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TABITHA'S FALL FROM THE HEIGHTS

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"It seems to me. Tabitha, that some thing," observed Peter in a tone of rueful impatience as he stood just in-It sufficiently flar to admit a draft of ley air which circulated freezingly about Miss Grod's well developed. shoulders as she kneaded her dough the bread pan with sounding

"Observin' man!" responded the lady At certain periods, Pete, I have dis-erned faint glimmerin's of intelli-tence under that shock of tow coverin' what in most folks is considered a brain cavity, but not often not often. Boo! What's open?"

She wheeled her plump figure with n emphatic movement and transfixed by thoughtless Peter with a glare of

which assiduously seeks for an en argement of knowledge, her special ambition being the acquisition of lanwise, her opportunities were limited. The Busfield (inzette was her princiularly once a week, supplied an effec-

tive course of general information. In this sheet of wisdom Tabitha In this effect of wisdom rabition delived for words of aubitious length. These nuggets after proper mental assimilation were applied to Peter as a test. If he endured them without wincing and with some degree of comchension Miss Groot felt secure in chemion Miss Groot felt secure in oader paths. Peter had served time the district school in the keyday early youth and was therefore a fit bject. Being consumed with admirao for Tabitha's qualities, physical as

Now he stood with a ready finger opel dough balls uncringly when oused, and eyed her with an expresn of sheepish pacification,

"Come in or go out" cried Tabitha in high wrath, forgetting her scholar-ship. "Here'm I. all het up workin'. an' you tryin' to fix consumption on to me. Shet that door one way or t'oth-

"It's worth while gettin' you mad to have you talk like a human bein'," grinned the culprit, with a horrible ab-sence of tact. "My head aches yet from the dose you gin me last night. Folks will be laffin' at you first, you know. Fact is, pa su' ma does now behind your back, an', while I believes in eddication, havin' had some myself, in education, havin had some myself, you're slingin' too many long words for a hired gal, if you are the purtiest woman in Pa'tridge Corners. L'arn all you want, Tabitha, but don't shoet em around free. You'll hear from M.

This speech of mingled common sense and unintentional insult and com-pliment was cut off by a lump of dough

striking him squarely in the mouth. He darted out, sputtering.

Tabitha raged across the room and shot the bolt, her round countenance flaming. Then she hit hard on her rosy under lip and sat down to recover, a precept of learning being an attempt at philosophic caim under trying circum-

a fool another thought. 'Twill be a 1800, and mistake. My ideas is more elevated, with feit an' I'll rise with 'em. Ob, ginger, my Eugland.

tions were reaumed. "The farm will come to Pefer in the ordinary course of events," she reflected sorpowfully. "It's a good one, an' his pa's failin'; but no; an edified mind has higher aspirations than cows an' pigs, an' I'll be at the head of a woman's college if I keep on. I ain't only ninceteen an' impressive of hearin, if I do say it. Wonder how I'll look in one of them gowns with a four cornered hat stop of my auburn locks. Imposin' as any of 'em, I guess."

This modest view of the future exalted Tabitha's spirit as she shoved her loaves into the oven.

"Pshaw!" she exclaimed, striking an titude. "Laugh at me, will they? start the laugh tother way an' do it today. 'Hitch your wagon to a star,' as Emerson says. He oughter have said unite' or 'attach.' but the idea sin't discouragin, an' I'll pitch right in an' get attention attracted. Then Mis' Shields can look round for other help. Maybe they'll want me in their office

Poor Peter! During the ensuing ten days he was frozen with a succession pay a shilling fee to the defendant?" of refrigerating snubs and acid repulses which cast him into the depths of despondency. Tabitha appeared absorbed in rapt contemplation of affairs "Oh," said beyond the mundane. She was silent, lots o' thin. yet expectant, as one waiting for a on 'em half true an' some on 'em lees," message of unbounded impert. Still be "Now." continued the counsel after lingered mournfully about the region the laughter had died away, "this is of Miss Groot's performances, with an the point I wish to get at: Was there eye to lending an assisting hand. It was not desired. Neither was conversation. Peter visibly drooped.

"Oh, dear, no" was the response. "I

and held it out as a peace offering. wi'l'-Tit-Bits.

Perhaps this beloved messenger would GLASS CASE

produce a beneficent thaw.

The girl's eyes shope, and her checks were like peonies. "Look it over," she remarked in a lofty voice. "If you find anything about me read it aloud."

sitting up excitedly, "then laugh if you want to."

The young man commenced; A GENERIOUS OFFER.
We are greatly indebted to Miss Tabitha Groot of Fartridge Gorners is astiched amile from that lady) for the extremely kind communication becautin proted at her request. Our readers we are positive, will appreciate it as a contribution to be

"TABITMA KITTREDGE GROOT"

A cry of arguish from Tabitha stop-ed Peter's labored counciation. He

gin with, he always insisted upon hav-ing old paper upon which to print his etchings and preferably Dutch because of a certain golden tone, unobtainable with new paper, which this particular kind gave to a proof. Many a time Whistier and I have spent weeks in Holland poking about dirty little shops In search of old paper, and sometimes, after having discovered a fine collec-tion of 3,000 or 4,000 sheets, I have seen Whistier literally tremble with excitement and scarcely know how to ask the price for joy. Then again he was very particular as to the choice of oil for mixing with the ink; also with regard to the temperature of the plate, the pressure of the press, the condition of the blankets, and, in fact, everything had to be absolutely right .-

ma in household duties an' just as the time of Elizabeth, and the Purigod as he is-bired gall—that was good as he is-bired gall—that was mean. The flesh is willin', but the spirit is weakenia'. I swan, that is, I utterly swear—that I won't give such silk appeared first in Florence about the printers are to strike for, as they moulding more iron than prayingly as the printers are to strike for, as they moulding more iron than prayingly as a strike.

the yeoman crown; the Anglesea hat, bell shaped at the top, and the D'Orsay

Earl of Harrington started a craze for green top hats by wearing one in his garden with the idea of not frightening the birds. He also tested his silk bats by standing upon them. The top hat, however, was never so favored by any great personage as to account for its general adoption. London An-

A lady palmist was recently prose-cuted, and an amusing incident was was an individual who did not appear to be overburdened with intelligence. During a smart cross examination de-

"Yes," was the reply.
"What did she tell you in return for "Oh," said the witness; "she towid me lots o' things, some on 'em true, some

Then came Thursday evening and knowed is wer all gammon, so there the Bunneld Gazette. Peter welcomed couldn't be no imposition. Besides, it and at once repaired to the kitchen wor a bad shillin as I guy her, to start couldn't be no imposition. Besides, it wor a bad shillin' as I guy her, to start

FOR OLD MEN

Peter glanced through the pages and Mr. O Keefe Suggests that Wages started. "Lordy" he exclaimed. "You should not be sufficient to lay by have got in the paper."

"Read it," commanded Miss Groot. Tor Old Age, but that Old Men should be put in Glass Cases,

This is on a par with the Chicago suggestion that they be Shot.

A cry of angulah from Tabitha stopped Peter's labyered equanelation. He did not laugh, but spream from the content of the cont

PRINTERS ARE

silk appeared first in Florence about 1800, and twenty years later slik hats with feit bodies were introduced into Eugland.

About 1840 the French slik hat was placed on the market and at once adopted in the familiar "chimney pot" shape. There were several varieties a paguing centre, and has the best alloud it, such as the Wellington hat, with

bat, with ribbed silk binding and a big bow.

The color also varied. Thus the branches of the printing trades.

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