WHEN JOHNNY BOY &-FISHING GOES

When Johnny boy a fishing goes, First through the house a cyclone blows—A bilazzard of Dakota stric. That hays things waste for mile on mile! The draw is and suppoards open ile. The boxes with each other vic. In dire discrete. Each one shows. The young man's bent who fishing goes.

When Johnny boy comes trooping home. His movements take another tone—He's wet, and cold, and treed, and sore, "He'll never go sishing more!" Bud luck has trimmed his lying sail; There's but one shiner in his pail.

A two pound base one nibble took, But, oh! It missed the shining hook!

There's no one cares for all his woes;
He's cross down to his very toes!
He left th'ngs thus? He won't believe.
They're surely trying to deceive!
Then what a he use to talk it o'er,
For how have done that way before
And will again. The whole house knows
When Johnny boy a fishing coes.
—E. S. L. Thompson, in Womankind,

A HINDOO POEM.

A Hindoo died - a happy thing to do-when fifty years united to a shrew. Released, he hopefully for entrance cries Released, he hopefully for entrance cries
Before the Gates of Brahma's Paradise.

"Hast been through Purcatory" Brahma said.

"I have been married" and he hung his boad.

"Lame in come in and welcome, too, my son i
Marriage and Purgatory are as one."

In biles extreme he entered Heaven's door.

And knew the biles he ne'er had seen before.

Its scarce had entered in the garden fair.

Another Hindoo saxed admission there.

The self-same question Brahma asked again:

"Hinst been through Purgatory?" "No. What
then !"

"Thou canst not enter!" did the god reply.

"He who went in was there no more than I.

"All that is true, but he has married been.

And so on earth has suffered for his sin."

"Married" "I's well, for I've been married
twice."

"Begone! We'll have to fook to Predeting Interest.

"Begone | We'll have no fools in Paradise."
-Charles Hills, in Home and Country.

CONSTANCE.

In the courtyard of Castle Ostrog a gay company of guests were assemblod. Count Zamofski, one of the magnates of Poland, had Invited nobles of the neighborhood to a bear hunt. The guests were eagerly awaiting the signal to set off. In the courtox revolved slowly before a great pit before a huge fire of logs, and a colos-sal cask of Hungarian wine had been broached.

The most remarkable among the company were Count Mikron-and his fair daughter, Conowski and stance. This young lady was to make one of the party of hunters. Her courage was, it seemed, as great as her beauty. The son of the host, the young Count Stanislaus Zamofski, attached himself to her side, and, when the signal for the setting out of the cortege was given, and the huntsmen, surrounded by their yelping, leaping pack of hounds, had departed in the direction of the forest, it was into the young count's sleigh that Constance was lifted by its owner, who, leaping In after her, took the reins of the flery horses, harnesed three abreast before it, and drove swiftly off through the snow and mist.

Arrived at the spot where the buntsmen were drawn up in expectation of their game, they dismounted, and, standing there side by side, silently awaited the coming of the bear. Fate that day smiled upon Constance. large bear was driven by the beaters directly across the path where she and Stanislaus had taken their stand. At sight of them the monster reared himself up threateningly on his hind feet, but the girl, lifting her rifle, calmly shot him through the heart.

Completely fascinated by her beauty and courage, Stanislaus yielded him-self a willing captive to her charms. From that moment his passion grew The love which her courage inspired was deepened and strengthened by the sight home, seated modestly before her spinning wheel. As the wheel revolved and the white hands of the maiden drew the thread from it, Stanislaus, sitting by her side, murmured in her ear to the accompaniment of the whirring music of the wheel, his vows of love and plighted her his

The betrothal was publicly celebrated soon after at the house of Constance's father. The parents of bridegroom, however, saw with deep though secret dislike, his infatuation for the daughter of their impoverished neighbor, Mikronowski, and they persuaded their son, shortly after the celebration of the betrothal, to take a journey-to Dresden, where August the Strong, King of Poland and Elector of Saxony, held his court. The Polish Ambassador at Dresden was secretly instructed by Zamofski's parents to lead the young nobleman into the gay profligate society of the Capital.

To the beautiful young widow, Antoinette, Countess of Oginska, the favorite alike of Augustus and his allpowerful minister, Bruhl, was given the congenial task of rendering Stan-islaus faithless to his absent love. Mistress of the arts of coquetry and intrigue, the fair countess soon accomplished this.

A letter, written to Constance only few months after his arrival in Dresden from her lover, apprised her of his desertion of her, and, at the same time begged forgiveness for his faithlessness. Fumily interests, and his duty to the state and his king. her recreant lover wrote, were the causes of his breaking his plighted

On receipt of this epistle, Constance shed a few angry tears, but she was not the woman to weep over a lover's desertion. Plans of revenge for the slight put upon her caused her soon to

forget her grief. One night, while returning late from i ball at Prince Sapieha's, as he was briving through the forest of Grodna, his sleigh was suddenly surrounded a band of armed men. At the by a band of armed men. At the sight of this band the coachmen and footman leaped quickly from the box and fled away on foot. Zamofski defended himself bravely, but was overcome after a short struggle. He was bound and a sack was drawn over his head and face, and he was lifted on a horse, which was led off at a gallop.

The young man supposing he had

The young man, supposing he had been atacked by robbers, with which he forest was infested, now gave almost up for lost. After a wild ride or an hour or so. Stanislaus was tween by the sound of his horse's work that they were crossing a bridge. Freetly after he was lifted from the uddle and hurried on foot for a short iddle and hurried on foot for a short istance. The sack was then removed ad be discovered himself to be in a mail, cell-like apartment, with a sin-le grated window high up in one of a walls. At one side of the room

was a pallet of etraw. The rays of a small lamp ahed a dim light around. Before him stood two men in the uniform of Cossacks.
"Where am I?" he demanded, "Why

have you brought me here?" They vouchsafed him no reply, but the door presently opened and admit-ted Constance, clad in a mantle of dark green velvet, bordered with sable. She motioned with her hand for the men to withdraw; then, left alone with her captive, she measured him eyes full of angry scorn.

"You are in my power now," she said, exultingly. "Expect no mercy from me. I give you only one choice. Either you marry me, here and at once, or you die."

"I cannot marry you, Constance," he returned, firmly; "my duty to my parents and my country forbids it."

"You are deceiving me. Zamofski's face crimsoned with rage, and an angry answer seemed trembting on his lips. But he controlled himself, after a visible struggle, and remained silent.

'Yos, you are lying to me-you are the acknowledged lover of the Coun-tess Oginska, and it is because you wish to marry her that you have broken your faith to me. But I ask you once more, and for the last time -are you willing to keep your promise and marry me?"
"I cannot, Constance. Unfortunately

may not follow the dictates of my heart in this matter."

"Then prepare, and at once, for death," coldly returned the distained beauty. "I shall leave you now to send a priest in my stead. In a quarter of an hour you shall die on the gallows."

Zamofeld started involuntary, but controlled himself immediately, and bowed low, without opening his lips. A few moments after Constance had gone a priest entered the room.
"Is it really so serious?" demanded

Zamofski of the newcomer.
"The gallows has already been erected in the court yard," replied the

A quarter of an hour later, Zam-ofski, securely bound, was led into the court yard. Not even the sight of the gibbet, however, could shake his determination. It was only when he was on the scaffold and felt the noose tightening around his neck that he

"I am ready," he muttered to the priest standing near him. "Let the marriage take place."

Constance gave orders that he be lifted from the scaffold and his bonds

Zamofski was now bidden to enter the capel, which had already been lighted for the occasion. The marriage ceremony was quickly performed by the priest, the rings exchanged, the blessing pronounced.

The ceremony over Zamofski was conducted into a richly furnished apartment by his bride, who, seating herself on a divan covered with bear skins, thus addressed him, her eyes

flashing scorn as she spoke:
"You are at liberty, now, my lord, to
go whitherseever it may please you to go. I have no further demand to make on you, either as regards your property or your person. I shall remain, as before, under the protection of my father and the shelter of his roof. We part now and forever. Farewell!

Zamoński gazed at her a moment in astonishment, then recovering himself, bowed silently and left ber.

After this strange wedding the young count's friends set the legal machinery in motion to have the marriage annulled. All this time he remained at Ostrog, delving among the books, One day, riding slowly through the forest and sunk deep in thought, he came face to face with Constance, who appeared suddenly from out of a thicket opposite. Zamofski bent to

his saddle-bow in greeting, and she acknowledged his salutation by a slight When she had passed he drew rein and gazed long and fixedly after her. He sighed and murmured, haif under

"What an absurdity it is for the husband of a young and beautiful wo-man to pass his days alone like a her-

mit among dusty, musty folios."

He was not without hope of encoun tering her again in his daily ride. Fail ing to do so, however, he rode off secretly one night to Zabolow, tied his horse to a tree in a grove hard by, and then stole through the garden up

The windows were securely closed by thick, wooden shutters, but a slender ray of light, creeping through one of them, betrayed the presence of a rift. Applying his eye to this, he found that he could see into a small room, furnished with a Turkish divan. Bear skin rugs were thrown across is and laid on the floor beside it. A little to one side stood an embroidery frame and, on a small stand, a siver-branchcandlestick, with three lighted candles

Constance came into the room pres ently. Seating herself on the divan, she drew the fram aside and threw herself down on the dark skins of the

divan. Thereafter Zamofski came secretly

to the house every night. These nightly visits to his wife's home had gone on for some weeks, when one evening his jealousy was aroused by seeing a sleigh drive up into the court yard from which a tall, handsome man, wrapped in furs, alighted. As he could not visit Zabolow, except under cover of darkness he commissioned his valet to do so, and to bring him back word who the

newcomer might be.

The man brought back word that
the strange guest was Count Starbel, and the further information that he was a suitor for Constance's hand when, on the annullment of her marriage she would be free to enter in a second union.

This news fairly set Zamofski be side himself. Maddened by mortifled pride and fruitless passion, he lay in ambush one night for Count Starbel as he was returning homeward through the forest of Ostrog. He barred the way of his rival and fiercely challenged him to single combat. Starbel dismounted from his horse, and drawing his sabre, the duel had already lasted long enough for each combatant to have received serious wounds, when Constance, unexpected-ly appearing, put an end to the com-

She came riding swiftly up and dashed her horse in between the com-batants, heedless of the leaping, clash-

ton and unprovoked attack upon this nobleman?" she demanded, looking she demanded, fooking sternly at her husband.

"He has dared to come here, madam, as a suitor for your hand," Zamofski returned, hotly.

Coustance broke into a ringing

"Put up your sword, sir," she said, merrily; "there is no further use for it. Count Starbel is not a suitor for my hand, but for that of my sister.'

Then she dressed their wounds with her own hands and then invited her husband to a private interview in the very apartment through the shutter of which he had so often wathed her. Throwing herself on the divan and leaning back against its covering of bear skin rugs, she glanced m'schievously up at Zamofski, as he stood ir-resolutely before her, and demanded: "What must I do to prevent similar

escapades of yours in the future?"
"Forgive me!" he exclaimed, falling

on his knees at her feet. "But, count, have you forgotten the duty you owe to your king and country, which was such a bar to our union formerly?"

union formerly?"
"I have forgotten everything except
that I love you!" he exclaimed, as he
caught her in his arms.

Three days later, Constance, clothed
in a magnificent mantle of ermine,
leaning back on the cushions of bear
skins in a sleigh richly gilded and drawn by three superb horses, made her way, to the joyous pealing of bells and the booming of cannon, through the castle gates of Ostrog.-New York Journal.

Where Time Skips a Day.

"There is a small island in the South Pacific," said John L. Davis, a veteran sea captain, the other day, "where there only appear to be six days in the week. This extraordinary phenomenon is brought about by the location of the island. Travelers around the world are acquainted with the fact that time is lost while travel-ing east and gained while traveling west, the difference of time in the transatiantic journey alone being about four hours.

"I had to run into Chatham Island once when disabled, and was amused to see the way in which the people accepted their fate in regard to the jumping of time. This little tion between times and dates. In order to keep right with the remain-der of the world it is necessary to skip from noon on Sunday to noon on Monday every week in the year, hence the joke that it is possible to spend a whole day at dinner without eating an average meal. The island is so near the antarctic region that days and nights are altogether mixed up from the idea of an ordinary individ-ual, but this plan of jumping the afternoon of one day and the morning of the next so as to keep in line with the almanac is something so ridiculous that none but a senfaring man can appreciate it or understand the necessity."-St. Louis Exchange.

Matrimonial Separations in Egypt. The liveliest divorce centres of the West have to take second place when compared with matrimonlal separa-tions in Egypt, according to the accounts of the American Consul to the land of the Nile. He tells of an altercation that took place between one of his trusted servants and a veiled lady his wife, which squabble resulted in a divorce in less than five minutes. The scene opened with reproaches emanating from the woman. Take care," warned the man. "I put you from me!" Nothing daunted the vir ago continued until the exasperated man again repeated: "I put you from me." Still the torrent of abuse flowed incessantly. Worried beyond endurand secured thirty shillings out of his year's salary of £10, and returning to the woman said: "Here is your dowry, now for the third and last time I re-peat: 'I put you from me.' 'At these words the woman went her way, and the astonished American learned that he had witnessed divorce proceedings; for in Egypt the assertion, "I put you from me," made three times to a wife her husband, constitutes a solemn divorce without allmony, and once the words are said the woman has no right to any further support from the

A Remarkable Servant.

A young lady, lately and happily married, has a literary man for a husband, who does all of his work at home. It is very good work and pays well. Recently they got a new servant, a buxom German girl, who proved herself happy, and also seemed to take a deep interest in the affairs of the young counts. Of course she of the young couple. Of course, she saw the husband around the house a good deal; but her mistress was not prepared for the following: "Ogscuse me, Mrs. Blank, but I like

to say somedings."
"Well, Rena?"

The girl blushed, fumbled her apron,

stammered and then replied:

"Vell, you pay me \$16 mont—"

"And I can't pay you any more,"
said the mistress, decisively.

"It's not dot," responded the girl;
"but I be willin' to take \$15 till—till
your husband gets work!" It was
amusing and pathetic—both, wasn't it?

—Yonkers Statesman.

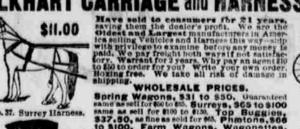
Women Gamblers in England.

-Yonkers Statesman

The evil habits of betting and gamb-ling are increasing most of all among women. Mothers of families betaway their husbands' wages and pawn clothes and furniture to obtain funds for gambling purposes. Hundreds of young women engaged in factories bet regularly. Some see the bookmakers personally, others send their money through middlemen. Betting among ladies is on the increase, and the drawing room sweepstakes are becoming popular. This is a tremendous
indictment, yet I do not propose to refute it. It is a deplorable state of
things, but even if the "half has not
been told," It is within the pale of
credibility. "Gambling is on the increase among women." Betting is
largely practised and with disastrous
effects on the family life by the effects on the family life by the mothers of England, who are con-stantly and proudly enough proclaim-ed the social saviours of our land.— Humanitarian

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