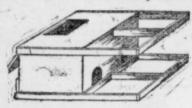
YOUNG FOLKS.

A Pretty Rabbit Pen.

To excourage my boy in learning the use of tools, I designed and helped him make an ornamental rabbit pen (Fig. 1). A box of inch stuff two by four feet and sixteen inches deep was procured, the top taken off for?" as he slowly backed into his favorite Four strips each one by two inches and four



FIG. 1. PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF RABBIT PEN. and fitted with hinges to be used as a flap door, and two round-topped holes were cut in the front part of the box for doors between the back and front of the pen. On the foundation in front, a floor of fourfoot boards was nailed, projecting a little beyond the framework. Strips like those Curious Facts About their Life and Habused for the foundation were nailed in the same manner about the top of the box and floored over. On this framework five pairs of one by two inch rafters, cut for onefourth pitch, and projecting four in es, were securely nailed. Four strips of one and ons-half by one inch stuff were bored cage was constructed by inserting one-fourth inch round iron rods cut to fourteeninch pieces, the strips being securely nailed at top, bottom and corners. The middle pair of raiters supported a partition in the roof



left in the floor in the back room. The roof was sheathed with three-fourthsinch boards. and a cornice fitted on eaves and gable. was then shingled, and a neat cresting added finished by nailing on vertical slats with pointed bottom ends, made of one-half by three-fourths inch pine. A pit was dug one and one-half by three feet in size and two feet deep, and lined with boards around the sides. The back part of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the front care and the little and the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the front care and the little and the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the front placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into displaced to have father in the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into displaced to have father in the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into displaced to have father in the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits could jump easily from the pit into the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits the feet of the pen was placed directly over the pit. Grown rabbits and over the pit. Gro the front cage, and the little ones remained in the pit until too large to get out through mer and well adapted for keeping rabbits. With a long-handled shovel all refuse mark green foliage of the shrubbery.

A Surprise Party.

The wolves had decided on a jolly party and were even now ready to start. Not tame affair in their own neighborhood, but a grand old-fashioned surprise party at Farmer Brown's, some miles distant. baby wolves were no doubt snugly tucked in bed, and their parents, these self-invited guests, scampered over the snow diamonds and under the sky diamonds. But of the beauties of nature it is likely they took little, if any, notice, for it was bitter cold. and they were all very hungry. They took no baskets, no bundles, no mysterious packages-for was not Mr. Brown abundantly able to furnish plenty of refreshments

for them all ! Of what these refreshments would con sist was a theme for animated discussion for a long time, but finally all agreed that there was really nothing quite equal to fresh While chatting in this friendly, pleasant manner they had traversed many miles, and now the commodious farm house was in full view, but, strange to rela e, the lights were all out-it must certainly be late. Well, all the better; would at once repair to the sheep house and immediately enter on the joys of the So thither they hastened only to find the door quite securely fastened and the windows even barred in a most inhos-

Again and again they tried the door, singly and together, pushing with all their strength. Then they scratched and howled at the windows without avail. After this they grew disagreeable to each other they were so hungry, and said and did disagreeable things-those in the rear said if those in front would only half push the door might be opened in no time, and if those at the windows used any judgment whatever the bars would be easily broken-then those in front and at the windows answered back and all began to snarl and snap at each other, and were altogether a very disagree able set of visitors, not such as we would want to invite to our homes. Meantime one fellow more enterprising than the rest. had found an opening between the logs near the door, into which he immediately inserted his head. What he saw inside was something like this: In the back-ground standing with wide open eyes, were the sheep with the little lambs; in front of them, with every nerve alert and eyes riveted on protector he was, stood Spartacus.

by the boys, except when they saturned from some of the aerial tours on which he often sent them, then with returning breath, they usually pronounced the las syllable of his name with great emphasis. However, this has got nothing to Ge with the story at all, farther than it goes t show that Spartacus in associating with the boys had learned ever to be on the defensive, and to let no indignity offered him go unpunished, and this will in some measur explain his conduct on this eventful night. Now, when he saw the head of this intru der he at once said to himself, "those tor menting boys are up to some of their old tricks again, but I'll fix 'em."

Outside the wolves were growling and scratching, each anxious to put his head through the crack. "Why don't you go

on in and not keep us all waiting outside?" they snapped to their more lucky companion who was now violently struggling at the opening and could neither get in nor

"What are you shaking your head at and the open part placed on the ground. corner and then ran full tilt at the unformate wolf, striking him with terrific force, feet long were nailed to the box, a cross for a time stunning him so he could only strip of the same size two feet long being mutter something about getting out. "Well, get out, then," bellowed this low

> Spartacus kept up this pleasant little gymnastic exercise till the head of the wolf was a shapeless mass, muttering to himself the while, "I guess those boys won't try

that game on me again." The snarling snapping, disappointed nests, seeing no chance for an appetizing prise party.

JAPANESE WOMEN.

its Devotion and Cleanliness.

of contrast, to turn to the country where woman's lifelong and chief duty is obediat intervals of one and one-half inches with as really charming, not as a responsible distinct languages, while in the latter case The gorilla continued to eat his food with woman, but as a feminine curio. As a wife they could not be regarded as more than out showing the slighest concern, and when she is of so little account that from the closely allied dialects.

most devoted husband she expects but few

With regard to the most devoted husband she expects but few favors. All the women are born with a natural courtesy. Even the humblest have stood. He is a good climber, and evident-

> which are always a most important item. As the fashion never changes, both dress and pins are handed down from mother to blue, in Kyoto slate gray, and so on. hat the woman of the upper class is adopt- lives on the ground. while the chimpanzee to climb about in bushes, the expression upon his face—the only while the gorilla rarely ever ascended case in which I ever discovered emotion yoke of inferiority under which she has duchess in the land is only her husband's one. drudge. He treats her more respectfully

bmission to her husband. The present

tht example of wearing white teeth. Japanese woman have strange ideas of adding to their beauty. They shave off their eyebrows, and have pencilled ones with an exaggerated arch. They paint their lips a livid crimson, with a patch of gold in the centre, and their faces a chalky white, The peasant girl, of course, cannot afford with herown rosy cheeks and tanned skin. The Japanese esteem cleanliness more than modesty. In Tokio there are about 800 day. These baths were enjoyed by both placing a rope across the top of the water.

soap; the figured Japanese silks and cottons | test and offer battle. and stand them against the house to dry. The Japanese are devoted mothers and excellent nurses, but the poor little baby never knows the comfort of a mother's lap, for she uses her knees to sit upon, and holds breasts and

her baby standing to her breast when nurs-She always carries it on her back. when they attack, but I have never seen empanion. She even takes it to bed with tends to controvert this theory. her for convenience sake. Her housekeep- such a thing.

All who spend any time in the country empered, gentle, and dainty women, althat the longer you know them the less omplex, in spite of their apparent simpli-

MARRIED ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

A wonderful anniversary, the 100th, of he marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Szathmary the approaching enemy, like the brave is reported from Hnngary. This appears ing him to return towards night. About they have lost their nerve. to be a circumstance which is entirely im-Old Spart, ashe was affectionately called possible. But the marriage of this aged pair according to the record, they were of mar-riageable age. As in Hungary at that time a bridegroom must have reached the age of twenty and a bride that of fifteen, the pair must now be at least 120 and 115 years old. The 100th anniversary was celebrated at the town of Zsombolyi, in the Banat, which has for a long time allowed the venerable couple ion in recognition of their great age and fidelity to each other.

> A feather like a tall church spire Attached to one small coil of wire-That

'S a woman's hat; And yet it seems to me I've heard Some women dub men's hats absurd.

An Observer Thinks Gorillas and Chimpanzees Have a Language.

Experiences of a Professor in the Wilds

Africa Some time ago, it will be remembered. Mr. R.L. Garner went to Africa for the purpose of observing the habits of the gor-illa and chimpanzee. He had an immense steel cage constructed, which he placed in nailed in across the centre to complete the framework of the foundation (Fig. 2). A thoroughly enraged battering ram, as he part of one side of the box was removed swiftly returned from one of his retrograde tours. night studying these creatures.

In a recent issue of Harper's Weekly, Mr. Garner recounts some of his experiences in the African wilds. He says:—It is very many species of apes there may be, for supper of fresh mutton, slunk away as day-light appeared, gaunt and hungry as ever, leaving behind a handsome gray wolf skin for Farmer Brown—a souvenir of the surprise party.

The snaring snapping, disappointed may species of apes there may be, for sugar-cane in front of it, in order that sugar-cane in front of it, in order occupied, and hence the difficulty of drawing the line at which to say "here one begins and the other ends."

the chimpanzee I find a great variety of vocal types. The sounds uttered by my ence and submission. A writer in the Pall slightly. In the former case I regard the Mall Gazette describes the Japanese woman difference as so great as to consider two ONE TERRIFIC YELL.

slender, delicate hands, and arrange every- ly spends much of his time in trees; but thing with surprising daintiness.

A Japanese lady's visiting dress often costs \$200, not including her hairpins, habits.

A Japanese lady's visiting dress often habits.

THE GRASPING POWER

of his foot is much less than that of the chimpanzee, and not at all to be compared in this respect with his own hand; and all men whom I have consulted upon this point hamberlain says: "It is little wonder agree with me that they spend most of their

During the time that I kept ing European dress, which is by no means so general as is supposed. It shows that, to a certain extent, she has shaken off the chimpanzee; and it was the daily habit of chimpanzee : and it was the daily habit of

One peculiar thing I have observed up with vertical pieces, and fitted with a small hinged door. The front gable was finished by nailing on vertical slats with projected by the many states and places that in drinking, without being taught to do so, the gorilla takes a cup and places the rim between his lips in the same man.

The treats her infore respectfully when in European dress. The same woman and has been observed to walk into the room do so, the gorilla takes a cup and places the rim between his lips in the same man. naise but before him when a la Europe- ner as man does, whereas the chimpanzee always puts both lips into the vessel if pos

disobedience to her father-in-law. She must look to her husband as her lord, and must serve him with reverence, not despisthe wires. Rabbits dig down in the pit and construct their own breeding places in burrows beneath the pen. The pen proved to be warm in winter, cool in sumtime in praying. If she performs her duties to her husband she may enjoy the divine protection without prayers.

utterly incapable of anything resembling a smile. He was about the most sober, solemn and stoical creature I ever saw, and noth-With a long-handled shovel all refuse could be easily removed from the pit.

She has no change in fashions to discuss, ling that I could do appeared to arouse in the translation of the became offensive. With a pair of white rabbits and their young, the pen was a rabbits and their young, the pen was a pretty sight at the back of the lawn, and was always attractive to visitors. It was painted with dark red mineral paint and trimmed with white, which harmonized well with the bright green lawn and the It is customary for a woman to blacken he displayed much skill. He would turn her teeth when she becomes a bride, to keep with his side to the foe that he was going away other admirers and show her entire to attack, and without facing in that di recton would roll his eyes in such a manner pretty Empress as a wife has, however, set that he could see his antagonist, and at the same time conceal his intention. He would then strike from the side, and usually ackward, and when he had grasped the bject of his attack would instantly the other arm with a long sweep and strike He seemed to depend more upon the w than upon the grasp. In every case that I recall he kept one arm and one leg all this decoration, and must be contented in reserve until he had seized his adversary Having caught him and given him a blow,

ne generally proceeded to use his teeth.
When the chimpanzee attacks he usually paths, where some 3,000 persons bathe every approaches his enemy directly, and strikes with both hands, one slightly in advance of sexes without division until the present the other. Moses was a good specimen in Emperor ordered a separation to be made which to study this characteristic, because in all public baths. The people obeyed by he would not suffer any one to lay hands on me, or even to allow my boy to hand me It is said that a Japanese crowd is the sweetest in the world. They never use would shake hands with me he would pro-

will not stand it. Their substitute for ironing is primitive. While the material is was that in not one single instance of at-Another very important fact I observed very wet they spread it smooth on boards, tack which I witnessed by the young goril'. did he utter the slightest sound, while it nearly every case the chimpanzees accompanied their assault with loud screams. o not say that gorillas never beat their

HOWL AND YELL

Drunkenness is unknown among even the anything to indicate that they do, while, on, and a lowest women, but a pipe is her constant on the contrary, everything I have observed followed.

ing gives her but little trouble, for in the houses or nests, the natives declare he does regetables, sauces, and fish, comprise the wards to any native in the seven tribes that you at the last station. architecture by these animals, and during had." ee completely fascinated by these sweet my whole sojourn and in the course of hundreds of miles of travel, I failed to find and without further incident. The engine ways easily pleased, and as light hearted any evidence, except the statement of the er took the conductor aside, and told him was, to children and persons not acquaintnatives, that such a thing has ever existed. that it was their last run together. During the time my young gorilla (Othello) you understand them; their natures are so lived with me he was in fine condition, his death he was in fine spirits, turning me slower work. somersaults and playing like a child with my native boy. He had plenty of native men require. They are running under higher o'clock I sent my boy on an errand, expect. endure. Overwrought and prematurely old, with his great splay feet naked in all three o'clock I observed that the gorilla was ill. He refused to eat or drink, and lay is duly and officially recorded as having on his back on the ground with his hand taken place in May, 1793, at which time, crossed under his head. I tried to induchim to walk with me or to sit up, but he Just then I discovered a native

STEALTHILY APPROACHING through the bush with an uplifted spear, as their obligations to the Government, and "Ay," said he; and, no doubt to her imif in the act of hurling it at something. the question is now before the House At the moment I did not think of my gorilla, and the native had not seen me. I instalment of bonds issued by the Governspoke to him in the native language, and he ment in aid of the construction of the then explained that he had seen this young | Pacific roads, and amounting to \$2,362,000, gorilla, and he thought there must be an old one close at hand, and that while he did not fear the little one (which he sought being payable at the date of their maturity. to capture), he was prepared for an attack The whole amount involved is about \$135,by an old one. I told him that my pet was 000,000.

sick, and he assured me that it would die, and asked me if I drank tobacco, which is the native expression for smoking. When I replied in the affirmative, he informed

me that tobacco smoke was absolutely fatal

to a gorilla, and many other natives confirm

patient began to vomit, and showed some

reproducing. On the day of his arrival at my home in the bush I had his cage

A race which has all but passed away this statement. Shortly after this my passing of stringent vagrancy Acts and the the time of his demise gave the scene a This friendly reception was due partly to

utes I returned to my cage, and Moses proceeded to investigate the new arrival. It is difficult to describe his conduct. He was coming towards him, but at that moment some other object detracted His Grace's attention, and he turn-what was in my chair, think of one day is difficult to describe his conduct. He when a lad of twenty he was herding his After all the discussions caused by the advanced woman, it is interesting, by way

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Chimpanzee, Moses, and my Kulu Kamba, approached slowly and cantiously, walked approached slowly and cantiously, walked those made by Elisheba, the female Kulu

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ONE OF THESE NATURALS

named Jock Scott, well known and welproclivities. To while away the time Jock, who was then on his return from a pere-grination in Ayrshire, recited to the Shep-Moses screamed into his ear he did not friends with the gorilla, but the latter never showed the slighest inclination to be on anything more than peaceable terms. There was hardly any article of food 'that one of them was fond of that the other ing of his eyes to the poetic light that would eat at all, therefore they had no occasion to quarrel over that, and the gorilla acted as though he held the chimpdream his exquisite dream of Bonny anzee in contempt. I do not think he entertained the sentiment, but his conduct

fret, and utter a kind of cry exactly like uman being, accompanied by a kind of deep signing. This peculiar sound and sigh were made all the more impressive by depicted upon his countenance; but one kind, he was strong in mimicry, espec could scarcely be mistaken as to what it I have long believed that the chimpanzee

by the conductor, but had made little im- it'll tak' us baith.' might at least herd a few cows. "The freight-train will have to wait for cows! me herd cows!" said Jock. pleasure from the perfection with which the with his father, an old mendicant,

ime was rapidly made up.

It is recorded that one night during function, Jock, who doubtless felt the engineer had dropped five minutes from his instructions. With his watch in his hand he was aiming to pass the station at 2.10 just then, twice or thrice lifted the lid of instead of 2.15.

Too Fast.

was to be run on a siding at that point.

The conductor had noticed the extraordinary speed at which the train was run-ning. "Jack is in a hurry to-night," he A strong affection, nevertheless, existed spaces with their hardy luxuriance. said at first. Then after frequently sulting his watch ne exclaimed, engineer must be crazy.

Too nervous to remain in the went out on the platform and recognized a containing no small inkling of paw small station as the train whirled by it. It was 2.09, and the station where the freight of their author, in the "Memoirs of Dr. train was to be side-tracked was very near. Robert Chambers." He signalled to the engineer to stop the

air-brakes acted sharply, and the train was had been minister of Bedrule, was a visitor brought to a full stop on the edge of the in Varrow, and was wont for many a day station. There was the freight train on the to find quarters in the various manses in main track, and about to be switched off which his parent had been known. He of pinks and heart's ease whenever they to the siding. In a moment more the express train would have dashed into it end clothes. These consisted of "a long blue The ribbon it on, and a deplorable accident would have coat, with very wide and long tails, and a double row of brass buttons down the back the Umbilicus Sempervium, or the Screpu-

With regard to his building white face and an excited air. "No," shouted the conductor. "It was ower classes rice, varied with tea, pickled so, but I offered frequent and liberal re- 2.15. I read the telegraphic order aloud to stantly are, to follow him with the shout o

I visited to show me a single specimen of have given me the worst fright I ever es! Buckles and pouches!" The train reached its destination on time,

"I have lost my nerve," he said, " or I could never have made such a mistake. The regarding his wrongs, and muttering venge having a splendid appetite and no fixed work is too fast for me, although I have ance on all and sundry. His clothes were ours for meals. At noon on the day of done it for twenty years. They must give always in the last stage of tatters; his

That is what many overworked business matted hair; and ood, which he ate with relish. About one pressure than their nervous mechanism will

Hard Times and Railroads.

That the still prevalent financial strin-He groaned occasionally as if in pain, and placed his hand at times upon his stomach. The placed his hand at times upon his stomach. important consequence will be that the too energetic and somewhat dubious visitor

A Droll Class. from the country-side in Scotland since the sort in the same neighbourhand. patient began to vomit, and showed some symptoms of gastric poisoning. His sighing and moaning were really touching. At five o'clock he appeared unconscious, and before is the top conscious, and before is the property of t o'clock he appeared unconscious, and before six was dead. During these last hours occasionally painful characteristics of most of himself and widowed mother. In this six was dead. During these last nours his conduct was so very humanlike that his death affected me deeply. And that his death affected me deeply. And dicants, they were never turned from the farmers among whom he went; and upon door of cottage, manse or farm-steading. touch of sadness which impressed me with a deeper sense of the reality. I had taken six portraits of him, none of which is worth reproducing. On the day of his arrival reproducing. On the day of his arrival geance which some of them had been known and partly for fear of the unreasoning venge and indignation. His chiefpeculiarity, however, was unbounded admiration for people of title; and at all the public functions cattle shows fairs. to perpetrate; but most of all to pity, which everywhere looked upon them with a kindly and sports—he might be observed, with difficult to determine with exactness how many species of apes there may be, for my own. My boy laid some bannanas and and excusing eye. Stories of their exploits

one begins and the other ends."

I do not know how much the vocal products of the gorilla may vary; but with

omed on that country side for his poetic ly deceiving the unfortunate clergyman roclivities. To while away the time Jock, whom he addressed. "I am very well, I storied surroundings of the hills of Yarrow among which he dwelt, Hogg owed the opening of his eyes to the poetic light that opening of his eyes to the poetic light that never was on sea or land, and to the magic of that elfin under-world in which he was

Of later wanderers like Jock Scott on ndicated such. At intervals he would that Border side Dr. Russell, in his "Reniniscences of Yarrow," has recorded an anecdote or two. Jock Gray, supposed to be the original of Davie Gellatley in "Waverly," is described as wearing kneepreeches, and fastening his stockings with laring scarlet garters. Like many of his of the ministers whose services he attended. and whom he could frequently be induced is entitled to the place next to man in the scale of nature, and all of my observations to "take off" with great effect. Once the wife of the minister of Selkirk asked him in Africa tend to confirm that opinion. The to furnish forth an imitation of her husband. That gentleman was in the habit of reading chimpanzee is very sociable, while the gorilla is extremely selfish. The former is easily domesticated; the latter can seldom those days. The saltness of Jock's reply may therefore by understood when he that man, while the chimpanzee does so quite paper." Sometimes his zeal for ministeria. duties carried him further than mere mim tery. It is recorded that on one occasion he managed to make his way into the pulpit of Ettrick kirk before the arrival of the An engineer on one of the fastest trains minister. When the latter himself reached between New York and Chicago had a the foot of the pulpit stairs and discovered narrow escape one night. He had received the occupant of his place, he called out, instructions to pass a certain station at 2.15, "Come down, John." The predicament so as to keep clear of a freight-train, which reached its climax when the congregation heard the answer, "Na, sir ; come ye up ; The instructions had been communicated | they're a stiff-necked and rebellious people

pression upon the engineer because his train was behind time, and it did not seem pos- Yarrow once told him he was the idlest sible to reach the station at the time indi- boy in the parish, and suggested that he ssome time," he had said to the conductor. dinna ken gersh [grass] frae corn;" a re It was a still, cold night. The road-bed joinder which suggests the idea that Jock was in fine order, and the engine with clean | may possibly have been something of the fires was at its best. The engineer, invigorated by the bracing air, and deriving latterly used to wander about the country chanism was operating, began to think with a gift of prayer, was accustomed to that he might pass the station on time after | conduct family worship in the cottages in all. He spurred on the engine, and the lost which the pair were lodged for the night It is recorded that one night during this

> GNAWINGS OF HUNGER. the pot on the fire, and was heard damask rose, and the double white rose. speculating in somewhat forcible language between the two, and when at length the "The old father died Jock at once took bed and within a week also breathed his last. Some of the verses of this worthy,

Jock Dickson, another wanderer of the same sort, whose father, nicknamed "Cool-There was not a moment to spare. The the-kail" from the length of his sermons, I thought I was to pass the freight as well as in front, knee-breeches, and shoes larin Chrysantha; fortunes were not invest merciless and conscienceless as boys con Why, Jack, you "Daft Jock Dickson! Backles and pouch. orate garden of these times.

On the south shore of Loch Lomond many of the inhabitants still living remember Will-o'-the-shore. A fearsome sight he ed with the neighbourhood, as he went very beautiful novelties being constantly about the quiet roads grumbling to himself head had no covering but a great shock of ions even at the risk of being called an old edge of the blade and kismet would be.

HE SLOUCHED ALONG

weathers. His usual custom upon entering a house, which he did without ceremony was to "wecht the wemen," as he called it. Upon one occasion he rushed into the mansion-house of Caldarvan, and straightgency has been disastrous to the railways way seizing its mistress by the waist, to sister, who was present, suggesting to the various companies will be unable to meet that what he wanted was a "jelly piece." Will's pranks were not confined to the comparatively harmless one of "wechting the wemen. The opening of field-gates during the night, and the consequent seriand even worse deeds of spiteful mischief that way to him." Ethel (stoutly)contributed to make him sufficiently feared you choosed him, and I didn't.

VILLAGE NATURALS IN SCOTLAND, as the evil genius of the country-side ; and it was no small relief to the farmers, as well as to women and children of his dis

trict, when he finally disappeared. Egg Will was a character of a differen natured "sumph," with broad at be a road, he would be seen to set down his

sometimes they even did a useful service of the neighbourhood, then a boy, when the he was eating it, I took the gorilla from which could have been effected by no more Duke was seen approaching, followed a few paces distance by his humble worshipper. The minister's guide whispered to him minister, seized the golden opportunity. "How do you do, Mr.——?" he said, throwing his utmost powers of mimicry into an imitation of the ducal accent, and entirethank you, my Lord Duke," latter, sweeping off his hat to his interrogaerd the whole of a wonderful poem called tor; and then, on a hurried whisper of "It's Tam o' Shanter," made by an Ayrshire Egg Will!' from the boy at his side, h oughman of the name of Burns. To that more suddenly and with less dignity clapped citation, no less, perhaps, than to the his hat on his head again; and with an angry

Old-Fashioned Gardens.

There are no gardens nowadays like those we remember in our childhood. The dear

old flowers are out of fashion, Their places are usurped by hybrids, with long Latin names, which nobody can pronounce, or translate, and which would not pay for the trouble in the event of suc-

How well we remember the old-fashioned garden! It was generally on a south slope, up close beside me and raised the sword, where the sun lay golden and warm all the summer day, and the brow of the hill sheltered it from the blighting winds of spring, and from the frosty breath of early

their share of the work in it. Each of the chair. He was an old man and his nerve little girls had her own particular flower. had given way. He dare not risk the bed, and cultivated her own pet rose-bush, result of his blow should he fail to cut down

squashes, and grandmother had her patch I closed my eyes, expecting to feel the cold of thyme, and hyssop, and rue, and wormwood, and sweet marjoram, and tansy, and a score or more of these old-fashioned plants, whose very names have gone out of the nemory of the present generation.

Nobody could keep house without takes

to "spot" cheeses, and hyssop for a cough, and rue for the measles, and wormwood for sprains, and thyme and sweet marjoram for the legs of veal and lamb, which came

rished those green feathery sprays, with coral berries, which once adorned every looking-glass in the country, and hung in bunches from the hooks in the plastering, and kept the pine and spruce boughs company in the wide old fire-places through the

There were rows of hollyhocks, and sunflowers, and princes' feathers, and rose of Sharon, and nasturtiums, and gilliflowers, and bed of June pinks, and sweet-william and marigolds, and bachelor's buttons, and jonquils, and was there ever any flower, however sweet, that could equal a June

pink for fragrance?

Beside the fences blossomed the old with a heart like the inside of a sea-shell and the lilacs and sweet briers filled up the One did not have to nurse plants like

these, and shield them, lest the wind of heaven blew too roughly upon them ; they were tough and hardy, and acclimated, and they amply repaid the little care bestowed Nothing in the old-fachioned garden was

so rare that it could not be spared to make up a bouquet for the best room, when the minister was coming to tea, or Sarah Ann was expecting her young man, and the rosy school-children, who cheeked through the gate on their way to the rustic school-house were made glad by nosegays

The ribbon borders and beds of to-day were unknown; nobody had ever heard of Even now I see him as he stood just outside well filled with hot ashes, is close beside her for convenience sake. Her housekeep such a thing. With regard to his beside at his enemy, I do not believe he ever does lear as the conductor ran up to him with a man to take the hability of these h through which he passed were accustomed, garden was just as beautiful, and its flowers ing up his dote tight about his hips, so that just as sweet, and the whole thing was a his sinewy limbs gleamed like those of a great deal more satisfactory than the elab- statue, he set his square white teeth, and

retain in our gardens the pinks, and sweet hollyhocks, and all their old-time compan fogy of the female persuasion.

It is impious in a good man to be sad. The borrower runs into his own debt.

Dr. John Murray's proposed expedition to the south pole is attracting favourable attention in Europe. It is more than fifty years since James Ross, after discovering Victoria, penetrated to the 78th degre south latitude, and since then, with the exception of the Challenger, hardly a vessel has gone that way. The present proposal is indrectly due to the reports brought back by a cc ple of Scotch whalers which their search for fresh hunting-grounds. Dr Murry believes in the existence at the south pole of a continent as large as Australia, in which a 1 to be studied great phenomena ef glaciation and volcanio

Mother-"To think that my little Eth ous straying of cattle and sheep, were should have spoken so impertinently to papa frequently attributed to him. Further to-day at dinner! She never hears me talk THE BROWN DEATH.

startling Experience of a Gentleman Errmah.

I was living to town of Akyab, which sa very old English port in Burman, and among other men there I knew and had business with a native-born but Christian man named Mordai. One day he came to me and asked me to go over to some property he had on a neighborizg island. had been having trouble about boundaries and wanted me to give him an unbiased We started in a sailboat about 12 o'clock and got t. his place about 4. He and I got out of the boat and went up to a small bungalow he had built there. ungle bungalows are built on posts six to ten feet from the ground and consist of simply the floor, the roof, and sometimes walls run up six or seven feet. There is no ceiling, and nothing overhead but the roof, which is made of bamboo and thatched with leaves from the toddy plant.

We were sitting on the veranda, the roof of which was not more than five or six feet from our heads. Mordai was talking to me about the boundary, and I had, become quite interested in some man-had in his lap. While engaged in ast he ing them I felt something fall sence of what was in my chair, think of one day haps a piece of bamboo had the next. down by the wind. As I turned aits he was toward Mordai and I was STRUCK MOTIONLESS

by a hoarse " For God's sake, don't move

Sahib !" From the horror in his voice I knew as well as if I could see it that a cobra, or a khorite, equally deadly and more numerous in that part, was on my shoulder. I stood perfectly motionless, for I knew that the snake, being aroused .cw, would strike if he felt the least movement Cold perspiration stood out on my fore-head, and I set my teeth hard and waited. It was a toss-up, I knew; either deliverance, and that speedily, or the sharp, stinging punctures in my neck or head, and then-death. Every minute seemed an age. My suspense was the more horrible because I could not see my enemy, and so could not tell the moment he would strike. Probably not a minute elapsed from the time I stood up until I saw Mordai approaching me from in front, but it seemed to me a year. He had gone through one of the rooms and thus got around in front of me without disturbing the snake. In his hand he held a Burnese dah (sword) and I knew that he meant to cut the snake down with one strong stroke. He crept rembling in every limb. His face was ghastly and his eyes seemed glazed with horror. The sword trembled for a moment in his nerveless hand, and then with a All the family took pride in it, and did he let it fall from his hand and tottered to in some secluded corner.

The boys raised wonderful melons and feel a slight vibration on my shoulder, and pat and the sharp stinging thrust of the

DEATH-DEALING FANGS. I stood perfectly motionless, but my mind worked with the rapidity of lightning. I felt-almost grateful that Mordai had not struck, for I could see that his nerves were so unstrung that he would in all probability have missed the snake. I knew that our servants and boatmen would soon be up with our traps, and my only hope was to There was the asparagus bed, where imi- stand quite still until they arrived. Time tation green peas were gathered in April, and where, later on in the year, grew and where, later on in the year, grew and garried. Time will never efface the memory of that death wait from my mind. In the chair, shriveled staring at me with the helpless, fascinated gaze of a bird half in the toils of a serpent, huddled Mordai. His white, bloodless lips moved spasmodically, as over and over he repeated in a dread whisper "God! the brown death." I then knew it was a khora ite. Clinging to my shoulder was a snaka ten times more malignant and merciless than a cobra, and just as deadly-" The Brown Death" -- of the natives, a reptile of which it has been said, that if a man were to gaze for any length of time into its eye he would become insane. Unlike all other creatures it has no pupil to its eye—nothing

> I do not know how long it was but it emed an eternity of time that I stood thus. At last the swinging Madrassi song of the boatmen carrying the scuff broke or my ears like the song of deliverance. Dull and monotonous it had seemed to me often enough, but now it sounded like the sweetest music ever caroled. Their singing seemed to arouse Mordai from his trance like stupor, and staggering out he grasped my faithful servant, Emir-Alli, by the shoulder, and with his lean, bony finger pointed toward me. No need of explanation for Emir-Alli. My heart gave a throb of joy when I saw his supple, careless form straighten up and his

but a brown mass of malignity.

BLACK EYES GLISTEN

with the light I had seen in them before in time of deadly peril. Twice before had we fronted death together and his nerves had been steel and his heart had not faltered. the veranda, one of the few natives a white man had trusted, and met trust for trust

Discarding his gaudy jacket, and gatherhissed through them an invocation to Allah. There are no flowers lovelier than those Grasping the dah in his powerful hand, he our grandmothers cultivated, and we make stole as silently and as swiftly toward me a mistake to exclude them from our gardens, because they are old-fashioned. And while have done had he been making the attack. we would by no means be unmindful of the Poised aloft was the glittering steel, for well he knew the snake would keep his eye on put forward by our florists, we would still the gleaming blade, and there would be no movement to disturb him till the downward williams, and pansies, and marigolds, and rnsh, and then-ah! who could say? Allah would strengthen his hand, and direct the

For a second he stood close beside me I might have touched him. His fierce black eyes gleamed on the snake. I knew he was drawing the snake's attention from the sword to himself. I could feel the slight vibration again and I knew that the snake

was preparing to strike.

And then—like a flash of lightning went the blade past my eyes-a hissed "Allah" driven through clenched teeth, penetrated my half stupified senses.

I felt a rush of something down my back, and, not knowing whether the snake had been cut in two or missed, I tottered toin 1891 went southward of Cape Horn in ward a chair. I had not taken a step before Emir-Alli's strong arms were about me and with tears of joy in his big lustrous eyes, the poor fellow was saying "God is

> till vicious and striking at his own body, a khorite about three and a half feet long. He had fallen on my back from the roof where he had been after rate.

The snake lay on the floor, strack in two,

Lobsters are terrified by thunder, and seek deep water during thander- storms