

HE GOT THE ORDER. That was because he had German Telephone Receivers.

J. G. Nolen, who is an old-timer in the electrical construction business, tells a good story on "Val" Blatz, the millionaire brewer, of Milwaukee.

"I took a couple of our 'phones with me, in order to make a practical demonstration, should one be required, and I went with the intention of making a sale."

"Yes, that is all so; very true. But, he spoke with the conviction of one who was putting a poser, but my men down in the malt-house and the warehouses and cold storage are all Dutchmen."

"CHICKENS" CAME HOME. How the Curse of a Vengeful Trick Plagues Mr. Swift.

Mr. J. H. Swift, of Paducah, Ky., tells a good story on himself: "Fifteen years ago, when I was but a seemingly incorrigible youth," said he, "I chanced while out hunting one day to trespass upon the farm of one of our neighbors whose acerbity of temper was known to the country over, with the result that a severe chastisement was given me."

"In a few years the scattered seeds had covered the field, with the result that it had to be abandoned for agricultural purposes and eventually one of the finest farms in the old Blue Grass state was overrun with this pest. The years went rapidly by and soon both my father and the old farmer were gathered to their reward, each leaving a single child. It was only last year that my chicken came home to roost, so to speak, for I then led to the hymenal altar the sole surviving heir to that Johnson grass field in the person of the lovely daughter of my enemy of boyhood days."

"To-day," said he, sadly, "about all we have in this world in the way of reality is that magnificent waste of rapidly growing grass. Every time I look at that old farm I am forcibly reminded of the short-sightedness of human flesh in general and the fact that, after all, a strict observance of the Golden Rule is by long odds the best policy."

ACCOMPLISHED CATS. Some That Have Made a Record for Themselves.

It is doubtful whether the London cat is in the least degree more docile or biddable than his country cousin. He is more dependent on many, for no one ever hears of a London cat going off to live a wild life willingly, though country cats do this frequently. It has been observed of the whole race, at least in this country, that, though they will often obey the order "Come," they absolutely refuse to entertain the command "Go," and as most useful service involves this as the initial idea, the animal which refuses obedience to it is practically useless, except as a volunteer.

The admirable sporting qualities, even of the London cat, should make him a most useful and amusing aid in sport, if he could be induced to cooperate with his owner. There is only one piece of evidence that, in ancient times, the cat was so trained—an Egyptian painting showing a cat bringing wild fowl to its master from a papyrus bed—and very few instances are on record even of its being trained to retrieve in our day.

A visitor to one of the monasteries on Mount Carmel states that when several of the monks went out, gun on shoulder, to shoot game for the pot, he saw their cats marching out after them, to aid as retrievers; but he did not witness the sport. There is no doubt that cats can be trained to follow, like dogs. A workman in the North Midlands recently owned a small cat, which followed him all day, and when tired was carried in a large pocket in its master's coat. So also a navy man once owned a cat which had followed or accompanied him to work in most parts of north and western England, sometimes following him on foot and sometimes carried in the white washable bag, in which navvies keep their Sunday clothes.

FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE. France Alarmed at the Growing Commerce of Germany.

Jules Roche, at one time French minister of commerce, has just published an article in Le Figaro, which draws anything but an encouraging picture of the present status of France in regard to foreign commerce when compared to Germany. The article is entitled "The German Invasion."

According to the custom house statistics of 1897 the imports amounted last year to 4,000,000,000 francs, and the exports to 3,675,000,000 francs, which was an increase compared with 1896 of 201,000,000 francs in the imports and 275,000,000 francs in the exports. Mr. Roche admits that the progress is considerable, but he points out that the true state is shown only when a comparison is made with other nations, especially with Germany.

JOKER WEEPS REAL TEARS. At Beside of Friend He Had Reported to Be Dead.

James A. Ryan, who keeps a saloon on Clark street, in Chicago, turned a practical joke upon the joker one night recently. Phil Rose, who is one of Ryan's friends, and who keeps a liquor store at 202 Wentworth avenue, told a dozen or more of Ryan's friends that Mr. Ryan was dead, and he suggested that they go down and hold a wake over his remains.

The friends, taking the matter seriously, hurried down to Ryan's place, after first getting themselves into the proper key. Gus Anderson, of 461 Clark street, was the first to arrive, and he found his neighbor, Ryan, very much alive and doing a lively business. He told of the hoax, and Ryan quickly arrayed himself in a suit of black, with a white tie and a little of his wife's powder on his face, and lay down on his bed, looking every inch a dead man.

The friends arrived, and were ushered solemnly into the presence of the supposedly dead man. Everything looked real and funeral. The friends took each other in subdued voices "what a fine man Jim was," and comforted the "widow," who was helping the force along. Then they returned to Phil Rose's place and told of the death-chamber scene. They appeared so sincere that the astonished Rose, thinking his joke had by a queer coincidence proved to be the truth, betook himself to the Ryan abode. He, too, was admitted to the silent bedroom, and looked sorrowfully and guiltily upon the quiet features of his friend. Then he burst into tears. "Ah, Jim," he cried; "poor Jim; little did I think I should ever have to shed tears of sorrow over that joke." Ryan at this point rose up in his bed and said: "Come, old man, the drinks are on you."

DIDN'T FIT HIS CASE. A Maxim and a Poem—The Bench Was His Ambition.

There is a poet in the law school at Ann Arbor who may one day be a judge. Several days ago part of a class was sitting around waiting for services to begin when one of the students fished a back number of Life out of a desk and began a careless study of its contents, as one would do when that is all there is to do. He was not interested at first, but presently something attracted his attention, and his face showed it once. "What have you found?" inquired the man nearest.

"A brief little thought to this effect: 'There are no benches along the path that leads to success.'" "No benches?" remonstrated a tired-looking student. "That's what."

"Hold on a minute," exclaimed a student with poetic length of hair, "say that over again, please." The reader went over the line slowly: "There are no benches along the path that leads to success"—and the chap with long hair pulled a pencil and set to work on the flyleaf of his law book. Presently he held up his hand and the others gave heed. "Here," he said, "is what I think of that sentiment," and he read: "Then, prius, Life, what hope have they, Who of a legal mind, Have taken to the law and are Judicially inclined!"

L'ABELLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS. Et très répandue en Louisiane et dans tous les Etats du Sud. Sa publicité offre donc au commerce des avantages exceptionnels.

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Vente de Propriétés de Valeur dans les Premier et Quatrième Districts.

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