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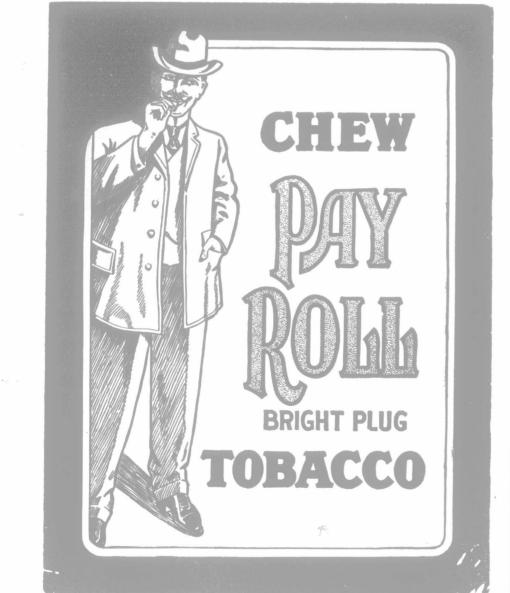
"Pa, do you cut your eye teeth on silver spoons or ivory rings, or what?" "You cut them on gold bricks, my son."-Nashville American.

Education is the cheap defence of

nations. Give counsel to him who asks it, but force counsel upon none.

Mistress—"Babetta, when I was driving in the park the other day I saw child. I hope you never allow such a thing.

Babette-"Non, madam, no polizeman would think of keezing ze child ven I vaz zere.



## CARMICHAEL

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"You can do nothing here," said out with something Carmichael. "The doctor has been After that I remer sent for. See to the house!" Iv I seemed to be

able to bear the terrible scene longer, as I sat there, vaguely conscious that ran after them. At a few paces from the doctor had gone again, his buggy the apple-house door I crouched down wheels rattling down the lane, and in a little forlorn bundle on the wet grass, and gave myself up to uncon-had ceased from their labours and trollable weeping. It seemed as gone into the apple-house. terrible nightmare wherein nothing and set off toward home, and then was real, and yet I remember how, Miss Tring come to the came upon me now the cold wet blasts "Come, dear, we are to go to Mrs. of the night, and now belches of heat Might's," she said. as the howling wind veered, there from the burning house.

began licking my face.

'Jap! Jap!" I said, "Oh, Jap!" the dog I strained him to me. He was warm and loving, and helped to soothe me so that I could look about. I could not see the burning barn, but only the dull red glare from it which was growing dimmer as the frame work burned down. At the house the fire had not spread to the front, although Mr. and Mrs. Might were still running in and out, carrying whatever they could lay hands hand until it pained. on, and placing it in the garden. On the way we me Above, the thunder clouds had passed, ing back with his d and the sky was covered with ragged, drifting masses of vapour that fled "Is fath ever and ever to the eastward like Miss Tring. driven, tortured spirits, just parting, here and there, to reveal glimpses of the far-off sky and the stars. Over the wet trees the red light flickered and waved strangely, and in the garden wherever a bush or a tree intervened, black shadows elongated themselves I did not see my father when he and withdrew again like moving, liv- came to Might's that night, for Miss a nurse allow a policeman to kiss a the door of the little apple-house a heavy burden. Then, after a long was happening.

I crouched there, shivering from head her thin hair, minus its usual "switch, told of the doctor's arrival.

rible thought came to me.

Carmichael's huge form making its for the sake of doing something. As way homeward. And now my brain began to work feverishly, darting the put to bed like a little child, and from scene to scene, and bringing each open eyes, and her arms wound tightly before me like moving pictures in a open eyes, and her arms wound tightly panorama; my father hastening through the hall with its east window at the very time in which I had seen Car-

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in burning indignation; but whatever else he might have said was checked by Mr Might's calling to him to help

After that I remember little definite-At once they went out, and I, un the world the world I had known,

Miss Tring came to me.

Shivering from head to foot I got The first grain of comfort came to up, and let her put some clothes on me when a cold nose was thrust be me then I followed her past our dear ween my hands, and a warm tongue old home, now but a mass of glowing coals with but part of the walls erect, and the chimneys standing up like and threwing both my arms about den where the late hude little garden where the late hydrangea was still in bloom and the wet dripping from the trees like tears. After that, sadly and silently along the dark, muddy road, with the wind sweeping over it as though it had been November.

"Where is my mother?" I asked.

"She will come with Mrs. Might, dear," and Miss Tring squeezed my

On the way we met Mr. Might coming back with his democrat.

"Is father-dead?" I asked of

"He is sleeping very peacefully."

"You mean he is dead " I said, fiercely; and for answer Miss Trlng stooped down, took me in her arms, and kissed me on the lips.

ing things of darkness. It was a ter- Tring had hurried me into a bed with rible sight, strange and weird, but soft, woolly blankets, but I heard the not so terrible to me, not so weird as democrat driven slowly up to the was that pale steady light shining from door, and the sound of feet carrying where I knew not what dreadful thing time, my mother and Mrs. Might came into my room, Mrs. Might carrying I could not go near it. Perhaps a lamp. One would scarcely have my father was dying, dead—and death known either of them, neither Mrs was an awful thing to me. And so Might in her dishevelled dress, with to foot, and icy cold, until there was all blown in wisps across her forehead. a rattle of wheels in the lane, which nor yet my mother with her pale face and her eves with the wild, frightened With the first rattle-perhaps it look in them, like those of a hunted was the association of ideas with the doe. But from Mrs. Might the primlane which thrust it upon me-a ter- ness was all gone, and she was very motherly as she kissed me, and tucked Again I saw in the lightning flash, the blankets better about me merely for the sake of doing something. As

of the night? And Carmichael had, man. perhaps, killed my father.

put his coat about me, telling me that up at the ceiling. I was nearly frozen.

iy, "Dick, your father set our barn tasted on fire!" "It's well the stock was nearly all "My father!" gasped Dick. "He out o' the barn," she said, with a

I do not knew clearly why it was michael; my father's terrible look of that I did not tell my mother nor accusation at the very moment on anyone, neither that night nor at any which he fell; Carmichael's great other time, of my having seen Car-fist uplifted toward my father at michael that night in the lane. I Jamieson's raising, and his threat, think I was afraid of some dreadful "I'll be even with you yet Mallory!" trouble coming on Dick if I did, that

Clearly, pointedly the whole se- his father, perhaps, might be hanged. quence mapped itself out before and that his mother might die of the me, for, child though I was. this ter- shock of it. However that may be rible night seemed to have aged me I kept my secret, though it trembled by years, and I sat very erect for- on my tongue many and many a time getting to respond to Jap's caresses, in the days that followed, and at lost in a judgment which threw my times. came to haunt me as a nightchildhood years far, far behind me mare. But I found an outlet to the Yes, without doubt my father blamed strain of it in hating Henry Carmichael Carmichael for setting the barn afire, with all my heart. After all my father Carmichael must have done it, else had been right, and I had been wrong why had he been there in the middle in ever thinking well of this dreadful

But to go back. Toward morning Lost in the horror of it all, I scarcely I fell asleep, and when I awoke my realised when Dick came, or when he mother was still lying by me staring

Presently Mrs. Might came in with I looked at him and said solemn- a cup of tea, which my mother scarcely

never did! Shame on you, Peg Mallory!" hopeless attempt at comforting my "But I saw him going away from mother, "'n' Adam's jist been over

the barn, 'n' father saw him too! He said he'd get even with father! You heard him yourself!" "Well! I guess he wouldn't sneak parlour lamp with the dangles on around this way to do it!" said Dick I carried that out with my own hands