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more than cake. The greater the difficulty the more old maiden lady left the room. glory in surmounting it. Skilful pilots

That plenty should produce either ing covetousness or prodigality is a perversion of providence, and yet the gener- Hope Alexander.

ality of men are the worse for their riches. It is a distinguishing feature of Christianity that its God is a God of love.

Christianity tells us that "God is Love." This is both His nature and His name. kept his eyes fastened upon the girl's face;

riches; nor is anything more magnifi- wordless, and only gave vent to an embarcent than to lay them out freely in acts rassed "Ahem!" of bounty and liberality.

Any number of persons greater than them together. two can participate in a game, but with three contestants the best points are then said. "I will leave you together for drawn out. Each player looks excluse a time." sively after his own interests. Each trick counts five, and to win a game it is necessary to get fifteen in a single hand. But as only five cards are dealt to each player, this, it wilf be seen, is not an easy thing to do; and with good players the battle has often to be fought again and again, with increasing stakes and interest, before a victory is scored. As soon as the player has looked at his hand and calculated his chances, he is

guided by this golden rule: "If you can't win the game, spoil it." Truth discoveres the evil; grace puts it away. Truth unfolds what man is; grace unfolds what God is. Truth brings out into the light the hidden and in sooth she was flushed and very workings of evil in the heart of man; pretty grace brings out, in contrast, the rich and exhaustless springs of grace in the There we can talk without danger of being heart of God; both are needful. Truth overheard." for the maintenance of God's glory; divine character and attribute; grace eye-tree, where they found cozy seats. for the perfect repose of the sinner's heart and conscience. How blessed to me, Hope?" know that both grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

A BABY GIRL

A little one climbed in my lap last night-A fair little creature with shiny eyes, That seemed to have taken their radiant light From the fairest hue of the summer skies— And down on my shoulder she laid her head, And settled herself with a quaint little twirl And then, looking up in my face, she said, "Now, sing me a song of a baby girl."

"Of a baby girl!" How my thoughts flew back To another time and another scene, Far, far adown on my memory's track. With many a joy and sorrow between-

To another time, when at evening's close Tired out with the long day's busy whirl, I, too, climbed up for a sweet repose On my mother's lap-a baby girl!

How we change, how we change, as the years

There are silver threads in my hair to-day And the loving and cherished mother is gone To the pleasant land where angels stay. O, I wonder, I wonder, if e'er she looks down From "the beautiful city with gates of pearl,"

From 'the sounding harp and the gleaming To follow the fate of her baby girl : What is this, little one? Ah, her head droops

And her fingers have loosened their clinging clasp, For the innocent slumber but children know

Holds her baby brain in its soothing grasp, And I gather more closely her form to my

And I tenderly toy with each clust ring curl, When our labor is done; may our final rest Be as sweet as the sleep of my baby girl!

A Little Mistake.

Miss Minerva Blair, spinster on the shady side of forty, and her niece, Miss Hope Alexander, also single, but on the sunny side of twenty, sat in the pleasant feel like adopting my nephew, Arthur sitting-room of a pleasant country mansion, railway train, which was just arriving at as he has not been spoiled by indulgence.

"Mr. Harvey will be here in a few minutes, Hope," said the aunt; "and you notion that he may require overseeing, and must be cordial to him, unless it is your as I have long owed you a visit, I will pay desire to offend me.' "I wish the train had had a collision!"

was the rather vindictive reply, though a sly half-smile showed that the words were hardly meant. "Hope!" cried the other, somewhat

so malicious. Why should you hate a gentleman you have never seen?" "I might in turn ask you why should love a gentleman I had never seen ?" "Nobody asks you to love him."

love can come afterward. I know you unwilling. will like him.

"Why, Aunt Minerva, you have never met him yourself!" "Not since he was a little boy. But I have always known his parents, and they

are worthy people. "So were Hope Alexander's, I think," poutingly said the younger lady. "And yet you see what a perverse scapegrace you have got for a niece.

Even Miss Minerva's grim features had sation was cut off by a ring at the outer

"He has come," said Miss Blair. "You must at least treat him civilly, Hope." "Indeed I will, aunty, for your sake," said the girl, with a touch of good feeling.

Miss Minerva went herself to admit the visitor. "Mr. Harvey," she said to the dark bearded, handsome young man whom she admitted, "it gives me genuine pleasure it," Miss Hope replied, bravely, - "And to welcome you to this house. I have now let us dismiss the subject for to-day. known your family so many years, that

you almost seem a friend." "Indeed. I hope to be one," was the frank reply.

"You must let me send my niece to the next morning. you," said Miss Minerva, as soon as the newcomer was fairly seated. "I am housekeeper, you know, and cannot neglect my ing one's guests shall have been abol- duties, but you will have a substitute whom

"You would hardly say that if you sia. Perhaps, when that time arrives, knew all," the gentleman remarked sotto we shall be sufficiently civilized to de-voce.

"I am afraid I have humored her into the entertainments will then, in one being a little wilful, but she is kind-

And with these pleasant words, the kind She was gone scarcely long enough to gain their reputation from storms and allow the young man to collect his thoughts

ere she again stood in the doorway, say-"Mr. Harvey, I present my niece, Miss

And a slender, rustling figure was half pushed into the room, where it stood bow ing with a semi-haughty air.

Something like a smile was upon the young gentleman's countenance, and he There is no greater sign or a mean but she did not look up, waiting in silence and sordid man than to dote upon for him to speak. But he too seemed

Miss Blair wondered a little, and sent?" There is a game of cards very popu- frowned a little, at her niece's perverse belar in Ireland called "Spoiled Five." havior. But she wisely concluded to leave "I must attend to getting supper," she family, we thought—that is, I—he—"

> As soon as she was fairly gone, 'Hope! cried the young man. The girl raised her

eves at once. "Arthur is it you? I-I did not expect you. I thought it was your cousin Walter who was coming.'

"It will require quite a talk to explain all, my Hope," he answered. "And I their faces. almost fear your aunt may overhear us." His arm went about her waist. Sly Miss Hope, not to have told her aunt the secret this action implied! Wicked Miss Hope,

to deceive so good a relative! At present she was only charming Miss Hope to the only eyes that looked upon her,

"We will stroll into the garden, Arthur.

So they walked out into the pleasant

wedded to the idea of uniting myself to the In others the rule upon customs.

son of her early friend, John Harvey, that any opposition would have made her unhappy. So I have left the matter to time. But you have not yet told me how you

Millheim

come to be here. "It is not too wonderous strange. My ousin Walter and myself are excellent good friends, and as he happens to have an attachment of his own, he is just as adverse to being forced into a marriage with a stranger as yourself. I discovered all this in the course of a conversation with him, and then I told him the story of our meeting, and our present relations. The revelations came just in time. His father was even then urging a visit here upon him. Nothing was easier than for me to take his place, and let Walter undertake a more welcome jaunt."

"And now that you are here, sir, what can you do?"

"Upon my soul," cried the young man, must try and ingratiate myself with your aunt and leave the rest to luck.'

A long talk was followed by a long stroll, they returned to the house. Aunt Minerva beamed a most approving glance upon but she startled them the next moment by

"I have just had a note from your father, Mr. Harvey. He will be with us himself

Poor Arthur tried hard to conceal the him into. Fortunately Miss Minerva was in too complacent a humor to be very ob-

"Come, Hope, you shall read the note. It might make Mr. Harvey too yain, or I would give him a peep also.'

Miss Hope, in another room, read John Harvey's billet, which ran as follows: "If my son Walter, usually so dutiful, should disappoint me in our plan, I shall Harvey, who is a splendid young fellow,

I suppose my gentleman will have arrived before you get this. I have taken a sudden my debt by following this note to-morrow

Sincerely your friend, JOHN HARVEY."

"I suppose," said Hope, slyly, though coffee drinkers. she felt in no humorous mood, "if you "You are positively sinful to be couldn't get the son, auntie, you would not object to the nephew, as it would all be in the family?"

"Well," replied her aunt, after a momight have been if I hadn't met Walter Poor Hope could only hang her head and

blush like a guilty thing. "What shall I do, Hope?" cried Arthur, when she tripped back into the parlor. feel like running away instanter."

rather sarcastic rejoinder. "Please, then advise-or rather, command me. "Well, then, sir, hear your orders .-

to relax a little. But any further conver- This deceit makes me feel mean and guilty, in spite of myself, and we must have an explanation at all hazards. "Now?"

Hope reflected a moment. "No, not now-to-morrow. You must face your uncle, and then let the truth come out.' "And then won't there be a storm!"

young man said, shrugging his shoulders. "Well, we have raised it, and must meet But although they did their best to be happy, a nervousness about the coming exposure overhung them, and they were much too restless for comfort that evening and

It was ten o'clock before the train from the city arrived, and two weary hours passed after breakfast before the expected visitor reached the house.

He was received at the door by Miss kraut.' Minerva, while Hope and her lover remained in the sitting room. Arthur made and before Fritz could realize his position, a virtue of necessity, and advanced to greet he and Katarina were man and wife, and his uncle with as much heartiness and in- Katarina's arms were around his neck, nocence as he could possibly throw into his and her lips pressed to his, she crying the

"Why, Arthur!" cried the old gentle-"this is rather a surprise. could have brought you here?" But he gave his nephew a warm shake

of the hand.

"Arthur!" cried the aunt. "Arthur, thought your son's name was Walter, John Harvey? "So it is, Miss Minerva-so it is; but honor, honesty, and rectitude in his foot-

this young man happens to be my nephew." "Good gracious!" gasped Miss Blair, sinking back into a chair. John Harvey began to comprehend that

"See here, Arthur!" he cried sternly.

'Have you been playing a trick? Why are you here, instead of my son, whom I

There was a blank, ominous silence. Hope stole to Miss Minerva's side. son, you would prefer his nephew.'

Mr. Harvey's and Miss Blair's glances met, been fighting nature, which is a bit of a covered over with a pellicle full of wrinkle

And they did so. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey.

Keep to he Right,

streets almost every nationality and hears and also swell the ranks of the peddlers. by the many varieties of gorgeous uniforms, meeting the eye. Almost every third man is in uniform, and a score or so differently tricked out may be seen at a glance. Some of the officers wearing side arms also carry Malacca sticks with a golden brown cord and tassel, which strangely suggests Cocknevism. One of the commonest types is a neat light blue striped material, with white vest, low cut, exposing a gorgeous shirt front, small pancake cap with a straight tortoise shell visor, gold bowed eye glasses, and all the decorations in cap and uniform that his rank will allow. The ladies selsomewhat ruefully, "I hardly know! I dom go covered in the street. Their coiffures are most elaborate; and only a film of lace is occasionally worn on the back of the head. Some of the poorer classes wear during the morning's drive our company passed several groups of negro children he visited these ruins in 1842. what she deemed the success of her plans, with only nature's covering. In the evening the social life of Havana begins. The ong lines of the Prado are ablaze with light, the numerous cafes overflow to the sidewalks, which in many instances are under arcades, and the theatres and the circus furnish amusement. Brilliant prionsternation which this intelligence threw vate equipages and less ambitious victorias dash along with their loads of dark bearded men and smiling senoritas. The Tacon theatre has probably a world wide reputation. For some cause it is closed at present, and the fashionable house is the Theatre Payret de la Paz, a handsome new theatre, standing in a square nearly opposite the Tacon. The Payret is probably as large as the Boston theatre, which it very much resembles. There is a parquet circle and four tiers above; two of which are divided into boxes. The theatre has a fair company and a remarkably large orchestra, listening to the rumble of the afternoon and would probably do more to oblige me, which discourses excellent music. The curtain remains down about fifteen minutes between the acts, and the parquet is entirely emptied. The men throng out into the the lobbies or the adjoining cafes, smoke cigarettes or drink coffee. The American bar is a feature of the Havana cafe, but not the prominent feature. It is found on one side or in a corner, while most of the space is devoted to the marble-topped tables for

Marrying at Large. cently called to a German house in that city | persons are employed in productive purment's thought, "I don't know how that to marry a couple. Putting a marriage suits, but how many steam-engines and "Well," apologized the aunt, "I would young man could replace him. Besides, the direction of a blue-legged little boy, throw some light on that very interesting like to see you as well settled as you cer- Hope," and here she gave her niece a mis- who pointed out the place, he knocked and and much-disputed question, whether the tainly would be with Walter Harvey. The chievous pinch, "I guess he won't be so went in. In the middle of the floor stood a world is able to consume all that it is able stout German girl, sorry and plump, her to produce. blue eyes rolling out tears as large as butter

> "What's the matter?" said the sympathetic judge. "Matter!" said the girl, "dat Gotleib went off and wouldn't marry me, ain't it?" "That would be so brave!" was the The justice said he supposed it was, and intimated that he had come to marry some

one, and requested the old lady to bring on the lambs to the sacrifice. Old lady said, "Dare vos no lambs-Gotleib ish run off, and vil not marry my Katarina." "Well," said the justice, "Gotleib isn't the only man there is -send for some other man to marry her."

At this Katarına's face brightened up, and she ejaculated, "Yah-dat is gootsend mit Hans ' Hans was sent for, but couldn't come. When her messenger returned, Katarina,

determined not to give it up, said, "Send Shoseph was sent for, but he couldn't be found. Katarina's looks fell at this news, and the justice was growing impatient. Just then Katarina looked out of the · window' and saw a short and thick young German going by, when she rushed to the

door and hallooed, "Fritz! Fritz!" Fritz shortly made his appearance at the door, when Katarina's mother said, "Fritz, you lofs mine Katarina?"

Fritz, allowed he did, "more as sauer-"Then stand up here," cried the justice;

the while. "Mein husband-mein Fritz!" Our duty as correct historians compels us to say that Fritz hugged back as well as he knew how. The justice, with head erect, stepped smiling out, leaving the lovers to themeslyes, and walked away meditatively. a holy calm stealing all over his massive proportions, the consciousness of having done his duty gleaming in his eye, and

Oil Producing Insect.

This insect, which has considerable economie use in Central America, belongs to the same genus as the cochineal, and is called by the native name of "ni-in." Being unknown to science, the author names it Coccus adpofera. The females are of a "Dear uncle, Walter would not come, coral-red and are covered with a fine whitfor he is not heart-free; and he and I both ish powder. They live on trees belonging knew that you wanted Miss Hope in the to the genus Spodias, and known as "hog plumbs." They adhere to the trees by means of their beaks, remaining motionless. and existing in such large numbers that "Dear auntie," she said, "you must for- they frequently cover every portion of the give Arthur and me. We are such old plant. There is extracted from these fefriends. Besides," she added demurely, males 26 to 28 per cent. of their weight of "you said if you couldn't get John Harvey's a bright yellow fat having an odor suigeneris, and which when recently melted is homogeneous, but in a short time becomes and something like a smile passed over granular and of a lighter color. It is the most quickly drying oleaginous substance "I see how it is," said he, "We have known, since it becomes immediately mistake. I guess we had better rectify it." and folds; and, if this pellicle be dipped into the greese to exclude its surface from Everybody knows how; if not, learn of contast with the air, the whole mass shortly becomes transformed into an infusible an insoluble resinous substance. Applied to paper or any other surface, this greese dries in six or seven hours so as to form a smooth lustrous surface and almost odorless. Mixed In the cities, the custom of keeping to with copal, or any other resin, and turpen- the Justice Fletcher in 1812, on a similar be invariably observed; anyone who persists nish. Its melting point is 36°. Heated grace for the establishment of our bless- paths of the home grounds, and over the in taking the left hand may be deemed to a temperature of 200° to 210° until it it is my business to lay down the law to ing. Truth for the vindication of the greensward, to the roots of a great buck- ignorant and rude, unless there are very becomes glutinous, it changes on cooling you, and I shall do so. Where two peospecial reasons for his conduct. For vehicwe have you ever told your aunt about a like in town and country. Some of the ne, Hope?"

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States have statute laws command of the statute laws command of the statute laws and country. Some of the statute laws and country. Some of the statute laws and country in the statute laws and "I could not, Arthur. She has been so States have statute laws commanding this. carbon. In 95 per cent. alcohol it is but time a fairer duel I never heard of in the slightly soluble. The various properties of whole course of my life."

this fatty matter, and its behavoir with acids and alkalies, prove that its chemical Havana is cosmopolitan. One sees in her composition differs from that of all other oils known. Like all drying oils, it forms many tongues. Coolies are employed for by the action of neat a glutinous substance: much of the work along the harbor front but, while heat is indispensable to make such oils more siccative, the ni-in grease The vanity bred in the Castilian is evinced loses a portion of this property through heating. The elastic substance of oils is soluble in ether, and especially in turpentine, but that of ni-in is nearly insoluble in these materials. In some localities in Cen tral America this oil is largely employed for painting wooden utensils, such a ladles, etc., a mass being made with color, chalk, and the grease, and applied precisely as in swarthy bearded man dressed in a very ordinary oil painting. It has been observed that articles painted with it may be preserved for a long time. Guitar manufacturers also use this greese in varnishing their instruments. As yet it has received no application in pharmacy. It is probable that the ancient race which formerly peopled Central America used this greese in reason that, after a lapse of several centuand thus nearly two hours elapsed before even less than the traditional Topsy, and that perfect state of preservation which

Productive Machinery The census act anthorizes the census bureau to report "the kind and amount of power employed in establishments of productive industry, and the kind and number of machines in use, together with the maximum capacity of such establishments, where the superintendent of census shall deem such inquiry appropriate." The information which this inquiry will bring out will be of great value and importance, and the superintendent is taking measures to make it thorough and searching. In 1870 there were reported 2,707,421 persons in the United States employed in manufacturing, mechanical and mining industries, and 5,922,000 employed in agriculture-making a total of 8,629,421 persons engaged in productive pursuits. But this piece of information is incomplete without a knowledge of the aggregate power of all the steam-engines and water-wheels harnessed to the work also. Very little labor. comparatively, is now done without the aid of power machinery, and the human muscles contribute but a small portion of the power employed. It is estimated that the steam engines in France give an aggregate force equal to that of 31,000,000 men; and it has been asserted that the power machinery in Great Britain has a force equal to that of 800,000,000 men. To know what the productive capacity of our country is, there-A New York justice of the peace was re- fore, we must inquire, not only how many water-wheels, with the horse-power the

A Flying Leg of Mutton.

In the "good old days" at the Haymarket Theatre, London, they were running the musical farce of "No Song, No Supper, and the exigencies of the piece required a according to the law of property, or rather the "property-man's" law in a theatre, went after performance, almost untouched,

to the official named. But the "flymen," perched up aloft, did have been a thing to be remembered. So dictionary and learned Latin. I heard they hit upon a plan, and one night Mr. there were still better ones in French. William Farren, who had the carving of that would be let down from the "flies" into the mutton and leave the rest to them. | the alphabet." Farren, always ready for a practical joke, the hook into the leg, and "left the rest to rounds, with not pluck nor perseverance ing to "close in," and the property-man you want to know more, and see clearer, stood at the wings ready to seize on his and take a high post of usefulness perquisite, the leg of mutton was seen in the world. slowly to ascend, without any visible agency. poor boy and need a little friendly encourgazed at his fast departing supper with a whose parentage he pursued his studies pensively-at the leaves dancing brownly the scene almost closed in, the hook, which the fat, gave way, and the much-coveted was a celebrated book published in London mutton came down on the dish with a terrific splash. The audience now roared, the employes roared, Farren at the table roared, and as the "flats" hid the unrehearsed tableau from view, the now delighted property-man rushed on the stage, and securing the ill-

In 1794, an English judge delivered the case: "It is now a painful duty which after a due interval left for consideration, lieve, Colonel Stanwix, was that of perfect law and such are the facts. If you cannot summed up in two minutes: "Gentlemen, change.

Lake Dwellers.

progress and their discovery, first of bronze strange people, who once lived in curious tonished upon coming upon masses of piles, and, mixed among these, bronze impledown into these lakes and in other places, came upon implements of stone as well as painting their buildings, and it is for this that the stone implements lay below those among the birds of song. One hears the ries the decorations are still to be seen in for the Lake Dwellers at the same time the midst of the gardens and villas of towns that it did to those wonderful people incaused the admiration of Mr. Stevens when habiting the valley of the Nile, is very doubtful, if the Lake Dwellers were earlier than the Egyptians, they were also slower. and probably later in arriving at the age of bronze. It was an age in which men did not know the use of iron. And the bronze stone; in other's of stone only. The question arises - was there ever a period in which mankind used only implements of lakes yield similar suggestive revelations. And it was the same in Great Britain-it was the same in France-it was the same even the Egyptians knew, at one time, the use of iron or bronze.

What a Boy Did.

A duke walking in his garden one day, saw a Latin copy of a great work on Mathematics lying on the grass, and thinking it to Virginia or the Carolinas. It would be had been brought from his library called some one to carry it back.

"It belongs to me," said the gardener's suggest it to my American friends as one worth trying. It would be a happier introson stepping up. "Yours!" cried the duke; "Do you understand geometry and Latin?"

"I know a little of them," answered the lad modestly. The duke, having a taste for the sciences, began to talk with the young student, and

was astonished at the clearness and intelligence of his answers. "But how came you to know so much?" asked the duke.

"One of the servants taught me to read,"

answered the lad; "one does not need to know anything more than the twenty-six letters in order to learn everything else one wishes." But the gentleman wanted to know more about it. "After I learned to read," said the boy, "the masons came to work on your house;

real boiled leg of mutton every night, which, I noticed the architect used a rule and compasses, and made a great many calculations. What was the meaning and use of that? I asked and they told me of a science called arithmetic. I bought an arithmetic and studied it through. They then told me not like this, which occurred night after there was another science called geometry. night to their growing dissatisfaction, for I bought the books and learned geometry. they, too, had wives and families, to whom Then I found there were better books a boiled leg of mutton free of charge would about these sciences in Latin. I bought a got a dictionary and learned French. It the aforesaid leg, was solicited to fix a hook seems to me we may learn everything

when we know the twenty-six letters of They are in fact, the ladder to every onsented at once, and as the scene was science. But how many boys are contented oming to a termination, deftly fastened to waste their time at the first two or three them. As the scene-shifters were prepar- enough to climb higher! Up, up, up, if upon his aristocratic features at that mo And if you are a The audience laughed, and the employes agement to help you on, be sure, if you More silence. Then he cleared his throat all gave vent to their feelings in ill-sup- have a will to climb, you will find the exactly fifteen and a half times. He had pressed merriment-all save the property- way, just as the gardener's son found it something to say, but didn't know how to man, who remained miserably serious, and afterwards in the Duke of Argyll under say it. He looked sheepishly-I mean woe-begone countenance. Suddenly, as and became a distinguished mathematician. on the ground, then at the cotton lace Stone's Mathematical Dictionary twined round his hat, then at the calm, blue Farren has unfortunately only fastened in for Stone was the young gardener's name sky, for inspiration.

Where does the Day Begin? As a matter of fact, the day begins all

around the world-not at the same instant treated supper, joined in the general roar. sive portions of the earth in his journey an' git some mo' quick 'nuff, will you leave Our fly fishers were never known to try a from east to west. But the traveler who me? crosses the Pacific ocean can give another | That was Love's test; but she replied, answer to the above question; that on the sweetly and firmly: 18th degree of longitude-one-half of the circumference of the globe, starting from with you while life lastes!" Greenwich east or west, -these is an arfollowing charge to a jury in a duelling bitrary change or dropping of a day, and that at this point, if anywhere, the day jointly belongs to us; it is mine to lay down may be said to begin. It was with strange the law, and yours to apply it to the facts | feelings that the writer, crossing the Pacibefore you. The oath by which I am fic, having gone to bed on Saturday night, bound obliges me to say that homicide, leaving everything pertaining to the alma-moist; just moist enough. There will be nac, in a satisfactory condition, awoke on some cold weather, and some not quite so amounts to murder. The laws of England | Monday morning! Sunday had completely | cold; just cold enough. in their utmost lenity and allowance for dropped from our calendar, for that week human frailty, extend their compassion at least. Every one knows that in travel- of January, only more so, with slight varonly to sudden and momentary frays; and ing round the world from east to west a liations. then, if the blood has not had time to cool day is lost, and in order to adjust his recor the reason to return, the result is termed | koning to that of the place he has left, one manslaughter. Such is the law of the land, must drop a day as if he had not lived it, is blocked and the machine won't indicate, which undoubtedly the unfortunate gentle- when in reality the time has passed by man at the bar has violated, though he has lengthening every day during the journey. acted in conformity to the law of honor. For a long time it was the custom for sai-His whole demeanor in the duel, according lors to effect this change pretty much the weather of this month. We know to the witness whom you are most to be- where they pleased; but it has now become what it will be, but don't propose to spoil a settled-rule among American and English | all the fun by giving it away. honor and perfect humanity. Such is the navigators that at the 180th degree a day must be passed over if going west, and one reconcile the latter to your conscience, you added if going east, in which latter case the must record a verdict of guilty. But if the traveler enjoys two Sundays or two Thurscontrary, though the acquittal may trench | days, as the case may be. It is most likely on the rigid rules of the law, yet the ver- that this particular degree was decided on fects of the famine. Oh, but it will be hou dict will be lovely in the sight of God and from the fact that, except a few scattered some of the time; but it is well enough for man." But finer still was the direction of | islands of Polynesia, there are no large com- | some folks to become acclimated. munities, with their vast commercial and sothe right-hand side of the sidewalk should tine, it forms a golden-yellow drying var- occasion, when addressing an Irish jury, he cial transactions, to be affected by the but more sunshine; it will be quite hot.

"What? Twenty-five cents a pound was out of 'em.' "Vell, uv I was out of 'em I sell 'em for twenty-cents too."

American Birds.

This class of persons lived before the The Duke of Argyle says in his Impre ime of the Pyramid-builders; but in their sions: "With regard to the birds of Nort and finally of iron, they may have been America, I cannot doubt from what I saw slower and later than the ancient Egyp- and heard that as songsters they are inferior tians. The only knowledge we have of that to our own. This is the testimony of Mrs. Grant of Laggan, who was familiar with rounded houses built on platforms erected both. It is a curious circumstance that befor some distance from the shore out into tween one Canadian bird and the corresthe lakes of Switzerland, is derived from ponding species at home the only difference archæology. In 1854 the waters of Lake I could detect was that the American spe-Zurich (and of some other Swiss lakes) re- cies was silent, whilst our own is always ceded farther than they had ever been talking. I refer to that charming bird the known to sink before during the historic common sandpiper, abounding on the period; and a farmer, digging the rich banks of every s ream and lake in the highmuck thus exposed for his garden, was as- lands. Its American cousin is equally abundant on all the rivers in Canada; but whilst at home its call notes are incessant, ments-knives, chisels, axes, etc. In other and the male bird has even a continuous and localities subsequent explorers, digging most lively song, I did not hear a solitary sound from the sandpiper of Canada. This however, may have been an accident, and bronze; but it was found in every instance the sandpipers are no where reckoned of bronze. Whether the age of bronze came | migratory thrush (robin) everywhere, in and cities, and in every little clearing of the forest on the outskirts of human habitation. It is a pleasant song, but decidedly inferior to any of its cousins in Britain. It is inferior in power to the missal thrush, in vabronze. But they reached that age. They riety to our common 'mavis,' in melody to had lances, fish hooks, sickles, axes, all of the blackbird. Near Niagara I heard one very broken and interrupted song of fine tone and of considerable power. But alimplements they had were cast in the forms though I was in the woods and fields of in which we find them. In some localities | Canada and of the States in the richest mowe come upon articles of bronze and of ment of the spring, I heard little of that burst of song which in England comes from the blackcap and the garden warbler and the common wren, and (locally) from the stone. There is no doubt of it. From one nightingale. Above all, there is one great lake alone in Switzerland no fewer than want which nothing can replace. The 2,643 axes have now been recovered,143 ar- meadows of North America were to my eye rows, and a variety of other weapons and thoroughly English in appearance—the domestic utensils, all stone. Other Swiss same rich and luxuriant grass, the same character of wild flowers and even the same weeds. The skies of America are higher and wider and more full of sunshine. But throughout Italy, Germany, and most parts there is no skylark to enjoy that 'glorious of Europe-it was so even in Egypt? Not privacy of light.' 'The sweetest singer in the Heavenly Father's choir' is wanting in the New World. I cannot help thinking that it might be introduced. Of course the winters of Canada and of the Northern states would compel it to follow almost all the other birds which summer there, and to retire with them until the return of spring an interesting experiment. I do not know whether it has been tried. If not, I would

duction than that of the London sparrow." Sweet Courtship.

They were sitting on a stile-Sary and Steve. He at one end, solemnly "gnawing his tawny moustache," she at the other, solemnly knitting cotten lace. He smiled She smiled. He slipped up close to her side, took a big sweet potato out of his pocket and wiped it carefully on his sleeve. "Less swap," said he, in deep, rich tones,

as he handed her the potato, and, taking the dingy cotton lace from her hands, he coquettishly wrapped it around his hat. Well, less," she replied, gnawing at the raw potato. Ten minutes of dead silence.

Then from another pocket he handed a bundle tied up in a handkerchief. "Gues what I've got," said he, archly. "Mo' taters?"

"No." "Ginger cakes?" "Chinkypins?

"No. "Warnuts?" "No." "Goobers?" "Yaas! Now guess who they're fur.

"Fur yo' mar?" "No. "Yo' pa?"

"No. "Fur that sarcer-eyeded Cath'n you'se ben pavin' 'tention ter?" "No." One of his rare smiles played

ment and caused her to say: "Maybe they's fur me. "That's who they's fur, shore!" She took the bundle and thanked him.

Maybe, like the great Constantine, he

beheld a writing on Heaven's azure wall, for he spoke, and thusly: "Us is gwine to marry, ain't us?"

"Yaas, us is." "An' when the meat an' the meal gives of time, but just as the sun visits succes- out, an' I beats you 'cus you won't wuck

"No, I won't, nuther! I'll stay 'long

Weather News. January-Will be rather warm, but not

February-The weather will be like that March-Can't say whether we will have any weather this month or not. The game

but it is safe to say it will rain, and it never rains but it pours. April-People will be greatly fooled on

May-We may have some rain this month, but it will not rain all the time. The sur

June-By the time we have got along to

this month we will all begin to see the ef-July-Some dust, rain, clouds and wind,

August-Considerable fair and warm weather, but not more than we can use. September-Some rain, at least enough October-Talk of a boat race will pre-

November-Some snow and rain

December-More snow.