A Special Constable. BY CHARLES READE.

Two women, sisters, kept the toll-bar a village in Yorkshire. It stood apart from the village, and they often felt uneasy at night, being lone women.

One day they received a considerable sum of money, bequeathed them by a relative, and that set the simple souls all in a flut-

They had a friend in the village, the blacksmith's wife; so they went and told her their fears. She admitted that theirs was a lonesome place, and she would not live there, for one-without a man. Her scourse sent them home downright misera-

all about it when he came in for his dinner, "The fools !" said he ; "how is anybody to know they have got brass in the house?" "Well," said the wife, "they make secret of it to me; but you need not go for

to tell it to all the town-poor souls." "Not I," said the man; "but they will publish it, never tear; leave women folk alone for making their own trouble with their tongues."

There the subject dropped, as man and wife have things to talk about besides their

The old women at the toll-bar, what with their own fears and their Job's comforter, began to shiver with apprehension as night face they brightened up. They told him their care and begged him to sleep in the house that night. "Why, how can I?" said the air out, but all to no purpose. So, in the he. "I'm due at-; but I will leave you purest air, in all the temperatures, it is the my dog." The dog was a powerful mas-

The woman looked at each other expres door, and went away whistling.

dog with that tender interest apprehension is sure to excite. At first he seemed stagat the door; then as the wheels retreated, he but a good quality of butter will be pro-began to see plainly that he was an aban-duced. doned dog; he delivered a fearful howl and May at the door, scratching and barking furiously,

were next seen at an upper window, scream- ded all the better. If it is planted in an ing to the carrier. "Come back! come open-situation exposed to the sun, it some back, John! He is tearing the house times burns, and this causes rust. This

back. On the road he thought what was up when moistened with dew or rain, not best to be done. The good natured fellow when the ground is moist. It should be took his great coat out of the cart and laid done when air and soil and plant are dry, it down on the floor. The mastiff instantly otherwise rust is sure to be the result. If laid himself on it. "Now," said John stern- the soil is permitted between the leaf stalks Iy, 'let us have no more nonsense; you take or in the heart of the plant at earthing up, charge of that till I come back, and don't rust or rot, or both is the compensation. you let nobody steal that there, nor yet This is one reason why we dislike celery of t'wives' brass. There now," said he, kindly, a branching habit, the work of earthing well to the women, "I shall be back this way is so difficult. A dwarfish plant of straight. by breakfast time, and he won't budge till compact growth, is always the safest and

"And he won't hurt us John?" "Lord, no. Bless your heart; he is as let celery become so dry as to wilt, either sensible as any Christian; only, Lord sake, while growing, or when taken up for woman, don't ye go to take the coat from consumption or storing. It will never rehim, or you'll be wanting a new gown yourself, and maybe a petticoat and all."

He retired and the old women kept at a ing rapidly, and when taken up for pitting respectful distance from their protector. He do not allow it to show the least sign of they spoke cajolingly to him he even wagged long time. If you wish to know what real-his tail in a dubious way; but still, as they moved about, he squinted at them out of his under special care. Give them a good soak-blood-shot eyes in a way that checked all ing of manure water every two or three days. desire on their part to try on the carrier's Do not earth them up until the plants are

snuffed and then he growled, and then be fit for use .- Vick's Floral Guide. he got up and pattered about, muttering to himself. Straightway with furniture they barrieaded the door through which their protector must pass to devour them. But by-and-by, listening acutely, they

heard a scraping and a grating outside the window of the room where the dog was; and he continued growling low. This was enough; they slipped out of the back door, and left to the village. It was pitch dark, and all houses black but two; one was the public house, casting a triangular gleam across the blacksmith's house. Here was a piece of fortune for the terrified women. They burst into their friend's house. "Oh! Jane, the thieves have come !" and they told her in a few words all that had happened.

"La !" said she; "how timorsome you are! ten to one he was only growling at some one that passed by." 'Nay, Jane, we heard the scraping out-

side the window. Oh, woman, call your man, and let him go with us." "My man-he is not here."

Where is he, then ?" "I suppose he is where other working

women's husbands are, at the public house," she said rather bitterly, for she had her ex-The old women wanted to go to the house for him, but the blacksmith's wife was a courageous woman, and, besides, she thought it was most likely a false alarm, "Nay, nay," said she, "last time I went for him there I got a fine affeont. I'll come with

you," said she. "I'll take the poker, and we have got our tongues to raise the town with, I suppose. So they marched to the toll-bar. When they got near it, they saw which may be of benefit to our readers. something that staggered this beroine. There The writer says that pears which ripen prewas actually a man half in and half out of the window. This brought the blacksmith's to ripen upon the tree, as they are thus wife to stand still, and the timid pairem- likely to decay at the core or to become plored her to go back to the village. 'Nay," mealy and dry of flesh. Gather them a plored her to go back to the village. Nay, said she, what for? I see but one—and hark!—it is my belief the dog is holding of him." However, she thought it sefest to be on the same side with the dog, test the man turn on her. So she made her way into the kitchen, followed by the other two; and the seeds begin to brown and place or when the seeds begin to brown and place or blankets. They will then ripen of a bright color, be juicy and have their full flavor. Woolen blankets ripen them much there a sight met her eyes that changed all better than packing them in hay, fern leaves, her feelings, both toward the robber and to-cotton wadding, or any other material, and ward each other. The great mastiff had do not impart to the truit any disagreeable pinned a man by the throat, and was pull- flavor, which other materials are apt to do. ing at him through the window, with fierce II the fruit is placed in a closet without bebut muffed souris. The man's weight alone ing covered, it is liable to shrivel and to beprevented it. The window was like a picture prevented it. The window was like a picture come acid, which will not happen when frame, and in that frame there glared, with they are ripened between blankets, as then lolling tongue and starting eyes, the white the temperature is more equable and the face of the blacksmith, their courageous air is to a great extent excluded. appalling scream and flew upon the dog and | CLICKESG,-The Spirit of the Times says choked him with her two hands. He held "The best way to prevent clicking is to and growled, and tore till he was all but have the fore shoes with block heels, withthrottled himself, then he let go, and the out toes, and the hind shoes with calks, man fell. But what struck the ground out- without hoels. The reason is, that by elcside, like a lump of lead, was in truth a vating the heel of the fore foot, it has less

wife, to whom he did not dare confide the villainy be meditated.

The outlines of this true story were several journals. I have put the disjointed particulars together as well as I could, have tried hard to learn the name of the vil lage, and what became of this poor widow but have failed hitherto. Should these line meet the eye of any one who can tell me I hope he will, and without delay.

Agricultural.

Bitter Cream. The cause and cure are both well enough

nown. Cream becomes bitter by long kee ing; at three days it will begin to tell; after the fourth day it is unfit to be used i offee or made into butter, spoiling both. In summer there is little bitter milk ream, because the cream is churned sooner than in the winter, seldom reaching the third day. Sometimes, where there is a sin gle cow kept, I have known the bitter to show on account of the small quantity of gream accumulating. The summer practice s reversed in the w'nter. There being to little milk to require frequent churnings a week-we account readily for the evil complained of. The forepart of the season, when milk is in greater quantity, necessitating more frequent churning, I hear of but little complaint. It matters not how good the feed is, if the tenderest hay and roots are added, making an approach to summe feed; nor how clean the milk is kept, the most perfect milk if set beyond three days came on. However, at sunset the carrier will be hurt. The writer of this has filled passed through the gate, and at sight of his the vessel, leaving barely space enough for

It is age that spoils the cream; not only does it make it bitter, but it destroys the sively. "He won't hurt us, will he?" sighed flavor, giving it a rank, disagreeable taste. one of them faintly. "Not he," said the carrier, cheerfully. Then he called the dog into the house and told them to lock the better. If there is too little cream to churn add the milk and churn that with it to give The women were left contemplating the sufficient body to work it. If the milk has been kept in pure air and cleanliness observed throughout, with the proper tempegered at this off-hand proceeding of his rature, about 60 degrees, there will not onmaster; it confused him; then he snuffed ly be an absence of the bitter, rank taste,

Rust on Celery.

There are two causes of rust. Celery likes The old women fied the apartment, and a cool, moist situation, and if a trifle shahowever, is not the most frequent cause "Drat the varmint?" said John, and came Celery should neither be heed nor earther

While on this subject we will say, never cover from such treatment, but always re-main tough and hollow. Keep celery growat least eighteen inches in height. Then Thus protected they went to bed earlier than usual; they did not undress; they were too much afraid of everything, especfally their protector. The night wore on, and bank up again, so that you will have about presently their sharpening sense let them two feet of the plant earthed up. In a few know that the dog was getting restless; he weeks after the last banking the celery will

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How to Ripen Pears. An exchange gives some directions respecting the treatment of Summer pears vious to October, should never be allowed

lump of clay; the man was quite dead, and distance to travel in rising, and by clevafearfully torn about the throat. So did a ting the toe of the bind foot it has more comedy end in an appailing and most piteous tragedy; not that the accounded himself foot to keep out of the way of the hind foot to keep out of the way of fearfully toru about the throat. So did a ting the toe of the bind foot it has more comedy end in an appalling and most pite-distance to travel, and thus make the fore our tragedy; not that the accoundred himself foot to keep out of the way of the hind deserved any pity, but his poor, brave, bonest one."

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ERIE EXPRESSieaves New York....
Philadelphia
Haitimore.
" " Harrisburg.
" arr, at Williamsport ...
" Erie. ERIE MAIL leaves New York,

-:0:-EASTWARD. PHIL'A EXPRESS leaves Erie 6.10 p. m
Lock Haven 2.10 a. m
Williamsport 3.06 p. m
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Battinore 11.10 p. m
Philadelphia 9.25 a. m
New York 2.06 p. m

DAY EXPRESS leaves Kane 6.65 a. m

"Renovo 10.10 a, m

"Lock Haven 11.0 a, m

"Williamsport 12.0 p, m

" arr, at Harrisburg 4.10 p, m

" Philadelphia 7.29 p, m

" New York 10.15 p, m

" Rattmore 7.25 p, m

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" " Hallimore...
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" " New York....

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