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Lost. Once on a time she came to me, As some small star from heaven might flee-To be a mortal's sole delight. A love by day, a dream by night,

My little darling crept to me. A trembling, tender, fairy thing. Too grave to smile, too sad to sing, Aware of earth with grieved surprise An alien from her native skies, A baby angel strange to see, My little darling came to me

The sweetest thing on land or sea

But love and loving taught her smiles And life and living baby wiles-The way to cling, to coax, to kiss, To fill my soul with deepest blies; My heart of hearts, my life, was she, This little love who came to me.

What words she stammered, soft and low No other ears but mine could know; More gentle than a cooing dove, More fond than any voice of love, Bo shy, so sweet, so tenderly, My little darling spoke to me.

I know not how to tell the grace That dwelt upon her wistful face-The tinted skin, the lip's pure bloom, The clearest eyes that knew not gloom. The hair as soft as moth wings be, My little darling showed to me.

Alas! I know that all is gone, That here I sit and grieve alone, That every fair and gracious thing I loved and lost is but a sting: Another thorn thy memory

My little darling, brings to me. But kindly night doth pity pain : In all my dreams she comes again ; Her precious head is on my breast : My happy arms caress her rest : I hear her words of tender glee; My little darling kisses me.

Ah! sweet is night-too sweet, too brief When day recalls our bitterest grief, The hungry heart, the longing dire That burns the soul with vain desire, The ancient cry of wild distress, The Rachel-mourning, comfortless. Ob, God! once more that face to see My little darting, come to me.

-Rose Terry Cooke.

THE BRIDE'S TRIAL.

It is strange what different estimates people will put on a man's character, according to the eyes with which they may view him. In the opinion of some, Mr. Benjamin Benedict—not our hero, exactly, but the next thing to it, his uncle—was a gentleman, a scholar and a philauthropist; while others, quite as well qualified to reason and decide, wondered that a public way a gentleman and a philauthropist; while others, quite as well qualified to reason and decide, wondered that such a ways to was allowed.

"How dreary it looks!" thought Rachel, with a little shudder. But Uncle Ben at once jumped out.

"Come my dear," he said to Rachel. ed that such a monster was a to walk the earth unchallenged. For old Ben Benedict was just the sort of a man to provoke and please in alterations -a human March day, with streaks of sunshine and chilling gusts sandwiched through his nature. People who knew him liked him passing well, but it sometimes took a lifetime to know him as he really was.

"You will be sure to like my uncle. darling," said Hugh Benedict to his young wife. " He is eccentric, but he is

Rachel did not answer, but her blue eyes were wistful and full of perplexity. Uncle Ben, whom she had never seen, but of whom she had heard much, was to her an inscrutable riddle, whom she feared more than she was willing to acknowledge. For Hugh's future depended to a certain extent on Uncle Ben Bouedict, and with Hugh's future her own was bound inseparably. She was a fair, fresh looking girl, with

velvety cheeks, bronze bright hair, and features as correct and delicately cut as a cameo. Hugh was quite certain that Uncle Ben could not see her without loving her; but then these young hus-bands are not apt to be impartial judges. She was sitting in the firelight at their

lodgings, when the old gentleman first beheld her; and the only warning she had of his presence she saw reflected in Hugh's eyes. "My dear, how do you do?" said the

old gentleman, kissing Rachel on both cheeks. And she thought he was not so terrible after all.

He turned to Hugh, when he had thus rather unceremoniously made himself acquainted with his new niece-in-law. "Well, young man, are you ready to

leave these rooms and go to your new home?" he asked; for be it known that the old gentleman had given Hugh and Rachel a wedding present of a new house, wherein they were to live. "Quite, sir," Hugh answered, very

cheerily.
"Shall it be to-morrow?" "Yes.

"All right."

And Mr. Benedict sat down to spend the evening and enjoy himself.
"Well, sir?" said Hugh, when his uncle was taking leave, and paused on the doorstep to light a eigar.

"Well, sir?" said uncle Benedict, calmly.
"Fow do you like her?" asked

Hugh. "How can I tell?" demanded the old gentlemman, irritably. "She's pretty to look at, so is a china doll, or a white kit-

ten. It isn't always the prettiest calicoes that wash the best. Good even-And Hugh Benedict, albeit he was very fond of his uncle, did not know

whether to be vexed or not. Early the next morning, however, Uncle Ben made his appearance before the young couple, breathless and eager.

"Trunks packed, eh?" "All but the last one, uncle." And Rachel lifted her pretty head out of the tray, as you may have seen a red clover blossom rise up from beneath

a child's footstep. 'I'm going to take you down to Bloomingdale myself, my dear," said Uncle Ben. "Hugh, I want you to go off at once with these letters. of importance. I'd go myself, if I were ten years younger, but sudden journeys don't agree with old bones like mine."

Hugh looked aghast at the proposal.

Rachel turned pale.

"I suppose I'm old enough to take care of a little girl like that," said Uncle Ben, in an aggrieved tone. "You'll find us both in the new residence, with the table laid for dinner, when you come back to market." back to-morrow."

So there was nothing for it but for Hugh to kiss his little bride a half score of times, and commission Uncle Ben to take the best possible care of her until

he should return.

"Foolish children!" said Mr. Benedict, as he saw Rachel sobbing on Hugh's shoulder. But there was a cheery twinkle in his own keen gray eyes, nevertheless.

Poor girl! the atmosphere had lost somewhat of its sparkle, and the world looked less bright, as she journeyed toward her new home. As the autumn twilight began to fall,

her thoughts became busy as a woman's will at times.
"Uncle," she said, turning suddenly toward the old gentleman, "what
sort of a house is it—ours, I mean?" "Well," said Uncle Ben, reflectively,

"it's a cottage, I should say."
"A modern cottage?" "Well, no; rather of the antique or

der than otherwise."
"Oh," cried Rachel, "I'm glad; "I despise these new, stiff, formal places, that look as if they were merely to be admired, not lived in and enjoyed. Un cle, what are you laughing at?'

"At your curiosity, my dear," replied the old gentleman.
"Then I won't ask another question,"

said Rachel, resolutely.
But she fully atoned for that deprivation by sketching on the tablets of her own fancy an endless variety of little Gothic structures, with bay windows, and trellises covered with climbing roses and honeysuckles, while Uncle Benedict watched her from behind the screen of his newspaper, with the queerest of expressions on his face.

"I'm almost sorry I commenced this "I'm almost sorry I commenced this thing," he said to himself. "It I should be disappointed in her! But, pooh! it's the only way to find out if she is worth my boy's love!"

Presently the !umbering old carriage came to a standstill; but, to Rachel's surprise, in front of no fairy cot, or low

eaved edifice surrounded by verandas and flower parterres. A tumble-down, uupainted farmhouse stood a little back from the road, with its shutters hanging

"Is this the place?" she asked, "This is the place," Uncle answered, with a sudden paroxysm of coughing. "Gate's a little out of order," as that useful mode of ingress became suddenly detached from its sole remaining hinge, and fell with a crash to the ground; "but that's soon set

right with a screwdriver and half-alozen or so screws." Alas, poor Rachel! What were her sensations as she looked blank around the neglected, dismal spot which was

sole realization of her fairy dreams? This the home Uncle Benedict gave them! And for an instant our little heroine felt as if she could renel the unwelcome gift, and tell Uncie Benedict plainly that she could not spend her days in a hovel like this. But then came sober second thoughts

Uncle Benedict had meant kindly, they were poor, and could not afford to dispense with even the meanest of roofs over their heads. No; she must gratefully accept the present in the spirit in which it was given, and check in the bud all her rebellions and unamable repinings.

"I told you it was a cottage," you know," said Uncle Ben, keenly scrutiniz-

ing her face, as they stood on the doorstep waiting for the door to be opened.
"Yes, I know," said Rachel, glancing round with brightening eyes. a very choice climbing rose over the window, if it was only properly trained. "It's rather lonesome," said Uncle

"I like the country," Rachel answer ed, hopefully.

As she spoke a slipshod old woman appeared to let them in, and led the way to the best room, a green-curtained apartment, with a shabby carpet on the floor and a fire in the stove that emitted far more smoke than caloric.

"Smoky, eh?" said Uncle Ben. " The draught seems to be poor. said Rachel; "but I dare say it can be altered.

"I hadn't any idea the ceilings were so low," grumbled the old gentleman. "It's partly the effect of the wall per," said Rachel, with a glance at the red and green monstrosities. "A narrow striped pattern will improve it.'

"What queer little cupboards at the sides of the mantel !" said Uncle Ben. "Oh, they will be nice for our best said Rachel. "My dear," said the old gentleman,

"I believe you are determined to be pleased. Do you really think you shall like this place ?"

"I shall like any place where Hugh "said Rachel, brightly.
She went all over the house with the

old gentleman, planning improvements, and suggesting and contriving, until he really began to think she would make an Arcadia out of the tumble-down old farm. And if she shed a few tears on her pillow, when she went to rest under the eaves of the roof in an apartment which must have been built for Tom Thumb, Uncle Benedict never knew it. There was the carriage at the door when Rachel rose from her breakfast of

bread and butter and coffee the next "Come, my lass, 'said the old gentle-man, "I want to show you a place further up the road, which has been

They're taken by a friend of mine." The drive and the delicious September air were like an invigorating tonic to our wearied little bride, and a picture awaited them, in an exquisite villa with its rose-clad bay windows and picturesquely

"Cannot the business be postpones, sir?" said Hugh, hesitatingly, "No, it can't," replied Uncle Beu, curtly. "If you don't want to go, say so. I dare say I can find some one else to oblige me."

I shall go," said Hugh.

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geraniums in my life; and what a lovely marble paved hall!"

"You like the appearance?"

"Oh, yes; 'tis beautiful.

"Come in, my dear, and see how you like the interior," said the old gentlement serveds."

man, serenely.

It was perfect, from the parlor, with its superb Brussels carpet and exquisite silk hangings, to the bedroom, all in white and pink, like the inside of a rose's heart, and the fairy conservatory,

"It is like fairy land!" cried Rachel, athusiastically. "Do tell me, Uncle enthusiastically. "Do t Ben, who is to live here?"

Uncle Ben turned round and faced "You, my dear!" "And Hugh, of course?"

"To be sure!" "But uncle," gasped little Rachel, quite overwhelmed by this unexpected

good luck, "the other house"—
"That's only a little joke of mine.
This is the real home, and I give it to you with all the more pleasure that you were disposed to make the best of the bad bargain you thought you were in for. My dear, the contented mind you possess is worth a thousand houses.

And Rachel felt something warm and wet upon her cheek, like a tear, as the old gentleman stopped to kiss her. When Hugh came home, to find his little wife upon the veranda, all wel-coming smiles to greet bim, he ex-

"Why, Uncle Ben, this is a perfect casket.

"But none too good for the little jewel that inhabits it," Uncle Ben an-

And Hugh read in the tone that his young wife had won the capricious old gentleman's heart."

Fashion Notes.

Fringes are now so exquisitely made, and are so costly, that instead of their being manufactured to match a dress the dress is made to match the friuge. Overskirts are longer than ever, almost entirely concealing the under-

Wraps for spring are both sack and mantle shapes,

Dog collars of silver and other metals,
also of shell, are worn with low necked

corsages as well as with high ones.

The newest basques are simple shaped cuirasses, very long. The plainness is remedied by an abundance of trimming. Bonnets of a network of flowers, very fine and very like natural ones, are made in Paris for the theater.

Coat sleeves that are very close fitting and have small, neat setting cuffs, are a favorite model for house and street Black grenadines checked with either

gold or silver threads are the newest things out in this fabric for evening Bonnets are as various in shape as

polonaises. The brims are hardly as flaring as heretofore. New damasked ribbons and open meshed gauzes are much used in trimming them; flowers are also abundantly used.

De beges will be worn a great deal this spring. These soft woolen goods come in three different patterns for one costume, viz. : plaid, plain and graduated stripes, and usually showing three shades of brown —dark, medium and light.

Silk galloon is very fashionable. Lace is always in vogue, Satin dresses are popular for dinner

reception occasions. Fans are somewhat smaller, and are worn at balls suspended by a ribbon or chain from the wrist.

A new style of gimp ornament lately introduced is made in the form of the shoulder belts worn by soldiers. They cross the bodice and fall below the waist, terminating with a little pocket.

Cords for looping up the dresses are more worn than during the winter. All wool camel's hair cloths show plain and striped goods; the latter are graduated from hair lines to stripes half an

inch wide. trimming them the same yellow-white

hues prevail. A piece of soft feather trimming, the color of the trimming of the dress, is worn with softening effect about the neck; this is particularly becoming when worn

Satin ribbon slightly gathered, with a bow in front and ornament attached, is much worn about the neck. A fashionable.

Bracelets are reduced in size. The "Ulster" is recommended as an

A Month in a Well. The inhabitants of the islet of Ayos owing to the failure of a plan they adopted some little time ago with a view of preventing the annual visit of the locusts, which for some years have been a great plague to the island. Believing hat sorcery was at the root of the evil, they confined half a dozen women at the bottom of a well. The Turkish authorities not approving of this proceeding in-terfered on behalf of the women, who were released from the well after a month's imprisonment; but although one of them died from the effects of this treatment, the locusts were not appeased. They reappeared last summer as usual, and devoured the crops with their accustomed voracity.

If knee breeches come in fashion the

A DEADLY PERIL.

. Coman's Story of Her Treatment by Two Robbers.

Recently was published the story of the express robbery in Missouri and of the manner in which the robbers bound, gagged and carried a woman who had become cognizant of their crimes over the bridge at St. Louis; of how, in a moment of supreme agony, when about to be hurled over into the Mississippi river, with an iron weight attached to her, she displaced the gag from her mouth and raised an alarming cry that caused the villains to leave their victim and seek safety for themselves in flight. The St. Louis Republican adds this sequel to the story: Edward Deal, alias Wilson, one of the

North Missouri express robbets, arrived from Cincinnati, in charge of an officer. from Cincinnati, in charge of an officer. Deal is a mere youth, tall, rather light build and of not a pleasant countenance. About eleven o'clock the colored woman whom the robbers tried to murder, because of her knowledge of their crime, was brought to the court. Deal was led before her, and at the first glimpse of him she burst out in a furious and most unmistakable identification. "That's him. That's the villain who put therubber ball into my mouth! Oh, let me at him! Oh, you rascal!" and at him she would have dashed then and there had she not been restrained by a detective. Deal, before being led in, pulled his slouch hat down over his eyes and hung nis head in the most abject manner, but said never a word. He was sent back to his cell, and the woman then begun to the consideration of the Chinaman rather a high figure, but he was mistaken. "Well," said the mandarin, taking out his book with an air of business, "s'pose you give her to mistaken. "Well," said the mandarin, taking out his book with an air of business, "s'pose you give her to mistaken. "Well," said the mandarin, taking out his book with an air of business, "s'pose you give her to mistaken. "Well," said the mandarin, taking out his book with an air of business, "s'pose you give her to mistaken. "Well," said the mandarin, taking out his book with an air of business, "s'pose you give her to mistaken. "Well," said the mandarin, taking out his book with an air of business, "s'pose you give her to mistaken. "Well," said the more hand there had she not been restrained by a detective. Deal, before being led in, pulled his slouch hat down over his eyes and hung nis head in the most abject manner, but said never a word. He was sent back to his cell, and the woman then began to detect the colored woman the possible for a greater multitude to witness the broken change of the chinaman there he singular the singular the singular the singular the singular the singular the significant to seemed to dwell with delight upon her The State Centennial board. The stree his cell, and the woman then begun to relate in more detail than she had formerly given the events of that terrible Sunday when she for hours heard plans for her murder deliberately discussed. Her description was most vivid of how,

when she opened the door of the room and came upon the men dividing their spoils, they hastily covered the money with a blanket, pounced on her, locked the door and gagged her; then, after a few moments' consultation, they stripped her entirely naked, and bound her hand and foot, leaving her lying on the floor. Then came the frightful discussion as to whether they should shoot her, cut her throat, or drown her, it being an agreed fact that either course must be pursued. She was particularly vindictive toward Deal, because he was vindictive toward Deal, because he was up to that time a total stranger to her, and yet he was the most abusive to her, and insisted on putting a pistol in her mouth and blowing her brains out, and their Chinese wives behind. Soon after my arrival at Shaughai I was invited to dine with Mr. King. There were a few then leaving her in the room. She says he would occasionally come up to where he would occasionally come up to where seated at the table. They were all well-she was lying and kick her in the ride or dressed and genteel appearing young head by way of a joke, making some jovial remark meanwhile. Once he measured the coal box to see whether ner table Mr. King related the foregoing corsages as well as with high ones.

An attempt will be made to introduce dark green, blue and brown grenadine dresses this summer. They will come in stripes and blocks, as will many of the blocks, as will many of the blocks, as will many of the blocks.

Thus, to replace the kindness we lack, his young and pretty wife, saying he had recently discovered her full value, as he had been offered \$20,000 for her; a very bigh figure as wives were selling at that time, for the average price paid by the lights—all the rays emittime, for the average price paid by the he drew his finger nail across her neck, scratching a mark to cut her by, as he They threw her on to the pric bed, then rolled her off on to the floor and applied chloroform several times, evidently desiring to stupely her by bruises, without drawing blood. Deal at one time paced up and down the floor, with hands behind him, giving his ideas as to how the murder had best be done. and every time he came to where she was lying he gave her a kick, as though it facilitated his reasoning. Once he light-constructed bamboo house, which, stooped down, took a lot of her hair off with a liberal supply of coarse mats and and threw it into the stove, laughing at a few articles for culinary purposes, the way it burned. Then, seeming to suffices for a residence, which is kept as like that sort of a joke, he held her mouth open while he took out her set of false teeth, which he also threw into the stove, remarking diabolically that he "never knew a nigger's teeth would crackle like that." After the men tired out of this, they relieved each other while they went to dinner, and finally, just after dark, one of them put her on his back, they having dressed her in men's clothes, and carried her down to the buggy to take her to the bridge for

United States Army Reorganization.

drowning purposes.

A Washington dispatch says: The United States House committee upon military affairs have agreed upon a bill to reorganize the army. It does not reduce the present effective force of the army, but reduces the number of iufantry regiments from twenty-five to twenty, and the cavalry from ten to eight, thus reducing the number of infantry officers fifty-five, and of cavalry officers fifteen, and increases the size of Coarse straw and fine chip bonnets are dyed ivory and cream tints for spring wear. In the silks, flowers and laces for the artillery, requiremental organization of the artillery, requiremental companies and regimental organization of the artillery, requiremental companies and regimental organization. cers of artillery seventeen. It consolidates the quartermaster and commissary departments into one, designated as the department of supplies, making a large reduction of officers. It provides for a board to examine officers and for the discharge of all worthless and inefficient officers, and for an examination of the condition of retired officers. All offiis much worn about the neck. A cers who lose their places under the bill piece of real lace tied at the back of the are placed upon a list of supernumeraneck and falling in long ends is also ries, and are permitted to resign with one year's pay for each eight years of service, or remain in service to perform swimmingly. such duty as they may be assigned to. excellent pattern for waterproofs for It provides for the education of nonspring and linen for summer, both for commissioned officers and soldiers by the commissioned officers, and for the promotion of non-commissioned officers to commissioned officers. It abolishes the office of judge advocate, fixes the Strati, lying to the south of Lemnos, are pay of first sergeants at \$40 per month, in a grievous state of disappointment makes the headquarters of the general of the army at Washington in time of peace, and provides that he may act as secretary of war in the absence of the secretary or temporary vacancy in the office. It provides that sutlers and post and will cover about 9,800 acres. The traders shall first be elected by a councost of the work is expected to be about are seventy five brilliant diamonds. cil of the administration, approved by the department commander and the general of the army and appointed by the not include interest, which on a capital have emerald centers, and contain resecretary of war. It reduces the staff of all general officers and requires the general of the army to report reforms to est computed on an advantageous ar-Congress annually and to look to econe my in all branches of the army. The is approved by the testimony of the best officers of the army. It is a reduction of about two hundred officers, and proposes reforms which, if adopted, will, it is claimed, add greatly to the efficiency of the army. nues \$320,000 yearly.

TEMPTING A HUSBAND.

Twenty Thousand Dollars Offered for Au-other Man's Wife-A Serious Trouble.

Some years since, while tarrying at Shanghai and Hong Kong, says a cor-respondent of the Greenwich Journal, I became asquainted with Mr. King, head of the highly respectable firm of Messrs, King & Co., doing business at Shanghai. Mr. King had recently re-turned from a visit to the United States. where he had formed an alliance with a blooming young lady, the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman residing near Boston, who, after the nuptial ceremony had been performed, accompanied her lord to the celestial empire. On their way they stopped for a few days at Hong Kong. After ensconsing themselves in comfortable quarters the couple were visited by a rich mandarin. The latter regarded the lady very attentively and seemed to dwell with delight upon her

grave and solemn air of the Chinaman convinced him that he was in sober convinced him that he was in sober carnest, and he was compelled, therefore, to refuse the offer with as much placidity as he could assume. The mandarin, however, continued to press the bargain. "I give you \$20,000," be unfurled, the artillery will first a salute, the himself the tower and other work hells con mandarin, however, continued to press the bargain. "I give you \$20,000," said he; "you take 'em?" Mr. King who had no previous notion

clerks for an ordinary Chinese shop: keeper's daughter was about \$150, the being agreed upon with the paronts before the young people see each other; when introduced, if pleased with each other, the bargain was at once consummated. If the woman should

prove to be transcendentally beautiful the parents might receive \$5 more as cumsha, or a present. As soon as he comes in possession of his wife he purchases or rents a small, he light-constructed bamboo house, which, neat and clean as a hound's tooth; the wife doing, however, her own housework, washing and ironing her lord's clothes, which are kept in perfect order. She is very domestic, seldom or never seen upon the street; and more true and faithful wives never existed; in fact, they dare not be otherwise, for their parents would chastise them severely. husband seldom takes a meal at home the wife subsists chiefly upon rice, and the cost of maintaining her, together with her wardrobe, will not exceed \$30

Mrs. Kirg, being a conscientious and energetic lady, resolved to use every effort in her power to break up this in famous traffic in Chinese women; but being ignorant of the manners and customs of the people in that distant country, and having no backers—her hus-band feeling indifferent—failed in aca last resort, she issued an edict requir-ing every one of her husband's clerks to bandon forthwith and turn off their Chinese wives or they would not be suffered to dine at the same table with her. The result can easily be imagined, for on the following day not one of the clerks made his appearance at the allotted place of business, which placed Mr. King in an awkward position, blocking

the wheels of his immense business.

The indiscretion of his wife came near causing him much trouble and unnecessary expense; and, strange as it may appear, the clerks had the sympathy of the whole community of Shanghai; and however humiliating it might have been to Mrs. King, she was obliged to rescind her edict, and when the writer left Shanghai the wheels of business were

Making Land in Holland. The work of draining off an inland sea, now going on in Holland, will take dyke, and deducting one-tenth for cauals, there will remain nearly 440,000 but invaluable for public works. The reservoirs will be made on this surface, cost would be \$51,750,000, or \$158 per

THE CENTENNIAL.

The Programme of the Opening Exercises on May 10.

The general plan for the exercises at the opening of the Centennial exhibition on May 10 has been agreed upon by the executive committee. The specially invited guests will be nearly as follows:

The President and Vice-President.

The Cabinet.

The Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court.

The Senate and House of Representatives.

The leading officers of the army and navy.

The governors of the States and Territories and their staffs.

The Legislature of Ponnavivacia.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania. The board of State supervisors.

The foreign commissioners.
The Centennial commission and the chief mbordinates.
The Centennial board of finance.
The government board of finance.
The women's Centennial executive commit-

Brief presentations by the president of the the bargain. "I give you \$20,000," said he; "you take 'em?"

Mr. King who had no previous notion or thought of the commercial value of the commodity which he had taken with him on his business tour, was compelled at length to inform his visitor that Americans were not in the habit of selling their wives after they had come in possession of them; an assertion which the Chinaman was slow to believe.

It was Mr. King's custom, as well as every other commercial house doing business at Shaughai, to have their clerks dine with them daily, leaving their Chinese wives behind. Soon after my arrival at Shaughai I was invited to

Gems of Thought. It is because gold is rare that gilding has been invented, which, without having its solidity, has all its brilliancy. Thus, to replace the kindness we lack,

ted from the beloved object by the burning-glass of fantasy-into one focus, and making of them one radiant sun without any spots.

sure to find him leaky; open ears do not keep conscientiously what has been intrusted to them, and a word once spoken flies never to be recalled. Death is the wish of some, the relief of many, and the end of all. It sets the slave at liberty, carries the banished

man home, and places all men on the same level, insomuch that life itself were a punishment without it. Extreme old age is childhood; extreme wisdom is ignorance, and so it may be called, since the man whom the oracle pronounced the wisest of men professed that he knew nothing; yea, push a coward to the extreme and he will show courage; oppress a man to the last and he will rise above oppres-

Wood burns because it has the proper stuff for that purpose in it, and a man becomes renowned because he has the necessary stuff in him. Renown is not to be sought, and all pursuit of it is vain. A person may, indeed, by skillful conduct and various artificial means make a sort of name for himself, but if the inner jewel is wanting, all is vanity and

will not last a day. He who never relaxes into sportiveness is a wearisome companion, but beware of him who jests at everything. complishing her meritorious object. As | Such men disparage, by some ludicrous association, all objects which are pre-sented to their thoughts, and thereby render themselves incapable of any emotion which can either elevate or soften them; they bring upon their moral being an influence more withering than the blasts of the desert.

The Imperial Crown. A detailed description of the "im-

peral state crown of Queen Victoria'

occupies nearly a column in a recent number of the Court Circular. This

crown was made in 1838 with jewels taken from old crowns, and others furnished by command of her majesty. It consists of diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds set in silver and again in motion and everything went on gold. It has a crimson velvet cap with ermine border, and is lined with white silk. It weighs over thirty-nine ounces troy. In front of the crown, and in the center of a diamond Maltese cross, is the famous ruby said to have been given to sea, now going on in Holland, will take from twelve to twenty years. About 485,776 acres will be inclosed by the Castile, after the battle of Najera, near Vittoria, A. D. 1367. This ruby was worn in the helmet of Henry V. at the acres, of which nearly 50,000 acres will battle of Agincourt, A. D. 1415. It is be sandy, of little use to agriculture, pierced quite through, after the Eastern custom the upper part of the piercing being filled up by a small ruby. Around this ruby, in order to form the cross, \$48,000,000 in gold, or about \$123 an Three other Maltese crosses, forming acre for 390,000 acres. But this does the two sides and back of the crown, rangement with the government, the but we will only mention the total number of jewels in the crown: One large acre. The Haarlem drainage cost only suby irregularly polished, one large \$123, and even that did not pay, though the broad-spread sapphire, sixteen sapland has doubled in value since. It is phires, eleven emeralds, four rubies, 1,estimated that the addition of this terri- 363 brilliant diamonds, 1,273 rose diatory to Holland will increase the reve- monds, 147 table diamonds, four dropshaped pearls, and 273 pearls.

NO. 7.

A Speczing Swain.

BONG ADAPTED FOR THE CATABRIL Oh, cub with me, dearest, the boodlight is

beabig, Is beabig so soft od the sea, ong at thy lattice thy love has beed dreabig.

Beed dreabig, oh, dreabig of thee (Te-chee!)

Been dreabig, oh, dreabig of thee!

By bark od the shore, love, is tenderly rockig; Before rosy dawd we must flee. wave frob thy casebent a towel, a stockig, To hib that is waitig for thee !

> (Te-chee !) To hib that is waitig for thee !

Ah, sood we shall dwell amid gladness unbroked:

Far, far frob the world shall it be. Yes, further than Long Bradge or yet that Hoboked. Though all spods are wud beside thee !

(Te-chee!) Though all spods are wud beside thee Den't do up thy bag-hair! 'tis buch bore ro

mantig To let those rich treeses fload free. And don't delay long, for I'm perfectly frantig

To brave the sea-billow with thee ! (To-chee!) To brave the sea-billow with thee

Ah, haste, darlig, haste; it is truly displeasig To stand in wed grass to by dee, And every wudce in a while to be sneezig." While dreabig, oh, dreabig of thee !

(Te-chee!) Yes! sneezig and dreabig of thee!

Items of Interest.

A man died in Janesville, Wis., while

uperintending a burial. Mantillas of lace and cream tulle are much worn at evening amusements. A Chicagoan was arrested while following his wife to the grave for pass-

ing a counterfeit bill. A single vessel left Mobile a few days ago en route to Liverpool with 6,237 bales of cotton worth \$411,405.

General Sheridan's arms are said to be so long and his legs so short that he can gather catnip without getting red in the

A Bostan journal says that New York spends \$2,000,000 a year for flowers alone, and for plants and fruits \$3,000,-The new church of St. Nicholas, at Hamburg, just completed, is the highest in Europe, 472 feet. The next is the Strasbourg cathedral, 461 feet.

"Can you see me," said a Chicago man to his sick wife. "Tell me, can you see me?" "No," she faintly whis-pered, "but I can smell your breath."

Most of the men in town prefer to go to church in the evening. They say the preaching is better then. The collection, nowever, is always taken in the morning. Petrarch, the favorite for the Two Shun the inquisitive, for thou wilt be Thousand Guineas and the Derby, has been purchased from Mr. Spencer, his

breeder and owner, for \$52,000, by Lord Duppin. Columbus, Ga., claims the position of the Lowell of the South. She is now running 35,000 spindles and 1,000 looms,

besides many iron and other industrial enterprises. A boiling lake, two miles in circum erence, has been found in the island of Dominica. It is on the top of a wooded

mountain, and is 2,500 feet above the level of the sea. It is said that the old Romans also loved office, but they never had the feeling which an American constable has -never felt their shoulders carried half the burden of government.

The Danbury News says: They had such a shower of flesh as that recently occurring in Kentucky in Great Britain two hundred years ago. There's no use in trying to compete with a monarchical form of government. A South Carolina boy's gun would not

go off, and he heated an iron rod,

dropped it into the barrel, and ran.

The gan fell with the muzzle toward him, and the hot iron was driven into his body, killing him. Icelanders and Mennonites from outhern Russia are cultivating farms in Manitoba; French Canadians, half breeds, and Scotch servants of the Hudson Bay company congregate round the old trading post; while at Kootenay pass, in the Rocky mountains, a Chinese

settlement claims protection from the Canadian authorities. A scholar in a school was asked: 'How do you parse 'Mary milks the ow?'" The last word was disposed of cow?' as follows: "Cow, a noun, feminine gender, third person and stands for Mary." "Stands for Mary! How do Mary. you make that out ?" " Because," added the intelligent pupil, "if she didn't

stand for Mary, how could she milk A threadbare tatterdemalion applied at a low inn in Paris for a night's ing. When asked to register his name he wrote: "The King of Spain." 'The police were at once notified, and when they came they asked him: "Do you pretend to be king of Spain?" Not I." "Why, then, did you so register your name?" "Because I wish to travel

incognito." Brussels has the largest ice house in the world. The roof covers an area of 18,000 square feet; the walls are double, and filled with moss and sawdust, There are nine separate ice chambers, each of 30,000 cubic feet capacity. There are galleries for storing meat in hot weather, capable of holding 2,000 quarters. A million tons of ice have been stored in the building at one time.

An old colored woman in Jackson, Tenn., so firmly believed herself to be the victim of fetichism that, although suffering from no ailment except a disordered in agination, she pined away, and seemed likely to die. The physician put a ball of crimson yarn, smeared with pitch, in a place where she would find it, and suppose it had been hidden. Sh was convinced that this was the rious agency employed by her unknown enemy, and, after burning the ball, began to mend in health.