In meal and cream she's elbow deep,

The First Lesson.

They sit together. On her knee 'he open volume lies; Her dimpled finger points, and he Looks on, with wondering eyes, To see her name, with childish lore The puzzling letters o'er and o'er.

The summer winds blow cool The sunbeams through the branches slip To twinkle in the pool; And woodland blossoms bid them look

On Nature's glorious picture book! Yet still their sunny heads bend low, The mystic page to scan ; And gently falls her "yes," or "no, Whene'er the little man

Repeats, by guiding finger led. "A stands for angels- far above The earth they watch us now Perhaps their waving pinions move

The curls upon your brow! B stands for blue-the color, dear, Of heaven, and of your eyes so clear!

C stands for curls upon your head : E for your ear, so soft and red ;

G is the gold that tints your hair H is your hand, so small and fair ; "I is for pretty Isabel J is is for John and Jim K is for Karl-you know him well-

You often speak to him; L is for love—from God it came M is for mother-sweetest narue! And thus her gentle voice woes or

Through all the alphabet :-She names the latters, one by one,

whe had died two years after the with a penknife in the silver bark of she lived for her husband alone, every sountry around that he had killed her.

"Then they would return across the day she dressed here he especially for the was a girl of good family, and had fields, enveloped in the luminous and thus birth of his son. It was said in the country around that he had killed her. She was a girl of good family, and had been delicately nurtured. She wished to rear her child in ease. The old curmudgeon objected, but she paid no heed to his words. From this moment the mother and child were subjected, with an inflexible rigor, to the lot of serfs. She was shut up, treated like a servant, and the poor woman died from

while he beat him unmercifully.

"It was a dream of the father's to make his son a sort of head man on his estate and to extract from him all the money that he refused to spend for his education. He sent little Sergius to the field to dig to hee and to labor.

"Sergius permitted himself to be overcome in all his being by the sweet the field to dig to hee and to labor.

mof came to the old house which, from neglect, had nearly gone to decay. He "Two or three happy weeks thus folwas to be his heir. He was a some-what cultivated man, and he could not "One morning, just as he was about 'he will inherit nothing from me.' The father shuddered at this last remark as much as at the thought of the expense dered in all his limbs and looked at his wife.

the same puddles in which when a would find his well-beloved.

"She was there. He took her by the one of the servants has just seen a equally persevering spinster again. A the same puddles in which when a child he had dabbled with ducks and geese; the same garden overrun with her mother by adoption, and abruptly about the same puddles. He went into the clear in the clea whete and aroused a swarm of said to the old lady:

dies which buzzed about, knocking "'I ask Tatiana of you in marriage."

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eight years.

"He had brought a few books with him; his father opened his trunk, saw them and carried them away. An hour afterward Sergius detected a strange smell of burnt paper. Razoumof, who had for a long time done his own cook.

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"In the middle of the hall, Tatiana, half dressed, was stretched on the floor.

"My Farriers: I am to be married."

See same to large, may be good the street of the street of

servant, and the poor woman died from and transparent honey.
the effects.
"In the evening Tatiana would serve "The child grew up under this terrible master, who, from the time Sergius was six years old, compelled him to rounded with branches of holly, the roke together the rubbish in the yard, cheese and butter were spread out on while he beat him unmercifully. cheese and butter were spread out on vine leaves; there were golden cakes,

the field to dig, to hoe, and to labor.

"But one day the brother of Razou- and when he thought his father was

Razoumof treated his sons. He insisted that the child should be sent immediately to Moscow to undertake his unwashed, wrinkled face appeared at it, studies. 'Unless he does so,' he added, and a harsh voice made itself heard.

home forthwith. Submissive boy as was standing only to come into the easiness in he always was, he obeyed. He found house. But the young man contined which was displayed by his latter to return sergius would leave the place where he easiness in the always was, he obeyed. always was, he obeyed. He found father dryer, leaner, more yellow, his walk, went through the gate, and not the smallest cranny in it that was carnest, and so was the dame who re sponded. They met, but whether it his father dryer, leaner, more yellow, and more of a skinflint than ever. He saw the old house with its narrow windows and greenish window-panes, some of the latter gone and the holes which they had left stuffed with old disheld they had left stuffed w

The good lady, weeping, gave them in tatters who was winding off thread into skeins.

"His father received him in silence, with a bantering look which seemed to say, 'Here you are back again, my boy, ch? Now that you have inherited, you will recommence your life just where you left off eight years ago. Leave books and writings for others; as for you, you shall be, as I have as for you, you shall be, as I have an and you will inherit from me with more difficulty than you did from your edit to point blank at the young man, and you will inherit from me with more difficulty than you did from your edit to point blank at the young man.

The good lady, weeping, gave them her blessing.

"With a sentiment of love Sargius and the had met Tatiana for the first time. The odor of his father what he had done. Razoumof, stupefied by this audacity in each the air. To make the one of his father what he had done. Razoumof, stupefied by this audacity in each the air. To mosses and mushrooms was in the air. To was while on a visit to the country was was britten b ed difficulty than you did from your ed it point-blank at the young man.

"Rogue, will you obey me?' he

"Whatever may be the misery of the remainder of my days,' he said to himself, 'I at least will have lived himself, to repairing, arranging, and

was yellow and bony, his eyes chilling in their looks, and with the sly and suspicous expression of a miser's eyes.

His wife had died two years after the birth of his son. It was said in the with a penknife in the silver bark of she lived for her husband alone, every

had grown more morose, harder, and more miserly than ever.
"After having grieved over this rup ture, which seemed to be forever, Ser-gius had finally decided upon his course, when one morning, exactly ten months after his marriage, he received

suffer from my isolation. Bring your wife to me. I will warm myself in your youth and happiness. I wish now to pardon and bless."

mof came to the old house which, from neglect, had nearly gone to decay. He was a very rich bachelor, and Sergius lowed each other.

"Two or three happy weeks thus folshowed her the letter. The two children fell into each other's arms. There would be no more clouds in their sky. lighted. These good souls had suf-fered more from the cruel severity of

"On the same day they hastened to which would be entailed upon him by the education of his son. He wept, entreated, declared that he would give his son a brilliant education at home. The brother persisted, and the child was sent to Moscow.

"He remained eight years at Moscow. At the age of twenty-one he had distinguished himself, and was preparing for travel in foreign countries when his uncle died. At the moment when he heard of the death of his uncle he was ordered by his father te return home forthwith. Submissive boy as such as the broked at Man and the child was acut to Moscow.

"You are going to the fields—to the neighbor's—are you not? said the winderly added, while the proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them, blessed them, and proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them to pass several days under his roof. In the evening the recomback this instant!"

"Sergius remained for a moment to obedience from the son, closed the window, persuaded as he was that the window, persuaded as he was that the contracted them to pass several days under his roof. In the evening the remaining for travel in foreign countries when his uncle died. At the moment when heard of the death of his uncle he was ordered by his father te return home forthwith. Submissive boy as substantially to preclude its owner of metal hoops contrived to clasp the kept whether the rivible old man. He embraced them, blessed them, and proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them to pass several days under his roof. In the evening the remained locked, while the proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them to pass several days under his roof. In the evening the remained of the head and the neck firmly, while the proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them to pass several days under his roof. In the evening the remained to cked, while the embraced them, and a first proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them to pass several days under his roof. In the evening the remained to cked, while the proved cordial and affectionate. He embraced them to pass sev "Tatiana experienced a gloomy unsiness in this dilapitated house, hich was dirtier than over "The state of "destiny." Not long ago an English mechanic having vainly used all his ingenuity in endeavoring to get him a wife advertisal. easiness in this dilapitated house, which was dirtier than ever. There was fit of despair. He was profoundly in

iron, a jug of kwas in the corner, and in the middle of all an emaciated child estate. 'and I have my uncle's clouds which showed themselves on the horizon rose only to disappear.

The good lady, weeping, gave them her blessing.

"With a sentiment of love Sergius saw the woods in which he had met

barely kissed Tatiana at parting. What was he doing, hunting the roe-buck

bounds he reached the yard and ran toward the door. It was fastened on the inside. At that moment, the cries, piercing in their intesity, recommenced.

had for a long time done his own cooking, was warming over the flame of the burning books a dish which he had cooked on the day before. Sergius resumed his work in the fields and kept down the bitterness of his sorrow.

"And thus two years passed away.

"And thus two years pass "'My Father: I am to be married to-morrow. Your paternal consent and two others showered blows on her

"You know his history?"
"So see, A territhe insistery, Year of the prompt of the protocol pro

during the siege of Paris, to get any clearly shown that the brain is com-thing so good as rats to eat; and it is paratively ansemic during sleep, and well known that sailors who have run that the blood thus removed from the short of provisions on long voyages not only feel no repugnance to this kind of food, but learn to positively like it.

After all, the repugnance lies chiefly in the idea. Many a man in Paris may

week rather than eat it had he known mild in its character and producing no the ingredients of the toothsome dish. may sometimes give

Old Time Punishments.

In Germany a dame who let her tongue wag too freely about her neighupon a block in the market-place, with a heavy stone dangling from her neck, shaped either like a bottle, a loaf, an oval dish, or representing a woman putting out her tongue, unless she happened to be rich enough to buy permission to exchange the hateful stone for a bag of hops, tied round with red ribbon.

In 1637 a woman of Sandwich in the stomach, and upper part of the small intestines, caused generally by excess in fatty and highly-seasoned food, in fruit, and in various wines. Sleeplessness may be due to bodily and mental over-exhaustion, which results in an increased flow of blood to the brain, consequent upon vaso-motor paralysis. Again, it may be the result of a work pablit as in these cases where

ribbon. In 1637, a woman of Sandwich, in "Sergius uttered a cry of joy, kearing which Tatiana ran to him. He showed her the letter. The two children fell into each other's arms. There would be no more clouds in their sky. They felt their hearts to be singularly lighted. These good souls had sufflighted. These good souls had sufflighted. dangled a wooden mortar. Stafford-They had to follow the bell-man unti "'He will at least be there when our they showed unmistakable signs of rechild is born," ke said, kissing his wife a bit of the r mind by the branks, or scolds' bridle, an ingenious arrange-ment of metal hoops contrived to clasp ting through the brain.

kissed his wife, who was still asleep, provided himself with a double-bar
"twas She! Crushed to the earth,

Remarkable Treatment of a Snake Bite, belle of Dinan. Moreover, she was

friend:

"My DEAR SIR: I can't walk, but, with help, have hobbled to the table. If I improve reasonably in hobbling by Friday night I shall be at my post, in your city, on Saturday. My lameness would deserve but the shortest mention but for some facts connected with keeper were all her declared admirers. more difficulty than you dut from your uncle."

"Rogue, will you obey me?" he woelfersted.

"Sergius shook his head negatively, for the first time looking his father in the face. Love had at last given him courage and the consciousness of his paternal persistency and self-will was a terrible blow to Sergius. He saw crushed to earth all his dreams of a higher life which had already began to dawn—study, the interchange of thought with distinguished minch, poetry—but he did not dare to revolt.

"Whatever may be the misery of the first time looking his father in the face. Love had at last given him courage and the consciousness of higher life which had already began to dawn—study, the interchange of thought with distinguished minch.

"Arrangements were soon made with "A bounds he reached the salter his arrival at his father's house? Why leave his wife tacher to chill her? At this thought he retraced his walk, and finally have a heavy scuelling abou

I was walking up the hilf from the bay apotherary net with no better fate. To be the same instant the bittes of sharp teeth. Reaching the house, I saw by the light three several silent the source of the same instant the bittes of sharp teeth. Reaching the house, I saw by the light three several silent the same instant the bittes of sharp teeth. Reaching the house, I saw by the light three several silent three several silent three several silent to several se

have breakfasted sumptuously upon active and increased cerebral circularats who would have gone hungry for a tion. A species of nocturnal dyspepsia,

The mother is quite right. ing apartment, or by an improper eleva-tion or depression of the head. The treatment in most of these cases should

of course be directed to the removal of the cause, but, when it is found necessary to give drugs, bromide of potas-sium and chloral hydrate are probably enough in spite of occasional clouds the best, both having been shown to diminish the amount of blood circulahousehold. The health of the widow,

she had loved and grown fat with for a good many years. "Going to leave me, Molly? Why, where are you going?" "Oh, I's going to get married; I've worked long enough, and I's going to rest my bones." Of course Mrs. Jones could make no objection to this common and natural female frailty. So Molly west and nothing was heard of of each. "But the last few years have there was no help for it, he must go. Molly went, and nothing was heard of her for a year or two, when she came back, poor and emaciated, having lost her husband, and all the rest of ills human nature is heir to having fallen prised to see her coming, and said to her: "Well, Molly, have you rested your bones? "Golly, Missus—I's rested my jaw bones, and dem's all the

Mariette Dubois was the undoubted

household.

A certain change came over the good mother. Lines of care and anxiety fixed themselves upon her face. Her very character seemed to change. From the most open-handed and generous of beings she became close and parsimonious, always preaching economy, and ings she became close and parsimonious, always preaching economy, and urging upon lazy, light-hearted Jean the necessity of working and providing for his wife and family. Rumors went abroad that this change in the widow was in some way connected with a leart such a spasm of terrer and doubt was in some way connected with a cancer some some of hers, by a former that she calls out as if in pain. Jean marriage, of whom no one had heard for a long while. But of this the widow

said nothing.
"It was vexations, this freak of the nuch too easy going and good-natured o have any quarrels on the subject. working very steadily on the little farm which was now, by the widow's gift, their joint property. their joint property.
"Times are bad," he would say.

it of depression past, the natural light-neartedness of the Frenchwoman would return to the good widow, and rejoicing ons with all her old zest, the litle Babette her constant and most cher ished companion.
So another year passed on happily

"Well, Missus, I's going to leave that she was ill, the good mother lay you," said Molly to her mistress, whem she had loved and grown fat with for a dying. Then she speke of this trouble which

three hundred francs and more. But if make this sacrifice? She hesitates; thou shouldst escape, then it is to be a draws back; it is to save her husband. of for the little Babette. Dost hear, my son? Here is the key of the Clasping her child's hand tightly in burglars in a midnight encounter.

bureau. Put it by the cord about thy neck."

"I will do all as you wish, good mother."

"Ah, that is well."

A few more words of tender loving counsel, and then death came, with a voice not to be denied, calling the good mother from her weeping children, and from the little home of which she had so long been the center and support.

"Clasping her child's hand tightly in hers as if for protection, she enters the shop, and before the old artiste can ask her pleasure, lets fall a mass of soft brown silk about her shoulders.

"What will you give me for it?" she asks, with a beating heart.

"Sixty francs, madame," returns the old man, after a critical inspection. It is the sum she wants.

"Cut it, cut it, and be quick," she cries, eagerly.

The English postal system is so thor."

an order for raising a fresh conscription of one hundred and twenty thousand men was issued by the Emperor Napo-

"It is no good looking, Mariette," he

one hundred, ay, even perhaps two training that she was getting in practice." It was found that I do the thindred francs it might be possible yet to raise upon the farm, he had said after awhile, but three hundred—no—not have the was getting in practice." It was found that for the hundred france it has found to raise upon the farm, he had said after awhile, but three hundred—no—secrete the instrument of her death.

so long been the center and support.

Mariette and Jean had been married long. A few moments in the barber's ongh that a misdirected letter will related to each inst five years, when, in the year 1813,

The swallow-tail coat is in danger. The Czar danced in a frock-coat while

An inventive genius in Ohio pro-poses to furnish horses with false teeth, so as to conceal their ago.

A man went out the other night to see if he could ascertain the color of the wind, and found it blew.

Our sorrows are like thunder cloud

which seem black in the distance, but grow lighter as they approach.

It is fashionable in England to jum fences for exercise, but very vulgar saw wood for the same thing.

A fatal epizootic among ducks is something to be dead-duck-ted from farmer's profits in Peunsylvania.

An Illinois farmer has two sons and

three daughters, and the girls help work the farm while the boys are at

George Ingells, Shaker of Warren

in England.

that ashe calls out as if in pain. Jean drops her hand.

"It is no good looking, Mariette," he said, after a moment's pause, in a strange hoarse voice. "You will find nothing. The money is—spent." Mariette could only gaze at him in a kind of blank stuper." Do you understand?" and suddenly Jean, leaning his head on his hands, burst into a storm of passionate tears. "God forgive me," he cried, "I have robbed the child and ruined us all. Why don't you speak, Mariette? Say something, if only to reproach me," her mother, which event took place years and help. In a moment she seemed transformed. A child no longer, the old spirit of careless happiness, of blind reliance, was indeed fied, but in its place a nobler spirit had taken up the body and the said as woman at last.

A woman very full of strong carnest in the two man very full of strong carnest and help. In a moment she seemed transformed. A child no longer, the old spirit of careless happiness, of blind reliance, was indeed fied, but in its place a nobler spirit had taken up the body and the said who had as after these events, leave the morning after these events, leave the morning after these events, leave the morning after these events, and when the morning after these events, leave the morning after these events, and when he wished to be buried in, laid them on the said as all the processed—her cross of Breton work, and with fatal precision sent the leaden to the processed—her cross of Breton work, and with fatal precision sent the leaden to the processed—her cross of Breton work, and with fatal precision sent the leaden to the processed—her cross of Breton work, and with fatal precision sent the leaden to the processed—her cross of Breton work, and with f tend the performances ever imagined for a moment, however, that the actor who moved with such ease and precis-

of each. "But the last few years have been sadly disastrous. We have lived; we have enjoyed our life, it is true; but the times have been hard. War, scarcity; you know of these things, and then my poor boy, too, must bear his share of the blame—"

"Dear mother, do not trouble yourself now about these matters," interputed Jean.

"We have been so happy," sobbed Mariette.

"But I must speak, my child," the widow went on feebly. "The little that remains is yours. There is the farm. You must exert yourself now, Jean—you must work for—for her sake. Will you not?"

"Yes, mother, yes," said Jean, presssaid to the old lady:

"I ask Tatiana of you in marriage."

"Yes, working to the Fourth, is as follows: provided himself with a double-barroted gainst the wall and ceiling; in the against the wall and ceiling; in the logalist the wall and ceiling; in the dying woman's hand.

"And then see in that old bureau is not his pocket and walked off he respected to the fourth, is as follows: "Yes, unother, yes," said Jean, pression to those of employes of any other rail, to those of employes of any other rail, to those of employes of the Winself that a double-barroted guident to the fourth, is as follows: "Yes, unother, yes," said Jean, pression to the server, to those of employes of the winself that and as the stranger dropped it and the dignity of the server."

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A seedy-looking stranger, with an