THE TEMPTER.

Squat in my path was my besetting foe:

I hurled him down a thousand fathoms length! I paused to breathe, I turned again,

and lo! Again my way he blocked and mock-

ed my strength. -Edmund V. Cooke, in Lippincott's

Magazine.

By Minnie A. Greiner Edington.

laughter in a family of twelve chil- This wasn't at all the way she had dren. Three boys, older than her- imagined he would begin. She was self, had already tumbled out of the only a simple, ignorant girl, and the nome nest, and were providing for man at her side was not a bit like themselves, each after his peculiar the daintily-reared, elegantly-clad and managed to turn around in the over- from the almshouse; for who would trowded nest.

sixteenth birthday; and her mother keeping, and there was no louger said .

"Miranda Jane, it's high time ye ed though it was. were looking out for yerself. Sence your father is laid up with rheumatiz really loved Jim. He was big, good I kin hardly git cornbred enough for natured and a broad-shouldered felthe kids, an' backy fer the ole man an' low, who was kind even to the smallmyself."

apron about her finger, "how'll I do men of her acquaintance. 3t? I can't get a place, 'cause I don't bread, daters an' bacon.'

"Git married," was the short and mointed reply

with astonishment.

name o' sense kin I marry? I never to accept him. .nad a beau, an' men don't grow on bushes like blackberries, to be got fur down here," she said, with a shy lit the nickin'."

"No reason why you shouldn't marry. Marry that long-legged, red-haired Jim Shade. He's got a log-house, an' an acre of ground his grandad left him. It ain't good fur a man to dive alone; an' Jim's a mighty good worker, if he ain't jest so hansum."

"But s'pose he, don't ask me, marm?" And Miranda Jane looked to girl hereabouts, have you?" ther mother for an answer to this the creek," she answered thoughtfulpuzzling question.

"I'll help ye. He's got a kind of ly. "She's got light hair." hankering arter you, anyhow, 'cause wer sort of purty, Miranda Jane, with them yeller curls, red cheeks, an' big blue eyes. Yer ought to marry a man of property like Jim. Yer needn't be a poor man's wife with that face o' yourn.'

Miranda Jane blushed, giggled, and her pretty, but not overclean face, in the bit of broken mirror hauled out norvously toyed with the frayed hem from the city, and had been most care- of her faded apron. fully treasured.

Miranda Jane's home was a miserpart of ---- County, Ohio. The soil was black and rich, but almost swamplike, even in dry weather. What it was during a rainy season I leave the reader to imagine. There were half a dozen such shantles, scattered along either side of the railroad newly-built through this region. The thriving city of K---- was only some two miles there only once; they had moved to the gal, he kinder dreads to have her this place some three years before, laugh at him." when work on the railroad was first commenced. Miranda Jane went about for the tone. next two or three days in a sort of expectancy, as though the much need. abouts that's willing to be Mrs. Shade, ed man might even drop from the don't you, Miranda Jane?" And he skies, or, like the princes in the fairy. boldly put his arm about her. tales, come riding across the marshes on a snow-white horse-glittering with ply, as the girl drew herself away gold and jewels; or might spring up from him with the air of a queen, out of the ground like a mushroom, while she wondered whether she was Miranda Jane was romantic, and in- acting as her favorite heroine would dulged in many blissful day dreams act under the same trying circumthat closely resembled the cheap nov. stances. els that she now and then found a chance to read. She kept her face ingly, as he once more drew her to and hands half clean, and washed out | ward him, "let's go to K---- this afher best, but sadly-faded red calico. In imagination, she went through, folks by coming home married. The , numberless times, but with as many cabin's ready for you at any time, and changes, the exciting moment when I need you." Jim should fall upon his knees and in dying love. Jim was not at all like Jim boldly pressed his first kiss on the heroes in the novels; but of course her lips. she could not expect asy of those grand personages would come in her stalled as mistress of the little two way,

asked a voice behind her. Miranda Jane started, and blushed under her limp sunbonnet. She had not known that she was' thinking aloud.

"Yer scart me, Jim," she said, without turning around. "I wonder you ain't up on the hill with the rich folks."

"I'd ruther be here," he answered with one of his cheery laughs, as he seated himself on the stump near her. "Say, Miranda Jane," he went The Courtship of Miranda Jane. her. "Say, Miranda Jane," he went on abruptly, "you ain't never seen gal that would like to be Mrs. Shade?"

Miranda Jane's heart beat so loud-Miranda Jane Brown was the eldest | ly, that she thought he must hear it. fashion; but there were still enough polished-mannered heroes of romance. | trees in all sorts of weather and get deft to make people wonder how they But he was her only hope of salvation | food when and where they can. With give employment to one who did not pay. Poultry raising is a business Miranda Jane had now reached her even know the rudiments of house and requires a thorough knowledge room for her in the old home, wretch of supplying them.

After a fashion, too, Miranda Jane est of God's creatures, and never "Well, marm," Miranda Jana an- spent his earnings for the coarse swered, as she twisted a corner of her pleasures indulged in by the other skin and legs. For producing eggs a

He often said, in his quantly humthow how to cook anything but corn; orous way, that he was born for bet ter things; and he meant to have his rights some day. Miranda Jane thrilled with pride to hear this great, Miranda Jane opened her eyes wide strong fellow half afraid to openly declare his love; but she was in no "Why, Marm Brown, who in the hurry to let him know that she meant

> "You know Sal Perkins never comes tle glance from under her sunbonnet." "She's too rich-too crazy."

"I ain't looking for Sal. I don't like her red hair and freckles. The gal I'm looking for has yelier hair like sunshine, eyes like a bit of clear blue sky, and cheeks like June cherries, all pink and cream. You ain't seen such a

"Tow hair," he retorted, scornfully, as he moved nearer to her. "You know as well as I do, Miranda Jane, who I'm looking for."

"How should I know," she replied, digging her bare toes deeper into the mud, "you ain't never told me."

"I've allus bin half afeared to." he fooked bashfully at the reflection of said, trying to get hold of the not overclean, but small, shapely hands that

Miranda Jane, like Jim, had a nature capable of better things than her able little shanty in a recently cleared hard life had developed in her; and she possessed, moreover, the instincts of a born coquette. "'Oh just to think, afeared of a



PROFIT IN POULTRY.

pends wholly upon the results obta-Farmers are rapidly learning that ed, and the owner must determine anything hereabouts, have you, of a chickens are among the most valuable this for himself. Do not make the assets of the farm. Given proper atmashes whoily of bran, but mix in tention they yield a great percentage a little grain, not corn, bits of meat of profit than any other class of live and vegetables cut fine or scrap's from stock. The farmer has the advantage the table and feed it while quite hot. over those living in villages of a free Any left by the fowls should be rerange for his chickens. The farmer moved before it is solled and worked who says poultry does not pay is he over for the next feeding. The writer who allows his fowls to roost in the has found it an excellent plan during the coldest weeks of winter to feed the mash both morning and night.

such treatment they assuredly do not This method has been especially productive of good results when the fowls were located in houses that of the needs of the fowls and methods were not as comfortable as they should have been and when the birds

As general purpose fowls the Barcame from the roosts in the morning red Plymouth Rocks cannot be excellsomewhat chilled and stiff. The warm ed. They mature quickly and are exmash started them for the day in good cellent layers, beginning to lay when shape and with a light feed of grain six months old. When dressed they at noon and the warm mash again at show up yellow and clean and bring night they kept up the body heat neca better price than fowls showing biue essary for their comfort and for egg production. Many fowls that are othermixed diet of the various grains, table vise well fed and cared for during scraps and crushed green bane should the winter actually suffer for somebe given. Give a soft feed in the thing warm. The warm mash will morning-corn-meal, bran and ground frunish this needed warmth cheaply,oats in a trough and a little cracked Indianapolis News. corn scattered in leaves or straw. For

the afternoon feed scatter oats, cracked corn, wheat and meat scraps in the leaves.

As important as the diet is cleanil- fessor Henry as to the advantage ness. Houses, yards and fowls should of feeding bone meal and wood ashes at all times be kept in perfect condi- to fattenng pigs in combination with tion; have dust baths, crushed shells, corn meal, it was found that the ef gravel or crockery and fresh water ac- fect of the bone meal and wood ashes cessible at all times. Use whitewash was to save about twenty-eight per iberally on fences, houses, nests and cent, of the total amount fed to properches. Change the straw in the duce one hundred pounds of gain live nests frequently. Have your houses weight. Bone meal doubled the plain, roomy and tightly built, but well strength of the thigh bones, while ventilated. Too much warmth is in- ashes were only slightly inferior in jurious and induces colds, which lead value in this respect. The results to more serious diseases. The perches show the great usefulness of bone chould be so constructed that they meal and ashes, especially where may be easily removed when it is de- much corn is fed to hogs. sired to clean the house, which should In these experiments the pigs have

be frequently. I have my perches set been well started in their developin slots on the wall, from which they ment when the trial began. They can be removed in a moment. My were divided into three lots of two poultry house is in reality two houses, each. Lot one received corn meal with with the space between them roofed sait and water. Lot two received in over and closed at the rear to form a addition hardwood ashes, while lot feeding shed. It is particularly convenient in stormy weather or when at each feed in place of ashes. Irthe snow covers the ground. In this one of the trials, which lasted 112 shed around the sides the nests are days, two pigs consumed 10.5 pounds built and a screen of boards is set in of bone meal and 7.5 pounds of salt. front of them to give the seclusion and during the same time two othethe fowls like.

Marketing the fowls in the proper pigs consumed thirty three pounds of manner is an important consideration. The earth in the yard in which the wood ashes and eight pounds of salt

HOUSEHULD.

A CEMENT FOR ENAMELLID WARE.

The following formula is given in a rade journal for the manufacture of a cement to mend chipped and defeclive enamelled ware. The journal quoted, however, intimates that the process is not an easy one, even when he method is known. Five parts colorless copal, five parts colorless da mar mixed and melted in a suitable pot. Stir in carefully four parts of Venetian turpentine. Care should be taken to keep the heat as low as possible, so that the resins do not darken Any color may now be added to give the shade desired. Use this cement warm, and, if possible, warm the ob ject to be repaired also. After the cement has set apply pumice stone and water to grind off any uneven Cess.

CHOICE OF A HOUSE CAT.

A good cat-the kind you want to have in the bouse, if any-will have a round, stubby pug nose, full, fat cheeks and upper lip, and a well de veloped bump on the top of the head. between the ears, betokening good na ture. A sleepy cat that purrs a good deal is apt to be playful and good na tured.

By all means to be avoided is a at with thin, sharp nose and twitching ears. It must be remembered, also, that a good mouser is not nec essarily a gentle or desirable pet. Although any good cat will eatch mice if she is not overfed.

The greatest mistake-and probably BONE MEAL AND ASHES. the most common one-in the care In experiments conducted by Pro-

of domestic cats is overfeeding, particularly too much meat. In wild life the cat has exercise which enables her to digest her food. In the lazy house life the same full feeding leads to stomach troubles and to fits .-- Phil adelphia Record.

CONVENIENT CLOSET ROOM.

To swell the capacity of the closet one finds in the boarding house is a problem that needs solution. First, paint the walls a light French gray, which can be washed to remove spots. Then arrange a rod, supported at either end, the length of the closet, about midway up. On this rod can be bung skiris, waists and gowns on the hangers, those most lately patented, that will hold both a shirt and waist. These hangers are a trifle more ex pensive than the common metal ones. At the end of the closet arrange some shelves, and on the door tack a series of pockets, varying in size, to accommodate shoes, paper and twine. A long narrow case at the side of the pockets is used for the umbrelia .--New York Evening Journal.

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berself, "when Jim pops the question, what a gift for housekeeping she de poitant. The milk bucket and the such, Only I don't know how they do it. All veloped. The rooms were always churn show the value of milkers. the fine ladies in the stories does that, sweet and clean; and she herself or fails gracefully against his manly fresh and neat in her simple calicoes with calf to be run by dogs or men. breast.'

tree a few times, in lieu of a "manly was living a romance as sweet, if a dog with lead. breast;" but when her mother chanced more pure and simple, as any she had A cow can no more give a good flow ranging old carpet or burlap on poles to see her, and asked her if she was ever read. And she and Jim are slow of milk without a proper amount of so that it may be but down in front trying to knock her brains out, she ly striving together for the "rights" good foed, than a large baking of of the hens after they have gone to gave up her practice and determined of the higher and better life to which break can be made with only flour to roost. The poles should be fastened to depend upon the emotions of the they feel themselves entitled .- Way make a loaf. moment to help her out.

Three days passed by as usual, and Jim had not even been near the shanty. Miranda Jane began to yield to the despairing thoughts and jealous marriages brought the Hon. Lovel field almost whelly unoccupied. fears of her favorite heroines,

said dejectedly, as she sat on a stump, grandfather. This was William Coke, and dug her bare toes into the damp who gave his name to the billycock not get too much at a time, as they black soil; "an' I 'xpect there's noth- hat, and was born in 1754 and became | might if granulated salt were used. in' fur me to do but tramp it. Jim first Earl of Leicester. He married don't keer fur me, I 'spect he's stuck a Keppel in 1822, being sixty-eight on that red-haired Sal Perkins, who years old, and left three sons. One evidence that the dairy work is not thinks she's some'at cause her folks of them, the present Earl, now eighty. clean enough. Filth in the milk prelive on the hill where it's dry. It sets one years of age, became the father some folks up wonderful to have a bit of the Hon. Lovel when he was sevof prop'ty. Them as has wants as enty-one years old. much more as they kin git," she added a little bitterly. "Jim's got a acre an' a log cabin, an' he's sot on gittin' a tongue is sharper nor a razor."

"Who's that yer hope'll be happy?" | for the new century,

gal. An' me just six-foot two."

she sang mockingly. He laughed, though he flushed to the roots of his curly brown hair.

"Well, Miranda Jane, when a feldistant; but Miranda Jane had been ler's sure of himself, and not sure of 'Neglecting them will inevitably result

> "The gal wouldn't laugh ,if she loved him." Miranda replied in a low

"Then you do know of a gal here-

"I ain't said so," was the quick re-

"Say, Miranda Jane," he said, coax- it is good. ternoon, get a license, and surprise

impassioned words, declare his never. rosy under the limp sunbonnet, as time that she becomes fresh.

That evening saw Miranda Jane inroomed cabin on the hill above the

Long-Range Ancestry.

erley Magazine.

A double succession of very late Coke, now ten years old, into this "Marm's been foolin' herself," she world 140 years after the birth of his

> Scotland Yard furnishes statistics believe in feeding hot mashes to laywhich show that 34,000 persons were Ing hens it has been proven that it fa

ens of all sizes and colors, cockerels and hens, are sent in the same coop, probably no two alike, and consequently they bring a low price. They should be assorted and sent in separate coops to command the best price. It is attention to these little details that makes success possible. in failure .- N. G. Saxton, in Tribune of corn produced one hundred pounds Farmer.

DAIRY DOTS.

washing milk vessels.

Before being washed all milk vessels should be rinsed with cold water.

The only successful milking machine in use is a good pair of hands.

that are deprived of sail give seven- select cows from those that are espec teen per cent. less milk. Good butter is never so plentiful that it will not command a price that Jerseys and Guernseys. It is often

A cow that lays on fat while giving aware of the fact that it is a difficult milk, does not belong to the dairy matter to find an Alderney cow in

fat in the milk bucket. To determine a milch cow's profita- ers not forget this when they adverbleness, notice particularly her milk tise "Alderney butter." The Jerseys

One who is a good milker is very America. Nor is it an advantage to careful to get all the milk from a cow claim cows as "Durhams," a term

tice will influence the cow wrongly. Pedigrees hold out promise of profit noted as great milkers, as there is "Spect I'd orter faint," she said to flats; and it was wonderful to see in a cow, but results are more im- really no Durhams now known as

Never allow cows that are heavy She no longer envied, or even read of Occasionally a dog is found that de- houses are not as comfortable as they She did practice falling against a dime novel heroines, for she herself lights in worrying cattle. Treat such should be, the birds may be kept

pations, there is room at the top and They will shut out all of the draft it is in the better class of dairying and enable the body heat of the fowls that the profits lie, for this is as yet a to assist in keeping them warm. In

The advantage of using rock salt for cows is that they help themselves without aid from their keeper and do When specks of dirt are seen on the foam in a milk pail, it is good vents the making of choice butter.

HOT MASHES FOR FOWLS. While there are those who do not increased to \$115,000.

pigs exercised was covered with boards, to prevent the animals root ing in it and eating it, as they would otherwise have done, especially those which had no bone meal or ashes to resort to, and consequently would have impaired the results of this experiment. When bone meal was fed 487 prunds

of gain; when ashes were given 491 pounds of corn were required, while 629 pounds had to be fed to obtain Soda is better than soap to use in the same gain when neither bor meal nor ashes were given.

> SELECTING THE BEST PRODUC. ERS.

The dairyman, having in view the A Canadian test shows that cows production of milk and butter, should ially noted for their excellent quall ties, such as the Holsteins, Ayrshires, is profitable to the maker-that is, if claimed by dairymen that they have Alderney stock. But few of them are class. A good milk cow deposits her this country. They are no longer

brought here. Let dairymen and oth Miranda Jane's face was radient and after three or four months from the and the Guernseys have driven them out of existence, both in England and before leaving her. Any other prac- formerly applied to the Shorthorn of baef class, the cows of which are not

> CURTAINING HEN ROOSTS. In cold climates, or where the comparatively warm at night by arnear the top of the house and the cur-In dairying, as in all other occu- tains fall to within a foot of the floor.

> > addition to this if the birds are fed hot corn before going to roost and warm water on the nights when other grain is given in place of corn, it will assist in keeping them warm. During the day they will take enough exercise to keep from getting too

In two years the sale of American electrical goods in Egypt fell from \$20,000 to \$300, while that of Germany

The Washington city post office emsheer of old Perkins' forty acres. Wail, lost in London last year, and much a desirable plan in cold weather and ploys 462 clerks, while Cleveland, O., I hope he'll be happy with Sal if her the same number in the preceding especially in sections where the win- with greater cash revenues, employs year, making a total close on 70,000 ters are very severe. Whether they only 185. The franking privilege acshould be fed at morning or night de counts for the excess

cold.

put some out on a piece of white cloth, gather up the corners and the together. Dip this bag in water and squeeze it until the water is blue enough. In this way the clothes will never become spotted.

See that the sides or walls of your neat safes are occasionally scoured with scap, or scap and slaked quickime. All places where provisions are cept should be so constructed that a prick current of cool air can be made to pass through them at will.

Never sweep dust from one room to another, nor from upstairs to the ower part of the house. Always take t up in a dustpan where you have previously placed some tea leaves. This prevents the dust from scattering again and returning to its old baunts.

Use a clean firebrick instead of the ordinary iron stand, and you will retain the heat of the iron much longer. The usual iron stand not only admits the air to the bottom of the iron. but it conducts the heat from it. The brick, being a non-conductor of heat, retains the heat in the smoothing iron much longer.

To keep handkerchiefs a good color, instead of dampening them before ironing, proceed as follows: Put two quarts of tepid water, with five drops of blue and a small piece of lump starch into a basin, and into this mixture dip each handkerchief separately, thoroughly wetting it, and then squeezing it as dry as possible. When all the handkerchiefs have been treated in this way, spread them out mosthly on a clean cloth or towel until they can be ironed.

RECIPES.

Fig Pudding .- Break four slices of bread in one plut of milk, add one tenspoonful of sait. five tablespoonsful of sugar, one cup of chopped suct and fifteen figs chopped fine, three full tablespoonsful of flour, three eggs and one-half small nutmeg gratel; turn into a mould and steam three hours and a half.

Crab Toast .-- Put one level tablespoonful of butter in the chafing dsh; when it is melted add one tablespoonful of minced celery, two level tablespoonsful of flour; stir until mixed, then add gradually half a cup of cream or milk and a can of crab meat; stir a few minutes; add salt, pepper and paprika to taste; spread on toasted biscuits or on thin slices of brown bread toasted.

Cheese Straws .- Mix half a cupful of flour, three tablespoonsful of grated American cheese, half a tablespoonful of Parmesan cheese, a little salt and one egg beaten; work to a amooth paste, roll out on a floured board until quite thin; cut in strips one-fourth inch wide and four inches long; place on a buttered pan and bake in a rather cool oven ten minutes.

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