

THE DUEL

The gingham dog and the calico cat
Side by side on the table sat;
'Twas half past twelve, and what do you think?

The Chinese plate looked very blue
And wailed: "Oh, dear! What shall we do?"
But the gingham dog and the calico cat
Wallowed this way and ambled that.

HIS MIRACLE

The section foreman's boy, red of hair
And freckled of face, offered to show him
The way to the church, but he declined the
Proffered courtesy, preferring to walk

Kennedy was the new telegraph operator.
He was an aspiring fellow and an intelli-
gent one, and some day he hoped to be a
trick dispatcher, and possibly, after a reason-
able lapse of time, the superintendent

As he walked up the track this Sunday
morning the Sabbath feeling seemed to
rise up as though to offend against his rea-
soning and reasonable agnosticism.

In France the various kind of fruit
stones, cherry, peach, plum, apricot, etc.,
are collected, washed, boiled, sun-dried
and put into chintz or printed linen bags.

It is announced that John D. Rocke-
feller has issued an edict against Sun-
day labor by the men employed on his
ore docks on the upper and lower lakes.

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ting on the porch when the census-taker
came around. It was "Jack's" first ex-
perience in this line, and he willingly gave
the names of the several members of the
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have no other object in life than to put on
good clothes and stand around, ride bicy-
cles and eat. Go to work boys, Spade
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STARVATION IN CUBA.

Faith—for he had arrived in time to
hear enough of the sermon to know that
the priest had discoursed on faith—yes, by
a miracle I could have faith, but—

The policy which is now in force, of driv-
ing the peaceable Cubans of the four west-
ern provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana,
Matanzas, and Santa Clara into certain
specified stations of concentration, was con-
ceived by General Weyler early last fall.

With the exception of the few towns and
villages which are held and occupied by
the Spanish troops and are within the
military lines which they still maintain,
there has not been left standing a single
home, however modest and lowly, from the
Jucaro-Moron Trocha to Cape San
Antonio.

Every Sunday after this he came in after
the others and took his back seat. Her
voice had sung him almost into the accep-
tance toward which the reasoning of the
priest was powerless to persuade.

Stranger—"Don't you want to take on a
man?"
Coal Dealer—"Well, I want a weigher.
Have you any references?"

Stranger—"I'll be honest with you. I've
been a pugilist, but I retired from the busi-
ness. I was champion of the light weights."

Use For Fruit Stones.

Edict Against Sunday Labor.

The Huntingdon News says of a local
celebrity: John Noble, the veteran pump-
maker of Cassville, this county, is now
past 70 years of age, and still hearty and
able to work at his trade.

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starving country people themselves, be-
cause in these towns, as well as every-
where else in Cuba, all trade and industry
has been paralyzed if not completely de-
stroyed by the war.

There remain about twenty or thirty
sugar plantations in these four devastated
provinces where attempts are or were
being made a month ago to grind the cane
and to make the sugar crop. The permits
to do so were only obtained by bribing the officials of the Palaces
in Havana and by supporting the troops,
who are guarding the small centrales,
and paying the blackmail which the
officers of these troops exact with cynical
frankness.

Of one thing I am quite certain, no as-
sistance can be expected for these people
from Spaniards. Even in this war, a
day's miracle wrought and that could
be ended with the spirit of the good
Samaritan, they would not have the means
to alleviate the sufferings which they have
so wantonly occasioned.

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fish army from whom I gathered the fore-
going sent home to Madrid are not. The
reason of this singular system of "double
entry" book-keeping is somewhat as fol-
lows: It is not worth while lying about
the number of the sick. In fact, it is just
as well to have a good round number of
them as a pretext and excuse to draw the
medical supplies, which never reach the
hospitals. But it would not do to an-
nounce anything like the real number of
deaths, because, among other reasons, the
names of the dead soldiers would then be
taken off the pay-rolls, and that would
never do; for the officers, who are drawing
the pay of these dead men, need these little
requisites so much.

There is a very simple way of solving
the revenue problem by pruning the ap-
propriations to fit the present revenues.
This plan doesn't seem to have occurred to
the Legislature yet, and until it does the
Legislature is going to be in trouble. The
search for somebody willing to pay more
taxes is likely to be about as fruitless as
the search for the North Pole.—Phila-
delphia Times.

American firms own 4235 square
miles of timber lands in the province of
Ontario alone, and their exports of logs to
the United States reach the large total of
nearly 250,000,000 feet yearly.

When a new ice box is purchased, and to
buy one at second-hand is an economy al-
ways repented in dust and ashes, be sure
to have its ice chamber filled as full as it
will hold, and with just one or two large
pieces of ice. Many and small pieces melt
away rapidly. When so filled let the re-
frigerator stand, all its food chambers empty,
for twelve hours, and at the end of that
time the interior will give forth an arctic
chill. By this time dishes of food may be
put on shelves, the ice compartment re-
plenished, and in future but a small piece
of ice every twenty-four hours in the warm-
est weather, will keep the compartment as
full as it can hold.

In order to save in ice and keep the in-
terior of the box very dry and cold, never
put any dishes or bottles in with the ice
itself. Never wrap up the ice in wool or
paper, and in chipping off pieces don't
leave any small bits lying about the com-
partment. Then, above all, never put a
dish of hot substance into the food com-
partment. Put a dish of hot onions, kid-
neys, cabbage, etc., onto the shelves, and
in ten minutes every other dish will as-
sume their unpleasant odor and flavor, and
the shelves will begin to grow damp. Put
any one of the above mentioned foods into
the chest cold and the most delicate
jelly will come out fresh and unspiced.

The chief effort of the housekeeper must
be to have the interior of her refrigerator
perfectly dry, and to see how well she is
succeeding a sponge can be left on a shelf
and felt every day to see whether it is moist
or not. In order to prevent an accumula-
tion of stale odors in the food compartment
it should once in ten days be washed out.
That is, all dishes removed and a cloth
wringing out in warm soap suds, passed over
the walls and shelves. Wherever the cloth
goes a towel should follow, to rub every
inch of the interior perfectly dry.

Gowns with ruffled skirts are not a nov-
elty by any means, but when the ruffles
start from the side seams, leaving a plain
panel in front there is something very
Parisian in the effect.

No matter what shape your throat is—
skinny or plump, there is a remedy in the
new collars. For shirt waists, even the
strict collar with its narrow ties has given
way to the small turnover that allows the
broad, bright colored ribbon to wind about
it twice, before being tied in a flaring,
four-in-hand in front. Every one knows
that bows in the neck are out, and bows
in front have grown more elaborate than
ever. Bright plaid ribbon makes the pret-
tiest and can be worn with any gown. As
if in very defiance of the elaborate collar-
ing that can be worn, some of the most
modish shirt waists of silk and ribbons
have plain white linen collars. Collars of
ribbon are very fashionable. They are
wound about the neck twice and tied in a
four-in-hand in front. The edges are ruff-
led with lace and the ends are allowed
to fall to the waist.

The traveling gown par excellence this
year will be the tailor made one of chevot,
with fly front or Eton jacket and skirt ac-
companied by a shirt waist, either of wash
material or silk. Many prefer the former,
because they can wear an extra one in their
grip, while fully as many claim that the
latter does not soil so easily. If a silk one
is chosen, a linen collar and bow tie should
be worn with it. To match the jubilee
year we are having a Victorian revival in
dress, and the styles of the beginning of her
reign are much in vogue. Sloping shoulders
are prominent, and figns are to be very
much worn, crossed in front and tied be-
hind at the waist line. Nearly all the hats
are trimmed very high on the left side.
There seems to be no distinctive shape, all
kinds and all sorts are seen. Very smart
ones have somewhere a touch of scarlet,
while the most desirable ones are made
from satin straw braid and are miniature
flower gardens, so posy bestrewn are
they.

Spring wraps, which will be used again
next fall, are in two distinct sorts—the fly-
front jacket for younger women, and the
cape for elderly ones. Awfully swaggar
ones, for wear with heavy white pique
skirts, in the mountains or at the seashore,
are in dark blue or red, with plain stitch-
ing, white lining, white pearl buttons,
loose fronts and smart pocket flaps in un-
expected places. Accompanied by white
English walking hat, white gloves, and
plain white parasol, the ensemble is better
imagined than described.

No tuckings to come within the require-
ments of fashion should be more than one
eighth of an inch in width; furthermore,
they must be gathered and congregated to-
gether to a depth of four or five inches.
They are thus employed for yokes, to in-
sert on the arm below the shoulder puff
and round the skirt from the waist. Hun-
dreds of workwomen devote themselves to
nothing else but the production of these
tuckings, and a skilled tucker makes a good
living. Dressmakers are complaining
loudly of the lack of empires, which is
being practised only too often in the
tipodes, and not at our doors, where it is
most needed.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

When women wear jackets as persistently
as our women do, they should know a
lot about vests to make the changes fre-
quent and clever. To go always with a
conventional cotton or silk shirt waist
under a jacket, argues a lack of inventive
genius. A woman who can wear many
fancy fronts with different colored girdles
and stocks, is a woman who will be the
envy of her friends. I know a woman who
can do this thing, and do it well. She has
a short jacket, here are some of her varia-
tions. A front of fine Swiss, daintily tucked
with lace insertion, the whole made
over a piece of blue silk. A girdle of
the same with a narrow linen collar above.
One of dark blue mousseline on which she
had applied out lace, to imitate Honiton;
this over green taffeta, with green thread
and ribbons to wind about the throat under
a narrow ruffling of white. A front of pale
yellow muslin, finely tucked and lined
by hand of buttercup lace, made up over
girdle blue or white, and blue or white
girdle, and collar to match. You see how
many changes this makes? To say nothing
of the opportunities it gives a woman
to match the flowers in her hat. The
woman who has a black or gray suit, can
wear almost any color she wishes in these
fronts. She should certainly have a geranium
colored one. Make it of red muslin
with an applique of yellow lace, and make
the girdle of black satin, very narrow with
a double knot in front; if she wears a
geranium colored tie, have it of silk ribbon
or taffeta.

The odor of onions may be removed by
eating a sprig of parsley.

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