Girls never do anything in stories, said Margaret Barber, impatiently throwing down her magazine; it's niways the boys who do things.

I'm sure said her grandmother, that in the story you have been reading, Lucy washed the dishes, swept the kitchen floor, and took care of the baby while, her mother was away.

But Horace killed the bear! interrapied the young girl, still so impatiently, that her grandfather laid down his newspaper took off his steelbowed glasses, and looking across the room at a still pretty, plump old lady, who was slowly rocking and swiftly knitting, he said.

Washe ! the dishes, sweep the floor, and took the baby, did she? That is just what your Aunt Hanna was left to do the day she was ten years old, ween her tather and mother went to Hartford, and hunchback Pingree came along. If that story could be printed there would be a girl in it that did something, for I was the baby, and did nothing but scream. Tell us about it Hanna.

Oh yes Aunt Hanna, cried Margaret, do tell us!

And although the old lady shook her head at her brother, to begin with, she relented, and said:

Do you see that cupboard there by the fireplace?

To be sure, said Margaret's mother, who with her daughter, was making her first visit to the quaint old cottage. It quite distressed me, it looks so old fashioned with its two doors. house was mine.

No doubt, said Aunt Hanna; but that has been a serviceable part of the house in its day. It was framed in and finished up when the chimney was built, with little secret drawers saw the box, didn't you? that pull out from between the stones of the great chimney. My father was quite a business man for those times; he was town clerk and treasurer for years, and settled all the estates of all the people who died, far and near, so there were always pack ages of paper and rolls of money be longing to great many different individuals, in that little cupboard.

When Captain Pingree died, I remember well that father was very much opposed to having anything to do with settling the estate.

They had an ill-tempered family'I hunchback is like an evil spirit to deal with. his father has advanced him a great deal of money and holds his notes for the same, yet now he inwith it.

ion, yet that very night papers came tom of the cupboard, and the one to him from the Judge of Probate broad shelf above it, my mother used authorizing him to act as administra. as a huge work basket, and it was tor, and before bed time one or the well filled with family sewing and Pingree brothers came in secretly by the back way fetching a little tin trunk full of father's papers. I was in the trundle bed, and supposed to be asleep, but I heard him say as father locked the trunk into the cupboard

my brother are in there, and he is so determined to get hold of them that we dare not keep them in the house night. He is like a baby, Sir, his the shelf above, you can misplace it mind being as dwarfed as his body; so that one end will come off the slat but because he is a man in years he that holds it, and all the things upon insists that he is so in intellect, and re it will come rattling down. I know sents any interference by a legally appointed guardian. Since mother died he has never been under the least restraint. He has had his own will and tin trunk sets upon that shelf, I know, his own way in everything, and that makes it harder to deal with him. He recognizes no law of obedience or submission, as his will was never broken or even subdued.

I know it, replied my father. Some one is to have a trial with him.

The next morning he repeated these words to my mother, and added :

I think I will drive into Hartford and ask E-quire Elseworth what his opinion is in regard to the course that ought to be pursued with the poor feliow. I guess you had better go with me. You and Hannah will be authority. wanting something new.

But Hannah will have to stay alone with baby, if I go, hesitated my moth-

That she can do. Is she not ten

sweeping the floor and rocking . the

away, leaving me alone with my little charge. About the middle of the forenoon, as I was kneeling by the cradle, feeding the baby with bread and milk, there was a rattle at the outer door, and immediately that hunchback, Pingree, came walking in. Oh, how frightened I was! It makes my flesh creep now even to think of it. He was an ugly, mis-shapen creature, with a repulsive leer on his face, instead of the sweet patient expression that draws ones heart out to most such

Where are your folk's he asked, in choked the baby. Don't lie to me, now, for I know where they are as well as you do.

To Hartford, I managed to articulate, at the same time pushing a low chair toward the poor creature, thinking to appease his evident ill humor by politeness.

To my horror he passed by the chair, and seated himself in the foot of the cradle. The baby was terrified now, and giving up from coughing, began to scream at the top of his I should have taken it out if the powers. I bent over to take him in with an evil leer.

Let the young one alone until you fetch me that tin trunk of papers that my brother left here last night. You

I nodded my head, too much frightened to speak.

Where is it? Quick, now! I pointed to the cupboard, and

greatly to the relief of the baby and

myself, he crossed the room. Locked! he shouted, trying the door Open it young one !

Father has the key, I stammered. Think of some other way to open it then. How would your father open it if the key was lost !- Think quick as you can, or I will kill the his long illness softened his hard baby, wring its slim, white neck as I heart." would a chicken's then I will set the The girl did do something in that heard him say to mother, and that house on fire and burn up those con- story, said Margaret, going across the founded notes, and you with them, so room to give Aunt Hannah a hug and

rushed through my brain and upon pity you can't remember it? tends to share like the other heirs, one of them, half a memory and half Taey will not submit to such injust a suggestion, I seized with desperatice, and consequently there will be tion. At the dawn of hope in my trouble, that some one else must set heart, my courage returned and going tle besides me. I have nothing to do to the lower door of the cupboard, I turned the knob that held a button My father was honest in that decis- on the inside, and opened it. The botmending. Clearing the shelf, and setting the little splint thread and thimble basket on a chair near at hand, I said, as steadily as I could :

kept locked, and father carries the Key The notes my father held against with him; but the bottom shelf of the odicles bound in the best style and for upper cupboard is loose, and if you crawl in upon this shelf on your hands and knees, and raise your back against about it, for I did it myself once when I was a little girl, and did a great deal of mischief. Your brothers for I saw it there when father opened the door to get his pocket book just before he went away.

You know how to misplace the shelf; get in and misplace it yourself, said the hunchback.

I cannot, I replied. I used to play in there when I was a little thing, but now the cupboard will hold me no

He looked me over, (I was large for my age) saw that I spoke the truth, and proceeded to crawl upon the shelf himself, saying in a tone of

If any one comes to the door, don't let them see me here it would be too ridiculous. Do you hear?

I nodded my head too anxious for the success of my plan to speak. No

ble harm can come to her, and she upon the shelf than I slammed the can care for baby as well as his door together and turned the button, mother herself, pleasantly said my then catching the brass key from mother's thread basket, I put it in I have often staid alone a part of the lock and turned it upon him. As a day. I said. A whole day is a the strong bolt slipped into its place, little longer, but I shall not mind. I I ran back and dropped into the shall be busy washing the dishes, cradle with the screaming baby, I had been strong enough for anything but a moment before, now I was so week That settled it, and they soon drove I could not stand. My little brother hushed his crying the moment my head sank in his baby lap, and putting his tiny cold fingers on my face, laughed in merry glee.

The hunchback, when he found himself caught, yelled like a caged demon, but I know that the cupboard door was of heavy plank, that the lock and hinges were strong, and I felt perfectly safe. I knew too, that there was a crack under the door so wide that air enough would pass to keep him from suffocating. His threats were so terrible to listen to that I began to sing hymns to the a sharp cracked voice that startled baby as soon as I could nud my voice, me so that I spilled the milk and and it was not long before he was quiet, save an occasional appeal to my sympathy, telling me how uncomfortable he found his cramped position, and begging me to let him out. I was sorry enough for him, but my fear lest he should harm the baby, overcame my pity.

Father and mother came at sunset, and I shall never forget the look that passed between them when I told them of my prisoner. Father unlocked the cupboard door, but the poor hunchback had remained so long in his cramped position that he could not my arms, but the hunchback enarled stir. Father pulled him out, carried him in his arms and put him in bed. and mother bathed and rubbed him. He was sick for three months, and the whole of that time mother nursed him faithfully. That illness was a turning point in his life. He lived for several years a quiet, humble Christian life, respected and beloved. money enough to take out a license with."-

At his death he willed everything he possessed to me, in gratitude, he said, for saving him from crime by locking him in the cupboard, as he was fully resolved, if he could not obtain the papers, to burn the dwelling He said also that his imprisonment in the cupboard broke his stubborn will, but mother's patience and kindness in

a kiss, and then going to peep into the A multitude of confused thoughts cupboard. Oh, Grandpa, isn't it a

I suppose all through my childhood that I did remember it, said Grandpa. I heard it told of so often, but Uncle Pingree and I were great friends, and I once coaxed the funny little man to get into the cupboard and show me just how he lay when Hannah and I were his jailors.

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A MATRIMONIAL EXPERT.

Average Age of the Men and Women Who Enter the Marriage State. On a street car the other day I met a man who asked me to make a guess at the average age of the men and women who marry in Chicago. I reflected for a moment upon the impatience of youth and the ardor of love, and replied: "Twenty-three for men and 20 for the women." But I was wrong, "The average," said the man, with that authority which comes of knowledge, "is 28 years for men and 23 for women. How do I know! Be-cause I have figured it out from published re-ports of the marriage licenses issued from day to day. Of course, a good many marry much younger than this, but just think how the average is brought up when some lovesick youth of 70 or 80 leads to the altar a blushing damsel only a few years his junior. Several such cases have occurred in Chicago of late, and I came across one match in which the groom was 76 and the bride 80. This was several years ago, hough there have since been several cases nearly as bad, I saw one license, too, in which the groom's age was given at 21 and the bride's at 69. This was an extreme case, of course, but the number of cases in which the grooms are younger than the brides is remarkably large. In 92 marriages out of 1,000 in Chicago the men are younger than the women, and in 56 out of 1,000 bride and groom are of the same age. The average marriage age for males in Chicago is about the same as in England and Scotland, but the average age of the women over there is nearly three

"Russia is the place where they do marry young. Over there more than one-third of the men and more than one-half of the women marry before they are 20. Is there as much marrying in Chicago as in Europe in proportion to population? Here are the figures: In Chicago during 1886 the marriages averaged 15 per 1,000 inhabitants; in England the rate is 17 per 1,000; in France, 16; in Germany, 18, and in Sweden, only 13. The lowest mar-riage rate is in Ireland. I am satisfied that there are very few consanguineous marriages in Chicago, which is a healthy sign. In France 11/4 per cent. of the marriages are consa guineous; in England, 2 per cent., and among the nobility, 5 per cent. Three-quarters of all consanguineous marriages are between cousins. There is a greater number of consanguineous marriages in the south than in

"Have the matrimonial adventurers in Chiergo any favorite days for taking out icenses?" I asked, perceiving that the man

was a specialist on the marriage question. "Yes, indeed," he replied, "Monday is the big day for marriage licenses. The number taken out on that day averages 50 to 75 per cent, higher than any other day in the week. Explain this? Easily. Most of the courting is done on Sundays. Among certain classes of people marriages very quickly follow engage ments, and as Monday is the day after Sunday you can see the cause of the Monday rush. Another explanation is that Monday is a general pay day, and on the day after a good many candidates for matrimony haven't

The President's Coachman. I noticed a funny incident on Pennsylvania avenue the other day. Albert Hawkins, the president's coachmen, is a large, fine looking negro, as black as a piece of polished ar thracite coal, and in private life is a rollicking. jolly, good fellow, full of stories and wit, and be keeps the stables in a roar, so that it is said the horses laugh sometimes. But when he is out on business Aibert is as solemn as a Hindoo god. He sits on the box of the president's tarriage without moving a muscle of his face for hours, and when the carriage is waiting anywhere he always shows the other drivers around what true dignity is. He has driven seven presidents, and no one appreciates the circumstance as well as he. twenty-five years of driving and of handling i sorts of teams no accident ever occurred with him and not a strap ever broke. He has driven Lincoln, Johnson, Hayes, Grant, Garfield and Arthur to take the oath of office, and has followed the bodies of Lincoln and Garfield to their tombs.

Albert is particularly proud of Mrs. Cleveland, and feels a sort of proprietorship in the president's wife. He used to be quite fond of president's wife. He used to have the world.

Mrs. Fred Grant, and Nellie Arthur he still thinks is "the finest young lady in the world, sah, the finest young lady in the world." But Mrs. Cleveland seems to occupy his r. ind more nowadays than the friends of the past, and Albert spends a good deal of time when off duty exiciling her beauty and graces. Whenever she smiles at him, as she always does when he takes her from or leaves her at the White House, his own face spreads all over his coat coilar and stays that way for some time. When Mrs. Cleveland rides out Albert is always a little sprucer than usual, his spinal column is a little more erect and his face a little more serious with responsi-bility.—Washington Letter.

Gormandizing of Human Hogs. Have you ever seen men on a steamboat, where the table was spread, stand around the door ready to make a plunge and a rush for the table the moment an opportunity was given! Have you seen how men at parties take pains to get the most favorable situations at the table? Have you seen how men stretch and lean over in order that they may fare the best! Men, too, that are fed well at home, and that do not seem to need any special feeding-have you seen how they gormandize now they stuff and fill and forget corything but to eat, eat right and left and eat some thing of everything, and this at 12 or 1 o'clock at night! And good men they are—deacons elders, class leaders, ministers—all good men! But when a man leaves his home at 10 But when a man leaves his home at 10 o'clock at night to go out for amusement and takes his second supper at 1 or 20 clock, what would you expect of him but that he should make everything consistent, and the whole abominable mess a violation of natural law? And in the world of fashion they keep this unnatural excitement up to the most absurd extents. By 2, or 3, or 4 o'clock they begin to extents. By 2, or 3, or 4 o clock they begin to go home, and then they retire. At about the time they ought to get up they go to bed. Now comes the restless sloep of the forenoon. And then about 10 or 11 o'clock, dreary and headachy and desponding, they get up most dolefully to talk about their enjoyments!— Henry Ward Beecher in New York World.

Fasting Cranks Out of View. The two Italian fasting men who recently filled so large a space in the papers have returned to their former obscurity, and neither has acquired the lortune which they hoped would be the reward of their privations. Meriatti has descended from the magnificent apartment at the Grand hotel to a small room apartment at the Grand hotel to a small room in an outlying quarter near the Porte de St. Quen. He has never recovered his health, and the 2,000 francs he received have long been spent. Succi has not been more fortunate, and has left Paris with unsettled claims hauging over him from his Barnum, from the landlord of his apartments in the Rue Lepeletier and from the contractor for his buffet.—Galignani's Messenger.

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