Line Fence.

Miss Euphemia Anderson sat down upon a fallen log and wiped her face with her blue checked apron. "Jemima!" she called to a pink sun-

bonnet displayed above the raspberry "Jemima Hume! Ain't you ever

goin' to stop pickin'? My pail's full an' shook down, and not another berry would I pick this day, if I had to wade in 'em knee deep. Come over here in the shade, and let's eat our

The pink sunbonnet moved and its owner came slowly from the woods, her portly form tearing an ample path-way in the bushes.

'Well Euphemia Anderson!' she said, as she sank panting in the cool shade of the maples and fanned her rotund countenance, "If you'd lived for the last twenty years on the prairie, and in a town at that, you'd go on pickin' raspberries all summer, winter too for that matter, an' be glad. This here 's brought back my younger days more than anything. I've gone round in a reg'lar dream all afternoon, sayin' to myself "Jemima Hume, you're home again; you're in Ontario and you're under a tree pickin' raspberries after twenty years!"

Well, well," said her hostess, a frightened whisper.

"That's the worst of it. There
"That's the worst of it. a quarter smiling, "you'll be easy entertained Jemima, if that's all you need. I'm sure it makes me young again just to see you round. Somehow I never felt to speak or, out now there was just to death. You see, there was just the same after you an' Peter went to Manitoba. Now help yourself to that chicken jelly, and try some of the short-cake. There's no hurry home, as long as I get there to help Sarah Ellen put away the milk.

Thus the women sat and talked for some-time.

Look now; ain't that a prettier "Look now; ain't that a prettier sight than you'll ever see in the north west?" said Miss Euphemia at length.

They were seated at the edge of a time for years. Some say old Steve Huron, now a sea of gold, and sending forms Mrs Hume looked down across the sunny fields that sloped in his mother just the same. But it's lows were growing purple. From the gentle undulations down to the blue and silver expanse of Lake Buron and silver expanse of Lake Huron. I don't know what sort of a girl she Here and there farm-houses nestled is, but I tell you she's most awful cozily in their orchards, and past them good-lookin'. She's the neatest slip of past them good-lookin'. She's the neatest slip of the leader's bell tinkling softly; the with the minds that make these high buildings necessary and make ran a picturesque little glen that a thing, as straight as that stick, an' little river caught the radiance of the high buildings necessary and make little river caught the radiance of the neighbouring farm. A little stream gurgled through its green depths. divided Miss Anderson's home from the slipping lazily over the white stones, for the thirsty sun had almost dried it. lingering in the cool hollow called "The Spring," where the willows were you about her was this. I never got reflected in its clear pools, rolling out wind of it until about a week ago bea little swifter under the bridge, the Martinses in our house; but Sylvia where the white dusty road crossed it. and finally flinging its joyous self Morrison couldn't keep it. You mind into the waters of Lake Huron, as they what a gossip Sylvia used to be? Well, came rushing up in welcome, all blue and white and smiling. It was indeed a beautiful picture, with the warm this line, and she's just chuck full o' afternoon sunlight flooding all; but the visitor's attention had been caught her to help make over my black silk by a huge board fence that ran parallel soon as I heard you was comin' an' to the little stream. It was remarkably high and was topped with iron on the machine, she stops up sudden spikes (worthy of the wall of a an' says, as perk as you please.

"Deary me, Euphemia" she said, re- Maggie Martin?" adjusting her spectacles, "What on earth possessed your brother to put up a barricade like that between you out of my body. I couldn't say a word.

A shadow passed over Miss Euphemia's wrinkled face.

fence is the disgrace of the country-side. I s'pose there weren't two better friends in Ontario than Steve ful slow. I've been that worried ever Martin and our Andrew, when you since thinkin' what his pa would do folks moved away. But they got into to that boy if he was to find out, a row about fencin' the farms off, that I can't sleep nights. I know Annothin' much to begin with, but it drew ain't got wind of it yet, for ended up awful bad. I never quite him an' Bob is just the biggest chums, started before my time, Andrew's wife was livin', but there his mother's black eyes. But I can't was a good deal of trouble about payin' for a fence, and for a long spell to find out." there was no fence at all, both of them bein' that stubborn. An' Steve's cattle used to get into Andrew's grain; some said he kept that field for pasture on purpose even after it was all wore out. I never liked to ask Andrev about it-because he's got a temper, even if he is my brother, an' the name of Martin to him, is just like showin a red rag to a mad bull; but as far as I can make out they went on rowin' an rowin' for a whole year, till it came to Steve havin' the law on Andrew, an' that's a thing he couldn't never for give; none of our family ever bein' in a law-court in their lives before. I don't blame Andrew much but I de say it's an awful way to live with your neighbors. It's just eighteen years, come next Thanksgiving, since poor Maria died, an' I came to keep house for Andrew; and that big fence had just been finished. An' since the day I set foot in that house the Martinses an' us ain't had no more to do with each other than if we was both scared the others had small-pox. An' Mrs. Martin seems a pleasant spoken body too. Bob was just five then, an' bein' the youngest he hadn't much



A velvet fancy waist, cut with sur- Blouse shirt waist. This design is plice and yoke. The back is full at equally appropriate for flannel or the waist line, with yoke cut straight velvet.

she got home. "Ain't it just a terrible after Andrew had gone to the barn,

And do the young folks keep it up?"

to speak of, but now I'm clean worried ened his little fist an' he says: ' He was just the same age as our Archie an' they fought like two young bears at school. Well, Jim turned out went off to Australia or Africa or

a Williams all over, whether she's like the Martins in her ways or not I don't know. Well, what I started to tell she's ten times worse now, for she does the sewin' for all the folks on news all the time. Last week I had right in the middle of stitchin' a piece

"So Bob's keepin' company with

Well, I just felt for a minute as if all the breath had been knocked She pretended to be most awful surprised because I didn't know. She said it had been goin' on all last win-"You may well ask, Jemima. That ter and she'd seen them herself comin' home from the pic-nic on the Queen's Birthday, arm-in-arm, walkin' dread-Bob bein' the baby you know, an' the when only one at home now, besides havin'

> bear to think what he's do if he was ingly, "I wouldn't let it worry me, against the gate. now Euphemia. I just wouldn't. There he kissed her!" she commanded. mayn't be anything in it after all. mayn't be anything in it after all. But Mrs. Hume was quite beyond Young folks change so now. Our Tom telling anything. She pointed menew girl every week. Boys is like

that," she added, reassuringly. "Yes, but Bob ain't," replied Miss Euphemia, with mournful conviction. "If he takes a notion for anything he never changes. He's like Maria's people that way. Now the Andersons

were all flirts in their day." "Yes, and you were one of the worst yourself, Euphie!" laughed her

A twinkle came into Miss Euphemia's blue eyes and for a moment her wrinkled face, that still showed signs

of a past beauty, looked almost young. "I'm afraid, I was," she admitted with quite a coquettish glance. "I'd better have been like you, Jemima, for sighed.

jolly sort of a fellow you'd think he didn't care for a thing except to be bein' the youngest he hadn't much idea of what was goin' on; and I mind when he started to school his father gave him a reg'lar trimmin' one night for haulin' little Maggie Martin home on his sleigh. And they say Maggie caught it from her father too when the didn't care for a thing except to be me, what a dreadful thing, and to happen who you're here, too Come, we might as well go in; they'll be home soon an' we'll know what's happened."

What had happened was soon apparent, for it could be read in the

the two Martin children, a boy and a Maggie when I get big, just to spite girl. You'll remember the boy, Jim. him, see if I don't!' An' I sometimes shafts, there is no danger, of falling

him." an awful worthless fellow and left There was a sympathetic silence behome when he was quite young. He tween the two old friends for a time. They leaned against the tree trunk sounds of life; a line of lazy cattle sun and responded with a gay sparkle. But the big line fence followed the serpent in the garden of Eden.

Miss Euphemia's sharp eyes had been taking in the details of the scene and Suddenly she sprang to her feet. "Jemima, oh land of liberty! what's from hard work and manly sweat.

that ?" "For the love of goodness, Euphie Anderson," gasped Mrs. Hume, "Is it a bear or what?"

"A bear! I wish it was. It's our Bob! Yes, it is so our Bob!" she cried climbing upon the fence to get , better view. "Oh, my stars above, it's true!"

Mrs. Hume clutched her friend's

trembling form. "Euphemia Anderson, what's the

matter? Are you gone daft?" For answer Miss Euphemia pointed through the trees to the little willow grove beneath them, and there, sta 'dthough it had been erected for the express purpose of sheltering Andetsons and Martins, while they mad love to each other, stood the stalwart form of the son of the Anderson household, and very near him shone the golden head of the Martin's daughter.

arm and dragged her across the field, over the summer-fallow and into the lane beyond. Neither spoke until the barn-yard was reached and then Miss "Well, well!" said her friend, sooth-

"Jemima Hume, don't tell me that

is just hereaway, thereaway, with a chanically to a figure that was crossing the summer fallow quickly, and making straight for the spring. Poor Miss Euphemia upset her berries and trampled them ruthlessly in her eagerness to see who it was.

"It's Andrew!" she screamed. "It's his father! He's seen Bob goin' an he's followin'. May the Lord have mercy !"

"Come away in Euphie," said he friend, soothingly. "Come now, don't take on so; don't cry now. Maybe Andrew won't mind so much as you think."

" Mind! He'd mind murder far less A Martin, Jemima! It'll drive him mad, Oh, my poor Bobby, my lamb, you'll be driven from your home this see what came of it all," and she night. His father'll never forgive "But Bob's different. He's such a I am Jemima burdenin' you with all

owering face of the old farmer as he entered the house. The fourth mea of the day was spread in the big breezy kitchen, for it was the rule in the Anderson household to have the table set at all hours. Sarah Ellen was bringing in the fried chicken from the cook-house, and the two wo men were seated awaiting the others

when the elder Anderson entered. 'Ve needn't wait for Bob." he said shortly, throwing his hat into the corner and seating himself. "An' just go on without me, I don't want any supper to-night.

To be Continued.

THE ROMANCE OF THE TALL BUILDINGS.

Of course all men in tall buildings whether possessed of creative genius modern, much maligned skyscrapers, Miss Euphemia's voice dropped to thought he'd choke me, an' we had a crect, jubilant young buildings, whenthe slip the description of the slip the description of the slip the description. "That's the worst of it. There was no trouble in that quarter black eyes were blazin' and he tight- where, far above the turmoil and confusion, Mrs. Janitor sits sewing in the "'Aunt Euphie, I'll marry little sun while the children play hide and seek behind water-butts, and airthink maybe he's kept that in his off, it is a relief to know, because mind all his life. It would just be like the roof is walled in like a garden. down to the dark bottom where are the safe-deposit vaults, and the trusty old watchmen and the oblong boxes with great fortunes in them, alongand looked down over the tranquil side of wills that may cause family fights a few years later, and add to cand those of the ordinary landlord, big boilers all day, and electricians do interesting tricks with switchboards, somewhat as in the hold of a modern battle-ship. In the many dreams and schemes, their courage and at King William's Collage. stream's bright course, winding down imagination, their trust and distrust great successes and great failures, of cultivated land.

SHIPS WILL GROW. The tendency is to increase the size and speed of all steamers nowadays, and the rule holds good in regard to self-trimmers. Many of them will carry 7,000 tons of coal as cargo, at 11 knots, and there is sufficient evidence to support the view that the larger the vessel the more economical in proportion, is the coal consumption. A return in which are given the ing against the big line fince, as had a consumption of .036 pound of

CHILD PUNISHMENT.

The punishment should be propor tioned to the offense and grow out of it as a natural consequence. A child who is lazy in the morning and persistently late for breakfast, should be deprived, not of a proper amount of food, but of something he particularly likes and might have had if he had been in time, as sugar on the oatmeal, or syrup on the griddle cakes. If he has been promised that he should go for a drive or a walk. or ome expedition, and is not ready at the time for starting he should be left behind. The bitter disappointment will teach him, as nothing else can do as effectually, the value of punc tuality. If he is sent on an errand and does not return promptly he should not be allowed to taste the nice things made with the sugar or aggs ha was so long in bringing. If errand were of some other nature he should be made to stay alone

INUNDATION OF THE SAHARA. Sudden and heavy rain showers oc-

our from time to time in the Sahara

but they never attained such proportions as did the rainspout which oc curred on April 12 in Wadi Urirlu Urirlu, situated between Berrian and Ghardaya, belongs to the Wadi Mia system, and is so flat that the excavations of an artesian well recently bor ed form the only elevation in the the whole district. A French contemporary states that, according to a report of General Pedoya, commander of the Algerian Division, a body of 90 soldiers arrived on April 12 in Wadi Urirlu. The weather, the paper continues, was beautiful. In the afternoon, at about half-past five, a thin rain came down, elaborate account of these allusions, At half-past eight a cry was heard: they are too into "The water comes!" Within a few itted altogether. or of intelligence enough only to run seconds an area of more than 3000 feet one of the elevators, are alike philis- in diameter was filled with water to a tines, to those persons who find noth- man's height, and six soldiers perishing remantic or interesting in the ed. The report of General Pedoya says that a formidable thunderstorm which have also been called "monu-ments of modern materialism" and in the Wadi district was the cause even worse names, no doubt, because of the inundation. The bodies of the they are unprecedent and unacademic drowned soldiers were founda at a probably, as much as because ugly distance of a few miles from the camp. because it just always went through and unrestrained. To many, however, the rest of the soldiers was only savway to live, Jemima?"

Dear, dear!" sighed her friend sympathetically. "It's a great pity to hold malice like that. It is indeed, lap, an' then the poor little darling even if they had no past to make the soldiers was only saving the darling and unrestrained. To many, however, the rest of the soldiers was only saving the soldiers was only saving enough for what they are to-day, in the Sahara, even if they last from put his arms around my neck till I them all the more charming; and these one-half to three-quarters of an hour, erect, jubilant young buildings, whe- have not the slightest influence upon

ISLAND FOR SALE.

W. L. Drinkwater Carey, the new owner of the Calf of Man, has arrived in Manxland, to enter up his little kingdom. It is hardly an exaggeration to call it a little kingdom, although it is smaller than the Principality of Monaco and considerably smaller than the Isle of Man, from which it is separated by a narrow

channel. Mr. Carey's rights as owner trans for he is not a tenant of the "Lady of They were seated at the edge of a little wooded hill, known as "The little wooded hill, known as "The Slash," which overlooked the surround-bard. He thought the sun little wooded hill, known as "The Slash," which overlooked the surround-bard. He thought the sun little wooded hill, known as "The Slash," which overlooked the surround-bard. He thought the sun little wooded hill, known as "The Slash," which overlooked the surround-bard white the surface without payment the surf of royalty. This last is not an unimportant point, as it is believed that a rich silver lode passes through the substratum of his little islet. The tiers of floors overhead are the men new owner inherits the little domain on the death of his father and elder brother. He was born in the Isle of down-tpwn what it is, with their Man, and spent his first school days

The Calf Island is a very desirable the hillside dark and sinister like the in the knowledge and ignorance of possession. There is only one inother human beings which are the habited house, and that is a substanmeans by which they bring about tial building surrounded by 120 acres The whole ishad espied two figures moving in the and have all the fun of playing a land swarms with rabbits and thousdeep violet shadows by the spring. game with the peace of conscience ands are exported yearly. Hares are and self-satisfaction which come also in evidence, and the rock fishing is excellent. A little harbor has been cut out of the rocks for the accommodation of the small boats' that occasionally visit the place. Mr. Carey says he is prepared either to thinks it is worth £20,000.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

"Seeing one's self is a great sur prise," said the amateur philosopher. "You think you do that every day in your looking glass, but you don't results of a large number of voyages What you see there is a conventional by different ships, shows that a 9,000- image, a symbol. It stands for you ton steamer, running 267 miles a day, just as certain arbitrary ink scratches stand for your name, and it is handy coal per ton displacement per mile. in showing you where to part your An 8,000-ton steamer, running 266 hair and how to tie your cravat; but miles a day, used .038 pound, while it doesn't give you any idea of how a 7,000-ton vessel, steaming 264 miles you would look if you were to meet a day, burned .048 pound. A 6,000-ton your self here on King street. It is steamer, going 257 miles a day, used only by the rarest accident, happen-.054 pound of coal per ton displace- ing maybe twice or thrice in a lifement, and a 500-ton steamer, travel- time, that one gets a glimpse of one's Miss Anderson seized her friend's ing 200 miles a day, .067 pound; while real self. An unsuspected mirror or a 4,000-ton steamer, going 269 miles a chance reflection in a window pane a day, consumed .081 pound. These is usually the agency. You see some-figures show in each case speed of body approaching, somebody you know close about 11 knots, and they also perfectly well you have never seen beshow that the cost of the 9,000-ton fore in life, yet who startles you by steamer for coal was less than ahlf a poignant, inexplicable sense of familthat of the 4,000-ton boat, per mile larity. In half a heart beat the from sociang it played by the Munniper ton displacement, showing that trick discovers itself and the illusion the larger the steamer the less the coal consumption per rata.

trick discovers itself and the illusion pories, organized a European polo club in Cachar, and by playing exhibition matches soon started the almost always accompanied by a sensation of pleasure. Ten to one the stranger seemed quite attractive. The first time I ever saw myself was in a large pier glass at the head of staircase. I was bewildered, but I remembered distinctly that the gentleman who advanced on me out of space by called "the father of polo." The struck me as being rather a distin guished-looking person. I felt proud of him after I discovered his identity layas to Ceylon, and the great tourand asked him to have a drink on it. naments held yearly at Murat and

ever spoke to on the subject has ad the appearance of his double. Sthere's a hard metaphysical nut track—why is it that we generall look better than we had supposed?

A PRETTY CUSTOM.

At the birth of a Japanese baby tree is planted, which must remain untouched until the marriage day of the child. When the nuptial hour an rives the tree is cut down, and a skilled cabinet maker transforms the wood in his own room for as long a time into furniture, which is considered by as he has kept his nother, or any the young people as the most beautiall ornaments of the house. as long as the poor tradesman lives.

AN ANCIENT GAME.

Pole, Popular in Japan, India, Persia and

Just when and where the first game of polo was played is not definitely known, but it is well known that in the early part of the tenth century the game was played in parts of Asia, principally in Persia, India, and Japan. In the latter country, where it was undoubtedly played in the sixth century, there is a tradition that the game was known to the people 600 years before Christ.

Many old Eastern writings make reference to the game under the Persian name of chaugan, and, although space will not admit of a very they are too interesting to be om-

Firdusi, a Persian poet, speaks of Gushtasp, a mythical hero, whom he describes as being so powerful that when he played chaugan he struck the ball so hard that it disappeared among the clouds. A Persian historian of the tenth century tells us that Alexander the Great, having refused to pay tribute to Darius, the Persian commander and having expreser than yield to the demand, was taunted by Darius, who sent him a chaugan stick and ball, with a message to the effect that these were fitter implements than swords and spears for one so young and inex-

Alexander's reply was short, but to the point; "The chaugan ball is the earth, and I am the stick."

Omar Sheikh Mizra, a great-greatgrandson of the Emperor of Timour, in describing one of his father's officers, says; "He was a man of courage, an excellent archer, and remarkable for his skill in playing the games of chaugan and leap frog."

The game has also been made the subject for metaphor among the Persians, as is shown by numerous allegories and sayings, such as; "Man is a ball tossed into the field of existence, driven hither and thither by the chaugan stick of destiny, wielded by the hand of Providence," and "May the heads of your enemies be your chaugan balls.

Among the early patrons of the game some of the more distinguished were Haroun-al-Raschid, the Amir Masud of Ghazni, the Emperor Akbar, and the Shah Abbas, the Persian monarch. The latter, a great patron of the game, evidently found it a great relief from mental labor to gallop about on a wild little pony and endeavor to hit the chaugan harder and oftener than any of his courtiers.

The plans of Agra furnished a great polo ground for the Emperor Akbar, where three centuries ago he might have been seen within a quadrangle formed by howdahed elephants and squadrons of horsemen, playing sell or let the Calf Island, and he chaugan with his courtiers on the present site of Taj. The sticks they played with were topped with gold and silver, and when a stick broke this pieces became the property of those who picked them up. The Emperor must have been quite an enthusiast on the game, for it is recorded that frequently on dark nights he went out upon the plain and played for hours, using blazing wooden balls that seethed and spluttered as they bounded over the ground.

Polo was probably first played in Europe by the Greeks in the twelfth century, for a Byzantian Comnenus took a "cropper" while playing a chaugan match.

In India chaugan was played for ages in Munnipore and the valleys of Thibet before it was taken up by the English. place that the game derived the name of polo, for it is probably a corruption of pulu, the Thibetan name for the game. In 1859 J. F. Sherer, a Lieutenant in the English army, having become interested in the game, merchants of his acquaintance. It was largely through the efforts of Sherer that polo became popular in Calcutta, where in 1864 he was tenered a great dinner in recognition of game has since spread throughout all India and is played from the Hima-Umballa, which are attended by large and appreciative throngs, are strong evidence of its popularity. Nor is its popularity confined to India alone, for polo is played to-day in almost every civilized country in the world.

DEMONS AS DEBT COLLECTORS. In China if a merchant is derelict in paying his debts his creditor on New Year's day-the Chinaman's New Year's day-carries away the door of his shop, thus permitting all the demons and evil spirits of the universe to enter and disturb his equanimity