With milk white dome and minaret Most fair my Promised City shone; Beside a purple river set The waving palm trees beckoned on.

D yon, I said, must be my goal No matter what the danger be, The chosen haven of my soul, How hard soe'er the penalty.

The goal is gained-the journey done-Yet naught is here but sterile space, But whirling sand and burning sun, And hot winds blowing in my face. -[GRAHAM R. TOMSON, in Scribner.

A LAST RESORT.

A dark night, and the sky hidden from heavy rains. Just emerging in- cealment. to a dark cornfield from still darker drenched and mud-stained, his face he gave his name, "Gilbert Hazel-crack. She was back in the kitchen haggard and desperate, and his whole ton." attitude as he leaned heavily against more than two hours he had been pursuers on his track. flying for life over a country imperto his pursuers.

Hazelton could see nothing before Westford's startled outcry, and in dering knocks at the door. him but speedy and disgraceful very desperation followed her in. death. Never to see the sun again, The old mother met him, whitethis the end of the bright hopes with seek shelter here, of David West- was in perfect good faith that he flung which he had kissed his mother good- ford's bereaved mother?" she said, open the door and angrily demanded by only two short months before.

He had been accused of murder, and alone among strangers, who per- friends come. But that will be too came this way, and it looks mightily sisted in believing him identical with late unless you help me." witnesses might at least prove an boy?

murderer of poor David Westford his death ?" escape through the easily bought perstern-looking men stood before the murderer go free to break other grumbling and cursing the Sheriff for jail talking grimly together, and a hearts as ours are broken? What letting the prisoner escape. whisper in the air warned the Sheriff | does thee say?"

what was coming. was quickly taken. In the early dusk the prisoner was sent out by a "We must decide quickly, mother," door and was helped up. Ernestine, him at a place appointed, and him- not hinder." self turned back to throw the pursuers off the trail if possible. Gil- Westford asked, doubtfully. bert fully intended to keep his promise, but in the darkness he missed | you?" his way, and the bloodhounds in the rear caught his trail.

hausted the little strength that two Gilbert. months of confinement and terrible anxiety had left him. Nothing but may have no fear from thy violence any useless risks. utter desperation could have driven when the mob are gone, we will conhim another rod. But when a shout ceal thee safely, and when the search and out on a well-travelled road.

To one less utterly worn out this Will thee consent?" would have given a glimmer of hope, running a few rods he slipped and fatigue had already made him. fell, he lay there a full minute, too utterly exhausted to rise.

he suddenly scrambled to his feet, the shoes out of sight. resolved to make one last effort for life. He would struggle on to the David's room," looking keenly in his pered hurriedly, "Down under your and glued to each other at their tips. farmhouse, and appeal to the quiet face. "Come in!" family circle.

as he reached the door, and leaned, him down. utterly exhausted against the door-

The window was but a step away. couragingly. "There is no He crept to it and looked between door. You will be quite safe." bert gave a smothered gasp and fell drink." back in despair.

ter! That settles it!"

silvery hair; the younger pure, pale fingers. clear-clear-cut, thrown into strong and heavy black braids.

He stood there still hopeless and terly.

bert stepped toward her.
"I will appeal to her. Why should-She may pity me. She is a woman, pitcher to him, reporting the mob and they are half Quakers I have heard," he muttered — and aloud, "Miss Westford, help for God's am going to wake Harry."

sake. The clanking of the pump ceased. sleeping soundly upstairs. The girl looked around with a startled "A fugitive, utterly exhausted pushed back the bed.

with flight from a bloodthirsty mob. by a mass of hurrying clouds. A They are close at heels. I can't go groped his way to the old bed, and raw, chilly wind, the ground all mud, farther, and I am doomed unless you the tall grass and trees dripping have pity and give me help, or con- He heard the girl's quick step, the

woods, a young man, his clothing with a dreadful sinking at his heart lamplight came down through a

the rail fence telling of utter ex- away where the distant lanterns were nestine heard them more plainly, haustion. He was worn out. For gleaming through the cornfield-the and stood with clasped hands and

"I must ask mother," she said, fectly known to him, though familiar and snatching up her pitcher swept were innocent, might be saved, when past him into the house.

nay, not even a friendly face! Was haired and venerable. "So thee can lanterns were approaching, and it

bitterly, wonderingly. "Why not? I never harmed you or him. tried for his life, found guilty and him," he urged desperately. "As sentenced to death. His letter to his true as there is a heaven above us, I brother is at large, and we are huntfriends must have miscarried, for am innocent of what is laid to my ing for him. We have looked all up they had not come to his relief. Poor charge. It will be proved when my and down the road, for we know he

the tramp who had murdered poor '-But I do not know it now," Mrs. ises and hidden somewhere. David Westford, Gilbert had yet Westford wavered. "Thee speaks folks will have no objection to our fought bravely for his life. Some few fair, but do not all criminals do the searching, I reckon?" had been convinced of his innocence, same? A trial was given thee and and his lawyer had succeeded in ob- thy innocence was not proved. Why stop here, but if he did I hope you'll taining a new trial, in which new should I save the murderer of my catch him and hang him to the near-

But when this word went abroad, hausted to stand. "You will know word, shuddered, but he had no idea the townspeople were furious. They when it is too late if you refuse me how many times that old house had had seen more than one undoubted aid. Madam will you risk it ?-risk been searched in vain for hunted criminal escape through some tech- feeling that you have saved an inno- souls, or he would not have feared. nicality. Were they now to see the cent man, but instead let him go to The out buildings and premises were

jury of some worthless companions piteously, "what ought we to do? quiet faces and wildly beating hearts, in crime? They vowed it should not How can we risk a lifelong remorse, and the fugitive lay and listened in be. Last night at dusk groups of or how can we risk letting David's the darkness. Then the men rode on,

The jail was old and rickety. He glances alternating between the a light doze, from which Mrs. Westcould not defend it, and his resolve pleading face of the fugitive and the ford's soft call aroused him. Half

side door, under charge of the and her clear voice quivered with in cloak and hat, Sheriff's son, while the Sheriff him- feeling. "He may be innocent. It self remained to make sure mob hardly seems as though a guilty man should be back in safety before dayviolence did not make a mistake and would come here-to David's home break," she said simply. "I can seize some other victim. But treach- -for shelter. And if we are acces- drive you over very soon.' ery carried the word to the mob, sory to his death-mother, it is murand they were soon in hot pursuit of der for them to take the law into mother said anxiously. the fugitives. In this emergency the their own unauthorized hands. Our boy, who was firmly convinced of the choice lies between one man, who prisoner's innocence, released him, may or may not be a murderer, and hardly trust Harry. He is only a demanding only a promise to rejoin a score who will surely be if we do boy and so impetuous and bitter.

The old lady hesitated, then, opening a corner cupboard, took out a at the door. The prisoner was helped Now for two hours, which seemed pair of handcuffs-relics of the days into the back seat and Ernestine two eternities, he had been running when David had been deputy sheriff sprang in before. The big watch dog for life, and the unknown country and earned the enmity of tramps and followed at her call and curled up and horrible mud had completely ex- evildoers-and held them towards under her seat, and Gilbert felt that

forward with a great effort across the guardian. That is all. I cannot strip of cornfield, through the fence, place myself and my daughter at the mercy of one who may have none.

She was only prudent. Gilbert before all the world right speedily.' for here at least the mud had become bowed silently and extended his liquid ooze, which retained no foot- hands. It was his only chance for ness. Ernestine spoke little; her frames containing the matches are print. The pursuers would not know life, and it would be the height of heart beat too fast. She half apolowhich way to turn, and must watch folly to object. Yet a faint color gized for taking the dog. both roadsides to see that he did not came into his face as the cold steel "The roads would be so lonely turn aside. But he was too tired to snapped on his wrists, rendering him coming back," an apology which he use the advantage, and when, after helpless-yet scarcely more so than readily accepted. Could he resent

now. Ernestine bade him remove his intensely thankful that the dog had A farmhouse stood a quarter of a muddy shoes, while she swiftly closed been asleep in the barn when he apmile farther on, and as he lay there the door and drew down the blinds, proached. panting, exhausted, waiting only for and the mother hurried into another death to overtake him, his hopeless room. Thither Ernestine beckoned glances fell upon its light. And then him to follow, pausing only to thrust wheels and voices were heard ap- Wales in the expedition under Capt.

It took all the strength this last room. Mrs. Westford had drawn ner, "Oh, it is the Sheriff! Thank never ascertained, but thousands faint hope gave him to carry him to the bed from the wall and thrown heavens!" the gate and up the cinder walk, back the last breadth of carpet, rewhose hard, dark surface would be- vealing a tiny trap-door. At his en- ly for his charge, but with little hope tray no footstep. Yet his heart failed trance she opened it, and motioned of ever seeing him again alive. Ern-

the curtains. A plain, neat farm- Her mother smiled sadly. "How stand. Mother had a right to be house kitcken, and two women, evi- many frightened fugitives have slept cautious, you know." dently mother and daughter, sitting there in safety! But that was years by the table before the fire, the ago-before the war. Thee need not mother sewing, the daughter reading fear. Now-but stay, thee must be lighted to find his prisoner in such laborers to overcome by any combinaloud. No one else in sight, yet Gil- faint. I will bring thee food and hands. The transfer was soon made,

She hurried away, and he swung 'David Westford's mother and sis- himself down. It was not very easy, with his manacled hands, and Ernest-He had seen both faces at the trial tine helped him. His heart thrilled -the elder, sad and patient under its at the touch of her cold, trembling

"She shrinks from my touch. She relief by the dark eyes, long jet lashes thinks my hand stained with her and heavy black braids. thinks my hand stained with her brother's blood," he thought bit-

helpless, when there came a break But another glance at the pure, Ernestine said blushing. "I know THE JOKER'S BUDGET. in the clear voice within. The gir! pale face relieved him. She was we were not over-polite to you, had ceased reading. He looked in listening anxiously, and said with mother and I; but come again, and and saw her pick up a pitcher and hurried kindness, "There is an old you will find that we can be civil." come toward the door. A moment bed there. Look, while I hold the more and she had come out, all un- light down. There! Even half an many times-and at last carried conscious of the man so near, gone hour's rest will help you. But you straight to the pump, on which the must eat and rest in the dark, for lamplight chone, and was filling her this cellar extends under the kitchen, pitcher. Nerved by desperation, Gil- which is carpetless, and has cracks in the floor. Here comes mother.' Very hurriedly Mrs. Westford n't I? I did not kill her brother. passed the well-filled dish and

> almost before the house. "Cover up, quickly, Ernestine, I That was her youngest son, still

She hurried away, and Ernestine "Who spoke?" she demanded. | quickly lowered the trap-door and

Shut down in the darkness, Gilbert sank down on it in utter exhaustion. closing door, the louder steps directly "Who are you?" she inquired, and overhead, and a slender spur of She uttered a sharp cry and looked distinctly to be heard without. Erpale face, praying silently, but oh, so earnestly, that the innocent, if he her young brother came rushing Turn which way he would, Gilbert He heard her quick voice, and Mrs. downstars just as there came thun-

Mrs. Westford had told him no more than that a crowd of men with their business. They soon satisfied

"The tramp that murdered your as if he had slipped into your prem-

"Not a bit. I don't think he would

est tree," the boy answered fiercely. thoroughly searched, while Ernestine "Ernestine," cried the old mother, and her mother looked on with pale,

Silence settled on the old farm-

"Mother thinks it best that you "I hate to let thee go, dear," her

"It is only for an hour, mother," reassured the girl; "and we can

Mrs. Westford sighed. "It seems "Then thee says save him?" Mrs. to be a duty-and surely our Father will not let thee suffer for doing thy "I dare not refuse it, mother. Do duty. Well, go. My prayers shall go with thee. But be careful, child.' The light wagon and bay pony stood

however kindly these women might "If thee will put these on, that we feel they were not disposed to run

"Good-by, mother. Don't fret," was Ernestine's parting word, and came faintly from the rear he pushed is over send thee back to thy lawful Mrs. Westford's earnest "May God protect thee" showed her uneasiness. Yet she added a kindly word to the prisoner, "And may He bring out the truth? I hope we shall see thee free

Then they drove away in the dark-

her prudence when she had given him | merce. The hesitation of both was over his life? But he could not help being

At the door she turned. 'It is first thought, and Ernestine whis- broad as one's hand, and were bent It was a small, plainly furnished den joyful change in tone and man- leaves into the required position was

estine turned quickly.

Ernestine hastened back to her anxious mother.

had no difficulty in proving his own

sweet Ernestine away as his bride. - Overland Monthly. HOW MATCHES ARE MADE.

Not Matrimonial Ones, but Those Made to Burn.

The wood used in the manufacture of matches is principally white poplar, aspen and yellow pine. In the United States white pine is used almost exclusively. It burns freely, steadily, slowly, constantly and with a good volume of flame. The wood is soft, straight grain, easily worked. and its light weight is of no small consequence in the matter of transportation charges, which are usually high on combustible articles.

For the best grade of matches the choicest quality of cork pine is used, a variety of white pine, the trees being large and well matured. The Diamond Match Company about twelve years ago secured hundreds of millions of feet of choice standing cork pine timber on the waters of the Ontonagon River in the upper peninsula of Michigan. This company now cuts annually upward of 80,000,000 feet of this timber, but this is by no means all that is used in the manufacture of matches in this country. Millions of feet more of choice white pine timber are bought every year and made into matches by a number of factories under the control of this corporation.

In Sweden the method of manufacture is as follows: The timber is cut into blocks about fifteen inches long and and placed in a lathe. With each revolution a slice or veneer is peeled off the thickness required for the match sticks, while at the same time eight small knives cut the slice [Truth. into seven pieces, like ribbons and of the length required for the sticks. These ribbons are then broken into lengths of six to seven feet, knotty and defective pieces are removed and the ribbons are then fed through a machine which cuts them into pieces like a straw cutter, these then passing through an automatically arranged machine with cutters, which slices off as many pieces, the thickness required for a match, as there are cutters. One machine will turn out from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 match

splints a day. In this country choice, clear two, three and four inch planks are used, also pieces from the ends of planks and timbers, edgings and other suitable parts of the log not utilized. These are cut the required length The girl stood in the open door, her house, and Gilbert actually fell into and sliced or split by machinery ing through these machines the match splints are dried in heated revolving drums, during which process the loose splinters clinging to the splints are separated. They are then | bull should attack us as we are crossoperation which finally places the | do?' sticks in parallel order so that they can be conveniently bundled, after | Mabel. You forget I was the greatwhich they are ready for the dipping operation.

The head of each stick, to be thoroughly dipped or covered, must be separated from the others, that no danger shall ensue from ignition, as would be done if they came in contact with the inflammable material used in the coating. The sticks are separated by machinery and placed each by itself in a dipping frame, which is fitted in a movable lathe, and a number of these lathes are placed on a machine. One person can arrange with one of the machines nearly 1,500,000 splints in a day. The splints are then heated so as to more readily absorb paraffin, which is confined in its molten state in shal-

The first dipping covers the head of the match sticks with the paraffin preparation; by the second operation it is covered with the igniting composition, different devices being used for this purpose. A competent person will dip 8,000,000 matches in a day. After the last dipping the placed in a heated room, that the igniting composition may be dried. They are then removed from this room and packed in boxes ready for shipment .- [Chicago Journal of Com-

Nest of a Tree Ant.

The nests of an extraordinary tree

ant are cunningly wrought with Their trip was about half done leaves, united together with web. when lanterns gleamed ahead, and One was observed in New South proaching. "The mob!" was his Cook. The leaves utilized were as seat till they pass!" then with a sud- How the insects manage to bring the were seen uniting their strength to The Sheriff it was, looking anxious- hold them down, while other busy multitudes were employed within in applying the gluten that was to prevent them returning back. The ob-"It is only four feet. You can drop that far," said Ernestine encouragingly. "There is no outer need not tell that part unless you held in this form by the efforts of the wish. It was only-but you under- ants, disturbed the builders at their work, and as soon as they were driver away the leaves sprang up with a And then the Sheriff was hailing force much greater than it would them, and as much surprised as de- have been deemed possible for such ation of strength. The more comand with a kindly word of farewell, pact and elegant dwelling Œ. virescens is made of leaves, cut and masticated until they become a coarse At the new trial Gilbert Hazelton pulp. Its diameter is about six inches; it is suspended among thickidentity and was triumphantly ac- est foliage, and sustained not only by quitted. Of all the warm handclasps | the branches on which it hangs but and congratulations he received, none by the leaves, which are worked into gave him more pleasure than those of the composition and in many parts project from its outer wall. — Popu' "You must come and see us," science Monthly.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY And he did come-not once, but MEN OF THE PRESS.

> Dissipation -- Kitchen Mystery Solved -- The Increase of Wisdom -- The Worm had Turned -- Etc. Etc.

DISSIPATION.

"I don't know what I'm going to do about my husband," said the owl,

with a sob. "What's the matter?" asked the sympathetic nightingale.

"His habits are getting something dreadful. This is the second time this week that he has been up all day.

KITCHEN MYSTERY SOLVED.

Mrs. Nuwed-Bridget, why do my dishes disappear so rapidly? Bridget--Shure, ma'am, its bekase they're breakfast dishes, I'm afther

thinkin' .- [Truth.

THE INCREASE OF WISDOM. It is not until a man reaches thirty that he begins to wrap the small bills on the outside of his roll. -[Texas Siftings.

THE WORM HAD TURNED.

"Have you been reading about the storm on the face of the sun?" asked the landlady of the meek boarder as she put the cream out of his reach.

'No'm. I've all I can do to watch the storms on the face of the daughter," he responded sadly.-[Detroit | tory?' Free Press.

CONSCIENTIOUS.

The Victim-How many times am [going to marry?

The Sibyl-Only eight times, madam. I would like to make it more but I must go by the cards .-

CATCHING HIS MOTHER.

Little Clarence Callipers-Mamma, what is the best thing for a boy to do when he wears his trousers out?

Mrs. Callipers-Get a new pair, I Clarence-No, mamma; wear them

home again. WHY HE STOLE A KISS FROM HER. She (shyly)-Do you believe that

stolen kisses are sweetest? He-I don't know; I never stole

She-Well, the first time you steal one, let me know. He-Ah, but where shall I steal

She (with a far away look in her yes)-Oh, I don't know. I dare say there are plenty of chances, and when you see one you should at once take advantage of it .- [New York]

THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION. "Dearest," said she, "suppose a

placed in a sieve and sifted, an ing this pasture what would you "That's an awful queer question,

est sprinter Yale ever had."- Adams Freeman. LASTED A LONG TIME.

Willis-When my wife makes me a present it is sure to be something that will last.

Wallace-My wife is just like her. Five years ago she made me a present of one hundred cigars, and I have ninety-nine of them yet .- [Life.

EXPENSE.

His hair rippled away from his brow and the true poetic fire shone in his eyes, although he was as yet head salesman in a shoe store.

"Sir," he exclaimed dramatically, 'dear as your daughter is to me now, I feel that she will be yet dearer." The old man gazed upon his son-in-

law in pity.
"My boy," he rejoined, "I should hasten to cackle. You just wait until her trousseau is worn out. Dear?

Well, rather? The youth stood transfixed in a hypnosis of horror .- [Detroit Tri-

LEATHER THEN.

Dealer-"You say you used to be in the shoe business. What do you think of these?"

Customer (looking at the sample) -"I can't say. You see, they only made shoes out of leather in my time .- Boot and Shoe Recorder.

HONORED AND SLIGHTED.

She wore his flowers, did the maiden

That had cost him dollars ten: She wore his flowers, but, alackaday, She danced with other men. - [New York Press.

INTENTIONS.

"Dora," said her mother to the summer girl, "isn't that young Mr. Smithers getting very pronounced in his attentions!' "Oh, that's all right, mamma,"

said Dora. "He doesn't mean any-We're engaged."-[Chicago thing.

BOTH IN THE CAT FAMILY. "What kind of vessel is that?"

asked the young lady, pointing to a you would have to walk yourself to passing craft. "That is a catboat," replied the person interrogated.

"How funny!" exclaimed the art-less maiden. "And I suppose," she added, "the little one behind it is a

kitten boat." HE BECAME UNEASY. Prof. Stone-To the geologist a

as anything at all. And to think that I made a temposuch views!-[Indianapolis Journal, twice a week.

Maude-You'd better be on the ookout for a proposal from Charley Doodley. Ellen-Why? Has he expressed

his affection for me? Maude-No, but he proposed to me last night and I refused him. - [Chicago Record.

THE FATE HE ESCAPED.

Henpeck (looking up from his newspaper, to his wife)—Here's a man who escaped a pitiful fate. (Reading) "While on his way to Geeville last evening, Hiram Green's horse ran away, throwing Green from the wagon and breaking his neck.'

Mrs. Henpeck-And you call that escaping a pitiful fate?

Henpeck-Yes. (Reading) "Green was on his way to Geeville to be married .- [Browning's Monthly.

THEY HAD MET.

Judge (sternly)-Your face is very familiar. Have you been in this court before?

Prisoner-No, sir; but I'm a bartender at the Farandon Hotel.-[Life

HIS EXACT WORDS.

Jess-What did papa say when you asked him?

Jack-Not much. Jess-But what was it? Jack-Just that, "Not much,"

BRIGHT BOY. "Johnny," said a teacher in one of the up-town public schools, "have you seen the skeleton of the mam-

moth in the Museum of Natural His-

'Yes, mum." "To what kind of an animal does

it belong?" "A dead one."- Texas Siftings.

WASN'T AS STOUT AS BEFORE. Meandering Moses-Are them the ame clothes you had on last week? Itinerant Ike-Yes.

M. M.-They don't seem to fit you as well as they did. They hang more I. I .- I've had a bath since then.

A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING. Teacher-What is the difference

between a long ton and a short ton? Observing Boy-The weight of the driver .- Good News.

A RUSE THAT FAILED.

He-Do dreams go by contraries? She-They do.

He-Always?

-[New York Press.

She-Always. He-Then I dreamed last night that I proposed to you and you said

She-Then, to show you that dreams go by contraries, if you were to propose to me now I would not say

He-You wouldn't? She-I wouldn't. I would say, "I'll

be a sister to you." HIS HAPPY MOMENT.

New arrival (to Subdued Looking Man in the hotel office)-You are the clerk of this hotel, I suppose, sir? Subdued Looking Man-Oh, you flatter me, sir! I am only the pro-

prietor! NOT NOTICEABLE.

Miss Summit-I don't think I ever saw you looking so well.

Miss Palisade-Really? Miss Summit-Yes, indeed. I was remarking to your mother yesterday that I didn't think you had faded a bit in the last ten years .- [New York

Herald.

NOT ALWAYS A DRAWBACK. "Isn't it a nuisance to have a

treacherous memory?" "Not always. Some days ago my wife told me not to forget to call the veterinary physician for her poodle or it would die. I forgot."-[Chicago

Record. ABSENT-MINDED.

Ledger.

Miss Wouldbe-By the way, have you seen Mr. Dropoff of late? Arthur Duncan-About two days

Miss Wouldbe-Well, if you see him again, would you kindly remind him of the fact that we are engaged?-

NOT LOADED.

"Krupp's is the biggest cannon

ever made, isn't it?" "Yes, and the earth is the largest revolver."

AN ASTUTE SALESMAN. "Got any cow bells?" asked a Texas farmer, stepping into a hard-

ware store in Dallas. "Yes; step this way." "Those are too small. Haven't you any larger?" asked the farmer, after he had inspected some small

cow bells. "No sir all the largest one are sold. Rusticus started off and got as far as the door, when the clerk called

after him: "Look here, stranger, take one of these bells for your cow, and you won't have half the trouble in finding her, for when you hear her bell you will always know she can't be far off. If you were to buy a big bell that can be heard a long distance,

death finding the cow." The farmer bought the bell .-

Good Teeth Diet.

[Texas Siftings.

Oatmeal is excellent as nourishment for the teeth, because it makes the enamel strong, flint-like and dethousand years or so are not counted | cay-resisting. Bread made of whole meal is best, and brown bread made Man in the Audience-Great Scott! of rye meal and commeal are superior to white bread for bone building, vary loan of \$10 to a man who holds Baked beans should be used at least

A HABIT.