The Earthen Vessel.

The Master stood in his garden, Among the lilies fair, Which his own right hand had planted, And trained with tenderes; care

He looked at their snowy blossoms And marked, with observant eye.

That his flowers were sadly drooping, For their leaves were parched and dry

"My lilies need to be watered," The heavenly Master said; Wherein shall I draw it for them Close to his feet, on the pathway

An earthen vessel was lying. But the Master saw and raised it From the dust in which it lay, And smiled, as he gently whispered.
"This shall do my work to-day!"

'It is but an earthen vessel, But it lay so close to me; It is small, but it is empty.

And that is all it needs to be.

So to the fountain he took it. How glad was the earthen vesse

He poured forth the living water Until the vessel was empty. And again he filled it there.

He watered the drooping lilies Intil they revived again; And the Master saw, with pleasure, That his labor had not been in vain His own hand had drawn the water Which refreshed the thirsty flowers But he used the earthen vessel

To convey the living showers And of itself it whispered, As he laid it aside once more Still would I lie in his pathway Just where I did before,

"Close would I keep to the Master, Empty would I remain; And, perhaps, some day, He may To water his flowers again."

#### Fashions's Fancies.

Plush is now very much used with everything to combine with other materials for customs, and even for pelisses and demi-pelisses, as well as for Wattean garments, fringed with chenille.

There is, unfortunately, no happy medium in the fashion fan. It is either extremely large or extremely small. In the latter case, it is usually of tortoise shell, point lace or amber.

Prim ruffs are much worn. They are uery high and are fastened behind. The upper one is high enough for the dimpled chin to rest upon.

An elegant square felt table-cover has a border of crazy patchwork fifteen inches deep, and is finished with fringe

White Ottoman silk dresses for bridesmaids and for balls have the drapery on the bust and hips made of silvered tulle. while a wide band of white marabout

feathers trims the foot of the short skirt. A new silver butter-dish comes in the form of an egg with a revolving lid, and and is decorated in Grecian patterns."

not unlike mahogany, except in cost. It States. has the same high polish, differs little in color, and has the decided advantage of being the much less expensive.

linen, painted in water-colors, are one athlete. of the latest agonies

Lilies are out of favor. They are no are only used in large set pieces espec ially ordered for entertainments. Barbotine ware, with raised designs of

mantel commentation Beautiful dresses for young ladies are

Highly burnished brass trays are plac-

ed on the library or boudoir table, and dou not? are repositories for paper 'knives, wax, reading and writing.

Enormous fans, which are so much used for fire-screens, come in cretonne. with gold embroidery, satin hand-paint-

At some of the dinner-parties of the

linen for dining-1 on mantels, and are As he was drawing on the gloves Chanddecorated with devices suited to the ler was observed to walk down a little to shoes for you subsequent to the confesroom; for instance, a cup and saucer the back-ground. A contented look was sion? knife and fork, antique bottles and pitch- upon his face, and now and then he ers, put on in outling embroidery, are caise his huge right foot up under his

The favorite pannier drapery for the himself a congratulatory kick, expressive hips of trained dresses is a reverse searf of rapture. that is caught back in plaits on the hips, The sad-eyed man now came forward, and either becomes the outer breadtts and the round began. Conkling was for assistance from a lawyer. of the train, or else servef as the facings proceeding at once to knock his opponen-

gloves are wern in the streets with any ting anywhere near the sad-eyed man. costume. They have loose wrists, and The affair culminated by the sad-eyed are as long as the gloves fastened by man's suddenly rushing forward and Store and get a Trial Bottle of Dr. twelve buttons.

# An Answer Wanted.

or Liver Complaint that Electric Bitters will not speedily care? We say they was heard to say afterward that that he cannot, as thousands of cases already a house had fallen on him. Conkling had enough of boxing for once. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Wak Back, or any urinary complaint quietly cured. remarks about the skill of his friend and Colds, Hoarseness, Asthma, Bron-They purify the blood, regulate the boy- Conkling, which were not received in the lift you suffer, try it. For sale by all parts. Every bottle guaranteed.

CONKLING AND MACE.

The Story of their Alleged Bont with the

The Detroit News of Nov. 13, 1874, contained the following account of the Mace-Conkling bout at boxing, which is now denied

Chandler's great hobby is his skill as a pugilist. Roscoe Conkling is also a great boxer. He has a private gymna: n his residence at Washington, where after dinner he invites such of his friends as are gymnastically inclined for a friendly little bout with the gloves. Conkling is a very good amateur boxer, and as he is a very large powerful man, he generally has it all his own way with the guests who are bold enough to put the gloves on with him. For some time it was an open dispute between Conkling and Chandler which was the better boxer of the two. Chandler would, after every dinner party of which he was a member, calmly assert that he could lick any n an of his weight in the United States.

One day last winter Chandler dined with Conkling, and the latter inveigled the great war senator into the private gymnasium. The gloves were donned and the two doughty champions began to make graceful senatorial passes toward one another, according to the most approved rules of the P. R. The bout. however, was of a very short duration Chandler suddenly received a blow between the eyes, which caused the huge senatorial form to go over backward; his trusty legs failed him, and then he sat down so hard that tears came out of his eyes. It took four men to get the war senator upon his legs, but he threw up the spozgeat once, without any further effort to punish Conkling. The only remark he was heard to make was, "Damstrange," and "I'll fix him yet.'

Conkling and Chandle: aere much to gether in a social way, and it was not long after the above occurrence when when Chandler received another invitation to come up to his house and spread

his legs under Conkling's social board. Chandler sent back word that he regretted very much his inability to be present, but he had at his house as guest a valued constituent from Michigan, and could not leave him. Conkling sent back word, "Bring your friend along."

With this form of invitation, Chandler consented to come up. He brought his friend with him, and introduced him as Mr. Howard of Detroit, Mich. Howard was a sad-eyed man of diffident manners, who contented himself with paying very close attention to the themes of the bill of fare, rather than join in the general conversation at the dinner-table.

Conkling was in great glee during the dinner. He told over and over again the story of Chandler's discomfiture as a boxer, and never seemed to tire of ask-Red wood, which is at present the ing him what he thought about his abilpopular word for interior decoration, is ity to lick any man in the United

Chandler took all these remarks in an absentminded way, as if, suddenly, he had been ne lifted above any such petty Window shades of fine cream-color ambition of considering himself a fine

After dinner, Conkling led his guests into the gymnasium for a general smoke fonger in demand for the corsage, and and chat. "Come," said he, pleasantly, to Chandler, "don't you wan't another bout with with the gloves?" and then Conkling laughed again in his most cheerfruits, has the preference for vases for ful, turkey-gobbler style, as he put on a pair of gloves.

"No. I don't want to box, "said Chand made of white satin with silver brocaded ler; "but perhaps, my friend would con sent to amuse you." Turning to Mr. Howard, Chandler remarked, "You box

Mr, Howard still looked sad eyed and and all the wonderful excetera used for and absent-minded. He did once know something about it, but it was such a long time ago.

"Come, come, 'said Conkling, "let us have a friendly bout ; I won't hurt you. ed, and in velvet, with applique de Evidently the great New York senator

was pining to knock some one down. The sad-eyed Mr. Howard, evidently season the fish-service has been of cut flattered at the prospect of being knocked down by so distinguished a man, be-Pretty lambrequins are made of gray gan slowly to put on a pair of gloves.

swaying voluminous coat-tail and, give

ent down, and would have done so had Very dark Tan-colored, undressed kid had he not found great difficulty in getanding a thunder-bolt of a fist between King's New Discovery for Consumption, Conkling s eyes. The senator went over tree of charge, which will convince them tike a great tree, and rolled into the convince them to the great tree, and rolled into the regular dollar-size bottle will do. Call Can any one bring as a case of Kidney corner of the room, where he lay for a

For most cheerful manner. For most cheerful manner.

[1]: Judge of Conkling's feelings the next a bottle. For sale by Geo. Rhynas.

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day when he heard that Chandler had played a joke upon him by giving Mr. Howard \$100 to come up and bounce Diminion Carriage Works, Conkling. The Mr. Howard of Detroit. Michigan, was none other than the no torious pugilist, Jem Mace.

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#### Canadian Courtesy.

Mr. W. J. Chamberlain, of Columbus, Ohio, has communicated to the Country Gentleman his impression of a visit to Canada. He candidly admits that he did not find the people of this country so slow as he was led to except. At the exhibitions he found stock, grain, fruit and regetables that Ohio could not equal, much less surpass. The city of Toronto especially impressed him as a lively business centre and an exceedingly well built place. He thinks the only city in Ohio that equals Toronto in the volume of trade is Cincinnati. In conclusion Mr. Chamberlain says: It diminishes our conceit, too, to find the Canadians more courteous, polite, than we are on this side. This appears in many ways, for example, in forms of expression. If a Yanl ee does not understand your question he says 'What ?' or 'Heaow ?' or (at the West) 'Which?' or 'Him?' or (if he can spare time) 'What d'ye soy?' But the Canadian says, 'I beg pardon? And the courtesy of the expression lies in the ellipsis, and its generous assumption of all blame for not understanding the ques tion on its first utterance.

#### Be Independent.

There is nothing in the wide world that ensures success so completely as perfect independence.

People who are always waiting for help may wait a long time, as a general thing

A little assistance, a little influence, is not to be had for asking; but there is always something one can do for himself. Do it, whatever it is, with a will. One thing leads to another. If a young lady, don't sit still, and hope a rich man will marry you, while your aged father toils for your daily bread. Learn how to help yourself, and take care of yourself as much as possible.

Rather be one who does things for others, than one who must have things done for you.

Two hands, two feet, sight and strength-these ought to enable you to dispense with help when you are young and vigorous. Men who can defy adverse circumstances, and can earn a living in any quarter of the world in which they are dropped down; who can roll up their sleeves, and set to work at almost anything that offers; and who can even sew on their own buttons, and make the strengthens the Enfect st hemselves a cup of tea when deprived f the help of woman kind, are the enes who are really independent

The most helpful women are kindest and truest; and as for a man, hever rust him in any capacity if he has no within him the true spirit of independence, without which neither strength nor sweetness may be hoped for. In the battle of life there is but one way to suc ceed-fight it out yourself. Give the helping hand when you may. Take it of, in some sore strait, it is offered free ly : but never ask for it. Be indedent as far as man may be if you won! honor yourself, or be hon-red by others or be happy.

## Apt to the Fast.

A well-known criminal lawyer, wh prides himself upon his skill in cross ex amining a witness, had an odd-looking genius upon whom to operate. The wit iers was a master shoemaker.

"You say, sir, that the prisoner is

"I do, sir

"Then [giving a sagacious look to the court] we are to understand that you, em. ploy dishonest people to work for you, even after their rascalities are known?" "Of course, or how else could I get

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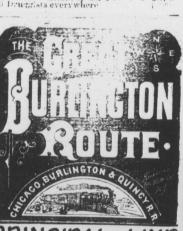
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