ohrisitmas tume．
Tis Christmas time，and all around The faces wreathed to－night，happy smiles
Are beaming with delight． Are beaming with delight．
The stockings by the chimney hung，
Await the morning＇s joy Await．the morning＇s joy，
We count them and they represent
Each litle girl and boy．

With what delight they will unload And sometimes，just to play a trick What merry laughter fills the air Whenever this is found，
While they，to let all see the joke，
Will gaily pass it round．

The parents and grandparents，too， it makes them happy，just to see The little faces bright． To make the children glad，

Wen though perchance a silent tea Creeps from the mother＇s eye，
As she looks back to other years， And heaves a little sigh $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ar one that＇s passed beyond the gate }\end{aligned}$ She cannot help but thinking now

And wishing that she too could be And Wishing that she too could
With them this happy night，
As when her litte prattle sweet As when her little prattie sweet
Would heighten their delight．
They cannot help but miss her face， As children gather round ${ }^{\text {E }}$ ，God＇s blest
E＇en though they know，in Their angel may be found

The cousins，aunts and uncles，too， Come on．the Christmas day， And how the children romp aound， So merry with delight，
Tinl little oones are all tired out，
And glad to say good－night．

But，still the happy little smiles
Play round their lips in dreams， And though the day has really gone， E＇en still with them it seems． They will not soon forget，
And the remembrance of the day
Will linger with them yet． And we whose childhood days have flown with tender thought
To days when we，in childhood bright， To days when we，in chlidhood bright，
The Christmas blessings caught：
When hearts were free from toil and And merry all the day
Ere，we had found that all this life


From the original painting in the Cathedral at Seville．
Madonna and child．By alonzo cano．
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## THE CORONATION

ON Earth be peace，be peace，＂the angels sang．
To men goodwill，＂the last notes earthward rang． ong stood the shepherds lost in deep amaze， －ixing upon the Star their awe－struck gaze． Then one said＂Let us find Him ：it were meet We lay our homage at this Saviour＇s feet． And each one ran in eager haste to bring
His humble gift unto the new－born King． But one there was who went with footsteps slow－ He had no gift，no offering to bestow．

Though ore his logngig．for too poor was be．
 A liate thee which stod hard by the rood Near to the place o oors which the tranage Star glowed． Wimb sudden iapriation he bern down， So，opytul enteed at the Lolly doort


TME CMETBTHAS STAB．
A crivLe Star all undismayed
stepped odown the uasky ways of night
white－footed，smiling unafraid White－footed，smiling unafraid， It passed the orbs of greater light It passed the orbs or greater light
It heldits slender taper nigh，
The tiny sindendors plercing far The tiny splendors preercung far
It knew ittime to shne wang ning
For lo 1 it was the Christmas star． A little child knelt in the dark
With clear eyes raised and lifted fac She saw the tiny travelling spark The teers welled so she scarce could se
Its orb of brightness grew a bar． Mts orbo brightess grew a bar．
＂Mother，she cried ut it comesto me，
It kissed my eyes－the Christmas Star） God knows that both these things are one The answer to the prayer is shown
Unto the sinner on his knees．
 Descends the shining avatar；
But only tearsof pure delight
Could bring the Worl Clomen


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By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward
Star－bright，star－glad，the little eyes
（Starcold，star dim，thy treeceades．
Upon the willow，freeze，
Ring out，sing out，my Hittle throats （（ts twe unginished，sweet and fine， Clasp close，cling fast，my little arms
Male of my heart our love－ined nes （Oh，folded are the guiet hand
Upon a breathless breast 1） Blessed，I cherish swift and still，
The laughing quick，the happy dea （Tor pereciosis is the love
Grief has inherited，）
And fairest is the shining smile
Whose valor dries ihe unseen tear
（To every Christmas festiva）
I call you，lost and dear1）
Who loveth bravest，loveth beat， But Ohl my unforgotten I
Me come to－night to

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Chraspans white with the driven snow，
White the sun shone bright in a wintry That＇s the day Y used to know
Back in my happy boyhood．
Greetings glad at the dawn of day，
 Mothers face with its loving smile， Bounteous cheer in the good old style－
Twas a merty christmas al the while
Back in my happy boyhood． And now，when my hair is thin and gray，
Comes the bright white snow ona Christmas day Comes the bright white snow ona chris
And takes me back long year，away
To the time of my happy boy hood．

And what their scanty store could best aford But out of all the offerings which were So heaped before him－trankincense and myrth， Trinkets，and ointments，and the yellow gold－
The Mother laid it gently on His brow： Again they crowned Him for the world to see－
His second crowning was on Calvary

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Christmas in Many Countries. Origin of the Day, Etc.

Strange indeed does it seem that
Christmas, one of the most prominent
festivals of the Christian year, should festivals of the Chinstian year, should "Stranoe," we say, and yet upon second the Christian year may be traced to the
same source. Easter, the sacred fessame source. Easter, the sacred festion of the Christ, is an outgrowth of
an old pagan festival held in the month an old pagan festival held in the month
of April in honor of the Goddess of Spring. Other Christian festivals have rites, and so we find our Christmas cele-
brations to be far older than Chrisbrations to
tianity itself.
The barbarous Teutons the Ancien mans, centuries before the birth of Christ, held high festival on the twenwinter solstice. The twenty-fifth of December was regarded by the early Church as the day of Christ's birth
and its anniversary kept with sacred and its anniversary kept with sacred
rites. As Christianity spread, we find that the great days of pagan worship were merged into those of the Christian religion that happel>ed to occur
about the same day of the month. Many of the pagan rites and observances were retained, but with a higher and deeper significance.
The joyousness of the Heathen solChristian festival, but in place of being a mere naking upon the oc-
casion of the turning of the sun, the casion of the turning of the sun, the
good cheer took on a spiritual meaning
of ethical and religious import. "Glory good cheer took on a spiritual meaning
of ethical and religious import. "Glory
to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good will toward men,"" became the sentiment that formed a sweet,
grave background for all the jollity and quips and cranks that had for-
merly belonged to the purely pagan fesOur Christian carols are an out-
growth of the wild hymns sung by the ancient Romans at the Saturnalia, a feast held on the seventeenth of Decem-
ber in honor of the God Saturn. This ancient feast was kept with the wildest of merriment as a celebration of the harvests had been gathered in. as emblems by the "druids of old" in in their mystic and savage rites. The
mistletoe especially is a horsey emblem, connected for ages with December feasts. In the feast of the Saturnhan thgured even to a greater extent The Scandinavians revered it as being the material from which the arrow was made with which their sun-god, Balder, sacred because it grew upon the holy oak, and at the time of the winter solance, in ceremonious processions they
proceeded to the wood where the misletoe grew. It was gathered by the priests in greatest reverence, and after
wards distributed to the people in small bits. These little sprays of mistletoe an offering to the deities of the woods. The modern significance of the mistletoe is a survival of the customs of the
ancient Saturnalia. Even in the words associated with we can find a survival of the past.
For instance, in the words yuletide and and Saxon word "yule," meaning the festival of the winter solstice.
The custom of burning the yule-log came originally from the Scandi-
navians, who at the feast of the winter solstice kindled great fires in honor o Thor. The yule-log still has its part
in Christmas ceremonies in some dissong, the huge log is dragged into the
festive hall. Soon its bright flames and merry crackling add to the joyousnes of the occasion.
A favorite old yule-tide song run as follows:-
Welcome be thou, heavenly king, Welcome born on this morning,
Welcome for whom we shall sing
Welcome Yule.

We might, had we time, tell of numerous other Christmas customs that we have before us instances enough to show us how vitally our lives are linked with the far away past, how akin all
nations are over the face of the old with
nations
earth.
Our
Our times are but the outgrowth of
the times of old. Yet let us not blame the times of old. Yet, let us not blame us rather bless them
of our inheritance.

Christmas in Old England
Far back in the dim vista of the past
we see visions of the Christmas days when the world was young. Just as joyousness of our Christmas season,
so the simple child-like nature of the ancient Briton, Saxon, Norman, is the ing of the world's Christmas celebrations has come. We of to-day are of a somewhat graver type of character,
sensing the sweet seriousness of the laying of more stress upon its deeper It is not that our far away ancestors did not recognize the deep truth that
the Christmas feast stands for, but the good cheer of the season appealed more


On Santa Claus's picket-line.

| to the state of mental and spiritual | ured as part of the Christmas celebra |
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| development They were the children |  |
| tion. |  | development. They were the children youth does not lose all the love for the hings of childhood, so we have not lost our love for the simple joys of

Christmas time, but consciously or anconsciously we are more absorbed with the divine significance of the
truth of the incarnation of God into us and within us.
So muef to account for the wild
hilarity with which Christmas was celehilarity with which Christmas was cele-
brated by old England in centuries past. The festivities began on the six-
teenth of Decmmer and lasted till January sixth, the date of the historic
Twelfth-Night. The revelries at court were splendid as well as gay. Open
house was kept throughout the realm. house was kept throughout the realm.
Banquets, carnivals and general carousoffice of the Lord of Mis-Rule brought about much of the license of the old
Roman Saturnalia. Roman Saturnalia.
Of the simpler
mention-the wreathes of holly and of mistletoe, the great yule-log and the family feasts.
At the time of the ascendancy of Puritanism much of the free wild spirit and it seems to have never fully revived. In 1643 the Roundhead Parlia-
ment abolished the observance of Christmas, and for twelve years Christ-
mas as a general holiday was not kept The English Parliament passed an ordinance in 1652 for Christmas Day of that year not to be kept. It had de-
creed that holly and ivy were "seditious badges." The Parliament upon this occasion resolved to sit on Christ-
mas Day. A commentator upon this fact remarks with truth that they doubtless gloomy religionists of any time or clime gloomy.
enjoy.

## Christmas in Germany.

Christmas is heralded in Germany by
greens hung from every window and greens hung from every window and
door and garlands spread upon the o important a part of the German Christmas is kept behind closed doors during its decoration, and the mysteries
which "die mutter" has been preparing which "die mutter" has been preparing
are not revealed until the appointed time. At six o'clock on Christmas Eve, the time of suspense is over. The children dance wildly round the lighted family life is at its highest. Christmas Day itself is spent in friendly visits, ending in
dancing.
In Germany at some important reIn Germany at some important re-
mote date the first Christmas tree fig-

The spirit of the Roundhead made
itself felt even across the waters in
America, for we find the Court America, for we find the Court of Mas-
-achusetts in 1659 decreeing that "anybody who is found observing abstinence from labor, feasting or in any other way any such day as Christmas Day
shall pay, for every such offense of peace will be restored by the time
another Christmas dawns and that these simple-hearted people may enjoy in
their own way the rights that God has given.

Bits of Christmas History. Christmas of 1525 was known in England as "still Christmas." At this time and the usual Christmas rejoicing and
singing of carols was forbidden. When singing of carols was forbidden. When
we recall the times of terror during we recall the times of terror during
the reign of the. House of Tudor, we
can hardly conceive can hardly conceive of any real, re-
joicing, even at the happy Christmasjoicing, even at the happy Christmas
time. Every Christmas of this perio ime. Every Christmas of this period been a "still Christmas," so far as any
real Christmas spirit, was concerned The songs of any period of a country's history reflect the spirit of the times, the following batch this reflection from during the Tudor reign: My sweet little baby, what mean'st
Be stiou to cry? Be still, my blessed babe, though cause
Whose hast to mourn, Whose blood most innocent the oruel
And lin! hath! sworn alas! behold! What And lo! alas! behola! What slaughter
hoth make.
Shedding the bloo on infants all, sweet A king is bor, they say, which King Oh! woe, and woful heavy, when The custom of singing carols while
going from house to house on Christmas Eve and begging Christmas boxe is centuries old. This begging became
so troublesome that it was prohible so by law in London,
About the year 1562 the carol
changed from a song of revelry and changed from a song of reverry and
hilarity to one of rather solemn tone.
Later, psalms were arranged to be Later, psalms were arranged to be sung
as carols. Here are some verses of a.
carol that voice the spirit of cheer and as carols.
carol that v
hospitality:
hospitality:
Loo now is come our joyfur'st feastl
Let every man be jolly; Let every man be jolly:
Each room with yy leare is drest,
And every post with holly.
Without thos

And evermore be merry.
The refrain of another carol is:
At Christmas be merry and thankful And $\begin{gathered}\text { withat } \\ \text { fets } \\ \text { with the the small. }\end{gathered}$ There is no certain trace of the celebration of the Nativity until nearly two
hundred years after the death of Christ. hundred years after the death of Christ.
The singing of sacred music began with The singing of sacred music began with
the earliest celebrations. The earlier
carols were called "manger songs." carols were called "manger songs.

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## A Mad Christmas.



ing my various impediments, on the platiorm of St. Pancras, prepared to
take my journey down to Leicester by the 3.30 Manchester and Liverpool express. The Pullman was crowded with a pack of noisy schoolboys, so 1 eschew
ed it and selected an empty first-clas carriage. I took possession of my favorite corner seat, with my back to the engine, and wrapping my rug round glided away from the city of smoke in a remarkably good humor, partly inspired, no doubt, by a capital lunch, and partly by pleasurable anticipation of Fred met me at Leicester station, and I saw with regret that he was looking pale and ill and much thinner than when I had seen him last. He seemed
pleased to see me, however, and greeted me warmly. During our drive to Gaulby, I haz-
arded a few remarks, with a view to arded a few remarks, with a view to
ascertaining what sort of a party there was collected at the Hall, but I got
nothing definite out of him. He was quite unlike his old self, and I came to the conclusion that he must be ill. As we drove up the avenue I leaned out
of the window to gaze at the fine old mansion, and it struck me at once as looking cold and uninviting, while the grounds were ceitainly very much neglected. Something seemed wrong all
round, and I began to feel almost sorry I had come. We overtook Mrs. Hallaton at the Hall door, just returned from a walk. She was as gracious and as pleasant as she had ever been to me ; ner something of the ill-being which scemed to exist around her.
We all three entered together, and the moment we passed through the tions of a jolly Christmas party were

wouldn't have it known for the world-but my wife is mad.
strangely silent and apparently having some anxiety weighing on her mind.
He laughed-a -and leaned over to me confidentially. "I rely upon your discretion, you know, Neillson. I wouldn't have it
known for the world-but my wife is mad." "Mad?" I put down the claret jug and stared at him incredulously. "Yes, mad!" he repeated impatiently, "It was mad" he repeated, impatiently. It was the sun in India last year that herself to it. The doctor whom I have consulted advised me to send her to a private asylum, but I haven't the heart to do it. She's perfectly harmless, you
know; but, of course, it's an awful trial to me." I stammered out an expression of sympathy, to tell the truth, I scarcely knew what this painful explanation of the gat at which reigned over the house. Presently Fred closed his eyes and left me piece of news. I am naturally some what selfish, and before very long my sympathy was diverted in some measure from my host to myself. It occurred to me that it was by no means a pleasant prospect to be a guest in a
house the mistress of which was mad. It was not altogether kind of Fred to invite me, I thought, under the circumstances, without
his wife's state. I an injured man. The only consolation was the claret, and there was no telling how long that would last out. It struck me that Burditt had been a long time Burditt was an old friend of mine. Why shouldn't I look him up and have a
chat? I was quite tired of my own chat? was quite tired of my own
company, and Fred was fast asleep. So
I opened the door softly and

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way down to the hall. As I passed an
open door, Mrs. Hallaton appeared an beckoned me in. I had no alternative but to obey her invitation. ed tone, "as you are going here for a day or two, there is some which you ought to know. Has my hus band told you anything?
I bowed and told her gravely that knew all, and that she had my pro-
foundest sympathy foundest sympa
She sighed.
"Rerraps you are surprised that I
should ask whether Fred pres should ask whether Fred has told you,"
she said, turning a little away from me she said, turning a littee away from the should be mad and be conscious of it? It only , comes on in fits and they are
terrible, terrible. Sruth, , sid I
ISuch a
"Such a phase of madness is probably not incurable, 1 ventured sugges
timidly. "Incurable! Of course it is not in-
curable,"
she curable," she answered vehemently. I had had no experience in talking with
lunatics, and felt anything but com$\underset{\text { fortable in my present position. Mrs. }}{\text { Hallato }}$ Hallaton was beginning to look very ex-
cited and dangerous. "Of course, if you are frightened, Mr.
Neillson," she said, a little contemptuously, "you can leave us whenever you
please. These fits do not come on often, but they are anything but pleasant things when they do come on""
"I should imagine
so," 1 assented, devoutly hopimg a fit was not then
pending. Soon I managed to make ment

"Does anyone sleep up here?" I

asked the man as he bade me good| $\substack{\text { asked. } \\ \text { ninht. } \\ \text { He }}$ |
| :---: |

He pointed to a door exactly opposite mine. replied, "and the one at the botom end
is Mrs. Hallaton's. No one else sleens is Mrs. Hallaton's. No one else sleeps,
in this part of the house. The servants' rooms are all in the north wing." I was generally able to sleep at what-
ever hour I retired; but it was early, ever hour 1 retired, but it was early,
and the fire looked tempting, so, instead of immediat ely undressing, I changed my coat for a moking-jacket.
and lighting a pipe made myself com-
for Mrs. Hallaton's light footsteps ascend the stairs, and the door of her room open and close; and a little while after-
wards Fred halted outside my door to bid me a cheery good-night, and then entered the room opposite.
How long I sat there I cannot tell,

with the un with a sudden start, it was
consciousness that
something unusulal had something unusual had awakened me.
I sprang to my feet and looked fearmy fire, almost burnt out, was still
mufficient to show entered the room. Dut while Ine had here with strained senses I heard a
sound which made my blood run cold within we, and although I I am no cow-
ard, I shivered with fear. It was the ard, I shivered with fear. It was the
half-muffled shriek of a woman in ag-
ony, and it came from \Irc. Hallaton's half-muntle stiriek of a woman in ag-
ony, and it came from Mrs. Hallaton's
room. For a moment I was powerless

knocked at hers. There was no ans-
wer. I tried the handle; it was locked;
but, listening for a moment. I could
hole in the wall; but when I stood before passage running parallel with the corlioht at the other end, and, knowing hat must lead into Mrs. Hallaton's ing almost double, half ran, half crept along it, until I reached the other extremity and found myself in Mrs. Halglanced
The room was empty, but the window is my eyes fell to me was open, and fied with a dull, sickening horror, and my candle dropped with a crash from my nerveless fingers. There was a and on this stood Fred Hallaton, hold not of love, the fainting form of his wife. The moon was shining full on
his face, ghostly and demoniacal with the raging fire of the madman in his tic on his thin lips. In a moment the
truth flashed upon me, and there gaping and horror-struck, he saw
me and burst into a fit of wild laughter. "Ha, ha, ha! You, Neillson? What the grounds! Come and bend over.
man; don't be afraid. Does the height he motioned to the insensible ${ }^{\text {figure }}$
of his wife, whom he still held in his arms. "Do you know, what I
am going to do with her? I'm, going
to chuck her over down there, to chuck her over down there"; and
he pointed to the garden below. "A and lend me no hase to anyone. Come
Mechanically I rushed to the bal-
cony and strove to wrench from his encircling grasp the fainting form of
of his wife. Like a flash his imbecile a malignant fury, as he let go his orasp
of his wife and sprang at me tibe C.

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in a vice. I tried to shout for help, my mouth, and a faint gurgling was al and nearer we drew to the parapet' below, studded 1 could see the lawn he pattern of with flower-beds like Gaulby Hall was built high and we ree on the third storey. I felt his hot bolical look of triumph caught his diaforced me backwards against the outside ny, which creaked and swerved with seemed to part with the earth as with Leicester! Leicester!" I opened Times had slipped up with a start. The the train was slowly steangers, and Leicester station, and there, standing up looking the very picture of health, wa The Christmas party at Gaulby Hall was the most enjoyable I was ever at,
and the people (the house was crammed full of visitors) the most enter was one young person especially-a Miss whom Pratison she was then-with never enjoved a a visit so much in my
life as $I$ did that one nor much as one afternoon when Miss
Pratison and I, after a capital run, rode home together with her little hand in
mine, and our horses very close to gether. Next Christmas, if Alice little housect, I mean to have a jolly
If, your children moan and are a wake, with a loss of appetite, pale
countenance, picking of the noie etc., you may depend upon it tha torms.
terminator effectually removes the se
pests, at once relieving the little

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\section*{Kerrigan's Christmas Sermon.}
 go ashore to-night," the captain grumers' pocket. "Haven't slept much or any or two nights, have you? Haven't and now you want to wo carousing and now you want to go carousing Kerrigan shook his head in gentle
sympathy, putting himself outside the sympathy, putting himself outside the
captain's depreciation, 'Ut's the trut ye're sayun, cap'nav thim, sir, thot's cryun' for the fale av the land, an' will not let thim rist,
But I'll kape an eye on thim, sir, an hustle thim aboard in the airly avenun' I've no mind to stand battun' me eyes on the strates, waitun' for a lot ay
callow b'ys, while me bunk is a-callun' callow bys, while me bunk
me. Thrust to me to bring thim back airly an' sober, sir."
He took the money the captain gave him, and backed deferentially away, the side of the vessel into the yawl, where his three companions on shore
leave waited impatiently for him. Two of the crew who were to bring the yaw
back sat listlessly on the thwarts, yawning sleepily.
As he sank to his place in the stern he took his pipe from his pocket and "Now pull, ye divils, pull!" he said
genially, as the boat splashed away toward shore. "Ut's me thot the ol horrm,'s way an \({ }^{2}\) fetch ye off airly. 'Tom,' says he, 'get thim b'ys aboard as
soon as they do be gettun' the kinks soon as they do be gettun' the kinks
out av their legs, Ut's young, an' tinder they are, an 1 m thrustun to yer,
discretion., 'Tis a sacred thrust, sir,
says I. 'Ut's faather an' mither an says I. 'Ut's faather an' mither an'
all I'll be to thim, sir-the dirthy sons Frithjof, the big-shouldered, silent
Fwede, looked over his shoulder and
Swater grinned, while the eyes of Nicolao, the mured: "Massa Kerrigan, nussa-maid mured. child'en; bes' ', ref'ence." But
for lit'
Sam, the young New-Englander, scoffed back: "Father and mother! And what do you know of that, you boog-trottin',
back-door Moses, found on the steps of back-door Moses, found on the steps o
a windy mornin?", MIM,
"A Moses, is ut?" answered Kerri
"\$Tis the thrue worrd; for ut' "A Moses, is ut?" answered Kerri-'
gan. "'Tis the thrue, worrd; for ut's
me that will be i'adun' ye out av the Agypt yon." The yawl bumped against the landing-stairs, and he began to
cough-a pumped-up sort of spasm that cough-a pumped-up sort of spasm "Aat
would not have deceived a child. "An
the dust av ut!" he groaned, as he climbed to the wharf. 'Holy Mither in sight!" fying number. The swinging door that opened to them had swung so often
before their joyous progress that as the
clocks of the city were striking nine


Now a sailor's mind is trained to the meeting of sudden emergencies with mity that would have been impossible parleying, met the, obstacle in their
, \(\begin{gathered}\text { par } \\ \text { pat } \\ \text { T }\end{gathered}\) buildings doors below, a row of new piled at the edge of the sidewalk. Hot with the insult, as they thought it, they hurried thither, seized a floor-beam,
and swung back to the closed door. The next moment it fell inward before their battering-ram, with a jingling of glass and splintering of wood. Out of the uproar of the room the front the four. Kerrigan gave the sign to his shipmates, and the beam dropped
to the floor with a crash that sent the to the floor with a crash that sent the
man into the air with a leap that he probably had not equalled for years. "Me card," said Kerrigan, smiling sweetly and pointing to the beam; ;"putt
ut in yer card-resaver. I'm the descindant av kings in me own right, but not too proud to know ye." Choking with rage, the little man
turned to his waiters, crying, "Call the police! Do you hear? Call the police!' "The polace!", echoed Kerrigan. I'm travelun' incognatho, as we say,I'm travelun' incognatho, as we say,--
which is our custhom among infariors, - an' shunnun' the pomps an' thrappun's av coorts. Let the polace be; they do be,
extraneous."

Two white-aproned waiters slipped past him, making for the door; but Frithjof blocked the opening, with Sam
and Nicolao at his shoulders. All the Swede's normal good-nature was gone, Flushed with anger at what he consid. ered an insult, his face had an ugly
look. Nicolao was smiling, but he stood look. Nicolao was smiling, but he stood
like a cat ready to spring and the New Englander's eyes were dancing with the joy of battle. Behind them, the watch-
ing crowd in the street momentarily ing crowd in the street momentarily in-
creased, and it shouted with ecstasy of joyous expectation when two policemen pushed through the door, shouldering the huge Swede from their path. Now Frithjof was a man to be shouldered when in a rage, and discre-
tion was not his foible. Like the arms of a windmill, his great paws swung
wide and crashed down upon the heads wide and crashed down upon the heads
of the guardians over the peace, smashing their helmets over their eyes. Kerrigan, turning, saw it all, and the faces of the officers before they went
into eclipse. "Naygurs!" he roared, with a beautiful simulation of horror.". "They're naygurs The shame av ut ! Then he liance with his friends
It was an unequal struggle, and the officers were already down when some excited creature turned out the lights.
In the sudden darkness Kerrigan kept his head. ""Tis the fanally," he whispered hoarsely to his shipmates. "Kape to-
gither, but run ".


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As they dashed out into the street the crowd broke and scattered. It was
a light-hearted assembly, and its interest was the interest of pleasure, not fugitives on, and saw them passing unobstructed into outer darkness at the
edge of the city market, and was ture edge of the clty market, and was turn-
ing away when Kerrigan fell.
He had been lumbering on belind his comrades, and had almost gained a refuge under
the dark corridors of the market, when his foot slippediors of the market, when
stunned th instant he lay policemen then, before he could rise, two poicemen pounced upon him from out
the shadow of the dark wall, and the
crowd's interest crowd's interest had revived and was
sending them hot-foot to view his
dis downfall.
Kerrigan was still blinking from the
shock when he was led bak shock when he was led back over the
road he had come, the two policemen road hec has come, the two policemen
pertinaciously demanding an explana\({ }^{\text {tion of his haste, }}\) "I was lookun' for yez," said Kerrisan. Ye found us," answered one of them, laconically. Kerrigan looked up sharply.
. Yere "Ye're no liart," replied the other"I tak', shame for ye consortun' wid
naygurs," said
Kerrigan, sadly. naygurs," said kerrigan, sadly. "1
cinne to tell ye so." minut,", said liis captor. worse this "Ye know yer mates," Kerrigan re-
plied genially, looking at his other guar mesilf. Do they call the foorce
min the mixed pickles?"
He received no answer, and, the pleasure of the social instinct, gone,
througli half-closed eye he looked about him discontentedly. They were rapidly approaching the wrecked saloon, a tail
of idlers at their heels. On their left, protected only by planks laid over bar-
rels, yawned the dark abyss of the cellar under the untimished row of buildings. Kerrigan glanced down, saw nothing
but black void, and felt anew the thrill "What's ut?" he asked, jerking his head toward the unffinshed row, and
was answered that liis captors neither knew "Tis shamed cass ignorance," declared Kerrigan; "We'll investhigate", and
wheeling suddenly, freing himself, he leapen into the black pit, carrying the
There was a crash below of falling barrels and timber, and then an awc inspiring sitence, but ten minutes later two sac guardians of the peace crawled terns, and went preyless back to their
beat. At the same time, in a narrow street
on the other side of the market, his leaderless companions, making their way down to the water-front. canue , upon
Kerrigan, sitting sadly on the curb, communing, with the past. They hailed him
with jov, but he only slook his head sadty at sight of them. unspint." he mourned. "an'" very rasort av. pleasure
closed to us by the folly av min! ."is
shameful!" Then he began to sing
in a most dolorous voice


"Oh, the harps av the ould counthry," he, murmured; "an' the eyes av sloe,
ant Ut all momes back to me so swate, so swate! An's , nierer a dhe so swate, so
me sorrow! ',
From his me sorrow!" From his lowly seat he he
waved his hands to his comrades
 byes! L'ave me!"
The three looked at one another in "Ay tank you his dom fool", Stoop ing suddenly, he scized Kerrigan Sy the shoulders and lifted him to his feet. adding: "Coom on, now," Kerrigan; ".t gwaten, but me said the sart's bruk.,"
It was not so completely shatered as to leave him wholly oblivious of the er street, two girls came linto a light-
laughingly along the path. He twisted his mous"Eyes av sloc at them sadly. Hes av sloe, cyes av sloe," he mur-
mured- "ut all cones back to me so swate-so swate !" Head mournfully at the
He shook lis heal eetort discourteous that he received! gazed at them reprovingly. giggled. He "whin me-" He ston," he declared, they had come to the lighlted fro for a theyater-like build the lighted and fromt of
ant onith
there footed tur chere floated the sound of singing, and
then the applause at its close "Helt," cried N.t. clase. "Behol" de theayter! Coma long een! ". Without a moment's hesita-
tion, he entered the vestibule, followed by the others, and, opening an room, of the gloom by the entrance an usher stepped softly, and tontrance
Xicolao on the army led the ticolao on thie arm, led the way up
Int aisle followed b the sailormen.
Into a side seat at the Into a side seat at the very front of
the hall he swept them with an elaborate bow, and tiptoed away as an ing strains and a full choir of voices 'While shepherds watched their flocks by

As the words of the last line swelldinto a rich crescendo of sound, he stage, and with a creaking of a
tackle and fall there slowly descend ed into view a white-clad figure with
shining wings, holding a green palm-
The leaf aloft. the stage from the pititle platornt on which she had stood, and, with a
profound bow, lowered the palnet-to-leaf as the lights of the hall blazed
out, and the antience broke into wild
 He glanced swiftly at the aurfience
How for the first time tecealeds cyery
shining face of delight in the hall ex-
cept their own was that of a negro In a sort.of wonder, he turned to
his companions. Nicolao was wildly applauding, Frithjof was staring was down in his hands, his body shaking with a violent coughing fit.
He looked up at length with face, and caught Kerrigan's a grave What in ut?" asked the Irishman. Pis shipmate nodded toward a decked with candles and gifts. tree," Chistmas eve end
chum
ceplied. church.". "I was beginnun' to have me susi, said Kerrigan, with biting sarcasm, He looked about him. "I tak' ut," he went on, as the result of his ob-
servation, "thot we hold sates of
hen "Yes," answered his mate. "The , ut's a dacent lot of haythen
they are," he declared emphatichlt "barrun' the shlight invidjusness ares av a coffee-colored angel. prosadun's prosade," He began to
applaud with all the vigor of his mighty hands Kerrigan grew more and more en-
thusiastic as the exercises went
 frantor lay lat the most part satis-
factorily laudatory. Not till near the close did a momentary cloud appear. They were lighting the tree, and a front of it to repeat Bible verses. They stood, a twisting line, looking over their shoulders at the gathering
glory behind them gifts, and repeating parrot-like the rapid words that were to set them free. Near the middle of the line one
stumble stumbled over a long quotation, but ame smoothly to a close with the
words, "but the scriptions must be
"fied, filied." The speaker's small finger went swiftly to her month, and she
dropped demure eyes. The next child was cannier


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rising, his arms swinging wildly about
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back toward the tree,
now fully - lighted, and guessed their dismay at the
enned to the ex norter once more, and leaped into the ray iet the littl

\section*{A sea of angry eyes flashed upon} him, but he heeded it not."
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wi \\
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\end{tabular} with the instinct of implicit obedience
to the toice of the white man, the
child ran glibly thro thit ther quotation, and the line filed from the stage. tree, a heedless boy ran into the frail upright supporting an elaborate arch of paper roses, which, falling on the
candles ignited and then dropped in candies, ignited, and then dropped in
a serpent of fire among the children and famed up toward the
the uprights still standing
the uprights still standing. in a wild
Instantly the house was
panic panic, sweeping toward the door and
windows; but Kerrigan saw only tne chind that he had oidden speak. The
last of the line, the blazing wreaths last of the line, the blazing wreath
enwrapped her and fired her flims) enwrappees her a deaped to his feet,
white dress. He teat
but was borne backward by the madbut was borne backward by the mad-
dened rush of screaming creatures
making toward the windows behind
 Another blazing streamer fell across his own shoulders berfore he he
had extinguished the burning dre \({ }^{3}\) of the child, firing but not until the
scorching his cheek scorching his cheer he fling it off im-
child was sate
patiently, pull down the remaining uppatiently, pull down the remaining pu-
rights, and stamp out the flames.
the rights, and stamp out sot, and
Then, blackened with
still holding the sobing scorched, still holding the tune and
child against his breast, he turned and roareame back! Come back, yez!
an't yez boun to give the childer Ain't yez goun
their prisinsts?" They crept into their seats present-
1y, excited and hysterical; and not ly, excited and hysterical, and not
till then did Kerrigan leave the stage
and till then did Kerrigan leave the stage
with the child, sobbing with fright,
but little hurt.
Going down to his but little hurt. Going down to his
shipmates, he stood the child before shipmates
them
' 'Tis Christmas
. girl in throuble," he said," "hand out yer ducuts
Smiling they did as they were bidden, while the audience crowded
about them, watching. Kerrigan took their bills with a dissatisfied
frown
"Ivry cint, ye thavun' sailormin
' "Is'ry cint, ye thavun' sailormin!
Is it av yersilves eyd be thinkun"
whin a little child's in throuble? whin a little childs in throuble?
Eimpty yer pockets, as I've done me-
silf? he ordered. When he was certain that not
cent was left to the forr, he tied
the collection in his neckerchief an the collection in his neckerchief and
put it in the hand of the bewildered phut it.
child, Tis for a new dhress, an' dolly, an' pink ice-crame, an" what Cristmas to ye!"'
Then he turned to the wildly ap plauding audience with a deprecator "Gwan wid ye!" he said good
naturedly, and with the first touch naturedy, and wil had ever seen o his face. "Don't ye know the childe
is a-waitun" for their prisints?" The tree was stripped the last song sunge a prayer of thanksciving and and
gratitude to Kerriman spoken by the mastor, and the autance was making
reary to tepari, when the surperin-
tentent stenord unon the platform.
gemman and da balumps of 'em have
individualized."
He bowed, and a male quartet marched solemnly upon the stage, sang "Rocken in the Cracte
of the Deep," and then, as an encore, bowing to Kerrigan. with spirit sang The Wearing of the Green." stripping of the tree, but he was thorsughly awake now. His head and ough kept time to the song, and as
foot last strain ceased he sprang to his
the the las
feet.
feet. b's, -an' the l'ave av yez,- barrun'
some incidental remarks 1 might have some incidental remarks I might have
onthroiuced into a coort av justus the inthrojuced into a coort av justus the
marnun' after, by raison av lookun' marnun atter, by raison av red, which apo fagure av spache, me dhrink beun'
is
whisky whch some, av ye may know whisky, whch some av ye may know
is a horse av anither color, and not is a horse av anither color, and
bad for the, hilth though betther lit alone, owun' to the carelissniss av min in the use av high explosives; but wan' to tell ye, in wan worra, that
tak' ut kindly \(\rightarrow\) yer singun' a song in me honor, an' yer reciption, an' the hol ruction ye gave us, whereby I
worrked off me sadness av heart by worrked of me sadness av heart
 hope we 're not inthrudin'. We tho't
ut was a show whin we perambuut was a show whin we perambu-
lathed in amongst ye, which ut was av a kind, an' as amusun' as a baskut
av kittuns an' lively as a counthry

fair in me ancesthral kingdom, (though not what we ixpicted.
"Now we 've heard yer songs an' yer spaches, an , sane yer angel, de
scind, which was marvelous, an' w ve listhened to yer advice, which ut
was as good as anny I've iver had to contind wid -an, by the same
tokent as harrd to follow. For thot's the quare thng about advice; the
betther ut is, the laste likely we are bether ut is, the laste likely we are
to hade ut, an' thim as nades ut laste hades ut most, an' vicy versy, which
his Frinch for the road's no longer wan is Frinct for the road's no longer wan
way \({ }^{\prime}\) tither way about. good to be too good an' the bad to be Worise nor they nade be, the which I learned by lookin' in me own heart
an' makun' philosophical faces at me-
 I've learned-never to putt more
sthrain upon me strenth than ut will bear wid dacency. ers say, Ilike ver singun, bether nor yer courage, which ye haven't anny
but in discretion ye' re great. An thot's uts good points, too, for us lades away from throuble \({ }^{\text {an }}\) an
throubles a bad neighbor. But \(y\)
sing sing marvelous, an' I say, Sing al al
ye, cant, for ut makes the road shor
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sthot walk in dakness if the trut,
thon
or yer fathers an' yer mithers, for
thot the Good Book tills ye; like thot the Good Book tills ye; like-
wise, ut' common sinse; an' lasthly tin to wan ye'll be lathered if ye
don't, an' thot hurts." He ended abruptly, and turne, away from the laughing, gosi natured throng, already on its slow
march to the door. An alarm had been turned in at the first call of
fire, but the firemen had come and fire, but the firemen without entering , and the police had come no farther than the door. It was a glimpse of their helmets at Kerrigan to a sudden close. Now he turned to the superintendent. "Docthor," he whispered, "have
yez a back, dure? yez a back dure? There was a little
fri'ndly ruction on the strate a litte iri'hndy ruction on the strate a litte,
while pravious, in which me frin's while pravious, in which me frith
here participathed an' me frin's the
polace are vo. Uts
 have, an' I'd spar' thim throuble willun. If , we shlipped out un-
beknownst-
He superintendent bowed,
Back of them Back of them extended a little side
addition, and into this the man led

 thrust a long lee through the opening: dure or windy, ut's a hole for
daliv'rance the shmall neck av a bottle whin the bung was not contaguous.
\(\underset{\text { A moment later the four were }}{\text { a }}\) sweir adviser over a fence and across an open lot to a quiet street.
They traveled fast for a space, and then, easy in mind, went on more slowly toward the water-front by roundabout ways.
The New Englander, as was befitting one with inherited conscience, was the first to speak,", Twas good advice," he said. "Twas whod adivice, he said. Then another inherited tendency in
the Yankee awoke-a sense of the humor of things.
"Any of it," he answered, grinning. but better let it alone; that it wasn't worth while being too good, or just
as well not to be bad. Oh, you had a as well not to be bad. Oh, you had a Kerrigan." "An' why not-on Christmas ave,
ye carpun" Yanke?", demanded Ker, rigan. "Is ut a time for missions an
pinances?" Pinatces?
"Or for the fast?" aked Nicolao,
nudging the New-Englander nudging the New-Englander
For once Kerrigan was silent, reFor once Kirrigan was sitent, remembering
state. Thisen suddenty he smiled, recalling his triumphant oratory." to himself, "if \(T\) 'd , 'a caught yz airly
ut's nt's a man I 'd 'a' made av ye-bar-
run' the thirst, which is a dethriThen in silence he went on through the echoing str eets, under the quiet
stars. with his equally sitent ship-
mates.
"Besom and Stane.
Welcome brithes a' to the 'Peg;
Come, help yerself with feast and keg. And spie our town the tronhy cup. And those who come on pleasure bent Can have it to their hearts' content, For Scotia's noble game is rife,
An' free from aught but pleasant strife. Hurl down your granites on the ice! Tee high! In turn! Ah. that looks nice! Lay up against that, but not too hard!
Hoots, mon, clean through! now gimme a guard!
And so it goes.
And so it goes, just as in 11 ife , There's good slots; them as goes right
Dead hogs, long shots and accidents too. But never a man makes just the shot
He figures on-but that's man's lot-
Just strive to do the best trat lies
So boys, take care; keep well in hand.
Twill kive you more than fairies'
II you're a candidate for fame.
Take my advise and "play the game
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A Lay Sermon for the Christmas Season. \\
Once on a time a conversation took place between two friends, one a Jew,
the other a Christian. Said the Jew, cr, as it happened, the Jewess, a very able and brilliant woman, by the way:
"Come, let us get up a fine new religion: let us take a little of your religion, and a little of my religion, and
a little of Chunder Sen's religion, and make up a new religion of our own." "No, my good friend", said the
Christian; "I cannot do it. I am like Stockton's man who was too old to change his diseases. I am too old to change \(m y\) religion; and besides,
I have never quite lived up to to it. When I have thoroughly exhausted Christianity as a working religion, I may return to your proposimake a better religion than the one to which I was born. \\
There is a class of religionists whose happy creed it is to believe not only \({ }^{10}\) enire fanctictitions. We remember the confession, on the part of a kindly and somewhat humorous pastor, of
the fearful trouble given him by a superlatively virtuous person, whose peskiness seemed to increase in direct proportion to her piety
(God forbid!) this is always the case; but outside of the ranks of the "wholly sanctified" there are a
adoptive
Christians who are not of the state of mind of the above-quoted respondent,-feeling that, witt aous,
their efforts, occasional or continuous, they are still grievously unsatisfactory as christians. The best or men areing chief among sinners. \\
A church-going neighbor of ours, talking the other day about tce stan
dards of orthodoxy, stated facts in his own experience tending to prove, what all intelligent persons are wel
aware of, that during the last thirty years the standards have changed, there has come a change in their insening of stress. The condition of things indicated is notorious; to some able, and consistent controversialists, it is deplorable. \\
Deplorable, unquestionably, it would out any change in the standards hold of Christian principles upon individuals and nations. Christian spirit
We believe that the does not forbid utterly the use of force between nations and men, but the
endency of the Christian spirit is to wipe out war and cruel strife everywhere. \\
It is more, and not less, Christianity that the world needs as between peo-
ples and
between people, in diplomacy, in public and private business, in all affarirs of the state, the family,
and the individual.
Unselfish kindness, helpfulness, courtesy,
manliness, hentle-
honorable dealing
among men--these are all practical versions of the Golden Rule, and genuine pro-
ducts of the Sermon on the Mount. In the secret soul there are appreden truth, the deep humanity, of even
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the dogmas which are so often spoken of, nowadays, with scornful and surpet studie d their philosephical signifi-
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cance or felt their meaning in spiritual experience. The doctrine of
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and to cast off an impairing and degrading herited flesh! How many. in dashing despoil themselves of some inner
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Christianity is the need of this world Every intelligent religion may have
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The firelight flickered on the rich old mahogany and the dark rows of books. Mingled with it, the soft glow of candles fell on the Christmas greens which hung from the pillars and cornices. An noiselessly, arranging glasses and cakebaskets on a large silver tray. Once he frowned deeply and bent close to one of the candles to inspect a silver bowl. Then he polished it with one of the long tails of his coat:
"I 'clar ter gracious! De niggers,
yer at Ole Oaks is des ez triffin" an' wuthless! It's des scannerlous, pufnerl Washin'ton drink out of, too! Look lek dese yer Ole Oak niggers
ain' got no se'f-respec' fer nobody! I done tole dat triflin' little Moze! But
sho! Marse Phil he 'oon't mek 'em wuk, an Marse Ranny he't des young
an' he don't keer, an' Ole Oks is des an' he don't keer, an' Ole Oaks is des
gettin' teetotally ruint ; an' all des 'cause gettin' teetotally ruint; an' all des 'cause Marse Phil he des 'oon't quit steddyin' 'bout Miss Betty Page yonduh!'
He nodded toward a portrait which
hung over the mantel. ing shadows and its frame of Christmas greens the delicate face of a girl looked
out. The old negro continued his polishing: honey, you des ought to - quit dat fool-
ishness. Miss Betty she's daid ishness. Miss Betty she's, daid a long
while,' I say, 'an' she 'oon't come back while, '! say, 'an's she 'on't come batk Miss Jinny cert'ny is pretty an sweet;
an' she cert'ny is got good raisin'. Um -umph! If Marse Phil was to marry Oaks, it sholy, would be a diffunt place, at. would dat!" " He raised his head as a fresh burst
of music came from the long parlors across the hall.
Dwine ter dance deyselves fordde! Dey gwine ter dance deyselves to deaf!" He
stepped to the doorway stepped to the doorway and stood
watching the dancers. Then a gleam of pleasure lighted up his face. "Um-
umph! Yond's Marse Phil an' Miss Jinny! Des watch 'em!, Dar you go,
Marse Phil, honey! Fo'wud an' back agin! Ain't he gran'! Yond's Marse Ranny, too-but sho! Marse Ranny he
des don't hole a taller-dip to Marse des don

When the iast gay strains had ceased he came back into the room. He stood he went to it and made a grave bow. "Sarvant, "Miss Betty!" he said sol.
emnly. "Please, ma'am, Miss Betty, 'oon't you please ter let go of Marse
Phil? I know you is daid, Miss Betty, Phil? I know you is ,' arid, Miss Betty, done love you fo' sech a long w'ile,
Miss Betty, chile; an', Ole Oaks hit cert'ny is des hankerin', fer a mistis,
Cou'se dis yer is Chris'mus Eve, an der's a heap o' folks, but mos'ly hit's
des ez lonesome. You know, des how lonesome it gits! Please, ma, am, Miss
Betty, ain't you got de golden streets betty, aint you got de golden streets,
an' de sea of glass, an' de walls of
pearl an' jasper, an' Marse Phil he, ain't got nothin' but des we-all. An' An' Betty!"' He turned guiltily at a step in the hall and his master entered the room.
"Is the tray ready, Jeff? Miss Molly says it's time. You know we got Miss Molly over from Fairview especially to manage our Christmas for us, so we
must do exactly what she says. Miss Molly, says to have plenty of black
cake." He inspected the tray carefully Jeff bustled about importantly. Once he looked up slyly
"I seen you, Marse Phil! You
cert'ny kin dance! An" Miss Jinny she cert'ny kin dance! An' Miss Jinny she Colonel Clayton straightened up.
"Jeff, you black rascal! Were you
watching us dance!" A half-whimsical watching us dance pleasure came in his face. 'Oh, I can
dance if I choose. Besides, it's Christ
mas Eve; and I am only forty-fourLet me see-am I forty-four?"
He drew one hand down thoughtfully
over his hair. Jeff was at his elbow over his hair. Jeff was at his elbow
with the silver bowl.
"Des look at dat, Marse Phill Ain't "Des look at dat, Marse Phil! Ain't
dat a shame!" He pointed with one bat shame! "Des pointed with one
bony finger. "Des look dat spec!
I cyarn' mek dem, niggers wuk-you cyarn' mek dem niggers wuk-you
oon't mek 'em, an' Marse Ranny he oon't mek 'em, an' Marse Ranny he
oon't." He put the bowl down dis-
consolately and shook his head. "I tell you, Marse Phil, honey, Ole Oaks
yon des wisht you'd gimme one fer a Chris'mus gif' ternight. Yes, I des wisht ter gracious you'd give me an' all de Ole Oak niggers to Miss Jinny right spang
ernight! He looked at his mastel Heenly an instant. "Marse Phil, honey,
"Mer I kin!" tell a angel des ez good ez you The Colonel smiled to himself: "'Pon my soul, I believe you can." He went
to the fire and stood looking into it thoughtfully. The clink of a glass re-
called him. He turned about sharply called him. He turned about sharply How long ago did I tell you to take
those things in! Miss Molly will be scolding us both

He turned to the fire again as Jeff bore away the tray. The old darky's vards repeaty. Yes, Old Onelves to him Whaty. knew it better than he? Sometimes on such a night as this the laughter of guests made it glad, but usually how lonely it was-bleak, even, some
times. It was lonely, as his own life was, for a woman's thought, a woman's touch, a woman's presence, and yetso long ago he thought Why should so long ago, he thought. Why should
the delicate fingers of a girl have lifted them up again to-night? How lightly
her hand had rested in his as he her hand had rested in his as he led
lier through the dance. Some dream lier through the dance. Some dream
in him rose up to meet the memory Always to have her presence near him to hear her light paugh through the grim old house. What a different place
it would make of it; what a different ife his would be! He turned sharply. Even then, with several others, she was going past the
door, and her light laughter rang door, and her light laughter rang
through him with a subtle charm. through him with a subtle charm. He
found himself going toward her, hold ing out his two hands. "Miss Virginia! Won't you come
into my library a minute? See, isn't it into my
pretty?
He He watched her as she stepped
through the doorway and came in, look through the doorway and came in, look "Oh, how pretty! Did Uncle Jeff trim this, too?"
Set of - that is, he made the very worst set of little," plantation niggers in Vir-
ginia do it."
She was standing before the fireplace now. "Poor old Uncle Jeff! He complains of them a good
bit. He says there's nobody to make them mind. He has an idea that if
there was a woman here thia there was a woman here things would he very different; but with just such
good-for-nothing bachelors as Ranny good-or-nothing bachelors as Ranny we need much attention. Everything on Jeff. What do you reckon he
was saying to me here only a moment was saying o me here only a moment
ago!-begging me to make a Christmas gift of him and all the other Old Oaks darkies to some one who would look
after them better than I do. Thank after them better than I do; Thank-
less? Bless my soul, no! It's not that
-hut he's got it in his faithful old hut he's got it in his faithful old is. You see he thinks I ought to have
more happiness, such happiness as more happiness, such happiness as a home as a woman's presence makes."
He paused a moment to watch the He paused a moment to watch the
frail beauty of the girl beside him as frail beauty of the girl heside him as
she stood looking into the fire; then his eyes turned to it also. " I 've had a very great deal in my life, but not ac-
cording to Jeff's notions. T've got my cording to Jeff's notions. I've got my books, good dogs and horses, and the
hunt. I've got my nephew, Randolph,


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and a finer boy than Ranny never drew
on riding-boots. I have good and sweet memories in my life, too, very good 'other days.' You know the song-Miss
Molly always plays it for me. She Molly always plays it for m
knows I love it:
"'Oft in the stilly night,
Ere slumber's chains has bound me,
Fond memory brings the light Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me.'
Of other days around mee.'
"When I was a bit younger I had "When I was a bit younger I had
much happiness, very much; and goor
and sweet memories are not the least and sweet memories are not the leastings. But all this counts very little with Jeff. He thinks it other men. Some one for whom I could live every hour of the day, give my whole self in serving. It is true-
such things make life very wonderful; they make better men of us."
His voice had fallen into a great His voice had fallen into a great
earnestness; he recovered himself and spoke more lightly: "You see, Jeff
thinks I need bettering." He smiled oddly. "I think I do."
her eyes met his warmly moment, then her eyes met his warmly and reproach"No, not you! You of
The so fine already!" people, The Colonel bent over her hand gal-
lantly, his heart knocking with a swift, uncertain happiness.
There was an instant only that the flames lapped lazily in the silence, then the doorway.
"Oh, here you are! Philip! Virginia, come, my dear. We need you. want everybody to help sing. I've She passed on again. Uncle Jeff, returning, entered by another door and stood unseen in the shadows watching
his master. The Colonel offered Virginia his arm. "We will come back here, shall we? I should like to tell
you more about the Christmas gift Jeff you more about the Christmas gift Jeff
wants me to make-more about myself, wants me to make-more about myself,
too. We live lonely lives here at Old Oaks, and it is very good to talk to you; you seem to understand."

They left the room. Uncle Jeff watched them go. Then he went to
the fire where they had stood, and rocked himself with happiness. \(\frac{\text { His }}{\text { His }}\) dream was coming true! His master Old Oaks would have a mistress, would be as it used to be in the old days be-
fore his own old mistress died. fore his own old mistress died. He
was going to be a Christmas gift afte all. He made a low, bow to the portrait. "Tank ye, ma'am, Miss Betty
Tank ye, ma'am!" Tank ye, ma'am!'
From the parlo
was at the piano, there tinkled a moll prelude. Then a chorus of voices joined in the Christmas song. The old man
listened until the last notes died away Then he took up the candles one by one and blew out the lights. When the last one was gone he straightened
up and surveyed the room, tiptoed over to a chair in the shadow of the door and seated himself cautiously "When Marse Phil an' Miss Jinn dey come back, dey kin jes' set dar i
de fa'arlight," he said, "den dey 'oon'" be skeert." He sat a long while in the shadows listening, yet not istening to the song the time to be. There would be life and stir and happiness in the old place and in his master's life all that he had
longed for might be there-all that his master's life so much needed. Once he nodded, and then-she herself, the mis
tress of the Old Oaks that was tress of the Old Oaks that was to be
came into the room, brushing close him, not seeing him. He could have touched the white folds of her gow as she went by him.
"There are so few moments when
may have you to muyself", It was Ran


You have your uncle's ways, and he- know my love so well! You know that he learned them long ago from all these either." She looked thoughtrfully into the fire. "I think he learned them in the 'other days' he talks about. I think
with him they are very real. with him they are very real. I think
he learned them for her." She glanced up to the old portrait
which looked out at them steadily from which looked out at them steadily from
its frame of Christmas cedar.

It wan Rirginas vioce which broke ITt is she not \(I\) who sho Kept loneliness away from Old oaks. Have thought of her so often. Some times I can almost see her going engaged, were so near, so very near, their happiness-and then-" " Randolph's voice broke in on hers: nd who does keep. loneliness away, for him. Though she is dead these eighteen years she is not dead to him." There was silence between them a
moment. They stood looking mortrat. They stood looking at the ionately: "But oh, my dear, that is his life, and
this-this is ours! Tell me that are for me. It is Christmas Eve!
cars Give me the gift!"
She swayed from him a little, as though to resist the power that was "Tell me once again how much you ove me! Randolph took her in his arms "You do love me, then!"
"Yes, yes"-her voice was low, and
full of a great love-"as I think she must have loved him!
While he held her lips to her hair Colonel Clayton stepped out of the room softly. His head was bent. Uncle Jeff shrank back deeper
into the shadow. From the parlor came into the shadow. From the parlor came
the voices of the guests in chorus: "Oft in the stilly night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me."

The Editor's Scrap Book.
A well-known Church dignitary tells a good story of an East End woman like many other denizens of creature. regards the Boers as black savages regards the Boers as black savages,
"Ah!" she exclaimed, "black or white, heathen or Christian, they're all mothers' sons, every one on 'em. The Queen cant bear this horrid war, she can nuffri'? It's as much as her place is In his new volume of
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pays the following tribute to "Audrey,"
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housekeeping wife of the
home-and-
brilliant "Touchstone"
Touchstone, shaping a career,
Shines at each exclusive house:"Such a clever man, my dear, "Married ere he dreamed of us, Strange that Fate should yoke him thus And very, very, very sad!" him thus, Touchstone (let them mark it well),
When the social round is trod When the social round is trod,
Bored by dame and demoiselleBored by dame and demoiselle-
Goes home softly, praising
"We've had a terrible time in our flat this autumn." "Sickness?" "No, we got our folding-bed open and The S.P.C.A. inspector insisted that
the horse was unfit for work in conseque horse was unfit for work in conse-
quence of lack of food. "Well, that's a good 'un!" replied Cos-
ter. "He's got a bushel and a half of oats at home now, only he ain't got no time to eat
Surgeon (addressing students at the hospital): The muscle of the left leg of the patient has contracted till it is
considerably shorter than the right leg. considerably shorter than the right leg.
therefore he limps. Now, what would you do under such circumstances?
Intelligent Student: Limp, too! Intelligent Student: Limp, too!
One of the local correspondents of a One of the local correspondents of a
contemporary evidently finds "sermons in stones and good in everything." Re-
cently he wrote: "Yesterday was anocently he wrote: "Yesterday was ano-
ther delightful day. During the after-
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\section*{Little Jean's Christmas Eve.} by w. s. hamiliton.

It was Christmas Eve in the year of grace 1704 , and seldom has that time-
honored day been visited with weather so singularly appropriate to the occasion. In the majority of places a per-
fect hurricane had raged all day, to the great annoyance of people in general and shopkeepes in particular, whose away to vanishing point; and now when night fell, the wind, as if not yet satwrought, increased more and more in violence and caused all prudent-minded folks to gather round their respec-
tive hearths and congratulate themtive heartys and congratulate themselves that they had a home to shelter
them and were not obliged to be in the blizzard without.
In common with the rest, the little town of Saint Cecile, situated not far from the Auvergnes in Southern prevailing inclement weather, though it was partly sheltered by the mountains behind it. There, after darkness had
set in, passing through the streets, one set in, passing through the streets, one
might have heard but for the howling of the wind, the tiny voices and childish prattle of the merry youngsters, all eagerly expectant of the morrow's joyglimpse of the mystic snap-dragon as he waggled his body fiercely about and caused transitory terror to the younger children who gathered even closer suddenly the door opens and with a shout of glee the children rush towards their father. who enters, carrying a huge yule-log. What a blaze! How excitedly do they run for chairs and nestle
around the fireside and listen to the same old stories of fairies of long ago
in revelry and happiness.
Meantime outside the wind roared, and the snow came down thick and
fast, nearly blinding the few pedestrians who had the misfortune to be out. But among all the brilliantly-lighted
houses one stood out in marked conhouses one stood out in marked con-
trast, for at the end of the Rue Babette was a little thatched house, which, but for a slight glimmer of light in one of the upper windows, might have been
thought empty, so dark and dismal did thought empty, so dark and dismal did
it look in comparison to the others. No merry laughter came from within; no snap-dragon bent itself into grotesque shapes on the tables; no yule-log blazed merrily and cheered up the grate-all
was silent as the grave. candle burning in the upper room scarcely served to light up the four walls, but it sufficed to give some idea of the dim interior. The apartment
woorly furnished, yet scrupulously clean and tidy (though God alone knows how the scantiness of the furni-
ture could have made it otherwise) On ture could have made it otherwise). On
a low truckle bed at the end of the a low truckle bed at the end of the
room lay a little boy of some six or seven years; one hand was on his forehead, thereby keeping the golden currs which encircled his head from falling
over his feverish little face, while the over his feverish little face, while the
other rested in those of his mother, who was bending over him and with anxious, tear-stained eyes, watching every movement of the dying child.
Yes, dying child; for had not the vilYes, dying child; for had not the vilassured her that the little one had seen his last Christmas, and that the same
day which had given birth to the Holiday which had given birth to the Holiest Child would see the departure from
this world of strife of one whose soul was quite as spotless. buch an Baptiste refused to listen ing to frighten him, They were try a blind to make him give up his be loveđ absinthe. He knew better. His
little Jean, the one thing which made lis absinthe take second place in his

The doctor's advice he scorned, and he even refused to listen to the solemn
words of warning of the good abbe, who had more than once during the last few days earnestly besought him
to give up his accursed liquor and to give up his accursed liquor and
spend a few hours by the side of his
dying child dying child. Meanwhile the mother still knelt by the bedside, watching with anguish of heart the little frame whose lie was so rapidly ebbing away. Out-
side nothing could be heard but the roar of the storm, but from time to time, as the wind lulled, the sound of Joyous laughter and merriment were
wafted into the sick-chamber, until the wind, as if ashamed of allowing such sacrilege, raged more furiously than ever. At length the child began to
show signs of returning conscion show signs of returning consciousness,
gradually his deep eyes opened, and a beautiful smile lighted up his flushed little face as he saw his mother bending over him. He did not speak, but with trembling hand felt beneath the
pillow and drew forth a small, roughlyconstructed violin, his own workmanship, made from an old box and five strings which the kind abbe had given
him just a year ago on that never-to-be him just a year ago on that never-to-be-
forgotten Christmas, when for the first time he had been able to realize his youthful ambitions and start his career as a musician. Placing the instrument
to his shoulder, he produced a crudelyconstructed bow, and raising himself up in bed began to play. He drew the bow lightly across the strings, which emitted a sound so harmonious that
even the storm seemed to abate its fury and listen to the magic notes, but the next moment the violin fell on the bed, and the little player, from sheer An expression of disapp on his pillow. his weary little face, and his mother chafing his hot hands in her own, whispered words of consolation in his ear night." "Ah, if I could play once more-just should die happy"; and with a sigh he closed his eyes and remained motion-
less, though still grasping with one

Meantime Jean Baptiste was having What he called "a good time" at the "Jolie Femme," the little village inn. It would be idle to pretend that he was
not more than a little disturbe innot more than a little disturbed in-
wardly about his child's health, and try as he might he could not convince his conscience that the malady was as
trifling as he said. But trifling as he said. But anyway one oclock on the morning of Christmas
Day found him and two or three of his boon companions still ensconced in the snug little bar, drinking their own health and everybody else's, when
they were suddenly startled by the doy were suddenly startled by the
door being flung apen and the abbe entering. All shame-facedly rose to their feet, but the abbe, not heeding
them, motioned to Jean to follow him them, motioned to Jean to follow him
outside. Jean obeyed an indefinale outside. Jean obeyed, an indefinable
feeling of some dread news sobering him instantly. "Jean," said the "priest sternly, when they were alone, "how can you drink
and make merry when your child is and make merry when your child is
dying-even if he isn't dead already?"
"Dead!" gasped the ying-even if he isn't dead already?" his face blanching. "Oh, say not so It is impossible. Oh, no, he won't die?" And seizing his cap, he rushed invo
the darkness, dragging the abbe with him. Against the blinding snow and
rain they half rain they half ran, half stumbled along,
often being nearly carried off their feet often being nearly carried off their feet,
but they pressed on and soon reached but they pressed on and soon reached
the Rue Babette, and passed the little church, which even then was pealing forth its chime of tinkling bells, announcing the joyous tidings of the birth of the Savior; but they heard them not,
neither perchance did they notioe a star shining ahead-a star so bright that many astrologers were puzzled to know which it was. and which seemed to inlength they reached their destination and smartly knocked at the door moment latar thev were let in by the grief-stricken mother.
"Not too late?" her husband cried "Hot too late?" her husband cried The woman nodded her head, and began to lead them upstairs, when-
what was that? Far above the shriek what was that? Far above the shriek
of the wind arose a sound so sweet, yet


so piercing, that for a moment they \(\mid\) lay, and, noiselessly opening the door, \(\begin{aligned} & \text { seemed an eternity of joy, as it did to } \\ & \text { the monk in the Golden Legend as } h e\end{aligned}\) stood as if inanimate entered. The wonderful melody appeared to
come from the violin upstairs-I say appeared to come, because, apart from the excellent rendering, it seemed impossible that it could be produced from
any earthly instrument. For a moment the abbe and his two companions listened in silent wonder to the mystic
strains; then partly recovering from their bewilderment, hastily ascended the stairs to the room where the dying child

And what a sight met their astonished gaze! A heavenly light pervaded the room, and in the midst of it the
child, his face transfigured with an unearthly joy, the golden curls seemearthly joy, the golden curls seem-
ing to form a halo around his little face, sat in bed, playing the exquisite melody which in very truth filled the air with sweetness. How long the en-
chanted music lasted I cannot say, but to the three awe-stricken listeners it
eard the in the Goiden Legend as he But suddenly, as he played a chord so ivine that it eclipsed even the previous
celestial sounds-one so gentle, yet powerful, that in spite of the storm it as watted into every house in the n invisible Someone, sank back on is pillow, and the music ceased. He was playing the \(\underset{* * * *}{\text { rest }}\) in heaven.

Many years have rolled by since tha mportant night. St. Cecile is now a ne of its sights is athedral at the end of the Rue Bahett \(f\) ever you are passing that way dea reader, you would do well to enter and isit the shrine which encloses a littl crudely-fashioned violin, and read th mind Christmas Eve



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\section*{Laurette's Christmas Gift.}
was no denying that.
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Haslem-in his own congregation, too Haslem-in his own congregation, too strange wilding from some outlandish place, and set at the head of his influential city church, as "pastor's wife," and seeing that she had no
money, family, nor expectations, what money, family, nor expectations, what
else could he have chosen her for but blind, stupid love? And yet, but four months after the "coming home," behold Laurette in her husband'
study, where he sits with corrugate brow before his half-writtem sermon not crouching lovingly on the foot stool beside him, with her dainty toy work in her lap, as the normal run o
idyls would have it, but standing be fore him, the table between them, passionate tears in her eyes, reproach, despair on her countenance, he ands clasped in a frenzy of woe! she shudders out in tragic, breathless gasps; "not because you loved me. Ah, no, Beranger, never that Don't seek to comfort me by your
cold assurances. I know better now! "My dear! my dear!" expostulate Mr . Haslem, gently, but in rather a discouraged tone, as if he was finding his better helf a bit of a handful to
manage. manag
Mr. Haslem is a great man; his
heart is in his work, and his true
desire is to do his duty in the sphere in which God has placed him; but if he had not also placed his heart in
the keeping of this restless, eager girl, he would never have taken her to be the companion of his life; consequently, these wild words fall al-
most like an outrage on his ears, surely never mean them, nor do him surely never
such injustice.
"Yes, yes, I know that I only trouble youl" cries Laurette, the burnscorching cheeks- "that I faver he place here but to cause you anxiety-
that but for me you would be a hap pier and more successful man. know all that so well! I am no com fort to you, no advantage in you
work, and I have come to -" "Lork, and I have come to-" " have I ever said anything like this to "Oh, no, nol "Oh, no, no! You are too patient and good, but I know-I know you ger, but that you took pity on my great love for you, which I, poor fool could not hide!"
"Why will
"Why will you torture yourself or neglectful to you, that me unkind fancy such things?", that you should "No, too kind; too considerate!" murmurs the young wife, wringing her hot hands; "too uncomplaining your wife should be? Why didn't you marry a wise, useful young lady whose poor, foolish heart would no torment you with so much love and ship-it is only extravagance to you!" "I thought I wanted it, Laurette, or I would not have asked you for it," sighs Mr. Haslem, feeling words
to be idle, while she will twist them so "strangely. know better now," gasps Laurette, with a hysterica laugh, "and so do I, to my despair! blamed youl"", the lips, gazing at him in indecision, as if she longed even yet to cast werself at his feet, and implore his eyes are on his unfinished sermon,
longing as it seems, and she turns
away and creeps softly from the room as if crushed "My darling," begins the young husband, looking up, and then he
discovers that "After all", he muses, " - leave her to come to reason herself-she always does-and then I can tell her, perhaps, more strongly than I have ever done, how deep and
strong my love is for her. Poor strong Laurette! I wonder why she Noubts me?"
But it is
But it is Saturday evening, and his sermon must be finished, so he puts effort, and plunges into theology. With all his excellencies-and he is truly an affectionate, ever-thought al husband-Mr. Haslem does no treat his Laurette. She is passionately loving, im-
pulsive, diffident, and full of nervous, generous, impossible fancies; he in affection, inflexible in duty She is stung to frenzy by some words which malice has poured into her ear, burdened with thoughts and
cares, and hours of pain, whose cares, and hours of pain, whose
meanings she dares not understand, but which drive her fevered, craving heart the closer to him; and he, all unconscious of the teeming, surging
fancies, all unknowing of those sorfancies, all unknowing of those sor-
rowful. heavy hours, wonders at the inequality of her spirits, and her many exactions, while he loves her none the less nor neglects his duties a whit the more. You might call them, at this stage of the Idyl, Snow and Fire, and wonder little at the sequel.
It was close on Sunday morning when the pastor put away his work was a good sermon, and before leaving his study he prayed humbly that it might be blessed to some
among his flock, perhaps even to his own ewe lamb. ish girl, she must be sitting alone ish girl, she must be sitting a
down stairs waiting for him.

The gas was not lit in the parlor, but at the sound of his steps in the hall the housekeeper, an elderly woman with a peculiarly cold eye,
came up from the kitchen regions, a note in her hand.
"Mis" Haslem has gone out, sir, and she told me not to disturb you on no account till you would come
down, and to give you this note. I expect, sir," said the woman, demurely smoothing down her apron, while her stealthy eye watched her master's face, "she's gone to spend
the evening at some of them friends of hers, and wants you to go for her. It's a rainy night for you to go out after your work, sir, but-he! he!you'll not get the comfort with a
young wife that you had when you was your own master!"
But Mr. Haslem was deaf to old Martha's wrords of wisdom.
He had torn open the note, and read what turned him cold and blind as stone. "I am going away-out of your life all over, and it is best. After a while
marry again, for I shall be dead; and
don't don't make such another mistake. take
her you should have taken but for "The Lord is your sun and shield, and he, will watch over her you, said good Elder Crayton, when, a week later, he bent over his young pastor's pillow, and held his burning be blessed to the wayward child, and lasting happiness. Be not disquieted; nothing is suspected as yet her name spotless. They think you relative, and I will to see some sick tinued absence"
So this wise friend stood between the crushed minister and the cruel darts of slander-told all enquirers
that Mrs. Haslem had been "sent by the Lord to fulfil a mission elsewhere," and, meanwhile, prayed hard
for good to come out of the great \({ }^{\text {evil. }}\) But six months passed away, and Beranger Haslem was still desolate. It was vaguely reported that Mrs.
Haslem was nursing some dying Haslem was nursing some dying relative, perhaps with a cloud over
his or her name, hence the pastor's his or her name, hence the pastor's was never once suspected, and be it said to poor Laurette's credit, none, even the most slanderous, dreamed of
associating wrong with her. associating months, and Christmas Eve. Mr. Haslem is once more in his study, working at his Christmas sermon,
with care and weary sadness in his pale face-a heart fighting for truth pale mace-a despair within.
amid much
The room had not that dainty air it wore six months ago though old Martha prided herself on taking the best care of her minister.
The fire burned dimly, half-smothered in ashes; the books were piled anyhow; the little sewing-chair waited on the hearth-waited still! On this night the child of the
world was born-the Holy Babe who was to bring such joy.
Suddenly the door
wide, but silently, was opened stood there, the snow on her poor garments, a great, quivering light growing on her white face. And in er outstretched arms, while her
ips moved speechlessly and her lips moved speechlessly and her
hollow eyes appealed, she held a
sleeping babe! Was it a phantom?
He sprang up, scattering books and manuscript, and faced her, trembling and wondering-airaid that sanish, away. "Beranger!" breathed Laurette,
timidly, "I've brought you a Christmas gift-our child""
"My God!" ejaculated Mr. Haslem; He put his arm around them, and, scarce conscious, drew them to the fireside, placed her in the vacant chair, fell on his knees before her,
and trembling exceedingly, pressed them both to his heart. "Oh, Lord, Thou hast been kind
and pitiful!" he gasped.
"Are you glad?" whispered the "Are you glad?" whispered the
lost Laurette, between quivering with you, and go away and leave you in peace?" He tightened his embrace, and moaned as he kill doubting, my darling-my darling? Oh, how could you desert
me so? Am I so poor a husband to you as that?"
"Oh, tell me to stay! Let me hear you bid me welcome!" rang out the young voice, with its old, passionate, yearning cadence.
"God witness between us that my heart is entirely set upon you," cried
Beranger, solemnly; "and that I have known no moment of happiness since I lost you. I never loved anothernever desired other woman than you;
and though I might have seemed cold in my manner, darling- 1 always of all earthly gifts to me!"
"How good-how good God has Laurette, winding her arms about im she had so mistrusted. I diun hink it possible you would forgive would be stern and hard, as good men often are to the weak and wicked."
"Why did you go, dearest?" whisered Beranger, fondly. "I'm not going to-yes, I'll never aid the young wife, determinately and this was what turned me wild altogether. Old Martha never liked ny coming here, and always wa had-how none of your friends would come to the house because they were'nt pleased with your choice, and ow unhappy you seemed to be; and
at last she told me there was a young ady you had been engaged to, a good, pious, energetic worker in the church, that the congregation would
have been delighted with-Miss Vanhave been delighted with-miss compared my useless self to her, and remembered how my love must have made you take me out of pity, den-" "Hush, my beloved wife; don't cry
on this happy, white night of our on this happy, white night of our lives! That was find a place elsewhere. Now hall find a place elsewhere. Now
tell me about this little fellow. they both pored over the soft waxen face of the sleeping infant, joy in the mother's and in the father's
eyes. mured Laurette, blushing happilv "and it was to give him to you me from despair and wrong many a me from despair and wrong many a
Jark day, and so, as soon as I could travel, we came.", breathed the pas-
"Our little boy," "Our little boy," breathed the pastor, softly kissing him, and reproach. tender, but most grieving
he cried: "Oh, how could you leave
me and battle through it all aloneand I never knew!" So that was Laurette's
gift to Beranger Haslem.

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untll they boil. Boll siowly until the uyrup hardens when dropped into ice
syate. Take from the thre and pour
it over black wainuts that have been it over biack wainuts that
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partly cooled cut into bark. \\ \(\qquad\) Cover the bottom of a greased shal-
10Wan thickly with mixed nuts-almonnd, pecans, Wnglist walnuts and
peanats. Put one pound of granulated
sugar into a saucepan over the fre and
str until it is melted, being careful
not to aliow it to burn. Pour at once not to allow it to burn burnd
over the nuts and stand as
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of dates; mix with them one cupful}








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half a cupful of powdered sugar until yery light; add the yolk of one egg;
beat, and stir in hair a cupful of mixed
When the cakes are coopped make an incision at one siles are and
put in a teaspoonful of the nut mixture. put in a teasponnful of the nut mixture.
Dust the cakes with powdered sugar.
These must be used the day they are filled. The cakes may be kept a day
or two, but must be rewarmed before
flling.

> Fig Cake.

Wash and chop two pounds of pulled cream; add the same weight of sugar;
beat again and add five eggs well beatbeat wiann and add five eggs well beat-
en without separating. Dust the frit
with half a cuprul of flour. Add haif with hair a cuprul of flour. Add half
a cuppul of grape juce, the juice of an
orange, and half a nutmeg, grated, to orange, and hair a nutmeg, grated, to
the sugar mixture; mix; ado one pint
of four beat and then stir in the
fruit. Bake in a flve-pound fruiteake pan, in a moderate ovven four four foutcake
or steam three hours and bake one.

Engitish Slum Fuading Shred a quarter of a pound of candied
orange peel and the same amount of citron. pee and the same amount of
rants and dust with a pix pound of cur-
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adt to half a ound of fie stale
breaderumbs, a nutmeg, grated, the
yellow rind of an orange, grated and breadcrumbs, a nutmeg, grated, the
yellow rind of an orange, grated, and
the fruit. Mix wwell. Beat three eggs without separating; add a quarter org
cuptul of brown sugar and half a cup-
ful of grape juice. Mix all the ingred
 boll or steam continuously for six
hours. Several puddings may be made at
once by this recipe and put aside to re-
heat at Christmestime win heat at Christmastime. When putting the batter in the mould or kett1e
room for the pudding to swell.

4 simple Ohristmas Sauce. Beat two eggs, one cupful of pow-
dereat sumar and a quarter of a cupul
and of butter
Add the juice of an orange, one tableAdd the juice or an orange, one table-
spoonful of lemon juice or vinegar, a
quarter of a grated nutmeg, a teaspon-
ful of vaill ful or vanilla and one cuproul or boill
ing water. Cook and stir over hot Whe water. Cook and stir over hot
waner onti hot and about the cream. Use at once.

\section*{Christmas Jelly.} Cover one box of gelatine with half
a pint of cold water and soak for half
ond an hour. Chop and drain one quart
can oo peaches. Add to them the Juree
of four oranges, two sliced bananas and of four oranges, two sliced bananas and
half a cuptul of sugar. Add of the
gelatine one pint and a half of bolling water Stir for a moment and pour it
over the fruit. Turn into a mould and
over stand in the refrigerator overnight
When ready to serve turn out on a
pretty china or glass dish. Serve with pretty china or glass d
plain or whipped cream

\section*{A Dainty Christmas Pudaing} Add half a cupful of powdered sugar whip it to a stiff froth. At serving
time heap it in a large dessert-dish
cover cover first with chopped candied cher
ries and then with chopped almonds
I ries and then with chopped almonds.
Dust over all aithe powdered sugar
and serve with macaroons or with any and serve with maca
small fancy cakes.
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a Every one should have just as good purse will allow. If far away from the manket-places the materials at
hand should be served in the very best
and daintiest and dantiest manner and particular at-
tention be given to the table decoration.
If holly is out of the in If hony is out of the question, use
cedar, pine, or any accessible green. cedar, pine, or any accessible green.
Myrtte, round ping, small red apples
and patridge berries al lend them-
selves admirably tre the decoration selves admirably to
the Christmas table.
Breakfast Monus Chopped Dates in Ho Baked Apples, Cream Hamburg Steak, Fried Mush Corn Brown Sauce, Graham Gems Coffee

Oranges
Oatmeal,
Whipped Cream Creamed Potatoes
Coast Hot Cereal over sice Bananas, Cream
Steamed Eggs Rolls Stewe Prunes
Farina, Cream Broiled Sweetbreads
Whole Wheat Gems
Coffee
\(\qquad\)
Beauregard Egy Toa Brown Bread
Cabbage with
 Broiled \(\overline{\text { Bacon, }}\) Eggs
Short Bread
Tea \(\begin{gathered}\text { Creamed Chicken } \\ \text { Milk Biscuits } \\ \text { Cocoa } \\ \text { Wafers } \\ \text { Whipped Cream }\end{gathered}\)

\section*{Baked Apples
Nut Rolls,} Whomato Sauce Wheat Bread Hot Farina over Hot Farina over
stewed Flgs, Cream
Poached Ergs Toast
Coffee Brolled Birds on Toast celery salad Crackers Celer
Crackers Cheese Olives, Roast Goose
Coftee Cream of Tomato Soup Cold Beof, Aspic
Horseraish Sauce Brown Bread Tea Creamed Onions \(\underset{\text { Beef }}{\substack{\text { Boulilon } \\ \text { Crean Chipped } \\ \text { Corn Bread }}}\) Tea
Ohristmas Dinner: Tomato Soup
Croutons Roast Chicken
Oyster or Giblet Sauce
Cranberry Jelly
Browned Mashed Preatatoes Cabbage Salad Brown Betty with
Ralisins
Cider Sincel Wafers Cheese
Hamburg Cream Home-made Peanut \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Brittle \& Chocolates Mixed Frutits } \\ & \text { and }\end{aligned}\) Nuts Oyster Cocktail
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Browned Sweet
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Plum Puding
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Candies Nuts Brown Stock Soup
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Sweet and White Potatoes
Stewed Celery in Apple Cases Cuntmane Pudding Orange Sauce
Coree
Salted Alenbons
Bow monds \(\qquad\)
Vegetarian Dinner Tongue in Aspic, Mock Oyster Soup Rice Trimbale with Mock Turkey
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Cocoa

A Fish Dinner Chicory wollt Mayon-
waise Crackers
Horseradish, \(\quad \begin{gathered}\text { Preserved Straw } \\ \text { berries }\end{gathered}\) Trabasco Sauce Cream of Spinach Macaroons Soup
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 ed to the Paris Museum of present History whose capabuities in the way of swallowing are the wonder of all
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a thing as a duck's egg, not only so much larger than itself, but hard and perfectly smooth?
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couple of membraneous folds which have been discovered, one on each shell like cupping glasses and thus work it into the throat. But after
the egg has passed through the fisthe egg has passed through the fis-
tended jaws it woutd seem as if its comparatively inelastic portion of the digestive tube, whose juices were
unable to dissolve the shell, would prove fatal to the animal.
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from above and come out of the open from above and come out of the open
freplace This can be effected by the
one personating Santa Claus stepping over the lamp and coming through the
opening left in the cardooard firenplace anta claus should have a long beard,
shagy coat and cap, and a pack on
his back. his back
While While soft music is being played or a
litthe lullaby Santa Claus can do some
pantomime work, about, putting his finger to his lips, setting down his pack, and holding
his sides with laughter at the length or
smalliness of som smalness of some of the stockings,
Then he opens his pack and begins
to put the different presents to put the difierent presents in the
various stockings, standing on one side
of the chimney so that his reffection
may be seen ywhile the or the chimney so that his reflection
may be seen, while the lookers-on be-
fore the sheet aeply interested in
trying to guess what the presents may fore the sheet are deeply interested in
trying to guess what the presents may
be, judging from the shadows they cast. Se, judging from the shadows they cast
Santan Clans may be startled once or
twice by some imaginary noise, listen attentively, hurriealy grab his pack and
prepare for flight, then grow quiet again and proceed with his task, When
the presents are distributed he goes up the presents are distributid he goes up
the chimney, the sleigh-bells grow
fainter and fainter s.the rainter and fainter, the lights are
turned on, the sheet is raised at one end and the audience permitted
to where the stocking hang
After an inspection thehind
scenes" light refreshments may the the me may
served and more shadow pictures or else charades and pictures given
ores occup the remainder of the evening. An at
tractive feature of the entertainment might be reading or reciting of

\section*{A Christmas Umbrella Game} Take a large umbrella-an old on yellow ribbon, line the body with red
percaline as near to the color of holly
berries as possible. Be sure to shape berries as possible. Be sure to shape
the lining so that it will not sag. Cover the outside with green percaline and
finish the top with sprigs of holly and a bow of red and green ribbon. Trim
the edge of the umbrella with a row
of tiny bells, wind the ribs with crepe of tiny bells, wind the ribs with crepe
or tissue paper the same color as the
ilnins do this the last thing so that
it nil it will not come undone. young guests, conceal them within
dainty wrapping and tie them with
ribbon to the ribs of the umbrell ribbon to the ribs of the umbrella. When
ready for the game let the children
form a circle and choose one of their form a circle and choose one of their
number to stand in the centre and hold
the umbrella. The children may then dance around singing: Christmas ring, Dancing gayly as we sing. bring What would this umbrella hring
If we changed to hipetty-hon
And our hostess called out stop'? When singing "hippetty-hop" let the
children hop around instead of danc-
ing. and when the hostess calls ing, and when the hostess calls out
s.sto, the child with the umbrella
raises it over his head and the present which sways longest belongs to him.
He unties it, and as hoes so he
hands the tumbrella to another child
whose thace he take Whose place he takes in the circle, and
so on until all the children have had
chance to hold the umbrella and re
elve one of the gifts which hang from
 arkest number.

4 Doll': Christmas Tree.

\section*{A pretty and a novel child's party
may take the form of a dol's christ-
mas tree. In the centre of the roool mas tree. In the centre of the room
place a tree about four feet tall, decorate it prettily and hang upon it prenimals, dollis \({ }^{\prime}\) jowelry, home-made Around the room against the wall,
place chairs for the real mothers in
circle; in front of these place chairs alace clea in front of these place chairs
a circter the me-belleve mothers, and in
front in this circle place a collection or of this circle place a collection The dolls, of course, are the guests
of honor, the itations to them hav-
ons of honor, the invitations to them hav,
ing been written on dolls stationery,
presumably by the doll or the hostess.
Have Have a smanl boy of eight dressed to
epresent Santa Claus, Junior, and al low him when all the guests are seat-
ed, to distribute the presents from the
tree to the dolls. The refreshments at a dolls' party
may be served on dolls' tables and each nitle mother sit beside her doll as she eats tce-cream served in small
and cakes cut in small shapes. \\ A Pionic in an Enchanted Orchard}

Instead of the usual large tree, have
everal small ones. Select sturdy
little rees, and plant them in tubs around vith the size of the room and the the
umber number of guests to be provired tor.
on tree lighted with red tapers tie
bright red wo more trees lighted with yellow apers tie oranges and bananas with
yellow ribbons: on another, with palegreen tapers, tie bunches of pale-green
grapes with pale-green ribbons. Let the candy and nut trees be rose-
colored and lighted with rose-colored tapers. Have the candy and nuts in,
mall bags made of pink crepe paper, ied on with pink ribbons. Santa Claus arrive, laden with baskets, and after
he has presented each child with one
let him acompany him from tree to tree, gathering the fruit

An Old-Fashioned Christmak Party These invitations, written on sheets Fere painted sprays of holly, could be
sent out to a number of children a eek before Christmas:

> Mr. and Mrs. James invite you to spend Christmas Eve with their daughter Violet.

Santa Claus will call
for you at \(6.00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}\). Street Promptly at six orclock on the day
apointed a sleigh drawn by two horses
with their with their harness strung with sleighbells, and old Santa Claus resplen-
dent in a suit of red and brown, and
looking decidedly jolly, called, as arranged, for each invited guest, and while driving from house to house en-
tertained them with tales of the North
Pole, his worksho and his The merry warkshop and his reindeer. With holly and mistleotee, Each child of hirst asked to guess the number
of beries on a arge piece of mistletoe
which hung from one of the chandecorrect number received a stickpin
bearing a tiny enameled spray of mis-
tlet Then came romping old-fashioned sames, sung and the children marched in
wo supper. A star-shaped table had been arranged for the occasion. had
In
its centre was a rather small but handsomely decorated tree. The refreshconts, consisted of turkey sand wiches,
cocoa, lemon jelly with whipper cream,
sponge cake bonbon sponge cake, was baked in sumal star-
shaped anans, and barnamented with red
and white icing. When supper was over Santa Claus
took from the tree a number of smanll
stockings and gave one to each child. Each one contained bonbons and a
smal gift
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 Seatea upon the throne, beside one
another, they should recelve their
rect guests, Who should appear in the charAfter all the children have been wel-
comed let them form in line, wwith
"Wine comed let them form in in leading, and
manter up and stairs and andmawn dow to the music
of piano and violin. The children might then be shown some views of Bethlehem and the
Christ-Chld and told oread Chrst-
mas story. Just berore going-home time some "grown-up" person, dressed
to represent Santa Claus might come
Sel in and deposit his pack in the dining
room and distribute some hittle gifts
Then some simple refreshments might room and distribute some sittie gifts.
Then some simple refresments might
Be served before the children go home.


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The Cathedrals of France.
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The Cathedral of Rouen, west front.
Comparisons in art are invidious. Europe. The steps in this architecThe cathedrals of England are as tural progress were not confined to \begin{tabular}{l|l} 
truly the glory of that country as & the cathedrals. The monasteries \\
those of France are of its continental & were quite as important links in the
\end{tabular} those of France are of its continental
rival and hereditary foe, but no one \(\begin{aligned} & \text { were quite as important links in the } \\ & \text { chain; more so, in some instances }\end{aligned}\) can fail to recognize the superior architectural glory of those of France, or ignore the fact that Gothic archiFrance, where it underwent its utmost logical development, and from whence it was disseminated through-
out Europe. But the two groups of churches should not be compared. was characteristic and distinct, and each corresponded best to the needs of the people among whom it was proits own conditions and limitations. The Gothic cathedral, wherever it was
built, thoroughly reflected the life of built, thoroughly reflected the life of
its time and the character of its its time and the character of its
makers. It is this which makes it great, which gives it its art, and
makes it speak to us in this nineteenth century with the powerful voice of the deeply religious and artistic life of the Middle Ages, as
plainly and as distinctly as it spoke in the thirteenth. The cathedrals of France, par ex-
cellence, those which are its greatest cellence, those which are its greatest
glory, give it its broadest distincnowned and perfect churches, are those of the Ille de France, the Royal Domain, the seat of the monarchy, that which was truly France when
they were built, and from whence a great architectural movement spread over the whole of modern France,
and thence into all of Western

Cathedral building, the buildings of
secular bishops, succeeded monastery building, the buildings of the religous orders, just as the lay workers
succeeded the clerical laborers. The monks began the architectural revival of the twelfth century; the secular bishops carried it to its utmost logical point in the thirteenth. Yet the
building of monastery churches did not die out; the abbey church of St . Ouen, in Rouen, one of the latest Gothic churches in Europe, is larger In the thirteenth dral was the centre of the life of the city. Its huge walls towered high
above the surrounding builaings, and above the surrounding builaings, and travelers were first assured of their
approach to a city by the spires towers in the distant landscape. The market-place of the town, in many instances, was directly in front of the great cathedral porch, so that it was
but a step from the business of this world to care for the next. The church was public meeting-place and town hall; a place of resort as well as of worship, and was used alike for
theatrical spectacles and for the holiest ceremonies of religion, without thought of profanation or fear of pollution. The bishop was a civi and ecclesiastical per3onage. In
every city his rights, privileges, every city his rights, privileges, and
powers exceeded those of any movern bishop, and in many he was the sovereign himself, and ranked with the lordliest peers of France. Popula
interest and fellowship in the cathe drals and in the hierarchy they rep resented was thus commanded on every score. Religion, common interests, political privileges, such a
they were, a sense of common perty, all these united the people and the church in the strongest bonds. \begin{tabular}{l|l|l} 
People went to the cathedral to wor- & \(\begin{array}{l}\text { age, was expressed } \\
\text { imath a marvelous }\end{array}\) \\
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a vividness of imagination, a care and
attention to detail, a sughly developed Gothic churchattention to detail, a superbness of
artistic resource that have never been surpassed if, indeed, they have been approached in any time. Yet, won-
derful as the art of the cathedral is, it was no mere wanton exercise of the imagination. Every part of the most complicated cathedral was carefully adjusted to every other, was as
nicely calculated and as boldly exe cuted as any notable piece of modern engineering. Every portion of a well ordered Gothic structure performed a useful and necessary function. The high vaults of the nave were the fundamental ele to permite the must be tion of windows' beneath them that would admit light over the roofs of the aisles. This was the great archi\({ }_{\text {tend }}\) and Gothic architecture was develop ed in striving to solve it. How this was done and where and why, we need not stop to inquire But it is useful to keep in mind the fact tha which, in the hands of the French builders, became so marked an orna mental feature, performed the useful and necessary work of carrying the
vault thrusts, which were further held in check by the pinnacles placed on the buttresses. The walls in a thor-
oughly developed Gothic church-
thoroughly developed, that is, in the
sense of illustrating Gothic principles sense of illustrating Gothic principles
in their fullest phase of development -are mere curtains between the buttresses. It thus became possible to introduce windows of great size,
wholly filling the space between the buttresses, and reaching quite to the vaulting ribs in the aisles and the earstory of the nave. The fundawas the concentration of weights and thrusts upon certain strong structural points, which, in the church, were the buttresses. This accomplished, it was the builders task to give this
structural frame an artistic form tructural frame an artistic form,
which should make it beautiful without hiding its structural nature. How successfully this was accom plished every student of architecture and every traveler in France is thor-
oughly aware. In the purest Gothi the construction is never hidden by the ornament, but the ornament helps he construction, points its meaning,
gives its signification. Truth is never gives its signification. Truth is never
ignored nor are pains taken to hide what might readily have been masked behind ornamental screens. The familiar and majestic front of the cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris is the type of many similar fronts. The
triple division of the body of the


Transept door, Evreux.


\section*{Choir Screen and side aisle, Amien}
church into nave and aisles, the latter (joyment of its chasteness, with'rein this case being doubled on each newed appreciation of its solemnity side of the central bay, is shown in and its dignity. the triple division of the front, with its central portion flanked by two
towers. The doorways are widetowers. The doorways are widewho will to enter without let or hindrance. Sculptured statues of saints and virtues form a natural and appropriate decoration to the walls of
these porches, while the dramatic scenes sculptured over the doorways themselve3 point further lessons of faith and hope. The Last Judgment, the most solemn and awful ract in over the central doorway, an enduring warning to the wayward, a constant reminder to the faithfu. A gallery of sculptured figures of the
kings of Judah is carried across the front over the portal openings, and marks the dividing line between the upper and the central portion of the
facade. façade.
horizontal central section the triple equal strength by two windows in the tower divisions, and by a circular or rose window in the middle-a
form of opening which, while not exclusively French, received its finest and noblest form in French hands. Above is the division of the facade, a high gallery of open-work arches
stretching across the front from tower to tower, binding the whole into one complete harmonious design. Over all rises the first section of the towers, with their double, long twin design. Nothing could be simpler, yet it is one of the most sublime creations of the architect's work in the whole world. It served as the type of many west frats built about the same time. A more varied form is found in the cathedral of Laon, a richer aspect in the cathedral of Amiens, and its most sumptuous express notwithstanding
dral of Reims; but not the irresistible grandeur of the later forms, one returns again and again to Notre Dame with renewed satisfac-

Of all the cathedrals of Europe, that of Reims is the richest in sculpis a miracle of architectural sculpture, and illustrates the utmost steps taken by the Gothic builders in the structural decoration of their churches. For lavishly rich as this ornament is, it closely follows struc-
tural lines and is kept closely within the bounds of architectural limits. In general idea the west front of Reims is identical with that of Notre
Dame, the chief difference being in the transference of the king's gallery from immediately over the first division to the crown of the facade. The
porches are deeper, more wide-spreading, and grander than those of the cathedral of Paris. The recessed walls are decorated with stately statues of saints placed on pedestals. The interior surfaces of the high por-
tal arches are filled with innumerable figures of the heavenly hosts, each with its own base and canopy. Strangely enough, the tympanums over the doorways have no sculptured
scenes: the Last Judgment, which should accompany the figures in the arches of the central doorway, wa never carved. The space over all an unusual arrangement in itself, but
an especially so in a church which. like that of Reims, is so richly and mar velously carves. But the cathedra has its \(\begin{aligned} & \text { sculptured Last Judgmen } \\ & \text { over a walled-up doorway in the }\end{aligned}\) north transept, and it is one of the most refined and noble interpretaions of this great Christian even given by any medieval artist. The
whole of Christian theology, and life, na hope might almost be said to be carved upon these doorways, and in language that needed no schooling to nderstand, in words that needed no
reacher to utter them, in symbols that required no mystic meaning to adapt them to their place and their Work. can scarce understand, even in

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Interior, Reims.
nowledge, the appearance of a great their architectural form, still apprecathedral, as that of Reims, on a ciate the majesty of their lofty vaults feast day or upon some public festival. The ravages of time have not been kind to these great buildings, and
some will tell us that the hand of the restorer and the improver has been more harsh. But, whatever the cause, the greatest of them is but a heyday of its prosperity and popuheyday of its prosperity and popu-
larity. The art of the Gothic church was 30 perfectly balanced, each form of decoration so helped each other form, and all together so thoroughly part was injury to the whole, and the disappearance of one subsidiary art materially altered the effect of those has befallen the cathedrals of France than the loss of their stained glass. Much yet remains; Reims itself still has a goodly quantity, that of the choir of Tours is still intact, Le splendid windows, and, most superb of all in this respect, the cathedral of Chartres still retains most of its original glass in its one hundred and wenty-eight windows. But, with the quite impossible to obtain to-day a correct notion of the interior of a medieval cathedral in its original and unchanged beauty. The sculpture and decoration in the interior, but gailycolored tapestries were hung between the columns on festal occa-
sions, the altars were covered with sions, the altars were covered with
richly-jeweled furniture of solid gold, encrusted with the rarest gems, the garments of the bishops and the priests at the altar adjed to the splendour of the effect, to which the
rich and varied costumes of the worshippers were an important adjunct.
But, if we cannot now reproduce But, if we cannot now reproduce the actual appearance of the cathedral
in the Middle Ages, we can still enjoy


From the south portal, Le Mans.


The Stalls, Auch.
them all. The cathesral of Paris, upon the doings of men, upon th with its double aisles on each side of making of history, upon the progres the nave, and an outer row of chapels of events as the great human drama beyond-practically a seven-aisled church; Laon, with its single aisle and
its chapels and its gallery over the aisles-a feature, by the way, that exists in the cathedral of Paris; Chartres, with its single aisle, without chapelh chapels; Bourges, Aoubleaisled, with chapels; Tours, and Rouen, and Coutances, each with single aisles, and many more simi larly planned, each has its own majesty and dignity, each its own claim
upon the reverential student, each its own individuality and impressiveness. Before these monuments of art degrees of comparison fade away. One learn its lessons as best one may and carry away from them lasting lessons of the power of religion and the marvelous xistence.
The thi
the most brilliant in the history of humanity and of progress. The two final crusades were preached and fought in it. Its first years com-
prised the reign of the greatest of the popes, yet it had scarcely closed when the papacy had fallen so low as to
begin the " Babylonish Captivity" at Avignon. Nearly every state of
Western Europe then laid its foundation of representative government. Generally speaking, the bishop ha our chief sources of revenue that vere applicable to the building of

Feudalism all but reached its end,
and the modern spirit first rose in the and the modern spirit first rose in the
breasts of men. The commercial towns of Northern Europe reached unexampled heights of prosperity and greatness. Many of the greatest
sovereigns, true kings, sovereigns, true kings, imbued with
the truest kingly principles, ruled beneficially and well. Its roll of great men included St. Bonaventure, St. Dominic, and St. Francis of Assisi; Dante and Roger Bacon; Simon de
Montfort, and Stephen Langton. The great continental universities took their rise. In politics, in education, in philosophers, in ecclesiastics, in rulers,
the century stands out in the pages of time as one of the most notable
and brilliant in history. And, with all this ceaseless activity, with all this beginning of a new order of things, this generation of thought, this up-
heaval of society-for such it was in heaval of society-for such it was in exampled activity in church building. Cathedrals that astound us by their tremendous size, not less than by their wonderful art, were projected,
begun, and practically completed within a very few years.
Pilgrims gatherei from all parts of Europe to take part, with their own hands, in the building of the cathe-
dral of Chartres. The populace of Laon spared neither enthusiasm nor labor in rebuilding their cathedral, and to perpetuate the part their horses and oxen had in the work-for the
city is on a high and steep hill-they city is on a high and steep hill-they
placed images of their dumb helpers placed images of their dumb helpers in the towers, whence for six hun-
dred years they have looked down

copal revenue in itself, from the episcopal estates, the offerings of the
faithful of the diocese the contibu tions of the cathedral chapter and
the colt especially of its dignitaries and officers, and, lastly, special donations made for the building of the catheThe he thirteenthesheet of a cathedral of mentary a document to is tonable frag to make any just estimate of the actual sums received or of the source whence funds that were needed must have been, they seem always to have been orthcoming, and many a modern church builder, at his wit's ends for egret upon the medieval bishops, who ould gather the vast sums needed or their tremendous enterprises. That there was no limit to their necesward in soliciting donations, is evident from the letters of appeal to ther dioceses that have been preand obtained in foreign parts. Apparently nothing was left undone that could hasten the work, and while in ome instances the original plans subical execution, while signs for pracomy may still be traced in many of he cathedrals, enough money was obtained, and that in a quantity and within a duration of time that seems to accomplish lasting and superb work in architecture.
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the cathedral of one's native town. ed to the custom, from the close of the thirteenth century, of endowing chapels, by willing to the bishop and his chapter sufficient money to pay
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edifice, they are really, most of them, towers. These were strongly aeteenth centuries, and the observant crowned with spires, though those of traveler may, if he look sharply Notre Dame, and of many another enough, discern the outline of the
cathedral, were never completed.
primitive buttress in the upper porprimitiye buttress in the upper porThe plan of the French cathedrals followed the usual cruciform type but embraced many special points o its own. The most important o these was the clustered apse, or che
vet, to give it its French name. The characteristic English east end is a flat wall, with a large window of painted glass. This is also found in gether with a number of smaller churches in the same district, being closed in this manner. But the chevet was the special French method. The semicircle or polygon, and around this a group of chapels were built, opening into the church, and forming a striking and beautiful ending to the and incidentally calling for the exercise of great ingenuity in the ar rangement of the vaults around the circular or polygonal aisle.
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Amiens is a good typical example. It Amiens is a good typical example. It
simply marked the centre of the church, and was quite without the structural significance of the English
central tower. But, if the French did central tower. But, if the French did passed their insular neighbors by the passed their
strength and dignity of the facade

chery those of the newly-made pa-
gans of the Revolution perpetrated in gans of the Revolution cherpetrated The Church of God became the Temple of Reason, in which, by that strange inversion of fact and motive
which characterized the Revolution, Which characterized the Revolution
the wildest and most unreasoning scenes were enacted. Singers of the opera held high carnival at the altars
of the Most High and churches of the Most High, and churches that
once had been throniged by pilgrims once had been thronged by pilgrims
were crowded by the men who sough wo direct the destinies of France and of Europe by seeking inspiration from women of the town. God had been abolished by the simple process
of Act of Assembly; the triumph of

the towers of qumprer.
the innovators was marked by subjecting His house to the most un-
seemly abuses. seemy These came to an end almost as These came to an end almost as
suddenly as they had begun. The indignities put upon religion were forgotten, the polluted churches purified,
but the structural harm was irrebut the structural harm was irre-
parable. Broken statues and carvings, parable. Broken statues and carvings,
destroyed windows, dismantled altars, looted treasuries, met the eye
on every hand. Much has been fone on every hand. Much has been Jone
in the past century to repair these in the past century to repair these
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time. Had the disorders of the Revotime. Had the disorders of the Revo-
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\section*{Christmas with Trapper Lewis.}

By ED. E. E.
Those accustomed to family re-unions and hearty Christmas cheer at home upon the morning of December 24th. No joyous greetings, no strengthening of home ties, no merry house-party pranks for me. Home, with all its holiaway, and grim circumstances forbade any fight in that direction. The one vacant chair was not to be warmed by me. is bad enough to be compelled to miss such good things of this life, but it is worse when one is so situated that he cannot even purchase some sort of
makeshift amusement-at least somemakeshift amusement-at least some-
thing to help kill the holiday and thing to help kil the
natural unpleasant musings. I felt that
I was truly in a bad fix, a very shuttlecock of fate. A snug wad reposed deep in my pocket, yet I was virtually a pau-per-money would mot purchase one
thing I desired. I might reach home the day after Christmas, but better than that no man could expect. I was simply snowed up.
The first
The first view of the wretched little village was disheartening. Snow, snow,
snow-three feet deep on the level and twice that depth in the lesser drifts. No possibility of the daily train getting anywhere, except into some huge mound of snow; no possibility of mak-
ing connection at the junction, and no ing connection at the junction, and no point if the through train were caught. The village never looked meaner or more God-forsaken. From my position
on the steps of the one hotel I could command the entire lay-out. Across the crooked street were the general store and a half-dozen roofs of lowly shanties; upon my side, a few more them, upon every side, about a quarter of a mile of "clearin" "; beyond that, hemming in the view, as though to hide the crude attempt at civilization, an
unbroken wall of mighty trees-the unbroken wall of mighty trees-the
magnificent Canadian woods. For miles upon miles these wonderful trees stood, shoulder to shoulder, arms locked, silently bearing uncounted tons of snow,
and defying mortal to break through their ranks afoot. Above the dark hemlock towered the loftier spears of the pine, while grayer masses told where maple and beech crowned irreguture would not have been without a wild beauty of its own, but to my mind the trees were sullen prison-wals. Aimlessly my eye followed the edge of the timber, and, a sign of life. Something gray moved against the wood's dusky rim, and at last I could make out a human figure plodding across the clearing. I
watched it curiously till it had advanced watched it curiously till it had advanced
half-way over the open; then the clouds above my Christmas prospect began to lift. Only one man in all those woods had that short, wiry figure, and only one man would be likely to come in
from that direction. It was surely from that direction. over Christmas Day. I had never thought of him as being
available, for I knew that his trapper's main camp was located fifteen miles
away, on Trout Creek, and there was small likelihood of his wanting anything in the village at that time. Yet
there he was, a ministering angel sent to tend a lonely prisoner. "पVell Canady" said he, "I made sartin you was off home by now. Reckon you wont make her in time nuther; snow's piled six ways, an' you can bet no trainll get through mowheres in dered to the store two weeks now, an' I 'lowed I'd step over an' see what'n blazes Taylor's tryin' to do about 'em. I want some fixin's in the line of Christmas grub, too, so
one jog of the whole outfit."
"Whed, for I knew that the pair trapped together. "Oh, he's, over to the lake, replied
Lewis; "an' it's kind of a cod on me, too, he added, for we reckoned on Day. He'11 never show up now, for it'll I reckon the old hos'll have to chew
what's the matter with you goin' back
'long of me? You can't get out of here by train; there ain't no horse sense in your stoppin' here kickin' agin the luck. S'pose you rig out kinder spry, and we'll have dinner together, and cover
my line of traps 'fore you come in?" my line of traps 'fore you come in ?"
I was soon ready, and Lewis had his traps and small groceries packed with-
in an hour. My pack weighed no more Lewis's parcels had been added, but I marveled when I tried a one-handed lift of what the old trapper himself proposed to carry. His pack must have weighed at least fifty pounds-and that for a small, old man to carry fifteen
miles through the timber.
 claimed: "Say, Canady


Our outside garbs were alike, excepting rough trousers, and lumbermen's long, heavy stockings, and a couple of pairs of socks. I wore buckskin moccasins, with which Lewis would have nothing
to do-he, like most woodsmen, preferto do-he, like most woodsmen, prefer-
ring the low, heelless rubber, worn over a felt boot. He was right, too, for the rubber is better than any moccasin for all-round work in every sort of
weather. His snowshoes were the big, weather. His snowshoes were the big
oval, heavy-framed, flat style, so common in the woods, while mine were lighter of frame, turned up a trifle in front, and having long tails behind, He chose \({ }^{\text {a }}\) new route, tramping
steadily ahead to break the trail. By the time we had penetrated a mile into the woods, I had forgotten all about my troubles, for it was no child's task, even
to follow such a pace-maker. He into follow such a pace-maker, He in
stinctively picked out the best going stinctively picked out the best going
his shoes creaked as steadily as the ticking of a clock, and his spare body never seemed to feel the cumbrous pack.
The work, for work it was, paid us The work, for work it was, paid us
well. The air was just keen enough we prevent overheating, and the solemn silence of the woods was, as it always is, soothing as the touch of a mother's
hand. Animal life, unless. cautiously hand. Animal life, unless cautiously
sought for, is seldom visible in the big sought for,
woods. The trees are like a huge, green mantle of silence, wrapping a slumbering world. Wind and fire are the only disturbers which can fill the
woods with jarring sound. The stroke of axe, the crash of falling tree, the rip of a rifle-shot, are so muffled by crowd-
ing growths as to be almost unnoticed ing growths as to be almost unnoticed
at a very short distance. In a broad forest they are like the plump of a pebble into a silent pool
But the apparent lack of animal life is misleading. The forest has many tenants, busy by night or by day, and
the trained eye can detect proofs of who they are, where they dwell, whither they went, and what they did by the way. We saw much written evidence to
which each after his kind had affixed which each after his kind had affixed
his mark. Lewis seldom paused over these, but he saw everything. A silent motion of his hand, or the word necessary to name some creature, called my attention to the trail he had noticed.
Here a fox had run a bee-line to some chosen spot, leaving a single row of prints of his neat pads, In a ravine, where the water gurgled deep under the
snow, two mink had double-dotted the snow, two mink had double-dotted the
course of the brook to where a large pool of lazy, black water lay exposed. Trout were in the pool, and the mink knew all about it. A larger trail to a
massive pine showed where a marten mad gone aloft after something. Many tiny marks as though a leaf had slid along dragging its stem, told of the timorous travels of wood mice, while
small, widely-separated prints, betrayed the routes of squirrels from tree to tree. Farther on, where the ground was lower, lay the triangular prints of the hare, pointing like guiding Vs in all
directions except the direction actually taken by the maker of them. Once Lewis halted and grunted "Link." Upon the snow was proof of the blackest crime. A much-indented
surface, some tufts of hair almost like down, a tinge of pink, and a row o prints the size of a man's fist leading to a thicket, told part of the story, A glance about told the rest. More prints
to a low-leaning tree; a break in the to a low-leaning tree; a break in the
snowy drapery a few feet from the ground, proved where the sly cat had sneaked and crouched for the final drop upon the unsuspecting hare. grouse led from snowy clump to mas sive root, like a trim row of inverted Ts; and there three longer steps, with marks upon either side, told where the nard's sign lies here again-he is the cause of many a hasty departure. The winds were graying to uncertain
light when we at last reached the long slope leading down to Trout Creek.
was thoroughly weary. My feet and muscles were getting sore, and my triwelghed a ton. Lewis, how.ome' is paint, though pretty "Here we
"Step in an' make yourself to home Tll bet that baby pack weighs enough mired hoss for the last half-hour. The shanty was small, but very com-
fortable. Lewis and his son had made ortable. Lewis and his son had made
miniature log house of it, for it was miniature log house of it, for it was one end were two bunks, at one side
a small window, at the other end an old a small window, at the other end an old
cook-stoye, the pipe of which passed cook-stoye, the pipe of which passed
through the roof. Two rude benches and a table, made of part of a packingbox, completed the furniture proper. A couple of small boxes fixed to the
wall, a larger box and a small barrel, in the corners near the stove, held the supplies; while a few pegs and a rough rack supported rifle, pouches and such in utensils as were ever hung up. Lewis soon had a fire going, and al gost berore 1 was ready, the fry-pan
gave forth welcome aroma of pork and venison, which, with plenty of bread and tea, composed our meal.


Breaking the Trail.
good, too. Not nearly so good as some
writers claim the rough forest fare to be, but quite good enough for two hunry and not ove
oughly enjoy. I was roused, hours after, by the ngry sizzling of boiling grease, and
hrough an evil-smelling, blue haze, I made out the figure of Lewis bending over his fry-pan.
"Canady, you snored like a hog, long as I heard you; tumble out now, an reeting.
It was morning, or, rather, something
that Lewis called morning, and I tum-
bled out forthwith, for I knew that he
would fould make an early start for his line
This line was about twelve miles long
as already laid out, though it would be
still longer; and, for convenience, they had two permanent camps. This length of lines, with the fact that the men were will give an idea of the sort of work will give an idea of the sort of could
they did for the small sum they expect to clear-
in a good season.
They could depend upon a few bear
and an occasional wolf; but the bulk and an occasionas composed of muskrat, fox, lynx, mink, fisher and marten. Mink. were quite plentiful, but the pelts ommanded a aery smal price. upon steel traps. Heavy deadfalls took a bear nce in a while, but made traps wert not bothered with for smaller creat-
ures. The baits used were patts of ures. The baits used were parts of
hares, grouse, squirrels, fish, the genital parts of female foxes, and a vile-smellng compound of Lewis's own brewing, n which one's nose could detect asaetida, oil of anise, fish-oil and perhaps
few other traces of Blest Araby. This
was sometimes put upon the bait, and sometimes used as a drag to lead an
animal to the trap. A piece of raw flesh was also used as a drag.
When we were ready to start Lewis
ooked long and anxiously about, then
said in a disgusted tone, "D- poor
traps must wait. It's liable to snow
like all outdoors afore we get back
like all outdoors afore we get back.
I reckon I'll just take the riffe an' a
I reckon I'll just take the rifle an' a
little ile. We can tend the traps an'
tote home any critters. It'll be hard
tote home any critters. It'll be hard
shoein' 'fore night."
The line of traps began at a point
Some distance down began at a poin
passed over a ridge, through a cedar-
swamp, and along another ridge; thence
irough a long ravine, over still anothe
( as a bottle of his bait mixture and some heads of grouse and fish, and frag ents of a hare. My only burden was The old manis Winchester.
The first trap, for mink, was at
it of fast water, where ice never made The trap lay just beneath the water
The in a triny cove. In a small recess, pparently natural, but in reality made by Lewis, lay the bait, a bit of fish. The
chain of the trap was affixed to a slidchain of the trap was affixed to a slidstruggle of a captured mink would be almost certain to tumble the animal into ceep water, where the weight of the
trap would drown it. rap would drown it.
Lewis placed a dro Lewis placed a drop of his mixture second trap similarly set. A third trap proved to be undisturbed, but the fourth drew the dripping body from the water released it from the trap, shook the water from the matted, brown fur, and reset the trap. Then he swung the mink by a cord from his shoulder, and turned
deeper into the woods. deeper into the woods. I noticed his
For the first time "For the first time 1 noticed his trees far apart. Presumably the blaze was purposely made light and high up
to prevent a stranger from locating the to pre
The next trap was a considerable distance from the water, and instead of she sliding-pole it had a spring-pole,
tout and long enough to lift a small captive beyond the reach of lynx, fox fisher or marten. It had not attracted a victim,
While we were at this trap Lewis's een eye detected a big hare he ever noticed the white fur against the snow was a mystery to me, as I
could hardly make the creature out after e had called my attention to it. I obedience to his directions I shot the
hare, ripped its belly open, hooked a hare, ripped switch through the ears, and then dragged the carcase about in a wide
circle. When I returned, Lewis was busy changing his trap. where that old rabbit squatted," he remarked; then added, "I seen some old sign back a bit, and I reckon we'll have a try for a good pelt. If
have it, marten may, like as not, an' it's worth trying
He had already cut two small logs, which, placed one on either side of the ed a sort of rude pen with only one possible place of entrance. Where the hare mast and moss. Upon this Lewis placed the trap, and behind it he put the head and neck of a grouse.
carefully sprinkled with some rotten
wood from the under side of the log, wood from the under side of the log, and when the job was finished Close by
most artistic piece of work. Clos stood a springy sapling with a couple
of small branches. These branches Lewis cut off, also the slim end of the sapling, which he then bent down to serve as a spring-pole.
was caught under the in such a way was caught under the \(\log\) in such a way
that a comparatively slight pull would
release it and put it into full strain upon the chain of the trap.
Lewis then rummaged in canvas pouch, and produced an evil-smelling
affair that looked like an old leather affair that looked like an old leather
mitten with a cord attached. Into it he poured some of the mixture from the
bottle; then he went away to drag the mitten, and so make a second trail. "Drag your old rabbit, and I'll drag this. There's martin and fisher round
here, an' we might as well make all the drail we can." After visiting half from me and swung it with the mink, intending it for bait further on.
About noon we had a bite of bread About noon we had a bite of bread prospect seemed good for \({ }^{\text {a }}\) heavy
storm. He pointed out a thick clump of dwarf beeches, to which the faded leaves still clung thickly. "Canady," he
said, "I've got a link trap in there, an' While he was speaking there came from
the thicket a faint click as of metal

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make so much noise, but there was an make so much noise, but there, was an
earnestness in its continuous stormy mutterings which boded no good to us if we ever went within its reach. Its little ears lay flat to its round skull, its
yellow eyes blazed with fury, and its yellow eyes blazed. with fury, and its
jaws parted in a grin that almost stampeded me, in spite of the rifle. The lynx was full of fight, and made no attempt to bolt. It squatted low, never taking
its evil
eyes off
us its evil eyes off us, nor stopped its
snarling defiance. Indeed, it looked so bent upon making a dash at us that leveled the Winchester.
"Reckon you'll have to plug him, Canady, Pd club his measly brains out,
but the brush is \(a\)-kinder awkward, an we can't "get him out of there," said we can't "get him out of there, sald
Lewis. "Take as little of his head as
and you can: edge round to one side, an'
were added to the bait, and the setting was complete. This trap had in lieu
of a pole a clo," \(i\) e, of a pole a "clog," \(i\). e., a length of
heavy sapling, to one end of which the heavy sapling, to one end of which the
chain of the trap was firmly wedged. The office of the clog was to hamper the captive without really stopping it. A lyn is a powerful animal for its
size, and when first griped by a trap size, and when first gripped by a trap
it is apt to struggle furiously-quite enough to tear free from or to smash a trap that is held tight by the chain. A clogged trap may be dragged about
without giving the captive a chance for a dead pulli and while the clog is sure to eventually foul something, this is not liable to happen until after the angered victim has in a measure quieted down.
The baiting of this particular trap The baiting of this particular trap
was new to me and I asked if it was Was new to me and asked not surely the best
the best way.
way" way," replied Lewis, "but most anyways good enough for these fool cats
A link is mighty curious an? is forever
 a-smelin an a
when on spyin sone strange scent.
long whiskers secially long whiskers on hhis chops is his meas-
lorers, an' he won't try to urers, an he won't try to go through
no kind of hole if the whiskers touches no kind of hole if the whiskers touches
the sides of it-he won't even try to the sides of ithe won't even try to
squueere through leaves, if the whiskers
tell tell him that the gap ain't quite wide whe
enough. Now, if another link, an' Thet
he will compes smellin' he will, comes smellin' 'round here, he"l1
locate that bait even if snow, happens
to cover ti. His whiskers won't let him
keep smellin' till he gets 'round in fro
Then hell reach his Then he'll reach his flat paw in, like a youngster reachin for an apple, an' he'll
try to hook out that bit of pelt discover what makes it smell so dern funny. Then he'll find out what is funny, about it, an' then, he'll. lug the happen along, an' knock some sense into The dead lynx was swung ove Lewis's shoulder, and we resumed our rapidly through the tree-tops, and the old man kept looking rather anxiously about. When we chanced upon a comparatively open spot, he read the weath er signs once more and said: "Canady on we'd better have back-tracked an hour ago. There's a wind a-comin', an if we don't bust it to the camp, we may
have to lie out, to say nothin, fallin' stuff. Catch a jawful of rumnin' wind "an' stick to my tail. Come on, It was a grand burst, but, thanks to an hour a furious storm. Within half overhead. Trees swayed and proaned. masses of snow fell from disturbed
branches, and now and then. boughs
heavy enough to heavy enough to knock the life out of
a man, swept down. The air was full a man, swept down. The aire was full
of powdered snow and the forest trem-
bled with a dull, unceasing roar.
ahead, and I toiled on till I felt that another mile would cook me for once
and all. Just when a halt seemed worth the risk, we stumbled into an opening of some kind, which I guessed must be the creek. The wind almost knocked me down; I was lost in a driving blur of white, till a voice shrieked almost in
my ear: "Here she is, Canady, an" we my ear: "Here she is, Canady, an' we A few moments later the fire was snapping, and we had got rid of our extra snow. Then we had a steaming true, and, as Lewis said, "'specially to the boy, who, I'll bet, is denned up That night we had the best feed worked about the stove, I skinned the prizes. If hands were a trifle smelly, that act did not spoil Lewis's Christmas almost died away in a biting midnight, stuff, and sleepily remarked: "Wish the oy was here; he'd like puttin' his nose

RHEUMATISM CURED.
and of oran


\section*{Merry, Merry Christmas Chimes.} \(\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{H} \mid \text { for the joys of The Yule Tide, with its music and song. Oh } / \text { for the joys of making somebody happy. }}\) That is the question that pops up to many during this month. Now, an you think of a more appropriate or more welcome gift to the home than a piano. It is the making of a happy home and intelligent bright
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\section*{The Young Man and His Problem}

\section*{By JAMES L GORDON}

HOURS OF VISION. Aestiny,", said Thomas himself in the closet of solitude, until the question of destiny was settled. "God Almighty never intended me to be a hod-carrier," said
Joseph Parker, and he at once turned his face oward the ministry. "Slavery is to be the great question of the future, and somehow, I feel that ham Lincoln, and he became a student of events and the prophet of the hour. There comes to each one of us a day of fate and an hour of destiny. The angel stands knocking at the door -and your hand rests upon the knob. Will you a path of duty, just beyond the door. Open it !"
Edward Gibbon, the historian, had a vision and a dream, the result of which was crystalized in his great history of the Roman Empire. These tible of enthusiasm, and the enthusiasm which
I do not feel I have ever scorned to affect. But I do not feel I have ever scorned to affect. But forget nor express the st-ong emotions which agitated my mind as I first approached and en-
tered the Eternal City. After a sleepless night I trod with a lofty step the ruins of the Forum. Each memorable spot where Romulus stood, or To my eye, and several days of intoxication were lost and enjoyed before I I could descend to a
cool and minute examination." He gave eighteen cool and minute examination." He gave eighteen
weeks to the study of Rome only, and six to Naples, and we may rest assured that he made
good use of his time. But what makes this visit to Rome memorable in his life and in literary history is that it was the occasion and date of the first conception of his great work. "It was at Rome, on the 15 th October, 1764 , as I sat musing
amid the ruins of the Capitol, while the barefooted friars were singing vespers in the bare of Jupiter, that the idea of writing the decline
and fall of the city first started to my mind."

CHEERFULNESS. Cheerfulness is a heartnot the child of outer circumstance, but the result of inner harmony. The smile that won't
come off is born of the faith that never gives out. Faith in God. Faith in goodness. Faith in the order of events. Faith in the universal ful, my friends, be cheerful. Laugh your enemies
out of court. Laugh till laughter's music rings through every corridor of the soul. Laugh till the very atmosphere blossoms with joy. Laugh-
ter is medicine for the soul and tonic for the ter is medicine for the soul and tonic for the
heart. The cheerful soul is in sympathy with
the world. Mark the contrast between Carlyle and Sir Walter Scott: "Carlyle came down one morning with his 'waes' and lamentations: 'If I could but have had that dog by the hind legs once ,had just such a night. 'Did you hear that dog?" he was asked. "Yes, poor cur, he kept
me awake. I was sorry for him; he, no doubt,
has his troubles, too."

THE FINAL TEST. \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Leigh Heaking of Napoleon in in in }\end{aligned}\) his exile and captivity "no great principle stood
by him." In his last hour he stood alone. There was no source of consolation for him, seen or unseen. What a sad figure he cuts. Forsaken he stood absolutely alone. "No great principle stood by him.". The man of principle, whid
stands upon principle and fights for principle, will not find himself alone when the last hour comes.
He will have divine company and heavenly con solation

> INDEFINITE PEOPLE. Cause they lack de decision of character, because they lack the ability poor judge who could never make up his mind concerning the punishment to be meted out to
a prisoner. Successful men are those who know oow to think quickly, think accurately, and act
promptly. Heaven save us from indefinite folk! Kate Douglas Wiggin, in "Penelope's Pro-
rress," depicts a Scotch maid whose entire stock
of conversation consisted in a single phrase, with
hich she invariably replied to all questions. The ," answer she deigned to give was: "I coul na' say."-"JJan, who lives next door?" " could na say." "Jean, is it raining?" "I could na' say." In answer to every question in th usual current of conversation, she would turn
her "blue Scotch non-committal eyes" upon you and say, "I could na" say."

HOW MUCH ARE Frederick Douglass, the YOU WORTH? that when he was a slav orth \(\$ 2,000\) in the slave master valued him as lave would the slave market. The \(\$ 2,000\) slave would scarcely associate with the \(\$ 200\) the matter of personal value. All men are no born equal, even though they may be born free. All men would not remain equal even though dey were born so. A man's value to the world energy of his mind. It was said of Napoleon hat his sudden appearance on the field of battle was equal to reinforcement of forty thousand said a merchant prince to me one day counted, said a merchant prince to me one day
A WORKING Creed and character bear the THEOLOGY. father and son. Every man has creed of one article or one paragraph or on sentence; but he believes something, and that something is the rock on which he builds his character. What a man needs-a young man ed in terms, brief, simple and comprehensive George Macdonald says in "Robert Falconer" "This is a healthy creed; a practical, working theology. First, that a man'3 business is to do the will of God. Second, that God takes upon fore, that a man ought never to be afraid of any thing." I call that a good working theology practical, simple, comprehensive and sound, and ide of it.

AN ODD REPORTER. Jacob A. Riis will ar nimmine week. He was once an immigrant, and then a poor, wandering tramp with only a dog for a friend, and then a car reporter on a New York city journal, and then a writer of splendid literature, inciudne. his book on "The Making of an American." He is now one of the first citizens of the republic to the south of us, and a great friend and ad-
mirer of President Roosevelt. This is what he says in the volume referred to on the subjec of prayer. I like it bereause it is without cant or sanctimoniousness: "Right here, lest I mak myself appear better than I am, I want to say being versed in the language of prayer or any thing of that kind. In all the years of my re porting I have never omitted this when anything rob was on foot, whether a fire, a murder, duty, and I have never heard that my reports were any the worse for it. I know they were
better. Perhaps the notion of a police reporte better. Perhaps the notion of a police reporter praying that he may write a good murder story
may seem ludicrous, even irreverent, to zome
people." ————
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DARWIN, THE & \(\begin{array}{c}\text { Darwin was a great man } \\
\text { He had a great soul. } \mathrm{He}\end{array}\) \\
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\end{tabular} DARWIN, THE
SWEET SPIRITED. \(\begin{aligned} & \text { He had a great soul. He } \\ & \text { thoughts. His by great }\end{aligned}\)
thitings caused a revolution in the intellectual realm. He was the subject of the most bitter criticism and his theories; and yet how well he carried himself in face of all opposition. He never lost his
temper, never indulged in unkind words or in unworthy sarcasm. He was sweet when others tough and ungenerous. One writer says, con cerning him: "In Darwin's writings II find n
word of reproach. Denunciation and ridicule wreater than any other man has enduref, neve kindled a spark of hatred in his breast. Wrapped wounds, but lived with and loved mankind". The
man who stands for the Truth, and is building
upon the Truth, is the man who can afford to be patient, loving, generous, and whole-hearted and the particular planks of at and the particular planks of your personal
platform ignored. Are you right? That is the main question. Right only and right always shall have the right of way in God's universe.

AN IDEA FROM Swedenborg says that physiANEDEA FROM cal dying is a very natural out of this world without a pain or a pang. It is natural to die, and we pass out of this, the n easy realm, into the spiritual realm in nd on, gliding way that we are across the river now it. Swedes of the other world before we oing is so easy that when the, in process of and dreams, entered the spiritual found some folk there who were dead and did not know it. He says, concerning them, that they were dead, but did not know that they were f the spirit of the wonderful Sweden the fact. o come back to the earth, he would find sleeping saints who think they are awake and dead people who think they are alive, Josh Billings once un " a wide-awake sinner is purpose under the saint. a wide-awake sinner is better than a dead

YOU COULD WRITE \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Oliver Goldsmith paint- }\end{aligned}\) A STORY. lage preacher. He of the corridors of a magniticent poem - "The Deserted Village." The poem and the picture are as widely known as anything in English terature. The preacher whose face and charave been his own brother, Henry, whom he greatly admired and loved. There never ha een a great poet or novelist who did not find his best material in his own heart and experience.
That which comes from the heart will go to the heart. Let young writers dip their pens in their own heart's blood. Humanity will read the

WENTY YEARS OLD Frances E. Willard
 crowned Queen." Every young man and young man should read the story of her life. Ant her diary the words: "I shall be twenty year Id in September, and I have as yet been of no use in the world." After a spell of sickness she iving, "pay my own way,' and try to be of use on the world. Noble woman, she had her hand he happy life. The useful life is the unselfish fe. Was thete ever a more useful life than tha of Frances Willard? Its keynote was usefulness.

SUCCESSFUL
FAILURES.
Barnum failed in business three Nes. he died a rich man. And he Bridgeport, Conn., on the day of his was in Cowman had a funeral ned his grave with roses. One thousand rose ouched his coffin on every side. Many failures but a successful ending. Said Mr. Harry Quilter: "An accompl:shed artist said to me once, No icture is worth anything till it has been spoiled
three times.'; and it is true, I think, that what nakes any given picture ,great is gathered from he very brink of failure." Every successful man has been near the brink, and near it more than nnce. The man who never surrenders wins out
n the end. Struggle on! Health and succes 3 awaits you. "On and Forever On," says Emerson.

\section*{The saloon is a national} TURN THE nuisance and an individua every vile in touch with civilization. There is not a thief, burglar or cut hroat who does not feel strangely at home in saloon. Every man who is an enemy of society s the manhole out from which there comes falop the foul stench of the moral sewerage of the world. It is the centre of crime and the source oves sin. It hides itself behind a screen and loves the darknesz of the night. It has been hundreds of saloons in Chicago for "free lunches." There is no place where tainted meat seems to be so much at home as in a saloon, it is not the most dangerous thing in the saloon
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Her Inconsistency.
A woman is the most inconsistent compound of obstinacy and self-sacrince that I am acquainted with.

\section*{Her Varied Character.}

Sing of the Nature of women, and then the song shall be surely full of variety, old crotchets, song shall be surely full of variety, old crotchets,
and most sweet closes. It shall be humorous, and most sweet closes. It shall be humorous,
grave, fantastic, amorous, melancholy, sprizhtly, grave, fantastic, amorous, melancholy, sprishtly
one in all and all in one.

\section*{Women's Friendships}

Women benefit by their friendships more than men. They see their friends oftener, enjoy more converse with them, have more time for letterwriting, and can cultivate friendship better in a full room. They take altogether more trouble about it, and find themselves constantly padded in friends when men would be comparatively alone. The widower, though it is not the custom to think so, is far more lonely than the widow. -Spectator.

\section*{Womanhood.}

There is something in the heart of man that puts a woman's charm before all else, and that enables evil and foolish women to find husbands while good and wise women die unwed. But in the soul of uncontaminate youth there is often a passionate refusal to accept this instinct as the highest. The ideal of womanhood is then something too pure and hallowed even for the dreams of love. W Deane Howells.

\section*{Should Be Humble}

Women should be humble when they remember that if a good man loves them it is not, in very truth, the woman (who is a poor creature full of imperfections) that they love, but the soul-the noble, pure, exalted soul, as high as their own grandest conception of goodness and piety, which they believe to be in her
W. Besant.

\section*{Woman.}

Woman in her weakness is yet the strongest orce upon the earth. She is the helm of all things human; she comes in many shapes and knocks at many doors; she is quick and patient and her passion is not ungovernable like that of man, but as a gentle steed that she can guide en where she will, and as occasion offers can now bit up and now give rein. She has a captain's eye, and stout must be that fortress of the heart in which she finds no place of vantage Does thy blood beat fast in youth? She will outun it, nor will her kisses tire. Art thou set towards ambition? She will unlock thy inner heart and show thee roads that lead to glory Art thou worn and weary? She has comfort in her breast. Art thou fallen? She can lift thee up, and to the illusion of thy sense gild defeat with triumph. Ay, she can do these things, for hature ever fights upon her side; and while she loes them she can deceive and shape a secre end in which thou hast no part.
H. Rider Haggard.

\section*{Unmarried Women.}

I speculate much on the existence of unmarried and never-to-be married women nowadays; and I have already got to the point of considering that there is no more respectable character on this earth than an unmarried woman
who makes her own way through life quietly, perseveringly, without support of husband or perseveringly, without support of husband or
brother; and who retains in her possession a well-regulated mind, a disposition to enjoy well-regulated mind, a disposition to enjoy
simple pleasures, and fortitude to support inevitable pains, sympathy with the sufferings of vitable pains, sympathy with and willingness to relieve want as far as her means extend.

Women's view Point
The fact is, a man never sees a subject thur oughly till he sees what a woman will think of it, for there is a woman's view of every subject which has a different shade from a man's view, and that is what you and I have insensibly been absorbing in all our course hitherto.

Harriet Beecher Stowe.

\section*{A Low, Soft Voice.}

Yes, we agree with that old poet who said that a low, soft voice was an excellent thing in woman. Indeed, we feel inclined to go much further than he has on the subject, and call it one of her crowning charms. How often the spell of beauty is rudely broken by coarse, loud talking! How often you are irresistibly drawn to a plain, unassuming woman, whose soft, silto a plain, unassuming woman, whose soft, silvery tones render her positively attractive. In the social circle, how pleasant it is to hear a
woman talk in that low key which always charwoman talk in that low key which always char acterises the true lady. In the sanctuary of home, how such a voice soothes the fretful child and cheers the weary husband!

Lamb.

\section*{Woman. \\ woman, born first to believe us,} Yea, also born first to forget, Born first to betray and deceive us, Yet first to repent and regret,
0 first then in all that is human, Yea, first where the Nazarene trod.
O woman, O beautiful woman
Be then first in the kingdom of God. Joaquin Miller-"Songs of the Sunlands.

\section*{Endurance.}

I have seen a grandly heroic woman who, ou of her view as to the responsibilities of the mar ried relation, comdoned everything took he drunken husband to her home again, and at las nursed and watched him into penitence and decency. But there may be two opinions eve about this sort of endurance. This is quite dis tinct from mere animal constamcy. It is duty George Eliot

\section*{The Learned Woman.}

A woman ought to exhibit great modesty as to her learning, and to conceal it carefully above all from other women, when she knows some thing of which they are ignorant

\section*{Fallen}

I believe
That woman, in her deepest degradation, Holds something sacred, something undefiled, Some pledge and keepsake of her higher nature, And, like the diamond in the dark, retains Some quenchless gleam of the celestial light Longfellow.

\section*{Her True Greatness.}

The modest virgin, the prudent wife, or the careful matron, are much more serviceable in life than petticoated philosophers, blustering hen oines, or virago queens. She who makes he husband and her children happy, who reclaim the one from vice, and trains up the other to virtue, is a much greater character than ladies described in romance, whose whole oecupatio is to murder mankind with shafts from th quiver of their eyes.

Goldsmith.

\section*{A Good Woman.}
good woman is the loveliest flower that blooms under heaven; and we look with love and wonder upon its silent grace, its pure fragrance, its delicate bloom of beauty. Sweet and beautiful! The fairest and the most spotless! Is it not a pity to see them bowed down or devoured by grief inexorable, wasting in disease. pining
with long pain, or cut off by sudden fate in thei prime? We may deserve grief, but why should hese be unhappy? Except that we know tha heaven chastens those whom it loves best; being pleased, by repeated trials, to make these pure spirits more pure

\section*{Wives and Mothers.}

If we wish to know the political and moral ondition of a state, we must ask what rank women hold in it; their influence embraces the whole of life; a wife!-a mother-two magical words, comprising the sweetest source of man' elicity; theirs is a reign of beauty, of love, o reason,-always a reign! a man takes counsel with his wife, he obeys his mother; he obeys he ong after she has ceased to live; and the idea which he has received from her become prin ciples stronger even than his passions.

Aime Martin:

\section*{The Mission of Woman.}

If thou wouldst hear what seemly is an
Inquire of noble women; they can tell;
Who in life's common usage hold their pl
Propriety as with and aptly chose
Their delicate sense, which shrinks from forward touch,
And where rude handling is no woman lives: Ask both the sexes, both have one reply For freedom he, and she for chaste restraint.

Pity sits throned with woman, for a man The best that is will train his heart to look On savage deeds unmoved, and what at first He hated, end in honoring as a law,
Till monstered from boon nature's use he grow Into a thing scarce human. But a woman Lives to herself, as her pure purpose shaped In singleness of heart. For good or ill She is to-day what she was yesterday.
And will remain to-morrow.

\section*{Flattered Women}

A woman must be a fool indeed who can really believe that her person is that of a grace her smile the smile of Venus, her beauty surpassing that of Helen, and her wit and her understanding that of Sappho. She knows better she knows that her wit is small and petty beside the wit of a man; her wisdom nothing but to learn a little of what men have said; her very beauty, of which so much is said, but a flower of a few years, whereas the beauty of manhood lasts all a life. Therefore, when all is said and done, the incense burned, the mock prayer said, the hymn of flattery sung, and the idol bedecked with flowers and gems, she loves to step down from the altar, slip away from the worshippera, and run to a place in the meadows, where waits a swain who will say, "Sweet girl, I love thee, with all thy faults."

\section*{Woman's Rights.}

I believe they are the sweetest, purest, most unselfish, best part of the human race. I have no doubt on this sujbect whatever. They do sing the melody in all human life, as well as the melody in music. They carry the leading part, at least in the sense that they are a step in advance of us, all the way in the journey heavenward. I believe that they cannot move very widely out of the sphere which they now occupy, and remain as good as they now are; and I deny that my belief rests upon any sentimentality, or jealousy, or any other weak or unworthy basis. A man who has experienced a mother's devotion, a wife's self-sacrificing love, and a daughter's affection, and is grateful for all, may be weakly sentimental about some things, but not about women. He would help every woman he loves to the exercise of all the rights which hold dignity and happiness for her. He would fight that she might have those rights if necessary; but he would rather have her lose her voice entirely than hear her sound a bass note, even were it no longer than a demi-semiquaver,
J. G. Holland.

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\section*{The Dangers of Hypnotism.}

The advantages and disadvantages of hypnotism as a means of treating disease has been
dealt with lately by Dr. Edwin Ash:-
In using hypnotism to cure disease, said Dr.
Asin, we at present are toying with a great force Asin, we at present are toying with a great force
whinch we do not fully understand and which we cannot entirely.control. We certainly cannot
control it sufficiently to govern the grosser forms of disease, and it is important to remember that nothing can do more harm to psycho-
therapeutic methods than that one case so treated which should have been treated by srurgical
means should go wrong. Diseases which generally can be influenced by hypnotism are of a
functional order, and not those associated with functional order, and not those associated with
organic changes. It can I think, be proved organic changes. It can, I think, be proved
that it is possible by mechanical means and
sugetestion without any personal infuence, such suggestion without any personal influence, such
as magnetism, to mask the conscious mind of
as as magnetism, to mask the conscious mind of
the subject and bring out some underlying un-
consciousness.

General Booth and Old Age.
There are few men to-day who are accom-
pishing more real work than the great head of pishing more real work than the great head of
the Salvation Army. In an interview the General the Salvation Army. In an interview the General live long. Eat as little as possible. The average man
eats too much. Instead of nourishing his body, he overtaxes it, compelling his stomach to di-
gest more food than it has capacity for. Drink gest more food than it has capacity for. Drink
plenty of water in preference to adulterated plenty of water in preerence to autiserated.
concoctions. Water is wholesome nourishent.
Take exercise. It is just as foolish to develop Take exercise. It is just as foolish to develop
the mind and not the body a ait is to develop
the the body and not the mind. Perform some
manual labor; dig, walk, chop wood, or, if you manual abor; dig, walk, chop wood, or, if your
can talk with your whole body, whyt, then tak;
but do it with all your might. Have a system, but do it with all your might. Have a system,
but do not be a slave of the system If my hour
to rise is 8 a.m., and at that time I haven't had to rise is 8 a.m., and at that time
sufficient rest, I' take longer time.
T. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., on Winnipeg. T. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., the Whip of the Labor party in the British House of Commons, has recently visited Winnipeg. The following are some of his impressions:-
Winnipeg is not a city made with hands. have seen those long emigrant trains come up
to its station, pause a moment, and then disto its station, pause a moment, and then dis-
gorge the bustling black crowds of human beings, who have come from Europe in search of a
home. Train after train comes. , oad after load
hol home. Train after train comes, load after load
is left behind, the emigration hall gets crowded,
is
 tiny rivulets to enrich the land which is now
begging that man in his mercy might plough it
to
tel to make it fruitrul and multiply. One cannot
help speculating what the end is to be. Away help speculating what the end is ed be. away
west and northwest in what we used to call "The
Great Lone Land." the virgin soil is now red Great Lone Land, the virgin soin is now red
with wheat. Railways are pushing out their buffaloes; towns are arising in a night; the home-
 rough it, men who can toil hard from sunrise
to sunset. men who have the fortitude of pionen sunset, men who have the fortitude or pion-
eers in them will here bafle nature and at last
find peace. Let all others stay away from Canada.

The Rapid Growth of Hysteria,
The American Association of Railway Surgeons recently held a convention at Chicago, at
which Dr A. R. Mitchell said there was an which Dr. A. R. Mitchell said there was an epidemic of hysteria sweeping over damage.
The educated physician knows that hysteria
is as much a disease as smallpox. It affects all is as much a disease as smallpox. at afeets
men and women alike. Innumerable examples
of the infectious and contagious character of of the infectious and contagious character of
the malady are recorded through all history. the malady are recorded through all history,
Men and women are but children led hither and Men and women are butchidreal to the present only. Under such leadership personal responsi-
bility is cast aside, and in groups under like inbility is cast aside, and in groups under like in-
fluence do things which not one man as an influence do things which not one man as an in
dividual would think of doing. This is well dividual would think of doing. Ahis is wet enactment of unwise laws which, but for quieter executive review, would still further encumber our statutes.'

\section*{The Jew Not A Financier.}

Oscar S. Straus maintains in the Baltimore News that the Jew is not a business man. This will be news to many:-
John D. Rockefeller or Andrew Carnegie is
worth vastly more than all the rich Jews in Wmerica lumped together. The Jew, no matter what the opinion of the world may be, is a broad-spirited man. He spends much and gives First of all, he is said to be a trader, but other races slur over the fact that he hasn't been free to choose his occupation. Europe drove him out of agriculture. The mechanical crafts were shu
to him. My family were farmers. There is region in Russia where the Jews are industrious and skilled agriculturists. Persecuted as they were. hedmed in as to their means of gaining
a living legislated a ainst they had, the Jews were compelled to adjust themselves to circumstances and to accept such narrow opportunities as were offered.

\section*{The Christianity of To-Day.}

Dr. Philip Moxom, a leading clergyman in America, says that Christian civilization is unChristian; that is, its dominating forces are selfassertion, injustice, pride, and greed for riches. In the North American Review for August he says:Conceivably, one may contend that our present
social life is the result of a long evolution and social life is the result of a long lot evolution a nid
is economically wise and beneficent but one can is economically wise and beneficent; but one can
not truthfuly call it Christian. Now, if Shinto-
 saner, more just, more self-controlled, more un-
selfifh individal and social life than Christian
Engla England or America, by that fact enristianity, it, is proved inferior to Shintoism and Buddhism. But what really suffers by the comparison is not
the Christianity of J Jesus, but the Christianity of the Christianity of Jesus, but the Christianity of
the church, the Christianity which we have made In In other words, Christianity can maintain
its pre-minence its pre-eminence only by the vital and effective
incorporation of the spirit and teaching of Jesus incorporation of the spirit and teaching of Jesus
in individual and social life and character. Nothing can invalidate this proposition. The trial which the Christian nationsopare fane facing to-dray
is obvious and inescapable. Let usi, at least be
 what Jesus taught, let us cease to call ourselves what esus It may be that some of thous whom
Christian. In matled heathen" are more Christian
we have called heat we have
than we.

\section*{Reform in Marriage}

The institution of marriage as it exists to-day, unregulated save by the caprice of passion, is of the unfit, as it is the sacrament of the sober and the despair of the optimist. Dr. Frank Crane, speaking on the subject, advises the elimination of the unfit:-
"But have we not always done this, and has not the race progressed? Two facts must repiy
to this objection. First, the careful preservation insane and diseased and feeble minded and weak
were allowed to die. Only in recent years has the state gone into the wholesale business of
housing and helping the unfortunate. Modern altruism has interfered with the stern self-purification of nature. Second, plagues, pests, and
wars which yesterday were busy at their terrible work of decimation are being estopped by presentday triumph of humane feeling. A few things we might do now. We might refuse o allow
marriage to those tainted with insaty marriage to those tainted with insanity, Aclunacy commission, a quarter of the cases of insanity can be clearly traced to heredity' Do
you know how insanity is increasing in Massachusetts? A glimpse at the statistics woul heredity is the principal cause of the increase of insanity in recent years; and not a few go so
far as to call it the main cause."

\section*{The English Woman in Canada}

The loneliness of life on the Western Canadian farm has not agreed with some English women who havc been experiencing it, so they have to Canada. The Montreal Star comments:To tell such people that they must do without "society" is like warning them that patent leather shoes cannot be worn everyday behind
a plough. They may get less gosisip, but they will get high thinking and a greater mental freedom. English women coming to Canada-and especially those who go to the West-will find
themselves expressing honest opinions with an inspiring sense of liberty after a year's residence which they would have hardly dared to think ander the cramping conventions of the old home. They will find that many things, which they have matter," and that it is far better to live one's own life without restriction than to become the
finest Dresden china copy of the "correct" in ladylike conduct.

\section*{Peary and the Pole.}

Another thirty-four miles of polar desolation has been invaded by man, Says the Globe, New By a dash unrivalled in speed, with the possible exception of the Duke of the Abruzzi's in 1900, Peary has pushed the American flag up to 87
degrees 6 minutes north latitude-within about 200 miles of that mysterious and much-sought geographic point through which the polar axis
of the earth emerges. It has been repeatedly and somewhat persistently pointed out by the stay-at-home geographers that the attainment by man of this purely mathematical point can result in no practical advantage to any one. Hence it in striving for it are uselessly thrown away all of which is doubtless true enough from the purely scientific point of view. But, nevertheless, the dreams of every arctic explorer are haunted by
visions of the pole, and all are anxious te their lives in efforts to accomplish this stirring feat. The less abstractly scientific portion of the population is with them in spirit and greets every therefore, Commander Peary's new record, although it still leaves us 200 miles away from
the goal, will be considered worth all it cost.

Eels and Automobiles.
Some "freak" has hazarded the idea that eels can be made to run automobles, and act generally as a motive power. The Electric Review has taken up the
"Figuring on
not seem to be a basis, the gymnotus does not seem to be a
electrical energy. These cels grow to considerable size, often five or six feet long, but assuming as a fair figure an average length of three
feet and a diameter of two and one-half inches each eel would occupy, a spacn of about oneeighth of a cubir Vforty Our 300,000 eels for the ocean liner would therefore fill a space of twenty feet deep, forty feet wide, and sixty feet long
solidly with eel flesh, and since each eel would require considerable space for elbow or tail room there would not be much space left within the
vessel for cargo. Moreover, since these eels only vessel for cargo. Moreover, since these eels only
constitute the generating part of the equipment. space would have to be found for the motors space would have to be found for the motors
It would seem to better plan to break the
cels to the bridle and teach them to tow the cels to the bridle and teach them to tow the
vessel, using them thus as motors rather than generators.


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Notung the longevity of persons in sedentary Notung the longevity of persons in sedentary
employments, American Medicine observes that employme with sedentary persons who are "not exposed to harmful conditions such as dust, dirt
and dulness." An inert life is declared to be the and dulness." An inert life is declared to be the DUST, DIRT normal one. The savage AND DULNESS. \(\begin{gathered}\text { takes } \\ \text { natural. } \\ \text { nate } \\ \text { easily. } \\ \text { Sports }\end{gathered}\) consist of "spurts," but of exercises that subject the organs, intirnnal and eexternal, to no excessive strain. The right thing for everyone is to avoid
violent movements that strain the arteries, enviolent movements that strain the arteries, en-
large the heart, waste nerve force, or cause one large the heart, waste nerve force, or cause one
to become so run down" as to fall an easy
to to victim of bacteria that invade the circulation. We want, says the Journal, to "get back to
nature where excessive labor is the rare excepnature where excessive labor is the rare excep-
tion." Our modern athletics are condemned as the "unnatural thing." The sports of boys
thould, accordingly, be moderated with a view to their escaping excessive calls upon the heart and other delicate organs. The boy is commonly
supposed to be immune from injury, however supposed to be immune from injury, however
violent his exertions, but his violence sometimes produces unobserved lesions that show ruinous
effects a few years later. Moderation in all erffects a few years later. Mo
things is the secret of long life.

When the San Francisco earthquake sent a thrill through the doomed city, its work only began. It thrilled every city, town, hameet and
individual on the continent. Funds were indisindiminately poured into the stricken city. BusiTHEFT AND FORGERY tomed to pare, pinch and figure
the fraction of a cent, wrote cheques with prodigal pens to send
to the sufferers. The result of this sentimental generosity is forgery and theft on the part of generosity is forgery and theft on the part of
those receiving the gifts.. How could it be otherthose receiving the gifts.. How could it be other-
wise?
No balance sheets were demanded, no detailed reports made; it was sanity gone insane.
The sentiments of pity and beneficence were The sentiments of pity and beneficence were
beautiful, and made one's faith grow stronger in beautiful, and made one's faith grow stronger in
the brotherhood of man. But, after all, it is an
Put the brotherhood of man. President Roosevelt,
unwise policy to follow. Phe unwise poincy to fol promptness, has instituted
with his accustomed
an ingiry, and the evil-doers will be brought to an inquiry, and the ev
a speedy punishment. \(\qquad\) That was an important discuss:on at the Con-
vention of Municipalitites held at Pat Portage la
Prairie on Nov. 7th, when the Bell Telephone monopoly came in for some language which the people of Canada have been slow to by competent THE MUNICIPAL \(\begin{aligned} & \text { spaeakers " "that the pres- } \\ & \text { ent situation in Canada is }\end{aligned}\) OF TELEPSHONES. \(\begin{gathered}\text { ent situation in Canada is } \\ \text { almost entirely controlled }\end{gathered}\) oly, whose charter contains a corpormaus privileges, dominant usurpation of public streets and byways, constitutes a direct menace to public
rights." The Bell Company finds in Canada its rights." The Bell Company finds in Canada its
best plum. But its judgment day is not far disIts. monopolistic charter and its arrogant
tant. tant. Its monopisistice a long-suffering peopple to
methods have aroused a
sumber such an extent that independent companies have
been formed to resist its aggression. This octopus learns nothing by experience, for example, wht where there is no competition it exacts
buarges unreasonably high. It was shown by charges unreasonably high. It was shown by
the convention that. with one or two exceptions the people of Manitoba have the privilege of
paying the highest long-distance charges, in the
 would give a service costing \(3 \frac{3}{2}\) mills per mile,
that is to say, 35 cents for 100 miles, instead of the present Bell rate of 75 cents for the same
distance. Citizens should rally round the Municipal Ownership idea.
From almost every section of the West comes hhe complaint of car shortage. It is a complaint
that should be listened to at once, and everything done to relieve the situation. If this state
of things is to be permanent, the commercial THE SHORTAGE \(\begin{gathered}\text { OF CARS. }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { ada will soon be paralyzed } \\ \text { Government agents in Eu- }\end{gathered}\) cultural element to emigrate to Canadd, but cultural element to emigrate to canada, oolicy if
is sheer imbecility to continue such a pol
the farmer, who is already settled here, cannot
have his grain moved. The railway companies hare not keeping pace withe the growth of the
country. We are glad to see that the general alarm has been sounded, and that business men are at last alive to the situation. The Winnipeg Board of Trade, in response to
munications from Western town and Boards of Trade, have taken up the matter, and have written the railway companies reciting the complaint,
strongly urging the necessity of their bringing strongly urging the necessity of the rervice. It
every car and engine possible into ser every also agreed to bring the matter before the woard of Railway Commissioners, calling their attention to the continual state of car shortage \({ }_{2}\)
and to ask them to put into force such orders and to ask them to put into force such orders
and power as they can to remedy the evil, by comand power as tompanies to increase their rolling
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The Western Home Monthly has never failed to advocate the cause of beauty in the towns and cities of the West. In this it calls atention io
iter a very much neglected feature of western life.
The spirit of materialism is so rampant and THE CITY or the beautiful may be crowded BEAUTIFUL. out. Beauty of every descripgreatly to be prized. Beauty is such an element
of happiness that the people who make the laws, of happiness that the people who make the laws,
and the officers who are elected and paid to enforce them, should not scruple to see that the
laws of beauty are strictly regarded. Hence the citizen who puts up a chimney in defiance of established principles and afflicts the atmosph re with sooty outpourings, is the enemy of beauty
and the direct foe of the aesthetic. Ill-paved and the direct foe or no to be accounted the promoters of beauty. The beauty idea is taking
hold of many large cities of hold of many large citios of this continent Chicago has an association of strong men who contemplate spending some millions in the near
future to beautify the great city. Among Canadian cities, Toronto stands out as a shining example of, what may be done along this line.
Now, while our Western cities are small, is the Now, while our Western cities
time to lay plans for the future.
"I am profoundly ashamed of the state of politics in Manitoba and in the whole of Canada.
When distinguished visitors from come to me with letters of introduction this great shame I feel with regard to our public life.
One visitor the DR. PAE BURDEN OF \(\begin{gathered}\text { other day laid his } \\ \text { dick SHAME. finger }\end{gathered}\) am shocked to find that Canadare. He so faid: 'I 'I behind all other countries, and that political miliconduc," Wvesterners are justly proud of what Dr. Patrick has to give them in the way of scholarship and
culture. But these are not the words of the culture. But these are not the words of the
scholar and educator. They smack of demagogscholar and educator. They smack of demagog
ism and border on the hysterical. When the clergyman speaks as a political critic his criticism often loses its value by the intemperance
of his language. He generalizes too much. Dr. of his language. He generalizes too much Dr
Patrick has fallen into this error. Political misconduct there in, but it is not as general as the
doctor would have us believe. We are a new doctor would have us believe. We are a new
country, and our politicians have not all been country, and our politicians have not all been
men of light and leading in political morality But the tide is rising. Civic and national cor ruption is not condoned to-day, but condemned.
Most of our public men are following the gleam
of political purity.. of political purity..
men
There are some people who reluctantly admit and conspicuous among them are our public school authorities \({ }^{\text {Dis }}\) Dr, Arthur Somervell, ad-
dressing an Engish convention of teachers
 the young to study. Tea chers do not recognize this. The fag-end of Friday afternoons is usually given to singing when it should be inculged in several times every vitalizing force." He advises that a couple of verses be sung after every lesson. Would that this sound advice were taken by Canadian teachers. When one takes a look into the public schools of the West and sees underfed and under-
clothed children, many of them coming from
homes in which there is nothing but blank ugli-
ness, his heart will ache. This is particularly true of foreign children. They are surrounded by few, if any, refifing influences. The home is
often a shàk, without musical instrument, pic-
tures tures, flowers or touches of beauty to elevate the
growing mind of the child. The public school growing mind of the corrinulum and minister to the
should enlarge its curre
aesthetic nature of these children. Att in all its aesthetic nature of these children. Art in all its
forms is useful, but someforms of art need apparatus which hit is not possible for the children
to obtain. But when a child is taught to sing, he carries his centre of happiness with him.

Loud and insistent has been the cry for the
extension of the franchise to the ladies, but the extension of the franchise to the lad as
sad news woman is a failure. Our gallantry suffers in saying this, but truth is truth and ever courts the
OTERE WOMAN FAILURE, have come to the decision, that in future women, whill not be nominated for the Jegislature. For twelve years the women of that state have been happy, or unthing, a woman's vote. Their experience is iot
such as to call for a eulogy upon the political such as to call for a eulogy upon the political
precocity of the fair sex. Many of the best precoc:ty of the fair sex. Many of the best
women have deliberately chosen to forfeit their hard-won fight; the worst have voted as they were told to vote. Year by year the woman vote has grown less. Redgeway says:"As individuals.
women will still yote in Colorado, but there is women will still vote in Colorado, but there is
no basis of belief that they will represent any no basis of beief that they will represent
considerable force, either for good or evil" Until further evidence is adduced that the suffragists of the fair sex have accomplished some
specific purpose, or contributed to the victory or defeat of some vital principle, the cause o Colorado experiment.

The City Fathers of Winnipeg are slow in ranked among the hamlets of Canaida, but takes a first place among her cities, and as sutch deWINNIPEG ALDERMEN THE STREET CARS.
dervice the and a nigh service. The crass ignorance which some aldertion is monumental. A Winnipeg alderman seems to be the last man to know anything about the car service of his city. A conspicuous example of this childilike simplicity is Alderman see, and I am on the cars frequently, the company has not put on a sufficient number of extra cars to prevent ovencrowding at busy hours, and has not strictly enforced the new rules against
smoking in the cars. No move has yet been made to select stopping places between streets which intersect car lines and are at long distances from each other. All of these reforms were
promised to the city when a sub-committee promited on Mr Phillips.". Alderman Commitee endorses, with true aldermanic artlessness, his brother Latimer. "There is certainly a great reform needed" says brother Cox. These are two weighty statements that might do credit to the
colossal brain of Shakespeare if they did not come so late. What is slowly dawning upon our cy fathers has been known to every schoo-
boy for months. Winnipeg must have more day cars, and the system running after, twelve o'clock

The fat man is a walking microbe factory His fatness is not due to an easy job and a good bland smile which spreads itself over the tiers, layers and collops of facial flesh is deceptive. CORRULENCY AND good humor is its chief CULTURE BEDS, ingredient. So says a Cosmos. "The troubles of very fat persons, especially their shortness of breath, are of toxic
nature.? We thought the fat man had no troubles; that a kind Providence had exempted him from the thousand ills that flesh is heir to, and wisited his cadaverous neighbor with a double portion. But how blind is human naturel He tosm 1 says the organism of the obese is It is pathetic to reflect when the fat man swaggers along the street that t'e bold, corpulent front which he persistently and vain-gloriously
pushes into the faces of lean and unobtrusive pushes into the faces of lean and unobtrusive
pedestrians is, after all, only a culture bed for germs. Portliness and plumpness are another name for germ-padding. Following this discovery we may expect the stout to be quarantined like other germ suffere
pox and diphtheria patients.

\section*{Ghe Wester Three Eminent Benefactors of Humanity.}

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A MERRY Until the snow came CHRISTMAS. down, the orther day, alize how close the days were drawgrand old holiday are to be seen everywhere. Christmas goods were not displayed quite so early this year
as last, and this, I think, is wiser, as it makes of Christmas an old story when Santa Claus is on exhibition in Has the Christmas spirit come with Not the Christmas spirit of good eating, although that is an essential,
but the Christmas spirit of making home for the homeless, happiness for our gifts.
There is one class I would like esof the West at this season,-that is the strangers who are slowly creeping back to health after typhoid, or,
indeed, any long illness. indeed, any long illness. a number of typhoid convalescents. Only those who have suffered from that dread disease know how weari-
some is convalescence, when some is convalescence, when you
vainly imagine you are all right, and
rise up to walk, and find, alas, that rise up to walk, and find, alas, that
your legs have a desire to go one
way and your body anothe way and your body another. At sation of the calf of your leg falling off, and you sink down, weak and
utterly discouraged. When to this is added a purse as feeble and attenlated as ,your limbs, "A Merry
Christmas" sounds most tantalizing. Itrangers in pleasant to have sickly but out of the abundance of your is an unbroken family circle for yet them, and give them a sense of home In many a household where help is limited, a convalescent, so far from
adding to the burdens, would often be a real help. The small duties they are equal to performing would save
many steps and help them to feel less
dependent dependent and useless.
In seeking to benefit the convalescents, dear women of the wenvales
not confine your efforts to "young men only." They need help and care,
but even in greater measure the but even in greater measure the
young women need it. Many a girl
in both the city and the country town in both the city and the country town
is spending cold and lonely hours in
in boarding house bedrooms. In the
midst of your Christmas benefactions do not forget her.
Too many, alas. of those who have
gone down wrong paths have done gone down wrong paths have done
so from sheer loneliness and weak-
ness This is my litle Christmas sermon, and in concluding it let m

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\section*{ \\ God rest you merry gentlem
Let nothing you dismayy
For Josus christ or savior
Was born on Christmas Day \\ Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray.}
of the page will come, in full measure "Not what we give, but what we shar
The gift without the giver is bare.
. Who shares his crust with a beggar
Feeds three. himself, his hungry bro
ther and Me."

THE GRAIN What have we t Commission? Grai hear my readers ask. If you do no
wish to miss the opportunity of tertaining pleasant company, you will find out from the men people jus
when the commission will be in yur neighborhood, and lay your plans ac cordingly. During the early part o and journey down to Southern Al berta, and in January they will make Like all family in Saskatchewan. weary of hotels and hotel fare, that in inviting them to your home you are sure, not only of providing Some of them are from the Eas and will be greatly influenced in thei of the welcome the by tharacte arci ercise your authority as mistress, and
do not allow the men of the family Just now, wheat car shortage, un due dockage, and kindred matters are live topics with Western farmers,
but when these men have heard thes subjects discussed all day long, for get away from them in the evening. to inquire into the grievances of the farmers in connection with the
handling of grain. The report o this commission will have great
weight with the parliament of Canada in formulating new legislation The men of the commission ar hard working and conscientious, and
their report will be all the better i they are allowed intervals when music, a friendly game of whist, o a cosy home meal is allowed to take
the place of the farmer's grievances. ances; just as well to allow the strangers to see a little of the other
side of the shield. Their report will
litan lowed to forget wheat for one hour
in the day.

GRACIOU
HOSPITALITY. Waining the Grain minds me of a hospitality extended It was a little town in Southern Manitoba. I had been out with the
Grain Commission, tak:ng the place
of a member of the staff who was suddenly ill.
One of the prominent farmers of he district had attended a meetin commission and members of the press
to stop over trains in his home towa When we arrived I found, to my creat surprise, that our hostess had The men of the party went off to wok at a mill or an elevator, and we stone house standing in a wide treeIt was a charming home that ex-
pressed the character of the mistress, but even that was less delightful than wapspitality. After I had shed my
wraps and had a wash, she said to luck you up on this couch and you
have a sleep before dinner. I was

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tired through and through, and I took with a soft wool Afghan, the fox terrier having sniffed approval of hopped tup beside me, and together we had a delightful snooze. the truest forms of hospitality I he of the truest forms of hospitality I have
ever experienced. Not what she ever experience. Not what she
might care for herself, but what would make her guest the most com fortable
hostess. \(\qquad\)
HALL MARKS. While Christmas bought, the following from the "Scrap bookinay prove of service in depurchased:
gold or silver at the "hall-mark" on where they have been manufacturn or assayed-if they are of British origin. These marks are fixed by are not to be "confounded with the
mark "sterling," which means much or little, according to the liberality of the manufacturer who happens to be using it. head; a castle and lion for a leopard"3 a tree and salmon, with a bell, for Glasgow; an anchor for Birmingham; three castles for Newcastle; a dagger
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VICTORIA, B.C. Last month something of the visit paid to Vicsomething oute apart from it Vic-
toria. natural beauties, Victoria attracted me on account of the number of
Westerners who are going there for the winter. It seems as if Canada was coming to her own at last, when home on lovely Vancouver Island instead of roaming to California or Of course, the first thing that strikes the traveller on arrival of the
boat from Vancouver is the splendi. parliament buildings. The beauty of the architecture is enhanced by the beauty of the grounds.
To the dweller To the dweller on the plains, how-
ever, the gardens and parks of Vicever, the gardens and parks of plicThere was a merry party of ws, and
we drove for miles and passed many we drove for miles and passed many
gardens, but I cannot remember gardens, but I cannot remember .one
in which the roses were not in bloom in October, and we saw many rose
trees that would begin to bloom tres that would begin to bloom
just about Christmas. provincial flower of Brit'sh Colum bia, to such perfection do they grow. Great masses of them are grouped to-
gether, and nearly always with a gether, and neary always with behind them, making a most effective setting. Every shade of red, yellows running from palest lemon to deepest beautifully variegated blooms, were seen.
Priv Privet and holly hedges are everycity of homes, and suggests leisure, time to think and to read. The air is soft, and I could well believe that Westerners from the plains lose
much of their desire to hustle and rush after spending even a few months in that delightful climate.
Victoria will never city, but what matter, we have them by the score. It will be a residential city, \({ }^{2}\) centre of education and cul-
ture. It has an historic past, and the government are very wisely seeking the new city.
For those
For those w must be up and
doing, there are hundreds of doing, there are hundreds of miles of
absolutely unexplored territory in the interior of the island of Vancouver that will well repav research.
It is rather prosaic to come down to dollars and now many of our or estern people away in the winter time. I inquired
the price of board and rooms. and found that at a good hotel it ranged from \(\$ 35\) to \(\$ 40\). Der month. This is much more reasonable than anything
T have heard of in California or Thave
Florida.

ILLUSTRATIONS. It was my insome views of Victoria for this issue, but the pictures have not come to
hand in time, and so my Christmas hand in time, and sn my
page must go unadorned.

NO RECIPES. There are no repuddings, no directions for making thing. Women's pages are apt to be overdone with such items at this season. My one piece of advice to
Christmas shoppers is to only buy gifts of last year that gave you the most lasting pleasure, and be guided thereby. Remember the small thing that you really want gives far more
pleasure than the expensive present pteasure than the exped.
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Gifts. Christmas Gifts are claiming everyone's attention just now,
and a general air of mystery pervades
the developed a habit of spending much time in their own rooms, and one
must be very careful to knock at the must be very careful to knock at the
door and wait for an invitation before entering, only to find them very busy doing nothing at all. It is all very jolly though, and the
smell of the spices in the smell of the spices in the kitchen
when mince meat and Christmas
cakes are being made keeps cakes are being made keeps the small
boy continually hanging around just boy continually hanging around just
on the chance of getting a taste as
well as the smell of some of the good well as
things.
Here are a few suggestions of
things to wear that would make suitthings to wear that would make suit-
able Christmas gifts:--
Colored slips Colored slips are the rage again,
and all gowns or separate waist of and all gowns or separate waist of
their materials are worn over contheir materias are worn over con-
trasting or harmonizing colors.
Besides being very slips are very useful in winter for the
thin lingerie waist can be worn over thin lingerie waist can be worn over
a colored silk slip which conceals the a colored silk sip which conceals the
warm flannels underneath. Nothing
could make a more acceptable Christmas gift for the girl who is fond of
pretty things than one or pretty things than one or more of fectly plain and buttoned in the back,
fine in her favorite colors.
A dainty but very serviceable waist
which I saw recently pale blue slip, recently worn over a shantung silk in a very pale fawn shade trimmed
with many rows of fine lace insertion
whough which with many rows of fine lace insertion
through which the color showed
prettily. As the waist would stand many washings, it was a very economical one.
Hosiery. Colored stockings are so
the gown thath I morn now to match tell you of the
pretty ones that are being shown in pre stores, now. They are called
"spun silk," and are quite as pretty "spun silk," and are quite as pretty and mercerized cotton mixture, and
sell for \(\$ 1.00\) or \(\$ 1.25\), while the and silk ones are two or three times that
price. If one of your girl friends has price. If one of your girl friends has
been getting a new party gown, a been getting a new party gown, a
pair of these stockings, to match
either the gown or its trimming either the gown or its, trimming,
would make a pretty gift for her, would make a pretty gift for her.
Another dainty accessory to the Another dainty accessory to the
party gown is a pair of glove garters
to keep the long gloves in place. to keep the long gloves in place. A
piece of three-quarter inch elastic
made to fit snugly about the arm at
the top a puff of the glove is covered with
same shade as satin ribbon, the
sather the gloves or same shade as either the gloves or
the gown, and edged top and bottom
with fine Valenciennes lace. These garters serve their purpose very satis
factorily, and form a pretty finish to the bottom of the short sleeve.

Scarfs. Every woman who wears light gowns knows just how
quickly the back of her collar be-
comes soiled in the winter from con-
tact with her cloth pretty novelty I noticed at the ribbon
counter in one of the stores recently counter in one of the stores recently
was a neck scarf made of Dresden
ribbon. It was about three-quarter ribbon. It was about three-quarters
of a yard long, made of two strips oi of a yard long, made of two strips oi
the ribbon with a thin layer of shee:
wadding between. wadding between. A narrow ruffle a daintier neckscarf would be difficult to imagine, and it would look particularly pretty peeping out from made just with a single strip of the ribbon with no lining, each end being
finished hnished simply with a pretty piece
of lace applique.

For Brides. You may have a girl bride this coming spring. As a gift for her, nothing could be prettie than a dainty piece of hand-made
underwear, a corset cover, perhaps, of fine handkerchief linen with just a delicate tracing of hand embroidery
in the front trimmed with fine Val lace. The embroidery this year is
all very delicate, nothing very heavy or elaborate being used. In almos everything simplicity seems to be the
fad this season, and more money is spent on the material of the garment who has on the trimming. A frien York tells me that the lingerie blouses for next summer show very
little, if any, trimming. The dainties are made of fine dimity, are in small checked stripe pattern, and are made very plainly, buttoned in the
back, and trimmed simply with fine back, and trimmed simply with fine
tucks and perhaps a frill of Val. lace tucks and perhaps a frill of Val. ace
about the top of the collar and the
cufts cuffs.

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said: "He who was a French poet who said: He who would write about wo-
men should dip his pen in rainbow dye men should dip his pen in rainbow dye of butternies' wings." CAMADTAK WOMCSE AI
The interests of Canadian women probably correspond with those of other
women in different parts of the worla, though perhaps a new and partially undeveloped country offers a greater variety of interest and employment and a wider scope for the fertlie brain of
the Individual woman. Clubs of all sorts have sprung and are springing into existence, (most especially is that noticed in the West) and are becoming a great factor in the social feminine
world. Whether the distractions they offer and the time that is devoted to them will interfere with home life and domestic duties is a question that is widely discussed.
that there is no more capable house wife in the world than the Canadian womán She is full of energy, she is
always alert, cheerful and equal to any always aler
emergency.

THE BERVANT PROBLEMC. The 'Honorable Ellen Joyce, president London, England, is arranging with committee of ladies in Winnipeg to send out "home helps" from England,
Scotland and Ireland, to Canada; either Scotland and Ireland, to canada; either
for country or city. These home helps are strong young women of good education. at lave recelved a thorough

Canada there are 132,101 more men than women, a fact which fully explains the course, be no homes . There can, of of the word, without women.
But the women who come to Canada must be efficient. The merely ornamental woman, the unrellable woman nity of labor-none of these is wanted
no dige in a country which has to make its in a
way.
To
dreds To capable girls Canada offers hun-
dreds of chances. We want girls areds of chances. We want girls and
vomen who have the capacity of success within them, girls and women who nly need a chance.
It is time something was done to nto Canada, and it is to be hoped thes home helps will prove a success, and upply a long-felt want in the country information information on the abo
I was looking at a book the other especially for the edification of young and helpless housekeepers, and t saw hat the writer said "Exper
very best of all teachers."
I really cannot agree with this. Ex perience may be the only instructor who impresses his teaching indelibly on your mind, but housekeeping exmuch unnecessary tribulation, to say nothing of a great deal of easily avoided expense.
Every
wousewife
before makewife before she undertakes to should a matartake to despise the art of housekeeping before her marriage, since mueasure on the way she keeps her
"I am quite sure," said she, " there is a burglar in the house."
"How do you know", husband.
I heara a rasping noise in the kit"Wen just now," she admitted. "Well, we'll let him alone. Maybe It sounds to me," said the husband, as if he were cutting himself a slice of that pie you cooked yesterday

\section*{THE BACHELOR GIRL}

Being a woman has one delightful Taking up a newspaper is almost as sensational as going on a journey to new countries.
There is the same feeling of mak Mrs. C. E. Humphrey, a delightful English writer, has written a most ineresting article in the "Yorkshire selected a few paragraphs from the article, which read as follows: "The first difficulty is to get a flat, says the bachelor girl.
"At last the little home is found and furnished, and the girl sets out with something more than courage, with expectation and even a kind of oyous exultation in the anticipation of
the world she is to conquer." "But some of our bachelor girls in cline to carelessness. They 'let things sl'de,' to use their own expression
They come home tired at night They come home tired at night, and
after their meal leave the wreck of the repast on the table. The horrid look of it next morning often works its
own cure, but girls have been own cure, but girls have been known
who, possessing six cups and six tum who, possessing six cups and six tum
blers, have waited to wash them until the whole twelve were in sore need of cleansing process." "I'm carpenter, cock, housemaic
dressmaker, milliner, upholstress in ressmaker, milliner, upholstress in the door with a hammer in her hand." "The bachelor girl sometimes loses To do so is a proof of weakness. The
strong nature can develop the virile
quality without losing the feminine in fact, the best type of woman has character. It gives her self-control endurance, moral fortitude, and that noblest of all qualities, sincerity. It is turn out a fine creature physicall will well as morally, if she will only do herself justice in the matter of feeding herself sufficiently.
ABSURD MOTIOATS ABOUT SUPPER I wonder how long people will dispute over the wisdom of taking supper bed fasting is as much it To go to sleeplessness as that a heavy méal inuces restlessness and a sort of sodde slumber, from which one awakens un Co better to satisfy the appetite with something light and digestible, than to pset the system with a too "solid
upper, or by taking none glass of hot milk or chocolate and (ac cording to Sir Francis Laking) some utes before going to bed thirty min cient and entirely suitable. The King physician says that currants contain more brain and body-building properties strongly advises that food, and he little dried grapes should be used dally anticipate that the intelligent house wife will readily appreciate the re markable food value of currants, and
it is easy to foretell that to adults and children alike currant bread will be as welcome as it is nutritious a:d v:holesome.
THE ABERDEER ASSOCIATIOX. On Nov. 7th the annual meeting took Aberdeen Association. Lady Schultz presided, and the President, Mrs MacGach re, read her report. Th
President explained that the dete the annual has been changed from
spring to autumn in order that the Society may know just what funds are
available for the winter's work. She

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Jrigbt Tavings．

 Wm．II Moody：My view is that grown to be a menace to the weifare
of this country if they had been denied
preferential treatment by the railroals．
Aid．Finkelstein：What are we spend－
ing money on well sites for while the
 for surveys to
visible source？
Hugo Ross：Yes，we certainly aieed

 of new trade that will come into Win
nipeg jhrough this source will wore
than justify the expenditure．

S．D．Gordon：Service is for thos hosen for it．All may serve．That all
do not is simply because service re－ aires qualities which all do not hav
Yet．again，all may have them wh
Will，for the required qualities ar
weart qualities．

Ex－Mayor Dyk（Ft．William）：What ever is in the nature of itself a monop，
oly，such as waterworks，street rall
olays，electric light and telephones，
dayd days，electric jught and telephonos，
should in my judgment be owned，op－
serated ior ieased by the munichal
council in the interests of the whole
people．
J．I．Cordon：It is said of the Am－
ericans that the man who steals a ride
on the train is sent to the penitentiary， ericans that the man who steals a ride
ont the train is sent to the penitentiary，
but the man who steals the train， but the man who steals the train
freight，and all is sent to the legisla－
ure．The man who exchanges charac ture The man who exchanges charac
ter for cash is a failure，first，last and
all the time．
J．Adam
not to say
Brobable，It
it
that not to say probable，that the same
state of mind regarding reciprocity
does not exist among the Canadians as
prevailed some years ago．They have been wetting immigration from all over
bhe world，and largely from the United
States．and there is reason to believe States，and there is reason to believe
that the tide of sentiment across the
border may have changed somewhat．
C．T．Wettstein：Don＇t offer a mer
chant a cigar or invite him to a drink
before you are acouinte the before you are acquainted with him
Some merchants consider it an insult
or the sign of the grafter．Show thit man that it is in his interest to buy
your goods is the main thing．
know traveling men who never smoke know traveling men who never smoke
and never drink anythine stronger than
ginger ale and buttermilk－they ar singer ale and buttermilk－they ar
fing fellows，too－and they sell as many
goods as other men in their line．

Thog．A．Edison：We are grophen the verge of another great epoct sur
the worlds history．It would not sur prise me any morning to wake up and
learn that someone，some group of the
300.000 sclentific men who are investi－ gating all over the earth has seized
upon the secret of electicity by diret
process and beaun anther by processe and hequn another pyractica
revolution in human affairs．It can be
done．It will be done．I expect to see it before I I I die．

Mrrs．MoClelland：We as women of Canada should be proud to call our
selves Canadians．Where will you ge
one of us not interested in her ow country？What the ereat her own
neminion
neds to－day at as Napoleon said of
France of old，is more mothers who will train their chire mothers whi
well．and women who would wisly and
children to missionary would their children to missionary wourk．Mive the
much，but not all．Give your influence
your prayers．

J．Ramsey Macdonald，M．P．：At first sight Winnipeg is threatening．The The
women with the bright head coverings
and aprons，the men with the strange Visages bespeaking some of the poorest
races of Europe，the harples of all
nationalities who prowl by the station of keep reesistries and emy ene station
tinge establishments on the old part of
Main Street about Dufferin avenue，where a minia－
ture Whitechapel seems to be min the process of formation，make one wonder
whether this new nation is not already
finding that it cannot assimil finding that it cannot
hordes it is welcoming．

Dr．John Balcom Show：The American at too fast a pace．We can＇t keep up health．The average American runs，
not walks．He is always in a hurry
Deliberation Deliberation－he never thinks of it．Is
it any wonder，then，that our business
men wear out and that our women are
afticted with and
 a feiw blocks and it is mv opinion that
their husbands have simply hurned
the her herve force out and hastened to

Richmond
Corelli
writes
Thatos－Dispatoh：
that Crich，writes that she loathes Aarie
erica，thus striking a new note of re
ciprocity between dyrocity between the two countries． Dr．Cliford：Fvery man who has
iived as long as I have knows that the
question of eating and drinking is ouestion of eating and drinking is pro－
othical．
is man man must look to his food as carefully as he hust look to to
soms to his
seep，as carefully as he looks to his
exercise．

The German Fmperor：I wish that an arrangement could be made under
which American professors could come
to our unversitise and dellver courses of our universities and deliver courses
pe letures each year，and for Germar．
professors to go to American univer－ professors to go to American
sities and deliver lectures there．
E．V．Luoas：Discrimination is one knows who reads thitts，as any author able reathor
of his book but the two words wrews
carry so much meaning words would carry so much meaning in life as well
as literature． By the way，the Hindoos have a saying，＂He who discriminates
is the father of his father．＂
The Prisonerw：Men are children and
it is no good thinking them different． They never grow up．I don＇t kifnow tif here are any grown－up men anywhere．
nuppose there must be．but I have
never met one I don＇t know have
prime ministers or archbishops，but I
oxpect they are just the same as your axpect they are just
father in home life

Prof．Osborne：I feel confident that the people of this country are level－
headed enough hot to be misled by the appeals of political charlatanism，and
will not make the mistake of receiving，
as champions returning on procession，the returning on a a triumphal
sent simple repre－ opinion in this regard．
Dr．Robert Hoffman：In Germany the
present tendency among the most scien－ minc physicians is to treat not by
medicines，but by a simple pifet such
diseases as gout diabetes．Brifht，dis－ diseases as gout，diabetes，Brifht，such
dasse，diseases of the heart and arteries
and digestive system．Such diseases es ease，diseases of the heart and arteries
and digestive syste．．Such diseases，as
is well known，often develop without
dity is well known，often develop without
any symptoms which are noticeable to
the layman，as the naturat result the unyman，as the natural result of
monly led．

Clara \(W\)
Chara W．Yunt：It is a curious thing cally train plants and animals，that we thir even neglect machines without
think becoming worthless，wwe seem to
the to bring up chidren ＂to let the way to bring up children is
if mere food grow spontaneously，＂as
clothing shen good surroundings were，shelter，and
that the che cine upon line，line upan，and
tree precept upon precept，precept upon pre，pre，
cept，here a little and there a little，＂
were no longer needed． Brand Whitloct
alities，just as men have have person－ must be left free to realize thase perties
sonallities．When you have a city filled
with with people who are good because they
want to be whod not becuuse the law
says so，but because they want to be then you have a good city．A city
isn＇t good where the people are kept
down：if they were kept down long down：if they were kept down long
enoug your city would be quilet and
orderly－like a grave or a slave－mart．

Principal Patrick：I
ashamed of the sita
am of Whantoba and in the whore of Canada．
When distinguished visitors from over Introduction，this great shame Ith I feel
with regard to our public life．
one visitor the other day laid his finger
upon the sore．He said．it ahis shocked
to find that ．anada is so far behind
all other countries is so far all other countries．and that beotitical
misconduct is defended in the pre⿻日禸
and in Parliament．＂

Maurice Maeterlink：The study of
boxing gives us excellent lessons in
humility humility and throws a somonewhat
alarming light upon the forfeiture of
some of our most valuable inte Wome of our most valuable instincts．
We soon perceive that in all that con－ cerns the use of our limbs－agility．
dexterity，muscular strength，resistance
to pain－we hat to pain－we have sunk to the lowest
rank of mammals or batrachians．From
this point of view in hierarchy，we should be entitleded to a
modest place between the frog and the
sheep． Edward Brown，M．P．P．：I have for est the progress of the city of Winni－ peg．From a municipal standpoint I
have been able to appreciate the diffl－
culties the bity council have had to
cole contend with，and have yet to dat dol
with difficulties which are largely due
to the rapid arowth and to the rapid growth and expansion of
the city．I have also been very much
impressed with the lack of that sym－ pathetic co－operation on the that of the
government por the provine，which the
would naturally look for twaring into would naturally look fore taking into
account the important position the city
occuples in the province．
\(\square\)

The Telephone Question in Manitoba.

\author{
By Mayor Fleming, Brandon, Man.
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NOTE.-On November 16th inst., the
"Western Home Monthly" wrote to F. Dagger, Telephone Expert for the Dagger, Government, and also to
Manitoba Gor
Mayor Fleming, of Brandon, and reMayor Fleming, of Brandon, and re-
quested them to write us an article for quested them on the telephone question in Manitoba.
We publish Mayor Fleming's com-
munication; up to the present we have munication; up to the present we hav not heard from F. Dagger
In answer to your request of Nov.
In for an article upon the telephone 16 th for an article upon the telephone
fituation in Manitoba, I beg to submit the following:-
Within the past ten years 费e world
over the need of swifter and more efficient inter-communication in in in to
branches oo industry has increa the
such an extent that it has paceed the
sune which is the most suitable such an extenich is the most suitabie
telephone, whit of intercourse, as well as being
method of met easiest obtained, in the foremost
the to as a medium for such intercourse. This need not only applies to towns in agricultural pursuits. The telephone
to-day is one of the most important
ot to-day is one
utilities in existence for the farmer.
The Government of Manitoba, at the The Government of Manitoba, at the
suggestion of the Union Mon Manitoba
Municipalities, took the mater up last
 stater, one respecting "Government
phones, one ond
telephone and telegraph systems," and telephone and telegrap." Mynicipal-owned
anothers." Bespeting
systemt let me say here that systems." But let me say here that
the Union not consulted as to the
details of these measures. In criticising these bills, I wish to be perrectiy understoon ane pral principle of
way criticising the gener
Covernment or Municipal-owned teleGovernment or Muncipal. believe it is
phone systems, because 1 ber of
the ideal method for the conducting of
what has been called a natural monopwhat has been calied a natural monop-
oly, that is, I believe the people should
control such utilities as the telephone control such uthities as the
and electric liligh, waterworks, etc., and
that such utilities should be bo
thated that such utilitities should be operated
and suppliid at the lowest possible cost
soo that every ratepayer would bee able
to shate so that every ratepayer would he able
to share its benefits. what in have to
say will be henfined to the details of hese measures. Aight cursory lead one to be believe these they alls what they ought to be; but a more ser
ous reading of them quikecly dispels
that opinion from the mind of any un
 nore notable for what they do n. Clause I. \(^{2}\) of bill 89 empowers the
Government to purchase, struct or extend, maintain or opstem within the Pro-
a telephone syst
since of Manitoba. vince of Manitoba.
This, we suppose, is meant for the ong
ince, but if this is sits, where are
hese lines to bee bult, how are they
he be built, and when are they to There should be some definite plan There should be some defnite plan
laid down by the Government, showing
where these long-distance lines are to where these long-distance intend to oper-
be frits built, how they ind
ate them, and what price they intend These lines are to be built upon the every ratepayer, no matter where
located in the province, must pay his
lhare of the cost of the building and share of the cost of he building and
maintenance. whether he has the ofe of
the lines or not, and if not a successthe lines or not, and if not a success
ful business venture ahe alle be
called upon to pay his share of the called upo to pay h1s share of the
deficit oporating it. This state of
affairs is not just, nor is it necessary,
and and is far too inde to vote upon.
telligent electorate to
Further down in this clause the
ditself to ernment has taken power unto itself to
build, operate and maintain telephone
systems in Winnipeg, Brandon and systems in Winnipeg, Brandon and
Portage the prairie, also upon- the crede. Now,
Po of the province as a whole.
it as you are aware, these three places,
are now supplied connected with
are other by a telephone system, a and I might say that the ent system, and business
the the paces are supplied
community in these ple annum, which is at a cost or orly admitted per I have hrave dor the starts whice given, but the hard
will welcome the necessity of putting if into his office an
other 'phone, even if is cua
to \(\$ 24\) per annum, because he woul to \(\$ 24\) per annum, because he woulat
then have to pay tor two phones at
to stead of \(\$ 30\) as at This being the case, it is probe to
atical as to whether it whil pay to
aperate these systems. If they do not operate these systenay at large will
pay, then the ratepyer at
be called upon again to foot the bill; tion of land at, say, Dauphin, Mellota put un his share
or Morris. will have to put
of the cont of building and operating (if done at a loss) or a system of tel I say, let these places put up their
own systems, if they need them, or, if
they cannot pay for them, let them do the Government should not by any Act
even allow the chance of placing any
further burden upo
payers urther burden upon any class of rat
payers where no benefit is derived. Then, when it comes \({ }^{\text {mon }}\) to the rural there is no provision for the sovern-
ment putting them in. No; they must put up the money at their own risk. This is essentially an agricultural moting of the agriculturalists \({ }^{\text {and }}\) interests should be paramount in any pr
perly conceived plan. It is most cer-
tainly not so in these measur But what I consider measures.
the most serious
portion in these act is in clause IX portion in these acts is in clause IX.
or chapter 89
on it provides that the of chapter shat shat at the next muni-
municipality
cipal election take a vote of the ratecipal election take a vote of the rate-
payers upon an answer "Yes, or \({ }^{\text {co }}\) No,
to the question: "Shall this municipto the question: "Shall this municip-
ality own and operate its own tele-
phone? The question as it stands
phe phone? ?
woula The question as it stands
a voter to believe that the would lead a voter to believe that know
government simply wanted to \(\begin{aligned} & \text { khether he hiow } \\ & \text { thinks his muncipality }\end{aligned}\) Whether he thinks his municipality
should operate and own its own tele-
phone should operate an very simple question,
phone system ind anly it inplied what its
indeds indicated. But when, the voter knows that in
voting "Yes" to this seemingly simple voting yes empowers the counci then then any time thereafter, to plunge into any expense they wish to in putting in in a
telephone system, and when they wish rs to sadale the expense upon the the the chance beling bilive to the ratepayer
who pays the bay whether he to say
wishes it or not. No money expendiwishes it or not. No money expendi-
ture of such magnitude should be giv-
gut ment without the vote of the en any counc
ratepayer.
And it does not stop with the coun-
 cil shall or shall not put in the systev-
ithinks best in the hands of the Government, because the Act states that
the Government has the final say in the
matter. That is, that if a municipality decter. to put in any one of the many
deystems in use, and this particular system, or the manuracturers of it,
have not made their arrangements with the Government, I say it gives the
Government the chance to disallow the
Gunicipality the of thls system muncicipality the use of
and thwart their wishes. I ask why should it be necessary for
the Government to cover ape the real
Got ore they not Srank with the people of this province,
fad let them into their secrets a little more, especially when they expect the
ratepayer to toot the bill? again say These are the main objections I see to these bills, and I submit they are
very serious ones and deserve the serlous consideration of every ratepayer. appeal to the inteningence of the rate
payers of this province if it is fair that
pote upon such
 an maimatain that the Government is
I making an unfair advantage or the peo-
the nave taking an unfair aose that they have
ple and for purposes the peopl into their
not as yet take the per not as yet
conflidence.
understood.
Every right-thinking man in Mani-
toba wishes to see the ideal system toba wishes
of milipal or Governe Government-owned
telephones established nere, because we are told by the government experts
whom we will have to pay big salaries
 studiously ave pridinciple of any dhe scheneme
detaisc. which ought to be their them
dem that the eyes of the world are upon
Manitoba. If the eyes of the world are upon us, then let us try and presen
are them as perfect a scheme as it is possible to evolve, and not this unsatis Government would foist upon us.
My advice to My advice to interests of the province a
has the
heart, and who wishes to protect his foart, alelare, is not to vote at all upon
own west
his question on December 18th, and to continue to withhold such support unt no is a just and fair one. I advise
no vote at all, because under the pro have it carry in any municipality it will bo neecessary to have a majorit of those residents entitled to vote the
poll their vote and three-fifths of the
votes cast must be in favor of tit thus. votes cast must be in favor or certain ex
a nerativc vote assists to a
tent, and it would be wise to withhol tent, and it would be wise to
it.

Now is the time to look over seed advertisements and order catalogues
before you forget. A brief request onge, or any other circular you wish, in a short time. Look over the
advertisements in trie Western Home Monthly and see who's who.


\section*{Write for our Catalogue}

O
UR CHRISTMAS catalogue, which was sent to all our customers, contains a pretty full list of Christmas requirements. We want all who did not receive a copy to write to us at once. If they have not been in the habit of dealing with us this would be an excellent time to miake a start.

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\section*{Moetry of the libour.}

The Soul of the Singer. We read the song that is writtenArranged in a, certaninu meter, With rhymes at the ender, of the lines; And ome chord in our hearts is stirred;
Sut the song in the soul of the singer
Is never heard. The one who best sees the picture Is he with the soul for art.
The ne wio best reas the poem
is he with the poet hi rt. Th he witho the poet hi rre poem The sthoughts that are rarest
Are deepest
drom sight interred, Are deepest from sight interred,
The song in the soul of the singer
Is never heard. some yearnings may not be spoken;
Some loves are so wholly whesth Some loves are so tinged with heav We miss the intangible something Behind the veil of the word.
The song in the soul of the singer
Is never heard.
We meet, but are veiled in spirit; A Familiar, and yet unknown; A realm or our altone alo along.
Where we are alone is a strain peculiar In each is a strain peculiar
On no other heart conferred.
The song in the soul of the singer
Is never heard.
J. A. Edgerton in National Magazine.

\section*{Their Mother.}

My boy sat looking straight into tne Froals his stool at my feet one day,
And the firelight burnished the curly And hainted the cheeks with a dash of
pead And \(\begin{gathered}\text { red, brightened his very eyes, as he } \\ \text { said }\end{gathered}\) "Mn a most confidential, way- \({ }^{\text {In man }}\) I think, when Im a man, have just two littie boys."
I shall have
Ind iled he was six! but he did not siee
And I said, "Yes, how nice that will je!
 "It would add to your household joys."
 Then the bright eyes shone with a "And there's just the two of us now, "rlat name the girl Annie, for you," "Do you think that she would agree
For us both to have names while she
had none? With the mystified, puzzled look of one
Wholly befogred, sald my logical son Wholly befogged, sald my logical son-"

\section*{Sleep Song.}
-
Forget, forget!
The tide
The waves of life IIShut ebb slowly down the west: Along the edge of dark some stars are burning
To guide thy spirit safely to an isle
of rest A \(\begin{aligned} & \text { of ritle rocking on the trancuil deep } \\ & \text { of song to soothe thy yeavning. }\end{aligned}\) A little shlumber and a hattle sieep
And so, forget, forget! Forget, forget!
The day was long in pleasure;
Itte echoes hill;
Now away aros toss the heart beat time to their slow measure, sinks, and faints and That swells and sinks, and faints and
falls, till all is still,
Then, like a weary child that loves to Then, like a weary child that
keep
Locked in its arms some treasure
Thy soul in calm content shall fall Thy soul in calm content
asieen,
And so, forget,
Forget, forget!
And if thou hast been weping,
Let go the thoughts that bind thee to Lie still, and watch the singing angels, reaping
The golden haryest of thy sorrow,
sheaf by sheaf: Or \(\begin{aligned} & \text { sheant by thy joaf; joys like flocks of } \\ & \text { coun-white sheep, }\end{aligned}\) That one by one come creeping
Into the quiet ford, until thou sleep. And so forget, forget! Forget, forget!
art a child and Thou art a chilh and knowest
So lifte! But music tells
Sne secret of the world thro whici To work with morning song, to rest with evening bells.
Life is in tune wo with harme soep
That when the notes are lowest Thou still can lay thee down in peace and sleep,
For God will not forget. -Henry Van Dyke, in Music.

In the Dawn-Chamber. By Elsa Barker. Dear for mou have spolled all other men for me,
hade them alien to my Youppiness. discovered an unkuown
recess In \(\begin{aligned} & \text { recess } \\ & \text { Loves } \\ & \text { masory. }\end{aligned}\) great house of ancient masonry.
There from
Lancy Wancy the dawn's rose-dimpled We watch the dawn's rose-dimpled
Thands charess hills-Dawn, the high Wrophetess, The other rooms in Love's house are To diews of the valley, and the walls
adorning adorning motes of uncertainty and warning - reservations of the mind.
The thousand
'Tis only in this chamber that I find The thousand reservations of the mind.
TTis only in this chamber that I find
The outlook on the hills and on the The outlook on the hills and on the
morning.

\section*{The Guitar Player.}

By Frederick Brough
He touched the strings with a subtle The wind blew cold and the sky was
grayAnd he sang of a soft air'd, sunlit land;
of scented breezes and golden day. He lull'd the wind with his wizard skill;
From the dusky mists he charmed the sun; sky was gray when his hamd
thes still, was stili,
And the wind blew cold when the song
was done. was done, The Academy (London).

\section*{Motherhood.}

By Edith Brownmum
Gray gloomed the hillside. Through of dole, the third dark hour-reluctant, shamed- to its close.
Slow yielded Below the dross
Below the drass
The aivering
calm. Mother knelt in quiverin Her waiting arms in anguish upwara reached
To take again her Son, her little boy--
Her baby!-while, pale through the Her 1ifted face in adoration dwelt Upon her Lord!
L near at hand, there broke The cry of one whose hurt is worse And \(\frac{\text { than death; bending sweet within her }}{}\) Laid \({ }^{\text {vell, her her }}\) high grief aside, to pray, Ah, "Dear God, \(\begin{gathered}\text { comport } \\ \text { thief!" }\end{gathered}\) -From The Independent.

The Vampire City. By Reginald Wright Kauffman. Come with me into Babylon! Here to my woodland seat
Over the milles she lures and smiles-
the smile of the bitter-sweet; I hear the distant cadence, the
 Out of the night she calls me, the Out of the night she cals night that is her day
I see the geam of her milion lights a I see the gleam of her million lights a
thousand miles awway;
As the roar of a mighty army I hear her pulses beat the restless vandals,
With the tramp of the rush of the wearied feet.
the rut Ever and ever onward a white procession goes: the strength of lions,
Youths with
maids with the breath of the rosemaids with the breaver from her, Toward her, on her armored isles;
throned then five their lives for homage, but
the City only smiles. They give their cily smiles. homage, but
the City only
They know that her breasts are
poison; they know that her lips are poison; they know that her lips are
ies,
 Yet occult eyes; \(\begin{aligned} & \text { still she is calling ever, and echo } \\ & \text { is never dumb: }\end{aligned}\)
亚 is never dumb:
\(\begin{gathered}\text { Follow } \\ \text { Life, we come! }\end{gathered}\)

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The true elements of simplicity in |shelves, bins, bake board, cupboards, design are not to be denied in this etc. There is a porch leading to outpiazza with large field A generous leads into the hall, where we have a is a comfortable seat or cozy corner also. The parlor is very large, with
a bay on the one corner and an atractive fireplace in another. There
are sliding doors opening into the hall and dining room. The hall, parlor and dining room may be thrown together, which will give an effect of
spaciousness, a great advantage in a
small house. The dining room is well arranged, having a bay for plants. This might have a seat in
place of plants. The buffet is built fom the parlor. There is a sliding pass shelf into the kitchen, conven-
lently placed. The kithen is at the end of the hall, and fills all requiredining room, fitted up with complete
 side entrance. porch The basement reached by stairs leading down from the kitchen, and is excavated under
entire house. Here we find hot air heating, coal bin, etc., a storeair heating, coal bun, etc., a storebe found in a well appointed base-
ment, including laundry ment, including laundry. The ar-
rangement of halls and staircase is
effective as well rangement of halls and staircase is bed rooms are well lighted and each
has a separate clothes closet has a separate clothes closet. The principal bedroom is ample in size
and has a fine fireplace, also bay with large windows. In the bath room the usual furnishings are pro-
vided. The keynote of the plumbing vided. The keynote of the plumbing
throughout is simplicity, the bath throughout is simplicity, the bath
tub, wash basin and kitchen sink betub, wash basin and kitchen sink be-
ing of enameled iron. All exposed
piping is painted. The woodwork of piping is painted. The woodwork of the service portion of the house is to
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Vincent D'Indy, the French composer and conductor, who conducted the Boston Symphony Orchestra last
winter, says of the young American winter, seas
compossers:-

Now, I wish I could persuade myself that I am mistaken, but it see composers whose works I read in America were in too much haste showed what might have been pro duced if the author had only studied his art thoroughly and given time hion and arrangement. In o ore inven here the composer was better en dowed naturally, this hurried composition had not prevented the de velopment of a certain studied ele-
gance in the ideas, but the effort was not carried far enough and the thought was not fully expanded. Others, on the contrary, appeared to imagine that composition was little else than a subtle concatenation of
harmonies, and one of these, when I asked him for his plan of the work, which he showed me and which seemed incomplete, answered that his
piece was constructed according to piece was constructed according to
a chromatic plan'-a
very funny reply, for it was much as though an
architect were to say, 1 intend to erect this buithtimg on-a foundation of
blue and red' \({ }^{\prime \prime}\) blue and red'?
Moritz Rosenthal, the Austrian pianist, who is to appear in Montreal on December 10th, is said to have
had more command performance honors showered upon him by the
harious crowned heads of Europe than any other artist, a fact which is especially notable because he loves
quiet and domesticity and hates quiet
courts. last year sent for him four times. Queen Victoria is said to have been extremely fond of his playing, which
was quite as brilliant in her day as it was quite as briliant in her day as in is now, though a good deal less symtreasures are a massive seal ring and \({ }_{\text {given }}^{\text {a him by Her Majesty. }}\)
The executive committee in charge His Excellency's Musical and Theatrical Trophy Competition, to commencing January 28 in, the wee has anhounced that each competing company must be prepared to meet its own expenses. The transportation obtaining special railway rates. The reception committee will also arrange boarding house rates; and as many companies (especially those from a distance) will be entertained in private houses during their stay in Ottawa. The general committee at in connection with the theatre for
the week and all other incidental exthe weel
penses.
Mme. Sembrich, during her recent stay in Chicago, commented upon the
rapid advancement made throughout rapid advancement made trecition of
the United States in apprer
titerature. She the best out that ten years ago it would have been impossible for her
to attract in Chicago an audience to
隹 to the giving of lieder. Now the mere announcement of such an even4,000 auditors, and the appreciation shown is of the keenest "Nightingale,", Schumann's "Roeselein, Roese-
lein," or Schubert's "Dream of
Int Spring"-songs of the most intt rte,
elusive character-now make so deep an impression and are so well es most heartily applauded numbers c the programme. And the gain in ap
preciation shown in Chicago, the
great soprano declared she has found
in but slightly less degree through out all the West.
Wherever there is a theatre there are dramatic critics, and wherever dramatic critics find in the newspapers their natural medium of ut-
terance. Such a universal phenomeerance. Such a universal phenomenon must have a deep seated reason critics in the world, convinced of the noxiousness of their profession, were to-morrow to enter Trappist monas "race suicide," the day after tomorrow a new race of dramatic critics would have sprung into existence. Criticism, in a word, is an inevitable
reaction set up by the stimulus of reaction sork of art.
the wor
" Granted," it may perhaps be said, that dramatic criticism is inevitable, should be regarded as a good thing or as a necessary evil. No ignorant and there is a great deal of ignorant and there is, I understand, about art and about music-as there certainly is about literature. It is possible that
the fascination of the theatre and the the fascination of the theatre and the
apparent possibility of dispensing apparent all technical knowledge may lure into dramatic criticism more than the average amount of incompetence. But that dramatic criticism
may be, and has often been, of great may be, and has often ben, of great
value to dramatic literature I entertain no manner of doubt.

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fixs sixteen first violins and twelve seconds.
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part: Mrs. Sanford Evans, pianist; part: Mrs Sanford Evans, pianist;
Mrs. T. H. Verner, soprano; Mis
B. Annie Pullar, contralto: Mr. Braxton Smith, tenor; Mr. Frank Arnold, vioinist, from London, England; Mr Alexandria orchestra, by kind permission of Mr. Taylor. Mr. James the Matthews was the accompanist for the evening. The concert was of Sir Daniel and Lady McMillan
Miss Jessie Maclachlan sings in
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\section*{All Religions are One and All True.} by Count leo Tolstoi.

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we find there also descriptions of a we find there also descriptions of a
thousand religions, each more wonder-
ful than the other. If we listen to peoful than the other. If we listen to peo-
ple talking we understand also that there exist in the world thousands of religions, that we cannot even count
them all, and that all are different. We hear what people say and we are
astonished. Some, the great majority, astonished. Some, the great majority,
say that of a thousand religions 999 are false; that there is but one which
is true-that to which they belong. The others say: These thousand religions differ each from the rest; then all are
mere fiddle-faddle, and not one is True. Must it be thus? Did God, in creating men, will that this be and that men ive thus? Is it necessary that all mankind be separated into a thousand re-
ligions, each of which teaches in its ligions, each of which teaches in its
own way that which men must hold as good or evil and that which will happen to them after death? is it neces sary that every
hate the others?
True, it is so written in the books of the scholars, and the people say the same thing. But is it the truth? It often happens that the devil speaks through men and makes them say what misunderstand each other and say that they are not guilty, and that it is God who has thus arranged things. Is it not this that is produced as retiat there is hut one God, who loves men and the harn. How does crmpassion
them in a
there are a thonsan rimated, where
which glorifies itulf
others! Man must make his salute, be
agreeable to the Lord, and God instanty set him in a labyrinth whence he can-
not depart! Man is born in the Indian, Mohammedan, Christian, Jewish religion; he has commenced to think of
his soul, and on every side he sees 999 new religions, each of which, like his own, affirms that it alone is true and that all the others are false. What
shall we do? There remains shall we do? There remains but one
thing for him: to say that all the re ligions are inventions, that all are false and to live for a little happiness. It God has placed man in such a position not only does He not love him, but, far
from being a father to man, He is his principal enemy. Satan could not hav designed better for the destruction of Or religion is nothing but a deception, and the sooner man casts it far Trom him the better it will be for him. this which causes the loss of human souls. But they are alone in thinking
it, because all do not think thus; only a hundredth part are of this opinion that is why it is not terrible. But if the majority - in to think thus, then
men will cut each other's throats men wil cut each other's throats, fo
without faith man is but an animal.
The majority of men live only beaus. The majority of men live only because here is faith among them. It is in the hadow of those who have faith-the
majority-that the unbeliever but that all should be unbelievers and live is impossible, because it is religion is necess untes men. Religion, then, is necessary.
And if r
And if religion is necessary, then actually exist thousands? This is what I said to mayself so long as I did not seek after God; and since I have com-
menced to seek him I say mexists among all and that it is one. An gions the I have known other reli-
gioarly have I under
stood that what is found in the scholarly treatises and that which speak gions, all that is but one vast rel Since men exist there has been always ne religion, always the same, and this religion is enclosed in the religious heart of every man There are divers
ut religion is one-faith in doctrines, nan is, why he lives, how he should death. To say that the expect after gious doctrines are different religions is the same thing as saying that a man who speaks another language than our we. To say that religions are different because they are expressed in different forms is the same thing as to say that the meaning of words is different if guages. And I cannot say this, because I know that a Hindu, a Chinese, lives and and his religion, following the doctrine ives in the same way, according to his. So I must say that their religion is the same, but that they express it in
different ways-what I would call the meaning of the words pronounced in man, after having spoken a certain word to another Frenchman, receive fiom the latter the scissors, and a Rusword to another Russian, also receives the scissors, I conclude that they have mentioned the same word but with dif ferent sounds. Now, it is the same from them it remains evident that religion was and always will be unique as there has been no change in the situation of man simern to die, who lives their nassions, their love of good and of truth.
There are a thousand superstitions and not a thousand religions; as for dectrines, there are but six complete
religious doctrines professed by the religious doctrines professed by the

These doctrines are: (1) Brahmanism, defined by Buddha and represented by Buddhism; (2) Buddhism, which which is also included in Christianity, (4) Confutianism, a variety approaching Christianity; (5) Judaism, which was transformed into Christianity; (6) has its roots in real church which which is separated from it by falsehood; (7) Mahometanism, which has di the same, and (8) stoicism and Christianity which are only incomplete All humanity, divided into these divers groups, professes the same truth pressed by the Christ form was exmeaning of this truth is that it is false to recognize life as something personal. wise-according of life is quite otherciation of life to Buddha, the renunTse, the suppression of desires; (3) acthe phets, preparation for the kingdom of spisal of the body and the cultures, despirit.

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of insertion, threequarters of a yard
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of lide, one
piece oo bay-ribbo three yards and a half of narrow lace beading, and from
three to four yards of lace edging.
according to the fuless desired. three to tour yaras of lace edging,
acoraing to the fuless desired. One
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diagonal goes towards the top, two halif of one handkerchief constitutes the
main part of the backe the point of the
diagonal goes towards the top, tho
halves are unsed for the sides which are
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 and overhanded to the hemstitched
edges The fourth half is cut diagon-
ally in two and aded to fill out the
lower half of eache front Then the
armholes are cut out. Lace beading ally in two and added to fill out the
lower half of each front. TTen the
armholes are cut out. Lace beading,
through which
edging are used tibbon tris trim the run, and
edront and through which ribbon is run, and
edging are used to trim the front and
upper part or the the cover to the
armholes, where shoulder-straps, which are fastened to the back, are formed
Beadint an ino , wider hrough which
baby-ribbon is run, finishes the waist


gertha for a child's dress The bertha illustrated is made of one
handkerchief, the centre of which is cut handkerchief, the centre of which is out
out, leaving the edges to be joined to a
yoke. The points adjust them selve yoke The noints adjust themeselves,
one in Pront, one an each shoulder, and
one in the back. one in the back; the latter is cut to
allow for tlhe opening A mongram
or an initial would add a touch of ar an initila
or anpleteness.
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PKETty hand rerchief kimono centre, shape the neck, and sew the
border on. Or, instead of cutting the front through, the tead or cutre, one the the
kerchief may be used on each side-
naking making the necessary fulness. Slix
handkerchiefs nare sometimes fancied,
in which case two are used for the ack. Where five or six are for the
he neck is not shaped but the corned
he nuck in A hemstitched bordered silk hand . From one corner cut diagonall


Stock collar and tie
toward the middle just half the neck measure. Hem the sides just e-t,
tie around the neck, making a knot at
the back. It is also knotted loosely the back. It it also knotted loosely
in front where the slit ends; the rest
hangs in jabot style down he front. The adjustable ruffe illustrated is
made from six lace-bordered handker-
chiefs. Fiach one chiefs. Each one is cut in half
diagoonally and joined to a beading
through which through which rined to a ibbon is reading
Handkerchief lawn, ten inches wide
Hemmed Handkerchief lawn ten inches wide,
Hemmed at the bottom and edged with
lace, is gathered and joined to a
heading, and serves as a background.
The material is plain under the points
of The material is plain under the points
of the handkerchies, but it flares in
desirable fulness in between. Dainty

pretty handerechief kimono mode of decoration. Another way of
using a handkerchiee for a ruffe tis to
cut a circle out cut a circle out of the centre, then out
to the edge, making a. sort of circular
flounce, flounc
To reproduce the child's cap which is
inlustrated make shallow plaits at each side of the centre near the border of a
handkerchief and fasten them down an
inch fron handkerchief and fasten them down an
inch frome the edge. Turn the opp
posite edge over from one inch to two posite edge over from one inch to two
nchese, to frame the face like a
Puritan cap Nehes, to frame the face like a
Puritan cap. Plait the remaining full
ness toward the front, turning the
points upward. The strings are made points upward. The strings are made
from the middle oo another handker
chief the chief, hemmed at both edges, and
plaited and joined to the cap. The

a child's cap
portions of the border of the handker-
chiee which remain may be used for a A dust cap may be easily made from Mnal and overhand the edges together.
halait the fulness toward feather-stitch each plait down. The be feather-stitched. Then turn the corners up and tack in position. Turn
the peak at the to toward the back
and fastent Arosete of ribbo bail
add a pretty finishing touch.


The centre of a very fine and prettily
hibroidered handkerchiof was used for he collar portion of the used 11
ustrated below. The border was used or the turnovers and portion of the stack,
ther the jabor
the To make the stock still more effective Another simple and pretty stock ma be made from one handkerchief, cut in
half straight across. Fold one piect engthwise int thirds for the other hald
portion, then plait the other
crosswise and fasten it to the centre of crosswise and fasten

The child's apron, which is illustrated
this page, was made from two colored bordered handkerchiefs. One

apron for little girl
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De settlement wuz buzzin lak a beehive, up en downSich highfalutin' fixin's - sich a mighty stirrin' 'roun'! Sich bakin' er de 'possums, paradin er de pies, Made de li'l' pickaninnies show de whitin' er dey eyes.

We had de Chris'mus feelin', en we 'lowed de whole plantation Would have a dinner that would be a hongry man's salvation! Dar wuz thinnin' out er Turkeys whar you use ter see dem roam De Rabbit quit housekcepin' en de 'Possum war'nt at home!

De table wuz de longes'- stretchin' out so fur away
It made you think et sundown shakin' hans wid break er day
Desias up wid de plenty, "um 'possum down ter pie

En all de time de fiddler wuz ac-makin' music ine,
En watchin' er de dishes ez we pass' um down de line; En we kep' in sich a fidget ez dat fiddle-bow he swing, We upen lef' de dinner en we hop inter de ring!

Sister Johnson 'peared ter lead us: She weigh three hundred poun', En she took up wid de notion dat she'd swing de deacons 'roun'; Lak de flo' wuz made er rubber, en would bounce 'um ter de sky!

Peared lak de whole plantation wuz scrougin' in de do, En de niggers on de outside lak blackbirds in de snow ; En de banjer en de fiddle beat de bes' er all de ban's, De white folks des a laughin' en a-clappin' er dey han's !

Sich dancin! en sich eatin'! . . . . de country's good ter you, When you full er halleluyer en de pie en 'possum, too En el it s wid some ailment I got ter reach de sky

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An Ambitions Young Man. Bon Accord, Alta, Oct, 2.21906 . Edatior, I have foliowed with much
interest your correspondence colums
and hope you will be kind enough to
 parentage (educated in England) and
am taking up a homesiead out here
an
 money to be able to retire when I am
about 50 years of ate or soner ip pos sible. I Im 26 at present, so you see
I leave mysel a gooid manglin in which
to complete my amblion My truble

 are chiliren. dances and not care sumfily
cient for for
out of my way to attend them. Of course

 forth on a frosty night. I should like




the Western Home Monthly, permit
me to say that I think the oposite sex
are being very badly used and have me to say that I think the opposite sex
are belng very badly userd and have
received a big dose of criticism from are beling a, big dose of criticism have
received
their sisters. Yet it is more than likely that a way down in the bottom
of their hearts they have a warm place of their hearts they have a warm place
for the bachelors just the same, and in
most cases if they had the chance Would be most willing to share life life
with the very whes they seem most down on. "The bark is often worse
than the bite." still we all know that than the bite." still we all know that
some of the bachelors deserve all and
more than has been said, and I sinmore than has been said, and I sin-
cerely hope they may be led to see
themselves as others see them, from themselves as others see them, from
reading what has been said of them.
Many of us would be very pleased to correspond with a really good Christian
fellow, but how are we to know they are such? Some of us have seen so ing still holds good: "Once bitten,
twice shy."
do not wish to imply we had more angel and less devil in for something better, the case de is not lood idea of what I want to say hut n paper if you are not clever, and give the right imperessions.
This is from one whose desire a long time has been to be able unde
all circumstances to do her duty. "C. M." H."

Girl Mrust Not Use Whisiey or Tobacoe Saskatchewan, Oct. 20, 1906.
Editor, Please find enclosed 50.0 for he western Home Monthly. I I lik
your paper very much. The page writ en by Mr. Gordon is very helpful and farmer. I am a bachelor and naturally
ane great interest in the correspond nee columns. It was through these mate the wasquintance of a
Manitoba girl, for which I am indebted set my photo, and at fas attempts to to
o send it as she was collecting curiI would like to get acquainted with y young lady who had not time for torne come here from ontario quarter section farm near a townsite Would glady toil for Miss
make her happy homee am strong
nad
healthy, have fair
complexion, and healthy, have fair complexion
weigh 180 lbs., and ama 5 f.t 10 ins. in
height. \({ }^{\text {I }}\) prefer a girl between the ages of 24 and 27 and one who is dark.
 could find a suitable partner, I woul
be a married man before breakfast to
morrow morning. Would Like to Correspond with Ladieg. Editor - I have been reading the correspondence page of the Western Home
Monthly with interest for some time
moine tircle past, and would like to join the circle.
Dith some
I andious to correspond with ome I am anxious to correspond with some
of thase marriageable ladies who are
advertising in these pages. "Earmer."

Says Farmers Not Over Clean or Thay
 reader of your correspundence columns
for some time. This month I opened
my eyes with surprise at some of the
letters. The farmers with
 ne the Old Country, "Self arathey say
recommendation." It delights me to se me mary crood, Mnis is a very men, as a
here descibed. This
aging outlook for the West, but I an
and parts of the country only. The young wife, and find it cheaper to marry a
pirl to sew and clean for them than to
pay some one else to do it
The pirls of to-day require something more than a husband inn name only and
a mood home, with perhaps a little love
mor mo kargann would not come amise
hore are not over the farmers round
herean or tidy in their
abits and as to tastes-well. they ars when they come of frequentine town, beside having many other bad habits. ex
dont suppose this district is any ex-
ception to the teneral rule. I wont
say all are as bad as one another. but
I think the model young man would do
I wint Well to reffect a little on the falle
state of their :nfortunate brothers.
From a Westerner.
A. Chance for a Young Widow. Editor--Being anxious to make the
acquaintance of somer nice young lady,
I am taking the liberty of trespassing on the space of the Western Hon
Monthly, which I certainly think is the
eest family magazine published in An best family magazine panilished in Am-
criaa. I am a young mad of goo pos- money
pects, and havine mado som with some
would like to sette down whe
one whe would love me. The girl of my choice need not necessarily be
pretty but she must be a Christian


Thinks Wife should be Treated Righ Moosomin, Sask., Oct. 21, 1906. Editor,-I feel I must have a say in
our columns if you can find room for your coumns it you can "Girs, what
me. You headed a letter, "Girls, what
do you think of him? So heres my
opinion: He wants a slave. I read a etter from a wants a slave. I read a who had a farm
nd his sister a good wage to come and
keep house for him. He did the milkkeep house for him, He did the milk-
ing and churning. While she made the
butter and looked fiter the fowls, and seemed vury happy. What wo man
could but love and respect a man like
chat?

Bullding up Comfortable 耳iome

 pachelors and married men might pro-
ft byo am farming and trying to fix
up a home for myseld, so that when I ap a home for myself, so that when I
ask someone to share my misery there
will be more than love and Alberta scenery to live upon. I agree with
"Spinster", about having a few com-
forts. forts, and it would not be such a shock
for a hirt bho been acustome to
a comfortable home to leave her friends and piano behind. You might, give my
adress to Hiphland Lassie ", as bad
girls generally tir girls generally turn out good. \({ }^{\text {"Prairie Buffal }}\)
 Would Correspond with Decent Girl.
 Who takes your beautiful faminy your
nal, his wife takes pleasure in rubbing
the correspondence columns into me the correspondence columns into me. mant that I think
would say for my mart both sides.
there is fault to find on bothen there 1 fould like to correspond with some de-
cent respectable girl between 18 and 25 cent respectable girl between 18 and 25
years of age, and who must be of pood
character. So if you could send me character. So so you courd seng lady
the address oo some refined young
who also knows how to work if she has
it it to do, it would oblige me a thousand
fold. I am a bachelor, dark complexion
am. I ft. 8 ins. in height and weigh 160
abs. I am 25 years of age and a Scotch
lbs.
 like a woman who likes flowers an
music, and who is a good housekeeper
and does not mind doing chores in necessary. "One who will stay."

The Long and Short of it.
Moosomin, Sask., Oct. 20, 1906.
or,-Having perused the corre Editor,-Having perused pae relat-
pondene in your valuable paper relat-
ing to the mating of unmarried people and being much Interested therein th have, presented itself to our minds
so after much meditation and hesita
sion we summed up coura lay we summed up courage enough to
lay our case it were before the eyes
of some tender-hearted woman who feels that it is her mission to comport
fond solace some disconsolate bachelor
and and solace some disconsold chese in a
moulding away ilke an old chese in ack in the lonely prairie
dreary
Modesty is becen


 ho stronely developed. To sum up in
brief, just two orary every-day
ypes of farmers, thoush ypes of farmers, though capabe of
much improvement
mander
managementous are of the humble kit our homes. and, unfortun-
ately. our means are narrow, and would
are ately. our means are narrow, and would
therefore have to be such for some time
to come. Now if some gind
kit woman fand no other waner to do a
that it is incumbent on her tulfo the
grand work and in oo dong ulift the
mission for which she was destined.
let her come and try her hand on the
and raw material ripht now. it is orbide
hy some that the manly modesty forbids
her to make the frst advances In re-
ply, I would say. If the mountan canpot come to Mrahomet, let Mahome
nome to the mountain. "Jack and John."

The morning cup of coffee often shapes the day. It should be Chase \& Sanborm's.


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tarried Man Tenders Advice.
Bankhead, Alta., Oct. 17, 1906.
Editor,
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\section*{Woil Pormard Pour mother}
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sill wary gotit in thio came.







Magazine a Peach

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Wants to Got Aoceaumintad.






\section*{Can't Do It.} Mr . Editor,-As I am one of your your
readers and finding in your correspondence column that I am interested, will you be kind enough and send me the
address of the lady signing herself
"Jane Eyre," from Ontario "Jane Eyre," from ontario. \({ }^{\text {AA Western Farmer." }}\)

\section*{Wanted, a Companion.

\section*{Wanted, a Companion. \\ Downing, Sask., Oct. 18 1906.
Editor,
wnould wnuld send me the adderess of of you kno would send me the address of any
young woman who would like a home
II am a bachelor of 45 years of age} and a bachelor of 45 years of age
and would like a wife as a companion,
not a woman to do the chores or any
work of that kind but as a help-mate work of that kind, but as a help-mate
and truo friend
keep a few have a homestead
forses to drive hbout, and keep a few horses to drive about, and
run a smail country store, the revenue
from which is amply sufficent for two
or more.

\section*{Endorses "Young Woman's" Views}
\(\qquad\) hetters recenty published by you on
the mariage question, I have been
moved to air my own views on that
subject subject, though perhaps it is only dry
repetition of what has areayy been
said. It seems to me that nearly every
side of the question has been touched
sina the is danger of the correspond side of the question has been touched
and there is danger of the correspond-
ance coumns turning into advertising
matter instead of debates. matter instead of debates.
I think the man who sent two letters
at once for you to forward must be
nearly as much in a hurry as the man
 in a hurry to get married; he merely
says he is in a hurry to get acquainted.
It took quite a fancy to his letter.
did not read the letter by i"Young wo-
man huat man,. but from all accounts she must
have given the young men a severe
hauling over the coals. "Young wo-
man," I agree with you that there are
 with the boys. Cottonwood is one or
those places, IT regret to say. Recentiy
I was present at a gathering of about
a hundred people, who met together for I was present at a gathering of about
a hundred peopple, who met together for
the purpose of witnessing the joining
of two lives together for good or evil At that gathering the bride's father
provided whiskey, and at midnight
when provided whiskey, and at midnight,
when I asked miy escort to take me
home there was not one sober person
home there in the assemblage I find on perting
acauainted with some Ontario pirlst that
many of them do not know the effect
of linuor many of them do not know the effects
of liquor well enough to see when a
man has taken it Why, have those
girls seen less of it than we Western man has taken it. Why have those
girls seen lies oof than we Western
girls have? My father is as strict a
man as one could meet and has never man as one could meet and has never
taken a spoonful of lituor in his lifee
Ceven under doctor, orders; yet Iarly
remember the time when ti could not






Says he is Very Handsome Mortlach, Sask., Oct. 11, 1906. matrimonial columns of your valuable paper, I must say that there are som
who iook oo the question of marriage
in a very sensible way I am in a very sensible way. I am a bache
Ior farmer, 23 y years of age, had a good
foucation tuucations am very handsome and
total abstainer. I I am on a homestead
and have a complete outfit of horses and machinery. I have not hot the
same idea as some bachelors have re
specting a wife specting a wife shthink that both hus
should be on an equal
band and wife shoul
basis and neither a servant to the other


She has got the Men sized Up. Editor, Melita, Man.. Oct. 25 have been a reader of your nallowine the correspondence page with nterest and amusenent. I am pleased









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Who Wants To Get Married? Editor,-Will some Spokane, Wash. ishing to get married, write to me Giving description in firist, writer Mo me My de-
scription is 6 feet tall, weight 170 , age
sit 30, light brown hair, dark blue eyes,
Irish and English descent, quiet disposition, good tempered, born in U.S.A

Wants To Make His Fortune. Editor,-Kindly sent \(\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Stassburg, Sask. } \\ \text { of the }\end{array}\right]\) address of the young lady who signs herself "A have come over here to make my fortune in land. I have two sections of
land in this vicinity, and would like to


First hotel at Lake Minnewonka, National Park, Banff.
correspond with some young Canadian girl with the object of matrimony. \({ }^{\text {cerely }}\) "Fours.
certuine Hunter."

Still They Come For Jane Eyre
Editor,-I see in your May, Alta
issue a retter from an English girr" In should be glad if you would send me her address There's \(\overline{\text { NTO Expense. }}\) Editor,-Please send me the Sask. of the widow "Wants a Hubby," in May issue W . H. M. If there is any expens
please let me know. "William."

He's Weary of ri. Mr. Editor,-Will you ponoka, Alta the two enclosed letters to "Widow No."
1," Grand View, and "Red River Girl." Am tired of farming alone and am mate or quit. I have a One In Earnest."

Which One Will He Get. Editor,-Please find enclosed two stamped letters to be addressed to two
young ladies, one at Virden, Man., signed "Brunette," and the other to Ontario, from the Statos, am 23 years of age
have light hair and blue eyes have light hair and blue eyes, weight 175
lbs. I own a half section not far from

Who Wants Blue Eyes Editor.-In the May Ruy Rumber, Alta.
W. H. M., I noticed a letter from an young man. Moose Jaw, signing him
self \({ }^{\text {min }}\) Not Particular," and would like to correspond with him. I am a young hair, and am feet 6 inches. Woul like to hear from him at once. "The Prairie Girl."


Ottawa, Ont.
\({ }_{232}\) Cooper St., Jan. 8th, 1906.
You know what fearful trouble I have had all my life time from constipation. I have been a dreadful sufferer from chronic constipation for over thirty years
and I have been treated by many physicians and I and inve taken many kinds. of proprietary medicines without any benefit whatever. I took a pill for a long time which was prescribed by the late Dr. C. R. Church, prescribed by Dr. A. F. Rogers, of Ottawa. Nothing seemed to do me any good. Finally I was advised by Dr. Rogers to try "Fruit-a-tives", and after taking them for a few months I feel I am completely well from this horrible complaint. I have had no trouble certainly state that "Fruit-a-tives" is the only medicine I ever took that did me any positive good for constipation. I can conscientiously recommend "Fruit-a-tives" to the public as, in my opinion, it
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\section*{Anumg the THlofurt.}

Flowers in the House
Ivy leaved geraniums will flower better when grown in hanging baskets,
where they can be trained as vines, than when planted out doors where they have more ground room.

One of the most fragrant winter blooming plants is the single petunia. These plants are apt to grow spindling in the dry heat usual to a living nieasure by pruning them frequently through the early winter months, giving them all the water they need blossom luxuriantly.

There are pretty little nickel or silver fern baskets, which will hold a
bowl in which you can plant your bowl in which you can plant your
little fern and add to the beauty of your table decorations, or the flower pot may be covered with glazed, colored paper fitted and pasted neatly orated with figures.
Those who have lilies of the valley in their gardens, may have them blosom in the house by digging up a
unch at any time before the ground freezes. Pack them closely in a box, watering very slightly, leave them out doors until the middle of December, house. Put the box in a sunny winow and water them freely, and they ill blossom about the time of the olidays.

A Japanese fern ball looks like dried moss set in a wire netting, brown and unlovely. Suspend it from water freely, and soon the moss will grow green, and the little delicatelytinted pale green ferns will show their curly heads, and grow until they completely cover the skeleton basket, and
it will remain a thing of beauty all winter. When well started this makes beautiful Christmas present for those ho are fond of flowers.

During the winter months when flowers are expensive and difficult to procure, it takes one's ingenuity to get something to ing if one lives in the country. If there is a stocky little fern or any other husky plant with bright green leaves, in your window, use that for a center-piece, or get a
plant from the florist, that, like the
fern will keep green without much unshine and it will be a thing o beauty all winter, where flowers would soon fade

Very pretty effects can be secured it your living room by having murnt which do not need much sunlight, in concealed flower pots behind pictures, or placed in various parts of the room.
Slips of the tradescantia, maurandia and other vines which grow in water can be placed in bottles of water, which may be hung where they whe grow, may be trained over the walls, the room and making it look attract

This is the season to "clean up" in the garden and yard. Remove all dead stalks of chrysanthemums, cos-
mos, golden glow, and other plants, also the strings on which the sweet They should be burned, together with all that makes a litter and is a re-
minder of work left undone. It is best to protect all plants left in th to be hardy. The ideal protection is a warm covering of leaves, but, lack-
ing a sufficient quantity of them, use
that the winter rains and snows can send the fertilizer to the roots of the care with a beautiful lawn

Ivies. A successful cultivator of vies feeds them on iron and cod liver oil. The iron is in the form of rusty succeeded in forcing a luxurian growth, by watering once a week
with a tea made of refuse tobacco leaves and stems.
Crab Cactus. The crab cactus is one of the most profuse bloomers
all the winter flowering plants. It is easily raised from slips, and require very little care. It blooms about Christmas, and by a succession of color for several weeks. After the blossoming period, the plant can be set aside in the cellar and watered very rarely until spring. Plant it then,
in a shady place, and it will need no further attention until fall. It grows further attentionmer and the buds
through the summer
form in the fall.

Yellow Calla Lilies,
One of the most beautiful of Luther Eurbank's flower creations is the yelwide range of color from the pale 1 cmon to the rich orange shades, and exhibit all the beauty and attractive ness of their white sisters. pecimens from Africa, and by vario processes known only to himsel
has increased the richness of the coloring of the original lily until he which is attracting a great deal of tention.

\section*{Some Pretty Experiments.}

A pretty experiment is made by suspalf an inch of the water in ath an cinth glass. In a few months it will burst and throw out a root, and shoot pward with straight and tapering A living basket is made by remov Ag the inside of a carrot or swee potato, leaving a wall of about three
quarters of an inch thick. Pass cords through holes pierced in the sides, and fill the cavity with water In a few days, up-turning sprays of and cover the outside. Then if a small bunch of violets is put in this quaint little cup, it will make a
charming addition to the room.

The geranium is

Let your cacti rest in a warm
corner during the winter, watering corner during the
them occasionally.

Six or seven-inch pots are large will blossom better if the roots are not allowed too much room.

There has been a great improve yent in geraniums, in the past few
years, owing to the care in proporating. Some of the new single varthes have blossoms that measure three or four inches across
quisite colors and shades.

Most flowers and plants need not only rich, mellow soil, but they need plenty of moisture. Water copiously must have drainage. The foliage
house plants needs sprinkling, as
\(254 \quad\) That Cough which ordinary remedies have not reached, will quickly yield to

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edging on plain. Torchon lace is suit-
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an ordinary single blanket covered with
lot notranary single blan enough Swiss on
dotte Swiss. Alow
both sides to extend beyond the edge
in both sides to extemd beyond the edge
in a two-inch hem. Here and there
fasten the Swiss to the blanket thith
bowknots of baby ribbon in a colth
bolot oowknots of baby ribbon in a conker
to match the border or the blanket.
This over may be removed and laun-
dered at any time. dered at any time.
A Bird Boz, with its little feathered
tenants just outside the window will tenants many au wintry, stormy day for
brighten mor
a sufferer. The box may be fastened to a stake plented in the ground so
that it will come within reach of the
that Window, or it may rest on slats pro
jecting from the wall of the house on
a level with the sill. It should be be
lat a level with the sill. It should the
placed as near to the window as the
birds can we induced to come. and not
so far away that they cannot be fed
with so far away that they cannot be red
with crumbs and nuts. A stareh-box
can be converted into atharming bird's
cesidence by a clever boy. can be converted into a cha.
residence by a clever boy.
\(\mathbf{A}\) slumber Robe made wooner patches, feather-stitched to
gether and lined with the invalid's
favorite color, would be a A Aciousty Cozy will keep a meal deroom. It consists of a cardooard box
not using the lid, covered with prety
wall-paper on the outside and lined wall-paper on the outside and lined
with paraffine paper. A strap made of
ribbon and sewe on the top will ribbon and sewed on tor handle
answer for a hane for each
Three sots of Dilies, one for of the to the invalid's taple or tray. Al 耳ot-Water Bage Cover made of red prinning face outlined in black and red
fors wil bring a smile even in times
op distress floss will bring a smile evishten Many
or diftress.
Gift that Will 耳relp to Brighten Mays.
Days. Dainty, laces for trimming lingerie,
caps, aprons, etc., for the invalid who is fond of sewing.
Materials and some prints for passe
partout work. partout work.
Linen doilies and the silk for embroidA pring them,
por burnic outfit and some models A doll's trunk with the tray fitted un partments filled with odd pieces for
patchwork
Writing materials make a nice family Writing materials make a nice Pamily
gift.
Onabe member may give the lap
Onather the stationery gift. One member mationery, some
tablet, another the statione
one else a fountain pen, and the child
in the house som in the house some small blottine
sheets tied together with riboon. Some Thinge to Buy in Shops.
A set of new curtains for the invalid's
room: cushion.
An air album filled with new photographs
An the fill hood views.
An electric candle.
inall atlas

\section*{A small atlas.}
block of crystal cut into many sided
prisms for a sunny window.
 to this eift, each plant bearing the
donor's card, with a merry rreeting.
ome Thing You May Do Some Things You May Do on ChristIf vou have a camera, take an invalid's picture.
If ond can can play or read well.
ntertain someone who cannot go out entertain someone who cannot go out
for these pleasures.
Make a "pound of dates" by enclosing in a pretty pound box some in-
vitations for fiesures that may be
for
 drive
Fill a fancy sik bag with little notes
tlling the invalid when either he or telling thed the sender in any way, and
she helpent
of the befeficial results therefrom. On Christmas morning send a holly
oreath to which is tied with a bow
of ribbon your card, telling the invalid
on of ribbon your card, telling the member
that she has been elected the
ship in the "cociety of Those Beloved ship in Quen of Flowers," and that
by the Quen month of the coming year the
each each month of the coming year the
Queen will send floral greeting in
token of her affection. Deposit with
or forist the sum of money which yo
may wish to spend each month, with
the necessary instructions as to how
when and to whom the flowers are to
be sent. Prepare a Floral Brearrant, makne
each particular dish represent a flower
Make an orange like a sunflower Make an orange like a sunflower b
cutting the skin away in strips, and
nlacing a date on the top. Cut the nlacing a date on the top. cut the
hread in iong, thin peces to look like a
daisy. using a corn-cake for the centre Cover a small hox with crepe paper and
put a paper buterfly on the top to
put over the hutter. The sumar-howl
mav be wrapped in crepe naper with mav be wrapped in erepe paper. with
a paper rose fastened on the lid. and
so through the whole menu. each dish may bugh especially prepared in this ap
petizing way.


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masdamiloz for doInx. \(\quad \begin{aligned} & 7 \text { chain, } 3 \text { chain, a double on double; } \\ & 7 \\ & \text { chain, } 17 \\ & \text { doubles in a row beginning }\end{aligned}\) This medallion is not started in the
on eighth double; 7 chain, double
double; 7 chain, 17 doubles in a row
 times over forefinger, slip offrea work
14 singles on the ring; now the triangle



\(\qquad\)






Medallion for doily.

 of any shape. The frinne may be omit-
ted, and the medallions used for bor-
 CROCHET
This is a neat and quickly workes
patern for trimming curtains or bed.
sureads or spreads or any of the larger or bed
of home orticles
of harations. 1st Row. A double into sixth from
the
teede:
eighth chain;
7 eighth chain, \({ }^{7}\) chain, and 17 doubles
in a row begining on the eight chain,
7 chain, a double in in eighth chain; \(\overline{7}\)
 last chain.
nnd Row-Chain 5 , a double into first
double; 3 chain, a single on center of




 (chain 3 , a double in double, chain \(3_{3}\)
trelles in 5 trehles) titmes. chain
double in double, chain 3, join to
top of 3 chain.


a d double in in double, chain 5, join to top
of 3 chain.


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coe wheel dolly.
\({ }^{6,2}\) a double in double, chain 6 join to \({ }^{\text {14. (Chain } 5 \text {, }}\) a double in 4 th treble



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(ch.


 25. Like 16 th riw.
This cow





xhitted shoulder soart.






 danty work for the summer
seated on the paza, as one cai
as well as knit.

Little Johnny-What is your papa
 business-its a disease.
The teacher was explaining to her
scholars the
meaning of the word "Any thing," she saide "ts called trans-
parant that can be seen throukh. Now,
Wiult
 hole in
grounds."
Mrs
Nughget-You don't you used to. Mr.
Mr. Nagget-Think not?
M
 Mr. Wagget-WWell, you're not as stout
as you were, you know.


Mrs. Newrort (lloking at book cover. "Evangeline a T Tale of Accadie": Here's the very

\section*{How to Wash Clothes in Six Minutes}

Hmann









See the two Springs under the Tabs




 hard work.

 The water turn around with the Tub will the
spring stop the That from turnmg further
to






 Work, and more dangen a mine.
ging Coal deep down in a
Well, the "Igoo "Junior" "Washer cuts out all
the lilvery of Washing, and hailt the oxpense.









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\section*{Round the Evening Lamp.}

\author{
Puzzles, Problems, Rebuses, \&c.
}
 of cloth:(1) Has Annie ever heard of Iconium -the Biblical Iconium I mean? (2) We saw a snake while we were
in the woods, and were much fright-
ened; but Basil killed it with a stone. ened; but Basil killed it with a stone.
(3) If you want something to drive
that nail in with, there is a hammer (3) If you want somet
that nail in with, there
in our kitchen cuphoard.
in our kitchen cupboard.
i) The drama will be rehearsed to-
night, do you know your part, Adela, in
Evangeline?
(5) When you pass through this thio-
ket, look out for your scalp; acanthas
are prickly. ke, 1ook
are prickly.
butch opened the door and met the (6) I opened the door and met the
butcher bringing ham for dinner.
(7) Last night the (7) Last night there was a grand
revel; veteran and youth were there. line, (8) You've got a bite; draw in your

\section*{Mo. 6-RIDDLE}

I'm part of a flower, a stem and a leaf. The gay love me not, for I'm always
The proud and the lowly alike know me
But the 10
But the lonely and weary are never for-
I am not a day, yet I make up the week, And for me in years not in vain will
you seek.
No musician am I, yet in bells hear me And will

\section*{And will you
on time.}

Answers to all the above Puzzles will be given in the January
Western Home Monthly.


ANSWERS TO PUZZLES RN NOVfimber number.
No. 1. Estrange, sergeant.
reason. (4) Dread, dared.
No. 2. Pictorial Puzzle_(1) "The
IIub." (2) Fellow (felloe). (3) Right
(6) "Boots." (7) Box. (8) Pause (naws). (9) Rains (reins). (10) Tire
(11 Spoke. (12) One hogshead. (13)

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hand pile, that will be the one selected. You then lift that pile and count our
the elght cards that are in it into four
parts. Then lift the other pile and parts. Then lift the other pile and
count out three pairs and an odd one over.
As there are seven pairs of cards used
each pile must contain seven cards. This fact is not apparent to the com pany if the trick is done neatly and
quickly, and the odd card will, of course, quickly, and the odd card will, of course,
make an even number of cards in the
pile to which it is added. Figure 2 pile to whoh it is added. Figure
shows the cards as they. are laid out
into the two piles loosely. This is done to explain how the seven cards come in to explail
each pile.

\section*{©1xqupratre \\ Talk.}

\begin{abstract}
SE MEERCIPUL.
Be merciful to erring ones And lhere is not, among mankind. One who is perfect yet.
Some's faults are greater than your own:
But their But their temptations, too, May have been many more
Been ever sent to you.
Their strength to help resist them, too Perhaps was less than yours;
You cannot judge what agonies You cannot judge what agonies Another soul endures. So if it falls, help lift
And ever keep in mind, How Jesus Christ to erring ones Was merciful and kind Oh! let our criticism not
Drive souls down to despair, Drive souls down to despair,
That we could lift out of life's gloom That we could thought and care.
Borgive the erring, as Christ would, Forgive the erring, as Chri
And teach them to begin
saw it dissolve, and quaffed it down in
the brimming draught. I had chlldren the brimming draught. I had chlldren
as sweet and lovely as the flowers of as swing, and saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunken father. I had a home where love lit
the flame upon the altar and ministered before it; and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambl-
tions which soared as high as the morning star, and I broke and bruised thelr beautiful wings, and at last strangled them, that I might be tortured with their cries no more. To-day I am a
husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. And all swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink."
The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shivered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shut again, and whe
a little group at the bar looked up the tramp had gone.-The Presbyterian.
\end{abstract} To live upon a higher plane,

\author{
-Martha Shepard Lippincott.
}

\section*{THE TRAXP'S SPEECH.}

A tramp asked for a free drink in public-house. The request was granted and, when in the act of drinking the
proffered beverage one of the young profered present exclaimed, "Stop, make us a speech. It is poor liquor that doesn't The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink and, as the rich liquor coursed through his blood, he them with a grace and dignity which all his rags grace ant could not obscure.
and dirr
"Gentlemen," he sald "I "Gentlemen," he said, "I look to-night
at you and myself, and it seems to me at you and myself, and of my lost man-
I look upon the picture hood. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly
as yours, a man in the world of men. as yours, a man a home, and friends. and position. I had a wife as beautiful
as antist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect
in the wine-cup, and, Cleopatra-like,

\section*{A PRACTICAS sERMOR}

Here's a rattling good sermon in a few words. Young man, and there are
many of you, dost thou go abroad at night and rush the growler and perambulate with the feminine? Dost thou whoop em substance of the jackpot and bank thy shekels against the sllippery tiger? Art thou a guzzler of beer and a player of cards? Dost thou suck a grip on the ways that are right and wisdom that is good in this world? Verily I say unto you, if thou art in a bad row of stumps it will not be long
ere thou dost know that thy name is ere thou dost know that thy name is
Dennis. Thy heels will fly up ere thou hast fallen into the inevitable soup. Keep thy eye on the gun and the mon-
key, not upon the intoxicating juice of key, not upon the intoxicating juice of
the bug. Steer widely of the man with the bug. Steer widely of the man with thy life thy pockets shall be full of the collateral of the earth, while those
who mind not these commandments are whortaking of the lunch which is free.-

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\section*{A Christmas Carol.}

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Hints for the Housewife.

The Woman at the Bottom. A woman's at the bottom, true,
Or much of wrong a man can do;
Ohe motive. oft, of sin and crime, The motive. oft. of sin and crime,
Of wasted talents, squandered time.

The halter round ambition's neck, The virtue, hinor, fifame, the check: To degradations past reclaim. A woman's at the bottom, too,
of most the good a man can do;
Incentive, she of noble deds Incentive, she of noble deeds,
Embodiment of all his needs.
She strengthens him where he is weak.
She bids him name and honor seek: Amberiour surs and pontrs the way way
To sun-kissed heights of fame for

Or be his lot a lowly one, With talents few and little done,
She flls his narrow life with cheer,
And still, through failure, holds him

And so while one may lead to vice And if the one who drags him down
Must for it, bear the world's dark

Then should not she, whose life inspires
The heart of man with pure desires And noble aims, recelve her due desires

\section*{Things Worth Knowing.}

If hooks for bathroom, kitchen and pantry are dipped in enamel paint
there will be no trouble from iron

\section*{rust}
if Machine oil stains can be removed if, before washing, the spot is rubbed A shabby black bedstead will look greatly improved if rubbed with a cloth dipped in paraffin. This will
both clean and freshen it. To prevent bright pans To prevent bright pans from being fore putting them on the fire. Wash with hot water and soda.
Bronze ornaments may be cleaned by dipping in boiling water, then rub-
bing with a piece of flannel bing with a piece of flannel dipped in
soapsuds, and dried with a soft cloth and chamois leather.
Try rubbing a mirror with a ball of
soft paper slightly damped with alcohol, then with a duster on which
a little whiting has been sprinkled a little whiting has been sprinkled
and finally polish with clean paper or and finally polish with clean paper or
a wash-leather. This treatment will make-the glass beautifully bright. If one uses a wet chamois skin for
dusting furniture, a furniture polish dusting furniture, a furniture polish
will not be needed. Take a soft will not be needed. Take a sot
chamois skin from ten to sixteen inches square, wet in warm waterdo not use hot-wring out as dry as
possible. Use same as duster. It will possible. Use same as duster. It will
remove dust and finger marks, and leave furniture bright.
To Keep Oilcloth Bright and
Glossy.-Never use soap in the water Glossy.-Never use soap in the water when cieaning oilcloth. It fades the colors and breaks up the paint. Arn-
monia also is to be avoided, because it gives the cloth a dull, dead look. If a brush is used, it should be a soft one, but it is better not to use
any, except in cases where the oil-
cloth poorly washed for some timed or viously. Take a clean flannel cloth
and apply clean water, which is finally and apply clean water, which is finally
to be removed by soaking it up into the washing cloth again after it has been wrung out. The oilcloth is then
wiped dry with another piece of
clean flannel or coarse crash. After wiped dry with another piece of
clean flannel or coarse crash. After
-the oilcloth has become thoroughly
dry apply to it some warm linseed oil.
there is a good drying accommodation, it should scarcely be attempted.
But, given these operation is not really a very difficult one, and the labor entailed is cer-
tainly amply repaid. It will be wise tainly amply replay to see if there
to look quilt over the are any holes, and, if there are such, to mend them carefully before beginning to wash. Then shake the quilt well (out of doors if possible) to get
rid of all superfluous dust. Then prepare a tub of warm water, sufficiently large in which to wash the
quilt comfortably, add to it enough quilt comfortably, add to it enough melted soap to produce a good lather, make the water smell slightly. Plunge the quilt into this, and wash flannels.
same way as you would same way as pound it well in the water, working it up and down, and
going over every part. Take a second and even a third soapy water, repeating the process until the quilt seems quite clean. Then rinse in an abund-
ant supply of warm water until quite ant supply of warm water until quite
clear of soap. Pass the quilt through the wringing machine; it will require to be folded evenly and manipulated to a certain degree, whilst possibly the tension of the wringer may need
to be loosened to its fullest extent; but it is quite impossible to wring such a thing by hand. Then shake
the quilt thoroughly, and if this can be done by two people, and out of the drying must be particularly attended to, the quilt being shaken and rubbed from time to time to prevent side drying is of course clots. Outside drying is, of course, the best, in
a good wind and out of the sun; the blowing about will help to keep the feathers soft. Even then the quilt
should be turned once or twice upon should be turned once or twice upon
the line and rubbed with the hands. It is, however, quite with the hands.
ithe to dry it in the house, only more attention
will be required, and the shaking and rubbing will have to be repeated oftener. When finished, the quilt
should feel quite soft and equal to

\section*{The Care of Lamps.}

People who are using lamps should A smoky, oily, strong-smelling lamp is a nuisance, while a well-cared-for lamp is a joy and a comfort.
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Wicks are the main things to be
considered in considered in connection with lamps. Unless a wick is well cared for
isfactory light cannot be had.
In the first place, those who have the care of lamps, should whever cut
the wicks. rub the wicks; rub the charred por-
tions off every day with a soft rag.
If the wick If the wick becomes too short to
carry up the kerosene do not throw it away, but fasten a piece of cotton
cloth to the end below and it will prove a good feeder.. Wicks should
not be allowed to grow too short,
however, for then they burners. for then they clog the
burn No better treatment for burners
can be suggested when they have become gummy and prevent the we we-
from moving freely, than to boil them in strong soap suds for a while. In
this way they may be kept clan,
and a clean burner always worls well.
When lamps become very dirty a
teaspoonful of soda to a quart of hot

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the world.
But they can't help it. If more work is o be wondered that they get out of order.

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\section*{Thayy and (bitla.}

\section*{Going to Bed. tell you what, when everythin Is sizzling in my head,
But priates, or a storm at sea,
Or Injun scouts, or battles-Gee! I hate to go to bed want to know, so awful bad,} An, when that loud old clock goes whir! keep as still-I never stir-
But mother looks at me,
An' says, "My dear it's time for bed
You know we, can't allow
This sitting up." But and
 Aw, please! this one
It's so exciting, now!"

Then 'tain't a minute till dad says, An' mother says, "Come, come, enough!
\(\mathrm{An}^{\text {n }}\) dad, he says, "That boy's a bluft! An' dad, he says, "That boy's' a bluff!
Come youngster, scuttle!-run!" \(\mathrm{An}^{\prime}\) then dad chases me upstairs To make me go to bed; him back,
An' spanks me, an Ithump hin hee gives me more whack
An the stands me on my head
I hate to start to go to bed, But dad, he makes it all a game-
I have to mind, though, just the same;
I tell you, dad's all right! Then mother comes and hears my An prayers,
And get a drink;
An then dad hugs us both real tight
An we hug back with all our mightAn' then dad hugs us both real tight
An we hug bakk with all our might-
It's kind on nice, I think.

\section*{Present-Day Philosophy.}

The fact that someone else does is Society's excuse. You can lead a man to college, but you cannot make him thin
Anyone can be a power it takes character to be a power for good.
Certai Certain men are determined to get their share
to them.

For Boys Who Want to Seek a For tune in the City

Every country boy whose ambition is to "go to the city," should ask
himself the following questions: First. I am going to the city in the
hope of making my fortune. Is there hope of making my fortune. Is there
any duty at home on which I shal any duty at home on which I shall weightier and more urgent than that
of making my fortune? of making my fortune?
Second. For every dollar to be
earned there are at least ten compeearned there are at least ten compe
itors in the city for one here in th
country? What qualities he country? What qualities have I that
will insure me success over the other will insure me success over the other
nine?
Third. The jack-of-all-trades, or "handy man, who can turn his hand to anything," is not wanted in the
city. He is speedily tramped out of city. He is speedily tramped out of
sight. Success is to be won only by the men best trained in their own
trades or professions. What trade or profession have I? What proof have I given of special ability in any seem attractive to me?
Fourth. Have I energy, skill, pleasing manners, tact to win a place where the crow Or is my only qualiare so great? Or is my onfy quaiwith home and village life and un-
fitness for work in the country? fitness for work in the country?
Fifth. At home I have the goos will and friendship given to my famil,
and to me by people who have known me since I was born. This is a valuable capital, out of which hap-
piness can be made to come. What is there in the city to atone for the Isn't there some occupation in the village or the country town that I can
secure, or cannot farming, with enersecure, or cannot farming, with ener-
gy and industry, be made to give me gy and industry be made to give me
an adequate livelihood? These questions, if gravely con-
sisered, may lead a boy or girl of
common-sense to a wise choice at one
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Some Dont's From Experience. Don't laugh over others' mistakes ou may stumble soon. Don't think you know it all, fo you don't. One head can't hold hogshead.
Don't look for oak trees out o acorns in a day or a year. It take
time to ripen crop and character. Don't judge a sermon by your ears. Don't judge a sermon by your ears
There is a vast difference between tickle and a truth.
Don't trust your friends as proof of
piety. The "cash register" is far piety. The "cash register" is far more trustworthy and reliable. Don't lie, for two good reasons:
First, it makes you a liar; and second, it doesn't pay, long run or short. Don't worry over the criticism of brainless people. Braying, whether by biped or quadruped, is only noise. Don't read these "Dont's" and I know it, for I have tried it.
Don't lose faith in humanity, because there are some black spots. Look at the sum, and then at the looking-glass.
Don't quarrel over circumstances, nor fret over impossibilities. It is far
better to climb mountains than to curse them. Don't be stingy because some of
your charity went wrong. Think how much wasted mercy has been poured out on you.
little minded man. Some folks are little minded man. Some olks are
built on the penny scale and weigh
that much only.
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        Magic Lamp Trick.
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The magic lamp trick requires that you shut out all the light from a room
except one ray, says the Bosto Herald. You can do this by closing all the shutters except one, and covering that window with several newspapers or with wrapping paper
in which a hole has ben cut to admit the ray.
With a mirror reflect this ray down nto a glass in which you have mixed pure water and a few teaspoonfuls of
milk. The milk will shine with so brilliant a white light that it will Some the whole room Some pretty experiments may be
made with mirrors. Stand two that face each other \(n=\) metly, and you will see a long line of images of yourself, so many that you can hardly count them, and they will vanish in candle in your hand you will be able to count more of them. Place two small mirrors with their edges together so that they wil open flecting surface facing each other. Put between them a lighted candle, or other bright object, and the images whe mirrors together and lessen as you open them. Cut a design out of thick paper,
and paste it on a small miror. Hold the mirror in the sunlight so that the reflection will be thrown on a shaded the wall very dark, with a light background.
Porous substances are those that are full of tiny holes. Nearloles can-
thing is porous, though the hol not be seen with the unaided eye. You may may make an experiment to
show thi; by half filling a glass with boiling water and placing over it piece of pasteboard. On top of the
pasteboard invert a dry glass, and the vapor from boiling water will pass through the pores of the paste
board and show itself as moisture on the inside of the glass. Make the same experiment with the
arious substances, such as cloth wonl. rubber. wood, glass or paper and you will find that some are por-
nus enough to let the water vapor
pass through while others are not.
-the Stocking that makes darning-day easy
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\section*{Colloman and the libome.}

\section*{Rocking the Baby to Sleep.} Just when the night shadows hover,
Just whe het the
ratileth down, Just when the bluffs brighty over,


Oh, the dear little hands that are stirIn ring and tender unrest,
oh, the murmurous voice that ts purrOh, inge head cudaled close to my Floating in Prayrance of flowers-
Sorrow ful-switt the tears
leap-

 Husht Hor hear a voice calling.
 Husht lest you wakentue bai
Hush! tor the baly's asleep.

\section*{Modern Grandmothers.}

Times have changed since the days when the traditional grandmother sat in the chimney corner, knitting socks
and mittens. Women who have marand mittens. Women who have mar-
ried early in life have no more inried early in forty years of age, for
clination, at
subsiding into arm-chairs and giving subsiding into arm-chairs and giving
up all interest in life, except such as center in their grandchildren, than the young mothers themselves.
There are artists, musicians,
There are artists, musicians, and
writers among the grandmothers today, women who are doing their
part of the world's work, and women part of the world's work, and women
who have chosen careers for themselves while they are taking care
of their own children, and have kept steadily on, with as much love in thei hearts for the little toddlers, who have
just come on the stage, as if their just come on the stage, as if their
lives, were given over entirely to pick-
ling, darning, and knitting. ling, darning, and knitting.
Fifty years ago all the grandmothers, except in a few rare in
stances, were fashioned after much the same type, whose outward expression
was a handkerchief folded smoothly was a handkerchief folded smoothly
about the neck, a cap with a wide about the neck, a cap
border, and a pair of spectacles.
Todav they keep their own individn ality, dress as fashionably as their purse will permit, travel in their own
country and abroad, entertain, are de-
light word, something besides a "grand ma." \(\longrightarrow\)

\section*{How to Live Long.}

Fix deeply in mind the grand truth that life power rules the body, and that it alone can cure disease.
Life power lives in air, water, and Life power lives in air, water, and
food only all else is hurful.
Make cleanliness your motto, Make cleanliness your motto, and
watch against filth in both house and grounds.
Few starve for food, but many for air. Breathe deeply a hundred times
daily. Wear no tight clothing. Above daily. Wear no tight clothing. Above all, ventilate your sleeping room. Beware of gluttony. If the appetite is dull, eat ruit only, or eat nothing.
Use no fiery condiments, but live chiefly on natural grains, vegetables,
and fruits. Never ask your stomach and fruits. Never ask your stomach
to chew your food-employ our teeth.
Adorn Adorn your table not only with viands
but with flowers and smiles and kindly words.
Deformity is not awkwardness only,
but danger. A high chest will give but danger. A high chest will give
freedom to breathing and digestion and help to cure many diseases.
Spend part of each day in muscula Spend part of each day in muscular
work, part in study, and part in good

\section*{Cold Water.}

Fire and water are two elements which mann can not get along without
- especially water. The water we ar
writing abont
as the kind which flows in its mag-
nificence over Niagara Falls, or turns
the wheels of the mighty mills and the wheels of the mighty mills and
factories situated along the banks ot factories situated along the banks of
some swiftly running stream. Its some swittly running stream. Its
action is like the tiny drop of which finally wears away the largest stone. Unlike the pure, cold crystal water of our forefathers, or the sweet and
tasty fluid drawn from the well by means of the moss-covered and ironbound bucket, its action is evil, cruel and heart-breaking. The cold water we refer to comes
in different colored bottles with variegated labels. Nagging is one brand. The habit of finding fault. Picking flaws and never scattering a ray of
sunshine in the shape of a gentle word of praise for a good action performed. Nothing is so discouraging to a person, whether a grown-up or a grow-
ing child, when conscientiously trying to do right to be harped at because he didn't do better, and, when persisted in, breeds discontent and rebellion. There is a difference between reproof
and fault-finding, just as there are ditferent kinds of water-health-giving spring, and the disease-breeding stagnant kind found in blackened pools.
Another kind of wate is the cold brand, dished out under the name of discouragement, ridicule, and beisttlement of worthy actions. Alt ongers cannot rise to the greatness
of a Jenny Lind or an Adelaide Patti. All artists cannot equal Raphael; or all writers cannot reach the Shakesperian height in literature. Be-
cause of this limitation, don't cold water on the hopes and throw tions of those who may some day reach a reasonable, if a somewhat
lesser plane of greatness, but encourage every good greatness, but enfect action which tends to lift aspirants from the rut of the common place. A dash of
cold water in some cases may be neccold water in some cases may be nec-
essary-but in the main, are more appreciated than the Rus are more appreciated than the Rus-
sian kind!

What is Physical Culture?
Physical culture is regarded as simof whom "go in" for it for a short time, and, providing themselves with tights or bloomers, join a gymnasium club or a class in physical culture, soscribed exercises through certain predays for a few months, then become give the matter something else and After reading the following definiAon, given by one who is making the
eaching and practice of physical culure the work of his life, one may get Proper conception of its importance.
Bernarr McFadden says: "Physical culture, in its broad, true
sense, means the cultivation of all of one's physical forces, the storing-up of vilality and nervous energy, the bringing into being of a sound. clean, exercise, but als, not by means of correct clothing, the use of proper food, correct bathing habits, proper ventilation of one's living and sleeping rooms, fact, the scope of physical culture is that is inclined to improve one's general bodily condition, favor the building of increasing energy, and
thus add to the mental capacity, thereby making one fit for the duties
of life, In short, physical culture of life, In short, physical culture geans simply common sense in redistinguished from the abject ignorance and incomprehensible stupidity in reference to those subjects so com-
mon, among the masses of the peo-

Those who know say that to
gently rub the scalp with the finver gently rub the scalp with the fincer
tips promotes circulation of the
blond. and circulation of the blood

\section*{HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS \\ SUPERVISED BY THE CHEF OF THE MaARRIAGG, WINNIPEG}

cikristmas confectionery.



 Buttorntemy. Tafty, \(T\) Two cupfuls of
Iight brown sugar, one-half cupul

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getting up and hustling, that makes
thirty bushels of of wheat and seventy-
five five bushels of oats grow to the acre.
Modern invention has done much. to
lighten labor on the farm, but vastly lighte labor on the farm, but vastly
more to expedite its and the hired man
is not yet eliminated trom the situation. I have before me the diary of a fore-
bear who, in the midst ory atrenoos
life, found time for many years to set

 June and lasted till harvest began in in September.
(The capacty of the old barn, which
still savicity

 the harvest hands to go off and get
drunk becing not the least of this good
mands troubles.
With tho


 is not at the harvest time alone,
it all sasosons that the help ques
innlins up. The time when the and ons of the firm handime were ren the the
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\section*{Ahnut thy Tharnt.}















 chemistry of the soil, and trained hands
and eyes. The farm fmployee of the
future will be a craftsman, as skilled
int his art as any member of other
guilds.

The galvanized iron pans such as are
used as drip pans under the refrigerator

\section*{POULTTRY wOTES.} "Bad luck to you hens!" said Farme "When eggs are selling at fort What sents of time is this to strike? When eggs were worth but a cent apiece But fow, in the face of this great inInl cut off your rations-Ill reduce the If that doesn't answer, I'll kill deI'll cut witht your heads. by my faith, I If we can't have eggs, we can have "In these times it is the saving, of
the waste. the stoppage of leaks, and the waste the stoppage of leaks, and
the utilizing of the byoproaucts that
makes many a business pay a profit makes many a business pay a profit
which would otherwise show a loss." It is claimed that the average size
of fowls of focks especially noted for egg production is considerably larger
than the average size of pure bred fowls
kept for show.
Arit, fresh water (slightly warmed condition powders. Be caraful, however.
to feed nothing hot and five no hot to feed nothing hot and pive no hot
water to overheat the fowls and be
followed by colds.

When you find the water frozen in over the outside and on the thottom
of the pans rather than waste it on the
ice.

 the organs of reproduction. Trac hen
will make you pay for it in time. "Only occasionally is a poultry keep-
er to be found who preparest his fowls
in the best manner for market. and such
sach in the best manner for market, and swuch
a poulty woman
a one is usuall
ahose natura skill and enterprise soon
whine for her plump, nicely dressed
win win for her plump, nicely dressed
fowls ppecial customers who are glad
to pay an extra price." Broken crockery makes pood grit, if
there are no long. sharp splinters to in jure the fowl, but children should no
be permitted to prepare it; there is to
much danger of injury to their eye much danger of ingury to their seyes.
A flying piece of h hevy plate struck
one person in the eye causing one person in the eye, causing a very
paintul injury and loss of a week's
time. Hens, like all \(\overline{\text { other animals, require }}\)
sait. ous, and care should be erercised if
rock salt is fed to the cattle to kee
the hens out of the feeding tor
 disastrous results. One of our exper
ment stations found that in a pen
hens of the same age the yield of egg
was twie as grat per hen from the
hens having salt the from for Green Bone as an Egg Food
hans having salt than from the
without.
The introduction of green bone to
the poultry bill of fare has to a great
extent solved the problem of winter egg production.
Dur
d summer months the poulDuring the summer months the poul-
try, especially if iven a free range.
can eather a sufficient number of
cond and insects to satisty the demand for
meat bither but turing ther
freezing wath has destroyed the insect crop, it beomes a sered the ques.
tion how to supply the proper substi-
tute, hnless a green bone cutter is
broupht into commission cTrue, there are a number of commer-
cial articles on the market that are
valuable as an sustitute, but their rela-
tive value to green bone is about on a

 We add commercilal meat scraps to
he morning mash, datil, using fifteen
her cent. but in addition, twice a week per cent.; but in addition, twice a week,
we give a noonday meal of green cut
bone. Of the later, however, we al-
ow but a pound for every sixteen or
head of stock, past experiments prov-
no that an average of an ounce is suf-
ficient or each fowl
 eggs.
the accepted analysis of green bone
is carbonate oo time. six to seven per

 meat, etcer, Sometimes the butchers will
have several lariece of meat whic
they cannot sell, and which add grea Some years a.o. Inland Poultry, in
refering to green bone as a poultry


A Case of wecessity.
One Sunday two small boys were in-
dustriously digging in when a man who was passing stopped to
give them a lecture gide them a lecture. that it is a sin to
'"Don't you know
dig on Sunday, unless it be a case of dig on Sunday, unly
necessity?" "Yes boys.
"Then why don't you stop it?"
"'Cause this "Pause this is a case of necessity,"
replied the little philosopher. "A feller


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Bostonesque.
\({ }^{\text {". Did Santa Claus bring you every- }}\) thing you wanted, Johnnie?", replied
"I assure you, madame," "I assure you, madame," replied
John Beaconsfield Hill, etat 8, of Back
Bay, Boston, "that I expressed no Bay, Boston, "that I expressed no
wish as to what the mythical person-
age, Santa Claus, should deposit in age, Santa Claus, should deposit in
my hosiery, because of the fact that I ma quite well aware without any equi-
amocation that Santa Claus exists only
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deformed, and the idea of suspending Ceformed, and the wearing apparel for the purpose of having it used as a
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repungent to one who is deeply inrepungent to one who is deeply in-
terested in the study of disease forms terested crobes, to say nothing of-"
and micres
But the inquirer had fainted away.

\section*{The Pastor's Christmas}

The Reverend Wetherby Ponsonby Gunbusta was liked and
entire congregational flock.
When he complained of feeling out of sorts, no matter how infinitesimal the ailment, they pestered him with
suggestions and medicines, both homesuggestions patent.
Whenever his birthday came around they unloosed their purse-strings and
smothered him with fancy pillows, smothered him with fancy pillows,
bizarre doyleys and other zigzaggy embroidery. Christmas had come and
And now Chit And now Christmas had come and
gone, and the Gunbusta parsonage it was a store house belonging to Santa Claus himself.
But, although these things designatcd the appreciation of his followers,
he was worried. Can the world be going wrong" he soliloquized, viewing the heterogeneous mas. ceived just three hundred and eightyceived iust tree hund and not one-
fcur gifts and a dog, and
no, I am dreaming, I am dreaming, I no, I am dreaming, I am dreaming, I
am dreaming,",
And he threw himself upon his And he threw himself upon his re
clining-chair and closed his eyes to things from him. Then he opened
his eyes again; but lo! the same sight confronted him. His eyes were not
deceiving him. It was the truth, the deceiving hi
very truth.

\section*{A Young Diplomat}
"Say, ma," said Willie, " aren't we
Qoing to have a Christmas tree this
year?" "No, Willie," answered the motner
"I haven't year, and your father is so busy that he will not have time to fix it up,
cither."
Will Willie was silent for some time Then he went over and sat on a foot-
stonl beside his mother, who was
doing some fancy needewot. doing some fancy needlework.
"Say, ma," said Willie, meekly,
after a long palue Se after a long pause. Seeing that her
snn was not inclined to finish the
sentence, she said. Kindly:

He rested his elbow on her lap and, leaning his head on his hand, watched few seconds. Then he continued slowly: "Say, ma, you, tola me I mastn't fight didn't you?" "I certainly did, Willie." "I certainly did, Willie " snow wille Smith, what lives across the street \({ }^{\prime \prime}\) "Yes" Well, I was talking with him yes tcrday, and he said't his mother was and then we, got to fightin', an', say, ma, you won't be mad if I licked him, will you? An' I told him't my mothe
was the nicest looking lady in the street, an' don't you forget it, an' I
said't my mother wasn't old and wrinkled like his mother was, an' he
said't his mother was more generous mine, an' 't she was going to fix him up a nice Christmas tree, an' then I
couldn't help it, ma, and I licked him some more, an' just then a big police-
man came along an' said 't he'd run us both in if we didn't stop fightin', an'-" But his mother had risen from her
chair by this time. She called the girl and told her to go to called the grocery girl and and order a nice Christmas
store-the nicest
tree-ther tree-the nicest one they had.

\section*{Delicate Question of Service.}
"Bah Jove, old fel, I was wanting to see you, you know. I had just had
my man call you up at your apartments, but got no answer. Not home, y suppose?" "Oh, yes, deah boy. But, answer the phone when I am theah myelf. He says it puts him too much cher know, and, of course, I could not think of doing, it myself when he's
theah, old, fel," replied Spendrite.

Took No Hint.
"Do you believe history repeats itsell?" asked the anxious waiter. "I certainly do," replied the pa-
tron, rising from the table, after his meal. \({ }_{\text {" Well, }}\) yesterday gave me a 25 -cent tip," said the "waiter. Oh , well," said the patron, buttoning up his coat to leave: "perhaps he

A One-Sided Conversation.
The late Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, was a fine conversationalist, and always enjoyed talking. He of the small cities of Massachusetts one evening, and went by train. The cars were quite well filled when he got
in; so he asked a gentleman if the vacant seat beside him was engaged and, receiving a negative nod in answer, sat down.
Immediately a conversation started, and was carried on until the city was
reached, where both men alighted Before they left the train they exchanged cards, and shook hands cor dially when they separated on the
station platform. Governor Russell arose to address the meeting and commenced by mak ing flattering remarks on the city and citizens on the train coming here to night, and we had a most enjoyable conversation; in fact, I don't know as I had with him. By the way, he gave me his card," taking it from his pocket and reading the name on it. with this the audience was convulsed somewhat taken aback, and failed to see the point, and so asked a friend Thut it after the lecture was over.
The friend said; "Why that man is

Orders Coming Slowly.
"How's business? Getting many orders?" asked the stout man.
"More than I can handle," said the More than I can handle," said the
hort man. "How's it with you? Had any orders lately?" with you? "Well, business is pretty good. I haven't had an order for a year and , haid, the stoxpect to get one next fall," At this point Chief Clerk Brownel came out of his trance and became possessed of an irrepressible curiosity. Calling the short man aside he said "Travelling man," said citizen. "Well, he certainly, has mystified me. What's his line?",

\section*{A. Dreadful Dream.}

Senator Dubois was lamenting the decay of oratory among American statesmen. "With only a few exceptions," he said, "we have in Washington no
orators worthy of the name. On this account I had to accept in silence during the last session an acid criticism from a clever woman." "I attended a meeting of the Sennight I had a terrible dream, "'What did you dream?' said I.
"The lady smiled. \({ }^{\text {I }}\), dreamed,' she said, 'I went again.'
 Alıs, Kirtr: Now, Jobn, if yoll prevent my jumping anothe

As "Paw" Saw It.
the graves of Burke and Waller. The any such persons having been buried "Paw, what was the fine larg school that we saw in town to-day?" "Phat was the University." I'd like to go there to school." here you must be crazy! If you went there you'd have to work like an ox,
with your head, all the days of your Bound to Agree.
Secretary Shaw and Senator Carter,
of Montana, were swapping stories one day, when the Secretary of the Treasury told a good one about a
man out in an Iowa town who was mever known to disagree with a statement of another, no matter how improbable it might be.
"One day a group of fellows determined to see if they couldn't get termined to see hith Smith," said Secretary Shaw-"to express a dissenting
opinion. So, when Smith came along, one of the boys said: ence the otheir day, Smith. As I was coming down town through the hills yonder, I saw a buffalo up a tree eat-
ing grapes, so I shot him. Did you ing grapes, so I shot him. Sid you "'Well, I can't say that I have,' returned Smith, regretfully.
'Never saw a buffalo up a tree eating grapes?" "Well, no, I never saw a buffalo up a tree, but,' said Smith, brightening
up, 'I know they are very fond of

there. "But," he added, "you see that
little chemist's shop over there? little chemist's shop over there?
That's where Devereux, the trunkriurder man, used to be an appren-
ticel! tice!"
A temperance lecturer, speaking in
Keene, N. H., reminded his hearers Keene, N. H., reminded his hearers
of the story of Dives and Lazarus. He pointed out how, when Dives was
in Hades, he did not ask for beer or in Hades, he did not ask for beer or
wine and whisky, but for one drop ot water. "Now, my friends," said the lecturer, "what does that show to us?" A voice from the back of the hall in-
stantly replied: "It shows us where you temperance people go to." A boy who had accomplished a good studies was dropped from one preparatory school and immediately invited to another. He had been there a few days when he met a member of
the faculty. "Well," said the profes sor, "how do you find it here?" "Pretty fair," said the boy. "That's good. Find it smooth going, eh?" The boy
considered. "Well, I shouldn't like to say that exactly", he said. "The field's say that exactly," he said. "The
sort of rough yet in places, sir."

Nothing looks more ugly than to see a person whose hands are cove
ered over with warts. Why have these disfigurements on your parson corns, etc. corns, etc., can be
way's Corn Cure.

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Some stoves need as much poking and urging as an "old kate" horse, Such stoves waste fuel, waste time, spoil the cooking, exasperate the spirit and make the whole housenold \(g\) wrong. All that kind of bother and delay and disappointmen are unknown where they use a

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\section*{Miscellaneous.}

Hearthstones, if painted with two or three coats of white enamel, will only require to be
cloth when soiled.
Varnished paint can be kept looking as bright as though freshly done by soaking in water some time a bag
flled with flaxseed, and then using it as a cloth to clean the paint.
Never rinse white lace in blue water
under the impression that this will under the impression that this will
improve the color. Real lace should be finally rinsed in skim milk, which will give it the soft, creamy tint so
much admired much admired.
When cleaning grates, add half a
dozen drops of turpentine to the dozen lead, stir well, and a beautiful polish will be the result when finish-
ed. It also keeps stoves from rusting ed. It also keeps
when not in use.
A mixture composed of equal parts of turpentine and linseed oil, will re-
move white marks on furniture caused by water; rub it in with a soft rag
and wipe off with a perfectly clean and wip
duster.
Iron rust on marble can be removed by rubbing with lemon juice. An-
other help for it and other stains, is other help for it and other stains, is
to mix one ounce of finely powdered to mix one ounce of finely powdered
chalk, one ounce of pumice stone and two ounces of soda; mix with water
two rub the mixture over the stains and rub the mixture over the stains
until they disappear. until they disappear.
An excellent polish for floors is
made of half a pound of beeswax, shaved, put into a gallipot and covered with turpentine; stand by the fire to dissolve. When using, put some
on a flannel and afterward brush with on a flannel and afterward brush with
rather a stiff brush, such for instance, rather a stifi brus or boot brush. To wash embroidered linen, make a strong suds of some white soap and
lukewarm water-castile soap is best -and wash the pieces carefully in that. The washboard immouliately in
used. Rinse them immer lukewarm water, then in water slight-
ly blued, and then hang them to dry when half dry, lay them smoothly on
a clean cloth, doubled or laid over a piece of double-faces white canton
flannel and press them on the wrong flannel, and press them on the wrong
side with a hot iron until they are side with a hot iron until they are
dry. If the embroideries are fringed,
comb the fringe out carefully with comb the fringe out carefully with a

\section*{Facts and Figures.}

The Bank of England contains silver ingots which have lain in the Britz, a suburb of Berlin, is one large rose garden. The number of roses cut daily in season is about
13,000 . A sog show which opened at the
Crystal Palace, London, recently contained Palace, Londổ, recently, \(\$ 1,250,000\).
The elephants in the London Zoological gardens earn \(\$ 4,000\) a year by backs.
The oldest lighthouse in existence is at Corunna, Spain. It was erected
in the reign of Trajan and was rein the reign
built in 1634 . A recent weighing of dandelion
down has shown that \(1,000,000\) of the lainty parachutes are needed to mak pound.
Sea weeds do not obtain mourish-
ment from the soil at the sea, but from the matter contained in sea water.
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Japan's Fisheries.
Japan leads the world in the economical and scientific development of gaged in this industry than any other nation. Sharks. are among the comare sent to the markets to be "butchered" like beeves in other coun-
tries. The extent of the Japanese fisheries may be judged from the size of some of the nets employed by the fishermen. A net employed for catching than a mile long. It had a bag 900 feet long, 250 feet wide at its mouth, and 125 feet ditep. On one occasion 10,000 fish, averaging twenty pounds
in weight, were taken at a single haul.

Windmills as Newspapers.
In Holland, births, marriages, and deaths, instead of being recorded in
newspapers, are indicated by windmills. When a miller gets married
he stops his mill with the arms of the

Signs of the times.
Sir John Sinclair, a Scottish bar-
Sheel in a slanting position and with
net, has presented gramophones and onet, has presented gramophones and tions, on condition that they are played to the in hour every day.
During the past 20 years 2,061 bal-
loon and airship ascents have taken place in Germany, and only 36 cases of accident have befallen the 7,570 persons taking part in them. Conseor one aeronaut in 210 meets with an accident.
The Khedive of Egypt is one of the potentates who have profited, protection of Britain. In addition to his annual grant of \(\$ 500,000\) he has amassed an enormous private fortune,
and his morals are infinitely better. and his morals aluable desolate islands The most valuable desolate is in the world are the Liakoys, in th Arctic Ocean, off the mouth of the Lena, in Siberia. They are fros: bound and utterly barren save for
arctic moss, but they contain such arctic moss, but they contities of fossil ivory that they are exceedingly valuablein fact, although uninhabited save for
the ivory diggers, and of themselves the ivory diggers, and of Iduce a revenue of \(\$ 5,000,000\) a year.
guests frequently do likewise with
their mills, in token of the ceremony. To indicate a birth the whel is position, but at a more acute angle han for a marriage, and with the wo upper sails unfurled. mill are all furled and the wheel is mirned round until the arms form an upright cross, in which position they
are left until after the funeral has are left unt
taken place.

> The Mexican Bridegroom.

The bridegroom in Mexico finds marriage a very costly business. He is expected to buy the trousseau, and
he is fortunate if he can satisfy the extravagance sanctioned by custom
and prompted by ardent passion. young men from the country are said to be often seen in the City of Mexico purchasing all sorts of finery
for the ladies of their choice and the spectacle they present as they consult the measurements, which they carry with them for all sorts of gar
ments, is very amusing.








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Now doth this quetion make me sigh


Toes Mistletoe bear frultr" Forbld-
 was a rollow who dian't want anything. Hamitati "What: a good was to enJo yoneon Pont
uil the next day,
Miora: "Charlie kisee me under the tiotoe:
What yradiy " "Be quiet, both av yee Lhatio hairin "Ma muader says santy
"What do you expect to give your huspand for Christas?" "him the same

Pall, "Whad fer git for Corissmus, Whrginia: "Mammy's ole gum shoes.
 Miss Safntly: "Now, ohildaren \(\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{I}}\) will



 Bobby: "Say, mamma, what are you Ntammat one morthristmas? quilet Bobbyw, "ell, nothing will keep me
quitet tuit a drum.
 arctosun: "The cheaper the better."
Clork:
And is is there any ston
 Little Emerson: "You dor't belleve in
any such ral
asiculous myth as
Santa
 get all dat's oomin' to
Mitto mat makes you for so bittery

"
"Has your wife finished her Christput in ali the rest of now to be time able to toking


Drummer: "Were there any novel
 tidamat atch fre from the candies on
the tree and get fatally burned."
 May: "I gave him a beautiful burnt
Ieather neckie I made all myself for

 If you are not a good boy Santa claus
may trian to bring you anything on
Christmas.


Subss: "The cook going to fuit next









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fraphophone and a parrot.
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"Just back from Europe, are you?
Did Jou have rough passage ver?"
 ste wara three or for
to get any attention at

3ro More On Earth.
am a student of the Political

 "Yes, siry Hant to
Policeman (to tramp on park bench)
 are you doing here?"
actor? ", "Did you know I had become an actore" "No. All I heard was that you
hiad gone on the stage."


 Binks: "I believe that Mary does not 1ove ninks "pid she say as much?"
Bnink:

\(\qquad\)
Lucile was making her first visit in "What's that?" she cried, as she saw you ever seany berores.
bug.
Nof the bugs in our town ain't ut
A theological student was sent one Sunday to suply a vacant pulpit in
a Connecucut valley town. A few days arter he recelved a cony ot the week
paper of that place with the following
 pulpt at the Congreational Churc
last sunday and the church will now
he close last Sunday, and the church will \({ }^{\text {no }}\)
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[^0]:    Christmas in Canada.
    We must not close without a word or two regarding our own Canadian
    Christmas. It has sometimes been said that a spirit of commercialism pervades
    our holiday season to such an extent our holiday season to such an extent
    that there is no room. in heart or head that there is no room in heart or head
    for thought of the significance of the for thought of the signincance of the
    season. But is not that the spirit that
    dominates largely in all countries? The season.
    dominates largely in all countries? The
    gay shops at this season in Paris, Ber-
    gin sow lin, London and New York testify to
    this fact. This very stir in the busi-
    ness life of every little village and town this ract. This very stir in the busi-
    ness life of every little village and town
    in all trade centres of large cities has in all trade centres of large cities has
    grown to be a part of the Christmas grown to be a part of the Christmas
    celebration. We may say in regard to celebration. We may say in regard to
    this that commercialism in itself can cause no harm. Let the heart of the
    buyer and seller be right and all transbuyer and seller be right and all trans-
    actions may be a tendency with us to actions may be line in favor of com-
    overste the mercialism; but our crowded churches
    on Christmas day bear testimony to on Christmas day bear testimony to
    the fact that we have not altogether the fact that we have not altogether
    forgotten the truth for which Christmas stands. How can Christmas in cos-
    mopolitan Canada be described? mopolitan Canada be described? Cana
    The English, Scotch or Irish Can dians tend to keep the festival as
    did their ancestors. The German
    lanadians keep it in Canadians keep it in accord with their
    native customs and so we might connative customs, and so we might con-
    tinue to state in reference to Canadians sprung from other nationalities.
    Here in Western Canada where peo
    ple of all nationalities have gathere ple of all nationalities have gathered
    together to form a part of a great country, we possess the heritage of all that i, best of the world's growth; so in
    keeping Christmas, whatever the nationkeeping Christmas, whatever the nation ality of our forefathers, may we remem-
    ber the richness of our common inheritance, and in the midst of our Christ ance, and in the midst of our Christ-
    mas joys forget not why we are joyful.

