Her eyes are like the heather on the Norland hills a-blow.

and her curving tips of laughter like a berry in the snow, In a snood of crimson gleaming

Lo, her locks of amber dwell, And I'm dreaming. Dreaming.

Dreaming.

Of my bonnie Heather-bell. With footfall light as thistle-down she cometh ero I ken ;

Her smile is like the breaking of the moondawn in the glen.

A myriad fancies teeming Feed the flame I cannot quell; And I'm dreaming. Dreaming.

Dreaming. Of my bonnie Heather-bell.

Her voice is like the thrush's piping carols in the corn ; Its tender echoes haunt me thro' the night-

> tide till the morn : Oh, her disaples shyly beaming, They have charmed me with a spell; And I'm dreaming,

Dreaming, Dreaming, Of my bonnie Heather-bell. -Samuel M. Peck, in Atlanta Constitution.

#### THE MASKED ROBBER.

BY MATILDA A. WOODCOCK.



EW YEAR EVE had again come, and, as usual, a large party of us young people were invited to see the old year out at my uncle's country seat. Right jolly were the last hours of the old year made

under that hospitable roof, and the large rooms rang with merry laughter when one of the party was unwittingly caught "beneath the mistletoe bough.

Having wearied of dancing and games, we gathered in the large, oldfashioned hall-another of our timehonored customs-and then, in front of the great open fireplace, piled high with blazing hickory logs, we passed the last hours of the old year in story-telling. One of the most remarkable of these stories was told by my aunt, and I shall endeavor to repeat it as nearly as possible in her own words:

There is always one story which comes to me on New Year Eve and seems peculiarly appropriate to that time, although it is not a joyful one.

When I was sixteen, my mother died, and soon after her death my to a large farm. I had been born in ly I was fond of reading and was also a great lover of nature. so that in a in your uncle, my dears, I found the measure I was compensated for the perfect love of womanhood. life which I had left. I saw little of trivial things became of interest to

One afternoon in June, when we had been living on the farm two years, I was sitting on the porch reading a novel and crying over the sad fate of the heroine, when suddenly my attention was attracted by the sound of wheels. I looked up quickly from my book and saw a buggy rapidly approaching our house. My curiosity was at once aroused, and my disappointment and surprise were great when I found that, instead of a stranger driving behind the thoroughbred little mare, Lake, one of our rough farmhands, held the reins. Presently he drew up beside the porch, and his errand was made known in a few words. There had been a runaway about a mile from us. and the gentleman who was driving had been thrown from his carriage and seriously injured. Lake saw the man fall and went immediately to his rescue. He managed to get him to a barn near by and, after capturing the horse and buggy, both of which were brought to him, and he was suffering so much pain that Lake did not like to leave him so long alone.

for the injured man. as John Graham, soon arrived and in the morning.

to our care. was young and romantic, and a man what seemed, in my agony, to be the bills was noticed it was supposed John Graham under such circum-stances might have turned my silly only kill me now!" But no!--he signatures on both bills are genuine. weeks I was hands and feet to him. from the casket, and lay them gently were it in my power, I did not gratify.
He was very fond of roses, and early every morning I would gather the heard that he was once more coming learn Picayus.

Attended by him that, and yet he did not move, but stood as his own price and they would purchase very morning I would gather the heard that he was once more coming learn Picayus.

me absurdly happy.

The weeks glided by. John had re- ness must have forsaken me. covered and would soon leave us, yet When I again opened my eyes, the he had not spoken of his love; but bright light was streaming through after a while the words came. We the blinds. At first, I had only a vawere sitting on the porch in the moon- gue remembrance of what seemed to light, in the same place from which I me a dreadful nightmare, but graduhad seen him carried in on that ally the whole scene of the night beeventful day when he was hurt: fore came clearly to my mind and a My father's consent to our engage. terror seized me. My children were ment was soon gained, as John's past my first thought. I sprang quickly life, so far as he could discover, was from my bed, but fell heavily to the happily for the first few months, and lay unconscious, only feeling a burnit seemed that in our case love was to ing pain in my head; but through run a smooth course. I must not for God's mercy I was given back to my tions to John. He had always worn to his little finger. It was a ser was never mentioned until my health pent of silver, its head being formed was fully restored. One day I was in between, the sight of this ring will bring me to protect you."

At last my cup of happiness was It was as follows: full, but it was destined to be emptical . "I have come here to-night with a to the dregs. I need not go band of robbers intending to steal and, see me with his brain stupefied by across a ring. That ring saved you.

praying me to keep it, "as a symbol of a love that had once been true."

After this, my health gradually gave way, and our physician advised my father to take me to Europe, which he did. We travelled several years and father sold our old home, and removed everything was done to divert and amuse me. At first, I prayed to die, ways lived there. I keenly felt the the change from the gay metropolis to the solitude of the country, but fortunate. It I was fond of reading and as stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, Another love came to stopping now and then to read the quaint inscriptions. A simple gray stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the stopping now and then to read the sweet to me, far sweeter and stronger than that the sweeter and stronger than the stopping now and then to read the sweeter and stronger than the sweeter and stronger than the stronger than the sweeter and stronge the city, and until that time had al- but I was young, very young, and as old, wild passion of my girlhood, and in your uncle, my dears, I found the notice. I stopped to see what might

I had been married a number of the outside world; therefore the most years and was the mother of three children when your uncle was obliged to go to California to look after some mines in which he had a large interest. As he expected to be there for a considerable time, we all went with him, and decided to rent a furnished house in the suburbs of L ... The one we fancied most was large, and only one story high. It was handsomely furnished and had a great many acres of ground around it. At first, I objected to taking it on account of the lonely location, but the numerous attractions which it possessed soon overcame this one fault, and before long we were comfortably settled in our new quarters. We had been living there only a year, when one evening-this also was on New Year Eve -your uncle came home as usual, and after he had been in the house a few minutes, he received a dispatch which necessitated his starting off immediately, to be gone for two or three days. It was the first time since our marriage that we had been separated, and that night I did feel a little nervous. I went to the nursery and looked at my children, sleeping what could be done. It would be sev- peacefully, and then, taking a book, I eral hours before a doctor could be read until I was so weary that I went

My bedroom was large and had four windows. Two of them opened on the Just then my father came up, and, piazza, and two on a beautiful green having heard Lake's story, said that terrace. My dressing-table stood bethe man should be brought at once to tween the piazza-windows, and on it our house, and ordered one of the was my jewel-casket, containing all my men to harness two of the horses to diamonds, and several other valuable the farm wagon. A mattress was then articles of jewelry. Usually, I kept laid on it and off they started, leaving this locked in an iron sale, but that me at home to put things in readiness evening I had taken it out, in order to the time of his death. -- Romance. get a pin for my husband to have Our pretty spare room, with its mended in L-, and I had forgotten fresh matting and Swiss curtains, was to put it back. After I was safely in the one which I selected for him. It bed, I remembered my casket, but conwas on the ground-floor, and would cluded that no harm could possibly therefore be more convenient than any come to it in just that one night, and other. Our guest, who gave his name thought I would put it away I do was carried carefully to his chamber, know how long I had been asleep, and before very long the doctor came, when I was awakened by hearing a them out to examine them he dis-Having set the broken limbs, -- for one slight noise. Opening my eyes, I saw covered that two of them were exof his legs and one of his arms were by the light of a dark-lantern the fig- actly alike. The numbers of both broken, -and applied some cooling ure of a tall man standing by my were the same. This gives them great wash to the bruises, he left the patient dressing-table. My first impulse was to acream, and then came the thought. It was many weeks before he was "If I do that, he will kill me!" Sudable to move from his bed, but be- dealy the man turned, and I could see tween the doctor's skill and our care-ful nursing he slowly regained his eyes and feigned sieep. Stealthily he 476,321. The bank number is 3359, strength. Remember, my dears, in those days your white headed old aunt and, bending over, looked at me, for 10,883. When the exact similarity of

head. I confess to you that my head moved softly from my bed, and again Plainly there was an error. Mr. was wholly turned, my heart entirely | walked to the dressing-table. I could | Miller says that sevent banks have given away to this stranger. For hear him take my jewels, one by one, offered him a large sum of money for Never a wish was attered by him that, down. At last, the box was emptied, National Bank told his he could fix

choicest from our garden for John's toward me. Certainly this time he room. I was perfectly delighted when would take my life, and I prayed God he one day told me that my theseks it might be done quickly; but, no! I put the roses to shame." It was the must suffer still more. He knelt down first compliment he had ever paid me, and put his face so close to mine that and for days the thought of it made I could feel his hot breath. I was like one petrified. My blood seemed At last I felt that John loved me. I frozen in my veins, and had the cold never moved that his eyes did not fol- steel been pressed to my throat, I should low every motion, and how the light not have felt a single pang. My whole came into his eyes when I returned to being seemed held by some terrible him after some short absence! This power. At last, he arose from his was my first love, and by it my dull knees and, going to one of the winmonotonous life seemed changed into dows, blew a whistle three times. This is all that I remember. My conscious-

irreproachable, and his worldly pros- floor in a dead faint. The strain had pects were good. Everything went on proved too much for me. For days I get to tell you about my engagement husband and children-for not a hair ring. It was one which had been of my little bairns' dear heads had

handed down through several genera- been touched on that horrible night. of an enormous ruby and the tail of my boudoir, idly lounging, when my small diamonds. Inside the ring was husband came in and, seating himself written, "Time reveals all things." on the sofa by my side, took a small On the day of our engagement John piece of paper from his pocket-book. took it from his finger and placed it It looked like the fly-leaf of a book, on mine with these words: "Should and was covered with writing in lead aught part us, love, though years roll pencil. He handed it to me, saying, between, the sight of this ring will 'I think, little woman, you are strong

enough to read this."

over those months of misery, if necessary, to murder. While taking when John Graham came to the jewels from your casket, I came liquor, and tell how I tried to bring I looked upon your face and a flood edge, and in one of his fits of hary at the weakness and loathsomeness of my lands clean from blood. I the house. It is enough for me to say that things went from bad to worse. The things went from bad to worse. The could love John no longer, after he had sunk so low, and at last—it was gagement was broken. I was my old lover. Your nucle tried for gagement was broken. I was my old lover. Your nucle tried for gagement was broken. I was my old lover. Your nucle tried for gagement was broken. I was my old lover. Your nucle tried for gagement was broken. I was my old lover. Your nucle tried for the house they are easily been and unless they are kept in the most desired products, and keeps thin as long as she is milking.—New York Times.

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> gestion, we walked over to the picturesque old churchyard. strolled in and out among the graves; might be written on it, and then I read the name "John Graham. Died on the Eve of New Year Day, 18 -- . Beloved of the people. God rest his soul." I asked my cousin if she knew who this John Graham was? And she told me that some twenty years before a man with a peddler's pack had come into the town. His wares were good, and he sold a great many. As he traveled from house to house, staying, as was the custom in those times, first with one family, then with another, he became very popular, and was induced to take his small capital and open a store. gave his name as John Gray, and he was so self-denying, and did so many deeds of charity, that the country folk almost canonized him as a saint. Their shrewd minds soon discovered in him no common peddler, and when at his death an old envelope was found next his heart, with the name John Graham in a woman's hand, and inside, a lock of yellow hair, carefully folded in paper, on the outside of which is written, "My guiding star," the curiosity of the good people was at its height. Your uncle and I could have solved the problem, but we carefully guarded the secret, and to this day the village gossips wonder who "John Graham" could have been. I have never known how he happened to fall into such a state of degradation as to become a robber, but I firmly believe that by his after life he made full atonement for his sins. A New Year Eve never passes but that I think of John Graham, -- and you will not wonder that it is so, for it was a fateful time in his sad life. I felt as though it were almost a supernatural coincidence that it should have been also

#### Two Bills Alike,

Young Henry Miller, of New York, got a bonanza when he was paid off the other day. His wages were given to him in the shape of light new \$5 not bills. He put them in his pocket, and some time afterward, then he took value from a collector's point of view. The bills were printed by the Government and issued by the Southern National Bank of New York. The that one was a counterfeit. the bills, and that he Southern



TO ESTIMATE HEIGHT.

grow to: Take a colt at any time between six weeks and one year, put him more regularly be given. It is quite a on a level surface so that he will stand simple thing to cover the roots of naturally, then measure the distance plants several inches deep with leaves from the hair of the hoof to his knee or hay just after the ground has begun joint, and for every inch or fraction to freeze, and thus prevent the alterhigh when matured. If he measures so injurious. In addition, raspberry fifteen inches, he will be fifteen hands vines should be bent down and covhigh; if 151 inches, he will be 151 hands high, and so on. - New York harm the canes to a considerable ex-

HOW TO FEED MEAL TO A COW. The best way to feed meal to a cow is to cut hay and wet it only as much as to make the meal adhere to it, and mix this with it, adding a small handful of salt with each feed. The meal is then more completely digested than if it were given by itself, in which case it is apt to pass on to the third stomach and miss the rumination, which is necessary to the perfect digestion of a cow's food. Five pounds of cut hay and three quarts of cornmeal will make a full single feed for a cow giving ten or twelve quarts of milk a day. It is not desirable to try to feed a cow for milk and fat both, as poultry need some kind of green food the food is then apt to be diverted to fat only, and the milk may decrease there can be given them cabbages, in any but a specially-gifted butter chopped onions, or turnips, occasionor milk animal. Some cows will shrink ally varying this diet with short latein milk as soon as they are fed dry meal or shorts, and turn the food to stalk leaves, if chopped fine. In the flesh and fat. Such a cow is not profit- early spring time, when the ground able in a dairy. The best milk and first softens from the frost, grain and butter cow is one that is not easily other seeds should be thrown into the

to make the beds and fill them with the right soil. The farmer who does not make use of frames for starting his garden vegetables ought not be classed among progressive farmers. The seasons are too short for us to wait One morning, at my cousin's sugar until spring before sowing our seeds. By the time the ground is ready for sowing our garden plants are several inches high, and by transplanting them from the frames to the open ground we save a month or more. In this way raising two good crops in one season on one piece of ground is made The early plants are also the ones that bring the most money, and those raised in the frames always bring in more returns to the farmer than the ones sown in the open ground during April and May. Many prefer the plants grown in frames first to those planted later in the field, as they have stronger roots and stalks, making it possible for them to resist dry weather. The hotbeds should be constructed right away, for there are some slowgerminating seeds that ought to be put in the ground very early. It takes time to gather and mix the right soil for the beds, and there will be many days when the ground will be frozen too hard to dig any soil for the beds. -New York Independent.

WATER-CRESS CULTIVATION.

In answer to inquiries, the Farmers' Voice gives the following directions for growing water-cress: Water-cress requires a clear running stream and a gravelly soil. The roots should be fast-walking horse. planted in the spring of the year in slow-running streams, where the water is from three to eight inches deep. When the roots are well established the plants will rapidly increase, and, by their natural process of seed-sowing and spreading of the roots, they will soon cover the surface of the stream. When planted the rows should be planted with the course of the stream and about eighteen inches attempting to feed them. apart. The plants should always be cut, not broken off, as breaking them off is injurious to the plants. After they have been cut off two or three times they will begin to stock out or thicken out, and then the oftener they are cut the better. When raised from seeds they should be sown on the margin of the stream, and when of suitable size transplanted into it, where it is an inch and a half or two deep. The most suitable time for sowing is in the mont's of April, May and June. There are said to be three varieties of watercress-namely: the green-leaved, which is considered to be the easiest to cultivate; the small brown-leaved, which is thought to be the hardiest, and the large brown-leaved, which is have proved satisfactory, unless very said to be the best for deep water.

SMALL FRUITS. Now it is time to apply manure to blackberries, currants, raspberries and eggs.
other small fruits. It should be scattered broadcast at the roots of these plants, which should run over considerable territory. Autumn and winter are the most favorable seasons for spreading the manure, since the rains and snows of winter can distribute the fertility through every portion of the soil much more cheaply and effectively than man can with the best of tools for the purpose. With the so-called hardy varieties of fruits winter protection, even in quite northern latitudes, does not appear very general, and yet, without doubt, this is the dreaded enemy of the bees, but if the true plan. If cultivators could but see how

their crops are oftentimes diminished | comb.

by severe winters, even when plants To estimate the height a colt will are not killed outright by the changes of temperature, protection would thereof he measures he will be hands nate freezing and thawing which prove ered partially at least. Winter winds

tent. Opportunity is offered to establish new plantations until the ground freezes and puts an end to such operations. In transplanting remove fully one-half the canes and set out well in mellowed soil; cover with deep mulch and protect the entire plants as well as possible. If spring work will not be too pressing the plant may be secured now and "heeled in" to be in readiness for setting early next spring. Really spring is a better season for transplanting than fall.-Prairie

GREEN FEED AND PURE AIR FOR POULTRY. It should never be forgotten that

at all seasons of the year. In winter dried hay. Poultry also relish cornshoots. Rutabagas and carrots are excellent winter feeds, and about the cheapest to be obtained. It may be that the fowls will not take to them in a raw state; if so, the roots may be cooked, mashed, and mixed with bran and meal. Next to a plentiful supply of green food, ventilation is the most important item to be considered in keeping fowls healthy. More fowls have perished for the want of perfect ventilation than from any other cause. Oue of the best and simplest plans to let pure air into the poultry house is to have a hole in the floor about six inches wide and several feet long, and covered over with wire netting, which is left open in summer and kept covered up in winter. With a corresponding opening at the top, this will admit the fresh air from the bottom, and also allow all heavy gases to escape. It is the most perfect system that can be devised for admitting pure air to poultry houses, and it is, at the same time, the cheapest and most easily arranged. Sunlight, pure air, and green food make poultry profitable, but a lack of them brings disease and consequent loss. - American Agri-

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Trotters have too much energy for farm work.

Horses differ in intelligence almost as much as men do.

Drive the colt the first time with a

After choosing a place for the bee stands do not change it.

A little drive every day aids the development of young horses. Italians produce a larger number of

bees than blacks, and so, indirectly, more honey. To leave the bees a reasonable supply

of honey for the winter is better than Mating for the best results in vigor

and fertility requires careful study and practical observation. The goose-raising English and Irish

counties are those with very thick pastures with short grass. Ducks should never be yarded with other poultry, as they will pollute the

water and cause sickness. The color of the shell is no indication of the quality of the egg, but simply shows the breed of fowl.

Experience counts for a good deal in managing poultry. It is on the little details that success depends.

Sell from the young stock, and do not sacrifice fowls and turkeys which

Give the fowls all the skim milk and buttermilk you can spare. They will return it to you in the form of

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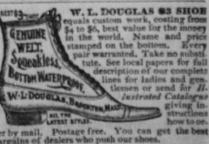
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