ahead. The boys they throw snowballs, an jeer at his clothes,

But ol' Uncle Ned unconcernedly goes,

Singin' a song An' jogging along.

He says a harsh word never lessens his joys. It doesn't hurt him and amuses the

boys. 4 Besides, he never hears anything that they say.

He's busily occupied, day after day, Singin' a song An' joggin' along.

He says that he's sorry fur folks that must gain Their fun by an effort to give others

pain. It's so easy to wound an' so hard for to heal;

He reckons he really gains a good deal

By jes' singin' a song An' jogging along. -Washington Star.

JOHN MARSTON'S HOUSEKEEPER.

BY C. V. MAITLAND.

"Dare I take this place?" said Margaret Lester to herself, as she paced with the morning newspaper crushed in her hands.

She glanced, with care in the loving brown eyes, upon the little twin sisters who had been her charge for seven years, since her parents and theirs had died.

Pacing up and down the floor, Margaret went over in her mind all those long seven years, in which she had worked for them with willing hands, yet had only been able, after all, to just keep the gaunt wolf from the door. And now how could she do even that?

The fine needlework and embroidery which had barred him out these seven years, she could do no more of, for her sight was failing-the doctor said of overwork.

She had advertised in vain for a situtation as governess; she had advertised and applied for all sorts of places. And never an answer had come to her until the one in that morning's newspaper.

for the third time:

by calling between five and eight seem: o'clock at 7 Washington place."

She dropped the paper, and was leaning on the dressing table, looking into the mirror-looking there the soft brown mass of hair low on a simple yes. She says: her cheeks. And then she sighed, half sorry, half relieved, and pushed it back again.

"No, no! the nine long years have done their work," she said, half aloud to the pale, worn face in the mirror. There's nothing left of the Madge Lester he once knew. The gold and the curl are gone from the hair, the merriment and careless laughter from the eyes, the color and the roundness from the cheeks. What nonsense to have feared that twenty-six could be like seventeen! Besides, I've grown so much since he and I last met-nine years ago. Little Madge Lester has gone forever, and in her stead, tall A. B .-- let me see-Anne Brown; yes, that will do."

All the time she was thinking thus her busy hands smoothing down the hair about her face, arranging it in close bonds to the temples, and puttin git away behind her ears-a pretupon which only an elder person glow. would venture. It makes the pale

But when she takes down her hat for the children's bread!" she is dissatisfied. She stands thoughtful for a moment, then turns aside to a chest, from which she mother's.

She has dragged something else out in the folds of the crape veil. derstands as well as his words. Only a pair of spectacles—some relic the mirror, and puts them on instead.

"Look, Lulu-look! Sister Margie's anything about you."

grown so old!" Margaret stoops down to the two at him steadily. little ones and kisses them. Yes, sister Margie has grown old, has put away all her sweet youth for them.

doors. She has slipped her spectacles broke, then mamma's"into her pocket, on leaving her room. and she walks on without them in the them, but she puts them on again, al- have been a menial here, under my though they blind her a little as to roof, Madge?" height and number of steps, when she must mount to the front door.

"What name?" she is asked, when

she hesitates a little, remembering can't think that those words-you the widow's cap in her crape bonnet. can't doubt they were meant for you, the servant leads her across the hall into the library.

Left alone, Margaret draws a heavy breath as she glances around her. It this library last-since the ball when John Marston had asked her here, under his mother's roof, in this same library, to be his wife; and she had been piqued and angry with him for some trifle, and she lad scorned and flouted him, and the next day he had gone abroad. Then her father's failure had come upon him with a sudden crash, and in a little while the Lesters were lost to all their circle of acquaintances-so lost that this was the first time Margaret had crossed the old familiar threshold.

A portrait catches her glance across the room, and she rises softly

to look at it. It is John Marston! Older than she knew him, nine lon, years ago; and yet, she says to herself, those years have dealt with him far more gently than with her, if this is like him now; and as she thinks this, there comes a step behind her, muffled in the heavy velvet carpet, and with a hurried start she turns and faces

Has he stood for full five minutes in the open doorway watching her, before he approached? Has he seen the clear-cut profile turned to him, which he once knew so well?

If he has, she does not read anything of all this in his face, as she turns slowly round to him.

She is handing him his advertisement, which she has clipped out of up and down her small top room, the newspaper. It can speak for her as well as words, after her little bow, and then she adds

"I have come at once, sir, hoping I may answer for the place. I have sore need of it."

"These are your initials, Mrs. Brown, the servant told me. What does the A stand for?"

"Anne." He looked at her quickly. But she is not looking at him; and presently he asks her quietly to take a seat.

"You are in need of the place at once?" he says, gently, breaking the pause. "Sore need, sir. I've two little girls

dependent on me. Not that I'd be wanting to bring them here," she added. "Two little girls!" he repeats, and

his voice sounds hard and harsh. "Two little girls! How old are they?" "They are eight years old, sir. They are twine."

If she could have seen his face, and the strange flash that spread like She smoothed it out again, and read a glad light over it! But she did not see, until he came back quietly, and "If A. B., who has been advertising drew a chair for himself in front of in this paper, has not found a situa- her. And then he says, somewhat tion as housekeeper, she may do so abruptly and unfeelingly, it might

"You are a widow, Strangely enough, the sudden twitch round Mrs. Brown's delicate mouth reminded one more of laughsearchingly, wistfully; and presently ter than of tears. She answers him, she drew out her comb, and shook to the point certainly, yet not with

"I have no husband, sir." "Well, then, I think, Mrs. Anne Brown, that you may suit my place, if my place will suit you. First, then, you must know something about it. In the first place, if you accept my offer, I do not propose to pay you any wages.

"Not-pay-me-any-wages!" she

"In the second place, I must explain that this advertisement here does not set forth my want altogether clearly. I want a housekeeper, it is true; but I want to engage her as my wife, not as a servant."

It is said very quietly and coollymuch as he might, if he chose, have advertised for a wife in that same newspaper.

But Mrs. Anne Brown is not cool; she is not quiet. She has started to ty, classic style enough, but one her feet, her face in one bright, angry

"You had better advertise again, face look older, and less like, as Mar- and this time for a wife. For me, garet knows, the young Madge Les- Mr. Marston, I will hire my strength, ter in the floating cloud of sunny my life, to the last drop of blood that is in me; but not my love-not even

Her voice breaks there, but she

keeps back the sobs. He catches her hands in one of his, draws a close crape bonnet and veil, while with the other he deftly draws and puts them on, with tender, lin- away the spectacles. And when she gering touch, for they were once her looks up, in a tremble of indignation, she meets his earnest, honest eyes, with something in them that she un-

"Madge, Madge! you thought you which her mother kept. Margaret is could deceive me with a pair of specabuot to put them back when a sud- tacles and a pair of twins! As if I den thought strikes her. She goes to did not hear of the twins when I operation continually for years came back from the Continent after come. And Bessy looks up from her doll Mr. Lester's failure, and tried to find upon the hearthrug, and claps her you out. But when I came back to look for you, no one could tell me

Margaret force herself to look up

"We left London for some time after the failure," she explains. "Papa tried hard to get something to London Express. Then she hurries down, and out of do, but he could not, and his health

Tears fill the soft brown eyes. "And you would have really come gathering dusk. She has no need of here as my housekeeper? You would breast pocket.

sees, looking up in the dim light, that bread for the children. Won't you

place?" "I've made my offer," he replies, in up to an unlimited amount.

she tells the old servant that she the same tone. "Why, Madge, my would see her master."—as he sees the hot blood "Annie Brown," she says, and then flame up to her brow again-"you "Mrs. Annie Brown," she adds, and and meant for you because I love you, and have always loved you, better than my life?"

He has drawn her closer to him now, the brown head, with the rusty is nine long years since she was in black bonnet falling from it, lying on his shoulder.

He knows that he has his hous' keeper engaged-New York News.

GRAND DUCHESS SERGIUS. Noted for Her Beauty and Talents-

Strongly Resembles the Czarina. Elizabeth Feodorovna, the Grand Duchess Sergius of Russia, who was widowed by the bomb of an assassin, is said to be one of the most beautiful and brilliant women in Europe. She is the elder sister of the Czarina and the daughter of the gifted Princess Alice of Hesse-Darmstadt, who was considered the most brilliant of all of the late Queen Victoria's daughters. She is therefore the

granddaughter of the late Queen. The grand duchess is described as possessing delicate, high bred features, a beautiful physique and a regal presence. Her resemblance to her sister, the Czarina, is marked. The grand duchess was born at Darmstadt on November 1, 1864, and is therefore about forty years old. She was only twenty when she was married.

Although both the little German princesses made such grand marriages, neither has had what the average American woman would regard as a happy, domestic life. The Grand Duke Sergius, It is said, was not above treating his wife with the greatest harshness, even to the point of beating her. Indeed, the strong oppositon of Queen Victoria to the marriage of the Czarina to the Czar is said to have been based on the brutality with which the Czar's uncle, the Grand Duke Sergius, had treated his wife.

As the wife of a grand duke, the uncle of the Czar and the Governor General of Moscow, the salon of the grand duchess has been one of the most distinguished in Europe. Foreign artists, actors and singers of celebrity have been always welcome, and private theatricals, generally for some charitable object, have been given frequently, and have formed a leading feature in the Moscow sea-

The duchess adds to her other accomplishments that of being a clever amateur actress, and persons qualified to judge who have seen her act say that, had she been born a simple maiden in the middle or poorer walks of life, instead of a princess, she would have won fame and fortune on the stage.

The grand duchess has no children of her own, but she and her husband had adopted two children of his brother Paul, who was banished on account of his morganatic marriage.

DEADHEAD TIMBER.

Recovered Millions of Feet of it from River Bottoms.

The Menominee River, which for half a century has been one of the most noted logging streams in all Michigan, is being forced to give up some of the wealth that has been concealed beneath its waters. "Deadhead" timber representing much money, says a Norway (Mich.) dispatch, has been taken from the river so far this season. Crews of men have been operating through the ice between the first and second dams near the mouth of the stream since the beginning of the winter, hauling out sunken logs and piling them up along the bank to dry. The men have already recovered fully 3,000,000 feet of timber in this manner, and before the break-up in the spring the

amount will be heavily added to. How many million feet of logs lie on the bottom of the stream it is impossible to estimate; yet for the past fifty years timber has been floating down the Menominee and always a certain percentage of it has become watersoaked and sunk, until there is practically no limit to the amount that will steadily be raised from now

The "deadheads" are well preserved and are really worth more now than when they disappeared beneath the waters, a poor quality of lumber today commanding a better price than did the best product years ago. At the height of its record as a driving stream, more than 700,000,000 feet of logs were floated down the Menominee in a single season, and the amount has ranged down to probably 50,000,000. It is roughly estimated that enough sunken timber can be recovered to keep a saw mill in

An Automatic Calculator,

To the housewife with a poor head for figures and the jaded business man who has much adding up to do, a new invention from Germany, soon to be placed on the British market should prove a great boon, says the

The invention is an adding machine made of steel and aluminum. It is about six inches long, and can be carried in its neat leather case in the

There is a keyboard of nine figures, and an extra spring to register the "Why not?" she asks. "I wanted tens and hundreds. Long columns can be added up merely by pressing this, is 7 Washington place, and she really listen to my application for the the keys, and the result is shown on a small dial. The machine vole add NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The time wasted by wome men in bemoaning their poverty would, if properly utilized, enable them to earn a good living, wisely remarks the Chicago News.

That almost invisible mortality list from disease in the Japanese army is the hardest jolt ever experienced by the medical scientists of civilization, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Birmingham has had a nalf-milliondollar fire. This nearly puts Birmingham into the Baltimore class of municipalities, states the Atlanta Jour-

Medical societies are urging us to cultivate ambidexterity. In this age of grab, the man who can use but one hand is apt to fare poorly, opines the Washington rost.

A permanent watch is hereafter to be kept on the Frederick the Great statue, states the Buffalo Courier. Thus do gifts bring increased responsibilities and expenses. But better have the cranks try to blow up bronze or stone men than live ones comments the Westchester Globe.

The great majority of homicides, not only here, but in other large cities of the United States, are due directly to the ever ready pistol, says the Chicago Post. Give us the most strin gent law practicable for the cure of this great evil. Make the penalty for carrying concealed weapons so severe that even the most hardened criminals will hesitate when tempted to disregard this law.-Chicago Post.

A carriage which belonged to John Sherman, and which, during the greater portion of his public life in Washington, carried most of the presidents for half a century as well as princes, potentates and other persons visiting this country, is doing duty as a hack in Ashland, Ohio. Some of the hacks in this city look as though they might have been in use when General Lafayette visited this city in 1824, the Alexandria (Va.) Gazette comments.

Numerous women in New York contemplate using foreign food products, in preference to domestic, because they believe the latter are generally adulterated, says the Newark (N. J.) Sunday Call. The tariff laws require the importers to mark their goods plainly, and they are liable to seizure if there is deception. The severe laws aganst adulteration in European countries-especially in Germanyalso afford protection to consumers which is lacking here.

Part of the British force is still in Tibet, occupied in exploring the great western province opened up by the provisional treaty. Of this region which extends at least eight hundred miles from Lassa to Gartok, the capital is Tashilumpo. Here the Tashi Lama, now the Dalai Lama's successor, was formerly governor. The monastery of Tashiumpo, here described, is half a mile south of Shigaste. It is finer than the Potala at Lassa and stretches for two miles along the foot of a rugged hill, and up the south side, dominated on the east by an immense jong, or fort. No white man has been there since 1783, but the Tibetans have welcomed the Further Mission most cordially, and have provided the members with an escort.

Trees have usually been considered safe recipients of all forms of confidential communications and valuable secrets. Never since the world began, until now, have they been indiscreetly loquacious. The communicative tree at Paducah which challenges attention by an explosion and then in audible and articulate language proclaims that there is buried at its roots treasure worth seeking, is perhaps not a normal tree. It certainly is not behaving as a well-conducted tree should, and if it is true that it has been killed by the trampling of the multitudes which have come to hear it proclaim its secret, the general verdict will be that it served it right. That it keeps on talking though dead is disquieting. Obviously its reputation for veracity is not good. No one appears to believe what it says, and if the treasure it tells about is really at its roots, it is probably in the safest place which could be found for it.

The London Spectator says our judges lack the standing and prestige that the English judges have, and that rich men dare not openly defy the law in England as they do in America. There is some truth in that, admits Harper's Weekly. Success in money making has overshadowed all other kinds of distinction in this country in the last forty years, and besides that, there is not the same reverence for official power and place in this country that there is in England. England is still an aristocracy, where inferors instinctively look up to their superiors. Part of the prestige of the British judges is due to the habits of mind of the population they help to rule. Our democratic communities will hardly be induced to regard with like awe the judges who serve them, however worthy they may be of the highest respect. Our judges, as it is, unquestionably make themselves respected, but we think it is true that an American judge is not, relatively, as big a man as he was forty years ago.

TOOK LONG JOURNEY ALONE.

Child of 8 Travels From Hungary to Pittsburg Wearing Tag.

After being separated by thousands of miles from her family, 8-year-old Marie Majunsz met her mother for the first time in four years at Union station yesterday, says a dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa. A tag, labeled with the tot's name and the Pittsburg address of her family, 802 Shelby avenue, was ber only identification on the long journey by sea and land from the interior of Hungary to the arms of her mother in Pittsburg.

Passengers and employes were affected at the scene between mother and daughter, and although none could understand their Hungarian exclamations of joy, all knew the Engtish equivalents. Seven years ago the father came to America, and after three years of hard work sent for his wife. Both worked hard to bring the child across the water, and about three months ago the money for the passage was sent her. Officialdom met the child more than half-way, and her path was paved with kindness.

Bears Invade a City. The residents of the western par! of Ukiah were thrown into a panic

yesterday by the appearance of two large black bears that appeared at the home of M. Sloper, just inside the city limits, next to the mountains. The heavy snow had driven the

bears down in search of food, and Sloper's place was the first to meet their gaze. Mrs. Sloper was at work in the house when suddenly she heard the screams of her little daughter, who was playing in the yard, and rushed

from her child, trotting toward her. She promptly picked the child up and ran into the house, the animals

out to see what the matter was. She

saw the black beasts only a few yards

following her up onto the porch. Mrs. Sloper quickly telephoned for help and a posse of men with dogs arrived to dispatch the unwelcome visitors, but in the meantime the bears had left for the mountains. The search was kept up all day, but the intruders could not be found-Sacramento Bee.

"Pious" Parrots.

Parrots are such close observers and keen mimics that it would be surprising if birds in the households of clergymen and ministers did not repeat special phrases at proper times. Indeed, it would be as well not to hold family worship with a speaking parrot in the room. There was no harm in the bird that sang in good time and tune "There is a happy land." But other feats of imitativeness might easily offend. Parrots ut tering responses, or bits of the creed, or scraps of prayer-as several have been known to do-especially at unseasonable moments, are apt to vex rather than amuse, though, of course, the birds do not mean to be irreverent. A bishop's parrot used to ejaculate "Let us pray," sometimes in devout tones, at other times mockingly, and the bishop could hardly have liked it.

Taste and Smell in Sexes.

MM. Vaschide and Toulouse have shown by experiments that women have a finer sense of smell than men. This is true not only for the sensation itself, but the recognition of odors. Their results were originally communicated to the Society of Biology, France. M. Vaschide has now extend ed his researches to the sense of taste in men and women. The tests were strictly defined, a drop of liquid being placed on the tongue in each case, then pressed against the palate. The general result was that a man has a finer taste for salt than a woman. So has he for bitter. For sweet and acid men and women have an almost equal sensibility, both in sensation and perception.

Half-Pound Baby Doing Well. Little Bridget Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clinch of Norwalk, Conn., who when born weighed just half a pound, has lived now for something over a month, weighs five pounds and is healthy.

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