

half-holiday movement, now going forward with more energy, not among merchants and government officials, but among business men and their friends in short, among mechanics and employed, and their friends, something also may be done to meet the half-holiday idea. In the cities, where the servant's to a weekly "afternoon off" is used and conceded, but in the greater number of country households, half or half-holiday, whether for maid or maid, would be an innovation.

My moon, in fact, goes almost an ability, there is no much to do for the mistress, never spares her, and rarely, so much as an hour out of the over-worked day, of leisure; though she finds an hour to herself, all the time in bed. Where, save in far too many households, the "girl" is free to go out as soon as work is done, going when she will, returning with whom she will, let herself in by the back door, of course keeps the key, she would be the first to injure it if given a half-holiday, every day, and required to come in at the wall in the early evening of the day. Yet the half-holiday is much the better one, although it seems to interrupt work, still the freedom of the servant, to add to the labor of the mistress, on the whole, increasing the time of recreation or rest.

Perhaps the sum of either is used and yet the worth may be

in the open air, in one's best, and means of seeing and being seen, which is loss in the darkness of even the company of two or three friends, all enjoying that sense of grateful to the hard working better still, that delicious consciousness of having earned it by exercise and forethought in the morning, all this is worth far more both to us and to those who are within the reach of artistic society.

In spring there may be flowerings, the wayside, and in the parks, and Bridget may learn a new art in making her kitchen gay posies, or in presenting her mistress with a bouquet of early flowers. Utmost there might be nothing, and a store laid up for winter. In the summer, when should bridge be allowed to make up a bon basket and join "the other in a picnic? And if a few weeks in the sun, and a little time for sunbathing, bring him back to his old self again, why not a few "goodbyes" invited to the party? We may be sure the tendency of such an afternoon's meeting would be quite as safe and wholesome than the evenings in the winter, and like, the kitchen shining Saturday's evening, and well guarded by blossoms and broom—should be for calling, and another new, with needles and thimbles, "goodbyes" could drop in sociably; wroth pot of tea and a loaf of or raisin cake made by Bridget's hands, would not be impoverishless, and, like, bread upon the earth, it might return to her after not many days, in more loyal service and faithful endeavor to do well, is not Bridget only who needs a maid? Who would wait in the shadow? It is a great service to so many house-mothers make to. Setapay so full of extra work, baking, and mashing—until midnight commands needle to the weary eye! One of the sweetest and kindest of the mothers of the generations growing old, used always to call day "The Preparation Day," showing the old Jewish designation of the Sabbath, and the preparation even to the most minute of food and drink for the morrow; afternoon to the service of herself. Not religious preparation—he soul was always ready for mirth—but she would not have a body, or a jaded mind to drag the appearing spirit. The hours spent in reading, in still silence, looking over, and cutting out from magazines, a walk, a walk, above in companionhip with nature. Many a quiet afternoon spent in walking to the west with her pretty Windmill was stored in vanity of Scott, 800, of Shakspeare and Milton, long lists of Goldsmith and Cowper, and sonnets, ballads of Burns and Matthew, the earlier poems of Longfellow-Tennyson, the Hebrew melodies, the sacred songs of Kirby or Vernon or Montgomery. Many a stormy afternoon was spent in passing into the great green wood, he was one of the initiates of life, in learning the intricacies of Chinese puzzle or in solving the riddle of characters of *Merry's Museum*, one, children's magazine of those blessed, Saturday half-holidays of sweet and joyful preparation!—cannot mothers and matrines the initiative in the new reform, inaugurate such a half-holiday in the households in the land? Housewife.

SAVAGE'S SUCCESS.

YOUNG BREATH REALIZED AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE.

MON., July 20.—A most tragic marriage took place a few days ago in the little town of Birmingham, two years since. Abram Savage, a man paid his respects to Mrs. Anna Bourne. An arrangement follows. Mr. Savage went to Nevada to find fortune. He had no fortune, and now, year after year, he has been a burden to his wife. She has died, and the husband, a man of several thousand dollars, has been reduced to his old self again. His wife, his old self again, has been sold, and divorced. Telling his wife that he should go his or wife, he took the next train, leaving Maine a few days ago, and his wife followed, and after which the wife, who had been separated, left for their Western home.

At last he consulted the legal counsel, and a division of the property. Mr. Savage supported himself by a boarding-house at Boston, for some time thereafter. Mean-while he had prepared a new home, and accumulated several hundred dollars. His friend recently told him that his old self had been sold, and divorced. Telling his wife that he should go his or wife, he took the next train, leaving Maine a few days ago, and his wife followed, and after which the wife, who had been separated, left for their Western home.

The usual collision, having been taken up the party then returned to the church where they were to be married.

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written to the press, complaining
of injustice done to himself and his
and. One serious charge is that
Middleton omitted all mention of
important engagement of French
Butte. The fact that Gen. Mid-
dleton was greatly prejudiced against
French contingent in the field ser-
vicer under General Strange, is likely
to a lively row. Gen. Middleton
just returned from England.
The militia department announced
action of calling him immediately
for examination.

Mr. Ward, the
agent of the Mackay-Bennett
Co., is in the city concluding ar-
rangements with the Canadian Pacific
manager for connection

England and France. Connection

the Canadian Pacific line all over

opinion will be inaugurated in

two weeks.

Gen. S. Wolf, special agent of the

militia department, has taken action

\$6,000 damages against the Wil-
tertabel, for describing the cus-
toms as "that Blackmailing."

The traffic earnings of the Gen-
eral for last week were over \$72,
in excess of the corresponding
last year.

William Dawson, of McGill Col-
lege, presides at the meeting of the
Association to be held in Bir-
mingham in September.

STYLING RECORD.

Philadelphia Firms and Insti-
tutions Hobbed of \$5,-
000 in Five Years.

LADY AUGUSTA. Aug. 2.—The Record
a compendium of the sufferings of
merchants and institutions of this
city, which have been imposed upon
them, showing an aggregate loss in
years of over \$3,000,000. The num-
bers of such defalcations hardly exceed a
list of the names of firms and insti-
tutions, which have lost \$500,000; J. C. Corrigan victimized the
Transportation company out of
\$50; R. E. Marshall & Co. \$50;
F. G. Smith \$50; from the Pen-
trust company; John Cooper associa-
tion \$50; O. H. Johnson \$50; the
States Savings company of \$50; L. J. and Wm. F. Landers
brokers and bankers out of \$500.
XIX. All these losses are private. In
these cases, however, there is no one
who claimed it from the community
1,700,000, while John D. Hopper, the
son of the late Mr. Hopper, who
was a member of the Board of Trade
and a director of the Bay
Company, is now worth \$100,000, both
out of it. The record is incomplete
and it is probable that many instances
have not been noted. The record
and the tendency is called still to
punishment so severe as to check
stealing.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE
WORLD.

In a proposal, Arthur Vandenberg
said: "I want to see you all
MOJOZ THE
LONDON, July 31.—A thousand peo-
ple gathered around the office of the
Life, Fleet street, this afternoon
to catch a glimpse of the champion
pugilist, who was there
to fight with Jack Johnson, the
latter having four matches
which will go to America. Johnson
is the champion weighing 240 pounds,
and his foes one. He is forty-five
in weight and five inches taller
than Johnson. As the two stood
before the press, Johnson looked like a
boy he could whip with one hand.
He had a number of men about
him, this being his first appearance
in London. He looks like a
man with a rough skin if they meet.
He is confident, however, and in
response to a question: "Are you
going to America to meet Johnson?
I am not going to get whipped."
His manager, Flanagan, is
giving a bonus letter, signed
and dated July 31, cracked
New York Herald, saying that
as tired of Sullivan's fighting and
claim the championship of the
world is the letter:

"The joke is that the letter is
'The Carlton.' Lord Salisbury's
and my attorney. Flanagan is
negotiating with Pat Sherry to
meet over, also to bring off
the champion middleweights to
Jack Dempsey. Jim Moxie, Tom
Alf, Greenfield, and others
are at the pugilistic power.

Clothes Must Be Admitted.

Forster's high court, a
unanimously adopted a resolu-
tion that while it refrained
from any action, it would
not be bound to the High Court of
Appeal to enforce such a rule,
the English court will therefore
be the matter to the option of its
counsel.

Later work of the great French
army has left a deep impression
on him, is called "Le Vaguer,"

a brilliant study of a single figure
on horseback making his slow
way to the front.

The author, which is now
in the hands of the publisher, and
they, the London Times, though
the work of a man of 20,
no signs of decline.

and have a talk with Flanagan the
newspaper, before going home.

Stevens, a well-known sailor, sailed at
noon yesterday for Alaska.

Mr. George French, tea-merchant, floated off
in a small boat, late night.

Mr. H. Abbott arrived down by the
steamer Princess Louise last night.

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