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I'm thinking, wite, of neighbor Jon man with the stalwart arm-He lives in peace and plenty on a forty-acre

hands a-sore,
Who own two hundred acres, and still are
She was a woman.

and glossy coats; The cows within the meadow, resting 'neath frightened him. He came in and stood

Learn all their gentle manners from a gentle his sobbings ceased. milking maid.

Within the field on Saturday, he leaves no cradled grain

To be gathered on the morrow, for lear of good?" He lives in joy and gladness, and happy are

He keeps the Sabbath holy—his children learn body says so."

He never had a lawsuit to take him to to For the simple reason there are no tences

him a charm,

I can always find my neighbor on his fortyacre farm. His acres are so few he plows them very der'p,

in its place; smiles on his fields, content

ment on his tace. May we learn a lesson, wife, from pruden

And not sigh for what we haven't got-give ent to sighs and groans? The rich ain't always har py, nor free from lite

Blest are those who live content, though smal

may be their farms.

—Atlanta Constitution.

FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Dr. Silas Walsh one day sat in his to-day. office reading a very interesting book. It was a part of his business, this read ing, for the book was a science within the scope of his profession. He wacomparatively a young man, and had the reputation of being an excellent physician. While he read some one rang his office belt. He laid aside his

saw what was upon the stepping stone he was indignant.

It was a ragged, dirty boy, known in Ensworth as "Hammer Jim"—ragged and dirty, and with the vileness of the slums upon him—a boy vicious and profane, against whom every other boy he was indignant. slums upon him—a boy vicious and profane, against whom every other boy was warned—a boy who was called a thief and a villian, whom no efforts of he overseers had f been able to reclaim, and who seemed to care for nothing but to make people afraid of him. His true name as the overseers had it, was James Ammerton. About his father no one in Ensworth had ever. his father no one in Ensworth had ever, known. His mother had died an inmate

On the present occasion, Jim's face was not only dirty, but bloody; and there was blood on his grimmed and tattered garments.

Please, sir, won't you fix my head?

"I'm afeard it's bad, sir," said the hoy, sobbing. "One o' Mr. Dunn's men hit me with a rock. Oh!"

What did he hit you for?" I dunno, sir."

Dr. Walsh would not touch the boy's lead with his finger. There was no but they won't," he said, at length.

need of it. He could see that ther? was only a scalp wound, and that the blood had ceased to flow." wash your head and put on a clean

"Please, sir, I hain't got no home, and I hain't got no folks."

"You stop somewhere, don't you?"
"I stop at the poor'us when they don't kick me out.'

"Well, boy, you are not going to die from this. Go and get somebody to wash your head, or go and wash it your-at her." self and tie your handkerchief on."

Please, sir, I hain't got no-" Hold up, boy. I haven't got time You won't suffer if you go Silas.'

had not meant to be unkind; but really sion.
he had not thought there was any need Afr

certainly he did not want that bad boy

But Dr. Walsh had not been alone cog-When men are all around us, with hearts and hands a sore,

Who can the boy's visit. There had been a witness in an upper window. The doctor's wife had seen and heard.

He has a pretty little tarm-a pretty little dignified like her husband. Her heart was not only tender, but it was used to aching. She had no children living; but mouse; there were two little mounds in the father's heart to charm,
Looking just as neat and tidy as the tidy little ing upon her impulse, as she was very apt to act, she slipped down and called No weeds are in the cornfield, no thistles in the boy in, by the back way, to the wash-room. He came in, rags, dirt and the oats,
The horses show good keeping by their fine
and closes coats:

all, wondering what was wanted. The
sweet voice that had called him had not looking at Mary Walsh, and as he looked

"Sit down, my boy."

"I can't be good." Why not? "'Cause I can't. 'Taint in mc. Every-

"I dunno.

"If I should help you, you would be willing to try to please me?"
"Yes'm—I should certain."

Mrs. Walsh brought a basin of water and a soft sponge, and with tender hand she washed the boy's head and face. Then with a scissors she clipped away the hair from the wound—curling, hand-some hair—and found it not a bad wound. She brought a piece of sticking Tis his own bands that turns the sod, 'tis his own hands that resp;

Plaster, which she fixed upon it, and then she brushed the hair back from the full brow and looked into the boy's face—not a bad face—not an evil face. Shutting out the rags and dirt, it was really a handsome face.

"What's your name, my boy?" "Hammer Jim, ma'am; and seme-times Ragged Jim."

"I mean, how were you christened?"
"Which'm?"

"Don't you know what name your parents gave you?" "Oh-ye-es. It's down on the 'seers

book, mum, as James Ammerton. "Well, James, the hurt on your head is not a bad one, and if you are careful not to rub off the plaster it will very

soon heal up. Are you hungry?' "Please, ma'am, I haven't eat nothing

Mrs. Walsh brought out some bread and butter, and a cup of milk, and allowed the boy to sit there in the washroom and eat. And while he ate she watched him narrowly, scanning every feature. Surely, if the science of physiognomy, which her husband studied so much, and with such faith, was reliable. book and went to the door, and when he this boy ought to have grand capacities. Once more, shutting out the rags and somer than she believed she could make

Jim finished eating and stood up.
"James," said the little woman—for she was a little woman, and a perfect picture of a loveble and loving little woman—" James, when you are hungry and have nothing to eat, if you will e got a hurt."

What kind of a hurt?" asked the don't want you to go hungry."

"I should like to come, ma'am," "And if I feed you when you're hun-a

ry, wiil you not try to be good for my The boy hung his head and consid-Some might have wondered that

"Yes, you do know. What did he he did not answer at once, as a grateful throw that stone at you for?"

"Why, sir, I was picking up an apple under one of his trees."

"Why is trees."

"Yes, you do know. What did he he did not answer at once, as a grateful boy ought; but Mrs. Walsh was deeper than that. The lad was considering how he must answer safely and truly.

"Will you try all you can?"
"Yes'm, I'll try all I can."

"Go home," he said, "let your folks cel of food in a paper, and patted his Mrs. Walsh gave the lad a small parcurly head. The boy had not shed a tear since the pain of the wound had been assuaged. Some might have thought that he was not grateful; but the little woman could see the gratifude in the deeper light of his eyes. The old crust was not broken enough yet for tears.

Afterward Mrs. Walsh told her husband what she had done, and he laughed

"Do you think, Mary, that your kindness can help that ragged waif?"
"I do not think it will hurt him,

you are."

And with this Dr. Silas Walsh closed had delivered answers to the crudite the door and returned to his book. He doctor which effectually stopped discus-

formed that a friend was going away pared to appreciate its blessings.

into a far Western country to take up And with Philip came a man of land, and make a frontier farm. The middle age—a strong, frank faced, hand-thought occurred to her that this might some man, with gray eyes and curling be a good opportunity for James Am-merton. She saw her friend, and "T brought Jim to his notice, and the re-been sult was the boy went away with the emigrant adventurer. And she heard

the letter to her husband, and he smiled poweringly. and kissed his little wife, and said he And he had another source of gladness. Upon her bosom his little wife bore a robust, healthy boy—their own son—who gave promise of life and hap-

later the emigrant wrote that Jim was

a treasure. And Mrs. Walsh showed

piness in the time to come. The years sped on and James Am-He sat down.
"If I help you will you try to be merton dropped out from the life that Mary Walsh knew. The last she heard was five years after he went away from Ensworth, and Jim had then started or the golden mountains on his own account, to commence in earnest his

own life battle. But there was a joy and pride in the little woman's life which held its place and grew and strengthened. Her boy, whom they called Philip, grew to be a whom they called Philip, grew to be a youth of great promise—a bright, kindhearted, good boy, whom everybody loved; and none loved him more than did his parents. In fact, they wor shiped him; or, at least, his mother did him the great of seventeen Philips Walsh entered college, and at the age of twenty-one graduated with honor; but the long and severe study had taxed his system, and he entered upon the stage of manhood not quite so strong in body as he should have been. His mother saw it and was anxious; his father saw it and decided that he should have recreation and recuperation before he entered into active business. Dr. Walsh was not pecuniarily able to send his son off on an expensive travel, but he found opportunity for his engagement upon the staff of an exploring expedition which would combine healthful recreation

with an equally healthful occupation. The expedition was bound for the wilderness, and we need not tell of the parting between the mother and the son. She kissed him and blessed him; and then hung upon his neck with more kisses and then went away to her chamber and cried.

Philip wrote home often while on his way out; and he wrote after he had-reached the wilderness. His accounts were glowing and his health was improving. Three months of forest life and forest labor, of which Philip wrote in a letter that had to be borne than a hundred miles to nearest post, and then followed months of silence Where was Philip? Why did he not write?

one day Dr. Walsh came home pale now—as she takes care to ask—what in the world is she to do? Here comes and faint, with a new-paper crumpled a passion of weeping, and ere many and crushed in his hand. Not imme-minutes go by the half crown—that away captive.

But the mother suffered most. Her head, already taking on its crown of silver, was bowed in blinding agony, and her heart was well-nigh broken. The joy had gone out of her life and thick darkness was round about her.

And so half a year passed. One day the postman left a letter at the door. The hand of the superscription was familiar. Mrs. Walsh tore it open and glanced her eyes over the contents. Oh, oy! Oh, rapture! Her boy lived, was well, and was on his way he me to her. When Dr. Walsh entered the room he found his wife fainting, with the letter

clutched tight in her nerveless grasp.

By and by, when the great surge had ed, husband and wife sat down and

passed, husband and wife sat down and read the letter understandingly. "Thank God! I found a true friend, or I should say, a true friend found me," wrote Philip, after he had told of his safety and his whereabouts. 'But for the coming of this friend I should have died ere this. He heard of me by name, and when he learned that I was from Ensworth, and was the soil of class and Mary Walsh, he bent all his energies for my release. He spent thousands of dollars in enlisting and equipping men for the work, and with his own hand struck down my savage captor and took me thenceforth under his care and protection. God bless him! And be you ready, both, to bless him, for he's coming home with me."

Upon their bended knees that night, the rejoicing parents thanked God for 11 his goodness, and called down bless ll his goodness, and called down bless-ng upon the head of the unknown

doctor which effectually stopped discus-sion.

And in time, radiant and strong, their Philip came home to them—came home

of professional service on his part; and and was fed; and he became cleaner a bold and innocent man-fitted for th and more orderly with each succeeding battle of life—came home knowing visit. At length Mrs. Walsh was in-

been released from the mother's rap-tured embrace, "is my preserver. Do you know him?" The doctor looked and shook his head. He did not know. from her friend a year later that he liked the boy very much. Two years

But the little woman observed more

keenly. Upon her the light broke over-"Is it he?" she whispered, putting orth her hands—"is it James Am-

"Yes," said the man-a stranger now no more. "I am James Ammerton! and I thank God who has given me an opportunity thus to show how gratefully I remember all your kindness to me, my more than mother."

And he held her hands and presse

them to his lips, and blessed her again and again, telling her, with streaming eyes, that she, of all the world, had lifted him up and saved him. That evening Mrs. Walsh, sitting by

her husband's side and holding one of his hands, said to him: "Once upon a time, a pebble was kicked about in the waste of sand. A lapidary saw it, and when he had the rails, beside which each carriage is brushed away the dirt from the surface, furnished with an exceedingly power-

Beggars Tricks in London.

One of the tricks is for the beggar to get into an omnibus and tender the conductor half fare at the end of the journey. There is sure to be a row, which attracts plenty of attention, and the beggar, being detained by the conductor has an opportunity for telling a moving story. The result is that he has his fare paid and receives a contribution besides. As often as not the beggar, in this instance, is a pickpocket or the friend of pickpockets, and the scene is got up at the end of the ride either to attract attention from the light-fingered doings that have just taken place or to provide a suitable occasion for the exercise of such doings. It is also a favorite beggar device for a youth and a girl to go out into a thoroughfare at a busy time. A into a thoroughtare at a busy time. A suitable spot reached, there is a scuffle. the girl falls, and the lad runs away at the top of his speed. She rises howling, gathers a crowd and relates, in a voice much broken by sobs and tears, that she has had a half crown snatched out of her hand by the boy, who is now out of sight—that the money had been brought in haif an hour before by the mother as wer day's earnings, and that she (the girl) had come out with it to purchase who had not yet broken their fast; and made up, with interest. This is a trick the czar was, in the eyes of the Detroit that may be practiced every half hour with some slight change of locality. Free Press, an elaborate and wonderful piece of work. A house within 160 feet But it is necessary for the girl to have of the railroad embankment was hired acquaintances within reach, who back four menths before the explosion; it acquaintances within reach, who back her up in case any inquisitive or benevo-her up in case any inquisitive or benevo-was occupied by three men and a landlady, shook hands with the land-lent individual should insist on accom-

panying her home. Here, however, she never has much to dread. Professional from the tunnel, 160 feet long, dug from the house to the railroad. The tunnel hand in most quarters. And even were was scientifically bricked throughout, it otherwise, there is a freemasonry and the loose sand in the chamber un among the body which enables all its, der the railroad, where the explosive members to recognize one another at material was stored, was supported by sight; and there is an esprit du corps boards upheld by triangular trames, among them, too, which incites them to These could not have been brought support one of themselves, although a perfect stranger, through thick and thin when called upon to do so. A kindred trick is for the professional vagrant to light a candle some dirty evening and go light a cancie some unry evening and go poking about a gutter in search of—saya florin. The coin is always described as the last of the searcher's store, and wanting which he or she will have to go without food and lodging for the night. Another effective "dodge" is for a very empress, as is the custom of the ortho-feeble-looking individual to crawl slowly along in the neighborhood of one of the along in the neighborhood of one of the hours in the circles of Russian aristocracy, it appointed for dispensing medicines to out-door patients, and then, tripping up and falling heavily, to break a bottle of the second, according to his habit, was not stuff on the payement. Similarly shill stuff on the pavement. Similarly, chil-known in time and the mine exploded dren are taught to excite compassion by under the right train. The outcome of yelling over broker, vessels in the street, so much labor and expense was astonishingly small. dare not now return home, as step-father, aunt, step-mother or some relation popularly understood to be the incarnation of all unkindness to children, would punish them terribly for the mishap.

A century ago there was no incorporated bank in this country. Now there are within the United States 907 chartered State banks, 2,118 national banks 366 savings banks and 2,375 private bankers, making a total of 6,066 banks and bankers.

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TIMELY TOPICS.

English farmers will derive small omfort from the report on American "This," said the son, when he had for supplying England with food are reboth in the extension of agricultural enterprise and in the facilitation of transport. Mr Gladstone suggested. some timesago that the farmers should turn their attention to raising fruit, vegetables, poultry, eggs and butter, but the London Echo apprehends that even in this limited field they will be outdone by foreign competition. In that case nothing will avail them but a universal reduction of rents.

vius is now finished. It is 900 meters in length and will enable tourists to as-cend by it to the edge of the crater. The line has been constructed with great care upon a solid pavement, and it is be lieved to be perfectly secure from all incursions of lava. The mode of traction, says the Engineer, is by two steel ropes put in movement by a steam enwheels of the carriages are so made as to be free from any danger of leaving he applied his chisel, and broke through the crust, and behold—a diamond pure and bright." very large reservoirs, one at the station, the other near the observatory.

> One of the greatest boons to the rural opulation of England of late years has een the establishment of cottage hospitals. The first institution of the kind was at Savernake, in Wilts. In 1867 a poor farm laborer was injured by ma-chinery, and had to be carried miles to a doctor, and then forwarded ten miles further to a hospital. The case to impressed the Vicar of Savernake that the idea occurred to him to try and estabhave been treated with every comfort, convenience and attention, at a cost per bed of \$3.75 a week, and the mortality among them was only a decimal frac

> nine per cent. at Guy's, ten per cent. at St Bartholomew's, and sixteen per cent. at St. Thomas', the great London ospitals. In case of amputation the advantage is enormously in favor of the ottage hospitals, in consequence of the

purity of their air.

Speaking of the disaster to a railroad train while crossing a bridge over the Frith of Tay in Scotland, the New York evening Post says: It is the custom to lock the doors of English railroad carriages. Of these there are two to each vehicle for passengers, one being on each side. It is impracticable, from the construction of these cars, to escape from their windows; and thus, even had any of the hapless persons who were hurled into the Frith of Tay still breathed thereafter, and retained the strength and possessed the knowledge to swim, preservation by such means would have been made hopeless because six tons of evaporated pumpkins

of the impossibility of getting out of the car. The circumstance that no solitary survivor remains of all who were in the train seems to indicate that the actual competition which Messrs. Read and end of some at least came by suffocation Pell are preparing for the royal comin the water; and, while the chances mission of agriculture. They affirm were probably ten to one against any in-that the resources of the United States dividual maintaining consciousness after the fall, it is likely that some at least ceiving every day a new development, might have done so, and that of these a few fortunate persons might have saved their lives had they not been locked up in the carriages. It may be supposed, indeed, that the concussion of the fall would dash open the doors, and this is obviously possible; but English railroad carriages are rather strongly built, the locks are made to stand severe jars, and the i npact against water, even from a great height, has repeatedly, we are told, failed to force open such doors. It may well be that one result of this The railway for the ascent of Vesu-rius is now finished. It is 900 meters in mournful calamity will be to turn public passage of heavy railroad trains that are meant to go at high speed. independent of weather of any sort. No heavy gales, snows or ice, or even elec-trical dangers, save in an extremely modified degree, can affect an underground passage. Certainly, after such accidents as that at Ashtabula, and the gine at the toot of the cone. The later and worse one on the Frith of Tay, most persons would feel far safer, in a winter's storm, if darting under the North or East river, for example, by a tunnel, than if crossing it by a bridge, however massive and presumably safe the latter structure might be. The first train almost instantaneously. One of the chief features of the undertaking much greater than that of bridges. But was the water supply, but that has once built, tunnels are built forever, and been obviated by the formation of two on even the best of bridges, is with sub-terranean roadways next to nothing. The superiority of the tunnel over the bridge in point of safety has hitherto been little considered, but late events must needs draw attention to it, and may have a serious influence on future engineering undertakings.

He Was Glad to Hear It.

A San Francisco printer, who has been deaf for thirty years, now hears as well as anybody. Some weeks ago he was troubled with pains in his lish a cottage hospital. He found warm and generous coadjutors in Lord and Lady Ailesbury, the chief land owners of the parish. Lord Ailesbury gave a of the parish. Lord Ailesbury gave a that the deafness of his patient might be coult of paralysis. The printer reation, and in due time the thing was the result of paralysis. The printer redone. During the past year 211 cases fu-ed to be treated, saying that he had spent all the money he had ever earned in useless endeavors to have his deafness removed, and did not care to make any further attempts in that direction. But tion more than three per cent., against when the doctor offered to treat him six months, if necessary, free of charge, he consented to the proposition. A species of liniment was applied to his throat and ears. He was given a mixture for gargling and supplied with a little medi-cine for internal use. This course of treatment was continued for two or three days before any effect became apparent. Previous to this time he had been so deaf that the discharge of a cannon within a few feet of him did not dis turb him. One morning he was awak-ened by a sound—the first he had heard for thirty years. He was delirious wit the shoulder. It was sometime before he could explain the cause of his ecstasies. He pointed to his ears. He tried to speak, but the organs of speech, inactive for so many years, could not do his bidding. At last he made himself understood to the amazed bystanders, and they knew that his noisy rejoicing was occasioned by a partial restoration

Condition of Ireland.

cian has continued his wonderful treat-

ment, and the deafness of his patient is

of his hearing. Sin

gradually disa ppearing.

The local government board of Ireland has issued a special report upon the condition of the island. The potato-crop, the report admits, is everywhere deficient in quantity and inferior in quality, and this and the absence of peat fuel, owing to the wetness of the season are regarded as leading causes of the dis-tress which exists, and is expected to culminate during the winter and spring. The board anticipate a heavy strain on the poor law unions, unless work be obtained for the laboring classes. Pau-perism is greatly on the increase, the perism is greatly on the increase, the largest percentage being in Ulster. They affirm that the poor law will be sufficient to cope with any distress that may arise during the winter; but in the report itself it is admitted that in some unions the rates have risen to nearly five shillings in the pound, which appears to show the necessity even now of considering very seriously what shall be done in those districts, the imporerished shookeepers as well as the poverished shopkeepers as well as the farmers being wholly unable to pay such

A Newton (Iowa) company has sold