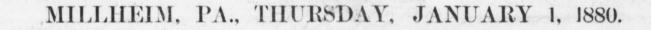
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lightly-see," and he struck it softly as it

the scrawled writing, which it was difficult

to decipher. Cecil at last read it aloud.





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## SADDENING DAYS.

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lay in his palm, and, marvelous to behold, it cracked and parted as the stone had done, The saddening sunshine shone upon the fallon leaves

The fallen leaves were crisp, and dead, and sere:

The noiseless wind, still like a heart that grieves

Yet motled the leaves of the waning year.

A soothing sadness, the sada as of beautiful things.

seized it, looked upon it, and wondered. Came with the breeze, the sunshine and the leaves

How many things were down, or gone, like kings

Uncrown'd, or glistening empty sheaves!

recall

That I should sigh, and sadly see these autumn days,

Now ripe, now sadly dim fade and fall. As falls the leaf, as falls the flower, I promise-

> [From Our Second Century.] THE BLUE STONE.

BY MAY R. MACKENZIE.

My grandmother was a Gypsy. Think of it! One of those miserable, wandering ne'er-do-weels that have infested the earth within the next hundred years. for so many centuries. But since I am in

[Signed] "LEFTIE SKRINE." no way responsible for my grandmother's At the conclusion of this reading my nativity any more than for my own, she might have been the prime tattooed Belle husband sat down aghast. "This then is me and to the common sailors as pleasantly of the Cannibal Islands, or first heir to the our family diamond, the loss of which my as you please. He would utter a few words British throne, and I have been equally in- grandmother, the haughty Amelia Casten- of English, and then ask if what he said different, at least in respect to her birth. well, mourned up to the time of her death. was correct, and when we would point out I was educated a thorough Democrat, never- It is of great intrinsic value, and was pre- his mistakes as well as we could, he would theless I had an imagination-which was sented to one of our remote titled ancestors laugh like a boy; and then he wou'd turn not wonderful considering the fact which by a member of the royal family, as the the tables by picking flaws in our French. I preliminarily announced. This imagina- reward of valiant action in their defense." Oh, he was a rare one, sir.' tion led me to gaze very often upon a small "And the Gypsy's prophesy has proven painting of my grandmother, taken when true, your blood has mingled with that of my grandfather first met her and loved her tribe, and within one hundred years." My husband smiled, and looked by no

They told me I resembled her. I had no means miserable at this reminder. dark hair or olive skin; I was slight and "How strange that you have never subvery blond, with the faintest color. How mitted this stone to a chemist. I think by the hour at anybody or anything that then could I resemble her, I used to won- he could have discovered the line of crossed his path, der. As I grew older, and the repeated division.'

comment led me to study myself, I knew "My father once did, but though the why-I was naturally restless, and I had chemist was an eminent one, he made no cers a good deal, and then he was very fond dark, nervous eyes, the iris of which were discovery, but pronounced it a solid of pacing the deck. Sometimes he would small compared with the large, full ball of stone."

romance of my grandmother's life, for my fortune to its inventor. He also said, had all that, it did look as if he was a little too grandfather met her under peculiar aus-pices.\* Sitting by his favorite trout-stream of England, it would, without doubt, have "Did he ever appear at all cowed?"

to that atmosphere had bastened that ac-

Sponges.

Millheim

directly in the middle of the sphere. In an old man who enjoys the distinction of the centre of the ball (whose surface was having guarded the great Napoleon during very thin', was a small flat roll of rough his short captivity on the Bellerophon, previous to his departure for St. Helena. Mr. Upon enfolding it we found that it had Gregg, for that is the name of the old man,

On the Bellerophon

In Fulton county, Ga., there is now living

writing upon it. Something hard was in is now eighty-five years of age, but is still its folds which slipped out and rolled over in the enjoyment of good health, and his the table." it was a jewelled ring. We memory seems to be unimpaired. In the course of a conversation with the veteran A very large brilliant diamond in the form some time ago, a few facts were elicited of a star, in a quaint old setting, surmount- which will doubtless be of interest to the

ed the ring, and we turned now and read many admirers of the French Emperor. Gregg, according to his statement, was one of the British marines on the Bellero.

"This is to certify that I, Leftie Skrine, phon. After the Emperor Napoleon, or wife of Hale Skrine, stole from the house General Bonaparte, as he was studiously of Leohard Castenwell, of \_\_\_\_\_, York-shire, England, this family heir-loom, the board and surrendered himself to Captain Maitland, claiming the hospitality of Eng-consists in a number of long poles with wild tribes two hundred and fifty miles shall turn a summersault for you. Here, Were not strange to one whose life is past crown star diamond ring, commonly worn Maitland, claiming the hospitality of Engby the proud daughter of the house, land, he was assigned a cabin and one of Amelia Castenwell. I stole it to revenge the marines always on duty at the door, myself for her haughty treatment of me This post fell to Gregg's lot a number of and mine who sought to predict to her the times, and he soon began to feel a friendly fortunes of her house. I wish to make interest in the illustrious prisoner. confession before I die, but wish it only

"How did Bonaparte look and act?" known by her descendants that 1 did so. I asked. repeat here my prediction, uttered to her, "He was the grandest looking man I ever

and which will prove true, as time will saw," replied Gregg. "He had a splendid show, thoug she saw fit to gainsay it. The head, dark-brown hair, and a face like marblood of the Castenwells, of \_\_\_\_\_, York-ble. His eyes were a light blue, and when shire, will mingle with that of our tribe in high spirits his smile was the sweetest imaginable.

"He was cheerful at all tunes, was he? "Oh, yes; sometimes he would speak to

"Always in good humor, then ?"

"Well, no, sir. Sometimes he was very blue, and then again he would get mad and, Lord, sir, how he would swear."

"Swear! The great Napoleon swear!" "Yes, sir, that he did. He would swear

"How did he pass his time ?" I queried. "He read some, and talked with the offishut himself up in his cabin all day, but

white. In truth I had caught glimpses of Later on, my husband exposed the stone generally he was was walking about notic-myself in the mirror, while under some to a friend of his, a geologist, who told ing everything. Nothing seemed to escape strong feeling, when it would appear that him it had beeh rendered thus firmly ad- him, and he was in the main very willing my eyes were small live creatures, ready to leap from their sockets. hesive by the use of an invisible cement, which, on account of its enduring qualities, these hesis and then again, I say I was given to dreaming over the ought, a hundred years ago, to have been a considering his position as a prisoner, and

fishing, the English boy suddenly heard an separated much sooner, and that its return "Cowed! Not a bit of it! Why, sir altercation in the woods behind him. Turnhe walked the deck as though he owned the vessel and everybody on it. He would get blue and mad, as I said before. but he always carried himself grandly, and every-The Traveler's Trunks. body, from the Captain down, showed him

The sponge may be found in the various subtropical waters of the world. The principal sponging grounds of the United

States are the waters around Key West their marketable value as "sheep wool,"

The most of the vessels engaged in the kings a supreme court. The chief

hooks fastened on the end for gathering west of his home. I met him the other day and from three to seven small boats called at the Muscogee Baptist association, on his "Dingys," from seven to tifteen men, with way from his missionary labors. He came provisions from eight to twelve weeks, back to preside over the Supreme Court at

see actual sponge gathering, last a bright Rev. John McIntosh, is his namemorning found me aboard the schooner grandson of General William McIntosh, Samfiler," spinning towards the bars; whom the Creeks killed in 1825, on account but owing to light winds during the day of the treaty of Indian Springs. The preswe did not arrive till after nightfall. The ent chief is Ward Coochman, born in Alanext morning, however sponging com- bama, and who remained there until about

water glasses, sponge hooks, etc., set off in man, about 55 years old, black hair, black affectionatly rubbing his hand with her quest of sponges. One of the men in the eyes, thin whiskers, will weigh two hun-'dingy'' sculls the boat about here and dred pounds, and was dressed in a citizen's there, while the other, lying across the dark gray suit. He is a man of ability, and boat's thwart with his head in the water has an affable address. I took tea with him glass, scans the bottom for sponges. The -coffee, rather. The Presbyterians and water glass used by the spongers is noth- Methodists have each a mission school on ing but a common deep wooden pail, with the manual labor system, and the Creek a circular pane of glass for a bottom. nation pays the board and tuition of a cer- continues to burn fiercely. At present it Placing this upright in the water, and put-tain number of pupils. The Baptists are is estimated that ten acres of anthracite

most of the light, one can easily see an school this fall. object on the bottom in six or seven fathoms of water. The sponger, when he sees

a sponge, by the waving of his hand directs the supervision of a superintendent of public the sculler how to go, and when in a desirable position he thrusts his long pole blacksmith shops! The nation pays for down and hooks his spongs. The vessels sharpening both mental and agricultural usually remain out upon the bars from tools. They pay \$40 per month to teachers solid rock, yet the heat is so great that they ginning betimes. Monday until Friday evening of each week, coming into the Keys Friday night, in order to clean the sponges which they had gathered the week previous, put those gathered the present week into the crawls, The meeting began at dark, and ended put their wood and water on board. and prepare for the next week. The sponges savage crowd of Indians singing in Creek which they gather one weck are put in at the top of their voices just before daycrawls or pens, made by driving posts into the sand, where, at low water, they will be quite or almost dry. Here they are left matil the next Saturday to be they are left the ar-wouldn't you think of Gabriel? The Creeks have no marriage laws, but

had the sponges are cleaned, they are taken aboard the schooner and strung on strings usually about five and a half feet long, when they are thrown upon the beach to bleach and dry. The number of yessels engaged in sponging from Key West probably reaches 125, gathering sponges to the value of

and Meadow Grass. The heifer is Meadow

Grass. Fours right-I say fours, but its There are in the United States about really threes-march!" Immediately the unwiedly Meadow Grass of smallest opportunities. 800,000 Indians; 55,000 in the five civiliz-

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ed tribes-the Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws began to wheel, the others keeping the Chickasaws and Seminoles- 20,000 more allignment by moving more slowly until and along the western coast of Florida, belonging to other tribes in the Indian the front had been changed. "Halt! right from Tampa Bay on the south to Pensacola Territory, and the rest are scattered in the dress !" and the great shaggy beasts turned on the northeast. The sponge schooners western part of the United States, with a their heads and eyes to the right, and have two places to cleau their sponges when few remaining in New York, North Caro- waited for the order "Front!" Then came coast sponging. One at Anclote Keys, the other at Rock Island. Of the sponge there have forms of government more or less "Two left 1" "Two left and rights !" "Three step to is several varieties, classed according to similar to that of the States. The Cherokees the rear!" and a score of orders intelligible have a constitution and code of laws. The only to a military man. All obeyed with "yellow," "fox glove," "grass," etc.. be-sides one class, "loggerhead," which has are not yet codified, although efforts have the order was given, "Forward, double no value, and is not thought worth picking been made in this direction and a code pre- turn, march !" and at once the trio, followup. The first-named is the variety mostly pared. The Creeks have a chief, elected ed closely by the antelope, started off at a

sponge trade are owned and fitted out at justice of the Muscogee nation is a Baptist the prairie dog, is sick. He has been sick ner. "Perquita," said Richardson, speaking of

Perquita ; over ! march !" At the word the quaint little animal

The Blazing Mine.

threw a half handspring that would have done honor to a trained athlete. himself. It is Richardson's intention to give ex-

hibitions of the chase of the buffalo, as the Indians do it with bow and arrows, and to like princes. that end he has brought with him a mus-

of the writer.

which transmutes other things to its own quality.

A sincere confession of our ignor-

I know of no manner of speaking so

ness; on the contrary, a certain degree of care is essential to enjoyment.

self-control is better than the best that neglects it.

to-unlearn, hence the necessity of be-

ness. We have never seen any able man who was ungrateful.

that he prefers to life, otherwise life itself will appear thresome and void. Don't pin your faith on so-called great men. You will find most of them very small as you approach them.

Secret kindnesses done to your fellow-creatures are as beautiful as secret Without the virtue of humility one can neither be honest in poverty nor It takes less time to get over one's misfortunes than to be reconciled to a neighbor's good fortune. Not that which men do worthily, but that which they do successfully, is what history is eager to record. The only passion that does not blunt is avarice, and which the longer we live only becomes keener.

by the people every four years, a house of sharp run, and halted a the word.

water-glasses, &c. Having a curiosity to its next session, in about two weeks. The

**Our** Civilized Indians.

tang and a bow, with blunt arrows. "I use blunt arrows because I wouldn't hurt my Meadow Grass, would I?" and the master menced in earnest. Shortly after sunrise the 1848. He was a delegate to the Baptist as-"dingys," manned by two men each, with sociation at Newoka. He is a stout-built put his arm caressingly over the shaggy neck of the heifer, while she responded by

> The fire in the Butler colliery, a short distance from the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, on the outskirts of Pittston, Pa.,

ting the head in far enough to exclude contemplating the establishment of a mission are glowing in the upper vein, and the most startling phase of the affair is that the There are twenty-eight public schools, miners in the employ of the company are kept open ten months in the year, and under working the vein beneath. A visit to the workmen in their subterranean oven gives

some idea of the intensity with which the fire is raging over their heads. Although separated from them by seventy feet of and pay for school books. The Indians are compelled to work without a particle of enjoy religion. I attended an all-night clothing upon them excepting a light pair of drawers or overalls. J'he perspiration prayer meeting on Sunday. They say they used to worship God all night too. pours constantly from their bodies, and the temperature is continually much the same about, sun-up, or a little later. Imagine a as if they were at work in the presence of a roaring furnace. It is very seriously questioned by those understanding the situation whether the men should be permitted to work in this intensely perilous position. until the next Saturday to be washed by the Baptist association adopted a memorial burning upwards of two years. It origi-

the tides. On the following Saturday they on the subject, urging the next council to nated in the old work-shop of an abandonare cleansed by striking them one or two light blows with a paddle. When the honor of drafting the known as the outcrop of the fourteen-feet injuries are detestable. memorial. Their custom allowed several vein, and on the very highest ground of the wives, but the churches have so altered property of the Butler Coal Company. The destructive spark was first kindled by a contented in abundance. public opinion that it is rare to find a man with two wives. poor, degraded woman, who having been "How did you punish a violation of driven from the shelter of the town took of marriage vows? I asked the Indian refuge in one of the numerous caves on the outskirts. Here she made a fire for the purpose of cooking such stray crumbs as "You see that man there?" she could pick up and to keep her warm at night. One night she was alarmed by "Well, his wife was taken by another man, and one night he went with some seeing the entire side of th cave on fire, other men, arrested the betrayer, beat him and she fled in terror from the scene. Susenseless, and then cut his cars off with a perintendent Bennett, one of the most practical and careful managers in this "How did they treat the woman? region, had his attention called to the fire early in June, 1877. By that time it had "The same way. Sometimes they let made a good deal of headway northeast of her off easier than the man." the pitch along the pillars, and the course "What became of the man and woman ?" it was taking indicated that it would shortly "They are living together as man and exhaust itself. There was nothing to give wife, and the injured husband got him anrise then to the apprehension that it would work its way down the pitch or declivity, "Was that your custom ?" and immediate steps were taken to cover "Yes; the chief made the law, and the "cave holes" by which the air was adeverybody followed it." mitted to feed the flames. The immediate Sometimes they cut the woman's nose off vicinity of the fire at that time was honey-If the criminal could hide out until after combed with three cave holes, caused by "Busk," the annual festival, he went free. the caving in of the surface where the mine had been worked out and no pillars left to support the roof. The stopping up of these prevented in a measure the progress of the fire, but owing to the ele-Buffaloes and Military Tractics. vated character of the place it was impossible to obtain water in sufficient quantity "Yes, sir, caught these buffaloes when to be effective. An arrangement was made they were calves; got the prairie dogs when with a party to open and clear out an old they were puppies; the antelope when it chamber in the mine, intending thereby to wasn't as big as a kitten, and the prairie cut off the flames, but the work was done wolf when the eyes were scarcely open. in a bungling manner and failed to (o what They are all over four years old now, and I was intended. Seeing the threatening char trained them myself." acter of the element, the company at length The speaker was John Richardson, who adopted a plan at an enormous expense, for ten years had been serving Uncle Sam | which it was hoped would prove effective. as a private soldier at Forts D. A. Russell, A point was selected about eight hundred Harker, Wallace and other outposts on the feet from the fire, at which an open cut was Indian fronties. He varied the idleness of begun from the surface down to the old garrison life by studying the habits of the workings. It was intended that this cut prairie animals, and as a result he has been should be 350 yards in length, 20 feet wide able not only to make pets of three buffa- at the bottom, and ranging from 12 to 45 loes-a cow with two calves, a bull and a feet in depth. The plan was that of Engiheifer-an antelope, a prairie wolf and a neer C. T. Conrad, who contemplated at prairie dog, but also to bring them into a the outset the removal of 50,000 cubic feet At the last meeting of the British associa- tolerable condition of training. Recently of earth, rock and coal in the construction tion, Sir John Lubbock read an interesting he landed them in this city and of this magic circle about the fire. He paper on seeds. He commenced by calling proceeded with them to the farm of James tunneled a part of the way, and, in the attention to the difference presented by Archer, near Fordham, where they will be face of obstacles apparently insurmountable he worked steadily day and night with "What can the buffaloes do ? asked the a strong force of men until his plan was effected. The progress of the flames has "Well, I would hate to tell you without since been slow, but now they seem to have gained a great hold, and not only the coal but the superincumbent rock is red with ral retation of crops, and in other cases were feed 'em. You see they've been on the fire. The danger lies in the tunneled part, enabled to rectify their frontiers. Some cars since Thursday, when I started from where it is feared glowing rock will carry plants actually threw their seeds, some were Leavenworth. I had the buffaloes out at destruction over the archway and commutransported by the wind, and many were Rochester, and like enough they're scared nicate it to the adjoining property. The great danger from the fire would arise from its extension into the workings of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and once there ed into two classes, where seeds adhered the antelope walked alongside the buffaloes, no power on earth can prevent it from working its way under the town of Pittston. Here indeed would be a poetic and terrible revenge on the part of the outcast who was denied shelter by the town and growth. Most seeds germinated on the hay, the antelope with twigs of spruce and fled, like Hagar, to the wilderness.

The greatest losses arise from neglect

Never tail attention to the features or forms of any one present.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

How few faults are seen by us which ve have not ourselves committed.

Do good to all, that thou mayest keep thy friends and gain thine enemies. There are vices which do not deprive

us of friends, and virtues which do. Love mocks all sorrows but its own, and damps each joy it does not yield.

Your benevolence should seek the poor before the poor seek your benevoence.

Men who believe they will die like beasts are apt to live in the same man-

The sourest temper must sweeten in the atmosphere of continuous good numor.

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass

It is counted an honor to live like rinces, but it is a greater honor to give

Nothing ever touched the heart of a reader that did not come from the heart

There is an alchemy in a high heart

Some people think it an excess of magnanimity to forgive those whom they have injured.

ance is one of the fairest and surest testimonies of our own judgment.

offonsive as giving praise and qualify-ing it with an exception.

Exemption from care is not happi-

The poorest education that teaches

Of learning the most difficult part is

Ingratitude is a kind of mental weak-

Man ought always to have something

A man who has duly considered the condition of his being, will contentedly yield to the course of things.

ing, he saw a tall, dark man vehemently tion. menacing a forlorn, little, shrinking girl, miserably clad, thin and wild looking. She held a book, old and soiled, in one hand by her side. At last the man struck her violently, and left her.

The girl sank at the foot of the tree and wept. The young fisherman was over- once ornamental, and to a certain extent powered with indignation at such treatment and sympathy for the girl. He knew they now one of the "highly efficient" attaches "Well," replied one were of a Gypsy tribe then haunting the of the police of Baltimore. Jack came she had found on the road, and which, airy as a prince. He "gunned" around for stature." She liked the pictures.

girl away from her people and educate her. ward effected her clandestine departure. man at last fell deeply in love with her and married her.

One thing besides the painting puzzled are here! They've been here ever since I mean, petty and n alicious." and interested me. A small block of grey- have." "Eh-oh, ho! Well, sir, where blue stone, about four inches square, smooth are they ?" said the landlord a little molliand ordinary looking enough, which my fied at the prospect of security. "Ask grandmother had always kept with her, and your clerk, sir, at the office, said Jack, lorat her death gave it to my mother, who ly, square-cut stone.

My father, after my mother's death, took trunks, as he might "want to wear 'em farmer doing his own painting will not be me with him to Europe. Business detained him in London for a year. There I mingled in society, and at last met Cecil Castenwell, a man who, despite his connection with one of England's best families, carried himself with an unosteritatiousness

grandmother's stone. I had not looked at multiplied power, but once or twice a year, it since my marriage, had not even men- with an importation of white-capped wo- the house, great advantage will be found to tioned the fact of their being any such pe- men into the family to celebrate its rites come of the addition of one-half pint light culiar article in my possession. My hus- through an unnamed period till all is colored coach varnish to every gallon of band stood by my side as I opened the box, and as I lifted the stone I began an ex-ironing day is its most immediate satellite. planation, but stopped midway with a If for the rest, the young housekeeper oughly with soap suds and not damage it startled ejaculation. The stone had parted makes up her mind that one day shall never in the least. This, it must be borne in mind, is for a second or third eoat; the baking day shall be a fixed feast, nud and in the centre a hollow roughly here. and in the centre a hollow roughly hewn, sweeping day an immovable feast, and that in which was fitted a rough ball of plaster. the silver and the closets shall now and for-I hastily recounted the story of the stone, ever be cleaned upon their own day and no of linseed oil, yet a small preportion of oil as I took out the ball, which we now sur- other, there will be a code established that improves it. A very beautiful finishing mised must contain something within itself will keep things straight as long as she lives paint for inside work is made by mixing still more curious or valuable.

clared that the stone would tell its own half the wear of body and soul that it usu- it to working consistency with turpentine. story. Verily, it hath revealed itself. But ally takes; and if she has servan's, she may This imparts a bright gloss to the work we must not destroy it, Cecil, the old Gyp- fall sick, she may go away, she may have but you will find it more troublesome to sy forbade that, so after all we cannot open a score of distractions or of other occupa- put on smoothly than any of the other preptions-the house will never show it; and arations. the ball." "My word, the ball will open as the stone whether, like the good woman of the Pre-

did. Allow me," and he took it from my verbs, strength and honor are her clothing It is said that locks with sliders and hand. But I had a superstitious dread, or not, she will certain finite in time, sumblers have for centuries been made

the greatest possible respect. In fact, we There was an odd genius, but not at all odd as to his utter disregard of an econom- all took a liking to him, and that's the truth ical preservation of his income, who was about it.'

"What was Napoleon's height, as near

"Well," replied old Gregg, meditatively, "they tell me that he was a little man, but neighborhood. He went to the girl, who from an express office upon the stage. He I did not think so when I saw him. It was was about thirteen years of age, and drew was an incorrigible joker. One Summer- because I was a raw youth, I suppose, and from her this statement, timidly, wildly it was his last upon the stage-being out of the sight of the greatest man in the world's given, that the man was her father who was always angry if he found her off with a "snap." Of course he wasn't flush of ner was always so dignified and impressive this book, which was an old school speller funds. But he was well dressed and as that we never thought of his small

doubtless, one of the school children had a hotel or place whereat he could abide in "What was the opinion of those on the "Why did she like the book ?" comfort. He tound one, genteel and reason- Bellerophon in regard to the Emperor's fuable in charge. The landlord was all smiles. | ture ?"

The young man was not then his own master; but he there resolved to get the baggage—your trunks?" "They'll be here baggage. this evening." For a fertnight Jack fared provision in the treaty be allowed a pension He prevailed with her, and shortly after- sumptuously. The landlord had again and on condition of not again taking up arms. again suggested payment, until at the end We had no idea of anything else, and, sir, In two years she was greatly civilized and of two weeks he became obstinate and our men shed tears of humiliation when sobered. Remarkably intelligent she had savage. "I want your bill," said the irate they learned that Bonaparte was not to be accomplished wonderful results in that time. host. "No more promises-the money or permitted to land on English soil-they did, Innocent and pretty as she was, the young your room. You have deceived me, sir. sir, and our officers, too, were a great deal Where are your trunks-the baggage you ruffled-and they felt that the British Go-

said you had?" "Sir," said Jack, "my trunks vernment was doing something that was Painting.

Here is the foundation for two or more tily. "And, sir, you can retain them for coats of paint. The first coat upon the was also dead now, and in turn had given it to me with my grandmother's words, "Wait," said the landiord, starting for his made a little thinner than thick cream by which were these: "My mother, the Gyp- office. "He hasn't any baggage," said the the addition of more linseed oil. Some which were these: "My mother, the dyp sy, gave me this, and bade me never resign it till my death, then let it pass only into the hands of my children. 'In one hun-the hands of my children. 'In one hundred or one hundred and fifty years' my mother said, 'it will tell its own story. It contained a pair of old to soon cut all to pieces in the weather and velvet stage trunks—part of a shape suit. rub off like lime whitewash. Spirits tur-The one who stears, distroys or loss in, will have no peace thereafter, for my spirit will haunt and torture him for the rest of his life." A mysterious thing, indeed, I if e. " A mysterious thing, indeed, I thought, as I held it in my hand—a home- note to the landlord requesting him to be than linseed oil, and (2), because it makes careful and not break the locks of those their work dry with greater rapidity. The

Household System.

to it, at the mixing, a small quantity of what they have for sale at the paint shops The sooner a young housewife rememwhich at once attracted me. My regard bers that there are but seven days in the under the name of "Japan gold size. was reciprocated, and within two years my week, and that in that period of time con- The second coat of paint must never be gypsy grandmother's grandchild was mar- sists one revolution of the household, put on until the first coat or priming is eninto the family of Castenwel' of washing day being the central sun, and tirely dry and hard. If you desire to put Yorkshire, England. I was quite baking day and sweeping day being, as it on a third coat prepare your paint exactly as indifferent, however, to the fact that I were, planetary affairs, but exerting tidal as for the second coat. Be very careful

some day."

had made a fine connection, as I was to the influences, the sooner she will come into not to get your paint too thin; and before alien birth of my maternal ancestor. I loved my husband for himself. One day, about a year after our marriage, l opened the box, which, with other valu-able relics and trinkets, contained my grandmother's stone. I had not looked at

and rules her house. Her work will roll zinc white (which is something similar to "My great-grandmother's prophesy de- off her hands, if she does it herself, with white lead) in damar varnish, and reducing

lawyer. about \$100,000 annually. Besides the Key West schooners, we have about forty or fifty fitted out from Cedar Keys aud Oglockney.

"Yes."

The Finest Diamonds in the World.

Western sovereigns are not the posses- dull knife?' sors of the finest diamonds in the world, for the Rajahs of Manton, Borneo and the Shah of Persia have the largest hitherto known. The one belonging to the Emperor of the Monguls weighed 279 carats (about four

grains each), and was valued at 12,000,000 rancs. The famous Orloff, the property of other wife." the Russian crown, is one of the most remarkable diamonds, on account of the well-known circumstances under which it was brought to Europe. The large stone belonging to the Emperor of Brazil, which by way of variety. weighs 1,730 carats, would be worth many millions were not its brilliancy dimitished by certain defects. The Sultan of Nizam's Some of the tribes had cities of refuge, as diamond weighs 400 carats; that of the Israelites had. Emperor of Austria 20 grains; and that of

the King of Portugal 251 grains, The famous Koh-i-noor, or Mountain of Light, is the property of the Queen of England. The one which adorned the tiara of Pius IX., and was bequeathed by him to his

successor, Leo XIII, is one of the finest stones known. It came from the treasury of the Duke of Burgnndy, seized at Gransom. It was sold after the battle to a Jew of Berne, for 3 crowns, then successively for 5000 and 6000 ducats, and afterward purchased for 14,000 by Luigi Sforza, from whom it passed into the hands of Pope Julius II. for 20,000 ducats. Every one knows that the "Regent", of the weight of 136 carats, is the finest diamonds belonging to the French regalia. Connoisseurs consider it to be worth 12,000,000 francs.

Seeds.

apt to find himself in any great hurry about the drying, but if he does he can make the paint dry fast and yet be all right by adding seeds, some being large, some small, some kept until he can give an exhibition. covered with hooks, some provided with hairs, some smooth, some sticky, etc. He Herald reporter. gave the reasons of these peculiarities, and then spoke of the modes of dispersion, by means of which seeds secured a sort of natu-Well we have a little exhibition soon as I provided with a wing which caught the and won't obey first-rate.' wind. Dispersion was also effected by the agency of animals. This means was divid-shoulder, the wolf sneaked at his heels and to animals by hooks, and where the same all of them responding to their master's purpose was effected by sticky glands. The voice by following him through the stock next point touched upon was, that seeds yard of the New York Central railroad.

found themselves in spots suitable for Then they were fed-the buffalo with ground, but there were instances, as the grass, the prairie wolf with a great bone mistletoe, where they were parasitic on and the dog with a apple. trees. Such seeds were embedded in a When they were through with their meal viscid substance, so that if dropped by a Mr. Richardson called out "Fall in!" At bird on a bough they adhered to it. In once the buffaloes stood facing him and and in other instances the seeds buried antelope took position as file closer, while by Sir John, who, in con-ion, called attention to mimick- "He is very disobedient, and will parade

actly like worms that birds were induced to cile, and he isn't wild. I taught him to anything but fun.

Our best intentions, even when they enough, taught them Upton's tactic, so far | lives within half a mile of the station. have been most prudently formed, fail as they can be adopted for three big shoul-

The Sarcastic Tramp.

On the wall of the woodshed which consome cases plants buried their own seeds, formed in line accordingly to size. The stitutes the station at Dorsey's, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the following themselves, the means by which these the wolf, refusing to take part in the drill, has recently been written in a fair comprocesses were effected being fully explain- got a beating, and slunk off into a corner, mercial hand: "Bound for Virginia in search of employment. Lodged here one night and breakfasted on dandelion salad ing seeds, such as the scorpiurns, the prds only occassionally. I control him by fear. and peas-a delightful dish. The polite attention of the waiters at this establishment I can not too highly commend to my peck at them and thus free the seeds. That stand always behind the line. Now you followers. Edger A. Wilkins, of Bristol, this was the purpose of the resemblance he see I got these things, and I made pets of England." The sarcasm of this can be would not assert, but he threw it out as a them. I didn't intend to train them for appreciated when it is remembered that the dandelions and peas had to be plncked "Being myself a soldier I, naturally from a neighboring fleid, and that nobody

-Paris has 41,000 tohacco shops.

There is no state of life so anxious as that of a man who does not live according to the dictates of his own reason.

The oblect of all ambition should be to be happy at home; if we are not happy there, we cannot be elsewhere. If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure you must toil for it.

Don't expect to earn your living without labor of hand or head. You must eat your own bread or somebody else's.

It is a most mortifying reflection for any man to consider what he has done compared with what he might have done.

They asked Lokman the fabulist from whom did you learn manners? He answered promptly: From the unmannerly.

Sin is never at a stay, if we do not retreat from it, we shall advance in it; and the further we go, the more we have to come back.

Beware of anger of the tongue; control the tongue. Beware of anger of the mind. Practice virtue with thy tongue and with thy mind.

Sow not wishes in other people's gardens; wish not for that which you are not, but earnestly desire to be the very best of what you really are.

Health is the only riches that a man ought to set a value on; for without it all men are poor, let their estates be what they will.

If any one say that he has seen a just man in want of bread, we answer that it was in some place where there was no other just man.

Justice is a duty-generosity is a virtue. Yet the whole is too apt to regard the first as a favor, and the latter as a folly.

Hard words are like hailstones in summer; beating down and destroying what they would nourish if they were melted into drops.

Every human creature is sensible to some infirmities of temper, which it should be his care to correct and subdue, particularly in the early period of life.

The proper element of man is constant activity. The waters of life are like those of the Bethesda poel--it is only when they are agitated that they are healthful.

It is better to set a frugal and welcome table before the guest instantly, than to keep him waiting a long time, in order to provide for him a splendid repast, perhaps grudgingly.

Reticence is a valuable power, but one in the use of which great discretion is required; and it loses all its dignity all its dignity as soon as it is prac-ticed without sofficient cause.

Never let a lie go to seed in your souls. If you should happen to be tempted into telling a falsehood, let it be plucked out by a prouder confession of your tault as quickly as possible.

Life is like a game of chess, each one holds his rank according to his quality; but, when the game is over, kings, queens, knights and all the rest are thrown into one common box.

If those who are the cnemies of innocent amusements had the direction of the world they would take away the spring and youth; the former from the year, and the latter from human life.

clusion, of which did not open, but looked so ex- The rest, except the antelope, are very domatter for consideration.

