and Washington, though wisdom blest Can tell no more than all the rest

Some tell you it is what is left Of all that you have made When interest, operating cost, And taxes all are paid, (Though how a tax may levied be Before an income is, none see).

But after I have done all that I find to my dismay The only things which I have left Are debts in great array And I believe since times are vexed The Government will tax them next. -McLandburgh Wilson.

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# The Best Laid Plans

CARLOTTA BENDIXA

Mrs. Tommy Terrell, who gave the dinner for a bevy of debutantes, always claims she had nothing at all happened so quickly that even had she wished to interfere, and she was by no means sure that she wanted any intervention on her part would have been impossible.

Dinner was over and Reta Bennison sat in a cosey nook adjoining the drawing room and idly watched the black-frocked men stroll in. From her half-hidden position she could see Richard Cardwell, 40 and forid nervously flitting from group to group, unmistakably in search of herself. Cardwell at length caught sight of her, and in a few strides would have been at her side, when suddenly, with an impatient grunt, he turned, and walked away in the direction of the billiard room. Mrs. Terrell, her hostess, had borne down on the girl, one hand resting superfluously in the arm of a tall, boredlooking young man, rushing along in the lead and almost dragging her escort, who followed helplessly in

her wake. "For heaven's sake," she cried, "take this Britisher off my hands and find him a wife. I've had an accident and must run. You may safely present him to all the kiddles, they've all got money," she added, and with a malicious little grimace at him, off

The two young people stared al-Neither spoke for a moment, while the amused look on the man's face gave way to one of intent wonderment at the exquisite beauty of his companion. His gaze heightened for her the embarrassment of an already impossible situation. Finally he managed to blurt out, "Charming woman, Mrs. Tom, what?"

"Very," she replied, somewhat at a loss for words herself, "She evidently thinks we have met."

"We have," he mumbled, "at last. May I sit down?" She made room dimself beside her, lapsing again into gins. a silence that made her feel youngish and him rather foolish. Now as find me a wife?"

"I believe Mrs. Tom tendered me the delicate commission. A rich girl this direction. I presume you-ah-require," she re-

"I'm a fourth son and a fifth wheel," he replied, deprecatingly. "And you couldn't love a poor girl?" she asked, banteringly.

"I-don't-know," he replied, hesiin a lighter vein.

"No, I am very poor," she replied, stand?" she added, wistfully.

your remarks I infer you are neither by to the laws of 1902. married nor engaged," he added, the on, "I do not ask through idle curios-

"I am not engaged to be marriedto participate in what her reason authorities during three months in told her could be nothing but a flirta- each year.

"Do you believe in love at first sight " he asked.

ment with his own. 'But you don't even know my name," she replied, weakly. "Will you tell it me?"

We were married two years ago. He was much older than I, but, oh, so rich-and all the little luxuries that he could give me, and that had been denied me all my life, appealed to me so strongly. I made no pretence of loving him and he could not have loved me, for-there was another woman. I left him and he secured a divorce on account of my desertion. He died shortly afterward. Do I bore you?"

Reta-Reta Bennison. I am the

widow of John Bennison, the banker.

"No, no." he replied, "and now?" "Now," and she braced herself for the effort, "I am sbout to accept another man, a rich man, who I believe really does love me. But why

do I tell you all this?" "Because I, too, love you, Reta," he replied, huskily. "Will you listen to me for a moment?" And without waiting for her reply he went on: "I am Reginald Darrance; the governor is Lord Northwood. I'm beast- car contains bedroom, dressing room, ly poor, too, as things are reckoned in the land of Pittsburgers, but with my profession-I'm an engineer, you know-my income really is enough to take care of us both quite comfortably. Mrs. Tom, who is a dear friend and is furnished in satinwood, ivory, of mine, wanted me to make a wealthy alliance. Ridiculous, isn't it?" And for the moment he really forgot this had been the precise object

She glanced up suddenly and, seeing Cardwell re-enter the room, said hurriedly, "Quick, here comes the to do with the matter; that it all other man. Will you see me to my ings which the royal couple always carriage?" He jumped up with alac- take. rity as she rose, offered his arm, and together they rapidly left the room, she leading the way through the conservatory to the street, where her the time-tables of the royal couple hired coachman waited. Reta step- are always printed in letters of gold. ped into the carriage and Darrance The whole train is thoroughly examlongingly held her hand, loth to part with her.

of his visit. "Will you marry me?"

"Will you see me home?" asked, tremulously. "Will I?" he replied, joyously, as

he jumped in after her.

Mrs. Terrell had said good-night to all of her guests but Cardwell, who lected, and both the chief engineer lingered, hat in hand, an angry flush and permanent way engineer accomdeepening the natural red of his pany the train, which has as driver countenance. "When did Reta leave?" he demanded.

"I don't know," came the perplexed reply. "The last I saw of her she was in the west alcove with-" At this juncture Mrs. Tom's maid en- ed on or across the tracks, and all tered the room, holding up a bit of facing points are locked and stations filmy lace. "Pardon, madame," she and crossings guarded. And then said. "After se ladies go I find zis there is spread along the whole way fishu."

'And, ma'am," said the butler, who had also appeared on the scene car- | Monthly. rying a gentleman's hat and topcoat, "Mr. Darrance's things, ma'am. What shall I do with them, ma'am?"

Tom in a broad triangular grin .-Boston Post.

### LESS PELLAGRA IN ITALY.

Government Measures Against the

Disease Proving Successful. Pellagra, the malady of misery, as it is commonly called, and malaria, the two endemic diseases of Italy, are the scourge of the poor. The two diseases rarely overlap. Generfor him on the divan and he seated ally where pellegra ends malaria be-

Pellagra exists in forty-four of the sixty-nine provinces of Italy. It exall this commenced to savor a little tends from Piedmont to Rome, from of a firtation he became more at northern to central Italy. The Italcase and said, "And so you are to lan Government has undertaken the extirpation of both pellagra and malaria and has accomplished much in

A special law was passed by Parpiled, laughingly using the pointed liament in 1902 to combat the malady, several special hospitals known as pellagrosari and exclusively used for this disease have been founded. a large sum of money is annually contributed to provide pellagrins with nourishing food and many other tatingly, with a look at her so sin- measures have been taken with the cere in its honest admiration that object of eradicating the scourge. the light in his eyes almost brought The success of the campaign may be its complement to her own. "You seen in statistics which show that don't happen to be rich?" he added, pellagra is diminishing steadily. Beween 1881 and 1899 pellagra had diminished by about one-third, while regerally. "So poor that, while I eat during the last ten years it has diat recurring intervals, I only dine minished by half. Besides, pellagra when some good, kind fairy like Mrs. has also diminished in intensity. The Tom asks me out. Men invite me to malady has almost entirely disappearpublic restaurants, but, somehow, I ed from Pledmont and Liguria, and never seem to go. Do you under- it is decreasing in Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia. This decrease is en-"Yes," he replied, "I understand, tirely due to the preventive measures and I am very, very glad. From taken against pellagra and especial-

This law prohibited the sale, exrising inflection in his tones indicat- change and grinding of imperfect ing a question. "Believe me," he went | corn, that is. either unripe or mouldy, and consequently the sale of corn My." and his earnest manner contrast- flour. Every medical officer is bound ing strongly with his former badinage, to report without delay each case of no less a person than the painter. pellagra and if the patient is poor be- Leonardo da Vinci. He pictured it sides a free cure he is entitled by as heavier than air, provided with as ret. Why do you ask?" And she law to a free substantial meal profenced, wondering at her readiness vided by the municipal or provincial weight, by the rapid revolutions of

The provincial authorities are bound to provide special machines to dry corn artificially as well as build-"No," she replied in a too evident ings in which to store the corn ownattempt to ward off his insistent at | ed by poor people who live in damp houses. The Home Office contributes "And yet I loved the sight of you the sum of \$20,000 yearly toward the from the first," he said, vainly at anti-peliagra campaign, while the tempting to bring her eyes into align- | Ministry of Agriculture contributes an equal sum, which is to be distributed in prizes and subsidies to encourage the anti-pellagra campaign. The same law ordered the free dis-She waited a moment, and then tribution of salt, a Government mon-

in a choky little voice said, "It is opoly, to all poor pellagrins and their families, and the appointment of experts to analyze the corn used for food by the peasants. The authorities are bound to exchange good for faulty corn.

Other measures adopted by the Government against pellagra consist in the distribution among peasants of pamphlets containing advice. simple remedies and rules to be followed by the inhabitants of pellagra stricken regions.

#### WHEN THE KING TRAVELS.

Busy Time for Every Worker on the

Railroad. A royal visit is a busy time to more than the prospective host and hostess for those who are responsible for their safe transportation, from the President of the railroad to the humblest laborer, have their hands full. The royal special is a very sumptuous affair. The King's and bathrooms, day room, and smoking room, which are all fitted up with electrical devices, from electric heaters and fans to cigar lighters. The Queen's car is daintiness itself, rosewood, and mahogany. The decorations are so exquisite that when not in use the car is kept in a special shed of even temperature, so that the works of art may not be spotled by heat, dampness, or cold. There is a storeroom at the end of the special for the various belong-

There is a room at all the large London terminals specially fitted for the use of the King, and Queen, and ined an hour before they get aboard, and a complete staff of telegraphers under an electrical engineer is installed on it. This enables communication to be established with the world about at any point that may be desired. Needless to say, the finest locomotive on the line is always sethe most trustworthy veteran in the service. . For at least half an hour before the special is due no train, except a pilot, which has been sent fifteen minutes ahead of it, is allowevery few hundred yards an army of "Reta's," murmured Mrs. Tom. watchers. each of whom has a red and green flag .- American Home

SUBTERRANEAN ANIMAL LIFE.

With a smothered remark that Resembles General Type of the would not look well in print, and a Country-Changes Animals Undergo. ternately at the precipitate flight of hasty good-night, Cardwell took his The underlife of the caves has a their hostess and at each other. discomfited departure, while the ser world of its own. Animals are born vants with turned backs, joined Mrs. in subterranean caverns hollowed out by streams; develop, reproduce and die while forever deprived of the sunlight. There is no cave mammal except a rat, nor is there a cave bird. There are no animals that require much nourishment.

Grottoes with underground rivers have the most life. Usually the subterranean life resembles the general types of the country. It has entered the cave and become acclimated there, undergoing divers adaptive modifications. So we generally find, in modified forms, the life of our time. But in some caverns there seem to be the remains of an ancient animal life that has everywhere else disappeared from terrestrial rivers and lives only in certain cav-

The creatures of modern species that have adapted themselves to underground conditions are sharply separated from the light dwellers. Their skin is whitish, or transparent. The eye atrophies or disappears altogether. The optic nerve and the optic lobe disappear, leaving the brain profoundly modified. Other organs develop in proportion. Those of hearing, smell, touch, become large. 'ansitive hairs, long and coarse, appear all over the body.

These changes are produced gradually. In animals kept in darkness it has been possible to see the regression of the eye and the hypertrophy of the other sense organs. With fishes observed since 1900 the absence of light determined a remarkable arrest of growth. Their length was about two inches and their weight less than an ounce. whereas similar fish kept in daylight reached five inches and two and seven-tenths ounces.-Chicago Tribune.

### Da Vinci Had the Idea First.

Now that the aviators are assembled, it is opportune to remember that the first man who got the theory of the flying machine right was wings, and lifted, in spite of its a propeller. The difficulty was to find a means of making the propeller revolve with sufficient rapidity in an age in which steam and electricity, to say nothing of petrol. was still unknown. Leonardo had an idea that it might be done by clockwork, or by setting a number of laboring men to turn a handle; but in that respect he was mistaken. -Pall Mall Gazette.

An electric heater for thawing explosives is used, at the Roosevelt drainage tunnel in Cripple Creek, Colo. It is in successful operation.

## COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Favorable industrial conditions re-

main unchanged and new production is now proceeding at an enormous rate. All through the West the thought and talk of the people is concerning things actually produced and wealth created from the soil. The recent warm weather checked activity in some mercantile lines and high prices and speculative developments work unfavorably in others. and this gives the superficial impression of a pause in business revival. But the basic facts still point to a remarkable industrial expansion.

Bradstreet's says: Colder weather and the approach of the holiday season have continued to stimulate retail trade and measurably improve reassorting trade with jobbers, while rains or snows, while temporarily retarding country trade by making the roads bad, have checked excessive growth of or insect damage to winter wheat and given a good quantity of moisture to the growing plant, thus placing that crop in good shape to enter the

In wholesale trade there are, however, some intimations of cross cur-rents tending to restrict fullest ac-

#### Wholesale Markets.

New York .- Wheat - Spot firm; No. 2 red, 127c. asked domestic elevator; No. 2 red, 1.26 1/2 nominal f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.18% nominal f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 1.21% nominal f. o.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 72c. elevator domestic and 72½ delivered nominal; No. 2, 68 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow nominal.

Oats-Spot steady; mixed, 26@ 32 lbs., nominal; natural white, 26 @ 32 lbs., 44 ½ @ 46c.; clipped white, 34 @ 42 lbs., 45 ½ @ 48 ½; others nominal; May, 47 1/2. Butter - Firm; receipts, 5,292

pkgs.; creamery specials, 32 1/2 @ extras, 31 1/2 @ 32; third to first, 27@31; state dairy, common to finest, 25@311/4. Eggs-Firm; receipts, 6,788 cases;

state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, white, 48@53c.; do., gathered. white, 37@42; do., hennery, brown and mixed fancy, 40@42; do., gathered, fair to prime, 33@40; Western extra first, 35@37; first, 31@34; seconds, 27@30.

Philadelphia .- Wheat -- Firm; fair demand; contract grade, November, Corn-Firm and December 1/2 c.

higher; December, 64@64%c.; January, 63@63 1/2. Oats-Firm; No. 2 white, natural,

Butter - Firm; extra Western creamery, 33 1/2 c.; do., nearby prints,

Eggs-Firm: Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, 36c., at mark; do., current receipts, in returnable cases, 34, at mark; West. do., current receipts, free cases, 30

@32, at mark. Live Poultry-Firm; good demand, fowls, 13 1/2 @ 15c.; old roosters, 10 1/2 @ 11. Chickens, 13 1/2 @ 15c.; ducks, 14@14½; turkeys, 18

@19; geese, 13@14. Baltimore. - Wheat - Sales of small lots, by sample, at 106, 111 and 113c. per bush. Sales of a cargo on grade at 116c. for No. 2 red. 1.12 for No. 3 red, 1.09 for steamer No. 2 red, 1.05 for steamer No. 3 No. 4 red and stock rejected, and 1.01 for "can't use" rejected. Corn-Western opened firm. Spot, 65% @ 65% c.; November, 65% @ 65%; year, 64% @ 64% January, 63% @ 64%. The market was steady and prices showed little change. Sales car yellow, Hess dried (domestic), 68c.; 5,000 new November, 65%; car new spot, 65%; car do.,

Oats-Quote: White-No. 2, as Oats—Quote: White—No. 2, as to weight, 45 ½ @ 46c; No. 3, as to weight, 43 ½ @ 44 ½; No. 4, as to weight, 42 @ 42 ½. Mixed—No. 2, 43 @ 43 ½ c.; No. 3, 42 @ 42 ½. Hay—We quote as follows, per

No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$17.50@18; do., small blocks, \$17.50@18; No. 2 timothy, as to location, \$16.50@17; No. 3, timo-thy, \$14.50@15.50; choice clover mixed, \$17@17.50; No. 1 clover mixed, \$16.50@17; No. 2, do., \$14.50@15.50; No. 1 clover, \$16.50

Butter -- Creamery fancy. 33 ½c.: creamery choice, 30 @ 32; creamery good, 28 @ 30; creamery imitation, 22 @ 25; creamery prints, 33 @ 35; creamery blocks, 32 @ 34. Cheese - The market is steady. We quote, jobbing prices, per 1b.,

17% @18%c. Eggs-Market firm, with demand for fresh eggs equal to the moderate receipts. We quote, per dozen, loss off: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 33c.; Western firsts, 33; West Virginia first, 33; Southern firsts, 32; guinea eggs, 16

### Live Stock.

Chicago,-Cattle - Market strong to a shade higher; steers, \$5.60@ 9.25; cows, \$3.50@5; heifers, \$3@6; bulls, \$3@4.75; calves, \$3@8.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@5.25. Hogs-Market strong to 10c, high choice heavy, \$8.15@8.25 er; choice heavy, \$8.15@8.25; butchers, \$8.15@8.25; light mixed \$7.90@8; choice light, \$8@8.10; packing, \$8.05@8.20; pigs, \$7@ pigs, \$7 (%) 7.50; bulk of sales, \$8@8.15.

Sheep—Market 10@25c. higher; theep, \$4@5.25; lambs, \$6.50@ 7.65; yearlings, \$5 @ 6.50. Pittsburg .- Cattle - Supply light. steady; choice, \$6@7.

Sheep—Supply fair, steady on sheep, higher on lambs; culls and common, \$1.50@2; lambs. \$5@ 7.40; veal calves, \$8.50@9.25. Hogs-Receipts fair, active; prime heavies, \$8.30@8.35; mediums, \$8.25@8.27½; heavy Yorkers, \$8.10@8.20; light Yorkers, \$7.90@ 8: pigs, \$7.75@7.85; roughs, \$7.00

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"NICK O' TIME."

Where hundreds of men are "prospecting" one of them is liable, of course, to stumble upon a ledge that "pans out" in paying gold or silver. That lucky "find" gives birth to a dozen stories about millionaires who have become rich "beyond the dreams of avarice" by some fortunate accident. The following story, which the reader may believe or not, as it pleases him, of a miner's experience is original in that it permits gunpawder to play the chief part in enriching the man.

A miner named John Quincy Adams was prospecting in the mountains. While trudging along, one hot day, through a gulch where the sun had a good chance at his back, he suddenly smelled smoke. He glanced quickly in every direction to ascertain the origin of the smoke; but seeing nothing, resumed his journey.

A moment later the smell returned, stronger than ever, A light wreath of vapor curled about his ears and gave him to understand that his havereack was on fire. Like all miners, he carried a large lens for the purpose of examining the specimens and the sand in his pan, and the truth flashed upon him.

For want of room he had hung the glass on the outside, and the rays of the sun had been concentrated on his haversack, which was thus set on fire. As among its contents were twelve or fifteen pounds of powder. he lest no time in dropping the burden and getting as far away as possi-

The haversack fell between two huge stones, out of sight. Adams reached a safe distance, and watched the smoke rising from his worldly possessions. Suddenly there was a deafening report. The ground trembled, and Adams dodged behind a hage stone.

Rising, he went to the spot to gather up what he could find, when his eyes almost started out of his head at seeing the quarts that had been blown up fairly glittering with gold. His powder had done better on its own account than it had ever done on his, and had literally blown open a gold-mine for his benefit. He was made a rich man, and named his mine the "Nick o' Time."

Her Usual Line of Talk. A certain Louisville social leader,

whom we will call Mrs. Fayette County, to avoid identifying her, was told by her husband over the telephone that he would bring a number of guests home to dinner. The party was altogether unexpected, and in all the house, which has become noted for the generous and sumptuous dinners spread in it, there was not enough food. Mrs. County got busy at once and

instructed her cook to order certain supplies while she planned the rest of the dinner. A little later Mrs. County happened in the room where the telephone was and was horrified to hear the cook talking feroclously into the telephone, something as fol-"An Ah want six dizen sof' shell

crabs an ef yo' doan get dem up here mighty quick Ah'll skin every one of yo', ye low down-Who is dis?- Dis is Mrs. Fayette County, dat's who dis is, and Ah means ebery word Ah says."

"Mandy," cried the mistress, "what do you mean? You must not." "Law'sy," returned the cook, "that's all right, Miss Fay, Ah talks to 'um like dat for yo' all de time. "---Louisville Times.

The Safest Place.

A British railway train is the safest place on earth, as only one passenger in every 70,000,000 is killed, and one in every 2,300,000 injured. This deduction is based upon a careful survey of the board of trade report or railway accidents during the year 1907 .- Railway Magazine.

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