day after day it sat silent on its perch, indifferent to every question. At last a Cuban lady came into the shop and spoke to it in her native tongue. The parrot brightened up at once, opened its beak and emitted a jubilant voiley of vehement Spanish words. When the parrot finally ceased speaking the lady turned to Mr. Holden and, blushing violently, asked: "Do you understand Spanish?"

"No." he replied. "Thank God!" she replied and left the shop.—Success Magazine.

MUSTN'T JOKE WITH SCIENCE

Member of German Research Society Hoaxes His Colleagues and Is Promptly Expelled.

The phlegmatic German temperament lends itself little to the vagaries of the jester, and when that phieg matism is ribbed with the spectacled importance of a German scientific soclery the slightest deviation from that path of stupid ponderosity brings quick rebuke and speedy vengeance German scientific reputation is a weighty thing even when error makes it ridiculous.

A member of the Canssel Scientific Research Society of Frankfort has felt the hand of both speedy vengeance and swift rebuke, for he has been expelled from the learned society, publicly rebuked and is now threatened with legal procedure all because his vein of humor prompted him to take advantage of his colleagues

It happened in this manner A skull was recently found in the ancient grotto near Stemen and the playful research society savant pronounced it to be a human skull of the prehistoric period.

The find was forwarded to the eminent anthropological expert of the University of Breslau, Professor Herman Kladtsch, who declared it to be the skull of a modern chimpanzee.

The author of the joke was promptly-and publicly rebuked.

WOMEN IN NEWSPAPER WORK

Edna Ferber, Who Has Tried It Herseif, Tells About Their Life as Reporters.

The unusual life of the newspaperman has been divertingly set forth by numerous writers, but the experiences of the newspaperwoman, the writer of "sob stories" and "human interest views," has seldom been told so well as by Miss Edna Ferber, herself a reporter of wide experience, who has made it the background for her new novel, "Dawn O'Hara." Miss Ferber makes Dawn, her journalistic heroine. say regarding her own craft:

"If a woman reporter were to burst into tears every time she saw something to weep over she'd be going about with a red nose and puffy eyelids half the time. Scarcely a day passes that does not bring her face to face with human suffering in some form. Not only must she see these things, but she must write of them so that those who read can also see them. And just because she does not wail and tear her hair and faint she popularly is supposed to be a flinty. cigarette-smoking creature who rampages up and down the land, seeking whom she may rend with her pen and gazing dry eyed upon scenes of horrid bloods".ed."

Mechanical Lightning Calculator. The clerical staffs of many of the

big insurance companies have of late years been considerably reduced by the employment of mechanical calculators.

One of these, the invention of a German, is a compact little affair resembling a music box. It may be made to perform almost instantaneously the most portentous sums in addition, subtraction, multiplication by one or two factors, division, squaring and cubing. It is required, for instance, to multiply 531,975 by 924. The first factor is set by touching little knobs representing 521,975.

To multiply by the other factor you turn a handle four times, push along a siide one place and turn the handle twice, then push the handle nine times. The long multiplication is now done, without the possibility of error so far as the machine is concerned, and the dial shows 491,544,900. In the same mechanical way may be done all the other arithmetical pro-

Bibles Furnished Free. Young couples who furnish their flats under the direction of a Third avenue furniture house are bound to begin housekeeping in pious frame of mind. For every \$50 worth of furniture they buy, either for cash or on the installment plan, the dealer makes them a present of a Bible.

"I just got in a case of fine Bibles yesterday," he said, "and as soon as they are gone I shall lay in another supply. Before I went into the furniture business I was a book agent. The peeps I got then into people's homes showed a deplorable lack of Bibles, especially among the young couples. I did not have much chance to remedy the defect then, for I was not handling Bibles and anyhow I wouldn't have been in a position to give them away, but since I have gone into this business I can afford to throw in a Bible with every \$50 purchase."-New, York Times.

Meat and Cancer.

In view of the fact that meat, and especially fresh meat, is comparatively very cheap in Australia, and in consequence its use probably very much more general than in any other country, it may be interesting on account of meat being frequently associated with cancer to note the incidence of this disease.

In 1908 the total number of deaths reported in the Commonwealth was 46,426 Of this number 2,921, or 6.29 per cent., were due to cancer. If the population is estimated at 4,500,000 the incidence would be one death per annum in every 1,540 of the population. This rate is very much lower than that of the United States, Great Britain or Germany.—Medical Record.

BUILDS LARGEST OF NESTS

Jungle Fowl of Australia Constructs a Substantial Mound About Fifteen Feet High.

The jungle fowl of Australia is the bird that builds the largest and most substantial of all nests. It seeks out a secluded spot and then begins the work that will keep it busy for a stretch of weeks, according to naturalists who have studied the bird of Australia. It gathers leaves, grass, twigs. and dozens of other materials, weaving them together so skillfully as to construct a mound that is qualified to withstand any stress of weather

The bird tolls away until its mound is about 15 feet high, the circumference at the base being often 150 feet. At the apex the nest is made, and from this perch the bird is able to see the approach of any one of its jungle foes in time to take defensive measure a

The bush turkey of Australia also adopts similar methods in building its nest, although the foundation is not so large. Instead of making a moundlike base, the turkey constructs one in the shape of a pyramid. Naturalists say that it takes the combined strength of several men to move one of these big nests.

HUMOR OF MEDICAL STUDENT

Dutch Physician Relates Pathetic Incident of His Days in College at Amsterdam.

Dr. Frederik Van Eeden, the Dutch physician and author, can never loss sight of the injustice of fate that subjects the poor to tortures from which the rich are exempt. He tells the following bitter little anecdote which occurred during his student days in Amsterdam.

Once a poor man was brought in affected with a very strange and raredisease of the spine that caused him. by involuntary spasms of the legs, to jump and to continue hopping when he tried to stand on his legs One professor wanted to show this to his students and he requested the tient to stand on his feet. man looked at the crowd as

said with a pathetic, implor "If the gentlemen will p laugh." The professor promi

would be serious. And yet, when the man . hop the "gentlemen" roared felt the tears coming to my my fists close in my pocke World's Work.

Proved Truth of "Fish" Sto The sturgeon which was caug the Harlem river a few days ago which weighed, according to the tru ful fisherman and those who assisted in weighing it, just 406 pounds, would have found its way to the home of a prominent lawyer in New York if its advent had been known to members of the Albany society who know this story: At one of the early dinners of the society, when matters Albanian, including Kane's Lot, "Pop" Sawyer, the Jug of Blood and "Nickey" De Forest, were enlarged upon, Louis Stern told his neighbor about the size of sturgeans he had seen at Marcellus' and Thomas' markets when he was a boy, many of them weighing more than a hundred pounds. The story was listened to respectfully, but the guest hinted at its fishiness by saying: "When they get another like that have it sent to me and I'll pay double its. market value." The Harlem catch has , caused him to withdraw the offer.

Salt on French Roads.

As a general rule the roads in and around French towns are tarred at the commencement of the summer in order to abate the dust nulsance. It has, however, been found that tar, although excellent in the case of macadamized roads, is of little or no value where car lines exist and paved street crossings intersect the roads in every direction, as tarring cannot be carried out on stones.

The authorities, basing their action. on the well known hygrometrical properties of common salt, have made a test of its value in laying the dust. Twenty yards of roadway have been sprinkled liberally with salt and then watered freely. If the results are satisfactory sait will be used throughout the town of Havre, it being impossible to tar the majority of the streets. as they are paved with rough stone

Special Privilege.

Rev. Lyman Powell of Northampton has a bright little son who is very much frightened in thunderstorms. says the Cosmopolitan. One day a heavy shower came up when the little fellow had wandered away from the house. His father, who was watching for him, saw him come running toward home as the first drops fell. He looked terrified and his lips were moving.

"What were you saying?" asked his father.

"I was reminding God that I am a minister's son," the boy replied.

.... Hint.

Of the many curious customs which: mark Brittany as an especially interesting field for the traveler is this one relating to marriage. At the close of the wedging ceremony the bridegroom gives the bride a box on the ear, saying:

"This is how it feels when you make me vexed," after which he kisses her, adding, "and thus when you treat me

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS ** - and - ion Louisians of Anna Lor Los Ruts du Bas, ils noblished often describe communes des avantages exceptionnell. Lets de Rabonapouret fou l'aposticie de l'established des l'established des l'established de l'established de l'established des l'established des l'established des l'established des l'established de l'establi