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The boy who is cancing a jig,

And the girl in the chorus who sings,
And the man who exhibits a pig

He has taugh' to do wonderful things,
May die disappeinted, but still, in their
they are hoping away

To make the gweat thing which they call

"A hit"—

Some day.

Some day.

The poet who scribbles and sighs And squanders his paper and ink,
Who cudgels his brain and who tries
To think and cause others to think May wie disappointed,
is hoping away
fo sing out a song that will make
"A hit"
Some day.

The man who is daubing his paint On the canvas no other shall buy—
The man who with hunger is faint,
But is never too hungry to try—
May die disappointed, but still, in his heart, l is hoping away
To lay on the lines that will make

"A hit"—

Some day.

The man who is waving his arms Like a windraill churning the air Has few of the orator's charms
And thunders at seats that are bare!
He may die disappointed, but still, in
he is hoping away
To deliver the words that will make "A hit"— Some day.

O let each go on with his part!
'Tis better a thousand should fail
Than that one should be taken from art Through a critic's discouraging wail!
They may die disappointed, but where is the judg
who has power to say
Which one of those trying shall ne'er

Some day?

—8. E. Kiser in Chicago Times-Herald.

THEY PARTED IN ANGER, BUT MET REPENTANT.

"There is an end to all human endurince," observed the gentleman sternly. "Sir," said Miss Chickson, "I have put up with your eccentricities until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue!"

"A month's notice!" said Mr. Buffing

on, savagely flourishing his yellow silk nocket handkerchief. "You are quite at liberty to go at the and of 24 hours, for all I care!" retorted Miss Chickson, with dignity.

"Madam, I take you at your word," said the gentleman. "Sir, I shall congratulate myself if you

will," said the lady.
Mr. Barnabas Buffington had lodged with Miss Patty Chickson for ten years. He was rich and eccentric; she was poor and proud. As young people there had been certain love passages between them
or rather the buds of love's passages, which had never blossomed into full perfection—and when Mr. Buffington ome from China and found his old pastor's orphan daughter trying to gain a scanty livelihood by letting apartments he engaged her entire second floor at once

and paid his way like a rajah.

"Poor girl, poor girl!" said Mr. Barnabas Buffington. "But how thin and old maidish she has grown! I really can't imagine how I could ever have fancied her a divinity. What fools young men are, to be sure!"
"Poor, dear Mr. Buffington! How

stout and vulgar he has become!" said Miss Chickson. "And only to think how slender he was once! How the dreams Mr. Barnabas Buffington was not per-

fect enough to be canonized, and Miss Chickson had her petty peculiarities. The consequence was that little collisions were inevitable. And one day there came a longer meas-

uring of wordy words than usual, and Mr. Buffington and Miss Chickson formally parted.
"Ten years is quite long enough to tolerate this state of things," said the old

"I'm only surprised that I haven't turnd him away long ago," said the old maid. So when Mr. Buffington had gone away n a cab piled high with baggage Mis

Chickson rang the bell for her maid.
"Barbara," said she.
"Yes, ma'am," said Barbara. "Mr. Buffington has gone at last."
"So I perceive, ma'am," said Barbara "And won't he come back again, ma'am?"
"Never!" said Miss Chickson, with

"Oh!" said Barbara, rather surprised. "It will be necessary for us to reduce expenses," remarked the mistress. "Of course I cannot any longer afford to keep so large a house as this. Mr. Buffington, whatever were his faults, cannot at least

be accused of parsimony."
"Certainly not, ma'am," said Barbara.
"Of all liberal, free handed, kind spoken

"Barbara, you will oblige me by holding your tongue!" said Miss Chickson.
"Certainly, ma'am," said Barbara. "Get me a cup of tea," said Miss Chick-on, "and when I have drunk it I will go

out to look for a cheaper house in a less aristocratic neighborhood." Barbara brought up the cup of tea in quaint little Wedgwood teapot on a

Miss Chickson drank it in silence, look

Ing sadly at the fire.

Tea was, so to speak. Miss Chickson's inspiration. When she was low spirited or in doubt or puzzled or in any way thrown off her mental balance, she drank herself. tea and straightway became herself Meanwhile Mr. Barnabas Buffington

in the solitary splendors of a west end hotel, was scarcely less ill at ease. "I don't like this sort of thing at all," said Mr. Buffington to himself one morning a month later. "It isn't homelike. There's no cat here. Patty Chickson al-There's no cat here. Patty Chickson always kept a cat. There's something very domestic and cozy looking about a cat. I'll go out and look down the advertising columns of the daily paper and see what inducements they have to offer in the way of quiet, respectable homes for elderly gentlemen."

So it came to pass that Mr. Barnabas Buffington sallied forth, not house hunting, but home hunting.

It was not a so readily disposed of business as he supposed. This house was

It was not a so readily disposed of business as he supposed. This house was next to a livery stable; that one contained a young lady who was practicing for an opera singer; the third smelled as if the drainage was defective; the fourth was too splendid, and the fifth too shab-

"I don't know but that I shall be com pelled to sleep at the station house," gloomily remarked Mr. Barnabas But-fington, "for, come what may, nothing

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shall induce me to go back to that noisy notel, where the waiters don't come until ou have rung the bell 40 times and the oup is served half cold."

He was walking pensively along a quiet and shady little street, with both hands thrust deep down in his pockets, and the front of his hat tilted down over his nose, when, chancing to look up, he perceived a gray cat dozing in the bay window of a modest looking house, and on the doorway thereof was placed an unpretentious notice: "Board and Lodg-

unpretentious notice: "Board and Logings at Moderate Prices."

"I like the look of that place," said
Mr. Buffington. "They keep a cat there
a gray cat. It's not splendid, but it
looks comfortable. I'll try it."
He rang the bell. A neat little maidcoryent in a white apron and frilled cap

servant in a white apron and frilled cap esponded to the summons. "Please, sir, missis ain't at home, but I knows all about the rooms," said the little damsel. "I can show 'em, and I

can tell you the terms."

Barnabas Buffington liked the look of the rooms, and he did not object to the terms. There was a bright coal fire burn-

ing in the grate.
"Missis wanted the rooms to be well ired," said the girl, courtesying at every other word.

"Your mistress, my girl, is a woman of sense," said Mr. Buffington. "This settles the matter. I'll take the apartments for a month certain, with the privilege of renewal if I find myself suited." He took off his hat, unwound the com orter from about his neck and sat down before the cheery shine of the grate. "Go and tear down the bill at once," said he. "And leave the door open so that the cat can come in. I am partial to cats!"

"But, sir," hesitated the white aprone assie, "if my missis" "Never mind your mistress," said Mr. Buffington cavalierly. "She wanted a boarder, and she's got one! What more

And, so speaking, he hailed a cab in the street and bade the driver go for his trusks and hat boxes without delay. Miss Chickson and Barbara had bee out selecting some new pie platters and pudding basins, and little Betsy was watching for them at the area

door when they came in.
"Please, missis," said Betsy, "the room
is let, and he's sitting up stairs now, with the cat in his lap."
"Who is?" demanded Miss Chickson.

"The new boarder, ma'am." "What is his name?" "Please, ma'am, I don't know," said

Betsy.
Miss Chickson walked into her little parlor and sat down, fanning herself with her bonnet. "Betsy," said she, "go up stairs, pro-

ent my compliments to this stranger and sent my companion to the standard of the stand "Yes'm," said Betsy. And away she tripped, returning pres

ently.
"He's coming, ma'am," said she. And in stalked-Mr. Barnabas Buffing

"Good gracious me!" said Miss Chick-

"It's Patty Chickson, isn't it?" said Mr. Buffington, staring with all his eyes. "I might have known that it was the same cat. However, ma'am," relapsing into a belligerent attitude, "I won't intrude. I'll leave the premises at once."
"Don't," said Miss Chickson faintly.

"Bon't, said Mrss Chicason fainty,
"Eh?" said Mr. Buffington.
"I—I hope you don't bear malice," said
Miss Chickson. "I'm afraid I was a
little impatient." "Don't mention it," said Mr. Buffing-

ton. "It was all my fault."
"I was unreasonable," said Miss Chick-"I was a brute," said Mr. Buffington. "I have reproached myself bitterly," faltered the lady.

"I haven't had a moment of peace since," said Mr. Barnabas Buffington since, said sir. Darhabas Dahmabas sincerely.

"Shill we forget and forgive?" whispered Miss Chickson.

"I know a better plan than that," said Mr. Buffington. "Let's begin the world on a new basis."

"I don't understand you," said Miss Chickson.

"I like you and your ways," said Mr.

Buffington, "I didn't know how much until we separated. Let us settle down together for life, Patty Chickson. Let's be married.' "At our age?" said Miss Chickson.
"We shall never be any younger," said

Mr. Buffington. Mr. Buffington.

"If you really think people wouldn't laugh," hesitated the spinster.

"What do we care whether they do or not?" said the the bachelor recklessly. And the result of this conference was that Mr. and Mrs. Barnabas Buffington are now sitting, one on either side of the hearth rug, with the gray cat in the mid-

And the bill is taken down permanent

ly.-Chicago Times-Herald.

TAKING THE REINS.

The 2-year-old Helen Bertram by Mar-grave, has paced a half in 1:09, last quar-ter in 33 seconds, over the Terre Haute

A promising young Futurity candidate at the Louisville track is the 2-year-old filly by Alta Vista, out of Oriana, 2:181/4. by Indian Hill. Dick Mahon says Tommy Britton, 2:08, steps a quarter in 291/2 seconds with no more apparent effort than if he took a

minute to cover the distance. John Kelly has worked the pacer Sidney Pointer, 2:14½, a mile in 2:15½, with the last quarter in 20½ seconds. Sidney Pointer is a son of Star Pointer, 1:50¼.

The stallion Anteres, now 18 years old was driven over a Missouri track recently a quarter in 36 seconds, and on a heavy track, to sulkeyette, he showed three halves in 1:25, 1:20 and 1:18.

Who Is It, 2:10½, will be raced again this season and is said to be going better than ever. When Peter the Great beat him at the Empire City (New York) track last year, he was separately timed in 2:08 and 2:0834.

Jim Ramey, the Missouri trainer, has one trotter and four pacers in his string

by John R. Gentry. Three of them are big fellows, standing 16.2 hands. The heaviest weighs 1,250 pounds and the smallest 1,175 pounds. L. Reiff won a selling plate at New-market the other day on Goon and the Stud Produce Stake on Volodyoski. Tod Sloane won the Soham Plates on Wild

Irishman, and Rigby won the highweight handicap on Pheon. The race for the Prix Fort Poirler, of 2,000 francs, at 1,000 meters, was run at Compeigne, France, the other day and was won by a short neck by Baron Lee nino's Neptune II. Cash Sloane, the American jockey, had the winning

FROM CURRENT FICTION.

The most thankless task in the world is explaining a joke to a person who has not seen it.—"Woman and Artist." "Speaking sharp seldom does do muc good," sapiently remarked Mrs. Bate-man, "except to them as speaks."-"The

In the dissolution of sentimental partnerships it is seldom that both partners can withdraw their funds at precisely the same time.-"The Touchstone

The world of commerce and speculation is as aloof from the scholar and the recluse as the rings of Saturn or the sun of Aldebaran .- "The Waters of Edara." What woman can withstand the fascination of a lover's faith that she is an angel? If a man is fool enough to be-lieve it, why undeceive him?—"Unleaven-ed Bread."

Slight but chronic dyspepsia, the depre dations of neuralgia, are apt to impart to our countenances a more touching melancholy than do the woes of love .- "The

Garden of Eden." A profound knowledge of human nature enunciated the decree, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house," and relegated the neighbor's wife to a back seat among the servants and live stock .-"Diana Ten pest."

BEE BUZZES.

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period comes at the time of the honey harvest, the bees will be in condition to receive the section boxes. Keep down an oversupply of drones. The best way to do this is to remove the drone comb. If the combs are all built on foundations, there will hardly be an eversupply of drones .- St. Louis Repub

chamber until they get strong. If this

CHINA.

China's "open door" is very like dragon's mouth.—New York World. The Chinese are to blame for all these wars anyway. They invented gunpow der.—Baltimore American.

The Chinese do not care anything about telegraph censors They just ent

Very likely the powers in the east wil continue to act in concert until the time comes for dividing up the spoils,—Boston With China it does not seem to be of s

much importance whether she is in state of war or in a state of anarchy of whether she will be a state at all or not -Syracuse Post-Standard. China has let slip the dogs of was against western civilization and staked

the existence of the empire on the result.

We are witnessing the opening of the

great Chinese tragedy.-Newark Adver-It may be significant that the foreign troops in China have encountered their severest opposition in the district where is stationed the Tien-tsin army corps, the best paid and best organized corps in

THE CYNIC.

The best tree in a yard is always in the poorest location. If a man is willing to work, idle pe ple say he is & crank.

Every man's backbone is stiff enough as regards the other fellow's duty. You have made a fair success of your domestic affairs if you are on speaking terms with all your kin. If a man is sensible enough to refuse

to take sides in a dispute, he is too sensible to make a satisfactory friend. A woman can whip her own children without consulting the neighbors, but she should ask their permission when a step child needs a licking.

A girl child will believe longer than a boy child that eating the crusts will make the hair curl, and this credulity is characteristic as she grows older.-AtchiWhat is

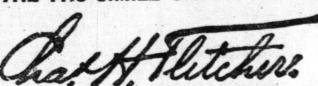
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