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"I'm sure I beg your pardon," said

"There is no occasion for apology, said Linn, looking like a queen—or, rather, like a beautiful young princess—as she stood there in the soft, daffodil glow of the spring twilight, with a little curly-headed girl in either hand, while a chubby boy of five played in the grass at her feet.

"Oh, but I beg your pardon—there's twice I've done it—there is occasion for apology," gently uttered Mr. Dalton. "Just look at the awkwardness" is season," she said; "to tell you the truth, Mr. Daly, I am going to be married." of the whole affair. Here I ve been abroad for five years; and when I come back, I learn that my poor dear consin is dead, leaving three children. I at once recognized that it is my duty to provide for them. I come here and discover to my surprise, that you, the the charge-that you decline to give to his home, and with her went the them up.

The girl drew up that queenly figure of hers straighter than ever before. "You have expressed yourself cor-rectly," said she, "I am the sister of their dead mother. Do you think it ikely that I wanted them to be bound out to respectable farmers or appren-ticed to trades?" A painted expression stole over Mr.

"I shall be more than glad," said he to assume the care of one or all, if—"
"I want no help," interrupted the high-spirited girl. "We have learned

ove each other, these little ones and Henceforward our lot must be cast in together. Will you walk over the garden? We have some beautiful roses in bloom, and I have been unusually successful with carnations this ecson

The young fellow eyed Miss Westfield as if she were a riddle that he could not read. "You have a lovely place here," said he, tentatively "Yes," said Lina.

"But is it not lonely ?" "Not at all." "Wouldn't it be a deal more amus ing in town ?"

"Not for me," decidedly. "But you are forgetting playsoperas—theatres—all delights of an evening in the city," argued Mr. Dal-ton. "These little cousins of mine, now-wou't you let me take them to see a real play ? Just for once ?"

The children's eyes sparkled-they nestled close to the fascinating strang-

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E has real, genuine merit. It is this faith lessons which it impresses on the "I beg your pardon, Mr. Dalton," said Miss Westfield, "but there is not one of your arguments which I have not listened to before. I am exceedingly well posted upon the subject. But it is getting late-my engagements-'

"A thousand pardons! "If I must say good eventag---Good evening.

There was no temptation to further inger in the crisp curt tones of her voice. Mr. Dalton turned away not without disappointment. "I don't understand these girls," 'Jelly Girl' element about this one!

eauty of the tragic stage. colored kid gloves, and a bouquet, and

But while he sat there, waiting for But while he sat there, waiting for ment of the resources of this State. They pass down the hill, out int the gold fringed curtain to rise, his His father and uncle built the North darkness, and are seen no more."

s a spirited girl, that Miss Lina West- left in this State. tup! How does she get it! Emand neither of them left any estates but debts. By jove ; I mean to be at The girl will find that she can't bluff

But when the curtain rose and the penutiful actress glided on the stage, Mr. Dalton had neither eyes nor houghts for anything else.

The next day he drove out once igain to the cottage. It was noon, the children were playing under the shadow of a monster elm on the miniaure lawn, and in a blue-ribboned ricker chair, with a book in her lap, ina sat watching them. "Again?"

the sanshine turned his ruddy Saxon hair to gold. Westfield, I have your secret. You, and no other, are Leonora West, the

aperb actress whose grand impersonations are now stirring the heart of his great city." "An open secret," she said smiling. Well, and what of it? You know, ow, how I support these ones-wha All kinds of work in Sheet Iron, Roof has bought my cabinet pictures and paid the wages of the groom who takes care of the pony? It was necessary

o do something, and I do not believe in doing starvation work for starvation "Miss Westfield !" he cried, "I honor your spirit-I respect your independ-

"Because I have chanced to succeed.

she uttered, not without a certain royal scorn. "And if I had failed--" "If you had failed I think I should have honored you still more," he said.

May I stay "" he asked. "Yes," she responded, "you may vice to his party. A PAMOUS BATTERY.

And, when Mr. Dalton went away, there was a strange, uncertain stir at his heart, a new revelation. When the season was over, the manager of the theatre respectfully in-

terveiwed Miss Westfield as to a second contract. "Judging from our receipts," said he, "we shall be able to pay you a still higher salary. And I may venture to

"I shall not play anywhere this season," she said; "to tell you the "Married!" gasped the manager.
"Heavens and earth! At this rate the tragic stage is going to be ruined !

You geniuses leave the footlights-"Not at all," said Lina. "We only change our audiences." And so the matter was settled. Mr. sister of their mother, have assumed Dalton took the beautiful young actress

> children. "I could not part from my little ones," said she, wistfully.
> "My darling," cried Edwin, "everything that you love is doubly dear to

She had conquered him-conquered him for ever ! ROBERT BRUCE RICKETTS.

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Just a little beyond the medium weight and height; erect; shoulders broader than would seem to belong to such a stature; well poised head; bronzed face; broad, high brow; narrow, firm jaws; keen gray eyes and a bushy, iror grey moustache and goatee
—such in general is an outline of the
appearance of Robert Bruce Ricketts, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant—war, kept on their onward way.

Governor of Pennsylvania. That he As the Tigers came within musket is a man of action, rather than words, is written as plainly in his lineaments Howard's infantry, hidden behind the is written as plainly in his lineaments and bearing as in his record. Like all stone wall, poured volley after volley real soldiers he is companionable to a into the faces of the wild hearted and degree, not showy but entertaining, his conversation embellished by the re-

was engaged in eighteen general bat tles, with a total of fifty-six actual enthat day forty horses and twenty-seven men. Colonel Ricketts seemed to bear a charmed life, for while he was never off duty for a day during his whole term of service on account of sickness or from any other cause, and while he was all these times under fire, often menanced by a perfect hail of rebel buliets and canister and shell, no one

of the missiles ever so much as harmed a hair of his head. OF GOOD OLD STOCK. said he. "There isn't a trace of the Ricketts, was of English origin and in rushes in to the rescue; with wild Well—one can always console one's fighter and companion of the famous self by going to see the divine young Captain Samuel Brady. His father they retreat in confusion. Ricketts' actress that Hillsdame raves about- was a general merchant and farmer.

class who did so much and so well in are left dead and dying. It has inconnection with the earlier develop-

thoughts wandered back to the cottage Mountain House, at Lake Ganoga, where the Colonel now spends a good "My unknown cousins!" he mused. Pretty little spirits they were, too. of about 312 square miles of almost Yes, it would have been a pity for virgin timber land, probably the larg-them to be sent to the workhouse. She He was educated at the schools of

A house like that costs money to keep not long graduated when the war was at the head, or very nearly the broidered frocks,—blue velvet blouses, twenty-one years of age. He at once —roses and cabinet pictures! Edwin enlisted in Battery F, First Regiment Dalton certainly married a poor girl, Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Artillery and was mustered into the service as First Lieutenant July 8th, 1861. the foundation of this family enigma! Promotion followed rapidly. He became Captain May 8th, 1863; Major,

the command of the Second Corps bat-Ninth Corps. After Lee's surrender he was made Inspector of the Artillery She raised her queenly black brows Reserve under General William Hays, s he advanced, doffing his cap, so that

the artillery in the army. During the greater part of the war "Yes, again," he said smiling. "Miss Ricketts' battery was attached to the Vestfield, I have your secret. You, Second Corps. What the commander of that corps, the lamented Hancock. thought of him, is briefly but eloquently set forth in a note forwarded by him to the Loyal Legion in answer to an inquiry sent in connection with the proposal of Col Rucketts for member-ship of that organization. General Hancock wrote:

"Colonel Ricketts is well known to me and served under my command during the war in the Second Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was a gallant and distinguished officer, of irreproachable record, and as such I can commend him for membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion."

There was something in his earnest look, his frank tone, that established friendship between them at once. She smiled, and the little cousins flocked eagerly around the new-comer.

There was something in his earnest general and statesman for the gun was completely dismantled and left. One with four horses wounded, but still able to haulit, was brought in by their aid. All the horses of the pronounced Democrat and has often four other guns were killed or disabled, a guarantee.

rendered effective if unobtrusive ser- and these were drawn into our lines by

Ricketts' Battery is best known, perhaps, to soldiers and students of the history of the War of the Rebellion, by reason of the signal service it performed at Gettysburg, where, as already stated, the battery lost forty horses and twenty seven men. Its location during the fiercest of the second day's conflict at Gettysburg was at the most conspicuous point in many of the pic-ures of the battle that have since been painted and engraved, including those with which Bates' special volume, "History of Gettysburg," and Headley's "Great Rebellion" are illustrated. A thrilling description of that part of the fight, taken from an "Historical Account of the Battle of Gettysburg, published by John M. Butler, is as fol

ward the column moved with the precision of a parade and all the steadiness of a holiday spectacle. The line was formed of the brivades of Hays and Hoke, led by the famous L usiana Tigers. The moment they came in for seekers after the invigorating and sight they faced the test of death, health giving influences of mountain

Stevens opened on them with every gun. Wiedrick and Ricketts joined Colonel Ricketts' fitness for the posiin the chorus. The slaughter was immediately terrible; men fell dead before the iron storm at the rate of a dozen a minute. The guns of Rick dent general business qualifications. He etts were charged with canister, and they fired every fifteen accords. they fired every fifteen seconds. Stevens battery, enfilleding the Confederate bad the adjudication of important ens' battery, enfilading the Confederate line, wrecked farious destruction upon the storming column, which, through it all, in the face of the very hell of maddened men. But the eyes of two armies were on the Tigers; they carried in all business transactions and his sults of an experience rich in adventure and a memory remarkable in its tenacity, rather than by an extensive vocabulary or figures of speech.

His army record is a most remarkable one. From a careful search of the records it has been ascertained that he was engaged in eighteen experience. They could not halt now, the hour of their hardest trial. Over the stone wall they went at a bound. Stevens was obliged to cause firing, for fear of killing friends. What the Census Figures Show.

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Between 1860 and 1870 it was the

shock; his supports and his me a are swept back together before the force gagements, and was 131 times under of that human tornado. Ricketts quails fire. Ricketts battry was commended not; the full strength of the storm, nestled close to the fascinating stranger whose proposals were so entrancing, and cast pleading glances in the direction of the princess-like Lina. She shook her head gravely.

"I do not approve of the theatre for children," said she.

Mr. Dalton lifted his hands in comic amazement.

"But Miss Westfield," said he, "how exceedingly narrow-minded all this is! Our theatre, for example, is the educational level of our age. The superble second by special published orders for valiant conduct and important achievement at Winchester, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chantilly, Antiet and in a moment the Tiger is shot with

his owr musket. The wildest confusion-a bedlam of terror-pow ensues. The rapidly gathering darkness makes friends and foes undistinguishable. The men at the batteries are being overpowered by their desperate and maddened assailants, but still they cling to their guns : with hand-spikes, rammers and stones they defend their position, shouting to one another: Death on our own State soil rather than give the enemy He was born April 29th, 1839, in the the guns!' The moment is almost village of Orangeville, Columbia critical; the fate of the issue is near at county, Pa. His grandfather, Edward hand. At this instant Carroll's brigade the colonial days was a noted Indian shouts they burst upon the almost exmen fly to their guns, double-shot them, the cold, the calm, the unapproachable From his mother's side he is descended and fire deadiy parting salutes at the And so Mr. Dalton bought himself a in both the north of Ireland and the they have been beaten. Nearly twelve white silk tie, and a pair of primrese- south of Scotland and were of the hundred of their seventeen hundred

They pass down the hill, out into the AT BRISTOR STATION. The Colonel himself holds that the Battery's efforts at Bristoe Station constituted its most brilliant piece of work. Its action was rapid, the achievement of its assigned purpose complete. The enemy had attempted and partially succeeded in intercepting field. But a woman is nothing more than a woman after all, and I don't see for the life of me how she does it.

He was educated at the schools of and partially succeeded in intercepting a part of the Union line in its march towards Centreville. Ricketts' battery broke out, Leing at the time about head, of the column intended to be intercepted. An eye-witness writes: "As we debouched from the woods on the south side of the railroad on

deed been a bloody half bour's work.

the plain at Bristoe, the enemy's artillery opened on us from a hill on the north side of the railroad, and a line of battle was seen advancing from that December 1st, 1864 and Colonel, March side towards the railroad. Generals 15th, 1865, and was discharged from Warren and Morgan and Major Hazthe service, after the close of the war, zard were there. General Warren June 3d, 1865. When promoted to his Majority he bere, but Morgan and Hazzard proleft his battery and was assigned to tested and he was ordered to gallop to the hill near the station. The plain Tablets. As a laxative they have no teries on the Ninth Corps line, in front was crossed at full gallop, in full face of Petersburg; afterwards as Inspector of the enemy's fire, his bullets plowing of Artillery for the Ninth Corps, and still later as Chief of Artillery of the the route. As Ricketts' guns came up stomach. With a free use of the Tabthey were put in position with won derful rapidity and opened with a fierce fire of canister on the enemy's across the plain, and were now in poinfantry and artillery for sometime, scientific preparation, he guarantees it. and tried to advance, but the fire was too galling, and when under its deadly influence they finally broke, they dis-appeared so quickly that they seemed been pounding away at the battery, but their practice was so poor that but positive and sure cure for Rhenmatism, little loss accraed. As soon as the ensy's infantry had broken the battery frees the skin from spots and disease, all my artillery experience I never saw Ask him about it. finer work. Eeach gunner seemed to Between these two there always sub- get the exact range at once. The dissisted a strong friendship, and after tance was very short for artillery— Dyspepsia Tablets sold in the past wards Colonel Ricketts became a Han-

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The State stood still, agriculturally,

while others were forging ahead. In manufactures, Maine is a'so falling behind. In 1880 it had 4,481 factories in the State and in 1870 it had 5,550. It paid out in wages \$13,600,-000 in 1880, against \$14,280,000 m 1870, and the value of products was \$79,500,000 in 1870 to \$79,829,000 in 1880. Wages decrease and the value of the work increases. That don't look

well, Mr. Blaine. While Maine is stationary or falling behind in population, agriculture and manufactures, illiteracy is on the increase, It had 13,000 inhabitants in 1870, over ten years of age, unable to read, and 18,000 in 1880. It had 19. 000 in 1870 unable to write and 22,-

000 in 1880. In the statistics of crime, insanity and pauperism there is also an increase in the number of criminals and unfortunates, even with a stationary or decreased population; and, think of it, a

prohibitory liquor law! Mr. Blaine should look at home before criticising other sections of the Union or the results of Democratic rule elsewhere. His state is a log upon the tideless sea. It is falling behind in population, agriculture and manufactures, or at best stationary, while there is an increase in the illiterate, criminal, insane and pauper classes,-Pitts burg Post

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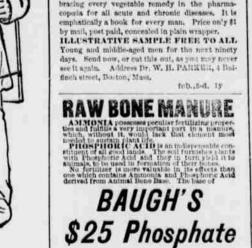
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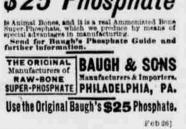
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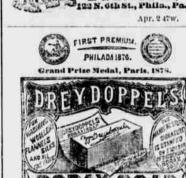
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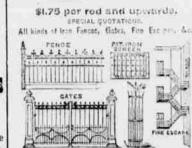




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