before. And yet such is the power of genius that her humble ignorance bowed down before it instinctively, and a great sigh stirred the folds of faded brown calico upon her capacious bosom.
"I guess" she said to herself in astute reflection, "I guess she has her things made

out?

Miss Mary Grinnell's peor papa could have answered for that as held away the bills for her summer wardrobe—an array of marvellous confections intended to do execution at half a dozen watering places. Why, after all these expensive preparations made with gleeful anticipations, his charming daughter should have elected suddenly to spend the summer with Aunt Matilda, on a New Hampshire farm, was a mystery that this wise parent did not attempt to solve. He simply set it down at once as one of those things never to be revealed, like the whereabouts of the north pole and the real author of Shakespeare's plays, asked no questions, raised no objections, checked the trunks and saw the two ladies safely fint the train Aunt Matilda, with a kodak, a library of French fiction, and a small botanical press, and her neice, wearing a curious half-defiant expression, not at all unbecoming. In fact, it gave her a new attraction in the eyes of a young man who watched the parting from a distance smiling to himself as it secretly amused, and taking his seat in another car as the train rolled out of the station, snorthing and puffing mockingly.

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Ah, didn't she have her things made out!

ing to himself as if secretly amused, and taking his seat in another car as the train rolled out of the station, snorting and puffing mockingly.

The farmhouse was a blow to Miss Mary's feelings. Its musty chambers closed all the year round, and stiff with the odor of an unused room, its dreadful parfor shrouded in a rloom through which a scanty hair cloth furniture loomed dimly, and certain lagubrious was flowers on a mantelpiece could just be made out; its homely sitting room, redolent of past and gone pipe smokings, proved to be more depressing than picturesque. There had been a country supper of baked beans and smoked beef, and seggy bread, and pie and cheese, with plenty of milk, to be sure, but milk just warm from the cow. And then the evening had settled down—the long, lonely summer evening. Aunt. Matidda as by the student lamp inside, absorbed in one of Gyp's novels, and oblivious of mosquitouse, while Mary skrolling outside, lingered on the piazza, while a sickly moor peered at her between the pine boughs, and through the arrivable of leveliness and freebmess at which the absorbed. In a freak of mischief she control and the complaining of a while poor-will It was not a silence—and yet stiller than any silence could be. She crick than draw of a silence—and yet stiller than any silence could be. She crick that the she will be an experience of the firm her boxes the elaborate and very unustable tollet which had stirred have been to become the pine boughs, and through the any could be a state of the contains and free many silence could be a state of mischief she root by and by.

But which are the seem of honeysuckle, came the shrift squesk of the cricket and the complaining of a whip-poor-will It was not a silence—and yet stiller than any silence could be shorted and the complaining of a whip-poor will be an experience of the first the partiness and freebmess as vinion of leveliness and freebme

Mary walked along with the pale dust gathering on the little white shoes and the gathering on the little white shoes and the pink litning of the white parseol deepening the bloom on her dimpled cheek. Very soldom had the country road gazed upon such a charming picture in all the contribution of its existence. The walls on either side were smothered in wild roses and tangled blackberry vines, and from the woodloth blackberry vines, and from the blackberry vines, and from the posterior vines, and from the posteri

and the whole table langhed again. There is is something aglouscont in reckless happiness.

That night Aunt Matilda finished "Monsieur Fred" by the student lamp, and Mary sat out on the piazza again. The moon perced through the pine boughs, too, but this time it wore a smile, while the cricket and the while-poor will had tuned their monotony to a major key. Yet still there hung over all the stillness which was not a stillness after all, and Mary crick herzelf to sleep again. But this time she cried with happiness.

Princess Mary of Edinburgh, who by her marriage to Princes Mary.

Princess Mary of Edinburgh, who by her marriage to Prince Ferdinand will become a future Queen of Roumania, is not quite 17 years of age. She has inherited from her morther, the Grand Duchess Maricof Russia, the clear Scandinavian complexion and blue eyes which formed the chief charms of the Duchess of Edinburgh's girlbood, and she has a genuine Russian aptitude for music and acquiring languages. In fact, she is said to be more of a Russian than an Eag lish princess, fonder of her uncle the Czar than of her grandmother the Queen.

Francess Mary of Edinburgh's girlbood, and she hand the proper of the states of the Stuarts, was the cousin of his great rival, to the proper of the cousin of his great rival, to the cousin of his great rival, to the proper of the cousin of his great rival, to the proper of the cousin of his great rival, to the proper of the cousin of his great rival, to the proper of the cousin of the p

. A Rare Eggon Exhibition. A great rarity, in the shape of an Æpyornis egg, has been exhibited at the Zoological Society, London. This huge egg is as nearly as possible afoot long, and the specimen in question is valued at about \$500, so that it rivals the egg of the great auk, which fetches such fancy prices. The eggs are occasionally found in Madagascar, but only a few of them have eyer turned up. The bird which laid them is only imperfectly known, from fragments.

The Girl in the Stern. De Garry—After all there's no exercise pleasant as rowing.
Merritt—That's so. When you're out with a pretty girl you always have som thing nice to look forward to.

Cruel Discrimination Maud—Have you taken any flowers to that dear, delightful, horrible man who cut his wife into bits. Edith—No; they have proven him in-sane. I cannot waste flowers on a lunatio. Parents make two very grave mistake

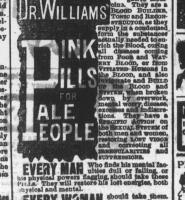
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