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THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE. A little bird sat on a cherry tree limb. And a dear little mad sat and listened to him, For each word of his song, though loud and clear Was meant for nobody clse's ear. "Sweet! Sweet!" he said, you'll surely agree the man the head of the house should be

POETICAL.

That's all very well for a bird, you know," The matten answers in accents low; "But a woman, I think, has a right to reign As a sovereign queen of her own domain:" "Sweet! Sweet!" sang the little bird saucity, The man the head of the house should be. there to tea." But what if it happens," the maiden said, That the very one I should choose to wed. dany a woman is such a fool ?"

The man the head of the house should be." Away flew the bird to its cosy nest; Deep, deep went his song into the maiden's brea And she found it true, as the bird had sung, In the summer time, when the maid was young : "The man the head of the house should be ! But the wife—the heart of the house is she."

SELECT STORY.

"MAID-OF-ALL-WORK."

Rachel Ramsay looked very pretty ndeed, as she came down the narrow, wooden staircase of the little brown arm house that afternoon, dressed in a white muslin dress, strewn all over with tiny, pink rosebuds, and a fresh lace frill around her neck, tied with pink ribbon, while her pretty feet were buttoned into a new pair of boots, with high, French heels, and her hair was curled in loose, glossy coils of shining

"Eh!" said Granny Ramsay, looking up from her everlasting knitting-work, over which she was half asleep, "goin" to church, hey?"
"It isn't Sunday, grandma" exclaimed the girl, laughing and coloring. "I am going to the Tower, to see Miss

Calhoun. She has often invited me there—she and Miss Bell." "Pshaw?" said Granny Ramsay, who was one of those venerable people priviledged to speak their minds on all occasions, "what do the fine city ladies at the Tower want of a farmer's daugh-

ter like you?" "But, grandma, they've invited me!" "It reminds me," said grandma, wisely, "of the old story of the iron pot and the china pot swimming down stream together; and they didn't no-

wise suit. Rachel said no more, but escaped into the shady lane, where the maples were beginning to turn pale yellow in the first September frosts.

"Grandma is always criticising every body," she thought. "I know the la dies at the Tower will be glad to see me. Miss Alice wants to sketch my head for Elaine, and Miss Bell asked me to sing the dinner. Every one is here but that duets with her. She said I had a voice I like a lark. And perhaps Mr. Harold son will be there. I know he often visits at the house.

And Rachel smiled to herself as she crossed the rustic bridge and went through the woods to the Tower, a fantastic wooden cottage with a semi-circular front, which was let for the summer, the owner thereof preferring to live in

a square brick structure in the village.
The little side door was open and
Rachel went in. From the left of the passage-way a door opened into the kitchen, there to her infinite amazement, she saw Miss Alice Calhoun herself, in an asthetic dress of pale sagegreen, and roses in her hair, contemplating a pair adjourned, en masse, to the kitchen of decapitated fowls which lay on the table

"Miss Alice!" she exclaimed. "Is it you, Rachel?" exclaimed the young city lady, pouncing on her as a drowning man pounces on the nearest floating straw. "O, I never was so glad to see anybody in all my life! These horrid hens! Bridget has gone away in a rage because I presumed to find fault with the coffee this morning, and we have company to dinner, and I we have company to dinner, and I tears. haven't an idea how to get the feathers off those creatures. But now that you keep them apart!" said Bell. are here, everything will be right!'

Rachel looked perplexed. She had come there, not to enact the role of kitchen maid, but to visit Miss Calhoun; kitchen maid, but to visit Miss Calhoun; on getting her into the kitchen," scold-to sit in her drawing-room and enjoy ed Bell. "And a nice mess you've made the conversation of her guests, and she of it." did not exactly relish this summary dismissal to the kitchen.

"There is no soup stock," went on Miss Alice, "and a salad, and delicate piece of halibut, and with the fowls roasted, and a pie or pudding, or something which I dare say you can make, we shall do very nicely. I'm particuwe shall do very nicely. I'm particu-larly anxious about the dinner, because we are to have company. You'll excuse me now, because I have to dress."

And away tripped Miss Alice, selfish and smiling as ever was Queen Cleopatra's self.

Poor Rachel! She stood a minute in the hot kitchen, the tears springing to her eyes, a pang of disappointment at her heart. She knew all about it. Harold Haroldson and Mr. Dallas were to dine there that day, and she-she was to be cook, waitress, maid of all-workwhat signified it what she called her-She remembered what grandma had said, and for once in her life gave that venerable lady credit for discrimination.

There was no help for it, however. She tied on the bib-apron, tucked the curls back of her ears and went to work to prepare the chickens for the roasting pan, now and then pausing to brush away the round bright tears which roll

These young ladies evidently intended to make her useful. She might have hnown that they did, beforehand. She could hear the soft sound of Bell Calnoun's guitar; the sweet, subdued tinkle of Alice's laughter; the deep, monotonous under current of gentlemen's voices, and then she glanced down at her pretty muslin dress and bows of pink ribbon, and began to think that Miss Calboun had taken an unfair advantage of her.

If she could only have heard the rap d and energetic colloquy which transpired between the two sisters in their dressing-room when Alice first came up stairs, she would perhaps have better comprehended the drift of things. "Good news!" Miss Calhoun had

the kitchen!"

tacker to spend the day. Of course I confiscated her at once.

"The bold, pushing thing!" said Bell, with a disdainful gesture.

"She's a deal too pretty to bring into the drawing room for Haroldson and Armine Dallas toflirt with," added Miss Alice, knowingly. "And I don't see any way that I could have avoided it if it hadn't been for those lucky chick ens and Bridget's fortunate fit of temp er. Make haste now. They'll be here in a minute. And I know little Rach-el is a first class cook, for I've been

So the young ladies of the Tower were enjoying the feast of reason and the flow of soul in their cool drawing room, with books, new-gathered roses and blue ribboned guitars, while poor Rachel Ramsay was broiling in the kitchen over peach tarts and Neapoli-She had not forgotten her disappoint-ment, but artist like, she had thrown

herself into her occupation with en-grossing interest, and she was stirring her creams with a quick energetic hand when a step crossed the threshold. "Here are some fresh trout, Bridget, to surprise your mistress," said a clear

And to her infite amusement, Harold Haroldson stood before her in his hunt. ing costume, with a fishing rod lightly

balanced on his shoulder.
"I'm not Bridget," said the girl laughing, but still stirring on. "I'm Rachel. "Miss Ramsay!" he exclaimed, lift

ing his cap. "How in the name of all that is wonderful came you here !" er capture. "I am the maid-of-all-work, if you

olease," she said, with courtesy.
"Then let me help you," said Mr Haroldson, briskly tying a second bib apron around his hunting suit. "I used to be a pretty good hand at spider and gridiron when I camped out on Lake Cupsuptic, up in Maine."
"But you are not engaged," said Rachel half pleased, half frightened.

"I can volunteer," observed the young nan. "Give me the oil and vinegar, and you will see what a dressing, a la mayonnaise, I can provide for that And if ever a pair of cooks spent

lelightful, unconventional sort of morn ing in the kitchen, this pair did. They laughed, they made innocent jokes, they behaved like two school children. And at last, when Rachel had run out into the garden to gather some watercresses to deck the newly roasted

fowls, Mr. Haroldson heard the voice of Miss Bell Calhoun calling down the stairway: "Rachel! Rachel! you may serve iresome Haroldson!

"And he's here, too," calmly responded that gentleman, who was washing his hands at the pump. "What!" cried Bell, shrilly. "The cook and butler are expected to take their meals in the kitchen," said Mr. Haroldson with commendable gravi-

ity. "And I've no objection whatever to that arrangement." And nothing could induce Harold Haroldson to come up to the dining-room. He and Rachel together ate their picnicing sort of a repast, and washed the dishes—although the matter somewhat lost its spice when the Misses Calhoun and their company all

and persisted in joining their ranks. And when the purple squeet cam dreamly down over the dark cedars "Is it you, Rachel?" exclaimed the that overhung the brawling stream, and

"And after all the pains we took to And she took off the big bib-aprou, and stepped back, with a sigh of relief.

Rachel looked perplexed. She had her sphere in that sort of way."
"But it was you that plumed yourself

> "But how were we to know that it was going to end so?" groaned poor

> Alice. "Well, Rachel," said Granny Ram say, when the girl came in, just as the lamps were lighted, "what sort of a day did you have?"

"Oh, charming!" said Rachel. enjoyed myself more than ever I did before at the Tower, and I never went out of the kitchen. They had com-pany, and I helped to get dinner." "Humph!" granted granny. "That's a queer way of entertaining visitors. But p'raps that's city manners."
"Perhaps it is!" said Rachel, demure

ly.
"Who was it came home with you?" sded granny, who was not quite deaf or blind as yet, and left you at the garlen gate?" "One of the other servants," said Rachel.

"Well, I never!" said granny. "Where's all your pride? Rachel Ram

say !"
"I never was prouder in all my life than I am to-night!" said Rachel. "Listen, grandma, for I have so much to tell you. Mr. Harold Haroldson, of New York, walked home with me; and I've met him ever so many times before this summer, at picnics and archery parties, and such places, but I never knew that he cared for me. And tonight he asked me to marry him, and he is to come here to-morrow morning to see father." "Do you love him?" said Granny Ramsay, huskily.

And Rachel answered: "Yes. "Then God bless you, my child, and give you both long and happy life!" said the old lady, softly smoothing the girl's bright head.

And every one was satisfied, except

the ladies at the Tower.

A young man with an umbrella overtook an unprotected lady acquaintance in a rain-storm, and extending his umcried, waving her scented pocket hand-kerchief in the air. "I've got a girl in brella over her, requested the pleasure of acting as her rainbow. "Oh!" ex-

"Good day, gentlemen." A very nice looking young man stood in the doorway of the editorial room and gazed in a benign way at

Expert Criticism.

the occupants of the apartment.
"Would it be possible for me to sell the Tribune a story?" he continued.
"What kind of a story have you
ground out?" asked the horse report-

"The story," said the visitor, "is one n which the triumph of love is depict-

ed, and—" "It isn't one of those and as Ethel stood there in the soft moonlight, her little figure sharply outlined against the western sky, there was a loud crush in Coatscliff Castle, and the girl reporter.

"There is nothing at all about doughnuts in this story," replied the visitor, rather haughtily: but if you like I can read a portion of it."

"All right." "Where shall I begin?"
"Anywhere," replied the horse re orter. "Suppose you give us the last entence of it

"I should hardly think-"Oh, never mind about that. do all the thinking for young authors that come up here. The visitor seated himself and read

as follows : "For answer Glady's beautiful eyes ng his cap. "How in the name of all hat is wonderful came you here?"
And then, not without humor, Rachd detailed the manner and incidents of all dropped, but she gave him both her hands, and there, under the heavy fruited trees, the golden bees flying about them, and the air filled with their dreamy monotone, he drew her upon his breast, and raising her long ringlets to his lips, kissed them rever

> That's the last sentence, is it?" said the horse reporter.

"Yes, sir. "I should hope it was It makes me tired to read about such ducks." "Why, I don't see-," began the

'Of course you don't. Probably on were the hero of the novel. Did ou ever hear of Thompson's colt?" The visitor admitted his ignorace oncerning that historical animal. "Well, Thompson's colt," continued

river to get a drink. Now, that fellow in your story is a dead match for him."

present law the government receives \$460, while under the the new law it will only get \$200. In offices which "I don't understand-" "Probably not. It is not to be expected of literary people. But I will tell you; this young fellow in your tell you; this young fellow in your recipts of the government from \$560 story is out under an apple tree hold-

ing a girl's hands, isn't he ?" "And according to the story he raised her leng ringlets to his lips, and kissed them reverently.' That

right?" "Now what do you think of a young man that would go nibbling around a girl's back hair when she had her face with her? Such stories do not possess the fidelity to nature that should ever characterize the work of genius. No my genial imbecile; you cannot get the weight of this powerful journal on the side of any such young man as your story depicts. We were once young and up to the apple-tree racket

urselves."
"Good day," said the author, starting was filed for probate in New York
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"Go long," was the response. "Make George act like a white man in your story, and come around again."—Chicago Tribune.

Atmosphere at the Table.

It is impossible to estimate properly the immense influence which is exerted upon a household by the atmosphere of the family table. If it is true that one does not come out of a room the same as he went in the mind ever after retaining the impress of what affected it there, what great results must be achieved from the meeting three times a day in the meals, from the conversation indulged in, and the sentiments expressed there. A neat, well-ordered table is in itself a lesson to the children.

I have noticed that a sensitive child almost invariably has better manners when dressed in his best, and have seen with surprise the effect produced upon a certain small boy of my acquaintance by handsomely dressed ladies who are polite to him. To the inviting table, where there should always be some thing attractive, however simple the meal may be, most children will come prepared to behave properly. It is realy worth while, and when philosophisally considered, is a matter of great importance to lay aside as far as possi-ble all thoughts of hard work done be-day found him as mellow as Saturday fore, and to be done after the meal, and to allow no vexatious questions to be stack of whiskey in him, he felt a dediscussed at the time. The babit of sire to visit the sanctuary. So to the brooding over our work, and exhausting ourselves by going all over it in our minds, is one to be studiously avoided.

Structing a Bible class Old Charley-There is nothing that takes from one's walked in, and sat down quite demureenergy more than this, and it is a frequent cause of insanity.

Everybody knows that food digests better when in agreeable company. It was something more than a pleasantry which made a friend remark that he could not have his wife and child pass he summer away from him, as it gave him the dyspensia. The poor child who comes to grief at the table, and is sent away from it with his dinner half eaten, and who suffers the whole afternoon with an undigested lump of food in his stomach, is to be pitied, and it is a wise plan to explain to the children that in this way they will be punished for bad conduct at the table It follows, then, that pleasant surpris-

es in the way of preparing favorite dishes, that good taste and much painstaking in arranging all the a pointments of the table and dinning room, rise above a mere ministering to the animal existence, and affect the fine issues of life. Good behavior and cheerfulnes ought to accompany each meal as naturally and unwavering as bread and butter. The happy laughter which distributes nervous force, and calls the stomach to get a share, should be heard sugar unhealthy?"
more frequently at our tables. No one "I'll tell you what, sir," said the more frequently at our tables. No one should feel at liberty to say one word that is not kind and thoughtful, any voice a confidential pitch, "if you want umbrella, two forms that stepped as need more careful consideration than they usually receive.—Exchange.

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The Two Cent Postage Law. The new law for the adjustment of salaries of postmasters, taken in connection with the forthcoming reduction some of his friends inflicted upon a of letter postage from three to two weather-prophesying imposter in Queen cents, will affect a material change in Anne's time, known as Partridge, the the pay of postmasters in all small almanae maker. Partridge started in offices, as well as the amount of rev- life as a shoemaker; but he soon left enue derived from such offices by the that for the more profitable and less government. It is estimated by those best qualified to judge that under the new law and upon the present volume of businesss the aggregate revenue of the post office department from the sale of postage stamps of all kinds will be reduced one-fifth, or twenty per cent. Upon the basis of this, it is estimated the proportionate receipts of the western sky, there was a loud timated the proportionate receipts of crash in Coatsclift Castle, and the girl knew that her mother had dropped the doughnut jar kind of stories, is it—

timated the proportionate receipts of veloped immensely, they have not improved in the least on Partridge's systems that her mother had dropped the doughnut jar kind of stories, is it—

be changed as follows: In a post office in March and December, showers in because they won't do," said the horse where the annual revenue from stamps April, hot weather in August, and amounts to \$50, the postmaster now receives \$30 and the government \$20. Under the new law, for a like amount Swift became disgusted at Par-

of business the postmaster will receive tridge's pretensions, and determined to \$40 and the government nothing. Similar proportionate changes will be made in the receipts of the government made in the receipts of the government sign, "Isaac Bickerstaff." It struck and postmasters according to the bis fancy, and be stored it in his memamount of business done until offices are reached which have a gross revenue of \$250 from stamps. In this class of offices postmasters now receive \$150 per annum and government \$100. Under the new law the former will amount of business done until offices \$150 per annum and government \$100. Under the new law the former will receive \$200 and the latter nothing. In offices where the revenue exceeds that of the class last mentioned the government begins to derive revenue. For instance tridge's almanaes contained, it fore-in post offices where the income told foreign and domestic events with from the sale of stamps amounts to \$400 per year the postmaster now receives \$240 and the government \$1,-60. Under the new law the postmaster will receive \$272 annd the government \$48. In a post office with an annual income of \$600 the postmaster is now paid \$340 and the government receives \$260. Under the new law the post-master will receive \$378 and the government \$112. An office with an annual revenue of \$800, under the present law pays the postmaster \$440 and the government \$360. Under the new law the same office will pay the postmaster \$460 and the government \$180-In post offices where the annual revenue reaches \$1,000 the pay of the postmasthe horse reporter, "was such an in ter under the present and new law is fernal idiot that he swam across the the same — \$540 — but under the a few years he really did die. It is a pity that the Dean isn't still on earth to deal with Vennor and Wiggins. A good dose of ridicule is probably the

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most effectual weapon which can be

used against them, and the Dean

Some people, it is true, never succeed until they go into a strange land and commence work for themselves. That is why so many young men of the East are heard from after years of effort to get away from their early home. We find this topic so well handled in an eastern city print, that its views come in place just nere and cannot fail to income of \$10,000 be paid to Emma Harper, wife of John Harper, and at prove interesting and profitable. In going West there is one class of immiher death the principal to be divided grants that carry with them wherever again to her issue. His other bequests are as follows: The interest on \$10,they go, if the conditions of the soil and limate are not averse, their own good 000 to his niece Martha Tremar, the fortune and that of the country where interest on \$5,000 to Menzie B. Beddell and wife. After other small bequests he divides the residue of his estate between his children. Edward Cooper and Sarah Amelia Hewitt in equal shares. He appoints as his ex-ecutors Edward Cooper and Abraham S. Hewitt, his son in law. The instrument is dated the 22nd of May, 1871 In a codicil to the will he bequeathes to the "Cooper Union for the advance-

Minnesota and other Western States, and similar bands of stalwart adventurous pioneers have, within recent years, been pushing their way and their for tunes in the agricultural regions of the Northwestern Territories, Montana and Dakota. Thither the great tide of immigration is flowing, not only from foreign country, but likewise from the old, settled States of the Union. Central Nebraska and Kansas have vast unoccupied plains, but the insufficiency of the rainfall is a serious drawback to agricultural pusuits, for the effors made by farmers to till to advantage the soil beyond the western limit of the rain belt have not fairly prospered. But at all points in Montana and Da-kots, north of latitude forty-two de grees, climate and soil alike are propitious to the labors of the husbandman. Hence it follows that although only six of ten years have elapsed since the farming lands of the great Northwestern Territories have been opened to industrious settlers desiring free homes, there has been a steady rush of immi gration to those regions where the beneficience of nature facilitates the labors of the farmer, and soil, climate and natural irrigation combine to develop ly in a pew. He listened very attentively to the questions and answers for a few minutes; but being anxious to show his knowledge of "Scriptur" and doctrine, he stood up, leaning on the pew with both hands. "Uncle Charles," said the dominie with a solemn face, and in a drawling tone, "don't you know that you are in the bonds of sin and the depths of iniwill occupy a front rank in intelligence, enterprise and numbers, if compared "Yes sir, and the gall of bitterness with those of the now leading States of the Union. If Horace Greely could A Business Secret .- "Are these now be consulted by some medium in cakes new maple sugar?" he asked as he halted before a stand on Wall

> A correspondent writes to know which, in our judgement, is the safest friends. From a long and painful study in this matter, and calling to aid a ripe

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put him down. Walking around London one day, he noticed over a smith's to [contain the predictions of Isaac Bickerstaff, astrologer. It made a profound sensation, and the sale was great. Instead of the vague and indefinite hints at futurity which Partold foreign and domestic events with the greatest particularity, giving even the hour of the day when deaths of famous men, great victories and defeats should occur. But one statement created the most talk; for at eleven o'clock on the 29th of March, it was predicted that Partridge, the almanac maker, would die. Partridge himself stoutly denied its truth; but it was of no use. On the 30th of March another pamphlet came out giving a circumstantial account of his death, after a sincere repentance of his sins and a confession of the worthlessness of his almanac. Everybody believed he was dead, and Partridge was never able to convince the public that he was still alive. It broke up his business and in

That the great West is a wide open-\$780, and the receipts of the governwhere the pay of the postmaster is desons will not succeed even then unless taneous fruit-bearing vine in the West. Drones are not wanted on the virgin

soil, but active busy men.

they locate. That class of citizensfarmers, manufacturers, mechanics, young men with only little capital but a large amount of brains and energyhave settled Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, made and which were not provided for by his will. This leaves about \$1,-800,000 to pass under the will. There is an odd old fellow in Mont ose, Pennsylvania, who is somewhat addicted to potations, and when he takes them at all, he "potates" rather freely. Once, on a Saturday, he had

> where he could do so to the best advantage, the advice that would come from the spirit world would be to go, not to Texas or its equivalent or indefinitely West, but to make all the speed he could to Montana or Dakota.

ome cakes of old maple sugar some seat in case of a railroad collision, as he

Swift became disgusted at Par-

new law will reduce the pay of post-masters from \$640 to \$620, and the was a master of art. come of \$1,600 the pay of the post-masters will be reduced from \$800 to

ment from \$800 to \$500. In offices rived from the sale of stamps reaches With all its advantages, however; perusually enough to make the compensation of the post master \$1,000 per year, and when it reaches that amount the office is placed in the third class. The postmaster is then compensation the postmaster is then compensation. master is then commissioned by the

president, with a specified salary, and his pay is no longer determined by the amount of stamps which he cancels. The will of the late Peter Cooper nually to Maria Cooper, the wife of his brother Edward. He directs that the

ment of science and art" \$100,000. The estate of Mr. Cooper amounts to about \$2,000,000. About \$20,000 of this amount will be required to meet special bequests which Mr. Cooper

> to full bearing from twenty to fifty bushels of choice wheat to the acre. Thither has the star of empire taken its course, and there, before this geneation shall have passed away, will be established a State so affluent and populous that its harvests will surpass in value the yield of the gold dig-gings of the Sierra, and the citizens, judging from their progressivenesss in all that constitutes a flourishing State,

behalf of some young man not afraid to work, and who was undecided

"From the pure sap, ?" "The pure sap, sir."
"And not adulterated?" -"Not in the least. How many cakes "Not one. I am looking for

"No!" said Miss Bell, a fair-haired, claimed the young lady, taking his cream-complexioned damsel, with pale eyes and a perpetual smile.

of acting as her rambow. "On! exclaimed the young lady, taking his that is not kind and thoughtful, any more than he would withhold a sufficient quantity of food. These facts lied about it, and this is old sugar polishing of a reliable fence about four miles in a northeasterly direction from the

blood from the brain, allowing the at least a year old. I think new maple wishes to settle a controversy with some