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 tagions, and sho cane to write and talk $k$ to
 own culture, she prized her lover. He
Was original, piquant, and talented. She
was proud of him, and loved him with all her heart. Not as a more earnest person might have loved, but as hearty as' she
could. And she came to take on the


TORONTO, FRIDAY-MARCH 71873 On the mountain, in the valley,
 Did you ever see the monarch, Of the the royal and lordly monarch Bending it raging storms were twisting, Bending it in all directions,
Leaving it more firmly rooted Leaving it far more reliant! Tall and stately as a piant Eyrio Eyes as dárk or even darker With a wealth of curls to match Gathering in graceful clusters O'er a brow high and stately High and stately as a hero, High and massive as a poet. In his beawty and have our hero With a heart as good and mogic, And as true as any metal He ated io a mighty furnace,

| Welded by gigantic hammers. |
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VARIETIES.
 when he went forth, into the untrreu wow
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Io man stumbles upon success. Good
hee may open the way to the front, but
he wever reach it without "What do you mix your paints waith ?
asked a visitor of Opie, the painter.
"Wi, in a state of normal dissatisfaction with ter the situation. The wrong siden ma tapestry of life is never wrong side of the most beauti-
fal or encouraging one.

Success rides on every hour ; grapple
it and you may win, but without a grapple
it will it will never go with you. Work is the
weapon of honor, and he who lacks the
weapon will never triumph.

All great leaders have been inspired with
a great belief. In nine cases out of ten falure is born of unfaith. Tennyson
sings, "Faith and unfaith can never be
equal powers." To be a great leader, and so always master of the sitiataion, one
must of necessity have been a great thinker must of ne
in aetion.
The one serviceable, safe, certain, re-
munerative, attainable quality in every
study and in every pursuit is the quality
of of attention. Genius, vivacity, quickness
of penctration, brillancy in association but attention after due term of commanded sumssive
service, always will. Like certain plants Which the poorest peasant may grow in
the poor soi, it may be cultivated by any
ne, and it is certain in it one, and it is certain in its own good
season to bring forth flower and fruit." Half the misunderstanding of those
who can least affiord to misunderstand each other at all arise from two joint
reasons- first, from want of frankness on he part of those who think they have no
need to explain : next, from want of faith on the part of those who can take nothing
for granted without an explanation.

Promptness is a grand leader : Pro-
crastination limps behind, and is always in difficulty. To-day is master of the
situation: To-morrow is an imposter who brings failure with him

A New York editor is accused of being
drunk because he printed a quotation as :" And the cock wept thrice, and
Poll A poitical orator, speaking of a certain
general whom he admired, said he was
always on the field of battle where the always on the field of battle where the
lullets were the thickest. "Where was

PURE GOLD:-FOR CANADIAN HOMES.

Tates and sketches

BEFORE AND AFTER
the mist of the early morning, While over the east still lay Had ushered in the day. They stood in their brief glory Like the famed in song or story,
In battles bright a way.

And when the misty morn had past, And the golden heard the soundThe some could see from the neighborin And some could
height
The smoke
might;
We saw the smoke and heard the roar
But when the peace of evening fell,
And the cannon ceased its deep de
knell,
When the dust and smoke had cleared
In the tading light of the dying day,
Shattered and dim and dead they lay,
Here with the fresh wound gaping wide, Here with the fresh wangled bleeding side
There with the mang Calling for drink with pitiful moan,
Ordumb with white lips oozing foam.

Yet, each to some loving heart is dear
Though they lie like the dust of the hill
side here,
Ploughed with the ghastly death woun
now ;
A sister clasped that bleeding neck,
Or maybe somebody dearer yet;
Some one whose love will ne'er forget,
Though now he lies with his strong face Though now he hes with his strong face
Darkly settling in death's embrace.
"BEEN TO THE MINES, SIR?"
I HAD incalibed my mane on here
 soon radantly a proying that the stove would
thoroughly-chilled body, when I was startl. occupateng addressan the clerk had gone to order some supper for me, of which
stood much in need, after my long,' col nde in the cars). 1 had though
man to be soundly sleping,
loudly snoaring in a bass key. "Been to the mines, sir ?" remarked tone of voice.
I made a hasty survey of my personal
appearance, and, seeing nothing of the miner about me, came to the conclusion
that the gentleman was talking in his sleep. "Been to the mines, sir ${ }^{\text {" }}$ he repeated
"Sir?" I exclaimed, with a peculiar em phasis on the word, which was intended
to convey to him that I did not understand the purport of his question. He was a short, stout, pussy little man, man,
with a red face, and an old-fashioned black satin stock, at least four inches too dee
for his apoplectically-shaped for his apoplectically-shaped throat-1f
throat it might be called, for it was more
like a thick seam, where his head and shoulders had been welded together. The
color of his face deepened till it almosf approached a bright purple (I was hal
afraid that he was going to have a fit the spot), as he again repeated his inquiry
with a meaning pause betwen each word

## E"To what mines do you refer, sir ?"

 "Ain't theu from these of course," he replied curtly as I could. "Then why didn't you say so before?"he petulatly exclaimed, and, turning
himself round in his chair, he closed hin himself round in his chair, he closed his eyes, and
his nap.
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"Supper ready, sir ?" said the clerk,
putting his head in at the door." "This
way, sir." "Been to the mines, sir?" asked the
clerk, as we ascended the flight of stairs leading to the dining-room.
"No I" I replied, snappishly I took my seat at the table. I took my seat at the table. A bland-
looking young man, with washed-out eyes miscroscopical dimensions, sat opposite lo
me. Scarcely had I had time to unfold my dinner-napkin, when he stuttered out I would have killed that young man with
a glance if it had been possible to do so. As it was, I fired of "No, sir I" after such
a bombshell fashion, that he blushed crimson, and immediately began to study the
very intricate pattern of the red-and-white very intricate
table-cover.


 the bright orange and purple-colored auf
de Pagues which one sees in the German
grocery-stores it Easter-tide, and who ex
claimed, as he scratched his head in hi
bewilderment claimed, as
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"Wher
 eat him alive. I believe he thought I was
an escaped luatic, for he nervoushy edged
his chair away to a safe distance, and then his chair away to a safe distance, and then
began to whistle-I suppose by way of
keeping his courage up. As keeping his courage up. As my anger
cooled down, I began to feel ashamed of
myself; and, as a peace-offering, I asked myself; and, as a peace-offering, 1 asked
him if he would like to look at the Times,
at the same time handing it to him. He at the same time handing it to him. He
had seen it, and, therefore, poltity returnsome to me.
senal remark, by way of rejoinder,
and we soon got into conversation on the topics of the day, The funan almont thor-
totten my bede noire, when the landlord gotten my bede noire, when the landlord
seated himself by my side and joined in
the conversation. Presently there came full-a dangerous lull-in the conversa-
tion. In an instant the landlord was there; and, like some gibbing, mocking
fiend, he asked, as he turned to me : "Going over to the mines, sir?"
I shivered with disgust I shivered with disgust, and then trem-
bled with indignation. After a painful ef ort I succeeded in controlling myself,
"Say landlord," I I asked, in despairing
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ple
"How far from here is Friedensville ?"
"About fuur miles." "About four miles."
ane door for me at sunrise 1 " I ex
ctaimed in my anguish. "I see that hall have no peace till I have visited thes "Zinc "" replied the landlord, astonished
into laconicism by the contemptuous tone in which I spoke of Bethlehen's pride.
"Zinc I" I mused ; "well, I have never
been in a zinc-mine." And then, fearful that I should again have that hateful en-
quiry addressed to me, I gave orders that 1 should be called at six oclock, and re-
quested to be shown to my room. saw imps of darkness sitting cross-legged on the bottom of the bed, and heard them
hiss through their red-hot teeth, as they glared at me with their eyes of fire
"Been down in the mines 9 "
At one time I was buried alive in a zinc
mine ; at another I was being boiled in caldron of seething zinc, and again, I was
converted into zinc, and was being rolled onverted into sof zinc for house-tops. It
was awful. Every now and then I awoke with a start, and shivered till the bedshook
as I fancied I saw written in letters of sulphurous fire on the walls
"Beware of the mines ?"
Toward morning I at last fell into a
sound sleep, and, when I got up in answer sound sleep, and, when I got up in answer
to the porter's summons, I felt as flat and
stale as a bottle of bady-corked sodatane Ater. partaking of a hasty breakfast,
jumped into my sleigh, nnd was soon on
my way to what in the $n$ nt my way to what in the nght I had come to
regard as "the place of the damned"-the
"Iack Frost is ne er at home: for, without doub
When he is anywhero-he's always out:" Jack Frost was out with a vengeance as
I drove over the mountain to Friedensville

| and, by the time we pulled up at the door of the office of the Lehigh Zinc Company; I had considerable doubts as to whether I had a nose to blow, and whether I had one ear or two èars, or none. I might have w dropped them on the road without being d |
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dropped them on the road witheut being
aware of it, for all I knew-I mith aware of it, for all I knew-I might say,
cared ; for I was utterly reckless from the
amount of desperation which had ac amount of desperation which had ac-
cumulated in my system with all the in-
sidiousness. which physicians tell us is
is characteristic of arsenic. I am not certai
that I would have cared much whether it were desperation or arsenic at the mo-
ment that I turned the handfe of that of fice door.
But what did I see? A cheery-looking, jovial, bluff, and hearty middle-aged man
smoking his Havana in the most affection ate manner, while he toasted his feet before
a right royal good fire.
"How do you do, sir ?" he said, rising "How do you do, sir ?" he said, rising
from his chair I I entered, and offering
first his hand and then a wacant chair first his hand and then a vacant chair.
'Come over to see the mines, eh?' Somehow or other his allusion to the
mines did not seem to jar my nerves in
the electriebock fashion which had nearly the electriedtock fashion which had nearly
driven me mad at the hotel, and his
"Take a fresh cigar, sir," soon produced a greneral cigat, sion, soth ment soon
pand physical, which afterward enabled me to perform acrobatic fats worthy of
Blondin, and to come out of those fatal
mines without being carried out on a mines without being carried out on a
stretcher, or so much as breaking a limb or
tdislocating one of my stiffened joints.
That man was my good Samaritan, and
the captain of the mines.
the the captain of the nines.
The recuperating eflects of the drive,
the delicate fragrance of my cigar, the
warmth of the cheefful, bright fire, and
a chat with my very genial new acquaint-
ance, thoroughly restored me to myself in
the course of half an hour, and I proposed
that we should start on our tour of explora-
fion.
"Certainly," said the captian; ""but
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ing those pondcrous twenty-rour-ton walk
ing-beams, the captain was busy selecting
a suit and too malt; and 1 accompanied him up.
stairs to pick out one for myself. He
pointed out the ward-robe, a long cup. bourd, in which some twenty-five or thirty
suits were hanging from pegs, a hat over
each suit. It looked more like a morgue
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I gaiged one suit after another with
citical eye, without coming across one that I thought would fit me ; but at lat
the captain's search was crowned witt
"Here you are," he exclaimed, unhook
ing a suit from its peg ; "I guess this'll do
He had sclected the largest suit h
could find, and, dropping my overcoat,
proceeded to array mysself in as grotesqu
and unbecominga costume as I ever
on in my life. Buttoning my jacket,
donned a pair of unbleached canvas over donned a pair of unbleached canvas over-
alls, which came up well over the ribs, the a jacket of the same material ; tying then
firmly round the waist with a piece of stout
cord, I looked like a diver, minus hi
helmet. A soft hat, which looked a thounat had done good service to sever
crowntions of bricklayers or lime-burners crowned the whole and completed m
costume. I was ready, with a vengeance, -say $x$, plus infinity.
"Like to go down the pumping-shaft? -say x, plus innnity
"Like to go dow.
asked the captain.
"Oh, yes ; I want to see every thing,"
replied, little knowing what I was under
taking.
Provi
Providing himself with a small oul- -am
such as are used by coal-miners, and attach such as are used by coal-miners, and attach
ing it to his hat, the captain led the way to
a small aperture, which looked like the en a small aperture, which looked like the en
trance to a dark cellar. He began to
descend. descend, and I followed; our means of
descent being a series of ordinary ladders
springing from small landing plattorms,
and forming a very steep and dangerous
staircase. I got down the first flight, by
dint of great care, with tolerable ease. nt of great care, with tolerabbe ease.
he rungs of the ladder were incrusted
ith ice, and, in addation to being very angerous fo
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pening abo pere to put my feet. But, after
here decended two or three fughts, we we had
tter darkness-- darkness that might be in utter darkness- - darkness that might be al.
almost felt, for the captain's lamp shed no ays for more than a foot or two around his
head. The upper attosphere, too, had no
nfluence over the ter influence over the temperature at that
depth below the surface, and the ungs of the lalder, instead of being crust-
ed with a frozen surface, were covered with a still more slippery wet slime. The
situation was embarrassing and distressing I felt as though I was going "down among
he dead men " into some horrible subterraneen vault-perhaps the abcde of the
cursed awaiting the final judgment day Groping blindly in the darkness," I had he greatest difficuily in holding on to the
adder. Coming from the glare of the bright sun, playing on the expanse of snow
above, my eyes refused to accustom them
elves to the darkness. selves to the darkness. I saw imaginar
shapes and forms, platforms where ther
were no platforms-nungs of leddel were no platiorms-rungs of ladden
were not. Two or three times I cl
at a rung, as I thought, and my hand closed
lose my hold. I shuddered, made a mor
uccessful grab, and held on like grin
death for a a ew seconds till I had recovered
deyself. And all while there was the un
earthly noise of the plungers of the pump and the rush of water overhead, as they
discharged their eight hundred gallons at
every stroke. I eould hear the grinding of the massive pump-rods as they went up
and down. I could hear what seemed to and down. I could hear what seemed to
be roaring, seething cataract of water
above me, and which might overwhelm me in its flood at any moment; but I could
see absolutely nothing - no more than if I see absolutely nothing-no more than if
had been born blind. It was like some had been born bind. And then, suddenly,
horrible nightmare.
without a moment's warning, I was dang ing on the ladder, with the sensation that my arms were being torn from the shoulder
sockets, and that the muscles of my
shoulders were giving way under thesudden, shaulders were giving way under thespdden
jarring strain caused by the whole weigh
of my falling body being instantaneousty
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 tion at last led me to put out my foot in
search of a rung, and I stood safe, but with trembling knees and palpitating heart,
once more on the treacherous ladder Fortunately, it was the last one, and a fev
steps brought me to the bottom of the
shatt, a depth of one hundred and sevent

IBBIE STE'ENSON THE MISER. IN THREE CHAPTERS.
$\mathrm{M}_{\text {infirmities of a premature old age were fast }}^{\text {RSS STEVENSON was subject to }}$ the setting in upon her. She had exercised a
calling for twelve eaas, which exposed her
to inglemencies of to inclemencies of weather, and irregular-
ity of sleep and diet; and these agencies
were beginning to kythe upon were beginning to kythe upon her consti-
tution. By hard scraping and saving she
had amassed upwards of twenty pounds, which in those days was reckoned quite
fortune. She wisely resolved to confine
her professional exertions for the future to
the more immediate neighborhood, and the more immediate neighborhood, and
occupy herself with her cow and the small
pendicle she rented. Gibbie was in consequence hired out to a sheep farmer, near
Parishholm. The food of farm servants a
then that time was of the coarsest description
The only kilchen allowed to dinner, whic
usually consisted of groat broth, made thic usually consisted of groat broth, made thic
with potatoes and vegetables, was occa
sionally an egg, or a bit of braxy ham. Th sionaly an egg, or a bit of braxy ham.
sharp eye of Gibbie discovered even he
a source of gain. He hoarded his eg
and pieces of meat till they and pieces of meat till they amounted to
disposabe quantity, and had them sent
taken to Douglas and sold. He went out taken to Douglas and sold. He went ou
also in the summer and moonlight nigh and gathered stray wool among the hills
and it was said he sometimes cut, or pulle patches of the fleece from the ewes that h
tound asleep or in the fold. He sat lines in the water too, and snares in every direc-
tion ; and every trout and hare was converted, if possible, into money; and ifn
they were kept till they wasted, for he ne er gave anything away. The reprimand him more wary. He was threatened with
dismissal, but still he continued. TThere dismissal, but still he continued. There
was one bond which knit his master to
him, and that was Gibbie's handiness. He could do anything, and refused to do n
thing. He could milk the cows, or was
the dishes, or make the food, or build a
dyke or an outhause, or repair the farming
utensils. Wh. dyke or an outhouse, or repair the farming
utensis. Whatever was behind, Gibbie
brought it up; and his untiring strength,
and elum skill, in some things, made him
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 mother. The only change in his dress was his maser for doing a piece of exra hatd
vork. Notho
and wounderateing was of tifere tean tior hilesbie tre compence. He would hep opot che huxeel a horse, or run an errand, or do anything he mast bidden, however menial, it a con sideration was given. The gibes of the
contry hases, or the tuants of the tarm country hsses, or hee cunts of hie than if
his, bad no more effect uno him, they had been addresed to a person with
uhom he had nothing to do. The wiskey thas except what he got tor nothing. cheme was enterect ino bysomes esephereds a Doukas manket to get Gibieie inoxi. heir whikey ynd caut heier buns, but nota on biing to orile he his pocockets, tuth tee foonght like a iber and made his sesape, "Gibbie The miser, had long becen inevery colilis answered dhem with his sual grumph-
Sometims it expresed conterpt, some. times anger, sometimes eny. and some-
times even satisfaction, if not delight-imese even satisaction, ill not dolightisin.

 joy.
Sheme eaway, Gubie," said his mother want to speak to you."
"What are you wanting, mither " spoke
ne unfecling son; "dye think yere dy-
"Yes, Gibibie; the gipos od death are on "Where did ye put the silet, mither" antement, or her exclamation.
$\qquad$ "Where is't $\psi$ " interrupted the heartless
 "He's no get the offer," retorted the "Oh Gibbie, Gibbie! dinna break my
heart," exclaimed Mrs. Stevenson., "Oh,

 "Till

"But will ye no pray?
Is there threty pound ot ?
"a O pray wi' me, Gibbie, and rll tell $y$ e
ay dear.

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"me
"Did John Paki pay the chesese?






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ther mher
"Theres twenty five pound ten," replice ". Theres stents, five pound en, replice come rirom were bis fingers asifcounting some thing, and then exclaimed
I was making o't. What have ye done
"It's there as it is," said the afflicted and
ow irritated woman. "It was my ain making, and neabody has ony business
what's ot, or what I did wi't." The effort, and the conflicting emotion and itwas sometime ere she came out of
it. As nature rallied, and consciousness
eturned she asked in returned, she asked, in an
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PURE GOLD:-FOR CANADIAN HOMES

South Branch Stewiscke-12; Springside,
Eastville, Upper Stewiscke-26; Crystal, Eaustville, Upper Stewiscke-26; Crystal,
Middle Stewiscke-13; Cornwallis, Canard14 ; Princess Louise, Loeway Mines-18 the Glen, Antigonish County-41; St. Andrews, Antigonish-12; a total of 307 in firteen divisions, which we consider very good.
Other Divisions admitted new members vaying from one to ten each new members va G. W. P. has re-organized two old Divisions and one in Bermuda has resumed woik. Three new Divisions have been instituted since the Annual Session-0
in Hants Counties.
haldimakd Central Division, No. 393 Centreton P. O., Co. of Northumberland, has members last quarter, and held one public mecting. Bro. E. Massey is D. G. W. P.
Bro. C. Jones, W. P., and Bro. J. McMahon R. S.

From the Orillia Expociter of last week we learn that the first monthly open meeting of
the Orillia Division of the Sons of Tempernce beld on Friday evening previous was a grea success.
There were nearly two hundred people
present. Mr. P. Murray, W. P., occupied the chair. After the opening ode, Rev. H. Parrish led in prayer. A song, "The Truth will
Prevail," was well rendered by several memPrevail," was well rendered by several mem-
bers of the Order. Rev. John Gray gave a capital Temperance address, pointing out the evils of intemperance upon the individual, the community, and the nation, the danger of
moderation, and urging that all, especially professing christians, should become total ab stainers, both for their own safety and for the others. Next came a song and chorus, "The
Little Brown Church," in which the solo was sung by Miss Sanderson. Rev, H. Parrish stated that he was not much acquainted with
the Temperance movement in this country the Temperance movement in this country,
but as the evil effects of the traffic are seen in
Britain dd with the merits of the question of drinkin vs. total abstinence. He forcibly urged that we strike at the root of the evil by prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors. This he said
would be a test question at the next Parliamentary election in England. Both he and the previous speaker advocated the education because if the custom of moderate drinking could be stopped, the army of drunkards would soon become extinct, and Britons
throughout the world a sober people Rev Mr. Parrish went further than many other teetotallers, including in his pledge intoxicating liquors, tobacco and snuff. Miss Newton sang "Ring, Ring the Bell," which was loud-
ly applauded. Mr. McFedris gave a witty ly applauded. Mr. McFedris gave a witt
speech, replete with good sound argument speech, replete with good sound argument about to follow their example, and will hold
similar public meetings, which will make them fortnightly instead of monthly. The hour fo closing beirg past, the Rev. J. Gray pronoun
ced the benediction. The members of the Order remained, and nine new members were admitted, which, with eleven the previous of 26 this quarter. About 25 members of the Rugby Division paid a fraternal visit to their co-workers in Orillia, and remained during
the private meeting. Those who took part, and all concerned, have good reason to feel gratified with the scccess which has attended their effort to furnish innocent and profitable

FALKLAND Division, No. 228, Falkland P O., Co. of Brant. reports 34 members; 10 ad mitted the past quarter. The D, G.dN. P.,
Bro. George T. Simpson, is W. P.; Bro. Wm

## Eorrespondgate,

[We have been recently favored with a com-
munication, which we insert below, from a fair correspondent, who signs herself "Maud Metton. We expect further communications from her pen, and have pleasure in placing
on the list of our contributors.-ED.]
por pure gold

## A FEW NOTES.

Mr. Edrror,-Have you "Mrs. Pipsey
Pott's" address? Potr's"address? Ifyou have please convey
to her my sincere thanks for her invaluable to her my sincere thanks for
hints on houschold matters.
She may well pride herself on being sharp, for she has an eye to business, that's evident.
Only one thing I was unable to understand how she could, after exhausting her energies by two extra journeys down cellar (so that she might have been cross all day, but was amiable instead) so far recover herself as to take down and carry out stoves. Now this
puzzes me no: a little, and if she will be tion enough to explain I will tell her how, by means of levers and fultrums I can move stoves and other heavy articles, when I wish
to remove or put down a carpet, without lift$\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{ng}}$ a particle, for I m a bit of a philosopher,

I shall remember her hint with reference
to the "potatoes," if I am not too tired next washing day. It would be fery nice indeed week, but ours do take such a deal of seraping
whate that I'm thinking it would require all the afternoon, and then I should get no time for my "washing day nap." I wonder if Mrs. Potts
ever indulges in such a thing-probably not, uver indulges in such a thing - probably not, unless after
absence.
Then as to the "chickens." I'm sure well the roast," instead of "running them down," but don't you think it looks a little cruel to break in upon their slumbers so unceremoni-
ously? Perhaps chickens mind such things ; ously? Perhaps chickens mind such things;
however, I think IIll leave that job for the deacon.
By the way, we have never owned a live chicken yet, but I look forward to such poss sion with a good degree of assurance
Last fall George set four stakes in the
cround, and when I enquired the reason, said that some time in in the future this enclosure would be the scene of our first experi-
ment in ment in the pouitry line. Afterwards he se
cured a quantity of feed, and still more recently engaged a few dozen eggs of some rare
species, but whether he will add to his stock hen, or resort to the Yankee method of hatching eggs, I have not yet been inform.

This reminds me of an adventure I had last fall. Although it did not occur to me at
the time, that either the hen or $I$ was deserving of newspaper notoriety. An old speckled her owner, made frequent visits to our gar-
den, and grew fat upon our peas and strawberries. Later in the season she did not scruple to ravage our tomatoes, appropriating our This at last gave rise to rather an unchristian feeling toward the intruder, and I resolved to give chase. This was my first and last at,
lempt to run down a hen. She would neith lempt to run down a hen. She would neith.
ergo out thirough the hole by which she had argo out through the hole by which she had
entered, nor any other, despite my gentle entered, nor any other, despite my gentle
hints conveyed to her by the soft part of the broom. Then I opened a large gate, througb hich a load of hay could pass, but she rushgain, crouching down and hiding her head in the vines. I could have caught her, but
knowing her propensities I dreaded the encounter. So I ran for a basket and carefully placed it over her, hoping thus to secure her antil some one came with sufficient courage o carry her home. Oh, such a scene as ensued ! such fluttering of feathers, and some ding that wasn't feathers. With more alac by a hen.
Mrs. P. P. remarks that she "never knew a woman to handle warm bread just as her
mother used to." Now, I will allow her to speak for the women on "her side the line," which sheprobably does from experience ; but let me assure her that over here we know no, no other way. We don't put our bread on an
'old black table," for the reason that we have os buch articles in our kitchens, and we don't nnow anything about the linimenty, turpen-
tiney taste that she speaks of. Hope she will tiney taste that she speaks of. Hope she will
soon give us the story "about the time when soon give us the s
she worked out."
K. M. G. E., in Pure Gold, of February thh, writing on the subject of "why I don"t marry," lectures us finely upon our weakness-
es and follies. Now this is all very clever and nice, and I feel to congratulate him on his his pen in hand I would advise him to choose a subject not quite so stale. We all know we are weak: why, bless his innocent soult we
were educated up to that point before we learnmere educated up to that poin
ed the multiplication table.
Once or twice in my time I have met with
gentlemen, veritable lords of creation, whom gentlemen, veritable lords of creation, whom
I strongly suspected of having descended from some daughter of Eve : who gave unmistak-
able evidence of having been some time the remote and forgotten past the pets of some weak woman, and thus they unfortunately inherited some of her propensities. I know
this is a grave charge, but I speak advisedly.

Well, K. M. G. E. may be one of this class He inadvertently, perhaps, gives us his weak ed so immensely, and under the influence ,
Now, I'm not very well posted in these
matters, but I presume claret is name for coffee or soda water or any of those delicious fruit syrups with which temperance people are wont to treat themselves.
Allow me to add that I think it is such somebody. Probably the interesting compan ion referred to might consent to forego her love of millinery and dry goods and take kind ly to domestic life and calico, if he were to "there are a dozen sweet girls with whom he could be perfectly happy,"

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May never gain the May never gain the shore.
The waves are in thy hand, Ahd though fierce tempests lower, They own their sovereign Lord's con
mand,

Fear not-I lead the way The path, now dark, shall shine of glorious light divine. Lean on my strong right arm-
Mv power to bless the prond My power to bless thee prove; ;
To shield thee from all carthly harm, To guard thee by my love. Father, the path is rough,
And weary are my feet: And weary are my feet t
Wint thou not say enough, Be now thy joy replete. Wouldst thou to glory rise Ere halt thy life's short race is run
Or thou hast won the prue? ?" Labor still bruvely on,
Trust in thy risen Lo So shalt thou gain a crown,
Thy patient toil's reward. Labor, and watch, and pray,
Be bold, and firm. and strong Look for the promised coming dy, The night will pass ere long. Father, thy will be done,
My beart doth rest in Thee, Mr bear doth rest in
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And necero If I may Jesus win.

Then on the other side,
Beyond the pearly yate Sate from the pearly gater,
Where stinted ling tide, Where sainted loved ones wai IIl higher raise the song,
Of rapure glad and free Honor and praise and poo
To Him who ied for me.

Balsem Lake, Feb, 1873 . Miluie

the back ache
$\mathrm{P}^{\text {ERHAPS the reader has had the in- }}$ termittent, or the dumb congetive chilis, or the the teriblete, typhoid.
In so he knows that backache If so he knows that backache means. patient be left to hygienic medication and and the $V$ sis Madicaratis Naturar it does not
return after many days
But there return after many days, But there are
aeching backs which are constant as friend ship, or recurrent as rent-bilils, or reariod
ical like politioins. The obsessed indiidal cannot dismiss them as beggars,
nor bribe them as lobyjits, nor entertain them as guests. Ho prosence, oor can he let them go. He
annnot ose them amay without hurting
himself the worst himself the worst. are very common and very disteak backs, of American women. So far as we can learn from newspapers, comic alman-
acs and medical journals, they have been iniereasing steadily in force and frequeney since the days of our great-grand mothers
Time was (so the old folks say) when ing backs were the exeception, now they
are the rule. What if they become uni. The principle causes aresedentary hab-
its and improper dress. Erroneoos positt and improper ridess, wrroneous pos among the aggravating causes, Extreme
canuses are induced by tighlacing, the
"Grecin bend" the kangeo "Grecian bend," the
and high-stilted shoes.
The conditon superinduced by thes
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blood. The small of the back is the weak or
strong point of any persson. $\begin{aligned} & \text { It is } \\ & \text { centre of yoluntary motion. Nearly three }\end{aligned}$ centre of yoluntary motion. Nearly three
hundrod muscles are directiy or indir
hetly the small of the back is the pivotal centre. Hence, while those who are strong
the whose muscular systems are well and whose muscular systems are well
balaneod, know nothing of spinal weakneess complaining of this part of the body.
One very prominent cause of weak backs and crooked spines is, the unhygi enie and unanatomieal seats and benches
of our school-houses, churches and halls; nor are the seats and benches provided on teamboats, railroad cars, or at station or cerry- Louses any better. It is impossible without being forced out of shape when sehool children are confined to them for several hours a day for months and
years, their backs will inevitably be more or less weakened, with corresponding de
formity of body, for life.

##  aret aught to run, jump and exercise them- selves allover and all through, while giris selves all over and all through, while girls are expected to keep still and be pretty. It is certainly one of the strange probIt is certainly one of the strange prob- lems of the nineteenth eentury that no parent, teacher, or mechanic will give any parent, teacher, or mechanic will give any attention to anatomy or physiology in the construction of seat for the human body. Monstruction of seat for the human body. Must our chairs, and sofas, and settees, and divans, and tete-atctes, and pews for- ever be dictated by fashion, and never conformed to nature? Must our tortur- ed bodies forever be compelled to shape themselves to the ceats, instead of the seats being adapted to our bodies? seats being adapted to our bodiepf? through all the great chair factories the country, and you will not find a si gle article that is not put together in gross violation of the rules of health comfort. If some Cooper or Peabod comfort. If some Cooper, or Peabod,, Stewart, or Vanderbilt, or Astor, invest a little million of dollars in esta lishing an immense chair-factory strictly hy immensene principless," he would do more to improve more to improve human health, promo longevity and remedy the backache, tha any medical college

 seats than boys, for ther reason that boys be prove the digestion, invigorate every part
are taught to run, jump and exercise them. dom to all vive ease, grace, and freeany medical college in the land.
Btt, as we cannot manufacture hy
onic chairs ourselves onic chairs ourselves, nor at onee edu-
cate the people out of their backachin cate the people out of their backaching
and baekbreaking ways, we must play the
role of physician instruct the weak ones role of physician, instruct the weak on
how to make their backs strong, and the
crooked ones how to make their crooked on
straight.
applicable to this of hygienio medication as applicable to this subject, contemplate
bringing all the muscess of the body
whose motions have whose motions have the smail of the
back as their entral point, into
equal and harmonious action. These mus cles include all those of the upper an
lower extremities, most of the museles of lower extremities, most of the museles
respiration and the majority of those the abdomen.
We have often noticed, in the berry sea
son, a young girl, and sometimes an eld son, a young girl, and sometimes an eld
erry woman, walking the streets with a basket of red-raspberries on one arm an a basket of "black caps" on the othe
arm. She was a travelling fruit store. her step was quiek and elastic, and her
clear, shrill ber-recest could be heard tw or three squares distant, ringing and
thrilling above the din of carts and the incessant rumbling of carriages and cars,
Was there no danger of the basket fall Was there no danger of the basket fall-
ing from her head? No. Blondin might as
well have been expeeted to tumble into the Niagara- Stepping over the gutters,
or turnint or turningthe head to look for customers
did not hazard the position of that bas did not hazard the position of that bas-
ket in the least. Any deviation from the perpendicular, , Anwever infinititesimal, was
corrected instantly and almost unconseiously, so sensitive and pliable were the
muscles, both of motion and The secret of Blondin's wonderiul feats, and of of all otrer tight-ropists and acro-
bats, consists simply in the equal and bal nced play of all the museles of viola tion.
Such market girls know nothing of
backache. In weak and crooked backs but few musples can co-operate. Sobme
have beoome flaby and relaxed; others rigid andicontracted, so that in any given
ffort, whetber in sitting erect, walking, standing, riding, dancing, or laboring, but few muscles act together, and these few are
tigued.
To
To strengthen feeble museles and
straighten crooked backs an immense mount of machinery has been invented, 1 of which, if properly used, is more astics, and the heavy gymnastics, the ci. isthenies, and the movements, and lif ors and vibrators, and hose who have tin oney, inclination, and opportunity, m
patronize the Health Institutions he specialists with advantage.
But the animus of this article is to sug
est a "family gymnasium" which cal est a "family gymnasium" which can
be suceessfully employed in home treat ment ; which can be practiced without eacher, and which can be extemporize
in a moment whenever and wherever debilitiated back or a
column can be found.
The patient has only to imitate the ber exercise her own ingenuity in carryin out the principle. If she tries earnestly
she can hardly fail. One metbod, how ver, we will explain, which we will guar no patent) she shall be quite welcome
employ, until she can contrive a better. Let her take a weight of a kind each hand, and put another on the to
of her head. Thus pangymnastioniction of her head. Thus pangymnasticonicat
let her exercise in walking for a few min-
utes (always short of fatigue) sever times a day. For the hands a pair of
dumb-bells will answer. They should be light at first, and heavier ones used after
wards. The weight on the head shoula also be light to commence with, and in ereased as the muscles become stronger.
The patient may prolong the exeroisegrad-
vall aed until she can step quickly be contin and uneven surfacesp, quid go up and dow
stairs without disturbing stairs without disturbing the balance
of the weight on the head, Be sure an
keep the month shut while exercising
 We forget who it was-or perhaps
we never remembered who witt.
ily remarked that " Homer sometimes
nods, and therey furaished a stoek-quo-
tation for the perpetual ase of people nods, and thereby furnished a stock-quo-
tation for the perpetual ase of people
without ideas of their own. But whoever the witty one was, there can whe no
doubt that he chuckled inwardly or re
joiced aloud over his discoovery. People always do rejoice exceedingly when they
find a flaw in any literary work, and their find a flaw in any literary work, and their
rejoicing is in direet ratio to the celebrity
of the writer in whose work the weakness
is di.covered. The reason for all this is is di.covered. The reason for all this is
found doubtless in the underlying princip-les of all human nature ; and we we could
explain it beautifully, if we would, in an abstract essay, but, upon reflection, we
prefer to leave the point, for the present, The fact is an interesting one in itself,
and it would be no no more than an act
of humanity on of humanity on the part of our great writ-
ers if they would take pains to make dis-
eoverable blunders here and there, so coverable blunders here and there, so that all readers might have the pleasure
of finding them and pointing them out t
friends. At present, however, author are selfish, just as other people are, and
refuse to sacrifice themselves to then readers in this way when they can theip
it. But they slip occasionally, and we lesser people enjoy the lapse from accur-
acy more than we do any possible perfecacy m.
tion.
Some of the blunders of anthors are re aily matters of astonishment, and their
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Dr. Jon Dr. Johnson wrote an ingeniously elab-
orate definition of the word " net-work,
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printing the chapter descriptive of Mr.
Crook's death, and all the critics cried aloud in a breath that spontaneous com-
bustion was a scientific impossibility bustion was a scientific impossibility
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except his censors, and he was not entire
ly without authority for the ineider $y$ without authority for the incident or
the theory.
Thackeray, in "The Virginians," mad sad work of American geography, sending
his personage from one place to another in an impossibly brief space of thime.
Other authors have blandered similat In The Hosier School-Master we have hol
Other lyhocks blooming ont of doors with snow on the ground, and we recently saw a
newspaper article in which some equally kingdom was shown to exist in "The End of the World."
Charles Reade is the father of one of
the strangestof these solecisms, and one of which we have seen no mention any-
where. In " Very Hard Cash," a book
which deals with the doctors more than with anything else, Mr. Reade speaks of Dr. Sangrado as one of Cervantes's char-
acters, a mistake for which it sems imard Grant White's convenient theory
ard about such things. Mr. Reade is of course
thoroughly familiar with both " "Gil Blas" and "Don Quixote," and he certainly
knows not only that Sangrado figures in
the former and not in the latter, but also that the quack is essential to the completeness of Le Sage's story, while there is no
place in " Don Quixote" into which he and his water-cure and blood-letting theories could possibly be squeezed. There
would be nothing strange in Charles Resde's making a mistake with regard to
ny minor personage in fiction, but here any minor personage in fiction, but here
he confounds two classics, and gets a
very prominent character belonging to one very prominent
into the other.
Disraeli in his latest political novel, draws many of his oharactery from life,
and makes some of his portraitanmistakable. There is one place in the first ed-
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