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A Child's Wish.

"Be my fairy, mother, Give me a wish to-day : Something as well in sunshing As when the raindrops play."

"And if I were a fairy, With but one wish to spare What would I give thee, darling, To quiet thine earnest prayer ?" Stile brook, mother, or my very own,

To laugh all day among the trees, And shine on the mossy stone :

"To run right under the window And sing me fast asleep : With soft steps and a tender sound, Over the grass to creep.

"Make it run down the hill, mother, With a leap like a tinkling bell. So fast I never could eatch the leaf That into its fountain fell,

" Make it as wild as a frightened bird As crazy as a bee, Withia noise like the baby's funny laugh-That is the brook for me !"

THADDEUS OF WARSAW: Or, The Adventures of a Polish Exile.

BY MISS JANE PORTER.

In the year 1792 Russian invasion threatened Poland with all the horrors of a merciless war. Foremost among the patriots who rushed to their country's defense were the noble Palatine of Masovia, and his chivalrous grandson, Thaddeus Constantine Sobieski.

For his mother Therese, the gentle Countess Sobieski, Thaddeus felt the guinea offered for them. tenderest affection, but, although now nineteen years of age, he had never known even the name of his father. Upon his twentieth birthday, however, he learned from a sealed packet, given him by his mother, that she had been grandson, Willfam; but even this was snatched away, for the child contracted a fatal disease and died in Thaddeus' arms. secretly united at Florence to an Englishman, named Sackville, who had soon farthing to pay the medical and funeral after repudiated the marriage, and basely deserted her. Since then she had passe as a widow, retaining her own family name of Sobieski, and living with her father, the Palatine, by whom her son had been carefully educated. The sensitive Thaddeus wept at this

ladies. Involuntarily he ejaculated : discovery of his father's treachery. "Forget him," cried the counters, who "Somerset !"

But his friend had disappeared behind a green door. All his old affection rewitnessed this emotion. "I will !" an wored Thaddeus, "and a'low my mind to dwell only on the virvived, and he sent a letter to Somerset, but received no reply. Another he left in person at his friend's residence. The

tuev of my matter to the very on the very tuev of my mother." "You are right," said the Palatine, "and I shall live to see you add glory to the name of Sobieski !"

Finding General Butzou, who had saved his life at the burning of Villanow, This prophecy was more than fulfilled bloody contests that soon en- wandering homeless in the street, the sued. In one of these Thaddeus saved impoverished Thaddeus unhesitatingly assumed the support of that worthy but now enfeebled man, a picture dealer affrom slaughter some Russian carabineers, who fell on their knees to thank his mer-

ing the English metropolis, he passed his first night at a Covent Garden hotel, where his commanding figure and martial her to remember her duty to her husdress created a flutter among the servants

"Look at his black cap, with its long bag and great feather, and the monstrous saber at his side," cried the waiter. "And I never see'd such handsome His next trial was the death of the venerable Butzou, whose long illness in-volved Thaddeus in debts he could only defray in part, and a dissatisfied apothecary caused him to be arrested for a palblue eyes," added the maid ; "and he spoke so kindly when he bade me stir the try twenty pounds, and flung into Newgate. The pretty Euphemia was comfire, and when he throwed off his great pelled by her mother to relinquish her fur cloak, he showed a glittering star." handsome language master; but Mary Beaufort did not rest till she had private-Finding the next morning, after pay-ing his bill, that he had only a few shilly procured the payment of his debts and his release, a deliverance which he ascribed to Lady Tinemouth's friendlings left, Thaddeus sailied out to look for lodgings more suited to his purse. It was a cold and stormy November Sun-day, and a kindly old woman, to whom ship. Returning soon after with her cousin he showed some little civilities, observ-Pembroke to the residence of his father, Sir Robert Somerset, Miss Beaufort sad-ly acknowledged to herself the hopelessing him uneasy at the inquisitive gaze of the bystanders, ventured to invite him to take shelter from the snow within ness of her ill-fated passion. Meantime her house. He accepted the invitation, Lady Tinemouth was staying in the same neighborhood, and, in her company, ac-cident brought Thaddeus and Pembroke and the good Mrs. Robson was not a little startled when her imposing guest, learning she had rooms to let, offered himself as her lodger. However, Mr.

together. The proud exile stood pale and silent. Pembroke flew forward, and, Constantine, as he now chose to call himcatching his friend's hand, exclaimed : self, was soon established upon the hum-ble first floor at No. 5 St. Martin's lane. "Am I right? Are you Sobieski?" "I am," returned Thaddeus, annzed. slow fever now seized him, but he "Gracious Heavens! and can you have forgotten your friend Pembroke would not call an apothecary, having no money to pay him. At last Mrs. Robson summoned Mr. Vincent, by whose skill Somerset?

Assured of his sincerity, Thaddeus clasped him to his breast and burst into The treacherous Loftus, Pembroke's and followed him into a room of the and her nursing her lodger recovered. To defray the debts incurred during his illness, he parted with his fur-lined pelisse for a fraction of its value, and The treacherous Loftus, Pembroke's governor, it appeared, had intercepted governor, it appeared, had intercepted harem. A long divan, about a foot and the letters of the two friends, and even a half high and four feet wide, surroundsold a gold pencil case to a very civil pawnbroker. The eight guineas thus ob-tained settled the bills against him, and left a small surplus. Hoping to increase dared to return those sent by Thaddous, after seeing Pembroke at the theater.

Resolved to make the most ample amends this, he executed half a dozen landscape for his apparent desertion, Somerset promised Thaddeus the friendship of his promised Thaddeus the friendship of his father and the love of his fair cousin, and hastened back to Somerset castle to make cassia, in the dress of their country. Opdrawings in India ink, but the inso lence of the printseller was so intolerable that Thaddeus refused to accept the good his word. But, to his horror, Sir Robert commanded his son to break off The only earthly comfort now enjoyed by the distressed exile was the company all intercourse with Thaddeus, alleging and caresses of Mrs. Robson's little

no reason except that he hated the Poles. The rupture of a bloodyessel brought Lady Tinemouth suddenly to her deathbed, and Thaddeus was torn with equal sorrow by the loss of his faithful friend, and the brutality displayed by her hus- form and regular features, overcast with expenses, and her generous lodger pawned his sword, pistols and sleeve band, whom he was compelled to believe to be his father. Perceiving the conflict in Penbroke Somerset's breast between friendship and filial obedience, and feeling that a man of his broken fortunes violin. In addition, she was recon-could not honorably aspire to the hand of Miss Beaufort, Thaddeus resolved to washer. Her brown hair fell to her in full dress, gay and laughing, with two

abandon England, and accordingly set knees. She looked at the visitors coolly, out on foot at night to return to and fixed her eyes on the Egyptian with Overcome by fatigue and ex- an expression that seemed to ask him to London. posure, he fell by the roadside, but was purchase her. At a sign fi

At a sign from Messoud one of the black girls disrobed the Circassians. leman, who conveyed him to his own ause, and had him treated with the ut- This was not a complicated process, as most kindness. This proved to be Sir their dress was simply a tunic, a pair of Robert Somerset, and to the great anaze-ment of Thaddeus, Sir Robert confessed seemed distressed; the other simply himself the erring husband of Therese fixed her eyes upon the floor. Mossond Sobieski, passing his hands over them, called at-

He and the Earl of Tinemouth had tention to their regular, pearly teeth. caveled as brothers under the han

Nothing to Eat. The snow has been falling slowly and

How the Harems of Constantinople are Rescrenely, writes a New York correspon-dent. It used to make me gleeful and rosy, but it cannot do that any more in this city. I suppose the change is of time upon myself as well as circumstan-or upon the send is here the supercruited with Circussian Girls. A correspondent of the Paris Gaulois describes a recent visit to a slave sale in Constantinople. Notwithstanding the nominal abolition of the slave trade in Turkey, through the efforts of the civilces upon the proud island. No, it is not all because of the individual difference ized European governments, it still con-tinues in a furtive way. As long as the harem exists, this trade will exist. between the now and the then which is

within, because to-day, when I opened my door to look up and down the beauti-ful white street when the glamor of the weeping. This sale was in a house. All the win-dows facing the street were closed. The snow should have made it seem pure and correspondent accompanied an Egyptian friend and his valet in a carriage to the mosque of the Sultan Mahomet, at which point they turned into narrow and complicated streets, which finally became just for the sake of that childish habit impassable. They alighted before a pile of mud which could be crossed only on which clings to the most of us, no matter how severely dignity scorns and foot. Reaching the house, they were intramples upon such petty tricks of simtroduced into the selamilik, or chamber reserved for male visitors. Here they found the slave dealer standing, a short plicity, but the clamor before my vestibule was too sorrowful and imploring for such sentiment. pipe in hand. He was a little old Tri-

politan, Gassirgi-Messoud-Aga, by name. He has followed the business for forty the snow," said a strong man; "I have a wife and little children, and they are very hungry and very cold." years. After the customary salutation,

pipes and coffee were offered and taken with the silence usual to Orientals before "My mother can get no work at all; an't I do it, please?" piped a shivering little boy. An ebony young eunuch soon entered "If I only had a shovel or a broom

spent almost an entire life in struggling

asked of her. "Because I must," she said. "Last ed three sides of the chamber. An ex-

and coverings used at night. The floor was covered with mats and loose pieces bong, even if I was to be warm. I don't seem to be wanted much anywhere, or perhaps I might get to die and be com-fortable," she added, after pausing to reflect between the last sentence and what she had said before. "Come in and get warm," I said to her, U don't justice." "No one dare sing 'Annie Laurie' before you, Charles," said an elderly lady; "would it be too much for me to ask you to favor the company with it?" she asked, timidly. He did not reply for a moment—his posite were three other women, one of whom was white, from Georgia, and the All arose as the visitors entered. One of the Circassians seemed scarcely four-

ma'am, for I've been starving with the cold

sidewalk to sweep. To feed the child, and send a loaf to the other children is not much in this great hungry city, but the bumiliating offuences of the uncarned bread ! Who may know but that never a snowflake shall fall again upon either the child's or the man's forehead to melt upon a glow of self-respect.

Never did a Christmas week pass in New York when the rich and the poor were so far apart either in sympathy or circumstances. The shops are filled with the rarest of beautiful things from the geniuses of both the artist and the FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

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Seasonable Farm Notes."

Stables and sheds should be kept dig and clean where frost is not severe, and where it is, the droppings should be re-moved daily, lest they be frozen into a mass and become difficult to handle. If dry sand or sawdust be scattered over a cleaned stall or shed, beneath the bedding, frozen manure can be taken up without trouble. It is preferable to have the stables so tight and warm that the manure will not freeze in them during the night. An animal cannot rest easily upon a bed of frozen dung nor in a mass of filth. A cold stable may be much improved by lining it with rough boards and filling the space between the two boardings with rough litter, buck-

FEED RACKS.—Have a plenty of feed racks in the yards. They save fodder and prevent the master animals from driving weaker ones from their feed.

wheat straw or leaves.

Corn fodder or yea straw should be passed through a feed cutter before feeding it to stock in pens or yards where manure is made. The litter is then short, and the manure easily moved and spread, saving both time and labor.

Salt should be given regularly to every animal except poultry. Pigsshould have only a very small quantity; one ounce weekly, to each full grown one, is sufficient. Horses, oxen and cows may have one ounce daily, and sheep may be supplied with all they will consume.

POULTRY .- If early eggs are desired, the pullets and young hens should be fed in the mornings with some cracked corn steeped in boiling water until it is only moderately warm. In the after-noons some corn warmed in the oven may be given. Between these meals some mixed feed of potato peelings, house scraps and wheat screenings boiled together, and seasoned with red pepper, will be useful. A cabiage may be hung in the yard for them to peck at. Pro-vide a clean, warm but well ventilated house, and nests of clean straw.

SUNDRY MATTERS.-Be careful of lights in the barns and stables. Safe lanterns only should be used. We have used the glass globe lanterns, protected with wire, for many years without the least accident, or breaking one of them. Only perfectly safe oil should be used. With so tender and earnest ! He sat with his head thrown back, his good oils if a lamp should fall, there cau be no fire if it is picked up again immediately. Choose a perfectly solvent insurance company in which to be ineyes half closed-the locks of dark hair glistening against his pale temples, his sured, and take no risks. Keep roofs, fine throat swelling with the rich tones, his hands lightly folded before him; and roads and sidewalks clear of snow. Ventilate the cellars whenever the weather is sufficiently mild. A tub of water placed in a cellar on very cold nights will protect fruit or vegetables from freezing. Clean up all machines and tools and oil them, coat the bright parts with tallow, and cover them to keep out dust and dirt. Prepare for packing ice by-and-bye, or pack it now if possible. A few loads of sawdust should be hanled when convenient, so that it will be ready when wanted; when the wagon box is filled, pile on filled bags to complete the Keep the shoes of horses and load. oxen sharpened or roughened, and do not attempt to drive unshod oxen ; it is poor economy to save a set of shoes and lose half of their working power .---

in a pleasant parlor, and were gayly chatting and laughing, when a tall young enchanting, I saw nothing that did not man entered, whose peculiar face and make me heavy hearted. I tried to turn air instantly arrested attention. He was make me nevy housed, it melting stars very pale, with that clear, vivid com-that were falling from the gray clouds, plexion which dark haired consumptives

"For God's sake let me shovel away

and whispered in Messoud's ear. The

may be ye would let me have, the job to do," said a low voiced old woman, whose features were not those of one who had

"Why do come out in the storm ?" I

cavation in the wall held the cushions live, but I don't want to be here very long, even if I was to be warm. I don't

teen. She had bright chestnut hair, long, dark eyelashes, which shaded eyes of liquid blue; a light, well rounded She was a beauty of the

Three imploring faces, and but one voice like that-so plaintive, so soulful-

as he sung-

it seemed as if he shook from head to foot with emotion. Many a lip trembled -and there was no jesting, no laughing : but instead, tears in more than one eve. And on he sung, and on, holding every

so often have. His locks were as black as jet, and hung profusedly upon a square white collar. His eyes were very large and spiritual, and his brow such an one as a poet should have. But for a certain wandering look, a casual observer would have pronounced him a man of uncommon intellectual powers. The words "poor fellow," and "how sad he looks," went the rounds, as he came for-

ward, bowed to the company, and took his sent. One or two thoughtless girls laughed as they whispered that he was "love cracked"-but the rest treated

Advocate,

"Annie Laurie."

"If you want to hear 'Annie Laurie

sung, come to my house to-night," said a man to his friend, "We have a love-lorn fellow in the village, who was sadly wrecked by the refusal of a girl whom he

had been paying attention to for a year or more. It is seldom he will attempt

the song, but when he does, I tell you

he draws tears from eves unused to

A small select company had assembled

him with a respectful deference. It was late in the evening when sing-ing was proposed, and to ask him to sing "Annie Laurie" was a task of uncommon delicacy. One song after another was sung, and at last that one was named. At its mention the young man

grew deadly pale, but did not speak; he

seemed instantly to be lost in reverie. winter I hoped I might be dead before the winter came again, but when the summer was here, I somewhat liked to whispering to the new guest—"but, oh ! I wish he would sing it: nobody else can do it justice."

l get warm," I said to her. "I don't go to no soup houses, nor to lips quivering a little, and then looking no charity committees, ma'am, and I up as if he saw a spiritual presence, he don't want anything I don't earn, if you begun. Every sound was hushed—it please. If you give me the sweeping to seemed as if his voice were the voice of to and lend me a broota I might be an angel. The tones vibrated through thankful for the taste of a warm stove, nerve and pulse and heart, and made one shiver with the pathos of his feeling; never was heard melody in a human

ey. One very young man, however, was refractory, and would have been killed on the spot, if Thaddens had not caught hich Thaddens directly returned, say-

" Brave sir, I consider myself enuobled In restoring this sword to him who has so courageously defended it."

It some appeared that this brave young man was an English volunteer, named Pembroke Somerset.

A warm affection arose between him and Thaddeus, who invited his new friend to Villanow, his grandfather's magnificent palace on the banks of the Vistuin.

"I would follow you," said Somerset, "all over the world."

After a delightful experience of the refined hospitality of Villanow, Pembroke wrote two enthusiastic letters to his nother, which he sent to his governor, Mr. Loftus, at St. Petersburg, to be a passion for Mr. Constantine which he forwarded to Eugland. But as Mr. did not at all return. Loftus had been strictly charged to keep his gapil out of Poland, and fearing the displeasure of Somerset's parents, Lin conjured him to say nothing of his Polish adventures, at least for a while. Somerset reluctantly consented, and, being suddenly summoned home, bade an affectionate forewell to Thaddeus and his mother, hoping to revisit them soon, or to see them in England.

Misfortunes were already crowding fast upon ill-fated Poland.

The brave Palatine of Masovia was slain in battle, Prague was besieged and captured, and the palace of Villanow was attacked by the savage Russian soldiery. Thaddeus, covered with wounds, hastened from Prague to secure, if possible, his mother's escape. " My beloved son," said the countess,

"before our cruel murders can arrive I shall have found a refuge in the bosom of my God. Should Poland fall, I beseech you go that very hour to England." Then tying a portrait of his father

round his neck, she added : "Prize this gift, my child ; try to for-

get his injustice, and, in memory of me, never part with it."

adden volley of firearms made Thaddens spring upon his feet. Loud cries succeeded, and women screamed : The ramparts are stormed !'

A burst of cannon was followed by heavy crash and piercing shricks. The countess, expiring in the embrace of her distracted son, fell from his palsied arms back upon the sofa, and General Butzon, who had directed the defense of the palace, could scarcely force him away to a place of safety.

Plunging into the Vistule, amid shower of musket balls, Thaddeus swam with Butzou to the opposite bank. Energing from the water he pointed back to Villanow, which was now enveloped in flames, and said, with a smile of agony :

"See what a funeral pile Heaven has given to my dear mother !"

The Russian general Suwarrow, soon compelled the ignominious surrender of saw. Two hours before he entered the city, Sobieski left it, bedewing its stones with his tears. Reaching the frontier, he plucked a tuft of grass, and, pressing it to his lips, exclaimed : "Farewell, Poland ! Farewell all my

earthly happiness !" Sailing from Dantzie to London,

Thaddeus naturally thought of Pem-broke Somerset, but as he had received no reply to two letters addressed to him, the exile resolved, unfriended as he was, to wipe him from his memory. Reach-

fording hum the means by taking each week a guinea's worth of his drawinge. One evening in March, Thuddens rosw of the sword. The youth cued a delicate woman from a ruffianly assault. Accompanying her home, she insisted that he should enter. He did so, and his hostess, Lady Adeliza Tinemouth, and her sprightly companion, Miss Maria Egerton, entertained him with the greatest courtesy, though not suspecting the real identity of Mr. Con-

The afflicted grandmother was without a

Passing Drury Lane Theater that eve-

ning, he saw Pembroke Somerset enter,

attons to relieve her necessities.

two were returned without a word.

stantine. Their praises of the handsome stranger excited the curiosity of the young and beautiful Lady Sara Roos, who, meeting Mr. Constantine when he called again upon Lady Tinemouth, resolved to ensnare the pale and highbred foreigner. Without meaning any unfaithfulness to her absent and unloved

husband, she sighed for a melaneholy and romanitic lover, and Thaddeus appeared to her to be the very one of wh she was in search. Pursuing this design, she presently found herself the victim of

did not at all return. The friendship of Lady Tinemonth was both delicate and sincere, and through her good offices Thaddeus ob-

tained as pupils in German the daughters of Lady Dundas, who were rich, pretentious and ill-bred. Euphemia, the younger, was very pretty, how-ever, and, like Lady Sara Roos, presently set herself to captivate Mr. Constantine, Her caprices merely served to amuse or annoy him, but they

greatly excited the jealousy of Lady Sara, who now found herself perpetually tormented by her unhappy passion. Nor was Lady Tinemouth less wretched, though from a far different cause. Her husband, the Earl of Tinemouth, not content with abandoning her and openly transferring his affections to another, had even the cruelty to teach her son and daughter to hate their own

mother ! In relating her sad history she incidentally spoke of her husband's living in 1770 in Italy under the assumed name of Mackville. At this mention Thaddeus could scarce

ly hide his consternation. Was it possisible that he owed his existence to such a brutal and heartless man? This discovery of an unworthy father, and the unhappy condition of his friend Butzon, who had now become a confirmed though harmless lunatic, caused Thaddeus a misery not lessened by the frequent pet-

ty insults of the indolent triflers and fashionable butterflies who frequented the Dundas mansion. But atoong them at last appeared a Miss Beanfort, whose

generous nature attracted the attention no less than her remarkable loveliness. The night before he first met her he had ventured into a burning house and rescued a sleeping infant, which he threw into a post chaise for safety. In this chaise was Mary Beaufort with her aunt, Mrs. Somerset. Learning these facts the volatile Euphemia Dundas suddenly

joined their hands, exclaiming : "Sweet Mary ! Heroie Constantine ! I thus elect you the two dearest friends of my heart !

Both were much confused at this sentimental absurdity ; but the acquaint-ance thus formed led to friendship and then to love, though Miss Beaufort did not suspect Thaddeus' real rank, and he knew her to be the cousin of his perfidious friend Somerset.

Lady Tinemouth's brutal husband and heartless son, pretending to regard her friendship with Thaddeus as a shameless intrigue, at last required her to leave London, and she sadly obeyed. Lady Sara Roos, unable longer o restrain her passion, desperately

Sackville. Supposing his betrothed in of their antecedents.

others black.

melancholy.

After an examination of the Georgian England had proved faithless, he marand a glance at the black girls the party ried the Palatine's daughter, but deserted the unfortunte Therese, and rereturned to the selkmilk to close the turned to his first love on flading her bargain. The youngest Circassian was still true to him. The dread of illegi- quoted at 200 pounds Turkish, the elder timating Pembroke by acknowledging at 130, the Georgian at 120. The Egyptian found them too high priced, and took one of the black girls for thirty-Thaddeus had distracted the repentant father who now implored the forgivenesss eight pounds. He simply wanted a of his first-born son. servant. The sale house

This Thaddeus readily granted, and refused to claim any rights at the expleted, the party were again served with pense of Pembroke, who was left to enpipes and coffee, and left the house. ov his father's title, while the exile of The preliminaries to this were con-Warsaw, receiving an ample share of ducted with great caution. The valet of the Egyptian was sent the day before to announce his master's desire, and Messoud immediately came to the latter Sir Robert's estate, completed his earthly happiness by making his beloved Mary the Countess Sobieski.—*Ittas*to assure himself that all was right by a trated Weekly.

The Eclipses of 1877.

During the year 1877 there will be three eclipses of the sun and two of the moon. The first is a total eclipse of the moon, on February 27, partly visible from England and invisible in America,

the moon being below the horizon through the whole continuance of the

eclipse. The second eclipse is a partial eclipse of the sun, invisible from both Europe and America. Its greatest phase about one-third of the sun's diameter. It

Arkansas. California..... begins on March 14. The third is a partial eclipse of the sun, August 8, invisible both in Europe and America. The fourth is a total eclipse of the moon, visible from England and partly United States, taking place on iu the

August 23. The fifth, and last, is a partial eclipse of the sun on September 6. This eclipse will be seen from Cape Horn and parts of South America, but not from North America. In eighteen years there are usually

about seventy eclipses-twenty-nine of the moon and forty-one of the sun, or nearly two to three. Seven is the greatest number of eclipses that can occur in a year, and two the least. If there are seven, five must be of the sun and two of the moon. If only two, then both must be of the sun, for in every year there are two solar eclipses.

Slander.

proper place, at an improper time, or in mixed company. Never make assertions about her that you think untrue, or allusions that she herself would blush to hear. When you meet with men who do not scruple to use a woman's name in a reckless manner, shun them; they are the very worst members of the community: men lost to every sense of honor, every feeling of humanity. Many a good and worthy woman's character has been forever ruined and her heart broken by a lie, manufactured by some villain, and repeated where it should not have

been, and in presence of those whose little judgment could not deter them from

circulating the foul and bragging report. A slander is soon propagated, and the smallest thing derogatory to a woman's character will fly on the wings of the wind and magnify as it circulates, until its monstrous weight crushes the poor unconscious victim. Respect the name of woman. Your mother and sisters are women, and as you would have their fair

name untarnished, and their lives unimbittered by the slanderer's bitter tongue, heed the ill your own words may bring upon the mother, the sister or the wife of some fellow creature.

artisan. Philadelphia has drifted up New York. The beautiful array of things sent by all the civilized nations of

the earth, which could be purchased only at fabulous prices when on exhibition, can be bought at less expense than anything that is beautiful of our own country's handiwork. It is claimed that the merchants in the various parts of the world, notably in China and Japan, France and England, procured duplicates, being comor close copies of the articles that were rewarded with medals or parchment ap- The black locks seemed to grow blacker provals, and they are now making fortunes out of the late enthusiasm of our citizens. A tiny cup and saucer, daintily painted, and as frail as it is beautiful, was sold at anction for \$70, while the pale faced woman at my door says ; Pray lend me a broom, that I may personal inspection of his customer, carn a scanty bit of bread, and respect As a mere visitor to the harem would myself. have been eyed askance, the correspon-

Another Warning.

Syrian gentleman who wished to take a The details of the destruction by fire the love betrayed, was dead. of the Convent of St. Elizabeth, near Joliette, show an astonishing carelessness on the part of the managers of that in-The following are the figures of the stitution. There were one hundred per-United States Congress as near as can be sons, nuns and children, in the building, which was entirely of wood. In the village itself there was no fire apparatus whatever. The flames of course worked their own will ; the structure was entirely destroyed, and with it perished thirteen persons, more or less. The question naturally arises, How many boarding schools, convents, hospitals, retreats for the poor and aged, great homes for or-11 phan children, are there which are exposed to a like dreadful danger? In how many instances has it been thought necessary to take extraordinary precautions against fire, which should it occur, can hardly fail to prove fatal to considerable 10 numbers?

"We are very much afraid of fire," said the principal of a young ladies' seminary upon a certain occasion. They had reason to be, and the fear at least was something. In many institutions, we are happy to believe that all possible precautions are taken; but there are others in which the neglect is scandalous and the risk which is run frightful. Indeed. there is nothing more astonishing than the recklessness with which a fiery calamity is almost invited, not only in schools, but in public houses, theaters, and other places of human congregation. In the large cities precautions are numerons, and, if the law is obeyed, usually sufficient. Outside the cities there is in hundreds of places no provision worth mentioning. The penalty for this may be long in coming, but it is pretty sure 141 149 to come in terror and death at last.

A Conscientious Plumber.

A gentleman living in Boston has discovered a remarkable plumber, who richly deserves such a fame as he may who obtain in a newspaper paragraph. One Sunday morning this gentleman aforesaid found his water pipe frozen. After two hours' unsuccessful work he went forth and secured a plumber, who was able to obviate the difficulty. The citizen wished to settle at once, but the plutaber refused my pay, stating that e could not refuse such a call on Sunday, as delay often caused damage, but could not conscientiously accept money for work done on Sunday.

in wrapt attention, till the last verse-"Like dew on the gowan lying

Is the fa' of her fairy feet— And like winds in summer sighing Her voice is low and sweet. Her voice is low and sweet-And she's a world to me "--He paused before he added-

" And 'twas there that Annie Laurie

Gave me her promise true

"And for bonnie Annie Laurie Til lay me down and die."

There was a long and solemn pause. -the white temples whiter-almost imperceptibly the head kept falling backthe eyes were close shut. One glanced at another-all seemed awestruck-till saving : "Charles, Charles !"

Then came a hush—a thrill of horror crept through every frame—the poor tired heart had ceased to beat—Charles, with sliced gherkins.

Incidents of the Disaster.

When all the various and strange incidents of the dread Lake Shore railroad disaster will be told it is hard to say, but many things occurred which are remarkable and worthy of special note. Irishman who lived near the bridge told the reporter that he was among the first at the scene and there saw a woman and child hanging to a burning car. He first butter, broil nicely and serve with a litreached the woman, waded through three the melted butter over.

feet of snow and water, and, after a se vere exertion, placed her on dry ground, He then went back after the child, which hung by a single hand to the car. fore he could reach it a flame shot up and enveloped it from sight. It had dropped and sunk into the water below.

Another man was seen to emerge from a car and in his frantic wildness forgot a wife and child behind him. He had reached a place of safety before his loss came to him. He went back to the car door, saw his dear ones in the flames bey and recovery, and with a remark to some one near that if they perished he would too, he rushed into the car and

was soon enveloped in the flames, from which he never reappeared. . No one knew who he was. A remarkable escape was made by the

family of Judson Martin, a gentleman from New York State, who, with his wife and two children, was on his way to Jefferson, Ohio, to take up a new home. He first escaped and then some one got when she shricked for her children. They were yet clinging to a platform out in the middle of the wreck. Some hero in, and, grasping the children one at a

time, threw them into the hands of another man, who stood with open arms to receive them. The younger child was injured somewhat by the fall and the terrific crash of the timbers. The family

were all saved. A citizen of Ashtabula, who was at the burning wreck a few minutes after theaceident, says that he saw two women leap from a car and plunge into the water and disappear under the ice.

To CLEAN PLATE .- Take an ounce each of cream of tartar, muriate of soda and alum, and boil in a gallon or more of

water. After the plate is taken out and rubbed dry it puts on a beautiful and

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BREAST OF MUTTON.-Select two fleshy and not too fat breasts of mutton; tie them together, and boil in the stock pot or in a stewpan with water; garnishing of vegetables and aromates and little salt; when done remove the bones and the same person who had arged him to skin that is over the fat; pare; season sing, laid her hand gently on his shoulder, with salt and pepper; roll in melted butter and fresh fine white bread crumbs; place them on a gridiron; broil slowly

> FRIED PARSNIPS .- Peel and boil some parsnips in salted water, with a little flour and butter; then cool, wipe dry, divide in two or more pieces, dip in a flour batter, fry light brown in plenty of hot lard, sprinkle a little salt over, dress on a folded mapkin and serve garnished with fried parsley.

> BROILED POTATOES .- Peel some cold boiled potatoes, cut in thick slices, season with salt and pepper, dip in melted

CHEAN OF RICE .--- Wash and drain a quart of rice; put it into a stewpan, with two onnces of butter, a little salt, nutmeg and two quarts of yeal or chicken broth; stir, boil, cover and cook slowly for one hour; pound to a pulp, dilute with boiled milk, pass through a fine sieve, bring to the desired consistency with more boiled milk or cream, and heat without boiling, stirring continually; finish with two pats of butter and a teaspoonful of sugar, and serve with small square croutons fried white in clarified butter.

ROAST GOOSE .- Singe, draw and trim a young goose; chop fine and parboil two onions; cool, press the water out and fry slightly in a little butter; mix with mashed potatoes sufficient to fill the goose; when the goose is done, truss, tie both ends securely and roast about two hours; then remove the strings and dish up, surrounding with a border of a dozen large apples that have been peeled, out his wife. She was scarcely on shore cored, cut in two and cooked a light brown in a large fryingpan with a little goose grease; besprinkle with two tablein the middle of the wreck. Some hero spoonfuls of fine sugar, pour a ladleful whose name could not be learned plunged of rich gravy over the goose and serve.

Canada Thistles.

The following plan will probably succeed in destroying Canada thistles the first year ; if not, will certainly do so the Plow the ground three or four second. inches deep in spring when the thistles have made a good growth an 1 plant pota-toes. Then hoe the potatoes every ten days, cutting every thistle as soon as it appears with a sharp hoe just below the hoed in this way. The thistles will be kept down, and the potatoes will yield an extra good crop, and will pay for the labor bestowed upon them. The next year repeat the process, planting beans, corn, or roots in the ground, after which the thistles will be very little trouble ; If, as Col. Olcott says, it only costs \$1.60 to be cremated, almost anybody can come down with the dust. Many do with opportunities as children the in title bands with sand and then let the grains fall through their fingers till they are gone. Many do with opportunities as children do at the seashore—fill their little hands through their fingers till they are gone.

Rhode Island ... outh Carolina

Never use a lady's name in an im-

gressmen in March. The present dele-gation from that State stands two Democrats and one Republican. There are more than the usual number of States to be contested, which may vary the above

dent was introduced as Tahir-Bey, a

United States Congress,

chambermaid home with him.

United States Congress made up at this writing :

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figures slightly. Look to Your \$1,000 Notes. A new counterfeit \$1,000 greenback has come into the possession of the United States treasury detectives. The note was discovered in the West, and plate upon which it was printed is

said to have been in existence for two or three years, and is believed to be the work of the notorious Tom Ballard, now undergoing a thirty-years' sentence of imprisonment for counterfeiting. The counterfeit is an excellent one.