THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I have a shabby, cheerful friend Who's very dear to

He made a failure of his life

gallantly

me.

But Failed so

'WOMAN WHO WAITS'

Wrought by War in the

Highlands

Written Specially for Evening Labour.

By ELLEN ADAIR

the look on the face of the Woman Who

Walts. I see that look at every turn in

Here in one of the wildest and lonellest

Highland glens, far from the sound of railroad trains, but never far enough for

The train known as "The Flying Scots-

man" carried me far north from Edin-burgh through the Highlands on to In-

in the glen than ever, you'll be finding."

No noise but the rush of the mountain

sorrow not to follow, there's the tragedy—and the Woman Who Walts.

Scotland.

FAREWELL TO "ELSIE" BOOKS AND "NICK CARTER," SAYS M'LISS

They're Gone, and According to Miss Maria Gilpin, Librarian Beloved of the Children, It's a Good Thing, Too

T MAY be that the kids of a day gone by had a more exemplary literary taste, as our fathers and mothers are constantly telling us, but if you ask Miss Maria Gilpin, of the children's branch of the Philadelphia Free Library, you will

This quaint little person has endeared herself to the four thousand and more roungsters who, according to circulation statistics, every month troop in for mpin' interestin' to read." They look upon her as a composite of Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, and a humanized Encyclopedia Britannica. For 18 years she

has watched the juvenile taste in literature evolve. And it is her emphatic belief that, as far as the little boys are concerned, it has evolved. From some points of view it may be deplorable, but the fact remains that the Nick Carters, the Frank Merriwells, the Hentys are books of

"The boys simply won't have them," Miss Gilpin told me. "They say they're old-fashloned, or English-the latter criticism they make of the Henty books particularly. What they want most of all are books that have to do with modern inventions-airships and submarines and wireless apparatus. The modern child is clever. He can apply his knowledge practically. See what I

Miss Gilpin pointed to a whole airfleet that hung suspended from her desk -Zeppelins, biplanes and monoplanes enough to make a Wright envious. Products of their genius, they have turned them over to her as testimonials of

their devotion, and she prizes them accordingly. "I believe that modern boys have an infinitely Letter literary judgment than their fathers or grandfathers. They won't have the second rate in literature. The Oliver Optics, for instance, have been withdrawn-not because they were particularly cheap, but because they did not circulate. The boys could get better books. 'Oliver Twist' and 'Huckleberry Finn'-we have 20 copies of the latter-are never on the shelf."

But say it with bated breath, the taste of the little girls is degenerating. I hate to admit this, but I have Miss Gilpin's word for it, and I know of no better authority. She declares that children with their hair down their backs and their skirts at their knees demand love stories, and their mothers do not object. "Lub', lub' and more lub'," was the way one tot of 12 phrased her taste in

oks, much to the horror of this capable librarian, who construes her duty

to be not only that of distributer of books, but of mentor to the young mind as Because Louisa May Alcott-it would not be too much, I believe, to speak of her as an immortal-satisfies this demand for sentiment, she is still popular, but the "Elsie" books-those saccharine confections over which I have wept large quarts—have been rejected. For this much, at least, we can be grateful,

for no more unhealthy, albeit no more enjoyable, examples of what children ought not to read can be named. They are in the same class, I believe, with the Chambers and David Graham Phillips novels, and their effect on the youthful mind is similar to that of the sex books on an older intellect. It is a mistake common to humanity to believe as we grow older that the customs of our own youth were more laudable than those of the present gen-

eration. The modern youth may not have the passion for Shakespeare and Bulwer-Lytton that our fathers now claim (for the latter instance, heaven be thanked), but at least a nice sense of discrimination is being maintained. And if our little girls seem to demand books more suited to their grown-up sister who has a beau, we have Miss Gilpin's word for it that the worst of these are being "canned." So long, however, as mothers won't exercise a censorship over their children's choice of books-in many cases it is a good thing, the elders being no more fit than the youngsters for this important function-Philadelphia is indeed blessed in its possession of Miss Gilpin, the children's friend. If you don't believe this, drop in any day at the library on Locust street below 13th and listen to the selections she makes for them.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'Liss—Can you give me the differ, while any number of people may meaning of the name Arthur? A. G. H. Arthur means an eminent person, high, speculations; dissent applies more com-

Dear M'Liss-Will you please tell me the difference in the meaning and the use of the words "differ" and "dissent"? I know there is one, and have forgotten what it is. I know you can help me. D. R.

only to speculation

Dear MLiss-Can I sweeten a sponge which has become quite sour from con-stant usage? I have heard that this is HOUSEKEEPER

An expert tells me that this can be ac-complished by rubbing a fresh lemon thor-oughly into the cells of the sponge. You According to "Crabbe's Book of English
Synonyme," the word "differ is from the
Latin 'differe,' " literally, to make into
two. It is applicable either to persons
or to things. The word dissent, on the
contrary, is applied only to persons. Then
too, there must be but two persons to

THE HOME GARDEN FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

By JOHN BARTRAM

Methods of Drainage

T IS the subsoil that is responsible for the need for drainage. If the soil is underlaid by sand or gravel at a depth of from one to three or four feet, nature has provided the drain. You will have to experiment to see if you have natural drainage. Don't trust to the fact that your ground does not ordinarily "hold

Dig down into the substratum-eight mohes to a foot will be enough—and see what is there. No matter how "poor," as the gardeners say, it appears, if it is yellow and sandy, you can consider yourself free from the drainage problem. But more likely than not, you will discover clay. This is virtually impervious to water. It means wetness in the top soil, in which your crops of vegetables or flowers root and whence they derive their nourishment. Most plants, except celery, resent an overplus of moisture. They will peak and pine, and, if the surplus is too great, simply die; in any case, the crops will be late, because planting will have to be deferred well up to fune and have to be deferred well up to June, and growth will be slow and uncertain. Some-times the clay bed is not very deep; a lit-tle digging will discover this; but usually

the digging will discover this; but usually it is, particularly if you are afflicted with a blue or dark gray subsoil.

There are several ways to open the under soil for profitable cuitivation. First. If the subsoil is not too deep extra heavy plowing with a subsoil plow will cut into the third substratum.

Second. The subsoil way he dynamited.

Becond. The subsoil may be dynamited with one of the several good farm powders. This can be done safely enough by following the explicit directions which come with the powders. But in an age of safety first it is really worth while to take out a little insurance against an explosion. After all a garden full of green things will not be of much interest to your remains in case of accident. I am a timorous soul and afraid even to show my patriotism by holding a lighted firecracker in my hand on Independence Day. I have an abhorrence, to say nothing of lively fear, of firearms. My policy for having the Bartram Garden "blown," as the professionale call it, cost \$10, for a very good lob, too. This covered charges at five-foot intervals on the patch of approximately 50 and. The subsoil may be dynamited ntervals on the patch of approximately 50

They furnish their own ammunition and batteries for setting off the charges, which is far safer than doing the job at home with long fuses. Be sure the holes for the charges are deeply enough dug. The dynamic in the part of the charges are deeply enough dug. dynamiting is not only good for subsoiling—I wish I had had it done years before and I would have saved lots of money in

and I would have saved lots of money in the purchase of sand at \$1.50 per ton— but it releases all kinds of rich plant food latent in the earth.

If the garden is small it may be trenched. This is done simply by re-moving the top soil from a strip of cround, breaking up the subsoil and cov-ering with the top earth from the pre-ceding strip.

ding strip.

In the case of a large garden tile drainge solves the problem. The expense
a garden of 100 feet by 100 feet would
be more than \$30 to \$40. The job
an he dens with home labor and the cost
sheed. Use round drain tite with colit should be placed from three to
be jet deep. The thes should run in
ely matched lines at intervals of 20
if the apart if placed at a 3-foot
porty or 10 feet apart is sufficient
a to a depth. Two and a half-limb

Bring your problems of gardening to the Evening Ledger for solution. In addition to practical articles, timely to the season, the editor will answer, either out of his own experience as a small-scale gardener or through con-sultation with authorities, questions of renders. Address John Bartram, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia.

main drain running one direction with side tiling connected with this. Tile drainage is essential where clay underlies almost

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Cos Lettuce

Friend John Bartram-What is cos lettuce? What is its culture? SUCCESS.

Cos is the name applied to the upstanding, much-crinkled lettuce used for ro-maine salad. Its cuture is very simple. Plant the seed directly in drills where plants are to stand, thinning out later to two or three inches apart, or plant in frames, transplanting later to permanent position. The soil should be meliow and enrichened by well-rotted manure. When the plant is about three to four inches high tie the tops to ensure blanching the inner leaves. Cos is very sweet and crisp. It can be cut from time to time above the eye from which new leaves will shoot for future cutting. Make fortnightly plantings till June 10, then stop till August 1 to 10, depending on the heat of the season. During this off spell plant Salamander or some other of the black-seeded varieties.

Plums, Native and Japanese

Friend John Bartram-Are the called Burbank plums American Japanese, and are they insect proof? What is a good one? GEORGEA.

The Burbank hybrids in many cases are grafted upon Japanese stocks. Varying degrees of the Japanese strains are utilized in the hybridization. The Japanese qualities are hardiness, imperviousness to rust and mildew, and almost complete immunity from ravages of the curcuito. This is a flying insect; the female of which lays her eggs in the plum, either blossom or newly formed fruit; these hatch out and grow with the maturing fruit, which is sapped of its strength and in time mum-mifles and drops to the ground. Only con-stant spraying with Bordeaux arsenate solution avails to save the fruit of the native and European plums. Two good varieties of the hybrid Oriental trees are Abundance and European Abundance and Burbank

Premature Lilies of the Valley Friend John Bartram-What shall I do

for some conveilaria, which have pushed their shoots out of the ground and of which the roots seem to be rising out of the ground?

L.S.

the ground?

For the next week or two it would be well to keep the green tips covered with a little fine manure mixed with its own quantity of light loamy soil. Lilies of the valley are very hardy, but during this transition time with its undertain temperature. transition time, with its undertain temper atures, it is wise to take simple preart, if placed at a 3-foot or 150 miles to aballow. The only remedy for this, this season, is to mound the plants after the analysms. The tiles showning season is over lift the plants of his a very gradest sitch. Frame dead or weak growth and replant in well-dug soit, in a shady together, and about twe inches deep.



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SIMPLICITY of line and novelty of material are the chief claims to distinction put forth by this outfit. The gros de Londres silk is black, with a broad white stripe. The basque blouse has a tendency to make the figure look slender, and a further attraction is added in the small pink rose at the left shoulder. The girdle is of copen blue velvet, and is threaded underneath the basque at the front, ending in a bow and loops. The yoke and guimpe are made of black Georgette, with bands of self-material edging the hell sleaves.

in a bow and loops. The yoke and guimpe are made of black Georgette, with bands of self-material edging the bell sleeves.

The skirt is quite full, and is made plain, as are most striped allk models. A suggestion of the pannier drapery gives a touch of newness to one side. The other side is undraped. Price, \$33.75.

A close-fitting toque of fine silk braid has for its only trimming a mass of seaguil wings. In black and white, or in solid or combined colors, the price is \$12.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 698 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

Marion Harland's Corner

At the Library

ACORRESPONDENT asks for all the verses of which this is the first: "'If you see a man in woe,

Walk right up and say, "Hello!" Say "Hello!" and "How do you do? And how is the world treating you?"

"While the writer of these lines does not approve of halling strangers on the streets, or to walk right up and say 'Hello!' to an individual who might be an escaped criminal or an imbiber of booze just getting over a spree, I will say that the lines asked for by F. N. M. may be found among the rhymes of Sam Walter Foss, and published in book form, at the street will be the say that the lines asked for by F. N. M. may be found among the rhymes of Sam Walter Foss, and published in book form, at the same will be the say that the same will be the same that the same will be the same that "While the writer of these lines does any public library.

Stain on Porcelain Sink

"If C. B. I. will keep trying, she will be able to remove the brown stain on her porcelain sink, unless it has been there too long. I had a similar experience when we bought our house, which had been oc-cupied a year. In one corner of the sink was a brown spot, and I was told it could not be removed. I scrubbed about 20 minutes a day for two weeks, and it has entirely disappeared. I used at least eight entirely disappeared. I used at least eight different things, generally two a day, and another day I would try something else. I used ammonia, sal soda, kerosene and patented powders, and always plenty of borax, soap and hot water. Let clear ammonia stand over night on the spot and next morning scour with some gritty substance and hot water and borax or nanhths soan. I. 1." aphtha soap.

Just Like Fresh Eggs

"In answer to the egg question: Get fresh eggs. Put the eggs carefully in an earthern or stone crock. Take one pint of water-glass to 10 pints of clear water and nour over the eggs. Lay a cover over the eggs to keep them under the water. You can gauge the water-glass and water in as small a quantity as you want only you must have 10 times as much water as you have water-glass. I put some fresh eggs up last year and not one was bad. They were just like fresh eggs. MRS. E. R."

Quick Way to Banish Ants

"In answer to J. N. B. about ants, have found the quickest way to get rid of ants is to have a large sponge for each room infested with them. Dip it in sweet-ened water and squeeze zut; leave it around where the ants can reach it, and from time to time when the sponge seems full of them drop it into bolling hot water and repeat. This will clear the premises in

Aids Chronic Invalids

"I noticed the appeal for a bed or chair for g little boy, also for crutches for a woman. Will you kindly publish the fol-lowing in your department, as in this way we may reach not only those two cases but others who may need us? We have a shirt in society which would be sided to shut-in society which would be giad to be put into touch with chronic invalids, especially those who are in need of applian such as whoel chairs, lifters, bed tables, crutches, etc. The aim of the society is the comfort and relief of those chronically ill. Our shut-in membership at present is 1900. The society has a place for the sale of the work of shut-ins. No work the sale of the work of shut-ins. No work is received from those suffering with tuberculosis or other contagious diseases. A copy of the quarterly containing the report of the work may be obtained by application to the office. M. P. N."

With joy unfeigned we welcome into our great family the representative of one of the noblest charitable organizations in the length and breadth of the land. The

the length and breadth of the land. address for which she asks went to her with grateful acknowledgments. Her let-ter should be pondered seriously and stored in memory against the time of

In the Singular Number "Why is it incorrect to say 'Neither of the two were willing? It sounds all right the two were willing? It sounds all right to me, ret an article upon popular novels I have just read criticiaes an author for using the expression.

In saying "neither of the two" you separate the pair in imagination, putting each in the singular number, in which case the yerh must be in the singular to agree with the nominative. The blunder is surfaced in conversion case. All communication addressed to Marion Harland should enclose a samped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Harland, is care of this paper, for addresses of those they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with those partles.

occurs now and then in the printed work of those who should know better.

Teaching Trunk Packing

a trunk necessary for traveling; also other details with regard to becoming a lady's maid. I have asked persons who followed this line of work, and none seems to know of such places. M. B."

And on her face, too, is the look of the Woman Who Waits. "They're all gone," she said brokenly, twisting her apron in her hands, "and the one I 'ave liked best is—reported—among the missing."

No need to ask for news of Angus. The

Upon this point the Corner is as ignorant as yourself. Will more sophisti-cated members come to our help? We do not publish addresses. But are there schools where one may learn the art as a profession? The question is interesting.

Planning a "Boston Tea Party" "I am planning a Boston Tea Party" nd am looking for the words and music of a song which was quite popular several years ago. So far as I can recollect, the first stanza is as follows:

"'Into port at Boston harbor Sailed a ship from o'er the main,

Loaded down with tea and taxes
Uncle Samuel's purse to drain.'
"Inclesed you will find the required stamped and self-addressed envelope, and I would be most grateful to you for an immediate reply. nmediate reply.

Referred. The words are unknown to me. I hold your address. I am sorry you cannot get the rhyme sooner. We have no way of finding them except through the kindly offices of correspondents.

"Different" Fruit Salad

Nothing is more delicious than a tasty and attractively garnished salad. This one of apples and pineapple may be a change for some one. Take a can of sliced pineapple, a lemon, four large sweet apples, a pint of sweet cream, a cupful of chopped English walnuts and sugar to taste. Drain the pineapple, boiling the juice with the strained juice of the lemon, sweeten to taste. Cut the pineapple into small pieces in a salad bowl, peel the ap-ples and slice them in with the pineapple, sprinkling the whole with sugar. Pour the belied juices over this and set aside to chill. Just before serving add the aweet cream and nuts.

the saddest of Highland laments, "Loch-aber No More." As we passed the little cottage we saw the player. Such an old, bent man, yet walking with such a martial

air. "He was a great fighter in his day," said the coachman, "and it's back on the battlefield he is now!" At Queen's House Inn we halted and a pretty chambermaid opened the door. Two years ago I remembered her as "the bon-niest, sonsiest lass in the glen," given to much dalliance at the back door of nights and courted by all the rustic gallants of my bride,

And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side

Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride, "I should like much to know if there are schools where one can learn to pack a trunk necessary for traveling; also woman who waits. "They're all gone,"

> tale was told in those five words. "Some-where in France" lay all that was left of the only son, the light gone from his eyes forever and the kindly humorous twist from lips now set in a sterner line. On his mother's face was the frozen look of the Woman Who Waits. But the old father turned and spoke, as though flercely challenging, yet with a mouth that trembled. "D'ye hear?" he said. "Lord Kitchener sends his sympathy! The highest honor " and the finest death " it's proud I am " "His volce broke then trailed away by

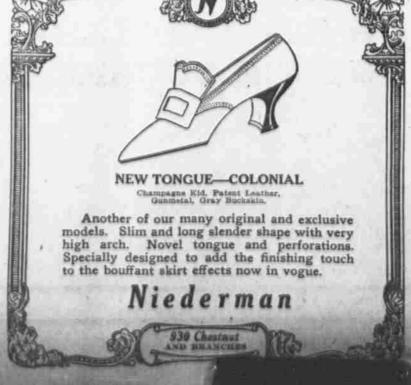
slience.
Poor empty Highlands of Scotland There are times when the woman left be hind yearns for the old far-off days when civilization was unknown, and man and woman used to fight together, side by side. For the greatest tragedy lies in "merely waiting"—and the saddest heart is to be found in the Woman Who Waits.

voice broke, then trailed away into

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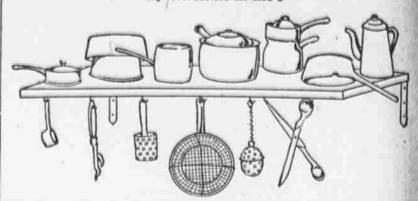
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KITCHEN CONVENIENCE

Have Things Handy-Put Up a Kitchen Shelf

By VIRGINIA E. KIFT



SADDENS BONNY SCOTIA Ellen Adair Descrbies Changes

pots and pans?

If you had all these pots and pans neatly arranged on a kitchen shelf, you could see in a second just where the desired utensil was. The result would mean two or three minutes less trouble and inconvenience every time you wanted a cooking utensil. GLENCOE, Scotland, March 17 .- Such

"I always keep my aluminum ware out, because then I know I won't dare to slight it when I'm in a hurry, and put it away half clean." queer, sad times in Scotland nowadays! And perhaps the saddest thing of all is This confession from an honest house-

How many times every day do you stoop, open a low kitchen dresser door and hunt within its dark recesses for a particular pot or pan that has hidden itself for the moment behind all the other pots and pans?

If you had all these pots and pans

Keep the pots on the shelf upside down—so that no dust can possibly hurt them. In the bottom of the shelf, as shown in the lilustration, screw eyes may serve as holders for scissors, tea strainer, coffee percolator, can opener or any small article needed too often to keep in the unhandy kitchen drawer. Have things handy! Put up a kitchen

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CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL NOT NECESSARY, SAYS MEDICAL EXPERT

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Our medical forefathers made quite as many mistakes as we make today.

Two of their greatest mistakes were calomel and castor oil.

Why, he'll go on prescribing it as a matter of choice. And if he assumes that castor oil is soothing because it is an oil, he will still inflict this Egyptian panacea upon his patrons. panacea upon his patrons.

Even nurses and doctors sometimes imagine milk, being a fluid, is easier to digest than, say, bread or meat. That this is not necessarily true has been proved over and over again, when hard, dense curds of milk were found to have caused perforation of a typhoid ulcer, That is one reason why scraped beef and other solid foods are often given in the course of typhoid fever.

verorchy, and then I drove by coach to beautiful Glencoe. The hills were gray with mist that shifted silently about their crests, and at every turn of the lonely road new glories of scenery sprang into Calomel, theoretically, did something to the liver. It was supposed that calomel increased the flow of bile, or facilitated the discharge of bile from the liver into "Such changes since the war began," said the old man in his hesitating, unaccustomed English; "it's a bigger silence the bowel, or something vaguely like that. Practically, there isn't any reason to think calomel increases the flow of bile or in any way affects the liver any more than other laxative drugs. Experi-mentally, calomel rather tends to diminish torrents and the earle calling of the cur-lews. I have always thought Glencoe a sort of Paradise—but now the vast silence bile secretion. Furthermore, calomel very often nauseates, and occasionally, even small one-tenth grain doses, salivates the

Castor oil, the most repulsive of all

is heart-breaking. So must the scattered homesteads have looked after the Great Massacre of 1692, when on just such an evening as this the MacDonalds, of Glen-coe, were murdered by an enemy. domestic medicines, is an irritant to the intestine, although it is an oil. It binds At the top of the steep five-mile descent we haited, and the old driver got down to the bowel, and is hence sometimes prescribed in cases of acute diarrhea or summer complaint. But this binding in-fluence makes castor oil unsuitable for a strengthen his brakes with ancient shoes. "The last time you were here was on a fishing holiday," he said; "It was happy days those were, before the war began. laxative for frequent or regular use. In-deed, one of the commonest causes of con-stipation in children is a too ready resort e's only the old folk like myself left now. The Glencoe lads were always fighters—born fighters. They're all gone, and to castor oil when a laxative is desired. Both castor oil and calomel have been

victim.

every home throughout the glen's in mourning for some lad killed." In the wide valley I have many friends, found to produce a marked appearance of red blood corpuscles—not visible blood, but red corpuscles, which can be seen

for the Highlanders are kindly, simple folk and never forget a visitor. "Hark! Listen to Donald the Piper," said the old only with the microscope.

The calomel and castor oil habit is only a habit, even among doctors. know, because we have found that neither remedy is ever necessary. There are invariably less injurious, and more agree-able substitutes to use. Of course, if a doctor still harbors the delusion that calooachman, straining to bring his horses to a halt, "there he walks all day long, up and down outside his hut, playing the very heart and soul out of himself. His eldest on was killed at Loos, and playing's all he comfort left to him." mel does some vague things to the liver, Through the great empty glen re-echoed

Annabel Lee

And the stars never rise but I feel the bright eyes Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;

In her sepulchre there by the sea, In her tomb by the sounding sea. -Edgar Allen Poe.

Pen Points

cold water. You can clean it easily after this treatment. Never use anything but specially pre-

pared fountain pen ink in your fountain pen. The other ink clogs up the passage which leads from the reservoir to the pen point, and no ink will come through. Running water through this passage once in a while before refilling the pen keeps it in good condition.

out too soon after the grip. We al-ways send our children outdoors as much as possible when they have ordinary coryza or sore throat, and with good re-sults. But we should appreciate your opinion about going out after grip.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Going Out After Infection

A number of people say it is folly to

course of typhold fever.

Answer-Get out in the atmosphere and regain your health; but grip or coryza, or whatever it may be, here's the one rule to follow: Be comfortable. It can never help you to suffer with chilliness or cold.

The Gall-Sac

A reader writes to say that, interested in our articles treating upon gall-sac trou-bles, she has failed to find one relating to her particular trouble. send a stamped, addressed envelope we shall be glad to let her have a complete set of those which have already been published.

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