## SURPRISE FOR THE VISITOR

Maggie Remembered Her Lesson and Was Only Anxious to "Do It Right, Ma'am."

How to open the door and received visitors properly was the first lesson taught green Maggie, fresh from a home where they opened the door any old way. To make the instruction practical Maggie and her mistress took turns in going outside and ringing the bell and presenting a card. Maggie took a childish delight in this peekaboo social game, and at the end of teach experiment she said: "Did I do

it right that time, ma'am?" But for a long time it wasn't right. Each time "Did I do it right?" was answered with a despairing "No."

At last her mistress said: "Yes, I guess you will do now. I do hope Mrs. Brown won't find many faults in

you." In less than an hour after the sign of approval had been put upon Maggle's behavior, Mrs. Brown called. One glance at her card assured Maggle that she was the social arbiter whose criticism her mistress feared. With all her heart she wanted to make good.

She stepped outside, closed the door, and rang the bell. Mrs. Brown, being alone and not knowing what else to do, opened the door. Maggie stepped in and presented Mrs. Brown's card.

"Did I do it right, ma'am?" she

### PARROT AN INTERESTING PET

Bird in No Way Objectionable and Easy to Keep Healthy and Happy.

Parrots, always popular, are now quite the rage, and any girl acquiring one for the first time will find him a most interesting pet. Mr. Poll need not screech or be otherwise objectionable to those who do not admire him, and, indeed, never will be noisy unless he is unhappy because hungry, thirsty, ill or lonely.

Under any of these conditions we humans cry out until relieved, and Polly will do the same. He is a most sociable fellow, and though sometimes a great talker, he is a good listener as well, cocking his little head on one side when conversed with, and seeming to take it all in in a most intelligent and often most comical way. If left too much alone he gets very unhappy and mopes so that unless you understood the cause you might think him seriously ill.

Music in any form he adores and it will always brighten him when he is grumpy. Another of his peculiarities is that he dislikes to be disturbed when asleep, and as, like humans, he is susceptible to drafts when slumboring, it is wise as well as kind to cover his cage at night with a cloth.

## Men of the Sea.

There is that in the sea life which tenn ennoble the roughest material, ethough, as Fielding observes, the mailor should be seen on his own deck mad not ashore, where, owing to the too sudden relaxation of the discipline that is his daily portion, he is not seen at his best. The seaman is born, not made. He is none the worse for having run away to sea, for any little irregularities in his character will speedily be tamed by life before the mast. His spirit, if it is the right ione chafes against the narrow limits of the village and even suffocates in The wider streets of cities. His eyes strain after far horisons that symbol-fre the infinite. Not for nothing is he ealled "seadog," for his is a dog's life. Fet for him the sea has a luster that Its wolfish cruelty never dima .- F. G. Aflalo, in the London Morning Post.

# Value of Good Humor.

It is not great calamities that em-Ditter existence; it is the petty vexa-Micappointments, the "minor miseries." that make the heart beavy and the semper sour. Don't let them. Anger is pure waste of vitality. It helps nobody, and hinders everybody. It is always foolish, and always disgraceful, except in some cases when it is Exindied by seeing wrong done to anrepresentative; and even that "noble rage" seldom mends the matter.

No woman does her best except 🐀 [when she is cheerful. A light heart] imakes nimble hands, and keeps the mind free and alert. No misfortune, is so great as one that sours the temper. Till cheerfulness is lost, nothfing is lost.--Woman's Life.

# Reses of Temple Gardens.

Perhaps the two most famous flowere in history are associated with the Temple Gardens at London, for according to tradition it was in the garfiens in 1480 that the two leaders plucked the red and white roses which mecame the badges of the rival bouses of Lancaster and York.

The gardens were for centuries famous for their roses. Among their fiscal curlosities one finds in the acsounts for 1700 an expenditure on two morimic box trees, and wonders what a perimic tree is until one remembers The custom of trimming box trees in a symmetrical or "perimetric" tash-

# The Main Objection.

"No," said the principal constituents with a shudder, "we can never vote for that man for the city council. He would be suspected from his very occupation. He is a gardener."

"What has that to do with it?" asked the candidate's friend.

"Naturally, he would take to graft-

# LION'S HEAD ALWAYS IN USE !

From Earliest Times it Has Been Associated With Fountains and Flowing Water.

"The sun glows in the Lion," says Seneca, meaning that when the sun enters the sign of Leo at the summer solstice the highest temperature of the year is experienced. We may say on the other hand that the Babylonian astrologers thousands of years ago placed the king of beasts, the flery and ferocious lion, in that part of the zodiac which the sun enters at the

summer solstice. The constellation which is called Leo bears very little resemblance to the outline of a lion. Probably the name was originally applied only to its principal star, Regulus. It is to this constellation in the zodiac that we owe the countless water spewing lions' heads which are found in ancient and modern fountains, because in the latter part of July, while the sun is still in the sign Leo, the Nile)

is at its highest level. Furthermore, the lion's head with widely open jaws is in itself very suitable for the mouth of a fountain or waterspout. This decorative motif was employed universally throughout the Greco-Roman world. Lions' heads are found used in this way at Athens, Ephesus, Olympia, Agrigentum and countless other places. It is not quite certain that this employment of the lion's head originated in Egypt. Curtius describes an Assyrian bas-relief from Bairan showing water streaming from a ring shaped \*essel. A lion. stands as if on guard on either side of the fountain.

The water clock, which was used in judicial proceedings, had the form of a lion and a name which means the guardian of the stream. Hence the idea of protection may have been the origin of the association of lions with fountains, and this custom may have originated in Asia.-Scientific Ameri-

### CAN BE CARRIED TOO FAR

Relaxed Muscles, Indulged in to the Extreme, Detrimental to the Health.

We read much of the benefit of relaxing, which is true as far as concerns the nerves and temper; there is another kind of relaxing, that of muscles, that is dangerous if made a life habit.

It is all right not to keep oneself tense; to let everything go-occasionally and just flop The trouble lies in making this flopping permanent.

If a girl or boy gets into the habit of dropping his shoulders, lolling. sprawling over a table, crouching over books or game do you know what happens? The ligaments are weakened, the muscles lose tone, sometimes, even the bones grow distorted if the habit is acquired while young bones are still soft. .

It is not pleasant to be continually nagging at children, "stand up! your elbows off the table," "hold your shoulders up," and keep up the good work though it means daily rows.

Such things are more than a question of good manners; they mean good health. It is a big temptation to let things go, but remember that erooked backs, cramped lungs, distorted hips and shoulders, badly poised necks, all the organs of our body out of place, follow muscles that are not kept stretched to their natural position.

Grussoms Charm Worked Well. Charms as cures for sickness were mmon in England a century ago Lady Wake, who was born in 1800, tells of a gruesome cure adopted for the removal of some birthmarks which disfigured her face. Her mother was persuaded that "a dead man's hand laid upon my cheek and hands would effectually remove the marks." she writes. "As a man could not be killed for the occasion, it was necessary to wait till some one died. An old man at last did die in one of the nearest cottages and I was taken there in my sleep. I remember, afterward being constantly stopped by the widow, who always examined my cheek in order to accertain the state of her husband's body, as the marks she told my nurse, would certainly fade away as he turned into dust. Whatever the cause of the cure, the marks in time disappeared."

Dream That Saved Life. "Hints conveyed by dreams are occasionally worth heeding," says the London Chronicle. "The late Lord Dufferin when in Paris dreamed that he was in a hearse on the way to the cemetery. A few days later, as be was about to enter the elevator of a certain botel, he was startled to find that the attendant was a double of the driver of the hearse in his dream. He thereupon promptly left the elevator and walked upstairs. The car ascended without him, but as it neared the top something in the mechanism gave way, and the passengers met their death. Had they also, one wonders, been forewarned in a dream?"

A Snake in His Hair. The hair of the Indian yogi or religious mendicant owing to long years of neglect becomes matted together in a fashion more easy to imagine than to describe and certainly could not be brushed out. It is of very great length and when allowed to hang

iown trails on the ground. One night one of these yogis was sleeping under a tree when a snake wormed its way into his tangled colffure, and he had guite a difficult task to get rid of it in the morning.-Wide World Magazine.

# KING BEE OF BUSINESS MEN

Writer Tells How Banker Stays Home and Has Money Brought to Him.

Hats off, fellows fighters in the battle of business-hats off to the banker. He's the king bee of us all, says the Bookkeeper. He's the gentleman with the cash on hand, and all the world's his oyster. Other men must go out and scrape to get the coinhe stays at home and has it brought in to him. He rents the room vacated by the delicatessen store last week and buys two desks, some from gritt work, a typewriter, a second-hand adding machine and three bottles of ink-assorted colors; he builds a vault out of some brick and boiler iron; then he hangs out a hammered brass and gilded sign that reads in shiny letters "Bank," and people tear one another's clothing to get to him and exchange their cash for a neat little book covered with imitation leather and a pad of 50 checks.

With cheerful equanimity he takes their coin and cheerfully agrees to return it to them in installments between the hours of nine and three of any day, Sundays and all possible holidays excepted, and barring loss from fire, robbery, embezzlement, failure, panic or ordinary wear and tear. Then he loans it back to them for interest compounding annually and deducted in advance, providing they can secure the signatures of 11 responsible indorsers or give a mortgage on real estate or chattels worth seven times the loan. He advertises to pay the highest rate of interest on time deposits, and when you go to him with the hoardings of years of sweating tofl he frowningly advises you that money is so plentiful that it is only out of the goodness of his noble heart and his tender regard for you that he can pay you three per cent.

### TRUTH IN REFERENCE GIVEN

Doubtful, However, If It Would Ald Bearer in Securing Another Position.

The bearer, Hayashi Kishi, has been in my service for the last four weeks. During that period he was trusted with the keys of the wine cellar, with the task of providing for the table and with the general regulation of the whole household, and these duties he discharged with much satisfaction to -himself.

For a tectotal family, to whom cleanliness and punctuality are no objects, who use no stoneware or other breakable dishes, and who can view with Christian charity the loose ideas upon the subject of property of an untaught heathen brother, I can sunscientiously say that he is admirably adapted.

It is purely out of personal regard for him that I am compelled to dispense with his services, for my substance has so diminished since he came into the household that I grieve to see his great acquisitive talents wasted upon such a barren field.

I shall be glad to hear that the earth contains another fool so confiding as to take him into service and relieve a white man of his burden. I have endeavored in this to com-

ply both with his request and the many 17: truth.—Exchange. Unity of the Universe.

According to the Spencerian view, the universe is a complex unity, which, when reduced to its ultimate analysis, is seen to be one fact—the redistribution of matter and motionall phenomena being complex aspects of that one fact. Under the name of evolution Spencerianism undertook to show that the universe, from star to soul, has passed, by a process of development, from the simple to the complex through successive integrations and differentiations. For convenience phenomena are divided into sections—astronomy, geology, biology, psychology, and sociology—but the process is one, and the law of the process is one. Evolution is one in principle and fact.-Hector Macpherson, in "Spencerianism Up to Date," in London T. P.'s Weekly.

Correct Standing Position. The correct standing position has been frequently described, but as frequently forgotten, or at least neglected. Cheet up is the essential direction, and one might always say the only one needed, since in lifting the chest the shoulders are at the same time thrown back and down and the abdomen drawn in. To swell the chest with a full, deep breath and to hold the position is a secret of the correct position. The chin should be held in. but not stiffly so, and the weight should be on the balls of the feet instead of on the heels. One can teach oneself to take invariably that posttion when rising from a chair, at first consciously and afterward unconactously.

. Importance of Deep Breathing. Nervousness can be cured by forming the habit of breathing deep and long, and one medical authority prescribes it in his schedules for nervous wemen. All singers are invariably high-cheeted and free from colds or chronic coughing spells. It is because they have learned to breathe from the waist instead of the top of the lungs. an the majority of people do. To breathe deeply is to stimulate the heart and circulation. It means a full, high chest and broad shoulders. It means practical immunity from the dangers tacurred by exposure. It means a good carriage and well-poised head. And best of all, it means perfeet physical health.

### TOWN BUILT ON TOP OF ROCK

Ancient Human Habitation Known to Have Been Constructed Many Centuries Ago.

It would undoubtedly be a peculiar sensation to live on top of a musaroom. If the mushroom were of gigantic proportions and were planted so as to overhang the sea, the experience would be very similar to that of living in the town of Acoma, which is three miles south of the Mesa Encantada in Mexico.

The strange mushroom-like rock on which the town stands is a splendid specimen of fantastic erosion, having overhanging sides nearly 400 feet high. The top of the rock is comparatively level, and is about 70 acres in extent. It is indented with numerous great bays, and is notched with dizzy chasms. The greater portion of it overhangs the sea like an immense mushroom, and the strangest part of all is that it has a town on top.

This town belongs to a past civilization. It is one of the most perfect specimens of the prehistoric Pueblian architecture. With inconceivable labor this town in the air was built and fortified for the safety of its inhabitants. It was reached by a mere trail of toe-holes up the stem of the mushroom. The age of the town is not known but it was already old in 1540, when the first explorers visited it and wrote an account of its wonders, its people and their strange mode of living.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

### NOT IN HER SECOND BEST

Aunt Peace Had Retained Some of the Vanities Common to the World.

Quakers believe in a sober garb, but they are by no means without that quality which would be termed vanity in "the world's people." Aunt Peace Lawton had this quality to a marked degree.

One day a strolling photographer asked permission to take a picture of the Lawton family, sitting on their velvet lawn. Mr. Lawton gave the permission, but his remarks were not approved by Aunt Peace. When it became evident that her gentle remonstrance had no effect, Aunt Peace said no more, but at the moment when the photographer said "Ready?" and exposed the film, Aunt Peace lifted her spotless handkerchief, spread to a snowy square, in both hands, hiding her face and head completely.

"Why, Aunt Peace, what made you do that?" asked her hephew, reproachfully, when he had permission from the photographer to speak.

"William," said the old lady, calmly, "if thee thinks that I propose to be put in a picture with my secondbest cap on and my kerchief sadly in need of an iron thee is greatly mistaken."-Youth's Companion.

Souvenir of Florida. young woman who recently returned from a trip to Florida brought with her as a souvenir a small cocoamut shell on which a human face had been roughly carved with a few strokes of a knife. This carving was said to have been the work of a Seminole Indian, and on this representation the young woman had bought the shell; but she was beset later by some doubts as to the authenticity of the claim. She therefore asked a well-known collector of Indian c rios if he thought the carving really had been made by a Seminole Indian He examined carefully the faintly-outlined face and handed the shell back to her with the verdict. "Very likely it was. My only reason for questioning it would be that I am not sure a Seminole would do that much work."

Why She Couldn't Accept. Telephone operators who plug wrong numbers or get the wires crossed sometimes are responsible for very embarrassing situations, as was ex-

emplified by a broker. The broker called up his home number and said to the person on the other end of the wire:

"Hello, dear, is that you?" "Yes. I've been thinking about you all morning. I want you to come down town and meet me for lunch and we'll . go to a show this afternoon." "Well, that would be very zice." re-

plied the person on the other end, and I should dearly love to do so, but my husband is home and I'm afraid be'd object. Don't you think you've got the wrong number?"

A Squirrei Baremeter. A merchant in a western city has a queer barometer. It is a domesticated for squirrel. He keeps the little pet in a large paint barrel, all inclosed with the exception of a small round hole in one end. Inside the barrel is a good supply of straw, old paper and leaves. During a run of weather of any kind, het, cold, wet or dry, the fittle animal is in and out of the bouse, keeping an open door.

But should there be a change coming, say 10 or 12 hours off, the squirrei plugs up his hole with the matter from his bed and keeps it closed until the change comes. It is claimed the squirrel never makes a mistake, and that he gives no false alarms to his

Situacing Hubby. Young Father (in the future)-Great anakes! Can't you do something to quiet that baby? Its eternal squalling just drives me wild.

Young Mother (calmly to servant)-Marie, bring in my husband's mether's phonegraph, and put in the cylinder "At Ton Months." I want him to bear how his reice sounded when he was young.-N. Y. Weekly.

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# WASP IS FRIEND OF MINERS

Active in Ridding Cabins of the Pest of Spiders and Therefore Welcomed and Protected.

The miners of Colorado, who have built cabins on the mountain sides, know what a pest the small brown wood-spider proves to be. They throw their webs over your best clothes, cooking utensils and in every corner, where you can get them in your eyes and mouth. Not only that, but they will drop into the frying pan, water bucket, or upon the table where you are eating. But nature furnished a remedy and a friend when she gave the spider hawk. The name is given by miners to a small, steel-blue wasp. almost three-fourths of an inch in length. He can easily be recognized, by the quick, nervous strokes of his wings. They build a nest up among the rafters of your cabin, of woodpulp or furze, from the outer coating of old, dead trees. Then they are ready for business. Every few minutes you can see your hawk climb up the rafters with a spider, sometimes carrying one to four or five times its own weight. Sometimes they get a spider so heavy that they will fall many times before they succeed in reaching their nest. They never give up, but keep on trying unitl they succeed. When the spider is safely placed in the nest, the female hawk deposits her egg in the dead body. The hawks live only in pairs, as far as observation goes. They become rather tame, and seem to be obliged to you for building the spider-trap for their benefit.

#### SENSIBLE MOTHER OF BOYS

Had Made Up Her Mind to Welcome Daughters-in-Law and Love Them.

No small number of men and women are acquiring sons and daughtersin-law these days, and the thought of it brings to mind the conversation of two women, one the mother of a boy. the other the mother of four of them. Said the first:

"It will not be long now until Jim will want to be marrying. I dread the thought of it."

"Why?" questioned the mother of the four. "I may not care for the girl."

"Well," said the other, "when my boys were small I figured it out in this way: If my boy could see enough in some girl to love her, marry her, and be willing to spend the real of his days with her, surely there must be something in that girl I could find to like. I went on through the years expecting to love those four girls because they were the loved of my boys, and it has worked. I've two of the four daughters-in-law now, and I love them dearly for their own sakes. But I don't believe I would have had I dreaded the day."

Just a little story for the parents and parents-in-law of the brides and grooms to ponder over.

Kind-Hearted. It was a sweet sight. Private Jones was feeding his horse with lumps of sugar. There was no stint. The colonel stood by, visibly af-

fected. "I'm very pleased to see you so kind to your horse, Jones," he said at length. "You will be sure to find that the animal appreciates your thought fulness. I shall remember this."

Private Jones touched his hat, and the colonel dissolved. Then Private Jones wiped his honest brow and urned \* a brother soldier.

"Well, if that ain't a bit of bloomin" luck!" he murmured. "Why, the beast threw me this mornin', and I'm tryin' to give him the ragin' toothache!"

Reference Books at Home. Any house that holds a family of children should have a good dictionary, an encyclopedia, a cyclopedia of biography, a dictionary of dates and one of mythology, some kind of a guide to English literature, a globe and an atias. I would as soon think of keeping house without a clock as without such books as these. They ec not cost a great deal nor occupy much space, but among them they will am swer most of the questions which the ordinary child levels at his father and his mother in the course of the year. Once get children into the reference book habit and it means a liberal education.-Ladies' Home Journal.

Smoking for French Youth. It is curious that while in this rountry a child is not allowed to smoke eigarettes but may consume chocolate imitations to its heart's content, in France the case to exactly reversed. Boys may smoke as much tobacco as they like, but any one serving them with chocolate "cigarettes" would be liable to heavy punishment, and a lady in Paris has recently been fined for this offense. It appears that an article of the

French code, passed in 1836, prohibits' the sale of spurious tobacco or other substances to be sold as tobacco, and was intended to prevent competition with the state menepely.

Silk Hat Temperature.

Men who wear silk hats know that the temperature inside the hat is much higher than outside; but it has remained for a French physician to measure the difference. He has discovered that when the thermometer registers 90 degrees in the shade in the outer air it stands at 166 degrees in his silk hat, and that when it is 68 degrees outside it is \$8 inside. From these differences he concludes that the unnatural heat causes many nervous

## INDIAN IS NOT UNDERSTOOD

White Race Has Proved Utterly Unnble to Fathom Pride and Philom ophy of the Red Man.

Even among the five civilized tribes there still remain many communities wholly full blood. These people drift together, following their own ideas of life, speaking their own language and retiring before the whites with the same strange reserve and pride that characterized them in their wild state. Although claiming the name of several Christian denominations, and following certain beliefs with devoutness, their ways of thinking, their dislike of innovation and their aversion to work have made them withdraw to the mountain districts. Whether this so-called reserve comes from pride or a distrust of the white man or timidity or merely a stubborn conservatism it produces the same result; the back-

ward and nonprogressive Indian. There is, too, a certain mystic quality that holds the Indian aloof, says, the Southern Workman; a quality that we do not understand and with which there is little sympathy in our everyday life. He is so much of a philosopher that he looks upon our strenuous life with some contempt. dismissing our efforts for personal comfort and material advancement with the remark that "the white man is heap trouble to himself." White people call him lazy because he does not care to exert himself for these things which seem important \ to whites, and yet to some religious ceremonial or some artistic expression his application is persistent and the "patience of an Indian" has passed into a proverb.

## FINDS IT HARD TO EXPLAIN

Husband Undoubtedly Meant Well but He Can't Get His Wife to Believe It.

Just to please his wife a Staten Island man consented to go to a matines on a day when the only seats they could get in the part of the house she preferred were single seats in different rows, says the New York Sun, When he went in the man promised the usher a quarter if he could get them seats together. At the end of the first act he noticed that the woman sitting beside him appeared detached. His wife looked lonely, so he said:

"Pardon me, are you here alone " Just then the usher passed. The woman hatted him.

"You must get me another seat,"

she said. "I cannot sit here any longer. This manches insulted me." "Sure," said the usher. "We'll ax that all right. Come with me." The woman said "brute" and followed the usher to the seat occupied by the Staten Island man's wife.

"This lady will change beats with you," said the usher. "I'd advise you not to sit by that brute," said the indignant stranger.

"He will insult you. He insulted me "What did he say?" gasped the wife. "He asked me if I were alone." The Staten Island man and his wife saw the play out. Between the acts

he tried to gaplain.
"It was to get you near me," he said. He has been saying the same thing most of his waking moments for the last six weeks, but he hasn't been able to make her believe it.

Perverted Quotations. More persistent even than the hackneved misquotation is the verbally accurate quotation which is almost universely perverted in meaning, Out touch of nature makes the whole world kin" is commonly understood as expressing the fraternal sympathy of mankind. But turn up the line in "Troilus and Cressida" and you will discover, or rediscover, that it only means that all men are very much alike in one respect, that of liking novelties. A "foregone conclusion" is always used to mean a result which is absolutely certain. Othello meant by the phrase something that had actually been done in the past, which Cassio did over again in a dream. And "to be or not to be" is almost inveslably repeated in the sense of "to be done or not to be done," instead of "to exist or not to exist."

Japan's Toy-Shope. There is no country in the world. where there are so many toy slope Japan. In all towns, and in mo the villages, there is a childre basar, and the neighborhood of the principal temples is crowded with stalls containing things to smuon children. At the great religious festivals even the poorest ere to be met with their arms full of toys to take home, and the number of men and women who earn a livelihood by, itinerant street shows, got up solely to amuse the children, can be counted by hundreds. These entertainments include theatricals, where brave deeds are performed by heroic warriors, story-tellers, song-singers and comjurers.- Wide World Magastre.

Rare Eggs of Familiar Birds. To one not conversant with emithelogy the statement that the eggs and nests of some well-known birds remain. yet to be discovered must appear surprising. Yet such is the case.

The eggs of the curiew sandpipen for instance, a bird familiar in Great Britain, were first discovered not an long ago on an island at the mouth of the Siberian river Tenisei.

There are a few other birds whose eggs have not yet been found, since they make their seets in remote regions, although living part of their lives among civilized men.-Harper's

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS