KEEP A-COIN'.

If you strike a thorn or rose, If it hails or if it snows. Keep a-goin' "Tain't no use to sit and whine When the fish ain't on your line: Bait your hook an' keep on tryin'-Keep a-goin'!

When the weather kills your crop. Keep a-goin'!
When you tumble from the top, Keep a-goin'!
you're out o' every dime? Gettin' broke alu't any crime; Tell the world you're feelin' prime! Keep a-goin'!

When it looks like all is up.

Drain the sweetness from the cup, Keep a-goin'! e the wild birds on the wing! Hear the bells that sweetly ring! When you feel like singin'—sing!

Keep a-goin ...
-"A Rhymer" in "The Minstrel."

HOW I WON MY WIFE.

was in the lowest of low water. I a playwright whose pieces possessed—of that the author at least was convinced—the power of drawing large sums from the pockets of the multi-tudinous pleasure-scekers of the metropolis, Alas! I had not convinced the managers that I, a "rank only dramatic fame rested upon the production of a farce at a suburban church entertainment; could possibly write a three-cent comedy which should make the boxes emile, the stalls litter, the dress circle grin, the pit roar, and the gallery scream with unrestrainable merri-

was, as I have said, in low water I had sent my latest comedy-"Sober sides, the Funny Man"-to the actor manager of the Thespian, and was a little more than doubtful of the result

With "Sobersides, the Funny Man," pigeon-holed at the Thespian, I had nothing to do but to struggle on as could on the minimum of cash obtained by doing sweating reviewing for a supposed respectable journal. One day when I had scampered through ten volumes and written not ices of them for the princely remuneraction of half as many shillings I was surprised (and not altogether agreeably) by a visit from my uncle. button merchant of Birmingham, he would never forgive me hav-ing quitted the position which he had found for me in his office, that I might soek to enra "beggarly subsistence" by my pen. "Pens." he would say. "are made for bookkeeping—not fookmaking." And bookmaking in Fleet street was, to his mind, no less disreputable than bookmaking on the

race course.
Well, Uncle Joe came, and if I did not exactly welcome the coming, I was certainly delighted to speed the part st. Before he left I had decided that he was not so bad after all, for he treated me to an excellent dinner, and gave me-("Ods banks bullion!" as Sir Lucius would have

said)—a fifty-pound note.

I went to Euston to see the old boy off, softened toward him almost to the degree of offering to return like a prodigal to Birmingham and its buttons. As the train was on the point of starting Uncle Joe threw me an envelope, say-Uncle Joe threw me an envelope, saying, "I was fool enough to buy that when in Brussels. You may have it

The envelope, much to my amusement, contained a ticket in the Brussels Grand International Lottery.

On the way to my lodgings I revolved the question: What shall I do now? I determined to husband my means so that I might live on the \$250 as long as possible, while making further efforts at original work. Strong in my new capitalist conceit, I wrote to the editor whose sweated reviewerin-chief I had been; and threw up my connection with his paper; and then, having no ties of work to bind me to London. I determined to live on the Continent as cheaply as possible while I wrote another play. A happy thought struck me: why not go to Brussels while working and waiting for some thing to turn up? (We are all more or less intimately connected with the great family of Micawber.) I looked again at the lottery ticket, and learned that the drawing was at the beginning of July. Ever a creature of impulse, I

I had been in the Belgian capital be- dare-what might I not dare? sented an enormous sum, the very consideration of which gave me the dreams of a nillionaire. I began to consider my ticket as a really valuable

first prize, and at the very least as a which was to pass me along the road to good fortune. Such, indeed, it was to prove, in a manner I could never have imagined.

During my stay I was determined to do Brussels thoroughly. I spent my mornings in work, my afternoons in mornings in work, my afternoo wandering-in all quarters of the my evenings at Wauxball. Gay with light, life and music, the popular resort exercised a great fascination

On the first visit my eye was taken by an obviously Euglish couple who an old man and a young sat near me-an old man and a young woman. The latter it was who attract ed mc. Her pale face was full of char acter and lit up by large, clear gray eyes, her whole expression being one of somewhat listless sadness.

where she lived, and why she lived, as on decided that she must, in semiolitude with her morose father-I took their relationship for granted-v scarcely ever, while they were within addressed a word to her.

Night after night I went to Waux-hall drawn—though I would not then admit it-by a pair of clear grey eyes. There the ill-assorted couple always sat, scarcely ever speaking to one another, she listening abstractedly to the music, he mostly reading a newspaper. As the last item on the programme was begun they invariably rose to depart. One night—I confess it with a certain feeling of shame—I followed them with the object of finding where they lived. the Rue de la Loi and the Rue they went as far as the Place St. Gudule, and there, in a crow to the cathedral. I lost sight of them. although I apostrophized myself as a blanked-fool for doing so. I a penni-less playwright—I liked the name. though still among the great unplayed! Suppose I met them, suppose my in-Suppose I met them, suppose my in-fatuation for a pathetic pale face with searching gray eyes should develop in-to real passionate love for the living, pulsing personality to which they be-longed; what could I do—I, whose worldly possessions consisted of about \$200, a few unacted plays, and some unpublished stories.

Thus I reasoned with myself, but reason has little to do in governing a man's actions in these matters; and, besides, I argued, probably I shall be promptly disillusioned as soon as I

have spoken to "Miss Gray Eyes."
The very next evening my opportunity occurred; nor was I slow to seize it. Treached Wauxhall early and took my place close by the table where the unknown ones were in the habit of sitting. Presently the man arrived alone. My heart sank within me—she was not coming-and then rebounded, there should be no difficulty in tackling the man when by himself. pretended to be earnestly reading a paper, but out of the tail of my eye observed the new comer take his accustorned seat. The band struck up a lively tune, and I was wondering how I should introduce myself when a voice at my shoulder said:

"Sir, when you have done with your paper may I glance at it for a mo-

I started at being thus suddenly addressed, looked up and found the bent figure of the father of "Miss Gray Eyes" standing by me. Here was luck! I diplomatically offered the paper at once, and before the evening was over had had some talk with Mr. Mortimer; and fairly accurately did I gauge his character as that of a man prematurely aged and deeply bitten with the gambling mania. So far as I would permit him his whole talk was of stocks and shares, of olds and chances. When he rose to go I proffered him my arm. He glanced suspiciously at me and then took it. Before we reached his home I ventured timorously enough to ask after his usual companion, and to express a hope that she was not ill. No; she had stayed in on account of a

I was not slow in pressing my advantage. The next evening I boldly approached the Mortimers, and, grudg-ingly, the old man introduced me. Now. said I to myself, now for disillusionment. What self-deceivers we are, for I neither wanted nor expected to be disillusioned.

And I was not. Night after night I talked to Grace-I had heard her father call her so, and thenceforward she was Grace to me, and the more we she was Grace to me, and the more we talked the more we found that we had many tastes in common. I became daily more devoted to this gift, of whosel existence I knew nothing a short month ago. Oh, if I only should secure the first prize in the lottery, or of July. Ever a creature of impulse, I secure the first prize in the following day in duced at the Thespian, then, I might arm, he said:

I had been in the Belgian capital before, and made my way at once to an
unobtrusive hotel in a side street off
the Rue de la Madeleine. In the hotel
rottrance I siw at annual but maint the
lottery, giving the exact date of the
drawing as July 4. A happy angury They began chattering to one another
lifts, thought I, for 19st will be Independence day! The first prize reprefrom the path and arranged them on
On the last day
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On the last day the garden scat. I tried talking to the youngsters, and they promptly began transferring the pebbles from the seat

children doing? I rose at once, to the disturbance of

playthings. "Good-morning, Miss Mortimer; this is an unexpected pleas-

She blushed at my remark, seeing, upposed with feminine sharpness, that I was merely there on the chance of meeting her. The two little children vidently decided that I was an unsat comrade, and returned to their garden seat as a more stable foundation for their buildings. When addressing my companion they called her "Mees Marner," and I suppose her "Mees Marner," and I suppose that I looked surprised, for she said: "I was about to tell you, Mr. Drum mond, that my name is not Mortimer.

whom I bring out here every morning as a recompense for having made them try to twist their little tongues

into speaking our language. During this morning and some subones-for it is curious how often we happened to meet in the same place—I learned much of my charmer's history. Her stepfather was a re-tired officer whose means had all been swallowed up in a notorious bank fail-ure of a few years earlier. They had but \$500 a year, and both being with-They had out near relatives, had gone to Brus sels to be able to live cheaply, she adding to their income by giving lessons in English. I in turn told everything there was to tell of my uneventful his tory: allowing, perhaps, that wish which is sometimes father to the thought to influence my account of the

chances of my comedy's success.

It is curious how soon acquaintance into friendship and friendship develops into intimacy between people of a-common-origin thrown together a foreign country. June was not half gh when, despite my impecuni-I had asked Grace whether she would be my wife if my play were to prove successful and I had a reasonable chance of being able to offer her a comfortable home. My declaration, made with the stammering diffidence of one asking far more than his deserts, was met with indignation.

"Mr. Drummond, if you wait until then I certainly will not; for if I marry at all it would be because I cared for you, and not for a 'reasonable chance comfortable home

"How can I ask the woman I love to share possible beggary?"

"How? In very much the same way as you would ask her to share possible dukedom."

"But, Grace, will you marry me?"
"Jack"—for the first time my baptis mal name seemed to have something I cannot bind myself without father's consent; for I promised my mother always to look after him, and I certainly cannot leave him against his wish, and, besides, my £100 a year -you did not know the princely income is mine!-is all he has to live on, so that if I marry—you see, Jack, I am going to use ifs now—I must leave that to

We agreed that Grace should excuse herself from accompanying her father to Wauxhall that evening, and I should tackle him on the subject of

our engagement. It was difficult indeed. At first the old man stormed—he would never con-sent; Grace was doing this because she was tired of him; she was going to desert him; he would starve-and so on. It was as much as I could do to restrain my indignation. I pointed out that, far from leaving him to starve, Grace would let him use her income as long as he lived, and this partly molli-fied him. If she would lend him the capital instead he could double it in six weeks by a certain investment. hazarded the childish suggestion that if I secured the lottery prize him £500 to invest in that stock which he, with all a gambler's superstitious pertinacity, declared would re

store his fortune My imbecile reference to the lottery did what reason could not do. You have a ticket in the lottery?

What is its number?"
"It is 0.058,310."

"What!" he exclaimed with feverish energy, "What?"

I repeated the number, "Why." he began murr

he began murmuring to himself, "lifty-eight, just my age; thirty one, the number of our house, and three naughts-there's luck in three." We were now approaching his apartments, and I seemed no nearer gaining

"In my hands that ticket must be a lucky one. Give it to me and you marry

The proposal was a shocking one—it eeemed suspiciously like buying and seemed suspiciously like buying a selling; but there was little time think, and I said, with barbarous promptitude, "I will."

On the last day if June Grace Mar-

became Mrs. Jack Drummon I called at the postoffice for letters on the evening before our simple wed-ding. There was a note from the great man of the Thespian, saying

and was startled at hearing a sweet, the Funny Man," and asking me to call, as he would like to put the piece "Mr. Drummond, what are those in immediate rehearsal! I telegraphed hat I would be in town in tw

When we were speeding from Brus-sels I showed by newly-made wife the letter, and she said, with affected inlignation:

I am afraid that I have married a comfortable home after all!"

Two or three days after we reached London I got a letter from Uncle Joe-I had announced my return, but not my marriage-saying: "Congratulations! I kept the number of that ticket I gave you, and now see by the paper that you have won the first prize

I wrote an answer-brief, but to the

'Dear Uncle Joe-The lottery ticket which you kindly gave me-how grateful enough?—has

prize-it has given me a wife. As for the fate of my comedy, every dvertisement boarding in London inthat it is "still running. forms you that I Lloyd's Weekly.

THE ISLAND OF SPITZBERGEN.

It Was Once Famous for its Whale and Shark Fisheries.

Spitzbergen has been crossed at last! From Tromso. Sweden, came the intel-ligence recently that the expedition organized by Sir W. Martin Conway has accomplished the feat so frequently attempted by others in vain. For the first time the interior of this strange land mass has been explored. and the data secured will doubtless make a most interesting contribution to human knowledge. Spitzbergen has been best known hitherto in connection with Arctic explorations and its once prosperous fisheries.

The fisheries are still valuable though not hearly so important as-in former days. One marine animal sought by the pelagic hunters is the great northern shark. It is one of the largest of all sharks and is not danger. ous to man. The liver of a single full grown specimen yields four or five bar-rels of oil. This oil is useful for several purposes, but it figures in merce most conspicuously as a substi tute for cod liver oil. Much of the cod liver oil now on the market is in reality obtained from shark's livers. Shark skin is employed to a considerable ex tent for leather, and a superior kind of sand paper is made from it.

In the seventeenth century a considerable town was created on the neighboring island of Amsterdam, where,or a broad plain, grew up the astonishing village of Smeerenberg. Here, within ten degrees of the North Pole, for a score of years prevailed an amount of comfort and prosperity that can scarcely be credited by the visitor of to-day in that desolate Arctic region In the train of the whalers followed merchant vessels, loaded with wine, brandy, tobacco and edibles unknown in the fare of the hardy fishers. Shops were opened, drinking booths erected wooden and even brick houses con-structed for the laborers and whale men. Bakeries were put up, and, as in Holland, the sound of the baker's horn announcing hot, fresh bread for sale, drew crowds of eager purchasers. The Dutch frau was not deterred by the frigidity of the latitude from becoming a temporary resident of Smeerenberg. But the shore fisheries soon failed, and, the whalers being driven to the remote and open seas, this strange summer city fell into decadence and eventual Near the vanished town lie today the mortal remains of more than 1,000 stalwart fishermen.

From the Spitzbergen whale fishery Holland drew in a little over a century about \$90.000,000. The most recent at tempt to colonize the island was in when Sweden and Norway proposed to take possession of the whole country; but Russia objected. In 1863 the Norwegian, Carlsen, accomplished for the first time the feat of circum-navigating Spitzbergen. One of the nost interesting features of the main island is an ice sheet 3,000 feet thick which flows toward the east and pre sents on the coast a precipitous wall insurmountable from the sea. Its sea front presents the broadest known

Great Icebergs.

Icebergs in the North Atlantic this season have been exceptionally numer-ous, especially near the southeastern extremity of Newfoundland, Indom-ing vessels at St. Johns, Newfound-land, seasons are seasons. report passing icebergs continuously. One field of ice passed was four miles wide and 21 miles long, and as time from one point. Several very lofty masses of ice are also reported, one being 800 feet high and more than one being surfeet mga and another enormous 400 feet long, while another enormous mass, though smaller, was 400 feet high and 600 feet long. Icebergs more than 1,000 feet above the ace have not infrequently been re-corted in the southern ocean, 1,500 feet being the greatest height recorded, but a berg 600 feet high in the North Atlantic is exceptional. When it is transferring the peobles from the seat on the evening before our simple wedclosider my fielded as a really valuable to my knees, laughing merrily the
flossession, almost as though it were wille. I was so taken up with them
great man of the Thespinn, saying 550 (fet high above the water surface
most flattering things of "Sobersides, represents a mass almost a mile high. BICYCLING FOR THE

WHAT IT HAS DONE TO THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION

Wheeling Possesses Charms En No Other Forms of Sport—The of Attempting Too Much at Fe Mr. Isaae B. Potter. Chief to the New York Division, Let American Wheelmen, has an art "The Bicycle Outlook" in The Co

The following is an extract; After a close study of the

for five years, I am ready to my belief that the use of the do more to improve the p condition of American won therefore of the American peop any other agency yet devised

demonstration. Women are rid wheel in all parts of the coun increasing numbers testif benefits and its popularity. The age woman loves to be out of she enjoys the change of see gentle exercise, the delightful or ionship of congenial friends, a exhilarating benefits of conthe pure air and bright si which the knowledge of Tycling within her reach. To the wo to the man, these features, po by no other form of sport, co the foundation on which the pop

of the bicycle will rest. The only possible danger in for women lies in the fast which sometimes tempts her to effort. In common with ever form of exercise, bicycle-riding course be overdone, and as women as by meu; but under advice from the family physic plemented by such practical tions as may be had from an gent instructor or from an enced rider, any woman in a dition of health may under cycle-riding with a feeling of a that the result will be delight helpful in a measure that wa anticipated. A mistake commonly made

en riders; and indeed by new r both sexes, is that of undertak much at first. Overexertion discouragement, and recollect tiresome ride has been known new riders from repeating the The real pleasure of bicycle ric be had only by keeping in m little truth. No new rider sho tinue the first trip to such a po feel weariness. A half hour is ases ample for the first mad it should not be continued beyo time, except by the strongest canable rider. The tyro exe power than the expert, and i quence becomes more rapidly t pushes the pedals with und fails to sit erect, fails to sit; tends to follow what seems t be an erratic motion of the wh swinging and wobbling of t which not only tends to incre nake real what was only an in difficulty, but insures coming of fatigue, that migh wise have been avoided.

The new rider should lea erect and to sit still, and in t stages of his road practice rides, remembering that the which he puts forth in his firs will be more than sufficient, as a little skill has been acqu pel his wheel many miles far was covered by his first trip first ride is wearisome, it sh be repeated on the next follow but rather upon alternate d such skill is acquired as will new rider to enjoy his outing

suffering too much fatigue.

Bicycling for women has the indorsement of our leading the state of and our best physicians. The dealers of most of our larg state that the number of bir to women is daily increasing. among the gentle sex is assultendency of the bicycle molecular prices, even of wheels tiable grade, will doubtless the use of the whole anions the use of the wheel anion and enhance its aggregate

when the time comes that When the time comes the fightful country roads and lanes can be so kept as to m general the practice of touch the vacation season of the wheel will have gained its to three of value, as a health residual will attract thousands of its among the women of the language of the country of all petite and of refreshment is petite and of ref sound sleep.

The Guarano Indians are all over the delta of the Orile eat fittle and wear less. To on the moriche palm tree. question is, without doubt is sable factor in the problem only does it furnish a safe? only does it furnish a sate a home, but gives a nutrition meal, from which bread tree fifteen years old younds of this meal. In at juice furnishes a kind of the fiber is made cord-mocks and a rude species of

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is fact the One True Blood, Purifier. pills for the liver and bowels. 25c.

or jou. It will save your life.

New Kentucky Cave of Glasgow, Ky., have

differs of Glasgow, Ky., have da large cave near Cham-ing. The "find" is described to "the cave is small at the and they were compelled to and crawl for a distance of and crawl for a distance of the more. Then the passage-larger, and for a quarter of deep could easily walk upright, they came to what was evi-catern, and could proceed no p explorers, bowever, ping of water, which was yid they chiseled a hole of the walls of the cave passage, where the stream as flowing. They followed ias flowing. They followed psiagee, and finally got back in arenue. A little farther mon a large chamber they had yet found. This extent of their explorations, pourned to the mouth, after and distance of more than a ground. They found along main avenue. About a to main avenue. About a famile from the entrance rered a sort of eistern ten and iwenty feet from the avern. Other things of insand in the cave were dif ens of insect and reptile were numerous aal many-colored insects mass, chicken bones and and diags a long distance fron

animals. The cave will loted at an early date. eerier-Journal. tist Mounted Game Head. blof the musk ox, is the most of the bison, or buffalo. Edo heads, well mounted 2 Si to \$500. Spin to \$500. A head a fer would be one excep the bought for \$250. Fifteen Emounted buffalo heads begin for from \$50 to \$100 as in price is accounted for many scarcity of the buffalo.
Sow practically disappeared fed States. The wood with America, which in-and or mountain districts. there numerous than the speed of this country, but is are limited and decreasson is not so large as offalo, and its the very black. Musk ox beld at \$200 and upward. ox head owned by a taxid-

to the cave are supposed to carried there by foxes and maintails. The cave will be

distaly is valued at \$750. ds ring bore his crest, a

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A Lady Artist Wh

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apparent effort, clean his brushe arrange his w paints with sur delicacy of touc foot. One of his ing is as bold, fr handwriting wi quainted. He is gentle nature, highly cultivated less engaging i pearance.

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amateur artist. inated artist. In India many peo een—deprived of t learned to put their dreamed of among quarters of butcher may be seen meat in his hands and with a stroke of his k his first and second the shoemaker uses i unfinished sho while his hands are it. So again the carp his great for the boa wood-turner ns well with his toegers.

The use of the hands in their labor the mere result of pra to the fact that the li erent from ours in its formation. The ank and the articulation o foot permit considera

mobility. The great i freely in all direction and second toes are wide space, sometimes eighths of an inch ac