

est styles out there at Cross Sticks no one could think; but she did it.

No wonder that Will Sheers, who kept the drug store in the village, fell in love with her. It was for her sake that he hired to her mother-a praise-

shivered in the corner-Miss Selina Shepherd, whose resemblance to her

Nabbed and Compelled to Reveal Its Contents-It Was the Sheriff's Treat. A number of years ago, when railroads were but few in this country, they were entering a small country traveling was a very slow and tedious store bearing the sign of "groceries, beer and other refreshments."-G. W. undertaking; fifteen or twenty miles an hour was considered a rapid and by H. Griffin, in N. Y. Weekly. some people a dangerous speed. EARLY RISING. At an early day in his eventful history, and when he had but commenced his professional career, the popular Aspect. Ethiopian comedian, Eph Horn, was Every circumstance contributes to traveling with a band of minstrels in render early rising advisable to those the western part of Ohio. In those who are in the enjoyment of health. days six performers were considered There is no time equal in beauty and an adequate number to form a firstfreshness to the morning, when nature class troupe, which nowadays comhas just parted with the gloomy mantl prises at least forty. which night had flung over her, and stands before us like a young bride, The band being small, their expenses from whose aspect the veil which covwere very light, which enabled them to stop at all the small towns and vilered her loveliness has been withdrawn. The whole material world has a vivifylages, as well as at the large cities. ing appearance. The farmer is up at his labor; the forest leaves sparkle Their usual mode of travel was by wagon, and they had very little trouble with drops of crystal dew; the flowers in securing from the different farmers raise their rejoicing heads towards the a vehicle large enough to accommodate sun; the birds pour forth their anthems the manager, performers, and an adof gladness, and the wide face of vertising agent, as well as trunks, creation itself seems as if awakened wardrobe baskets, fiddle-boxes, washpails, and numerous other articles, the and refreshed by a mighty slumber. All these things, however, are hid inevitable concomitants of a traveling from the eves of the sluggard; nature troupe. in her most glorious aspect is to him a Horn and his companions were nov sealed book, and, while every scene about to make a trip by rail over one around him is full of beauty, interest of the three roads which were all that and animation, he alone is passionless had been built at this time in the and uninspired. Behold him stretched Buckeye state. upon his couch of rest! In vain does When they arrived at the platform, the cock proclaim that the reign of day which was elevated about three feet has commenced! In vain does the from the ground by the side of the morning light stream fiercely in by the track, and used for a depot, a wagon chinks of the window! He hears not, drove briskly up, containing the baghe sees not, for blindness and deafness gage of the company. The men who rule over him with desperate sway and had charge of the luggage quickly lay a deadening spell upon his faculhustled it into the baggage car, while ties. And when at length he does the minstrel boys sprang into the one apppropriated to passengers, and took possession of the best seats they could find. awake, far on in the day, from the torpor of his benumbing sleep, he is not refreshed. He does not start at once into The steam whistle now gave forth a new life-an altered man, with joy in loud and startling sound, and with a his mind and vigor in his frame. On the jerk which temporarily frightened the contrary, he is dull, languid and stupid, passengers, the train commenced to as if half-recovered from a paroxysm of move with an ox-like speed over the drunkenness. He yawns, stretches flat rails of the road. himself and stalks into the breakfast Eph could not long remain quiet: fun parlor to partake, in solitude and withwas the elixir of life to him, and he out appetite, of his unrefreshing meal, was soon at his tricks. Many wonderwhile his eyes are red, his beard unful and soul-stirring stories were told shorn and his clothes disorderly and ill by him to his companions, which were put on. Uncleanliness and sluggishness simply intended for the ears of the ingenerally go hand in hand, for the obexperienced country people, who were tuseness of mind which disposes a man gathered around, gaping and listening to waste the most precious hours of his with intense interest to every word that, existence in debasing sleep will natfell from his lips. urally make him neglect his person -

who gave utterance to shouts of laughter as they gazed upon the long-haired gray wig which the comedian usually wore in his impersonations of old men. The last seen of Horn and the sheriff

the darkened room, and still they kept me there, allowing no breath of the pure, cool air to reach my feverish

head. I tried to open the window, but I was not strong enough, and I fell back in my chair, breathing the stifling air,

to-night, if it were not too late."

"Well, go on, Fred, and let us hear what it is."

I did not tell him what I had seen from the housetop, for I did not consider myself competent to make an accusation against anyone, but I decribed the spot where I firmly b that I saw Gerald Machurn murder John Layton, and I requested him to take three or more companions with him-men that could be trusted-and explore the spot thoroughly. "Will you promise, Harry? Now, don't say you will and then forget it, thinking I do not know what I am talking about, for I tell you I am not insane now." "Well, Fred, I promise." I knew that Harry could be depended upon, and I felt much relieved, passing a very quiet night. Gerald Macburn was to be married at nine o'clock, and at ten they were to start on their wedding tour. This was why I was in such haste. If he was guilty, as I firmly believed, I wished to prevent the marriage, or at least to arrest him before he stepped aboard the train. I hardly know how I passed the time till Harry's return. I was so impatient. I heard the carriages of the guests drive up to the door, and I could faintly hear the busy hum of preparation below; and then the old town clock, striking the hour of eight, startled me. Only one hour longer, and Harry had not returned. What if he had missed the spot? 1 watched the hands of the little clock, and for once they went too fast. I could almost see them move. Twenty -twenty-five - thirty minutes past eight, and would he never come! Yes, thank God! I heard the galloping of a horse on the gravelled road, and in a moment more Harry entered the room flushed with excitement. "What did you find, Harry? Quick! Quick!" "The body of John Layton!" "I knew it, Harry! I saw the deed-

ander her pillow, and opened the slide. In a moment more she had pulled away the white wrappings and stood over a sharp-featured young woman in a heliotrope-colored gown, who crouched and

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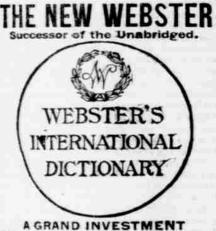
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worthy widow, fond of telling the story of her husband's failure to anyone who would listen-a wing of the build-FORLADIES ing in which he kept his store, a snug little affair of three rooms, for which he had no use, being a bachelor.

The rooms directly over the store, which were large and handsome, remained vacant, which led the village to suppose that the young druggist intended to marry shortly.

When Mrs. Munn had moved into the ittle end wing it was but a step from the store door to the widow's flat doorstep, and Dr. Sheers spent much of his time there, especially in the evening. and people had begun to say that it was a "splendid thing for Clarity" when the two Misses Shepherd came to board with Mrs. Finn, with whom Dr. Sheers boarded.

Mrs. Finn advertised for summer boarders every year, under the hallucination that Cross Sticks was "the country," and she always caught a few victims, who sat on the porch and fanned away the mosquitoes, and took walks to the post office, and went on picnics to the frog pond in the suburbs, and looked at a very distant mountain through field glasses, and were otherwise as rural as possible. Before they left in the fall the

ROBERTS oungest Miss Shepherd was engaged Agent, Ebensburg, Pa. jul23, 5m to Dr. Sheers. She was older than he. She was

a year is been work for us. Reader, not make as much, but we can quickly how to earn from \$2 to at the start, and more as you go h sense, all mys. To any part of sharp of voice and elbows; but she had inherited a fortune from her grandmother, and then, as Mrs. Finn said, 'she ran after him, and would hev him All Benera, Great pay SURL for for. We start you, fornishing g. EASHLY, STERIOLLY bernert. LAUST FREE, Address at once. & CO., FORTLAND, MAINE.

whether he would or no." Meanwhile Clarity went on dressmaking and showed no signs of regret ting her truant lover; and when Mrs. Munn proposed giving up the rooms forbade her to do so with the sternness with which daughters do forbid their mothers to carry out their own ideas in this ninetcenth century.

"Why, ma, every one would think we felt cut up about it!" said Clarity. "I do," said Mrs. Munn; "I haven" felt worse since your pa failed."

"I don't care whom he marries, I'm sure," said Clarity. "And this is the cheapest place, to be so pretty, that we can find.

One day from her window she saw the bride and groom return to take possession of their newly-furnished

'ooms. For awhile the bride and groom seemed very comfortable. New plateglass windows were put into the store, and a wonderful soda water fountain was introduced. There was a lookingglass between the rows of boxes and a portiere was hung at the door that opened into the back room. A little carriage in which Mrs. Sheers drove her sister to pay calls on her friends added luster to the establishment. Suddenly a cloud arose. Mrs. Sheers

TIN, COPPER AND SHEET-IRON WARP was ill. There was a consultation. Shortly afterward there was crape on the door. The doctor was a widower. Keepectfully invites the attention of his friends and the public in general to the fact that he is still carrying on business at the old stand opposite the Mountain House, Ebensburg, and is prepared to However, the day after the anniver-

sary of his wife's funeral Dr. Sheers assumed a light hat had his hair cut and his mustache waxed, put a rose in his buttonhole and called on Clarity Munn. Shortly afterward these two No penitentiary work either made or sold

were openly engaged to be married. And again things seemed to be going on well, at least "very well, consider-

ing," when people began to notice that Clarity was pale, that she was growing thin, that she cried over her work, and at last there was a rumor that she intended to "break" with Dr. Sheers. "They're talking of it all over Cross

Sticks, Clarity," Mrs. Munn said, "and you do look most miserable. What is the matter?"

"It's dreadful," said Clarity. "He's fond of me and I am of him, and you'd

sister vanished when one saw her red hair, for Mrs. Sheers' hair had been black, either by nature or by art. Opinions varied as to that.

"So it is you," said Mrs. Munn-"you that have been frightening my Clarity out of marrying your sister's widower? I suppose she'd have gone on thinking you a ghost forever. But you've got me to deal with now. How did you get in?"

"Oh, Mrs. Munn, have mercy!" Selina noaned. "Sister left everything to him, and I'm to be turned out of house and home. It was just life and death to me that he shouldn't marry." "You didn't want him yourself. then?" asked Mrs. Munn.

"No," said Selina; "no more than he wants me. I meant to keep house and be his sister; and I don't know how to earn my living. Now he'll be furious

and he'll hate me." "Miss Selina," said Mrs. Munn, "how did you get in here?" "A trap door in the corner opens on a pair of stairs to the drug store. This

used to be a storeroom," sobbed Selina. 'It bolts on the other side." "I'll see it is nailed up," said Mrs. Munn. "Now we may come to terms. I'll tell Clarity, but neither of us will tell the doctor or anybody else. Stop haunting and be friendly and Clarity won't let the doctor send you away. Seeing he's got your sister's money, that will be but fair. Only, the

minute Clarity is tormented 1 tell my Miss Selina stopped sobbing and scrambled to her feet.

"Agreed," she said. "Women who have had hard times ought to feel for each other." Having lighted the ghost down the

ladder and thrown her white vestments after her, Mrs. Munn put a trunk over the tran door and retired to dream of weddings. After Clarity married Dr. Sheers

people used to say how wonderful it was that Miss Selina received her brother-in-law's second wife so pleasantly, and how curious it was that she was so friendly with Mrs. Munn --Fireside Companion.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH.

do it on a back seat. It is not the longest sermons that A PREACHER with the big head is a IF you are praying for a revival don't PREACHERS and churches who please everybody are the kind who never have

to pray for a revival who will not pay his debts.

hits other people. THE reason that some of our churches are so dark spiritually is because the

IF preachers would bear continually in mind that they are working for God there wouldn't be so much anxiety about wages. A good many preachers try so hard to

feed a few giraffes in their flocks that they let the sheep and lambs starve to death .- Ram's Horn.

Jews in Poland. In the town of Warsaw the Jews now number 40 per cent. of the population,

and the average in all the other towns of Poland is 50 per cent. while in the 'illages it falls to 7 per cent., and n the rest of the country to nil. Ac-

## How to Enjoy Nature in Her Brightest

The stories were so romantic and ter-N. Y. Ledger. rible that the auditors were entirely at WHAT MEN SAY AND DO. a loss to coajecture what sort of company they had unexpectedly fallen

"Asp she rejected you?" "She did." among. They had not seen any of the in-'By Jupiter! And yet they say that struments or baggage, and had not the women have no sense."-Philadelphia slightest idea that the garrulous nar-Press. rator of wonderful events was none

Gus-"Did you hear of the joke other than the celebrated negro min-Chollie played on his fiancee yesterday?" Bob-"No: what was it?" Gus-"He Finally there appeared to be some married her."-Truth.

thing of a mysterious nature going on "SEVERAL important steps quickly among those who had been listening as taken," murmured the young man when one by one they cast a look of glaring the girl's father helped him over the wildness upon Horn and his companion, front docr-sill.-Washington Post.

> thing you ever learned?" Blase Youth -"That every pretty girl has been some other fellow's sweetheart."-N. Y.

Miss OLEGIRI.-"Did the gentlemen 'Let's take a drink.' "-Yale Record. HE-"Then you reject me?" Shebody else."-N. Y. Press.

# FAIR AND BUSY MAIDENS.

which every moment became more pressive. I thought I could not endure it, yet

how could I avoid it? There was only one way without danger of discovery; a step into the hall, and those spiral stairs would take me to the housetopto the observatory.

Waiting until I was sure the way was clear, I stepped softly into the hall, and ascending the stairs, though with much difficulty, I was soon enjoying the forbidden pleasure of breathing the air, untainted with the fumes of the nauseous drugs that had been dealt out to me with an unsparing hand all through the long, cold winter.

How exhilarating! I wondered that I had been housed so long. I looked down upon the group of young ladies who were sporting on the lawn. Jenny Magrair was there, the daughter of my host, the only woman I had

ever loved. But I was nothing to her. She knew not how I worshiped her. and I should keep my secret well, for she was the betrothed of Gerald Mac-

How I envied him, and perhaps hated him a little, for I knew that he had not won her love. She had pledged her hand to save her old father from poverty.

She had consented to the sacrifice, and Macburn was satisfied. Turning away, I tried to banish the painful, hopeless thoughts that had

been awakened. Adjusting the telescope, I took a survey of the farming and wood land that stretched far away to the east for many

I caught sight of two men whom I recognized as Gerald Macburn and John Layton.

They were evidently in search of game. The glass was small, yet a very superior instrument, and I could see them very plainly, notwithstanding the distance. I presume I should have thought no

more about them, had I not known that, but a few months before, they were bitter enemies. I wondered how the reconciliation had been effected. While puzzling my brains with these thoughts, I had unconsciously moved the glass to keep them within range. I saw them stop, and I knew by their motions that they were angry.

I became interested. I could see them so distinctly that I found myself listening to catch their words. 1 could see their lips move, and I saw John Layton's clenched hands. He was evidently much excited, but he did not

I saw the poor man fall out of sight in

he bushes, and I saw Macburn calmly

eload his rifle and walk toward the

Then I staggered and fell to the

When I awoke to consciousness I

was in bed. Clothes were all about my

head, and in the dim lamplight I saw a

watcher sitting by my bedside. It was

"How is this?" said I, when I realized

spot where his victim was lying.

foor, and all was a blank.

my old chum, Harry Wilmot,

the situation.

offer to strike; and if one can judge by sight alone, he was inclined to avoid any altercation, while Macburn appeared to seek a quarrel. For full five minutes they stood there, gesticulating vehemently. They were

some distance apart, Layton all the while endeavoring to widen the space, and Macburn following him up. At last Layton, goaded beyond all

FAIR MAIDEN-"What is the saddest endurance, wheeled about and shook his fist menacingly at his tormentor. Macburn was so exasperated at this that he raised his rifle and shot him.

seem much grieved to find me out?" Butler (non-committal)-"I don't know. mum. They shook hands and said 'I'm sorry, very sorry, but I must.' He (desperately)-"Then there is only one thing left for me to do, that's all.' She (anxiously)-"O, what do you intend to do?" He-"Propose to some

## "Thank God, you are coming around again," said Harry; "but it has been a hard case, Fred; you have been as

saw the murderer. But there is no time to lose. The wretch must be secured before it is too late. Bring a magistrate and an officer as quick as you can."

He was not long away, and he brought with him the old doctor, who was also a justice, while an officer entered by the back door and adroitly made his way to my room, unobserved. I made my deposition, the warrant was issued and handed to the officer. and he went softly down the stairs tomake the arrest.

He was not a moment too soon, nor too late, and he laid his hand upon Gerald Macburn's shoulder just in time to prevent Jenny Magrair from becoming the wife of a murderer.

Macburn was tried, convicted and excuted.

My testimony was sufficient, for the power of the telescope was tested, proving beyond doubt that I had been an eye-witness to the murder, though miles away from the spot.

Jenny quickly recovered from the shock, and I from my sickness, andwe are married.-Boston Globe.

### Indian Pearl Divers.

One of the largest pearl fishing grounds in the world is in the gulf of "alifornia. "The pearls," says a correspondent, "are not generally regular in shape or very pure in color, but some are of large size, and many of the rare black pearls are found. The livers are nearly all Indians and their equipment is of the simplest kind, consisting only of a basket hung around the neck, in which to collect the oysters, a knife to detach them from the rocks and a stone with a cord attached. When the diver goes down he takes the cord between his toes, the weight of the stone carrying him at once to the bottom. He gathers oysters. as long as his breath holds out, and then rises to the surface, to descend again in fifteen minutes. Some of the

#### and stealthily left the car. For once the great jester was taken by surprise. "What's up? What in thunder is the matter with those gillies?" he asked, as, with a look of wonder and amaze-Journal. ment, he gazed around among the deserted seats. "I can't say," replied one of his companions. "All 1 know is I saw a man enter that door with the conductor, point toward us with his cane, then

whisper something in the other's ear. The conductor shook his head and disappeared, and very soon after the passengers got up and left the car. casting their eyes over toward our party, and looking very much frightened. At this point the train came to a sud-

den stop, and a moment after, to the

IF you are praying for a revival don't awaken the most sinners. man the devil loves to look at. go to church with your gloves on.

revivals. It doesn't do much good for the man

THE man who goes to church much hears a great deal of preaching that

people themselves want to do the shin-

Of a good house-wife. who uses' SAPOLIO. it is well said. "The mouse is muzzled in her house." Try it and keep your house clean + All grocers keep it- Cleanliness and neatness about a house are necessary to one, he will seek elsewhere for it. Good housewives know has SAPOLIO makes a house clean and keeps it bright. Appiness always dwells in a comfortable home. Do you and you will be surprised at your success. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.	"Why?" gasped the widow. "She haunts me-his first wife, you know," said Clarity: "and says she'll kill me on my wedding day. Oh, I am not crazy, ma!" "I'm not afraid of ghosts," said Mrs. Munn. "I thought you had more spirit. Why, before you pa failed I found a burglar in my room robbing my jewel- box, and I collared him. I thought you took after me and had some spirit, Clarity."	Consul Grant says the trades and indus- tries in the city of Warsaw are almost entirely in the hands of the Hebrew population. In the higher branches of commerce the ratio is 16 Jews to 3 Christians, in the lower branches 19 Jews to 2 Christians, and in the agency and brokerage business 43 Jews to 1 Christian. Of the large industrial en- terprises of the enty, 63 per cent. are in the hands of Jews and only 18 per cent. belong to native Christians. As com- mon workmen and as domestics the pro- portion is the other way, only 11,000 Jews, or 8 per cent. of the total Jewish population being so employed, against 43,000 Christians, or 20 per cent. of the	followed by two of the town consta- bles, the engineer, the conductor, the passengers, and all the attaches en- gaged upon the train, entered the car in which they were, and with expres- sions of the wildest excitement upon their pale faces, entirely surrounded the "mysterious six." The sheriff laid hold of Eph's arm, while the other officers and trainmen secured the persons of the remainder of the band. Leading the way in an excited man- ner, and still holding Horn by the arm,	trying to ride a calf bareback. Two DEAF mute sisters in Texas edit a paper called the Sunny Clime. A GIRL at Morenci, Mich., picked one hundred quarts of strawberries in one day recently. Is Pittsburgh a young lady makes a living by manufacturing pottery. She has had an oven erected in her house, and makes, finishes and decorates her own work. WHEN an Addison (Me.) woman called recently on relatives living only a mile away whom she hadn't visited for twenty years, they thought the world	crazy as a 'loon' for a whole week. I advise you not to try the observatory again till you are strong enough to crawl back." At these words, what I had seen from the housetop flashed upon my mind; but had my life depended upon it I could not then have told that it was not all a dream. To convince myself I inquired for John Layton. "He is—no one knows where," re- plied Harry; "but you are too weak to either talk or listen." "No, I'm not, Harry; tell me about it." He yet hesitated, but I urged him, and he yielded. "John Layton disappeared a week ago," he said. "Absconded is the bet-	Abrasion of Gold Coln. Gold while in circulation is handled less than any other medium. It is usually kept in vanits of banks for de- mand rarely made, and for this reason the loss by abrasion is but ½ of 1 per cent. in twenty years. In a \$20 gold piece, the standard weight of which is 516 grains, the government clowerse for less by abrasion is 555
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