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willed Princess Woo became one of the wives of the great Emperor Tai. And she proved so gracious and acceptable a stepmother to young Prince Knou, that, as the records tell us, he grew very fond of the girl queen and, within a year from the death of his great father, when he himself had succeeded to the Yellow Throne, as Emperor Supreme, he recalled the Queen Woo from her rethrement in the Nestorian mission-House at Tung Chow and made her one of his royal wives. And when in the year 683, Kaou-tsung died, she boldly assumed the direction of the government, and, ascending the throne, declared herself Woo How Tsih-tien-Woo, the Empress Supreme and Sovereign Divine !

History records that this Zenobia of China proved equal to the great task. She "governed the empire with discretion," extended the borders and the characters, habits and circumwas acknowledged as Empress from the shores of the Pacific to the borders of Persia, of India, and of the Caspian Sea.

Her reign was one of the longest and most successful in that period known in history as the Golden Age of China. Because of the native prejudice against woman, Chinese historians have endeavored to blacken her character and undervalue her services. But later scholars now see that she was a powerful and successfal queen, who did great good to her ducted, and the marriage certificate native land and strove to maintain its delivered to the recorder. As a rule, power and glory.

and protectors the Nestorian priests. bride, and occassionally in the meet-During her long reign of almost fifty ing-house. At the nuptial ceremoyears, Christianity strengthened in the kingdom and obtained a footing that only the great Mahometan conquests of five centuries later entirely destroy. ed; and the Emprees Woo, so the contains a hundred names. Enchronicles declare herself "offered sac | gagement or wedding rings are rarely rifices to the great God of all." When given. hundreds of years later, the Jesuit missionaries penetrated into this most exclusive of all the nations of the earth, they found near the palace at Chang-an the ruins of the Nestorian mission church with the cross still standing and, preserved through all in Syriac characters of the Christian law, and with it the names of seventy two attendant priest, who had served the church establishment by O lo-pcn.

within the reach of us all, are infinite- him from givin' me a bim-awful whal-At the age of fourteen the strong- ly the best. Then let us not cast them ing when I git home. I reckon that away, but treasure every sunbeam, and get all'the light and warmth from it that the blessing holds.

> MARRIAGE AMONG THE QUA-KERS.

Divorces are actually unkown among the Quakers, and this absence is accounted for by the extrarodinary precaution employed when two young persons desire to be united in marriage. The parties place their proposal of marriage in a written form, which is referred to the society of which they are members, and is acted upon at a "Preparation Meeting" thereof. If all the attendant circumstances are in every respect in accordance with the views of those present, the proposal is approved, and then introduced at the monthly meeting, where it is again passed upon and a committee of investigation into stances of the engaged twain is appointed. Those committees always consist of two members of each sex.

The committee, after a most thorough examination and investigation, makes its report, generally at the succeeding 'monthly meeting."

This ends the preliminary arrangement, and the twain are at liberty to proceed in the accomplishment of their marriage, a committee of two of each sex being appointed by the meeting to see that it is orderly conthe impressive ceremonies are gener. She never forgot her good friends ally conducted at the home of the nies the certificate is given to the couple, which after receiving their own signatures, is in turn signed by every person present, and frequently

A HORSE IN HIS ROOM.

EXETER, N. H., June 17 .- Some time during last night when Professor Tufts, of Philip's Academy was absent, 50 students took his horse out of the stable into the academy, out in gentleman the other day. "The hero the changes of dynasties, an abstract the dormitory and up two fligts of of the story is a well known citizen of

that the quiet homely joys, which are that the whole Union army can't stop feller over there on a stretcher is me, after dad gits through bringin' up his reserves !"

> "Misfortune never comes singly," remarked Jones, when a young man sat down to play his own accompaniment to a song.

BORROWED HUMOR.

"What's the difference between an "Give it up, old man." "Why one is

a cross-beau and the other a cutlass."

"I see the scoundrel in your face," exclaimed the judge to the prisoner Brick Moulds or Freezers. "I reckon jedge," was the response, 'that that 'ere's personal reflection ain't it?" .

Smith-"That dog of yours keeps me awake nights, howling." Jones-"Why I have no dog. It must be my daughter singing." Smith-"Is that so? Excuse me. I am sorry. I don't suppose she can be shot, eh ?" "I don't want any caster oil," said

a sick little Boston boy, petulantly. "Why Horace," exclaimed his mother, 'don't you know that castor oil is made from beans?" And the little boy, whose faith in his mother is perfect, took the dose, and feebly asked for more.

A member in a silver speech, slapped at the national banks, and in a oud voice exclaimed : "What is the difference between my note and a national bank note ?" "You can buy omething with the bank note," chipped in an opponent before the Texan could answer his own question.

"Yes," said Mrs. Upperton, "the pastor is a very eloquent preacher, no doubt, but he sometimes irritates me by dwelling with such stress upon the fact that in the other world we shall wear white robes. White never did become me, even when I was a girl. My husband says I look regal in garnet silk. If I thought I would wear a robe of garnet silk, the inducement to lead a religious life would be a great deal stronger than it is at present.'

"Let me tell you a little story about a young man down our way," said a



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These individuals might as well give up ever having a good time. The season of delight which so long waited and hoped for, too rarely comes-Disease, poverty, death claim each its victims. The lives of those whom we love, or our own, go out, and what is Bft?

Then take your pleasure to-day while it is yet time. Things may not be in the best shape for that visit you have been so long planning to your only sister. It might be better if you could wait till you had a more stylish suit of cloths, or till the boy was at home from college to look after the place; but she is ready now. You are both growing old-you hed better other evening was a boy about 15 go.

Don't say I cant go-I was intending ing pins are not out," or "My dress My boy, why do you weep ?" isn't changed." Put on your warm a ride. If you don't take such things when you can get them, you are apt you?" to be shy when you want them again.

Don't say "I shall be glad when that child is grown up ! What quantities on this field ?" of trouble he makes!" No, enjoy his cunning ways-revel in his affectionate hugs and kisses-they will not be sort?" so plenty by and by. Enjoy his childhood. It will look sweet to ycu when it is gone forever.

Eujoy the littles of every day. The great favors of fortune come but to money which dad gave me to buy mo-

the village stood around and cheered themselves hoarse. Prof. Tufts met the students in the recitation room afterward and spoke to them as fol

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dastardly.

"Gentlemen, I am pained to say that some persons who consider themselves gentlemen have been guilty of night put the matter to a test: a contemptible action. I do not make any specific charge against any particular young gentleman, but I have every reason to believe that within twenty-four hours I shall be in possession of facts that will lead to the detection of the person or persons who locked that horse up in my room." The students listened with bated breath, and when the Professor had overcoming his emotional nature, concluded every face was the personification of childlike innocence. Each man personally condoled with the Professor and said the affair was

WHY HE WEPT. Among the crowd present at the panoramic battle of Gettysburg the

years of age. He had been gazing his wife, and also shot and seriously John drives around with the horse. around him for fifteen minutes when wounded Mrs. Jackson. He was ar-"Jump in mother" he says, "it's a he began to weep. The fact was nolevely, day. You need the fresh air.' ticed, and directly a gentleman said:

"Ab, poor lad ! This painting reto make doughnuts," or "my crimp- vives some episode of grief in his life.

"'Ca-'ca-'cause, sir !" was the cloak, tie a veil around your hat, take broken reply, as the tears fell faster. "Does the sight of this battle move

"Y-yes."

"Did your father lay down his life

"No."

"But you lost a relation of some

"Not-not that I know of." "Then it must be these bloody scenes

which overcome you poor child." "N-no, sir. I come in here on the

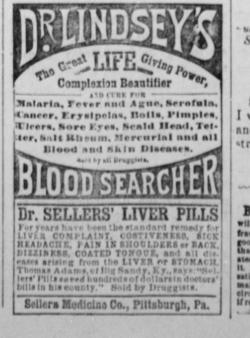
few, and those who have them tell us lasses with, and it has just struck me

Tecumseh. He was married not long stairs into the Professor's sleeping ago and started on a Southern wedroom, where he found it this morning. How they managed to get the animal ding trip. When the train stopped at there is not known. It took three Topeka for dinner a waiter rushed out laborers over half an hour to get the and began pounding a gong. The animal down, while all the youths in young man from Tecumseb, thinking it was intended for a charivari, rushed up to him and exclaimed, 'Hold on there! How did you fellows down here get on this racket? Stop here! I'll set 'em up for the boys.' '

A young photographer was in love with a G street girl, and Saturday "Dear Fannie," he said, after beating around the bush for an hour or more. "I love you warmly, devotedly, earnestly and tenderly. I have loved you from the first time I met you, and now I have the great question to ask. will you dearest Fannie, be my wife?" "No, Sir," she responded emphatically "Ab," he replied, his artistic sense what a negative that was-clear cut. distinct in every outline, with never a blur or a shadow! I shall preserve it. Good-bye."

SHOT HIS WIFE AND MOTHER-IN LAW.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 17.-John Burnett, farmer, 68 years of age living at York, went to the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jackson, where he shot and mortally wounded rested. His wife was 35 and had left him. He was jealous of her.



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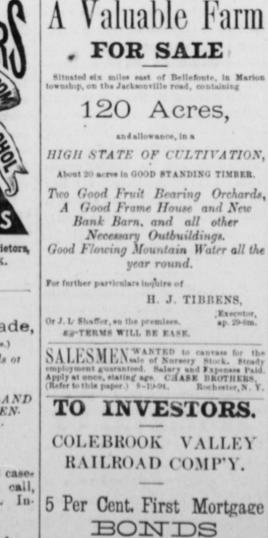
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