and life desolate; he said that his house was intolerable, because he missed her from her old place at he fireside:

I threw myself down upon the chamber floor, over those two little shoes, and I wept like a child, howled like a wild

beast, and raved like a demon! Life is worthless, and worse than worthless, without you!—it is intolerable!—it is a

long. protracted torture, whose every pulse is a pang!—I cannot, and will not, endure it. I will cast it off as quickly as I would an oppressive burden! I can die for you, but I cannot live with-

Farther down he wrote: "You are my

## he True and The False The True

"And now, dearest Falconer, play-ate, brother, lover to me for so many her good." mate, brother, lover to me for so many years-and always and forever dearest o my heart-much as I love you-and only Heaven knows how much, and only time can prove how faithfully—I cannot carry on a secret correspondence with you; it is but just to tell you, that every letter you write, however secretly it may reach me, must first go into my father's hands before I read it. It must be so, dearest Falconer! I should have no hope for our love, because I could not pray the Lord's blessing on us, if I failed in my duty to my dear, noble, trusting father. He trusts me, Falconer, and therefore, you know, it is impossible for me to deceive him. The letter that you sent me this morning I laid before him with its seal unbroken. And with the seal still unbroken, he gave it back into my hand, and left me free to read and reply to it as I pleased. And tho exacted no promise, dropped no kind of a wish to see my answer, this answer must be laid before him for perusal be-fore it is sent to you. He did not read your letter that I placed in your hands; must have the opportunity of doing so. My father trusts me, and I would not deceive him to win my heart's dearest

Maud finished her letter as she had surances of affection and fidelity And then she sat a little while in reverie, before folding and addressing it. And while she sat so, she heard a gentle rap at the door, and thinking it was Susan come to put more coal on the fire, she said: "Come in." But when the door opened, it was Mrs.

"Now, my dear mother, was it you? father?" ny dear mother, was to your Did you rap before coming into your child's room?" said Maud, with a tender regret in her tone, as she arose and met

and embraced the lady.
"You are a sensitive little creature, -a degree more and you would be

rapping," said Maud, with a pleading the earnestness that made the lady smile, as she drew the girl to the sora, and

"I think, my dear Maud, it is best to "I think, my dear Maud, it is best to carry the courtesies of life into the most intimate and endearing relations; it will not make them less loving and tender, but more so. My dear child must have the more so. My dear child must have ter and approve and indorse all she has the more so. her privacy and her freedom in her father's house. And, besides, she came to her chamber to read and answer a

time about it, have I not? But it was such a long letter, and required such a

"And you have finished it?"

"Yes, mamma."
"I supposed you had, when I came.
you may get ready to ride with Honoria. And now, my love, if you are disposed, Your ponies will be at the door in half

"And will you read my answer to Fal-

"Shall I, my dear?"
"Shall I, my dear?"
"Oh, mamma!" said Maud, embracing ber, and petting her letter in her hand. And while the lady read it, Maud changed her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her hair, and tied on the little hat, and drew

"Your good, true instincts have guided you safely between the two, my love."

for sorrow at her grief. But never mind,"
it and burnt it off, for having written for sorrow at her grief. But never mind,"
it. And he felt as if he would have givsaid the lady, smiling, "a little trial will en his life to have recalled it. He strode

up and down the floor, and called himself an idiot! a madman! a devil! a beast! a combination of all four. And he wished that somebody would have the kindness to blow his desperate brains out. And then he sat down and wrote sheet after sheet with passionate penitence, and then, disgusted with his work tore them to pieces, and threw them into the fire, and rushed from the house and fled up the mountain-side to hurl himself and lose as agony amid the awful solitudes of nature. It was late in the night when he returned, calm because wearied, and he sat up till morning to write to Maud. And this letter satisfied him and he sent it.

The young girl had just returned from her morning ride, when Little Len overtook her, rode up and placed it in her hand, and having her father's sanction now, she immediately retired to her room to read it. It was even more impassioned, despairing, desperate than first. He spoke eloquently of the awful, the stunning suddenness of the bereavement that had left his heart and home and life desolate; he said that his house 

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Maud joined the riding party, who made a circuit of the Barrier, and returned only in time to dress for dinner. The afternoon and evening were, as usual, spent in the fireside recreations of music, reading and conversation, so that the maiden found no proper opportunity of laying her reply to Falconer's letter before her father until the next morning, when, as was his custom immediately after breakfast, he went to his study to transact business. Maud soon tunity of laying her reply to Falconer's letter before her father until the next morning, when, as was his custom immediately after breakfast, he went to his study to transact business. Maud soon after followed him thither, and there, as on the previous morning, she found both her parents sitting together at the writing-table, with a diagram before them, and deep in consultation over a plan for a parsonage to be built at the Summit for Mr. Lovel. And when indeed were Daniel Hunter and Augusta ever for Mr. Lovel. And when indeed were Daniel Hunter and Augusta ever found deeply engaged, but in plans for the well-being of others? So softly had Maud entered that they were insensible of her presence, until she approached the table—then both looked around and smilingly held out their hands to draw her in between them. Then Maud put her letter in her father's hands but before she could withdraw her own hand, Daniel Hunter closed her fingers over her letter, and put it from him, emilingly eaving.

milingly saying:
"I have perfect confidence in my child-and I do not need to read her corres-

Maud blushed with pleasure and the tears sprang to her eyes and at that moment she felt that she would not wrong his confidence for a kingdom for her lover-for anything under hea-

ven.
"But you will seal and send it for me, father?" she asked, smilingly. father?" father?" she asked, smilingly.
"Yes, my love, if you wish—lay it on the table." Maud laid her letter down, and turn-

ed to retire, but with a lingering look that her father saw and understood, and Maud—a degree more and you would be a morbid one."

"Ah, but sweet mother, don't rap at my door like a stranger, again. Come in at any hour of the day or night without rapping." said Mand, with a pleading the stranger of t

the parsonage."

And he arose from his seat and gently placed his daughter in it. And then he went and drew a chair up to the opposite side of the table and sat down and took a sheet of paper to enclose Maud's letter, with a few lines from him-

wirtten and promised. Will you no strive to merit and win this good girl You are too chivalric, I am sure, coolly to wish to snatch a prize you have not earned. Consider- me your not easily alienated friend."

And then he rang for a messenger, to whom he gave the letter, with orders to take it at once to Silver Creek.

And this letter was carried to Falcon-

And this letter was carried to Falconer. But the hot-headed, self-willed, passionate boy, so recently and so un-expectedly bereaved of his idol and his
darling; with his home desolate, his
heart still bleeding from its ruptured ties his blood on fire with love and grief and fear and rage—like a young tiger suddenly spoiled of his mate, was in no mood truly to appreciate the noble confidence and generosity of the father, or the beautiful, filial piety of the daughter. His love, besides, was too fierce and And while the lady read it, Maud changed her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her slippers for a pair of gaiters, put on her riding habit, arranged her selected hat the thought of any interference between them, had the send dud hat he shed all of the thought of any interference between them, especially that of her father, on her shed her letter, and her her hought of any interference between them, especially that of her father, on the thought of any interference between them, especially that of her father, on the hottom of his heart, he hated and detested, as the stern, unsparing despot who was the cause of his family's fall. And to this insance and obstinate piece of gross in justice, was added the fatal self-deception with which he persuaded himself of the visit have been developed by the supposed double dealing and fraudulent policy of the supposed double dealing and fraudulent policy of the father. I'vit have been the well all possessed, and go "You see I was between Scylla and harybdis, with that letter, mother. I did not wish to wrong my dear father's onfidence, or to wound and distress my lear Falconer."

"Your good, true instincts have guided "Your good, true instincts have guided "I sit all right, then, mamma?"

"All right, my darling."
"And here is nothing to alter?"
"Nothing—nothing, my love."
"Why are the tears in your yes, sweet mother?"
"Nothing—nothing, my love."
"The bittergst tears that maiden had gaining made a ever shed were dropped upon his letter; but she was not for a moment tempted to swerve from duty. She answered it sadly, but firmly; reassuring him of her undying affection, but reiterating her resolution never to wrong her father's letter, which he stigmatized as an inselent attempt to patronize him.

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come; but something in Maud's tone of voice, and something in her voice alarmed the lady, and she hastened forward and took her hand, exclaiming:

"My dear child." cruelly rifled from my bosom just as she was made my own! Was ever any act so ruthless—any suffering so mad-dening in the world? I tell you, Sylvia,

"My dear child."

Maud silently pressed her hand and carried it to her lips and held up Falconer's note to view, and then went on and handed it to her father. Daniel Hunter first drew her to his bosom, and embraced her fondly, and then set her down upon his knees, and put his arm around her waist, while he read the note. Mrs. Hunter stood behind him, and with her hand upon his shoulder leaned over and followed him in the per usal. When it was over, he folded and returned it to Maud, saying, kindly: "Do not let this matter trouble you

too much, my child. I have the will and the power to bring good out of this. Trust in me. my child."

And pressing a kiss upon her brow, he passed her ipto the charge of her mo-

wife in the sight of heaven and earth. I do not want any priest or any judge to tell me so—I know it. And your father knows it, else he never would take the temporizing course he does. You are my wife; and I love none on earth put, which we have the pring on earth but you. "I will go with you to your room, my love," said the lady, taking her hand and leading her from the chamber.

When they reached the maiden's room You are my wife; and I love none on earth—not a being on earth but you; all the rest of the world might go, if I had only you—you. I could live anywhere with you; in the woods, in a cave, in an open boat on the sea; I could die with you; but I cannot be separated from you. I cannot, Sylvia; madness or death must ensue." Again, near the conclusion, he wrote: "Come to me, my own, my beloved, my familiar darling— Mrs. Hunter drew her daughter within her arms, and with a troubled and fore-boding heart gazed upon her face. Two crimson spots blazed upon Maud's cheeks, her dark-blue eyes were preter-naturally dilated, and the purpled veins upon the snowy forehead and temples were full, distended and throbbing. "You are not well, my darling."

conclusion, he wrote: "Come to me, my own, my beloved, my familiar darling—come and bring light and joy once more to my darkened, desolated home."

There were many pages filled with just such desperate lamentations and ravings as these. And the maiden read and wept as if her heart would break. Keenly—keenly she felt his sorrows! and never, never had her affection for the boy, whose very necessities endeared "Yes, sweet mother." "But you are not: your face is flush ed—your head is so hot," she said passing her hand over the burning fore

head; "your head is so hot."
"It is only the headache, dear mother; I am apt to have the headache when boy, whose very necessities endeared him the more to her heart—been so deep and solicitous. She answered his letter anything—any trouble—shock — what was I saying? Oh! save me!" exclaimed the maiden, and she reeled and fell. and solicitous. She answered his letter immediately; renewing all her former assurances of unchanging affection and fidelity; expressing her painful sym-pathy with his griefs; telling him that his want of faith in her father and in Mrs. Hunter raised and laid her on

his want of faith in her father and in herself was the chief element in his unhappiness; finally begging him to confide in her father, accept his invitation, and come to see her at the Hall. She despatched this letter.

And that very same afternoon back came an answer—just as mad as any of its predecessors—in the course of which he told her that to invite him to visit her there at the Hall where he should Miss Hunter's maid came hurrying in, and was hastily dispatched for Mr. Hun-ter, who speedily entered the chamber, to find his wife standing, wringing her hands, over the insensible form of their

daughter. A physician was immediately sent for. And as soon as the intervening distance he told her that to invite him to visit her there at the Hall, where he should see her only in a circle of fine ladies and gentlemen, whose presence would prevent him, though his bosom were bursting from relieving it, by speaking one true heart-word to her—was a mockery, and worse than a mockery. He did not want that—that were the fate of Tantalus. No! he wanted her in his home. And this, he said, was his last appeal. Would she come, he asked; would she come and restore him to himpermitted, old Dr. Henry arrived, and was conducted to the bedside of the sufferer. He pronounced her illness a mild type of brain fever, superinduced by mental excitement.

Yes! the sorrow mental excitement. Yes! the sorrow and anxiety of the last few weeks—patiently as they had been borne, kindly as they had been soothed—had overcome the sensitive, finely tempered organiza-tion, and excitement reached its climax

made a journey to Baltimore, that took him from home for a week. And by the time he returned, his daughter was going about the house as week.

he house as usual. the house as usual.

The morning after his arrival, he sent for Maud to come to him in his study. She went and found him sitting in his leather chair, with Mrs. Hunter near him, as usual.

Indeed it was a rare thing to see them Indeed it was a rare thing to see them apart; for the years that passed over their heads but drew them the closer together—they were truly one—one in thought, affection and purpose. In early life, Mrs. Hunter had, as a matter of conscience, avoided taking any part in the statesman's political toils, cares and anxieties, lest he should not afterward be able to enjoy that thorough rest and anxieties, itest he should not after the be able to enjoy that thorough rest and recreation in her society, which he otherwise might have done. But as time passwise might have done. But as time passed, Augusta had felt herself drawn irresistibly more and more into closer and closer companionship in all the man's, the philanthropist's, the statesman's interests, thoughts, plans and purposes. And this closer union made both happier. Her mornings, whenever he needed her, or thought he needed her, were passed with Daniel Hunter in his study; and in the evenings, their labor and cares were forgotten in the family circle around the fire. But this by the way.

(To be continued.)

maiden threw on her dressing-gown, and taking the letter with her, went to her parents' apartment. Arrived at the door, she rapped, and asked:

"May I come in, dear mother?"

"Yes, enter, my darling," answered the sweet voice of Mrs. Hunter.

And Maud opened the dor, and passed into the chamber. Her father, in his dressing-gown and slippers, sat in an easy-chair before the fire, taking life "easy". Her mother, in her graceful morning wrapper, had arisen to meet

Wonderful Fish.

A Scottish laird was telling at the dinner table of a fine fish he had caught. "How heavy was the fish I took last week?" he asked, turning to took last week? he asked, turning to down to supper wi' the captain." Then, after a pause, he added—"I've been telling lees a' my life to please the shooters, but I'm no' going to tell lees noo in my old age to please the fushers!"

## Cow Testing Associations Announcement for 1908.

It is now four years since the De-| m partment of Agriculture, through the Dairy Division, began an active campairy Division, began an active cam-jaign for the improvement of the lairy herds of Canada, by inaugurating a cow testing association at Cowansvile, Quebec. The Department provided all the equipment and loan-ed each member the scales and neces-sary outfit for taking and preserving the samples, furnished the requisite blank forms for keeping records, made all the tests and compiled the reports, without any charge.

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In 1905 a series of 30-day tests were conducted at seven places, the Department loaning the outfits and doing all the work without cost to the owners of the herds as in 1904. The object of this work was to call attention to the importance of the question and to create sufficient interest in the matter to induce dairymen to erganize for the purpose of conducting a systematic test of the individual cows of their herds. The publication of these tests showed the great difference which is found in the yield of cows in the same herd, and of different herds in the same locality.

At the heripping of 1908, 16 accepts

and of different herds in the same locality.

At the beginning of 1906, 16 associations were organized under the auspices of the Department. Each member was required to provide his own outfit for weighing and taking samples, but the Department of Agriculture provided the blank forms and made the tests without charge. The work was continued on the same basis in 1907, with a total of 52 associations organized in the different provinces organized in the different provinces as follows: Quebec 27, Ontario 18, Nova Scotia 2, Prince Edward Island I, British Columbia.

Nova Scotia 2, Prince Edward Island
I, British Columbia.
In addition to making the tests
free of cost, the Dairy Division has
compiled for each member a month
ly and a yearly statement of the individual tests of his herd and, each
member has also been furnished with
a copy of the monthly summaries of
all tests made for the other associations. Summaries of the monthly
tests have been published in the agricultural and weekly press of Canada,
so that every person who reads has
thus had an opportunity of studying the results and judging of the
importance of the work.

The Honorable Mr. Fisher, Minister
of Agriculture, has taken a special
interest in this work and is very desirous of having it continued. I am
directed to say that the Dairy Division will again co-operate with associations of 20 or more members, or
owners of not less than 900 cover for

sion will again co-operate with associations of 20 or more members, or owners of not less than 200 cows, for the season of 1908, by doing the testing, providing the necessary blank forms, and assisting in the organization as heretofore, but the Minister is of the opinion that the time has arrived when the members of the associations may reasonably be asked to contribute something towards the 'to contribute something towards the

cost of the work.

If it is worth anything to a dairyman to know the relative value of his cows as milk producers, in order that he may improve his herd by a process of intelligent breeding and selection, it should be worth paying for, in part at least. If it is not worth anything to the owners of the herds it is certainly not worth anything to anyone else. anyone else.

I beg, therefore, to making the fol-

lowing announcement in with this work:

For the season of 1908 the Department of Agriculture through the Dairy Division will co-operate with the cow testing associations on the following (a) The members must provide their

own outfits and agree to take samples according to instruction.

(b) The members will be required to pay towards the cost of the testing at the rate of 20 cents per cow for the server to be according to the control of the server to the serv for herds of 5 cows and over. For herds of under 5 cows a minimum charge of \$1.00 per herd

will be made.

(c) The association must arrange for suitable place in which the

a suitable place in which the testing may be done as in previous years without cost to the Department.

(d) The Dairy Division will provide all the necessary blank forms, chemicals for testing, compile monthly and yearly records and forward them to each member without any charge except as mentioned in (b). Note—The charge for testing will be based on the highest number of cows tested in any one month. A cow tested only once will be charged for the season.

J. A. RUDDICK,

Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner.

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Sir,-Judging from certain replies to our circular of Nov. 26 in regard to the cow testing work for 1908, it would seem that some of the members of the associations have had the impression that the Department of Agriculture had agreed to bear the whole cost of testing the milk for an indefinite period. I beg to point out that the last agreement on this point covered only the season of 1907. It was so stated distinctly in 1907. It was so stated, distinctly, in all our circulars, bulletins and other literature covering the work, and the organizers were instructed to the same effect. I regret it if there has been any misunderstanding on that point.

In all other countries where the work of cow testing has been carried on the

members of the associations have borned the greater share of the cost, and in some cases they have received no gov-ernment assistance, the work being organized and conducted as a result of the initiative of the dairymen them-

The sum which Canadian dairymen are asked to contribute towards the cost of this work amounts to a very small fraction (about 16) of the actual cost of doing the testing. Yours very truly, J. A. Ruddick, Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner.

WHAT ARE WATTS?

A Question Apt to Puzzle All But the

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His hair is crisp, and black, and long, His face is like the tas!

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—From Life.

The two palls ophers built houses side And Mor; in His Library.

"My father's a bigger man than your father," cried Christopher.
"No, he isn't, either," answered William, jun.
"My father's a processor."

"So's mine," said the son "Well! my father's well: my lather's got more brains than yours has, anywa;
"No, he hasn't, either said William, jun., "for my father not only got his own brains, but a lot of other men's brains in bottles on his mantelpiece." said William,

Boston Herald. Greatest Consumption of Brass.

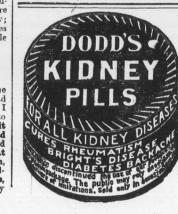
According to the American Machinst the greatest single consumption of brass is for condenser tubes a battleship alone having from 30,000 counds to 40,000 pounds of condenser ubing in it; and, owing to the corresponding in it; and, owing to the corresponding to the continually replaced. The material used is usually either Muntz metal—60 per cent. copper, 40 per cent. zinc—or else a mixture of copper, 70; zinc, 29, and tin, 1.

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(To be continued.) Wonderful Fish.

tired, and that Len said his young mas-ter had that morning taken the stage for Baltimore. In a sad bewilderment the

maiden threw on her dressing-gown, and taking the letter with her, went to her



me more," And she ended her letter with the most earnest assummers of her sympathy and affection for him, her fraith in her duty, and her hope in the future. This letter was also despatched. But days passed, and she received no answer to it, nor heard any news of the youth. At length, one morning, she received a passion-ate, sorrowful, and bitterly accusative letter from Falconer; telling her that he had disposed of all his possessions in Allegheny County, and had left the neighborhood, and bidding her farewell forever! This letter had been placed in her hands by her maid, as soon as she was out of bed in the morning. She read it in a sort of mournful amazement, and them, asked Sugar when it she was out of bed in the morning. She read it in a sort of mournful amazement, and then asked Susan when it had been brought. Her maid replied that Little Len had brought it the night previous, after the family had re-

A Boston schoolboy was tall, weak and sickly. His arms were soft and flabby. He didn't have a strong muscle in his entire body.

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