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The Matter of "Good-by."

The Matter of "Good-by." Nothing is more ridicylous and tiresome in civilized life than our leave-taking for-malities. Good-bys are either tortures or platitudes. Why should we subject ourselves or our friends to either one? Everybody you meet tells you he "hates to say good-by. Yet, if he sees you at 6 and you tell him you are going away at 8, and attempt to make an informal adjeut then and there, he says with reproving politeness, "Oh, I shall call around about 7 and say good-by." od-by." You thank him for his kindness, at the

i good-by." You thank him for his kindness, at the same time wishing he would not come. If he is a friend you dearly prize, it robs the parting of all sentiment to have it take place in the fuss and hurry of departure, and this final adieu but renders the agony of parting more lingering. If he is a mere acquaintance, it compels you to hear and to reiterate some worn-out phrases which amount to nothing when said : "So glad to have met you." "Hope we shall meet again." "Trust you will have a pleasant journey." "Thank you; you are very kind." And yet I hear people every day express-ing the most profound regret when they have missed an opportunity of "saying good-by" to some one. I met a lady at the house of a mutual acquaintance one day, and the hostess mentioned her probable de-parture within the week. The lady then expressed all due regret at the tought of losing her society, and all necessary pleasant at having made her acquaintance. A day or two later I chanced to refer to the fact that she had gone, in the presence of the lady. "Gone ! So soon ! and I never called to

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fames scorched its feathers red-a much more comforting legend than that which ascribes to the malignant jay the task of carrying sticks to hell every Friday to feed the flames and torment the wicked. I four kills a wren he will break a bone before the year is out. It is also unlucky to kill a marten. Many animals possess the powe of curing diseases. Three hairs taken from the "cross" of an ass, that is the mark funning up the back and out at right angles over the shoulders, will cure whooping cough, but the arsw will die. This cross was believed to be the cross of Christ impressed upon the animal when Christ rode into Jerusalem on the back of an ass. Anothe sure cure for whooping cough can be ob-tained by asking and following the advice of a man riding a piebald horse.

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