Still Waters.

Here, dreamily, with soft deceits, The pool repeats A summer sky; bright clouds that pass On this brown glass. Here imaged is the phantom moon Of afternoon

And a swift bird that dips its wing, Home hastening.

Soon, yonder, where the path is laid In hush of shade, A glimmering gown, a dusky tress, My sight will bless; I'll lean above an olive cheek, So cool and slick,

And eyes where veiled reflections shine Of love in mine. -I. C. Cook in Harper's Bazar.

Little Heroine-Cat.

BY LEANDER S. KEYSER.

They were "thrashing" over at Neighbor Shanewalter's that afternoon. The Shanewalters lived only half a mile from the Bensons as the crow or the bee flies; but around by the road, as men walk or ride, it was more than three-quarters of a mile.

As Katie Benson stood on the porvalley along the crow-and-bee line, she could see the straw-carrier of the upward out of the back door of the barn, while the straw floated in ragged-edge clouds of yellow from its terror. upper end and then dropped airily upon the great round stack where three or four men were laboriously trudging about to trample down the straw.

Now and then a cloud of dust and chaff would pour out of the door, driven by the fresh breeze, and completely enveloped the workmen on the At intervals the hum of the building the stack-and she wished that she was over there herself, jumping about on the springy straw.

But it was Katie's duty to stay at home that afternoon with her sister Liza, two years older than she, and

Mrs. Benson had said: for the thrashing hands. Stay close go away for anything. And take good away. care of Neddie.'

"Yes, of course, you can play anywhere about the house.

"And mayn't we haul Neddie in his little wagon out in the road?" persisted Liza.

"If you promise not to go more than a few rods from the gate.'

"Oh, we promise, don't we, Katie?" emotion.

"What's the matter, Katie?" her to stay with Liza and Neddie, are

A little red rose-bud suddenly blossomed out on each of Katie's pale cheeks and her eyes scrutinized a crevice in the floor into which she was trying to thrust her bare little toes. "No-I guess not-just a little," she

stammered, in a self-contradictory way. "You needn't be afraid at all, Katie," said Mrs. Benson, putting all the assurance she could into her tones.

"There isn't anything to harm you." "Oh, Katie's such a 'fraidy-cat," scoffed Liza. "She'd be scared at a did? She just stood in her tracks an' screamed as loud as ever she could, till I got a stick an' killed the snake. Pooh! It wouldn't have hurt her." "I can't help being afraid of

things," Katie sobbed. "What's the use to be afraid!" boasted Liza. "I'm not at all afraid of anything. I wouldn't be such a

spunk !" Liza's lofty way of putting her own to her sister's jibes.

at the thrasheys. Every sound about the door quietly behind him. the house and barn startled her, and For the timid girl this was the cli-Liza guyed her for awhile, making her

weep still more. the little "'fraidy-cat's" fears out of work of the afternoon. her mind. A jolly afternoon they

day please our own boys and girls. At about half-past three they were knew that. playing with the wagon in the road. she said to Liza :

clump of rose bushes and berry stalks chance.

to one corner of the yard, where s couple of steps enabled her to climb to along the edge of the bushes, keeping the top of a large fence-post. This herself well screened, until she reached was a favorite perch for the children the kitchen door. Slipping through when wearied with their play. The it, ske stood still and listened breathtall, sharp pickets prevented their lessly, but could hear no sound. Eviclimbing down on the outside into the dently the robber was in a distant part road, but made a convenient support of the house. for a tired back. Perched on top of the post, Katie watched Liza and open the door leading into the sitting-Neddie playing in the road, her cheery room, and then stood still again, lislaugh often ringing out at the roly- tening intently. A moment later she poly little fellow's comical looks and

strange obscurity was falling over the of an opening drawer reached her ear. landscape, wrapping everything in gloom.

ting dark !"

Such really seemed to be the case. A kind of flickering twilight enveloped through her bosom. the earth, filling the children's hearts

Liza, growing pale with terror. tico, looking across the intervening black sphere was slowly creeping over

The children had often read and which burglar was plying his business. thrashing machine pointing obliquely talked about the end of the world and

"The world's coming to an end! The world's-coming-to an end!" cried and find papa and mamma."

Panic-stricken, Liza seized the pole of the wagon, in the box of which sat Neddie too much frightened to cry, and then she ran, as fast as her nimble machine would reach Katie's ears. One feet could carry her, down the road in of the men was her father-he was the direction of the neighboring farm. safety, should the robber come into She did not wait for her little sister | the hall. perched on the fence-post.

fright as the darkness gathered about in the next room, followed by a loud her. She could dimly see Liza and crash of broken glass, and she knew Neddie and the wagon speeding down that the terror-stricken robber had Neddie, the "baby" of the family, 4 the slope, but the high palings, sharpyears of age. Shortly after dinner ened at the top, made it impossible for his escape. Her plan, which had been her to climb over into the road. By simply to frighten him away, had suc-"Now, girls, I must go over and the time she had clambered from her help Mrs. Shanewalter to cook supper perch into the yard, and had should- exultation. ered her way through the bushes, her to the house all the afternoon. Don't brave little sister was scampering far

the gate and follow; but, with all her and dived in among the bushes, where cowardice, Katie was an obedient child, she lay trembling with excitement and and even in her intense agitation she fright for half an hour. Then her remembered that her mother had bid- father, mother, Liza and little Neddie den her and Liza in no case to leave returned, her parents having become the house.

How she wished she were a brave enough, but there was a strained ex- would do as her mother had bidden pression on her pale little face as if she her, and if the great Judge came, he were trying to suppress some agitating would find her at her post, as the asked in surprise. preacher had said last Sunday in his sermon. This resolve infused new mother queried. "You're not afraid courage into her palpitating heart, and slipping back from the gate, she found and examined the dismantled bureau. a cosy hiding-place among the bushes. where she sat and tremblingly kept watch in the shadows. She lisped a prayer to God to make her brave and forgive all her wrong-doings.

whispered to herself a few moments

Looking up, she saw that the shadow on the sun was gradually moving across her. it, exposing a part of its red disk. A few more moments of breathless waiting, and then the twilight was suc- murely. ceeded by sunlight almost as radiant mouse's shadow, so she would, if she as it had been before the eclipse came. his face beaming with smiles. "You're was alone. The other day she saw a For, of course, it was only an eclipse little snake in the yard, two rods away of the sun, although Katie did not

phenomenon meant. "Maybe it wasn't the Judgment Day, for all," she thought. "Well, if 'twasn't, I'm glad I stayed at home. any way, and didn't run away from the

house. I'm glad I obeyed mamma." The chickens began to crane their necks in wonder, and, finding that daylight had come again, they flew 'fraidy-cat as Katie is! I'd have more down to the ground, and resumed their picking and scratching. Katie was bravely recovering from her fright. heroism in contrast with Katie's tim- when she saw something that almost idity stung her little sister to the quick, made her pulse stop beating. A roughbringing hot tears to her eyes. She looking man in seedy clothing came knew she was a "'fraidy-cat," and stealthily through the front gate, and that was just what made her sensitive looking suspiciously this way and that, walked along the path to the front For awhile after her mother had door. Through the aperture in the gone, Katie could not revive her screening bushes Katie saw him glance courage. She stood on the portico, around narrowly, then turn the doorand gazed longingly across the valley knob, and slip into the house, closing

she had visions of tramps and robbers | max. What in the world should she galore, if not of wild and savage do? The man was, no doubt, a robbeasts pouncing down upon the un- ber. He might steal something valuprotected children left alone in charge able from the house-one of the best of the large, rambling farm-house. suits in the closet, her mother's silver spoons just bought a week ago or her father's gold watch, which she had But presently a game of hide-and- heard him say he would leave at home seek in the large, bushy yard drove all lest it might be broken at the rough

Should she run over to neighbor were spending, sometimes putting Shanewalter's and give the alarm? Be-Neddie into his small wagon and pul- fore she could do that, she reflected, ling him back and forth along the road | the thief would have ransacked the in front of the house. The wagon was house. Couldn't she-her pulses beat an old-fashioned, home-made one, with quickly at the thought-in some way a rough box and pole and heavy little prevent him from carrying out his wheels hewn out of a thick board; but thieving purpose? It frightened her it was strong and serviceable, and no half to death to think of it; and yet if flavor of the butter. In the present doubt pleased the children fully as she could not foil him in some way, no well as the trig express-wagons of to- one else could. Everything depended pared cold chamber fixed on board the on her coolness and courage. She

She half started to her feet; then Katie began to feel a little tired with dropped behind the bushes again, the her vigorous romping, and presently prey of the most terrible panic, her heart leaping into her throat. But did condition. "I'm going to sit on our post and presently she rallied her courage, for great, heroic resolve had taken posses-She opened the gate and stepped sion of her frail frame. She would be ka, Kan., have been victims of a into the yard, and then followed a a "fraidy-cat" no longer. She would trained or perverted dog, which stole little path winding through a thick prove herself a heroine. Now was her their newspapers and took them to its

On her hands and knees she crept

With trembling hands she pushed almost screamed out with terror, for she could hear the muffled sound of a But suddenly there seemed to be a footstep in the next room, which was change in all their surroundings. A the spare bedroom, and then the creak

"He's getting at the bureau," she thought. "Papa's watch is in one of "Oh ! oh !" cried Liza, "it's get- the drawers, I think. The robber musn't find it; I'll not let him!" she added, a wave of heroism sweeping

She hesitated no longer Her whole with dismay. The chickens began to being was mastered by one supremo fly up into the trees, intending to go purpose-to save her father's gold to roost, as if they thought the even- watch. Swiftly and noiselessly she ing had come. Brindle and Spot, the glided into the hallway, on the wall two gentle milk-cows standing at the of which hung her father's shot-gun on bars of their pasture-field, began to two stout wooden hooks. She knew that it was loaded. Under the cir-"Look, look at the sun!" screamed cumstances she felt justified in touching it, although she had never dared Sure enough, the sun had turned to touch it before. She sprang upon a almost red, and-oh! oh !- a huge chair standing beneath the weapon, whose muzzle pointed directly over its disk and blotting out its light. the top of the door of the room in

Yes, she could reach the gun. It the Judgment Day, and such thoughts | took but a moment to cock the hamhad always filled them with awe and mer, as she had often seen her father do; then, bracing her nerves by a supreme mental effort, she placed her slender forefinger against the trigger, Liza. "Oh! oh! o-o-h! Come, come, closed her eyes, and pressed with all Katie, let's run over to Shanewalter's her might. There followed a deafening explosion and a blinding flash, and the load of shot was buried in the opposite wall. The concussion almost stunned the girl, but she had selfpossession enough to spring from the chair and dodge into a dark corner for

A moment of silence ensued, and Katie was almost paralyzed with then she heard a few heavy foot-falls leaped through the window and made ceeded, and her heart bounded with

Through one of the windows she saw the bold robber scampering across the meadow toward a tract of woods. Her first impulse was to dash out of Then she rushed out of the front door uneasy about her.

"Oh, papa! mamma!" she cried, girl-brave and fearless like Liza, and laughing and crying hysterically, as Katie nodded her promise readily not such a "fraidy-cat!" Still, she she sprang from her hiding-place, "I scared him away! I scared him away! "What do you mean, Katie?" they

> "I scared the robber away;" and she quickly sketched her adventure. Her father hastened into the house,

"You dear, brave girl!" he said, pressing her to his bosom; "you frightened the rascal away just in time. He had almost found the watch. See, it was under the pile of clothes "I believe its getting lighter," she that he was tumbling aside when you scared him by firing off the old gun. You're a genuine heroine, Katie.'

Her mother, too, had to kiss and hug "And nobody'll call me 'fraidy-cat any more, will they?" she asked de-

"No, indeed," declared her father, a soldier-as brave a soldier as ever fought on a battlefield; and, more than from her, and what do you think she know at the time what the strange that, you know how to obey orders when-when other people run from the post of duty."

As he spoke he looked slyly at Liza. -Detroit Free Press.

Horses' Keen Instinct.

The horse has a strong sense of smell. He will leave musty hay untouched in his bin, no matter however hungry; neither will he drink objectionable water, however thirsty. His intelligent nostril will widen, quiver over the daintiest bits offered by the fairest hands. Blind horses, Tit-Bits says, will gallop wildly about a pasture without striking the surrounding fence. The sense of smell informs them of its proximity. Others will, when loosened from the stable, go to the gate of bars opening to their accustomed feed-grounds. The horse, in browsing, is guided to its choice of proper food entirely by its nostrils. Blind horses do not make mistakes in their diet. In the temple of Olympus a bronze horse was exhibited, at the sight of which real horses experienced the most violent emotions. It is said that in casting the statute a magician had thrown hippomanes upon it, which, by the odor of the plant, deceived the horses, and therein is the secret of the

An Interesting Butter Experirment. An interesting experiment has been recently made by the Queensland government in regard to the export of butter to Great Britain. Hitherto the product has been shipped in a frozen state, which, in a great measure, destroys the case the shipment had a tpecially presteamer, the temperature of which could be kept at a uniform height of thirty degrees. The result is said to have been eminently satisfactory, the butter having been delivered in splen-

Residents of Jefferson street, Tope-

WHYE THE CREEKS LOSE.

A Side Light Thrown Upon Their Panics in Thessaly.

Aversion to mechanical discipline, writes Professor Wheeler in the North American Review, shows itself in the sents to our eyes a most disorderly and individualistic appearance.

The people who compose it go on foot, and each one seems to be strolling along on his own account. On it. Every one does what seems to as great an extent as is noted in any him good. Absence of previous plan of sense for order is apparent on every hand. If there occurs a halt in the proceedings through any uncertainty or lack of preparation a debate may ensue. Three out of four of the bearers will prove to be orators. There is no one person in authority. Five or six different ones are giving orders or making suggestions at the same time. The same popular trait shows itself wherever masses of people are assembled. Any single man is a potential marshal and master of ceremonies and may develop into such without warning. All this represents a deepseated national characteristic and one that renders the application of strict military discipline in the form known to the armies of the north extremely difficult.

Herein lies the chief ground of ap-prehension regarding the fitness of the Greek to meet the demands of modern methods of warfare. A German battalion is a firmly compacted machine in which the individual has lost the sense of autonomy. Panic cannot resolve it into its constituent elements, because steady discipline and persistent drill have made machine action a second nature. In the moment of emergency a Greek battalion is liable to become "many from one."

The Smallest Men in Congress.

The smallest men in Congress are Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, and Representative Wheeler, of Alabama-"Fighting Joe" of Confederate fame. Mr. Chandler is sixty-two years old and General Wheeler is sixty-one, but both have stender, boyish figures, wearing trim, natty little sack coats. ordinary black hat such as boys in the alities, 600. Of the whole number It is creased round and round to fit the nationalities is one in thirty-five. snape of the head and rest closely upon the crown after the fashion that ountry boys affect when the new of the the rain once or twice to take the style out of it. General Wheeler boasts of

or fastened a window of the house. We by two or three to one. This concluan article by theft, except a few times when the family were away. I had confidence in the 'colored brother' and he respected me and my own."—New York Tribune.

A Carrier Pigeon Service in Hawaii.

A carrier pigeon service on a large scale is about to be established on the Hawaiian islands. Pigeon flying is generally carried on as a pastime, and is the national sport of Belgium, but a company has just been formed in Honolulu to utilize the peculiar traits of the homing pigeons in a business which is set forth in a prospectus as being very remunerative.

Birds have already been bought and

taken to the islands. The proposition is to establish lofts on all of the different islands in the Hawaiian group, beginning first with Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Oahu. By means of fast-flying pigeons messages. can be sent from Honolulu to all the towns and plantations on the different islands, and vice versa. It is believed that not less than fifty plantations will contribute to the scheme.

Wild Horses of Montana.

Almost anyone may own a horse in Montana. If he has not the \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 necessary to pay for the blood and culture with which any particular animal may be endowed he may, if he has the necessary agility, go out on the range and take one, for there are plenty that don't belong to any one else.

Since the prices on horses fell below the paying point many ranchmen have neglected branding their stock or keeping any track of it, and in frct, there have been a good many local efforts made by the owners themselves to exterminate or drive the horses off the better grass for cattle and sheep. It to shoot a horse, and a man who is capable of it is regarded with rather more circumspection than one who has killed his man.

So, being protected by a spark of years back, the Montana breeders were | new home.

the most energetic and progressive of any in the west. They bought sires of thoroughbred and trotting blood in Kentucky and turned them loose with

their herds. Others who desired size rather than endurance went to Illinois and Canada drill of the Greek troops, as would be and purchased great Norman and naturally expected from all that we Clydesdale stallions. While the prices know of them outside the army. As a ruled high the two classes were bred people they always create the impres- | separately but of late years they have sion of disorderliness. Men who walk been allowed to run into one uniform together on the street do not keep and homogeneous herd. The new breed step. A Greek funeral procession pre- is of good height and strong-boned, with lung power and endurance that are suggestive of a greyhound.

If conditions were to remain the same for, say, a period of thirty years longer, without any new admixture of arriving at the grave there is likely to blood it is reasonable to expect that be no fixed order of procedure. If these herds would gradually assume a there is, people do not conform to uniformity of size, shape and color to other wild animals. - Chicago Record.

Combs. Among the relics of the earliest forms of civilization combs are found. They were used in world-old Egypt thousands of years ago. Ancient Roman combs were made of boxwood, or of ivory, or of still more precious materials; and similar articles have been disinterred from the houses of longburied Pompeii.

The more barbarous races of northern Europe were equally familiar with these aids to the toilet. The old chronicle history of Ely tells us that the Danish invaders, following the custom of their country, "used to comb their hair every day, bathed every Saturday, often changed their clothes, and used many other such frivolous means of setting off the beauty of their

persons." In the seventeenth century it seems to have been not unusual to use leaden combs for the purpose of darkening the natural color of the hair. When wigs came into fashion, combs of special design had to be made for the keeping of the new headgear in an orderly condition. The wearer of wigs combed these hirsuse adornments in public. The beaux carried in their pockets large combs of ivory or tortoise shell; and to pass these through their wigs, when walking in the Mall, or when at Court, or in the boxes or on the stage of the theatre, was regarded as an act of gallantry. Your true gallant combed his wig almost as often as he took snuff.

Inhabited by Odds and Ends. Out of a population of 109,020 in and affect somewhat youthful dress in the Haiwaiian Islands only 3,086 are Americans, 1,975 males and 1,111 fe-General-Wheeler's hat is the most re- males. The Japanese number 24,407 markable piece of headgear seen in the and the Chinese 21,616. Of the Ha-House. It is not a derby, nor a fedora, waiians, mixed and unmixed, there are nor the broad-brimmed black covering altogether 39,504. The remainder of that many Southern statesmen wear. the population are: British, 2,250; The dashing old calvary leader departs Germans, 1,432; French, 101; Norwefrom all Congressional customs in the gian, 378; Portuguese, 15,191; South selection of his top wear, which is an Sea Islanders, 455; and other nationcountry select. He has his special 72,517 are males and 36,503 females. trade mark in the way of creasing it. The proportion of American to other

Bleaching the Hair. According to a physician, bright sunhat is worn off and it has been out in shine is the best means of making the hair light-colored, healthy and strong. All soilers will tell you how rapidly the an experience in bringing up a large hair grows when on board ship in the family on his Southern plantation that tropics. I have had some opportunity is odd. He says, with an expressive of observing the color, or rather the average color, of sailors' hair, and have "I raised a family of six children on found that the fair-haired mariners my plantation, and never locked a door outnumber their dark-haired shipmates were surrounded by large numbers of sively proves that the sun easily negroes, but in warm weather always bleaches hair, and also that exposure to slept with the doors open. We never lost the sun results in a strong and rapid growth of hair.

Railway Rails of Paper.

The Secretary of State, at Washing ton, has been informed by one of our consuls in Germany of successful experiments with railway rails made of paper. In the production of these rails woodpulp has not been found sufficiently tough, but rags, rope, and other stocks are said to furnish a rail that will be as successful as the wheels made of similar material, although there is little economy in their construction at the present low rate of iron ore.

The Speed of Camels.

Extraordinary stories are sometimes told of the speed with which camels can travel in the desert, and of their wonderful endurance of fatigue. But according to recent statements there has been much exaggeration on this subject. One writer asserts that the speed of a camel does not exceed about | girl friend. seven miles and a half per hour, and that even that speed is not ordinarily maintained longer than two hours at a stretch.

A Champion Game Slayer.

Earl de Grey holds the championship among the world's hunters for the quantity of game killed by one man. He is now thirty-five years old, and during the past twenty years has averaged 25,000 head of game each year. On one occasion he shot at fifty pheasants in three minutes and killed all but one of them. He has killed eleven tigers, a number of elephants and rhinoceroses, bears and lions.

Baseball Birds.

Harry B. Keech goes to the Reading baseball grounds every day with nine immediate ranges that there might be | pigeons, one of which he releases after each inning. It takes the bird two is very repulsive business, to a Western | minutes to get to his store, where Mrs. man more especially than anyone else. Keech puts the score on a blackboard. -Philadelphia Record.

For the Happy Pair.

In a country district of Germany "pay weddings" were in vogue until sentiment, the herds of wild or mave- recently, each guest paying for his enrick horses are really increasing and a tertainment as much as he would at an high buildings to look after the vision. right royal breed of animals they are. inn, and the receipts being placed his nephew. When the business was good, a few aside to set up the happy pair in their

I WONDER WHY ?"

There comes a query of to me, From one who thinks I ought to know.

The height and depth of mystery-The "wherefore" of the "it is so." And childish form, with bated breath, With parted lips and pleading eye. Stands waiting for the "What he saith," In answer to "I wonder why?"

What gives the violet its hue, The fern its fragile form and grace? Why doth the rivulet pursue Its ceaseless course for us to trace? Why bloom the flowers, why grow the

trees. And spread their branches wide and high?

Why sing the cheerful chickadees, On leafless bush? I wonder why?"

All these I answer as I can. And yet the little maid asks on, And her soft eyes my own eyes scan, Perchance a new reply to con. Fill I am fain to ask with zest, For clearer knowledge from on high Of my own duty, God's behest, And, like my child, "I wonder why?"

Deep problems meet us in the wood, Afield, and by the stream and sea, We see what is not understood About us, and that ne'er can be, Whether we wander far or stay In cloister, hid from mortal eye, We 'bide with mystery night and day, And of it all we "wonder why?"

So 'tis not strange a child oft asks, To know the "wherefore" of the fact; To understand what vainly tasks Philosophy, with all its tact. We all are children, striving oft To know what comes before the eye. Childlike, we vainly look aloft, And ask and ask, "I wonder why?"

-Boston Transcript.

Jests and Yarns Made and Told by Funny Men of the Press.

" OFF HIS RECKONING.

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

"Queer weather we have been getting hately "Yes: the forecast man must have mislaid his almanac." POPPIED VERSE.

Minor Poet - Ah, how 'do? Did you get my book I sent you yesterday? Hostess-Delightful! I couldn't sleep

till I'd read it! QUITE ANOTHER AFFAIR. "Love laughs at locksmiths, they say." "Yes, but you never hear of love laugh-

EXCESSIVE PRUDENCE. He-You insist on my getting my life nsured before we are engaged? Due-Yes-even before you ask papa.

ing at goldsmiths."

HE HAD. 'Smithers seems immensely proud of his wife." "Well, he has much to be proud of. the weighs 300 pounds."

PERVERSITY OF THINGS.

"He's inconsolate over the loss of his recently patented fire extinguisher." "Indeed! How was it lost?" "Burned up in his house." NOT HOLDING HIS OWN.

Jeems-Uholly Traddles had a tight meeze last night. Deems-How was that? . cems-I saw him hugging a lamp post. FAMILY COMPROMISE.

"Does your wife allow you to smoke in the parior?" "Yes, you see, she also keeps her bike

PROFOUND GRIEF.

"I never saw a woman mourn her husband as deeply as Mrs. Fitzjones does," "Loes she really seem bereaved?" 'She hasn't crimped her hair since he SHIRKING EFFORT.

"Desdemona Peyster must be a very indolent young woman." "What makes you think so?" "She is going to marry a man who is already bald "

RE-ERSIBLE GAYETY. "We gave Jack a surprise party in his bachelor apartments,"

"Was it a success?" "Yes; he got wind of it and wasn't there."

"Yes," said the young wife, sadly, "I am satisfied that he doesn't love me any

"Isn't it strange to find satisfaction in anything like that?" asked her dearest FAMILY JARS.

Tyres-Have you named your boy yet? Spokes-No, my wife and I can't agree. She wants to name him after her wheel,

and I want to name him after mine.

POWERFUL FICTION. Hostess - Let me return your book to rou. A charming story. Author-But I see you have not cut the

Hostess-Indeed? Well, you see, the story so entranced me that I forgot all about cutting the pages. TOOK IT BACK.

Tom Singleton-I hear you're engaged. Congratulate you, my boy."
Eenny Dictus-You didn't hear it quite right. I'm married. Tom Singleton-Oh excuse me, old

man. QUEER. "Queer, isn't it?" "What's queer?" inquired another. "The night falls." 'Yes," 'But it doesn't break." "No," "The day breaks." "Yes." "But it doesn't fall." "No." "Queer, isn't it?"

And he was gone. HOW SHE APPEARED. Something whizzed by, a minglement

of steel spokes and red bloomers. "What is that there?" asked Uncle Hiram withdrawing his gaze from the "That is the new woman," answered

"The new woman? Looks like the