CONVERTING OF EDENVILLE.

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before I found that Edenville was, so to speak, the private property of Colonel James Mansfield Petterton. What the colonel came from was a guessing competition, but if you forgot he was a colonel he reminded you of it, and it was healthy to remember it. Every man knews his family was one of the first in England and if he liked he could sit in your House of Lords or Commons. I forget which. But the colonel said he was republican to his marrow and if the Queen begged him to take his proper place he should refuse with haughty secra. The colonel in his condescendin moments used to expatiate large and free on his family history, how his granddad settled in Carolina and the green plantation and hundreds of nigsthey had, but he never explained very clearly how with all that in Carolina he came out west, except that he preferred a life as free and boundless as the prairies (you may take my word for itt hat you haven't an orator in your islets-Gladstone or any of em—fit to move a vote of thanks to the colonel when he'd imbibed his usual half bottle of whiskey).

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guess—had better skip before Inursday,"

"Well, when Jake and the others came back with the tale we laughed. If it was true it wasn't, anything to use cuss words about." A pretty woman that 'ould use her talents was more a streak of luck than anything else for Edenville. All it amounted to, as Taffy, Morgan said, was that we were goin' to have concerts, too, if Jim was right. We should have to move a vote of thanks to the colonel, he said."

"It was kinder interestin' to see on the Wednesday evenin' that most of the boys was waitin' about the hotel. It was near dusk when the colonel and his wife drove up in a buggy. He handed her out in his high-class style and then he turns to us. 'Gentlemen and friends,' he ses, 'allow me to present you to my wife. late Miss Charity Dekall. I had no intention of marryin' when I left this town, but my heart was stolen at once. My wife is tired and we will seek repose. But just one word. Edenville will find in bringin' my wife here I have conferred on it a greater boon than all the gold found near it.

"Somebody started a cheer as they moved away, and we gave it hearty and then went to our usual amusements.

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wife (terrific cheers) who left a refine and luxurious home out east to preas wife (terrific cheers) who left a retitues and luxurious home out east to preach the gospel, has come here to-night to address you. I told her that if any place out west needed convertin' it was Edenville (cheers.) We've got, I ses, some of the unholiest trash in the west at Edenville (loud cheers) and thar's no place I ses, where you can have a fairer start. Now, I can tell you, boys, that I've promised her a fair chance, and a fair chance it's goin' to be. I see some citizens that ought to be disfiggerin' the cimetery, and though I mentions no names, I warms 'em that I got a more reliable weapon in Frisco, and, havin' quit whiskey, a steadier firer. Any man as don't remember he's come to church had better slink out right now.'

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"My love," ses the colonel, kinder fondly, but sorter firmly, 'I know Edenville better'n you. We agreed to run this yer revival together and my talent is to keep order. You fire right in, my love, and I'll see that the boys listen quiet.' And then he bowed to us in his errand way.

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"Waal, she started off in style and the colonel sat thar with a smile on his face listenin' for all he was worth, but keepin' the tail of his eye on us and fingerin' his iron. Naw, 'I assure you, me friend, that I've been to camp meetin's and revival meetin's and heard the crack o'raters, but Mrs. Colonel had the right to the hull biscuit. She was right in airnest, but she didn't talk so much about hell as about heaven and not so much about heaven as about earth and livin' decent on it before you panned out. But the boys hadn't come for that but for fun and when it was dangerous to start anythin' funny with the colonel thar some few got up and started makin'. tracks for the door.

"The colonel jumps up. 'Gentlemen,' he ses, 'I beg on you to make mo mistake. This hyer ain't a theavtre but. a gospel meetin' and you'll kindly kip your seats. It's an insult to the lady to try to sneak out till it's over and I shattake it most unkind if any gent finds he's got pressin' husiness before the meetin' eloses."

"That settled it. The boys remembered as business wasn't very pressin' and sot down agen. Then Mrs. Colonel warbles and that was the best part of it and a

tails.

"Jem sailed in in proper style. We couldn't be thänkful enough, he said, to Mrs. Colonel Petterton for her efforts on behalf of Edenville—efforts that had been crowned with astonishin' success, as been crowned with astonishin' success, as everybody owned. Likewise, we was grateful to the colonel for bringin' such an airnest and cultured lady among us. But Edenville knowed that it was only one town among many, and there were other places, such as Deal Injun, Brandyville, etc., that needed Mrs. Colonel bad. Edénville understood their feelin's, he said—how they didn't like to leave for fear we thought they were neglectin' the town where the colonel had made his home. And Mrs. Colonel might think that she hadn't been an amazin' success, but we could assure her that she was they stopped Mrs. Colonel spoke and told the boys she was goin' to speak and told the boys she was goin' to speak and sing that evenin' in the hotel saloon and hoped we should be that. She'd got a soft voice and a dreamy look in her eyes and it was plain she was one of them women that had got religion right in the system, and was never so happy as when givin' it to other folks. The colonel was like a boy of 16 when he's got eyes for the other half and thinks he can't live without her.

"Waal, Edenville turned up that night a pretty big and lively crowd—Ginger Pete and his gang were thar and we look ed forward to a gay old time at that revival meetin'. A sorter platform had been made by puttin' a couple of planks on a couple o' bar'ls, an' when the colonel led the bride forward we yelled the biggest welcome ever heard in Edenville.

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"The colonel took it as slick as the best whiskey ever brewed. He thanked us for his wife, he thanked us for himself; he was glad of his wife's success and they had been thinking of making a little tour among the degraded camps in the district, but nothing had been settled.

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"Mrs. Colonel, with tears in her eyes, chipped in and was surprised at our enthusiasm: she had been low spirited 'cos we didn't attend the meetin's and"Jem sailed in quick.

"Ma'am,' he said, 'this yer town of Edenville is shy. It don't run to meetin's, ma'am, It ain't been used to 'em. But I can promise you this, ma'am,' he ses, wipin' his eyes, 'that at your farewell meetin' to-morrer night you'll have the biggest crowd ever seen in this yer region. Eight o'clock, ma'am, we'll be thar. Good-night, and thank you a thousand times, ma'am, and same to you, colonel,' and then we left 'em.

"Most of the boys were waitin' to hear how we'd got on, and when we told 'em what a masterpiece Jem's oration was he could have washed in free drinks. But he wouldn't.

"No, boys,' he ses, 'wait till the day after to-morrer and if they emigrate I'il receive your congraylations. I once heard of a feller that was got to resign and everybody subscribed to a present for him and praised him so much that he said he'd never known till then how popular he was, and he wouldn't leave a place where they loved him so. No, boys, we'll wait till we see 'em on the move.'

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Sunday frocks all the time, but when
the meetin' was over and the colonel
got up to thank us and bid us farewell
we felt mad to cheer, only we'd more

sense.
"The next day we saw 'em off and we The next day we saw cm off and we gave 'em such a cheer as ought to have made the colonel suspicious. We heard after they'd a lively time at Brandyville, but that didn't consarn Edenville.

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"And had Mrs. Petterton reformed the own at all?" I asked. Mr. Speader looked at me pityingly. "Me friend," he said, "the next three or four days was the hottest time I've ever been in—Edenville or elsewhar."

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It is to be hoped that they will take warning from the fate of a lady who recently entered a Berlin tram car after having freely perfumed herself with musk, a scent which experts declare will cause polished steel to become fragrant if placed in the same box, contact not being necessary. On this occasion the passengers were almost overpowered, and said so with no uncertain voice, with the result that a free fight ensued between a gentleman who was accompanying the lady and the aggrieved ones.

The police were called in, and now, it is said, a law may be passed by the municipality fixing the maximum extent to which a woman may pe ume herself before becoming a public nuisance.—From the Pall Mall Gazette



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"MOTHER."

James Whitcomb Riley in Octo

I'm gittin' old—I know—
It seems so long ago—
So long sense John was here!
He went so young!—our Jim
'S as old now 'most as him.—
Close on to thirty year'!

I know I'm gittin' old—
I know it by the cold,
From time 'at first frost flies.—
Seems Ilke—sense John was here—
Winters is more severe;
And winter I de-spise!

And yet, it seems, some days, John's here, with his odd ways Comes soon-like from the coffield, callin' "Mother" at Me-like he called me that Even fore Jim was born!

When Jim come—(La! how good Was all the neighborhood!— And Dector!—when I heard Him Joke John, kind o' low, And say: Yes, folks could go— "Pa" needn't be afeard!)

When Jim come,—John says—'e— A-bending' over me And baby in the bed— And jes us three,—says 'e, "Our little family". And that was all he said.

The old home 's most in mind And joye long left behind'. Jim's little h'istin' crawl Acrost the floor to where John set a-rockin' there! (I'm gittin' old—that's all !)

I'm gittin' old—no doubt!— (Healthy as all git-out!) But strangest thing I do,— I cry so easy now— I cry fes anyhow The fool-tears wants me to!

But Jim he won't be told

'At 'Mother's' gittin' old '
Hugged me, he did, and smiled
This morning, and bragged "shore'
He loved me even more
Than when he was a child!

That's his way; but ef John Was here now, lookin' on. He'd sborely know and see; "But, 'Mother,' s'pect he'd say, 'S'poby you air gittin' gray, You're younger yet than me!"

Im gittin' old,—because
Our young daws, like they was,
Keeps comin' back—so clear,
'At little Jim, once more,
Comes h'istin 'crost the floor
Fer John's old rockin'-cheer

Ob beautiful !—to be A-gittin old, like me! Hey, Jim! Come in now, Jim! Your supper's ready, dear! (How more, every year. He looks and acts like him!)

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English Debt Penalties

Consul P. W. Mahin writes from Not-ingham that imprisonment for debt was ominally abolished in England many nominally aboussed in England many years ago, but the actual number of cases of imprisonment has since annually increased faster than the population. He continues: "Much more judicial option is possible than formerly was the case, and is exercised under the existing law. A debtor against whom judgment is rendered may be summarily required to pay before a given date on penalty of imprisonment. This power of committal resides in the judge of the court. Some judges exercise it much more freely than others. In Nottingham county imprisonment. In Nottingham county sonment for debt is rare. In other popu

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lous court districts with much court business, the cases of imprisonment do not exceed fifty a year, while in some less populous districts with less court business the number reaches 500 a year. But it would seem that on the whole the indulence shown to dispose the property of the second seems that the second seems that the second seems that on the whole the indulence shown to dispose the second seems that the second seems that the second seems the second seems that the second second seems that the second second second seems the second se

But it would seem that on the whole the indulgence shown to delinquent debtors is steadily decreasing, for the cases of imprisonment in the country have decennially increased as follows under the existing law: In 1876, 4,228; 1886, 5,486; 1896, 8,190; 1906, 11,986.
"Technically the imprisonment is for contempt of court. The Judge orders the debtor to pay before a given day, failing which he may be jailed for contempt, not exceeding forty days, however, in any case, and he is released at once if he pays in the meantime."—From Daily Consular and Trade Reports.

Mr. Samuel Valentine, of Brixton, who died recently, left £3,000 to the National Lifeboat Institution, and about £20,000 to Londón hospitals and various charities. He left specific directions for the payment of a medical man who should, after the testator's decease, severan artery or puncture his heart, otherwise the funeral was to be delayed fifteen days.

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