You don't know what a beautiful ne carpet the Henleys have bought, said my wife as I came in to dinner; 'and it cost only a dollar a ward. It is worth almost as much again as ours when new, and we paid a dollar and a half a yard.

'Carpets are much cheaper now than they were when we bought ours,' I re-

plied, a little coldly.

True,' said my wife; 'that was cer. tainly a long while ago. I have just been looking at ours, and it is really very much defaced. Don't you think could afford to buy a new one! I feel quite ashamed of it, it is so worn and

But you did not think so indifferently of it until you saw Mrs. Henley's new one.' I observed.

'Oh, yes, I did,' replied my wife; 'but I thought you might think we could not afford another, and so I didn't say any thing about it. But now that the Hen leys have purchased a beautiful new carpet for their parlor, I feel as if we ought to do the same. Ours looks awfully shabby.'

'A new carpet for our parlor would not cost much less than twenty-five dollars, Jape, I replied.

'Oh it would not cost anything like that,' said my wife.

'It is easy to make the calculation. said I; 'facts are figures, and I say it will

take twenty yards of carpet.' 'Not more than eighteen,' persisted

Jane. 'It will take five breadths,' said I, 'and I am certain the parlor is four yards long,' and forthwith I commenced my measurement, which proved my assertion correct. 'Four fives make twenty,' said I, as I arose from my bent position, and twenty yards of carpeting at a dollar a yard will cost just twenty dollars, and

'Are you not mistaken?' finquired my wife, rather dubiously. I went carefully over the calculation with her, for she was not over quick at

figures, and showed her that I was not 'True enough,' said my wife somewhat comprehending; but I wouldn't have thought it. Twenty-five dollars is great deal of money; but then we don't want a new carpet every year. It is six or seven years since we bought our last; and we shall soon require a new one. thought we might as well buy one now

as at any other time; besides, my dear, I don't believe carpets will be as cheap six months hence as they are now.' My wife was fairly set upon a new parlor carpet and seemed determined to carry her point. This I understood very well, and not caring to fight a battle in which the odds were against me. I shandoned the contest and gave my wife twenty-five dollars to buy a new carpet.

inwardly wishing Mrs. Henley a thousand income of twelve hundred dollars a year, out of which I laid it down as a rule that I ought to save at least two hundred dollars. This I had been able to do for a couple of years, until, unfortunately, the Henleys moved next door, and my wife made the acquaintance of the very agreeable Mrs. Henley, whose husband was also a clerk in a city house, but he received fifteen hundred a year all of which was regularly spent by the year's

end. I had about six hundred dollars

but the amount had already dwindled down to four hundred when the old carpet was to be replaced by a new one. These new neighbors and acquaintances were certainly very agreeable people. I liked Henley very well, and my wife was perfectly fascinated with Mrs. Henley, who was a woman of some

for one in her circumstances. the beginning, and with this style we she had not seen anything so rich or time of our marriage I had about six immediately; and as I wanted a new expended in furniture, keeping in view most beautifully-don't you think socomfort and convenience rather than my dear?' show. For the first two or three years we found it necessary, in completing the What else could I say ?' My wife needed comforts of our little household, to expend all that could be saved out of my salary, which during that time was only one thousand dollars per annum. After that my salary was increased, and I was derstand the use, completed [the list of pleasant prospect, if health continued, of purchases—things my wife would not being able to save enough to purchase, in time, a comfortable dwelling, I was neighbor. going on in a very self-satisfied state of mind, when the Henleys moved next door. Three weeks were allowed to go by, and then my wife suggested that it was no more than right that we should make the acquaintance of our new neighbors, who were, she had ascertained, very respectable people. I had no objections to offer, and therefore made none: accordingly my wife one day made a complimentary visit to Mrs. Henley,

and invited that lady in return. 'I called upon Mrs. Henley this morning,' said my wife to me when I came home to dinner.

"Well, how did you like her" I enquired, half indifferently.

'Very much indeed.' replied my wife, essing herself warmly. of the most agreeable women I over mot
a perfect lady in her manners. She
appeared quite pleased with my visit,
and has promised to return it, and also
to introduce Mr. Henley. They have everything very handsome in the parlor.
Black walnut chairs, beautiful sofa, and
a splendid marble to the sideboard they have some magnificent vases of wax flowers, baskets of wax fruit, and the most charming ornaments you ever saw. On the mantel they have ome smaller ornaments, a time piece and a pair of elegant candelabras at each end.' As my wife said this she glanced toward the mantel and sideboards of our own plainly furnished parlor. 'I really think we might afford a pair of candelabras,' she disgressed to say, 'they are so

I said nothing in reply; but thought ur patent lamp on the sideboard looked very well, and that for the mere appearnce of the things fifteen or twenty dollars was too much for persons in our ircumstances to spend for candelabras to adorn the mantel.

wenty dollars.

For some time my wife continued to run on about her agreeable neighbor. She had noticed everything in the parlor arrangement of her neighbor's house, and the minutest particle of her dress all of which she described.

Two days only elapsed before Mrs. Henley returned the call, and asked my wife if she wouldn't go shopping with her on the following day. This my wife promised to do, and as she had several articles to purchase, asked me for fifteen dollars with which to buy them.

'I declare,' said my wife to me after the shopping expedition with Mrs. Henley, 'if I haven't been shopping all the morning, and without buying an article I intended, and have spent the whole of there are other little et ceteras that will the money you gave me. I ought, at cost at least another four or five dollars. least, to have had twenty-five dollars, for I was going to buy for you half a dozen pocket handkerchiefs, a piece of linen for shirts, and some flannel; neither of which articles have I got.

'What then have you bought?" J sked in surprise.

'I will show you,' she replied, bringing out a bundle from one of her drawers. As she unrolled it, she said, 'We met with some of the finest lace collars I ever saw in my life. There, just look at this !- it cost only \$4.50.

Forthwith my wife displayed before doubt all she alleged in regard to its qualified to decide as to its real worth. 'Isn't it sweet?' repeated my wife.

Of course I could do no less than assent. half,' she reiterated, determined, if steadily decreasing until I had not two possible to impress upon my mind what hundred dollars left. I now began to she continued, 'bought one without the Henley had been married to the man in As a clerk, I had a very comfortable least hesitation, and of course I could not resist the temptation to do the same, for I hadn't a single handsome collar to my mind, and really felt ashamed when I went out with Mrs. Henley, whose collars, I am certain do not cost less than \$15 Those that I have are all very common: most of them I had when we were first married.' After this I hadn't a word to sav.

'Wasn't I right in purchasing one? asked my wife, looking me intently in the face. 'Certainly my dear,' replied I; 'vou

snugly laid away in the savings bank wanted a fine collar, and you did right when the Henleys became our neighbors: 'Now look at this,' said my wife; and

a rich showy dress pattern met my eyes. 'Isn't that lovely?' asked my wife. 'Now how much do you think it was a

yard, my dear ?

'Indeed I don't know,' I replied. taste, but of rather extravagant notions with an air of triumph. 'Last season nothing could be had like it for less than ting it out. After she had said this I jections, and in less than a month we Our style of living had been plain from seventy-five cents. Mrs. Henley said saw the new chairs in our parlor. This were snugly settled in it. The only were both very well satisfied. At the handsome, and she purchased a dress hundred dollars laid by and this sum we dress I did the same. It will make up

'Yes,' replied I; 'I think it will.' a new dress, and this she thought both cheap and pretty. If it pleased her I was satisfied. Half a dozen other little matters, of which I did not clearly unbeen out shopping with her agreeable

On the next day I furnished another fifteen dallars to get the linen, flannel and handkerchiefs, which, as my wife had said, were for my own particular self, and which, she had informed me, I required for immediate use, As my wife had been so kind as to go shopping with Mrs. Henley, that lady very kindly consented to go out with my wife. Accordingly they went shopping together. The pocket handkerchiefs were bought, but the linnen and flannel were omitted. The ladies saw a couple of silk bonnets, the price of which was only eight dollars each; the establishment was selling off;

that they forthwith concluded to buy

sed my good wife. in a few weeks," said my wife, 'and must have paid at least ten dollars for one neither so handsome nor so good as this; and as they were selling off. I could not let such an epportunity escape for securing a bargain like this.

I had nothing to advance by way of objection, another fifteen dollars supplied for shopping purposes. This time the linen and fannel were forthornamental, and only cost (?) fifteen or

with her agreeable neighbors, Mrs. Henley. From that period money went more rapidly.

It cost for shopping purposes alone just double what it had done before. wife's appearance and that of our two little ones was certainly much improved. and so far this was agreeable euough, but I could not help feeling that it was all costing too much. I found that instead of saving a few dollars to lay up at the end of the month, I hadn't a cent. Of course all was not spent in shopping; but what was true in the clothing department was true in every other depart-

Before the Henleys had been our neighbors six months various ornaments made their appearance on our sideboards, and our mantel displayed a beautiful pair of candelabras, besides other little nicknacks which had hitherto peen considered as superfluous.

Mr. Henley, whose acquaintance my wife had insisted I should make, I found an intelligent, agreeable man, and frequently spent a pleasant evening with im. As for the ladies, they saw each other daily; and from the first week of their acquaintance the ideas of my wife began gradually to enlarge, and her taste to become refined. The thought of economy gradually faded from her mind. Mrs. Henley became her model, and Mrs. Henley's ideas of things her ideas. She used every season to put up a few iars of preserves, the cost of which did not exceed a few shillings. But, this the first season of her acquaintance with Mrs. Henley, she was visited with a remy eyes a worked collar that was no gular preserving mamia. Quinces, peaches, pears, and plums, and I don't quality and price, but as I was no judge know what besides, were boiled down in of these feminine gewgaws, I was not the best double refined loaf sugar, and sealed up in glass jars, the number of which I will not pretend to give.

And so things went on for more than 'And it was only four dollars and a a year, my deposits in the savings bank a bargain she had made. 'Mrs Henley,' feel really serious, and to wish that Mrs.

acknowledge that. But the chairs and ashamed of themselves in such genteel company. 'Mrs. Henley says four chairs will never do,' observed my wife. 'We the next month," suggested Mr. Henwere looking at some excellent black ley. walnut horse hair chairs this morning, they were only thirty-one dollars the half dozen, and we paid, I think it was, twenty-one dollars for these cane-bottomed ones with chintz seats. It's a a pity we hadn't bought black walnut. horsehair chairs at first. But those will do very well for the bed-room, and those now in the bed-room may be disposed of away. to advantage to the person who has the horse hair chairs for sale. At least, so Mrs. Henley says.

When my wife got a thing into her saw the house and found it to be larger 'Only three shillings,' said my wife head, or rather Mrs. Henley had cram- and more convenient than the one we med anything into it, there was no getwas in imagination; but the real vision thing that my wife regretted in the soon came. Another draw upon my de- change was the loss of her agreeable posits in the savings bank furnished my neighbor, Mrs. Henley. I need not exwife with the means of gratifying her press my feelings on that subject. desire to have a set of horse-hair chairs, them beautiful, but suggested that there to do so, I hope, unless the Henleys was still something wanted to complete should take a fancy to move into our neighthe effect. There must either be a sofa borhood, which heaven forbid! table or centre-table with a marble top; and she thought that our sofa did not bors. They were pleasant people cerexactly corresbond with our carpet or tainly, but their acquaintance cost conchairs; and suggested a fashionable siderably too much.

'Mrs. Henley is very kind in her suggestions, I could not help saying, a little sarcastically. My wife did not like this her agreeable neighbor. I was silenced. No more was said about couch or table for more than a week, when my wife, pedigree and looking up my descent, I that they had discovered the very thing and becoming convinced that it was all that was wanted in a handsome sofa settled in that leg, I had it cut off at table, the price of which was only once." "Be the powers," exclaimed Pat, twenty dollars; and as there was a pair "it 'ud 'av been a good thing if it had onof them, and the Henleys had bought ly settled in your head!" one of them, I couldn't object.

Carpets, chairs and sofa table were rather costly articles, which, together with sundry other purchases too numerand the price was exceedingly low, and ous to enumerate, had made quite a the said bonnets so struck their fancy distinct impression upon the little sum I with a ten cent sample bottle.

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had saved. But besides these marked impressions, there was a gradual wasting away of my cherished deposit. Mrs Henley was a moman who always wanted ething, and mover was satisfied unless she was spanding money. In the course of a year, and a half she had so filled my wife with her spirit, that our me, had actually exceeddeposits were nearly all drawn out of the savings bank. I now

my wife. 'We are living beyond our

had good cause to feel sober

'I am sure I try to be economical.' she would reply. "We live no better than other people in our circumstances live. I am sure Mrs. Henley spends two dollars on herself where I spend one.'

'We used to get along very comfortably with my salary, but we have not only spent that for the last two years, but have drawn every cent out of the savings bank.'

'Yes, my dear,' said my wife, very oaxingly, 'but look how much furniture we have bought, and look how elegantly our parlor is furnished !--and then there is that elegant easy chair in the bedroom, besides the dressing-bureau, washstand and patent bed-stead.

'True,' I replied; 'but for all this change, are we auy happier than we were? To speak for myself I can say that I am not.'

'We shall not have to buy them again,' suggested my wife by way of production. 'They will last us our

'Yes my dear,' said I, 'but we are and have been living far beyond my income for two years. My wife looked very serious. 'I don't

know what we can do,' she said in a desponding tone 'If you don't, I must find out.' my mental reply.

When I left home I went direct to my landlord, with whom I was on very good 'Good morning, Mr. Lewis,' said I, as

entered that gentleman's breakfast parlor, 'have you another house to let any part of the town, as I wish to leave the one I now occupy.' He seemed somewhat surprised at my

straightforward manner of addressing him, but presently replied: 'Yes, I shall have at the end of the month an excellent house vacant, but the rent is sixty dollars a year more than you pay at pre-'No matter about the rent.' said I

that house will suit me. Now, Mr. Lewis, I want you to write me a formal notice to leave my present house on the first of the month, and I will sign an agreement to take possession of the one you have named.

Why so? said the astonished landlord. 'This is a strange proceeding.'

I then gave him a history of the effect agreeable neighbors, and declared that About this time the new carpet was if he did not do as I wished I should be bought. It looked very fine. I had to ruined. He smiled, but promised to do as I desired; and you may judge of my plain black walnut table appeared rather wife's surprise when the peremptory notice to quit was received.

'He can't get you out till the end of

'I wouldn't go for him!' said Mrs. Henley, with strongly marked emphas-

But I said I wouldn't live in the house another month if he allowed me to remain rent free. On the following day I took my wife to see the new house; but she strongly objected to going so far

'So far away from where ?' I asked. This she was not able to answer very satisfactorily. When, moreover, she were about to leave, she waived all ob-

Soon we had matters going on the old and with them came the desire for other way, and I am once more laying by a things. Mrs. Henley had pronounced few dollars a year, and I shall continue

So much for our very agreeable neigh-

A one-legged Welsh orator named Jones was pretty successful in bantering stroke and like disorders it will pay for at all, and met it with a warm defence of an Irishman, when the latter asked him, "How did you come to lose your leg?" "Well," said Jones, "on examining my with the aid of her friend, informed me found there was some Irish blood in me, to habits and methods of life during the

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In the first place, people as a genera

thing eat too much meat during the hot months. I have known many families who feed their children while yet quite young, on salt bacon, salt fish, fat gravies, butter and such complications of dishe flavoured with hot condiments, and it is a great wonder that not more die during the heated term. Those neonle who must work and who cannot avoid the piercing rays of the sun, can, at least, avoid all such articles of food which have a tendency to fire up the system, and then, in the next place, everything should be carefully avoided that tends to check perspiration. In fact when the skin becomes dry persons may drink water until they perspire in a free manner. When the skin is in good working order, there is not much danger of becoming overheated. Hence a daily bath may be just the thing. This is one of the most important ways from becoming overheated. A straw hat is a very good covering for the head, and a good plan to keep the head cool is to wear a leaf previously dipped in water in the crown of the hat. Every opportunity should be BEDDING PLANTS, AND SHRUBS, taken to remove the hat when in the shade, as the fresh air cools the head and removes any tendency there may be to a slight congestion of the brain. All strong drink should be avoided without exception. The use of alcoholic beverages has a greater influence to overheat the body, by producing fevered action of the heart, then all ahe prodisposing causes

together. It is a sufe rule never to drink ice wa ter, yet those who are in the habit of drinking ice water it will not hurt so much as those who only occasionally use it. Another percarious habit which people have, is to drink ice water immediately after eating fruit. For example a young fellow with his sweet-heart goes | S. S. ALMONDS. to the ice cream saloon, and not unfre quently they eat a dish of strawberries, dish of ice cream, and then drink a glass of ice water. Such violations of nature's laws will produce congestion of the stomach, and the body becomes overheated by increased activity of the whole this feeling of heat is attributed to the hot weather, when it comes from a want of knowledge of physiology.

Great care should be taken as to the quality of the food used. Partially decayed fruit, berries and vegetables are more frequently the immediate cause of Teas, Sugars, a large number of the cases of diarrhoea and digestive troubles that people suffer so from during the hot sum mer months. Fruits and berries, if not a ready sale is had, after a few Dr. PRICE's Cream Baking Powder. days begin to decay, and rather than lose them the vendor puts the pricedown in exact ratio as the decaying process progresses, and those who can ill afford to pay a big price for fresh and sound fruit, buy the cheaper, and this is one reason why among a certain class of people a greater percentage of derangements peculiar to summer is found than among those who avoid this kind of diet. Muskmelons and watermelons may be very pleasant to the taste, especially when on ice, but unless perfectly ripe and fresh are often the source of much trouble.

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