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THE PROPOSAL.

She looked up in swift surprise, The color from out of her bright face fled. The light grew dim in her eyes.

'You're going to be married?" she Her voice had a steady tone;

A cough hid a little moan. "I know that your bride will be good and true,

"I tender you joy, my brother." To be, though I hardly know— Dear love, shall I longer pine and mope?

The color that out of her face had fled Came back with a deeper hue-Why, isn't it funny?" she shyly said, That I'm to be married, too -[Roxbury Advocate.

I. The air was clear and dry on the hill, tithough the mists of an autumn twilight were settling down on the busy little Mr. Hallet lead been an invalid for the the city as usual; and thankful that he

Henry throw himself into the breach manfully, and had even slept in town for several nights, that he might sit later at and begin earlier. The mother would have preferred to stay and watch for her boy's coming; but Mr. Hallet was calling, and she went to He was surveying a doomed

The words were no sooner spoken than she wished she had not attered them, for a frown contracted her husband's brow, and he raised his eyes involuntarily to here a couple of windows were nearly hidden by the passion flower.
In the room those windows should spent the closing years of his life. An

ing it, and when he expired, his wife soon From the day of the funeral not a

that Henry had come. His first look was for his mother. After she had satisfied herself that he did not appear to be any the worse for the confinement and hard work of the week ie was content to stand quietly by while business matters were discussed. She could have fancied that Henry was rather restless under the questioning to But at last Mr. Hallet appeared satis-

doors, but now, in eager haste, the young mun poured forth the tidings he had "Such news for you, father! Mother dear, what do you think has happened? Annt Mary sent for me the other c your wall one that that is not a very on.

Mrs. Ballet interchanged amused: for Mi Mary Hallet was one of the fussiest of majden ladies. "She sent for me that she might introduce me to some new relations from over the sea. You had a brother, papa, who died not long after Mr. Hatlet did not immediately reply.

Yes, he had had a half-brother, whos had settled in Canada and margied. well as an unfavorable season. Offers of help were sent, but they were decline those offers were repeated to Tom Hul-

Henry mean? and so they have felt themselves justified

acquaintance with their kindred." claimed Mrs. Hallet. De Citizens of Cambria County and all

> ing hoursely: "Keep them away from me! I will not have them here!" And so saying, he went quickly into the onse whither his wife would have folowed if her son had not detained her. Mother, what does this mean?" he asked. "Is my father worse? Is it possible that he knows what he is saying? ile never had any quarrel with Tom, did he? Then what could have

> spasm. I must go to him. "Ah, yes, go, and beg of him to ex-plain himself, for they are coming here, these consins of mine. I told them in your name and my father's, that they would be welcome; and so I thought they would. How can I meet them

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spect its nature. see her absent son Tom.

and I heard her say she was sure he would come back if he could come to the "I'm going to be married," he softly Did she wish my father to will this

"I hope you'll be happy where'er you

She steadily looked in his eyes dark 'I'm going to be married—that is, I hope

hist week or two; not ill enough to cause any alarm, yet not well enough to go to ad a shrewd, sensible son, both able

honevsnekie. We planted it the year Henry was

or letting it stand?" Mrs. Hallet smiled as she replied: Nay, John; it is not I who give away

dreature was allowed to enter this room had drilled isto the household of the Hallets ii ber youth.

fled, and he would have led the way in-

restless disposition had induced him to After many wanterlays he Pride had induced him to be silent renustortimes that had befallen him; but just before the death of the cider Mr. owner was struggling with sickness as

let's widow, and again, but more gratefully, refused. Since that time, long

in taking a trip to England, to make

them to Aunt Mary's. They have insci-nated her, and — Henry turned to his silent father, "and I think—I am sure you will like your nieces, sir-they are

made him speak so strangely?" "I do not know; perhaps a sudden

again? how tell them—"

And then growing in his impatience

On Monday morning Mr. Hallet pronunced himself able to go to business. They would have pitied him had they known what a Sunday he had spent, shutting himself away from his family because every questioning look they turned upon him seemed to pierce his heart and lay bare that which he hid

Yes, the upright, honorable John Hallet had a secret that he had buried so deep down as to be sometimes forgotten until a chance word or recollection would bring it back to his memory. He had a trouble of which no one knew anything but old Lisbeth, and even she did not

that Madam's dearest wish had been to I think she had a message for him," Lisboth added-"a written one. I know that just before your good father died,

take the place of the father they had lost. Henry will follow them in the spring to fetch home his bride.

WOMEN WHO SELL SHOES. Why Lady Customers Prefer Men in Most Instances.

"Most men are very inquisitive when they enter a shoe store," said a salesman in a big store to a reporter, " and if there is a woman within view trying on a shoe, the performance is sure to receive their closest attention. But they would get over that soon if they were around very much, and if they had to wait on the customers themselves they would soon be bored.

"At this store, however, we have women clerks, as you see, and the men are relieved from their romantic duty, if Insist upon viewing it in that

· How are these young women doing as clerks?" "Oh, pretty well, but as yet we regard it simply as an experiment, although we have had them here for quite a while now. It is simply a question of business policy, and if it shall appear that a majority of our lady customers prefer their own sex they will be retained, otherwise not.

"I myself am inclined to think that there is a large demand for women clerks in this line, and that particular stores will always have them, although I do not anticipate that all the stores will do so, by any means," Do most ladies, then, prefer women

"Not by any means. It requires a great deal of strength in hand and arm to force a close-fitting shoe snugly into place, and a man can do that much better than a woman. But some women are so prudish that it makes them nervous to have a man fussing around their feet that way, and then there are others who, without being the least bit silly about the matter, are so genuinely modest that they dislike the assistance

There are a great many others who tell their friends how annoying it is to be compelled to have a man serve them in a shoe store, who really enjoy the annoyance, and who will keep a handsome young clerk working over them until he is all worn out, long after they have actually made up their minds what to purchase. That is what makes a shoe clerk swear-to himself-and it is only a very green specimen who does not

" I think, therefore, that some places will always have women clerks and others men. Some stores have tried the experiment of keeping both, but ven a lady who decidedly have a centleman wait on her, does not like to select a young man when there is a woman standing by, and she will probably take pains to avoid that " How do the male clerks regard the

Introduction of the women? Generally with entire favor, unless it happens to cause the loss of their posi-tions. Almost any old clerk would rather wait on a man than a woman. " It takes a great deal more time and trouble and hard work to serve a woman than a man. A man usually knows what he wants, and is easily satisfied. A woman merely knows what she does not want, and as that embraces about everything in the store, it is simply a choice of evils to be made after nuch labor and worry. Of course, the clerk is blamed for any mistake the customer finally makes. "Yes, I think the men are perfectly

willing that the women clerks should attend to the women."

- ---A Lawyer's Smart Clerk,

A New York lawyer tells a story of a recent occurrence in his office by which his boy made \$25, but came near getting

two people into a very unpleasant preplain-looking man and woman walked into the office one day in the absence of the attorney. His boy greeted the callers cordially and asked what they desired, adding that Mr. - was out, but that he at-

tended to matters in his absence.

proceeded to draw up an agreement between the man and his wife to dis-

He framed it in the language of the law, putting in the "saids," "greetings" and "aforesaids," as well as an alarming array of references to "parties of the first part" and "parties of the second part, and even to "a cinculo matrimonio," the latter being intended to properly impress his ellents.

and, anyhow, we never scratch a pen here for less than \$50." The man only had \$25, but he paid that, and promised that he would return in a few days and pay the remainder. The following week he put in an ap-\$15 on account.

here last week," replied the client. What agreement?" asked the attorney.

The man produced the paper and handed It to the lawyer, and, as the latter read it, his eyes grew like an owl's at night When he at last reached the clause: "Know all men by these presents, that John — and Mary — having agreed before me as a witness, they are free to marry again in this State. the cold perspiration started to the lawyer's brow as he blurted out: you are married!" going to be married nextweek and Mary will be married to-morrow."

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"Takes the Cake." A correspondent in the Chicago News suggests that the origin of the slang, "takes the cake," may be in Macaulay's criticism on Robert Montgomery's poems, in which he uses the expression, "Hold the pastry," in referring to the "well-puffed fashionable novels" of that day.

F GREEN TEA AND BLACK TEA. Process by Which Leaves Are Prepared for Market.

The principal market for green tea is the United States. Having fallen rather into disrepute in the Old World, it has established itself in the New World, where it is largely consumed and known as "tea" simply, in contradistinction to "English breakfast tea," "Chiba tea," or Oolong," by which names the black teas are designated. The reason for its popularity is no

doubt in a great measure due to the intercourse with Japan, where tea alone is manufact red, and which overy year sends of conous cargoes across the Pacific. In the making of tea, as in everything which this curious people do, the Japanese have a way of their own. It would startle an Assam planter to see them in picking time squatting down before the trees and stripping the branches of the leaves, instead of scien-

tifically selecting only the young, developed leaf, the first leaf below that, and half the second, from which would be evolved respectively, "Broken Tipe," or "Orange Pekoe," "Pekoe," and Southong." Any one accustomed to the elaborate machines for "rolling" and "firing" leaves which are in use on European plantations might be amused at the Japanese method, where the workers roll and

squeeze and twist the leaves in their hands on a parchment stretched over a Very fine teas are, nevertheless, manufactured by the Japanese, and in the celebrated district of Uji rumor tells of tea worth \$16 per pound, though it is not definitely stated whether that price has ever actually been paid for it. Moreover, in the case of teas in-

tended for export only so much work is done upon them as will enable them to be sent to the "tea-firing godowns" of Yokohama, where they are worked up for the market before shipped. etween green ten and black lies ir

dized by exposure to the air.

sure, are fired in the way described bove sufficiently to stop fermentation, and in this partially cured state are ent to the European tea merchants, by whom they are again "fired."
In the "godowns" of Yokohama hun dreds of women can be seen at work powdered soapstone put

through its contents. But in Japan ten is not grown for export only, but is the chief article of home consumption; and these domestic tens as procured in the country are probably the only samples of unadulrated green ten which Europeans are likely to meet with.

They produce a beverage which is refreshing, quite harmless, and which, notwithstanding the way in which it is prepared, can, after only a short resi dence in the country, be readily distinguished from hot water .- [Pall Mall Gazette.

416 These Better Times.

"Does it ever occur to you," said a eash-bookkeeping man to his friend, how much more you are getting for your money now than when we becan on \$15 a week, twelve or thirteen years

Look at it. You had to dress then pretty nearly as well as you do now. I will venture to say you couldn't get a pair of trousers that suited you for less than \$10 or \$15; you get the same thing now for \$8 to \$10, and you can get for \$5 trousers that would have cost at least \$10 then. The suit you had to pay \$40 to \$50 for then costs you \$30

"You can buy all the New York papers -if you are a newspaper man and read news wholesale-for twelve or fourteen cents and the bundle left nothing of a 'As for books-well, there weren't

made shoes have come down in price, and as for shirts and good underclothing, you ought to find out what they cost

keeping man, who promptly gave up these connidrums in price, "what I want to know is what becomes of the money I am unconsciously saving?"
"You had better go home and look around and try and remember how bare houses were before 1876 brought In art decoration, for one thing; and for another, notice that you see ten freseconts where there was one a

> ____ CORN-SHUCKING.

A Pen Picture of the Great Rural Pastime. On Wednesday, by invitation, we attended a big corn-shucking at J. B.

When we arrived at Mr. Alford's we found about fifty or sixty of the neigh-bors and their "hands" surrounding the unusual exercise.

taining, and he always has corn to sell. tuals to be had, cooked in the lest style and our generous host and he tess did everything in their power to make everybody eat hearty and enjoy themselv in which laudable undertaking they

There was old ham, the sort that makes red gravy, and fresh pork and turnips and cabbage and potatoes and without end.

shucked by 12 at night. a single member of the family have ever used tobacco in any form, and they are all healthy and fine-looking, from the NUMBER II.

Herr Driesbach's life was full of re-

more. We were playing a piece in which one of my tigers was to sud-denly leap from above me, as if to kill me. After it would jump on me we would roll around on the floor, to all appearances engaged in mortal

"I needn't tell you that standing room was made mighty quick in that pit when they saw the animal coming. They rushed out pell-mell, yelling and caming for me to hold on to him When Edwin Forrest was playing at the old Bowery Theatre in New York City, his plece was followed by an exhibition of lions by their trainer, Herr Driesbach

marked one day that he had never experienced the emotion caused by fright that he was never scared in his life Driesbuch heard the remark and one evening took Forrest home with him. They entered a house and after passing through long and devious dark passages, Driesbach opened a door and

" As Forrest entered the door was slammed behind him. Forrest felt something touch his leg in the dark-ness and reaching down his hand ouched what he thought was a cat's back, which he gently stroked. A rasping growl greeted the motion and he saw two fiery eyeballs giaring at film. "Are you afraid, Mr. Forrest?" asked the lion-tamer, who was invisible in the

darkness. Forrest replied, "Not a bit," when the lion-tamer said something and the growl deepened and the back began to arch. Forcest held out for a few minutes, when he exclaimed:

"Now let me out, you secundrel, or I'll break every bone in your body." The Lion King kept him there and he did not dare to move a finger, while the flow kept rubbing against his log. support if Driesbach would let him out. which was done and the bet was home-

The Lion King was to some extent a practical joker. On one occasion when he was exhibiting in New York, he had entered a len of animals, and was going through the customary performance one Saturstretched on his tack and a large

Brazilian tiger was on his throat and about the enge. Driesbach's voice was heard calling for ald in a hoarse manner. The audience became excited and wome shricked. Several keepers ran to the

prostrate lion-tamor's aid, and he was dragged from the cage.
He came from behind the cage with his tace and tights covered with crimson Bound like blood. He was im tily taken upstairs where a physician, who was conveniently near, examined him and

said that although seriously injured, the lion-tamer would live. The next day Driesbach appeared on the streets with his face covered with strips of court plaster and his arm in a over his escape, but their sympathy turned to disgust when they bearned that the sore on the Hon-tamer's face had been squeezed from a sponge filled with

advertising dodge arranged by the management of the menagerie. While traveling along the Ohlo River one season Herr Driesbach was wanted in Cinclinati to give an exhibition at the old Wood's Theatre. He was showing in Zanesville when

tiger in an ordinary store box h or Cincinnati by boat. bach and the tiger as "Colonel Alex-

No one save the captain of the boat knew who "Colonel Alexander" was, although he was assigned to Driesbach's room in the boat.

After the boat put off, the passengers became jolly from frequent centre shots on a black bottle. It was decided to visit Driesbach's room and ascertain tamer assented, and taking his companions thither opened the door for them. A bottle was found, and Driesbach excused himself to get a pitcher

as his tamer had removed him from Presently those inside the room heard a scratching and growling and "Colonel Alexander" emerged from under the bunk and prepared to leap. The crowd rushed headlong for the door, through which they scrambled in their hurry to leave the room.

laughed heartily at their fright, and taking the tiger's chain led him around the boat for passengers to fondle.

The World What We Make It.

More than half the troubles in this world are imaginary. The real mountains we must cross are not many. The most of us are like the little girl who sat crying on the floor. After a while she stopped and seemed buried in thought. Looking up suddenly she said: 'Mamma, what was I crying about?" "Because I wouldn't let you go down

"Oh, yes!" and she set up another howl. So we older bables busy ourselves about the merest trifles, and get into complaining habits, about half the time forgotting exactly what it is weare so up-

set about, yet going right on in the same It is all nonsense. The world is what we make it. If we want to be miscrable we can be, and we can find plenty of company, but if we want the sunshine we can

Marriage.

verse.

always find it, for it fills all God's uni-

A bill has been introduced into the New York Legislature to p marriage of girls under 16 and boys under 18 years old. event indefinitely.

must begin life with as much as their fathers or mothers accumulated during all their years, is a great mistake. Marry for love and work for riches is a good motto. - Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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Bill Nye on Taxidermy. This name is from two Greek words, which signify "arrangement" and "skin," so that the ancient Greeks no doubt regarded taxidermy as the original skincame of the period. Taxidermy did not ourish in America prior to the year 1898. At that time an Englishman named scudder established a museum and geoeral repository for uphoistered beasts. Since then the art has advanced quite rapidly. To properly taxiderm requires

necessary in order to succeed as a sculp-tor. I have seen taxidermed animals that would not fool anybody. I recall at this time especially a mountain lion, stuffed after death | y n party who had not made the matter a subject of close study. This lion was represent-ed in a crouching attitude, with open jaws and red gums.

a fine taste and a close study of the sub-

ject itself in life, akin to the requirements

As time passed on, and year succeeded year, this lion continued to crouch. His tail became less rampant and drooped like a hirod man on a not day. His game became less flery red, and his reddish skin hung over his bones in a loose and distraught manner, like an old buffalo robe thrown over the knees of a vinegary old

Spiders spun their webs across his dull, white fangs. Mice made their nests in his abdominal cavity. His glass eye became hopelessly stratismused, and the moths left him baldhended on the He was a sad commentary on the ex-

tremely transitory nature of all things terrestrial and the bollowness of the I also had a stuffed bird for a long time, which showed the canning of the stuffer to a great degree. It afforded me a great deal of unalloyed pleasure, because I liked to get old hunters to look at it and tell me what kind of a bird it

was. They did not generally agree. The bird had a duck's body, the head of a common eagle, and the test of a sage hen. These parts had been adjusted with great care, and the tail load lead somehow, so that the powerful head would not tip the bird up behind. With this rara avis, to use a foreign

term. I loved to amuse and instruct old hunters, who had been hunting all their lves for a free drink, and hear them tell how they had killed hundreds of these birds over on the Poudre in an early day, or over near the Elk mountain when the country was new. ---A Religious Affair.

"There was a very sad casa in police ourt this morning," said a lawyer to A girl was arrested for steeling a the lace veil. The woman who ewned the veil came to court, and, with heart lessness, perstated in prosecuting the poor girl. The judge, however, would not allow blusself to be influenced, so he released the girl."

"She dis not prove that she was in-nocest, did she?" "Then why did the judge release Well, he said that he had no right to interfere with religious matters."

"Yes, he said that the laws of the land grow to every woman the right to The woman did not reply for several minutes. Then she sahl: "I know a woman who married a find,

I'm the woman."

Green Wasted His Time. "I wanted to see one of your clerks named Green," said a denure little woman the other day as she stopped in a Woodward avenue dry goods store by

"Mr. Green is very busy, ma'am."
"Yes, but I won't detain him more than a minute. "You'd better leave the message with THE. ITER WILL. Oh, well, then, you may tell him he needn't mind about coming up as usual to-night. I shall be married at least an hour before he can get there! 'Ah! exactly! Anything else I can

show you to day, mann?" he asked as he bowed her out .- | Detroit Free Press, ----

Beard and Conscience. A gentleman who was up before a court for stealing cattle had a long black beard. The prosecuting afterney in his speech to the jury did not spare the feelings of the accused. He called the unfortunate man all manner of hard names. As a parting shot he said:
"Yes, gentlemen of the jury, the prisoner at the bar has a conscience as black

as his beard." "If that's so, then you haven't got any conscionce at all."

The presiding judge, whose face is clean-shaven, smiled, as did the jury. As most of the jury had smooth faces they yelled "not guilty" without leaving their seats.

Punster's Catechism.

Professor: " Why does a duck put his head under water?" Pupil: "For divers reasons."
Professor: "Why does he go on

Pupil: "For sundry reasons." Professor: "Next You may tell us why a duck puts his head under Second Pupil: "To liquidate his Professor: "And why does he go on Second Pupil: "To make a run on

A Warm Reception.

the bank."

A well-known minister was sent South from New Jersey a few years ago to labor among the colored people. They received him with many demonstrations of joy, and at the first meeting which he held one colored preacher prayed for him with great carnestness, " O Lord! bress dis yer dear brudder what's come down from de Norf to preach the gospil to us. Neint him wid de kerosenelle ob salvashin, and set him on ---

For the Girls, Bessie had been wearing a young lady visitor's locket and chain for several days, when the guest announced her intention of leaving on the morrow. Dear me, I'm so serry!" said

"Are you, my dear?" asked the young lady with a smile, that faded somewhat as the small girl "Oh, yes, indeed. I shall miss your locket and chain dres

Ancient Brute: " Er, excuse me-but,

The Amenities of Travel.

-

was feeling it a little."
Ancient Brute: "Well, I wouldn't run
any risk of catching cold. There are ome empty seats forward."- Harper's Bazar. A Just Conclusion.

"Call me early," said Mr. Tennysen in one of his poems. Mr. Tennyson was evidently not employed on a farm.

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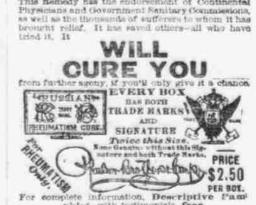
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born," he reminded his wife. "I suppose you think that would be a reason

celdent rendered him incapable of leav-

A shout from the children proclaimed

p between the families; what, then, die "It was to my uncle Tom's elder daughters Aunt Mary Introduced me. They are tall, bright, handsome girls merry and frank and unaffected, yet suits as lady-like as my sisters Evanuel Emma They have led a busy life, working with their mother to free the larm of its encumbrances. Their labors have been

And crossed the Atlantic alone!" ex-"Oh, no, they came under the wing of a friend, the elderly lady who took But Mr. Hallet put out his hands, cry-

In all honesty of purpose she had told ilm, as he stood by his mother's coffin, she was talking to him of Master Tom;

'I have thought over your wish, dear wife; it is hard to say you nay; but I cannot let compassion for Tom make me unjust to his brother. Do you know that if John had not toiled early and late at the time of that terrible crisis, we must have been ruined?" So the Copse was the property of John Hallet after all. Nell and Min went back to Canada at the appointed time, but they did not refuse the useful gifts their uncle added

house to him?" asked John Hallet.
"I think so," Lisbeth replied. "I know he gave the dear mistress a paper that she cried over after he was but I do not know what she did with it. The paper had never been found. At first John Hallet's feelings with regard to it had been of angry surprise. He was the elder brother, and had always resided at the Copse. With the approba ion of his parents he had brought his ride here, and his children were born

under the roof he had come to look upon as his own. He did not deliberately scheme to wrong his brother, but he never a ide my search for the paper of which Lisbeth had spoken. And so years had rolled on without myone disputing with John Hallett his possession of the home so dear to him. Lisbeth made no further allusion to the

lead, and was not aware that it might have been of Importance to his widow And now, after all this lapse of time, the children of John Hallet's dead brother had come to England. For what could it be, he asked agitatedly, but to John Hallet started for town oppressed with a new fear. Lisbeth might have

paper. She knew that Master Tom was

found the paper, and, suspecting him of foul play, posted it to Canada. How he got through the day no one knew, for Henry pleaded a headache and stayed at home. The disappointed youth would not risk encountering his newly found relatives, while he was unable to account to them

receive them at the Copse. Mrs. Hallet's sympathies were with her son, but she was too dutiful a wife to say so, and seeing that she avoided him, Henry carried a book into the shrubbertes, shunning the eyes f his elder sisters, who, for lack of any ther reason for his depression, decided that he must have failen in love.

And so he had. Already his heart had one out to bright, capable, brown-haired At last he went indoors to find his

mother. He hurried to the morning-

room and had entered it from the

garden, before he became aware that the maid was ushering in some visite; a

for his father's extraordinary refusal to

It was too late to retreat, they veractually in the room, Nell and I enging around them with shy pleasure. and Miss Mary Hallet, her broad acce beaming with smiles as she caug't of her sister-in-law's hands, and kissed We down t Lorolla I have bronch these dear girls to spend a few days with you-poor Tom's dan threes. Mr. Hallet by a great chort composed

but if his lips were pale and he tame

his hand, they saw nothing suspicious

On the contrary, their conviction that

he was thinking of their father, of whom this gray-haired, stately gentleman was the living image, drew them towards him. They hovered near his chair, they left off speaking when they heard his voice, and, when complaining of fatigue, he rose to go to his room, moved by the same impulse, both girls ran forward to put their arms about his necks and hold up their fair young faces for a good-It was plain that he had been mistaken when he fancied they had come to wrest his home from him, but he was none the happier for the knowledge. He tried o appear calm and cheerful, to respond

the affection with which his nieces

ere disposed to regard him; but when

they talked-as they did freely-of the

trials and struggles they and their

divertible Commission of Ide Same: not feet

within him, and his remorse would be-John Hallet would fain have made atomersent. He thrust into bell a band a roll of notes; but it was promptly re-No, he was not to be allowed to gloze his conscience by this kind of compensa-Neither was it any use protesting that the very act of leaving the Copse away from him-the eldest son-was unfair, o pecially as Tom's portion had

early neeted out to him at his own

desire. As long as Tom's daughters were in his house, keeping alive the old recollections, how could be be at peace with homes? Four days clapsed-anxious ones to Henry and his mother, who watched Mr. Hallet's changing moods but hesitated to speak of them even to each other-yet very pleasant ones to the Attributing to their uncle's in-health the slundow they saw on his brow, and the troubled looks his wife and son would interchange, they were always gentle and sympathetic.

It was the only check on their enjoyment of their visit to their English relations. Aunt Mary, in spite of her fidgety ways, was a lovable old lady. Mrs. Hallet was very motherly; and as for Peary ah, Nell would sigh whenever she reminded herself how soon their stay

One morning the sisters were on their way to the garden, when they saw Lisbeth in the act of unlocking the door of the closed chamber. They passed into it with her. Eliza-beth opened a tall press and shook out before them the folds of their grandmother's wedding gown.

As she described her mistress Nell saw that from the pocket of the dress a morsel of the bridal handkerchief was peep-ing. To get a better view of the fine old lace that bordered it, she drew it out,

"Ah!" cried Lisbeth, "it is the one my good master gave to her before he died. She must have gone to the press

in England would draw to a close.

and with it came a folded paper.

and slipped it into the pocket of this dress, instead of her ordinary one; they hung together then. Take it, young ladies! I believe, nay, but I am sure, it concerns your father. Mr. Hallet was just sitting down to breakfast when Nell and Min came to his side with the paper. "We have not opened it, dear uncle; it is you who should read it to us. Perhaps it was to let my father know that

his parents had quite forgiven him for

leaving them. He used to say he had

not acted well when he descrited

them.

But John Hallet pushed the paper "The hand of God is in this," he groaned. "Read for yourselves, and easo my soul of the burden that hes heavily upon it. Lisbeth told me there was such a paper in existence, but my search for it was a half-hearted one. I valued my home more than what is right, but if I am to lose it I will bear the loss without murmuring, for I have had greater mercies bestowed on me Mrs. Hallet drew nearer, and laid her cheek against her husband's, while Min

read the lines the paper contained :

to their baggage, for they saw that he would be a happier man if allowed to

The man explained that he and his wife did not get along very well and both wanted to be released from their married "Oh, that can easily be arranged," remarked the whilem attorney, and looklot of law-books, and after a few minute

Large scals were added to the document, which the boy indorsed with a flourish and gills of red ink; then the agreement was duly signed, the boy adding his name as witness. The man was very grateful, and asked what the fee was. The small boy said \$50 and to the plea that this was a good deal to pay for so little work, answered: " But see what I have done for you,

pearance, and the boy being out, saw the attorney himself, and remarked cheerfully that he had come to pay 'On account of what?" asked the Why, the agreement I had drawn up

'For heaven's sake don't tell me "No." answered the man. "I'm The lawyer quickly explained the case to the man, and two trials for bigarny were saved from our already crowded courts .- [New York Commer-

in America, embracing coins of every description, from the early colonial days down to the present time, is in the possession of Loring G. Parmalee, of Boston. Its intrinsic value is something less than \$1,200, but its mercantile value is about \$70,000.

father and mother down to the youngest child.-[Hartwell (Ga.) Sun.

As is now well known, the difference the fact that in the former fermentation has been arrested by "firing," the color of the leaf being in this way partially preserved and fixed; with the latter, by a much longer process, fermentation up to a certain point is permitted, and the leaves are not 'fired" until they have become exi-In Japan the leaves, after being picked and "whitered" by a short ex-

turning the leaves over and over an round and round in large basins built over a chargoal fire. The coloring of 'painting" is also done at this period y means of a spoonful of indige each basin, and thus disseminated

quarter then. any books that cost less than \$1 in 1872, and now a dollar bill covers a fairish library.
"Just look at the way good ready-

Well," rejoined the non-cash-bookdozen years ago. You are living better for the same money, my boy. That is all."—[Philadelphia Press.

Immense piles of corn, and the shucks and ears were flying in every direction. We took a turn at the pile, and our hands and wrists are sore yet from Gathered around the plle were farmers, negroes, a justice of the peace, a lawyer, a merchant, an editor and a physician. Mr. Alford made about 15,000 bushels of corn, besides a full crop of cotton, etc. Very few farmers are as successful as he. His farm is self-sus-Mrs. Alford and her accomplished daughters had a grand feast provided for the shuckers at noon, and while the tables didn't groan under the weight of edibles, as the stereotype writers would say, it was a fact that they were crowded with everything in the way of good vic-

chickens and chick pie and oysters and sardines and cheese and pies and poundcake and pickles and preserves, world When we left at 3 P. M. constant accesslons were being made to the shucking brigade, commanded by Major Shelton, and the work went bravely on. It was thought that the corn would all be Mr. Alford's family is remarkable.

SOME LION AND TIGER STORIES. Good Reading for the Boys of the Bousehold,

markable incidents and he frequently took pleasure in relating events of his life. The following is in his own "I was exhibiting in the city of Balti-

The theatre in which we were playing had a large pit, and it was filled almost to sufforation that evening with boys and men. This time the tiger miped over my head and was flying for the pit when I caught him by the tail and hauled him back.

During their stay there Forrest re-

"This way, Mr. Forrest."

rose pink, and that the affair was an

he received a flattering offer by tele-graph, and he accepted. Hastily enging ceeded to the Ohio River and started He registered himself as Herr Dries-

of water. The tiger was not visible when the crowd entered the room, having crawled under a bunk to which he was chained.

Driesbuck met them outside and

As a rule marriage should be deferred until the man and woman are matured, but early marriages are by no means ranked among the leading sins against society. More even can be said in favor of early marriages than can be said in favor of deferring that The idea that the young woman must wait until the young man has He has eight children, we believe, and not a competence or a fortune, and they

doesn't my open window trouble you."

Lady Passenger: "Oh, thank you! I