"Mr. Boyton," she asked, "have you seen my husband? You were the last

"Yes, madam, but I have not seen

Mr. Blakely since he put you into your

"That decides it," she muttered.

"Something has happened to him in his room. The door must be forced. Por-

"You take the whole responsibility

of forcing the green baize door?" I sug-

"The whole responsibility," she re

When the carpenter arrived Mrs.

Blakely led him to the door and or-

dered him to force it. He smiled grim-

ly as he looked the door up and down.

He sounded it with a mallet, and his

my job; you want a blacksmith."

"Iron!" he said laconically. "'Tisn't

The porter was sent off in the car-riage to fetch a smith. When the man

arrived, he eyed the door critically and

For five minutes he dealt a rapid fire

of blows, and then the door began to

tremble, then to slecke. Finally, after

10 or 12 minutes, it gave a shudder and

came forward, swinging on its hinges.

Mrs. Blakely darted forward and

stopped. Six feet farther down the

ed the way. She signed impetuously

darkness beyond the door.

nelp I shall need."

sign of Mr. Blakely.

A trapdoor!"

gazing in wonderment into chaos.

eave us. Mr. Boyton's will be all the

We passed through the doorway and

nto a small, dark room, poorly furnish-

ed with a little office furniture and

littered with papers. There was no

"Look!" cried Mrs. Blakely. "Look!

I saw a square had been cut out of

the carpet, in the center of which was

Looking through we saw a ladder

Going carefully down four rungs of

the ladder I held the lantern out at

A stone walled chamber stretched

before me like a large vault. In one wall

was a low, barred door. In a corner

was a small furnace. A peculiar look-

ing machine stood in the middle of

the vault, and upon a ledge of its

I went down, and; stepping as I

thought to the ground, my foot en-

countered something soft. I sprang

aside, avoiding it, and saw the body of

Mr. Blakely huddled up in a broken

"Ah, me! Ah, me!" she moaned

propping the head upon her knee with

frenzied tenderness. "Richard! Hus-

band! You did not merely dream-you

lived your crimes that night-and now!

This is his secret! Last night-the

night before, he was restless in his

sleep. He talked of coining, years of

coining-coining silver coins and reap-

ing profit-profit. The mint makes

profit on its silver coins, and why not

1? He said that, and as I lay awake

dead! Yes, yes, and if you lived these

hands should kill you for the ignominy and shame! Richard! Oh, Richard!

Beyond the police only Mrs. Blakely

and myself knew the true secret that

hid beyond the green baize door .- Lon-

The English and the Irish,

That the English and the Irish, liv-

ing under the same physical condi-

tions, should have the most opposite

characteristics of any two people in

the world is one of the mysteries. The

physical conditions of the two races

are almost identical. Ireland, like Eng-

fand, being insular, with a surface

marked by moderate irregularities and

possessing a moist and equable climate,

the chief differences being that Ire-

England and its climate being a little

milder and wetter. Yet the two peo-

ples are sharply contrasted in temper-

The Irish are as impulsive, mercu-

rial, humorous and unmethodical as

the English are stolid, orderly and

practical. In war the Irish are most

uccessful in attack, the English in

defense. The Irishman enters into

matrimony with his heart only, the

Englishman calculates the cost of mar-

riage before making a proposal. Irish literature is more witty, more tender,

more glowing than English, but is

The contrast of character is most

strikingly demonstrated by the fact

that the two nations, during an inter-

course of more than seven centuries,

have never been able to thoroughly un-

derstand each other, and, apart from

artificial difficulties manufactured by

unscrupulous agitators, the real differ-

ences between the two countries have

been entirely due to a mutual misun-

perstanding of each other's character-

istics.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

ament and character.

less solid and enduring.

don Tit-Bits.

I hoped he merely dreamed.

frame rested a row of silver coins.

arm's length and surveyed the scene.

a ring by which I raised the trap.

leading down to darkness.

plied and turned away impatiently.

to leave, I believe?"

carriage yesterday."

gested.

iaw fell.

ooked dubious.

ter, go for a carpenter."

CHILDREA'S COLUMN.

THE SOMERSAULT DOGS.

How They Are Trained to Do This Amusing and Difficult Trick. Although it is by no means an uncomafter somersasit in stage performance

few people know how such animals can be taught suchea difficult feat.

As there is place than one way of cookfing a goose, so there is more than one war or teaching a dog to throw somerway of tenening a sog to throw somer-scalls. But the most practical and thor-origh manner is to fasten a cord around the bedy of the Tanimal—close to the fore legs—and two people should hold the earls of the cord on either side of the un-fortunate deg. A third party, armed rope, takes a position imred and masterly stroke of close quarters to the

chward, and that movement is liden opportunity. As the and, and, birhough the first few atmpts may prive futile, the somersault
acquired il course of time. The intelmulder shen tires of the order of

When Muntle Cut His Hair,





ely cut, you see. -Farier Goose-His Book.

Dever and His Sister

As a lad Dewey had a most river where the water he shore. When they came up I asked what the matter was, girl, with a charming lisp, eing rescued from a ferocisus alligator by my brother George, who came just in time to save me."

Years ago I read a description of a figures. Place them on the table beneath the glass. Rub the glass vigorously with ent all kinds of anties.

As you enter upon life choose your friends as you would choose guides on the borders of a Wilderness. Friends more than anything else determine the

paths, which most of us follow.

There is a distinct difference-all the difference, in fact; between sense and nonsense - latween ability to converse well and ability to chatter incessantly. If you light your lamp by another's do not forget that the light you borrowed is the light you owe .- Forward.

. Her Best Behavior.

"Now, dear," said mamma to little Flo, "Mrs. Andrews is coming to see me this Affernoon, so you must be on your best I chavior and come into the drawing

"Mummy." said Flo to her mother balt our later. "I touldn't find my best be havior, but I've put on my best pinafore and sash. I weally fink dat it does as pitty as anyfink."

Frozen Butterflies.

It is a common experience among mountain climbers to find butterflies lying fro sen on the snow and so brittle that they break unless they are very carefully handled. Such frozen butterflies, on being taken to a warmer climate, recover themserves and fig away. Six species of but-terflies have been found within a few

The X n is presents have to be bought-you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Filmy and white as a wing drifts over, Dinner Setts, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Set: \$2 50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are lowin price. Call and see them.

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SCARCITY OF IPECAC.

It is a Sovereign Emetic for al Children

t Grows in Rio and in Brazil but the Im portation of the Drug From the

Latter Place is Prohibited. Ipecac, that sovereign emetic for children, is becoming scarce. The Rio variety is well known to the drug trade here, while the importation of the Carthagena variety is prohibited by the customs authorities of Brazil: But the increasing scarcity of the Rio variety has directed attention to the Carthagena or New Granada root which, in appearance, does not ma-terially differ from the Brazilian root excepting that the rings which characterize ipecac are less conspicuous. It is in its physiological effects that the Carthagena ipecae is sup-posed to differ from the Brazilian variety, the former containing less "emetine" than the latter and owning its activity more to the active nciple "cephaline," which is understood to have a different action from that of emetine. The prohibition of Carthagena ipecac is no doubt justifiable in view of the meager information regarding the physiological action of the drug as compared with Rio ipecac, on which the efficacy of ipecac as a therapeutic agent is It is surprising that physiotion of cephaline, the alkaloid which distinguishes the Carthagena variety, has not been undertaken earlier. In this respect the history of the two varieties of ipecacuanha is in con-trast with that of many other reme-

ject of pharmacological study. Ipecacuanha is a low, creeping, per-emial plant, growing wild in Brazil, They put into their play some emilal plant, growing wild in Brazil, listle action. A neighbor who having a faint, peculiar odor and a bitter, subacrid, nauseous taste, the root of which is largely used as an emetic. This root is small and wrin-kled, being marked by regular proa big stick, with which be tuberances or rings. Since the col-ter in every direction. He lection of rubber in Brazil has assumed such proportions those gather-ing and preparing roots for the market have abandoned the latter occupation for the former, which is more profitable and less laborious. The result has been to curtail greatly, the supply of ipecacuanha; in fact, practically none is gathered.

The possibility of an earlier scarcity of the drug was foreseen by United States dealers, who, says The n rains days Take a pane of glass—a Pittsburg Dispatch, have almost a monopoly of the market. Prices have ing the ends between the leaves of two been advancing steadily for 10 years ge books, letting the glass be two or In 1883 the price a pound was \$1.25, but now it is \$4.25. In view of the lightweight writing paper or, better still, great increase in price the Brazilian from tissue paper dolls, dogs and other gatherers might, for a time, find the gathering of ipecac a more profitable employment than the collection of

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NOONTIDE.

From portals that glowed with the rarest splendor, She came and passed in her grace so tender, And mountide hangs in the silent sky.

he butterflies flit in the drowsy weather

In migrag courses the fences shimmer.

Fervid and faint in the pallid moon.

The corn leaves outl and the poplars glimmer.

And drowsily grait for the south wind's boon.

Filmy and fair in the silent blue.

A ghost of a cloud. Through fields of clover
lis shadow is trailing slowly through.

Restless in slumber, while all things seem— The birds and the bees and the shaded river—

A Wife Forces Her Husband's Secret Chamber and Makes a Discovery.

Samuella and the samuel There was mystery beyond the green baize door, tangible or intangible nobody knew, since no one but Mr. Blakely ever saw the inside of the door which shut his private room at Mess'rs. Blakely & Stephen's bank from the narrow passage connecting it with the general offices.

Mr. Blakely was sole proprietor of the bank, which was the only one in the town and showed every semblance of the soundest financial basis.

Mr. Blakely was a man strangely devoid of eccentricities. The chief faults the bank staff found with him were his indefatigability and that whenever there was business to be done in London-selling or buying stock, buying cash, etc.-he invariably attended to it himself.

I was seated at the desk of the head cashier, who was away on a short holiday, one morning in September, when one of our clients entered the counting

"Mr. Boyton, look here," he said, slipping a crown piece upon the counter. "Where did you get it?"

"What's wrong with it?" I inquired, examining it closely without noticing any defect. "Did I give it to you?" "Yes. Look at the edge. It's quite

I passed him two half crowns, and as he went away I slipped the crown into my pocket, intending to keep it as a curiosity, but later in the day, when Mr. Blakely was in the office, I showed "Curjous!" he muttered. "One of an

experimental mint, no doubt, for it's dated 1896. Do you think we've any others similar?" "No l have been through them."

"Strange! Well, I'll keep it. It is probably unique." I was disappointed with his decision, as I wanted the coin myself. It was against my principles, however, to protest. I forgot it entirely until some weeks later, when Mrs. Blakely, to the utter astonishment of the bank's staff,

been married more than ten months, Mrs. Blakely had never been inside the bank. Now, she drove up in her cardial agents which have been the sub-Mr. Blakely.

I replied that if she would step into the waiting room I would summon him in the usual way.

"No. Show me into his private room. I am Mrs. Blakely," slie said hastily. "I recognized you, madam," I replied, "But the rule is that all visitors whoever they may be, are to be shown into the waiting room, where Mr. Blakely

will interview them." "Nonsense!" she ejaculated. "Such rules do not refer to Mr. Blakely's wife. The room is at the end of the passage,

"You are putting me in an awkard position," I replied. "I am not allowed to let visitors approach the green baize

"Ah!" Her proud eyes flashed. "So there is a green baize door which no one approaches?"

When Mr. Blakely came he did so in his habitual leisurely manner, and he walked into the waiting room, leaving the door ajar.

"Mr. Blakely," she said haughtily, "I have been insulted by one of your clerks. Since when has your wife been denied the right to enter your private

"Ever since she wrongly assumed that she had such a right, Mary. My clerks have their orders; they obey them. You cannot blame them for upholding rules I myself have framed. What do you want? I am very busy this morning. The market is very un-

steady just now." "Tell me, Richard, had you known I was coming would you have allowed your clerk to deny me access to your private room?" Mrs. Blakely inquired. "The rule is of many years' standing. Mary," he said deliberately. "If it were set aside for you, it would be the thin end of the wedge. My room

world no longer be private." "You indorse your clerk's insult?" "I uphold my clerk who upholds the

bank's rules." I felt her brush past me as she came out of the room and saw her walk round the desks, her lips tightly com-

pressed and her head very high. The following morning when I turned up at the bank the porter met me with the inquiry, had I seen anything of Mr. Blakely? No one had seen him since the bank closed the night before. He was not in the bank-had not been home-indeed, it was Mrs. Blakely who had driven down the first thing to in-

quire about him, and no one had seen

Editor's Interest in his Serial

He wanted him to Run no Chances While his Story Remained

One of the stories of the late Victor Cherbuliez, the French-Swiss man of letters, illustrates finely the true spirit of the publisher. Buloz, the editor of the Revue des Deux Mondes, once had at his country house in Savoy a numerous com-pany of literary people, one of whom was Cherbuliez. Cherbuliez contributed regularly every other year a novel to the columns of the Revue, and a story of his was at that time running in the period-

that all the people present, with the ex-ception of Cherbuliez, declined to partake of the dish. He alone attacked it with gusto.

uarrow passage another door obstructto the smith, who stepped forward and shivered the lock of the second door,

which was only light wood. All was that you haven't finished your story in I turned to Mrs. Blakely, who stood "Porter," she said, in a hushed voice, "get me a lantern. Then you can both was finished .- Youth's Companion.

The Poor Authors. Here is an interesting leaf from an au-

thor's diary: "Sold one poem and had five returned. Made almost enough to pay the butcher."
"Sold a short story and came within an ace of making enough to pay \$10 on the grocery bill."
"Wrote an obituary on an ancient citi-

zen and had Maria's shoes mended with the proceeds." "I must try and write enough tonight

he had done some work: "Please send check at once, as my gas bill is due. The candid editor replied in this brief fashion:

of England once what tact was. "Well, replied the archbishop, "it is difficult to instance of what it is not: Only this morning a clergyman in my diocese wrote to me, 'In consideration of your sace's many infirmities and failing powers. That was not tactful!"

Necessary to Warn Her. "When you get your groceries today," said the butcher to his wife, "don't go to

rowed an old pair of my scales." The One Flaw.

"He would be if he didn't know it."-The earliest pottery which printed de-

signs of American subjects was made at Liverpool at the end of the eighteenth The hearts of men are their books. events are their tutors, great actions are

their eloquence.

The luxuries of life are the things

ch as he intends to. Many a man's reputation for good-ness is founded upon his ability to coneal his badness. A traveller says ham plays about the same part in a railway sandwich that truth does in a horse trade.

DARK DAYS land is rather more mountainous than

Make no Difference

Xmas Photos

Why She Was Anxious. He had been out for a day's fishing, and as he proudly displayed the con-tents of his basket to his wife she ex-

claimed "Oh. John, aren't they beauties! But I've been so anxious for the last "Foolish little one," said John ca

ressingly. "Why, what could have happened to me?" "Oh. I didn't worry about you, love, but it grew so late I was afraid that before you got back to town the fish shops would all be shut."—Spare Mo-

WHY HE WAS ANXIOUS

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The guests had been out for a walk, and had amused themselves with gathering mushrooms, which were cooked for dinner. As the company were sitting down, it occurred to one of the party that undoubtedly some of the people who had taken part in gathering the mushrooms knew nothing about them, and that there might be poisonous fungi in the collection.

This reflection so affected the company

Thereupon Buloz showed sudden and intense alarm.
"Cherbuliez! Cherbuliez! What are you about?" he exclaimed. "Remember

the Revue!"
Greatly to his relief, the mushrooms turned out to be innocuous, and the story

to buy a gallon of kerosene oil."

An author, being hard pressed by his creditors, wrote to an editor for whom

"So is mine. God help us all!"-Atlan-

ta Constitution.

Not Tactful. Some one asked Archbishop Langley say what it is. Here, however, is an

that little grocer next door to my shop."
"Why not?" she demanded. "Because he sent in yesterday and bor-

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