HOW THE VIOLETS GONE.

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—Will S. Fore in Ladies' Home Journal.

THE MAN WHO READ.

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The Line He Worked On.

There is a prominent clergyman in New York who resembles John A. Girvin, of Columbus, Ga. He was on his way to Brooklyn bridge when he was stopped by a salesman who is quite near sighted.

"Hello, John," said he, very heartily. "How is business?"

The clergyman, who is about as bright and quick a man as there is to be found in this town, instantly saw that there was no desire to humor him, and that the salesman was honest in his greeting.

"Well, business in my line is not as good as I would like it to be. You see the devil is firmly established, and he is a hustler. We get no business from him without a hard pull, for he never lets up if there is any possibility of holding a customer."

The voice betrayed the man, and the drummer knew that he had made a mistake.

"Excuse me, I thought you were a friend of mine."

"No excuse necessary, we all make errors."

After a laugh on both sides the salesman said:

"What line of goods do you carry, anyhow?"

"I carry the Bible," replied the unclerical looking clergyman, "and I am trying to run the devil into bankruptcy."

"Oh!" cried the salesman, "don't tell anybody about this mistake of mine, will you? The boys might hear of it." —Dry Goods Retailer and Jobber.

Fashions in Lace Curtains.

Only a few years ago you in search of lace curtains would go into a store and buy either a Brussels or a Nottingham, a tambour or antique. That was the variety. Today the fashions change, as in dress goods. A novelty in muslin is in old gold tints, with different colored embroidery. The effect is very swell. White muslin with chic little figures in colors is catchy, too, and the embroidered hemstitch border is another new feature. The Irish point a jour is an entirely new effect in a lace curtain, the border being hemstitched with a wide "daylight" stitch between the lace and hem. A new feature in muslin curtains is what is called the "Hol" effect, which adds largely to the appearance of these goods.

Muslins with space or slits left through the border design for ribbon to be run through ought to become popular. The color of the ribbon can harmonize with the other decorations of a room and produce a very pretty effect. One of the most illusive, fairylike bits of texture is a white crete, printed in what, for want of a better term, we will say rainbow colorings, of pale pinks, blues and yellows. You see the fabric from a distance of eight or ten feet, and you instinctively look back of you or above for a stained glass window, for the colorings are of that vague, gentle character produced by the reflection of light through colored glass. The colors are of the softest character imaginable, and they run and merge, one into the other.—Philadelphia Upholsterer.

Why He Thought So.

The mingling of all ranks and trades in the territorial militia now maintained by almost every European country is a great source of amusement, because such mixing of different elements is not very common in that part of the world.

It is related that, at a recent sham battle, a young lieutenant, posted with his company behind a wall, ordered his men to fire at a detachment of troops who were marching by.

The guns were loaded with blank cartridges, and no harm was done; but the detachment happened to be on the same side of the sham fight as the company which had fired at it.

The commanding officer came riding up.

"Why did you fire at those men?" he demanded of the lieutenant, hotly.

"I supposed they were the enemy," said the lieutenant.

"And what led you to suppose they were of the enemy?"

"Because my tailor was at the head of them, and I saw my butcher in the ranks. What else could I suppose, sir?" —Youth's Companion.

She Was Worth It.

The marriage fee often reveals odd traits of character. Once the bridegroom presented to a clergyman a bit of paper on which was written: "A wife is a crown to her husband. If she turns out to be a good one in ten years I'll give you twenty dollars."

The minister pocketed the paper, thinking the woman would "turn out to be a good one" and that the man would never remember the promise.

But time brought a surprise. Before seven years had passed the clergyman received a gold double eagle and a note saying:

"She is good clear through. There is no need of waiting any longer. I ought to have paid you on the spot."—Youth's Companion.

True Politeness.

Mr. Staylate—Y-a-as, I hate those—ah—simple minded country people that show everything they feel.

Miss Weekend—It is a mere matter of training. One of the first things I was taught was the art of appearing interested when bored half to death.—Good News.

He Was Too Particular.

Beggar (to Glanders, who has given him a coin)—Say, mister, this dime's plugged.

Glanders (examining it and replacing it in his pocket)—Ah! so it is.—Judge.

Among the great counties of the Union are San Bernardino and San Diego, in California, which are not only vast regions, but contain a very great amount of productive territory; Humboldt and Lincoln counties in Nevada, which are exceedingly sparsely populated, and Lincoln county in New Mexico, which may some time have a large population.

That Tired Feeling

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