WHY DOESN'T HE GO AND GET HER.

Over the west the glory dies away. Faint rose flecks gleaming in the dark-

ening sky; And the low sounds that mark the close of day

Rise up from wood and upland-rise and Soft silence falls o'er meadow, hill and

grove, And in the hush I want you, O, my love.

In the gay radiance of the morning hour, In the warm brooding glory of the noon, When man and Nature, in their prime of us all."

With the day's fullness blend in eager The rush of life forbids the pulse to move,

That now, in yearning passion, wants you,

Wants you to watch the crimson glow and Through the great branches of the broad-

ening line; shade, Lap the tired world in blessed event me,

to prove. The gloaming needs its angel; come, my love.

#### HOW THE PEARLS WERE STOLEN.

dressing for dinner on a certain chilly January evening her aunt, the Dowager Duchess of Goldoni, came into the how much more beside she alone knew. room. She was already dressed, and Her face was very hard and very white seemed very serious. Evidently she had as she went down the long corridor to come to talk over something, but before her rooms. There was a bright fire in she had time to speak Lady Duceville's the dressing room, and Mills was busy maid burst out into tears and sobs. The there. Lady Duceville went in, sat young Marchioness turned round and down, and drew a key from its hiding stared at her in amazement; for Mills place within the bosom of her dress. was a very quiet and decorous person usually.

"What ever is the matter, Mills?" queried Lady Duceville.

"I thought I should have died of shame, your Grace," said the woman addressing herself to the Duchess, "when I came out of my room this gave way beneath her; she tell upon her morning and found that paper posted on knees, and put the casket on the ground, the door. It seemed as if they suspec- lest it should fall from her unnerved ted me! I know, of course, it isn't so, hands. because the notices are on all the servants' doors. But, your Grace, the police will be called in if the pearls aren't given up by next Monday; and is there face was white and hard. "You must any hope that the wicked creature that's give them up to her," said Lady Ducedone it will give them up?"

"I don't know, Mills," said the Du-

Mills had been her servant before she dreadful to poor Mills.

The Duchess, whose jewels were very alone knows what I shall do!" splendid, had a pearl necklace of fabulous value. She had left that necklace on her dressing table for a short time the evening before. When her maid went to get it, to clasp round her neck,

it was gone. When it was evident that the necklace really was gone the Duchess told her hostess. Lady Duceville and the Duchess were staying at Rookwood, one of the pleasantest country houses to visit in all England. A very gay week the Duchess yourself." it had been there, and Lady Rookwood said extra servants had been employed in the house, and she really could not vouch for the honesty of her own household. The Duchess's pearls were a great prize, and sometimes servants understood the value of such things only too well. So Lord Rookwood had some notices printed which stated that unless the pearls were produced on a certain day the police would be sent for to search the servants' rooms.

"I suppose," said the Duchess thoughtfully, "that Lord Rookwood thinks it the best plan to try first by holding out this chance to the thief. If whoever it is confesses and gives up the pearls before Monday nothing will be pearls; but I shall not be satisfied, for I ed. think it is horrible that such wickedness should go unpunished. Except that the pearls are an heirloom, I would not she will believe?" have aflowed Lord Rookwood to try this plan. Are you ready, Gertrude? set you so, Mills. No one can suspect But I have been an honest woman all old and faithful servants any more than | my life, and I cannot pretend to be a one would suspect members of one's thief now, even for your ladyship." own family."

murmured Mills,

chess. the door the Duchess said, "Surely the ple always suspect servants, you know." servants must know the police are

already in the house? If not, I suppose there are detectives in disguise. Lord Rookwood told me he had summoned people from Scotland Yard immediate-

minute, during which the Duchess look- ladyship is now." ed at her keenly.

"Gertrude," she said, "why do you gamble so much? I wish you would horribly ill. It is a hideous vice, this Grace's room." hunger for excitement! Gertrude, I believe you have lost and are in debt."

"Well," said Lady Duceville, "what if I am?"

Duchess, "I will not help you, Gertrude."

"I know that," said Lady Duceville quietly.

"Duceville will not help you." "I know that," she repeated. "What will you do, then?"

"Get out of my difficulties unaided." "Gertrude, you make me shudder. I am certain there will be some horrible ending to this life of excitement you are now leading-something that will if you have paid your debts of honor! get into the society papers and disgrace

"There is the dinner gong," said Lady Duceville as pale as a ghost, yet very lack of any happy smile in her eyes or | well! on her mouth; the Duchess with a thunder cloud upon her face. She had no children, and this her at one time favorite niece would inherit her jewels and personal property, for Gertrude, be-Wants you to feel the soft, gray, quiet fore her marriage, had been like her daughter. But she was that no longer, and the Duchess was very angry and Wants you to whisper; "Come, your power very much ashamed.

Lady Duceville was extremely observant. She noticed two fresh faces among the footmen who waited attable. Something told her that these were detectives. After dinner she pleaded indisposition, and went up stairs early. While the young Lady Duceville was Perhaps this was partly to avoid the card room, where she would be missed and asked for. She had lost her all, and

"There is a locked casket within my jewel case, Mills," she said. "Will you get it out and open it with this key?"

Mills did so, unlocking the jewel case first with the key she carried herself. As she lifted the lid of the casket she began to tremble, and at last her limbs

"The Duchess's pearls!" she exclaim-

Lady Duceville eyed her keenly; her ville.

"I, my lady?" exclaimed Mills in unmixed astonishment.

"Yes," said Lady Duceville, rather was Lady Duceville's, and the Duchess as if talking to herself than anything was never a mistress whose maids were else. "I cannot get them away now afraid to speak to her. But this made these men are here. At least I dare the present circumstance all the more not venture it. You must give them up, and I must-well, God or the devil

> Mills rose to her feet, leaving the casket where it was. "You stole these pearls, my lady!"

> "It was hardly stealing," said Lady Duceville, repeating an argment which she had used with great effect to herself before the last act, but which now sounded weak even to her own ears.

"They will be mine some day." "If it was not stealing, my lady, then you need not be afraid to take them to

"I prefer you should do it," said Lady

Duceville dryly. "I have never disobeyed you before, my lady," said Mills, "but this I cannot do. I was not sure her Grace did not suspect me this evening when she was here. Nothing could convince her that I had not stolen the pearls if I took them back to her."

"Just so," said Lady Duceville. "That is what you wish her to think!" exclaimed Mills, suddenly grasping the situation.

"I must save myself," said Lady Duceville, looking at her with cold

Then Mills understood that she had a desperate woman to deal with. "I shall

Mills saw that she was helpless.

"Well," said Lady Duceville indiffer-"But it is posted up on all our doors," ently, if you stay the Duchess is sure to vice, he was taken bound before the tnan \$60,000 a year investigating alle-"Well, well, of course; if put on one you have been with us so long. But if life, as the law had been broken. Forit must be put on all," said the Du- you go like a thief, leaving your spoil tunately then the Pope was not in a Mills went away. When she had shut take it, of course you are ruined. Peo- the man he gave him a reward.

"Yes, my lady," said Mills suddenly, "I do know. Why did not Lord Rookwood have that notice posted on every door in the house? We are treated as if we were not the same flesh and blood end. The first weed pulled up in the as those we serve. And I think it is so, garden, the first seed in the ground, ing prescribed "by order of the Chief "Did he?" said Lady Duceville. for no poor serving women that I have the first shilling put in the savings bank Signal Officer." Their Sunday dinner 80, was for many years in the service of in Austria. The Henker, as he is styled "Shall we go down?" she added after a ever known could be so cruel as your and the first mile traveled on a journey is coffee, bread, and dried apples Baron Rothschild. He started a busi- in other parts of Germany, combines

said Lady Duceville, "and I think it's a mise, a pledge, an assurance that you pity to leave those pearls on the floor are in earnest in what you have undergive up the cards. You are looking there. Pick them up and take them to taken. How many a poor, idle, hesi-

"No, my lady, I cannot touch them

again!" "Very well, then; go."

"It is scandalous!" exclaimed the turned to the door, opened it, and then he had only made a beginning!

paused. "If you restore the pearls, how will you pay your debts?" she said, almost in a whisper.

"What is that to you?" asked Lady Duceville, compeled to make some answer by the look in Mill's face.

"Her Grace will not pay them-Lord Duceville will not pay them; but perhaps Captain Vavasour can find the money if you are in desperate need! But then you, too, will be ruined, even gress-twenty-two.

It was not maid speaking to mistress; it was one desperate woman speaking to fell back a step, white as a sheet. She beautiful in spite of her pallor and the had no idea Mills knew her secrets so being \$1,294. Even the copyists get

During the instant's pause, while they gazed at each other, the door was hind her. She was just about to kneck | most trying labor and have long hours. when Mills opened the door to go out; she had heard what had passed since. Her eyes fell instantly upon the open within it. Then she looked at the women, and read their faces.

That same night the household of Rookwood heard the good, if extraord- ing office. inary, news that the Duchess had found her pearls. They had fallen behind her 200 days a year, the salaries of Senators toilet-table, and had been overlooked and Representatives amount to about in the hurried and excited search made | \$10,000 a day.

Lady Duceville left Rookwood on the ground of illness; she was gay and brilliant, and her absence was felt. She fulfilled none of her other winter engagements, but went into retirement in a Catholic convent. Lady Duceville had hitherto called herself of no religion; but the Duchess was a devout stood to be the result of her influence.

as Captain Vavasour had nothing to do ipulate. The "skilled" laborer uses a with it the Duchess must have supplied the money. Probably this was the price of the gay and beautiful young Marchi- coarse broom in sweeping carriageones: 's conversion and reform.

### Wet the Ropes."

In the city of Rome there stands pillar which for many long, long years was lying almost buried in the earth. Princes had tried to raise it, but in vain. No workman could do it. In the year 1584 the Pope of that time sent a builder to make one more trial. It was no easy matter to free the great pillar from the deep soil in which it had sunk, and then to drag so huge a size and his court, and that this would bring out | ten Senators. all the people of the city.

"That is what I dread," said Fontana, "for if they shout and make a noise it may startle some of the men in the midst of their work, and my voice will not be heard."

"Never," said the Pope, "I will take care of that.

He wrote an edict that any one should be put to death who dared to utter a sound while the work of raising the great pillar went on. This edict was posted up all over the city. On the fixed day Fontana mounted the high scaffold, from which he was to direct the men by means of bells and flags as signals. The whole space of a wide square was full of people; it seemed to be paved with heads, all still as death, and as | tion. if spell-bound. At last the signal was given, and the pillar began to rise. Cables and ropes strained and creaked. Up slowly rose the giant block of stone. Fontana waved his flags, the Pope leaned forward, the people held their breath -one moment more, and the work would be done! All at once a crack was heard. The heavy mass would not move again, and soon it began to sink, for the ropes did not bear upon it. done. Of course we shall have got the tell her Grace the truth," she exclaim- Fontana was at a loss, with a sense of despair in his soul; but a shout was House. "Yes?" said Lady Duceville. "And heard from amid the crowd, "Water! so shall I. Which of us do you think water! Wet the ropes!" This was soon done. The slack hempen rope shrunk the postmaster is only \$1. back tight to its place-once more each "Very well, my lady," she said; "I man bent down for a last pull with Let Mills go, then, for she is hardly fit will go now-I will leave the house, and right good will. The pillar was set up for her work. Don't allow this to up- if you must make me a victim, be it so. for the gaze of the world then and for ages yet to come. He who spoke the word in season was a poor sailor, who had long known the use of ropes made of hemp, and, in spite of his good serhush the thing up and forgive you, as Pope, and all men stood in fear of his behind you because you are atraid to cruel mood, and instead of punishing

# Make a Beginning.

do not begin you will never come to an | before retiring for the night; these and are all important things; they make a | stewed. "It is no use being insolent, Mills," beginning, and thereby a hope, a protating outcast is now creeping and crawling on his way through the world who might have held up his head and prospered, if, instead of putting off his "Yes, my lady, I will go." Mills resolutions of industry and amendment,

Curlosities of Government.

Next to the President of the United States the best-paid Federal official is the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The States of Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont have less than one-hair the population of Illinois, but have the same number of representatives in Con-

Pennsylvania has a larger number of postoffices than any other State.

Not a clerk in the pension office in another. Lady Duceville flinched and this city draws less than \$1,000 a year salary, the average for the 1,173 clerks rivers. \$900 a year. These clerks have light labor and short hours. The average salary of the railway postoffice clerks gently pushed open. The Duchess en- throughout the country is only \$977 a terred softly, and locked the door be- year. These men work hard at the

Eighty years ago North Carolina had as many representatives in Congress as New York. North Carolina now has casket on the floor and the pearls lying | nine, or one less than she had in 1800, while New York has thirty-four.

> There are 419 typesetters, besides apprentices, in the Government print-

> Estimating Congress to be in session

The State of Nevada which has two Senators and one Representative in Congress, has not so large a population by 617 souls as the city of New Haven,

A number of the United States Senate's employes are put down on the records as "skilled laborers," and draw pay at \$1,000 a year, while those who Catholic, and this change was under- are merely "unskilled laborers" get \$840 a year. The distinctions between Lady Duceville's debts were paid; and | the two is the kind of brooms they mancommon broom to sweep stone flagging, while the "unskiiled" laborer wields a

During the past ten years the Government has expended nearly \$70,000,000 in caring for the Indians. The total number of Indians attached to agencies is only 246,000, and of these 60,000 in Indian Territory, 7,700 in Wisconsin, and 5,000 in New York are supposed to be at least partially self-supporting.

Last year the Postoffice Department used \$11,000 worth of ink for stamping

and canceling letters. The five States of Delaware, Colorado, Florida, Nevada and Oregon comweight of stone to the place where it | bined have not so great a population by was to stand. When this was done about 100,000 souls as the city of New Fontana, the builder, asked the Pope to York. Yet New York city has but 8 fix a day for raising it. The Pope did Representatives in Congress, while the so, and said he would be there with all five States have sixteen besides their

> In the fiscal year ended June 30, the Government's disbursements for pensigns reached a sum which exceeds by six millions of dollars the disbursements for all purposes in the year 1860.

There are in the railway mail service fifteen clerks who draw the salary of \$12 a vear each. From the five States of. New York,

Pennsylvania, Illinois, Msssachusetts and Ohio, the Government derives onehaif of all its postal revenues. Last year the Government paid for

several copies of Puck for use of department officials. The Government expended \$41,228 .-66 last year for "North American Eth-

nology" for the Smithsonian Institu-It costs \$30,000 a year to light the Capitol and grounds.

More than one-half of the internal revenue receipts of the Government comes from the four States of Illinois, New York, Ohio and Kentucky. To wait upon the 76 Senators there

are 242 employes, not counting police, watchmen and librarians. Virginia now has the same number

there were only 65 members of the There are several postoffices in the

country at which the annual salary of Postal cards cost the Government 54

cents and 4 mills a thonsand. "Five hundred and eighty-nine dollars for wines, liquors and mineral waters for use of Board of Visitors to Naval Academy," is an item in last

year's expenditures of the Goverment, The Pension Office expends more ged pension frauds.

At the Signal Service training school, Arlington Heights, the students of win tells of a bird having been repeatmeteorology, barometers and anemometers are compelled to leave their study shake the head with his bill till many tables in the exact center of the room, seeds were scattered, when it sprang to their bunks in a certain corner, their the ground and ate the seeds. coats hnng upon certain nails, and their Remember in all things that if you text-books piled up in a certain manner a hundred more similar regulations be-

> After having expended more than a buildings in this District, the Government finds itself paying nearly \$6,000 a month for rent of private buildings.

The Postoffice Department uses \$80,-000 worth of wrapping twine a year. The thirteen States of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida. Nebraska, Nevada, New | and store Indians.

Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia, with an aggregate population which does not exceed that of New York alone, have twenty-six United States Senators to

New York's two. California, with less than half the population of Indiana, pays to the Government more money for postal service.

Among the expenditures of the Government last year was an item "for manufacturing medals \$25,498.23." It costs the Government \$187,000 a year to maintain lights and buoys on

the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri Two-fifths of all the newspapers and periodicals sent through the mails by publishers at pound rates are mailed at

New York city. Nineteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars of the public funds was recently expended for "machinery and experiments in the manufacture of sugar."

To supply public buildings throughout the country with fuel, light and water requires an expenditure of \$1,-000 a day.

Seven hundred and fifty persons are constantly employed by the two Houses of Congress (while in session) in and about the Capitol.

The Government has sold more than two hundred millions dollars worth of public lands in eighty years.

In the last twenty years the Government has paid for interest on the public debt the enormous sum of \$2,089,000,-000, a sum which would defray all the expenses of the Government, excepting interest on the public debt, for nearly nine years to come, at the present rate of expenditure; and for nearly thirtyfive years if expenses could be limited to what they were in 1860.

### Faculties of Birds.

In studying the habits of birds one cannot but be struck with the fact that n propertion to their many dangers, experiences and pleasures, they become warm-hearted, quick-witted, bold or timid, ferocious or cunning, passionate as the falcon, or deliberate as the rook, according to the life they have to lead. And more than this, we find that they display in many ways a remarkably high beria to the Cape—has a kind of human faculty, as Mr. Ruskin observes, in adapting itself to climate, as well as in the spring.

blackbirds, thrushes, etc., carry snails facts of a like nature were cited. considerable distances for the purpose of breaking their shells against some rock or stone. Thomas Edward, the Scottish naturalist, describes gulls and ravens flying to a great height with crabs and other shellfish, and letting them fall on stones in order to smash the shells, and if they do not break on the first attempt, he says they pick them up again and carry them up yet higher, repeating the operation again and again till the shell is broken. Ravens also often resort to this contrivance. Daredly seen to hop on a poppy-stem, and

# Ples and Pictures.

hundred millions of dollars upon its Provencaux, and in 1866 went to the and streets unmuzzled. Cafe Anglais, where, except for a short interval, he remained until his death. He befriended Millet and Diaz in their early difficulties, and was a judge of

#### Dusting for a Living.

"I'm a duster," said a young woman whom a reporter met in a private house in New York, "a professional duster. I'm not the only one. It's a regular profession, dusting is, now-a-days. The parlors of the rich have grown to be so many museums of delicate and costly ornaments. To dust and arrange these collections every day would too severely tax the strength of wealthy ladies. To set the servants at the work was found to be bad management, not because they were bungling and liable to smash the delicate fabrics, but because the servants have no time to spare from their other duties. Therefore the mistresses employ competent women to keep their parlors in order. The dusting business is an established industry, but it is confined to the metropolis, and almost entirely to the region of brown-stone fronts. All the dusters I know of are women who have seen better days, but, of course, it isn't every educated and refined woman who can make a good duster."

"What are the requirements?" "She must be light-footed, quick and strong in her wrists and arms. To visit a dozen houses in the forenoon before callers arrive and dust and arrange things is no child's play. A woman must fairly jump at her work. The remuneration? Well, \$1. or 75 cents a visit-sometimes more. At some houses where the hostess entertains a good many guests the rooms are arranged every day. Orders are given to the dusters to change the arrangements of the appointments every time they come. Then again, a duster must know how to take hold of every sort of knick knack and how to move it safely. She must know just what sort of brush to use for every sort of dusting. The brush that will not break a filmy tissue of glass is useless on a piece of furniture and would not reach the ceiling corners. She must have several brushes, and she must not be careless or slapdash for an instant. There are few bits of bric-a-brac in these parlors that I could replace with six months' earnings."

### Tricks of Memory.

At a recent meeting of the Boston Scientific Society, the most popular disdegree of intelligence. The water-hen, course of the evening was that by the for instance-which is found from Si- President, John Ritchie, Jr., on "Visulation," or the peculiar mental faculty possessed by some people, by which certain abstractions assume a definite almost human domesticity of temper, shape. It was noticed particularly in with curious fineness of sagacity and the matter of figures, and a number of sympathies in taste. A family of them, curious diagrams were shown, exhibitmuch petted by a lady, were constantly ing the different idiosyncrasies of inadding materials to their nest, and make dividuals on this point. For instance, realhavor in the flower garden; for though the number 50 called up in the man's straw and leaves are their chief ingre- mind a certain definite shape of totally dients, they seem to have an eye for irrelevant character: 100 would carry beauty, and the old hen has been sur- this figure further on, while 25 would rounded with a brilliant wreath of scar- bring up before the mind's eye only let anemonies. This esthetic water-hen, half of it. The power of visulation in with her mate, lived at Cheadle in Staf- | numbers would account for some of the fordshire, in the rectory moat, for seve- otherwise incomprehensible feats of ral seasons, always, however, leaving it some mathematicians. It extends outside of the domain of figures, however. "Being constantly fed, the pair be- In the time of Sir Joshua Reynolds a came quite tame, built their nest in a portrait painter achieved a great reputhornbush, covered with ivy, which had tation by painting portraits from only fallen into the water; and when the one sitting. After looking at a peryoung were a few days old the parents | son's face for an hour he was able to brought them up close to the drawing- bring it up before him in all its details room window, there they were regularly at any subsequent time by a mere effort fed with wheat; as the lady of the of the will. A case was related of a house paid them the greatest attention, man who learned to sing in opera by they learned to look upon her as their mechanical means. One night he was natural protectress, so much so, that thrown entirely out by a person near one bird in particular, which was much the stage turning the pages of a score. persecuted by the rest, would, when at- He was obliged to send out and request tacked, fly to her for refuge; and when- the discontinuance of the operation beever she called, the whole flock, as tame fore he could proceed with his part. as barn-door fowls, quitted the water The fact is that he could only sing by and assembled round, to the number of seeing the mental image of the pages seventeen. They also made other of the score from which he had learned friends in the dogs belonging to the fa- before his eyes, and to his surprise and mily, approaching them without fear, discomfiture he found that the turning though hurrying off with great alarm of the real leaves by the auditor carried on the appearance of a strange dog." over the imaginary leaves from which of Congressmen she had in 1790, when Frank Buckland gives several curious he was reading, and often in the wrong instances of the special habits of some place, inasmuch as his score was difbirds in procuring their food. The ferently printed. Various other curious

# The Hangman.

In Austria, where capital offences are punished by hanging, the executioner is a government official with a fixed salary and certain perquisites, and a staff of helpers under him. He is attired in a showy uniform with a cocked hat and jack boots, and rides up to the scaffold on a prancing steed under military escort. Conspicuous are the new white gloves worn in performing his functions, and thrown off afterward never to be used again. This functionary is not chosen from the scum of the population, nor is he treated with contumacy. As was the case in France, the office is coafined very much to one family, descending from father to son. A clumsy execution or an unseemly exhibition at the Adoiphe Duglere, the famous Paris gallows, such as we in this country are cook, who died recently at the age of too familiar with, is a thing impossible ness of his own in 1848 as a rival of with his ghastly duties the business of Richer, was subsequently at the Freres | capturing all stray dogs in the highways

# Sunday.

What Sunday is to Christians Monday is to the Greeks, Tuesday to the Persians, Wednesday to the Assyrlans, Ir a cyclene ever strike this city it Thursday to the Egyptians, Friday to would be a sorry day indeed for dused the Turks and Saturday to the Jews and Seventh-day Baytists.