

#### QUEER SOLOMON OAKS.

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The belongs to the good-natured order or folks: He sings and he whistles about the work And nobody has ever known him to shirk, And he makes you think, with his blitke groud cheer

good cheer. Of the merry blackbirds when spring is

If they come to him with a doleful tale Of a neighbor's fulls, they always full To rouse attention to what they tell. At such a time he can't hear very well; But if they praise up a neighbor-then He can hear as well as the best of men.

He always indorses the good things said By his friends of the living as well as the

dead. If he's asked what he thinks of a man

He'il pause, perhaps, in his cheerful song And say: "I'm sorry, but there must be Some good to his credit, it seems to me."

"I haven't time to keep track," says he, "Of the sad things and bad things that I

If I was to look for them; so I try To shut my eyes as I pass them by, And see only good things along the way-And I find a lot of them every day.

"By always having something to do I keep out of trouble and mischief, too, I stick to my business, as best I can; And keep on good terms with my fellow-

man-And the better I treat him, it seems to me, The better my fellow-man treats me."

A queer old fellow, this Solomon Oaks, With his merry laugh and his pleasant

jokes, And his faith in his fellows, said or sung. He's a host of friends among old and young. He makes them and keeps them by smile

and song, And the word that helps us when things go

His life holds a lesson 'twere well to learn: Shut your eyes to the bad; all the good discern; Keep busy; be cheerful; and aim to make This old world beiter for love's sweet sake Queer? Well, it may be; but this I say: More of such queerness we need to-day. -N Y. Tribune. -N. Y. Tribune.

Buckingthe Trust By W. Y. SHEPPARD

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ANGLEY had a cigar store on Locust street. It had taken him two 1 years to raise the business to a point where it could support itself and Lang-ley. When it arrived at that point his ley. sole ambition was to raise it one notch higher; that is, to where it could support itself and Langley, and at the same time pay off each month part of the debt which had descended upon them during the period of nonsupport.

For a time it seemed as if Langley would succeed, as he was an enterprising, energetic young fellow, shrewd be-yond his years. Then one day Mr. A. P. Rockway, the local representative of the cigar trust, blew into his store.

He had heard that Langley was pushing a local brand of cigars to the detri ment of the trust goods.

"Look here, Langley," said the trust's man, "this has got to stop. I like you well enough personally; but business is business.

Langley tried to explain that the increasing demand for the local cigars was not due to any effort of his. But Rockway knew better.

"You've got to cut Turner & Co.'s goods out," he said, "or we'll cut you." Now Langley was not a man to be dic-

"If you think you can do it, go ahead," he retorted. "I've got the only cigar store in the block. And what's more, you can't rent a store in this block. They're all leased except Miss Child's, the millinery shop, next door; and she owns that. Now, if you think you can run me out, try it."

"We'll try it, and we'll do it," snapped the trust man, as he flung himself out of ley's Langley's store.

Two days later Langley was greatly seeing a big transfer wagon loaded with glass showcases halt in front of the millinery store next door. Before night the cases had been installed and filled, every one of them, with trust cigars Miss Childs, now no longer a miliner,

that they had been bought by Rockway. Truly Langley found bucking the trust

very unprofitable occupation. Next morning he started for the store As he was in the act of passing early. the one-time millinery shop, he heard an energetic banging at the door. Turning, he saw a sweet, though rather flushed face bending over a lock while two white, dimpled hands were making vig-

orous, yet vain, efforts to turn a key. For a moment Langley did a very ungentlemanly thing. He felt glad that his neighbor and rival was in trouble. But this was only for a moment. An-other instant found him saying:

"Allow me, madam." He took the key from her hands, and after a mighty wrench threw open the door.

"Thank you, very much, Mr. Langley," smiled the young woman, who had now recovered her breath, but on whose face the blush still lingered. "I don't believe I ever would have opened it. Will you not come in? It's too early for any busines yet awhile."

Langley stammered an excuse for not accepting the invitation; then, strange to say, walked right in.

No wonder trade had left Langley. It was worth the price of several cigars just to enter the dainty little shop. Everything was spick and span. There were flowers blooming on the counter,

and tall rubber plants and ferns setting in the corners. Inviting leather-cushioned chairs were standing against the wall, which was dotted here and there with cute little pictures. And there were curtains, lacy-looking curtains, at the windows. That was why Langley had never been able to see inside the place before. Now that he had seen, it was no longer a mystery to him why his customers, even some of the most anti-trust ones, had forsaken him. To tell the truth, Langley did not blame them either.

"Won't you sit down. Mr. Langley?" asked the young woman, after enjoying his evident astonishment for a short time

Langley sat down. It certainly was a comfortable chair. And the cigar that she gave him—he did not know that the trust made such good cigars. Langley took three or four long draws; then he sighed. The trust man was right. He w his finish.

After that day Langley formed a new habit, which was to come down early every morning. And it was strange how often the little used-to-be mililner had trouble unlocking her door. Of course, Langley had to stop and help her. Near-ly every morning she vowed to have a new lock put on before night. But for some unaccountable reason the old lock remained.

After unlocking the door, Langley would often sit down in one of the com-fortable chairs almost surrounded by rubber plants and ferns, and smoke a trust eigar which the young woman had given him. While he smoked they would talk. He couldn't help from telling her something about his troubles, she was so sympathetic. And Langley always sighed heavily when the time came to leave the comfortable chair for his own unattractive shop.

One day, however, Langley staved a ful hour later than was his custom. And heforgottosigh when he left. Instead, he hummed merrily to himself all the time he was sweeping and dusting out his store

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Trade was even duller than usual that day; but Langley didn't seem to mind one bit. He even bowed and smiled gen-ialy to his old friends whenever he saw them going in or coming out the shop next door-a thing Langley had never done before, for he had grown to look on all who traded there as his enemies. About three o'clock that afternoon, when there wasn't a soul in the store except himself, Langley saw Rockway, the trust's agent, coming down the street, He stopped for a moment, with a satis-fied smile on his face, before the shop next door. Then he came on to Lang-

"Hello," he cried, as he stepped in, noting at the same time that there was surprised and a good deal chagrined at seeing a big transfer wagon loaded with "Business pretty good?" "Well, it might be worse," Langley

answered, with a smile. "How are they doing next door?' "Oh, fine. That little woman's got the

best business head on her shoulders I ever saw. And she's mighty pretty, too



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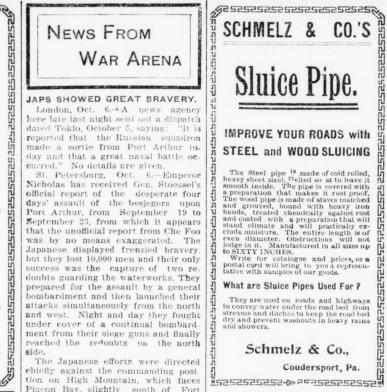
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The Japanese enorts were uncode chiefly against the commanding posi-tion on High Mountain, which faces Pigeon Bay, slightly south of Fort Etse. The mountain is 500 feet high and if it had fallen its possession would have given the Japanese a tremendous lever against the chain of in-ner defences. The carnage there was terrible and culminated September 22, when the Japanese succeeded in reaching and occupying the Russian armored shelter trenches.

During the night Lieut, Poggorsky of the navy, at the head of a detach-ment of volunteers, descended upon the trenches and blew them up with the trenches and blew them up with pyroxylin bombs, producing a panic among the besiegers, who fled, leaving the mountainside strewn with dead. The Japanese then abandoned further attempts.

#### THE COST OF WAR.

Tokio, Oct. 7.—In addressing the members of the united clearing houses of Tokio yesterday Count Okuma, the leader of the progressive party, warned the people to prepare for a long war, the date of the termination of which it was now impossible to fore-tell. He predicted that the cost to Japan for a two years' war, including the loans which had been already The loans which had been already placed and the expenses consequent upon the war at its termination would total one billion dollars, which would make the per capita share amount to twenty dollars.

The count predicted that it would be necessary for the Japanese govern-ment to borrow \$250,000,000 next year and added that if \$75,000,000 were cured abroad the country must face a depreciation in the value of its securities.

The Port Arthur blockading fleet has captured a junk laden with pro-visions. The junk was endeavoring to enter the harbor. The statements of the crew and evidence found aboard the indicate the statements. the junk indicate the existence of a fleet of 80 junks, organized to run the blockade from the vicinity of Tsingtau.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—While the admiralty claims to have no knowl-edge of the departure of the Port Arthur squadron, it is inferrable from the way in which the report that such an event had transpired has been rean event had transpired has been re-ceived, that definite confirmation would not create surprise. No direct orders have been sent to Admiral Wiren to break through the blockad-ing fleet, but it is admitted that he has discretionary powers to leave Port Arthur should the situation de-mand or conditions be propitious.

#### LITTLE INFORMATION.

London, Oct. 8.—No information bearin on the military situation in Manchuria is contained in Friday's dispatches. Tokio reports that four Russian warships were damaged by the fire of the Japanese land batteries during recent fighting at Port Arthur, one of the vessels being destroyed.

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boo behind the counter, dist cigars and smiles in a way that made -don't you think so? Langley feel sick at heart.

During the next week Langley's trade fell off distressingly. And no wonder, when the shop next door was selling fivecent cigars three for ten and ten-cent igars four for a quarter, to say nothing about the smiles that were given so lavishly with each purchase.

Of course, Langley met the cut in prices; but the half-hcarted grin he gave away was not nearly so valuable to the smokers as was the charming smile they received next door. The natural consequences were that Langley's trade dropped off more and more each day; and the business soon fell back to a point where, instead of supporting itself and Langley, it supported neither It was just four weeks after Lang-

ley's defy to the trust that Rockway again blew into the store.

"Business pretty good, Langley?" he asked, after answering the young man's urly nod with a broad smile.

Langley did not condescend to reply So the trust man went on:

"Heard you wanted to sell out. I'd like to make you an offer, but can't, you know. We've made a contract with the throw, we we made a contract with the young lady next door to supply her with digars at the market price for ten years. By-the-way, a pretty shrewd business woman she is, too. Made us agree not to sell anyone else in this block for the whole term of the contract. Bu that's all right, I guess. She's doing dandy business; that's what she is. Of well, old fellow, if you don't care to dis cass it—ta-ta. I think I see your fin-ish, and pretty soon, too."

Langley spent a bad night. There and he had heard from good authority | funereal-looking horses.

"Very," replied Langley. And his smile broadened.

"I'm glad we got her to go into that ten-year contract. To tell the truth, that was our last hope. You'd have had us but for that. And say, Langley," the trust man wenton, "I heard you were go-ing into a new business. What is it this time?" time

"Matrimony," replied Langley, jerking his head toward the shop next door. "No ten-year contract, wither. This one's for life."

Well, to Rockway's credit let it be said took defeat with a good grace and danced at Langley's wedding with as light a step as the bridegroom himself.

#### Mosquito Bite Remedies

Not only in America, but in Europe as well, have mosquitoes been excep-tionally abundant this year. Ammonia, the remedy commonly used in this country, is condemned by a German physician, who says it does not prevent the effect of a bite from remaining several days. He recommends holding the place bitten for a few seconds, and repeatedly, in hot steam, which, he says, promptly relieves the itching and pain. Another remedy superior to ammonia is alum dissolved in alcohol and rubbed in vigorously. To keep mosquitoes away at night, rub the face, neck and hands with lemon juice.

#### Motor-Car for the Pope.

According to the Giornale d'Italia, the pope has decided to purchase a motor car for use in the shady groves of the vatican gardens in place of the were two notes failing due next month; traditional light carriage drawn by

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dren of the late Marcus A. Hanna are to erect a \$100,000 mausoleum in the family lot at Lake View cemetery, Cleveland, to contain 18 catacombs for the Hanna family. In the center wil lie two maninoth sarcophagi of pure Norwegian marble. One will contain the body of Senator Hanna, the other will be the final resting place of Mrs Hanna. With the exception of the sarcophagi, the entire structure is to be of Troy white granite. It will be 43 feet long, 25 wide and 24 high, in the simple style of the Greek temple Worcester concern has been awarded the contract.

#### The Nebraska is Launched.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 8 .- In the pres ence of a multitude of onlookers and christened by a daughter of the gov-ernor of the state for which she is named, Uncle Sam's latest battleship, 許痛 Nebraska, was launched from the ways of the Moran Brothers Co. yesterday. Gov. Mickey, of Nebraska and his party participated in the cere-monies. The Nebraska is the first bat-族道 tleship constructed on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco. 此州

#### Rescinded the Order.

操機 Washington, Oct. 6 .- For half a century the war department has had sol-diers' clothing made at the Schuylkil arsenal, Philadelphia, by the widows 能影 and orphan children of soldiers. Re 袋袋 cently the department decided to have the work done by contract, purely as a business proposition. The action of the department, which meant the throwing out of employment of hundreds of women, aroused much comment in Philadelphia, and steps were taken to have the order rescinded by 1 the president, who did so yesterday.





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