Love, who met me on the way, At my feet in violets lay : Never snow upon a hill Dreamed as cold, as white, as still! And from heavens of bending grace, Streamed the sunlight on his face : And I heard not Love's sweet words For the singing of the birds! -Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

#### DISENCHANTED.

BY A. H. HOLDEN.



HE path looked cool and pleasant cleft the towering

The yellow sunlight flickered down through the interlacing branches of English?" the huge old trees, its intense heat tempered somewhat by that cool contact. Farther down, the ravine widened and finally lost itself in level farming lands, through which the brook flowed gently, watering the flocks and herds of the honest farmer-folk of this thrifty Dunker settlement. The farm style; plain, wooden, two-storied how, I'll give Julia Deven a hint, and structures, with wide porches running across the fronts and shaded by locust

A young girl passed down the steps of the house nearest to the mouth of the ravine, and sauntered up the path. As she entered its shady recesses she pushed back her stiff pasteboard tunnel of a sunbonnet from her sweet. pure face. There was a faint trace of tears in her innocent blue eyeys. Her flaren hair was manifestly in rebellion against her convictions as to what his time at the Kinsey farm-house, was right and decorous for one of her religious belief, and many a riotous little curl broke out of its confining bonds. Soon she began to sing, with sweet but somewhat nasal tone, in unconscious imitation of Brother Israel. who led the singing in the brick meet- love songs, somewhat out of tune ing-house at the cross-roads, the familiar hymn:

And let this feeble body fail, And let it fail and die.

to a faint thread of melody. as she caught a glimpse of a young man high up on the cliff on the opposite side of the creek, moving in and out among the bushes. Suddenly she was brought from his mother, proposing to sail for back to earth by a voice almost over home if he were not soon able to re-"Hello, Thorndyke, I've found the finest specimen of—" and a young man, with a tin herbarium strapped to him with a chaperon and the once glorious eyes looked out over ruddy masses of flesh. Her hair had a comfortable double chin, and the once glorious eyes looked out over ruddy masses of flesh. Her hair had his waist, came tumbling down the the family physician. rocks at Rebecca's feet. Evidently as he turned to accost his friend, the his spell over Rebecca. She breathed stone upon which his weight rested enchanted air. When she roused herhad given way. He lay across the self to consider the situation practicpath, pale and motionless.

the rocks, cleared the brook with a so a poor little letter written by bound, and was at his friend's side as brother Israel's son, offering his "hand he gave a faint gasp and slowly opened and heart," remained unanswered and his eyes. Rebecca dipped her hand- almost forgotten. kerchief in the water and bathed his pallid face. Thorndyke poured some row. He knew that all this must soon brandy from his pocket flask, and come to an end. How could he prelifting his friend's head gave him to

"Well, how are you now, Damond?" inquired he.

mond, faintly; then he attempted to ankle and right arm."

"How we are ever to get out of this I don't see," said Thorndyke. "You can't walk a step, and it's a mile down | ed to relieve her mind. stream where this gorge ends."

"I think," said Rebecca, "I can help you. Jest a few steps further on is a path up the rocks 'most as easy as going up stairs. I am strong, and I can about here, and Becky's the only go one side of him and you the other." | child. she continued, addressing Thorndyke and indicating the injured man with dening, "I don't know what you her little brown hand.

"Is there any house near?" asked Thorndyke.

"Yes," responded Rebecca, "Aunt Susy Rinehart lives right at the top of the cliff. She's real handy about sick-

Damond was in too much pain to be seriously embarrassed by receiving assistance from this rustic beauty, as with much difficulty they toiled up the | that he would meet her at the Springs.

looking party, as they emerged from the gorge, with wide-eyed astonish-

right in the house," was her hospitable was the witchery of the moonlight so the military ability of the dog when him here right away.

sided and Damond was lying, quiet song of the night wind changed to a dog of the greatest use in discovering and comfortable, listening to the con- wail that found echo in her heart, and an ambuscade. The Dutch employ the versation going on between Aunt Susy by and by the storm burst in all its animals for the same purpose in Acheen, and Rebecca.

"I come over to tell you," said Re- him up and went sailly to her room. becca, "that Sister Rachel Miller's wuss and has been an'inted for death, stroll through the ravine with Re- able to prevent a surprise from the naand they want you to come over. becca. Certainly he must bid her tives, for without such warning many Mother's been there 'most all day and good-bye; even Aunt Susy could not solitary sentries and even small de-I jest got home as I started here."

and kind o' get things started for sup- taking their last walk together. per. I've got a quilt goin' in the settin'-room, and it won't be handy to have about, and I wish you'd composer for a few days and help finish it up. The doctor says this young man must stay here a couple of weeks, and which he had repentantly returned to

I ain't sorry. I've got tired runnin its accustomed place in his pocket, fell in a rut. The same old things over out in full view. and over again. I thought I'd change bawled so I jest gave up."

"By Jove!" fumed Fred Damond, two weeks after his accident, "I suppose I looked like a fool lying there sprawled out at that pretty girl's feet, to say nothing of clattering down those rocks like a tin peddler's cart

doming to grief." "Yes," replied Thorndyke, "you did look ridiculous, I solemnly assure you. There was a dab of mud on the end of your nose and your coat was split down the back. And now let me tell you-I'll be hanged if I don't think you're shamming a good deal for an excuse to stay here and play your old tricks! Why can't you let that girl alone? Do you think I didn't see you the other day, when you had her put some withered, worthless specimens in as it followed the a press, get your head so close to hers course of the little that your Hyperion curls actually stream, which in touched her cheek? and you kept putthe ancient days ting your big hand close to hers to of its might had help, as you called it."

"Well, what's a fellow to do? I'm hills asunder and all banged up," complained Damond, thundered down "and I've got to amuse myself some the rock like a way. What lovely red lips she has,' giant water-sprite. continuined he, brightening, "and how can they speak such atrocious

"I've got to leave here," said Thorndyke, gloomily, as he folded up a let-"If I had as much money as you ter. have I'd stay here and watch you, and see after that poor little moth. You'd better get away from here just as quick as you can; if you stay much longer I'll write to your mother, if she houses were mostly of the the same is on the other side of the pond. Anyshe'll come flying here and stop all your nonsense.

The days lengthened into weeks. Damond had no longer a good excuse for lingering; his ankle was well and he often forgot to carry his arm in the sling he ostentatiously retained, but he declared it was an excellent region for botanizing, and so hestrolled up and down the gorge two or three times a day with his herbarium, which he seldom opened, spending most of watching Rebecca as she busied herself with her homely duties. In the evenings he sat with Rebecca on the porch or under the locust trees, in the moonlight, while he talked of the gay world she had never seen, and sang to be sure, that he had sung to many another maiden. On Sundays he punctually made his appearance at the meeting-house and gazed at the Rebecca Kinsey's voice modulated rows of sweet, mild-faced women in their immaculate lawn caps and neck-

erchiefs. Many remonstrating letters came from Thorndyke, and anxious ones price of her commodities, and it was her head, calling out excitedly, turn to the city, and Miss Deven, his grown stout and commonplace. She

The great magician, Love, had cast ally she saw only one ending, and that Thorndyke climbed quickly down was marriage with her city lover, and

Damond took no thought of the morcipitate the crisis? It came sooner than he thought. One day a letter came from Miss Deven, proposing that he should join her, with a party of "All right, I guess," answered Da- friends, at the Springs, a favorite watering-place not far away, or if he were "I can't do it," he added. not able to do so, Julia and her mother "Something's the matter with my left | would spend a few weeks at the nearest hotel in order to be with him as much as possible.

Some hours later Aunt Susy proceed-

"I want to know," queried she, "it you're triffin' with that girl! She's as good as you are, to say the least, and her father owns two of the finest farms

"Trifling!" exclaimed Damond, red-

"I'm going out to milk," snapped Aunt Susy, "and you can jest study over it while I'm gone."

Damond resisted an almost overpowering impulse to pay his usual evening visit to Rebecca; he resolutely set about packing up his belongings, and for fear his courage would fail he sent a telegram to Miss Deven stating

Poor Rebecca sat on the perch Aunt Susy surveyed the singular alone, watching and waiting for her recreant lover. Sometimes as the necessary.-Pittsburg Dispatch. shadows shifted she thought she saw him emerge from the ravine, and her "Why! bless your soul! bring him heart would give a glad bound. Never greeting. "The doctor's jest making a strong, never was the music of the fighting against the Kabyles in Tunis visit over on the next farm. We'll get evening breeze so sweet. Rebecca sat until the moon went down and the lowed suit in the last Eastern war and An hour later the bustle had sub- clouds gathered over the stars. The then the Austrians, who consider the

object to that. "I am going away this afternoon," "I reckon I can go," replied Aunt "I am going away this afternoon," hidden foe. Even in Switzerland Susy, "if you'll stay while I'm gone said Damond, as he and Rebecca were large dogs are kept at Fort Fondo del

"Now or never," thought he, and it a little this mornin' and get my own then, bracing himself, he said, in breakfast first, but, law! old Brindle answer to Rebecca's inquiring glance, 'this is the lady I have promised to marry."

Rebecca smothered a gasp. A late wild rose, the last one, hung a little way up the bank and she turned away, reaching upward to pluck it. It gave her a moment in which to recover herself. Her womanly pride came to the rescue, and she rose to the occaston. As she turned again she said, calmly, "And I am to marry brother Israel's

This was a new phase of the matter. If any one else wanted this sweet wild flower, Damond wanted it more than ever, and he felt an overwhelming resentment toward "brother Israel's son." He took the rose from her cold and trembling hand with a hand as cold and unsteady, and folding it it an envelope put it in his pocket next his heart. He stood silent a few moments. How unlike those beautiful eyes were to Julia's small, piercing, black orbs, that wealth of rippling yellow hair to Julia scanty frizzed locks. In a moment of delirium he thought to break his engagement with Julia and take this fair girl to be his wife, and then the absurdity of it all appeared. How out of place she would look in his mother's drawing-room! How his friends would ridicule him, while she would be only a target for the small wits of his set! He could not protect her from the annoyances of a false position, and persuading himself that he loved her too well to bring her into an uncongenial atmosphere, he put the mad dream aside. He took her hand. "Good-bye," he faltered-and then he folded her close to his heart-"Oh, my darling! I could not help loving you, but I never meant to tell you so. Forgive me, oh, forgive me! I could not help speaking, but I have promised to marry this lady and I cannot break

my word. He had chosen his words well. Poor little Rebecca could not understand how wide was the social gulf which lay between them, but she could comprehend a moral obligation. To her a promise was sacred.

"Give me a kiss of forgiveness," he implored, with a voice choked with emotion. And there in the gorge where first they met, these two fond, foolish young lovers wept and parted.

Ten years after Damond, then a grave family man, went through the market followed by a servant carrying a large basket. He paused at a stand of country produce. There were rolls of golden butter, baskets of snowy eggs, jars of limpid honey, and rows of plump dressed poultry. There was something familiar in the face of the attending Dunker woman, and in the sound of her voice as he inquired the not long before memory established the connection. It was Rebecca, grown coarser and darker and the ripples had almost yielded to the compulsion of rigorous bindings. cheerful, long-haired, broad-shouldered man assisted about the stand and occasionally addressed her affectionately as "Becky." Damond filled his basket with purchases while memory was busy with the past. Time, the great disenchanter, had done his work well. No gleam of recognition lit Rebecca's eyes; no sorrowful memory disturbed her placid features. Clearly, her contented soul was no longer oppressed with sorrowful recollections, and with a sigh for the old enchanted days, Damond turned away .-- Worthington's Magazine.

#### A Rabbit-Hunting Cat.

Fish and Game Warden George Parmer, of New Castle, is just now wrestling with a difficult problem, as to whether it is his duty to arrest Willism C. Robinson, the confectioner. Mr. Robinson has a large cat, which came directly from Madagascar Island. Like the cats there it has no tail, and when it runs it resembles a rabbit. Its owner is a hunter, and the cat, named Arcus, renders valuable assistance in catching rabbits. The cat can crawl into almost any crevice or burrow that will hold a rabbit. It then drives them out, and in the race that follows is always a winner.

One day this winter the cat was successful in catching no less than nineteen rabbits. Game Warden Parmer is trying to find a law that will prevent Robinson using the cat for hunting purposes, as there is a law against ferrets. A man named Brown, in Plaingrove Township, this county, has a big gray squirrel which he has trained to hunt and kill rabbits, but in the case of Arcus no training was

Military Value of the Dog. The French were the first to realize and Algeria. Next the Russians folury. With sinking heart she gave as a dog will give immediate warning of any foe concealed in the jungle. In Damond promised himself one more Tonkin the French find dogs invalutachments have fallen victims to the Bosco at the St. Gothard pass above



stand over night, then the next morn- stalls. ing the clear water was used freely in the common rose-nozzled water-pot. -New York World.

WASTE OF GOOD FODDER. only blades whipped off by the wind and blown away, and the stalks bent beaten so as to be of little value. Such feed as remains is of poor quality. The greater part of it is rotting on or cheaper stock feed than corn fodder, knife-like points. yet most farmers treat it as though it had little or no value. - Farmer's Guide.

NOTES ON WHEAT.

From field experiments carried on at the Agricultural Experiment Station, Pardue University, Indiana, reported in Bulletin 15, extending over ten years, it appears that none of the varieties of wheat tried have any tendency to deteriorate or "run out," provided proper care is exercised. wheat proved to be "rust-proof," but early wheats were generally less injured by rust than later kinds. Eight pecks of seed per acre gave the best returns at the station, the average yield for nine years being 30.35 bushels per acre. The best results came from sowings made not later than September 20. The value of crop rotation in maintaining yields of grain has been strongly emphasized, for a comparison of rotating crops with constant grain cropping for seven years showed an average gain of 5.7 bushels per acre in favor of the former. Another important result obtained was that wheat may be harvested at any time from the dough stage to the dead-ripe condition, without appreciably affecting the weight or yield of the grain. A comparison of the forms of nitrogen as fertilizers for wheat indicated that sulphate of ammonia is better than

SOME ADVICE TO DRIVERS.

A driver gave his horse six quarts of oats about two hours earlier than he was usually fed. The harness was being put on while the horse was feed-The driver managed to get his breakfast in the meantime. Shortly everything was in readiness and the horse was started on a long drive. The driver urged the animal with the whip. At the end of thirty miles the horse began to ignore that instrument. He went slower and slower; finally he fell dead. Post-mortem examination potatoes. revealed the fact that the oats had not been digested. The lining of the stomach gave evidence of having been | the facts in the case. in a high state of irritation. It was plain that the horse's previous accumulation of nerve power had been largely exhausted in defending the terrible irritation set up by the sharp points of the undigested oats. Had the horse been permitted to stand, or lie down for an hour after feeding he would have prepared not only a reserve of material to sustain himself, but the amount of nourishing material accumulated would have helped him to endure his exhaustive journey. Time is required for the digestion of food before beginning a long muscular when the effort at hard labor ends, time should be given for rest before taking food. -Rider and Driver.

A horse stable should have thorough drainage first, then a solid, non-absorbent floor; next, the stalls should should be made so that food cannot be wasted. The best floor is one made of for itself. cement concrete, of one part of cement, two of sand, and five of coarse gravel, laid three inches thick, and when well dried and hard, saturated with hot gas tar. This makes the floor water and vermin proof, and very durable, with sufficient elasticity to prevent injury to the feet of the animals. The stalls should be six feet wide, the floor sloping one inch to a shallow gutter in the rear, from which the liquid mass may

REQUISITES FOR A HORSE STABLE.

flow away into a drain. The feeding trough should have a deep grain box, f grain is fed, or if cut feed is used, the whole trough may be the full length of the width of the stall. A few bars fastened across the top of the try and does well in almost every lofeed box will be useful to prevent the cality, but in spite of its excellent horse from throwing out the feed, as record it sometimes fails. The Jessie some will do. If long hay is fed, this is a fine berry when it succeeds, but it should be given in a rack above the should be tested well before planting feed trough, but on account of the extensively. great waste in feeding long hay and whole grain, the hay should be cut if not put in too thick. Make the pits and the grain, finely ground, be mixed long and about three and a haif feet with it. This avoids the loss by waste, high. Cover with straw and about which is often one-half of the food. six inches of earth. Ventilators should It is desirable to have a drain from be placed about every ten feet.

An English gardener reports that he width of a horse stable should be not effectually destroyed the carrot grub, less than twelve feet, to afford space to after it had become so abundant as to move about in easily. The loose cause the tops of carrots to wilt, by boxes, made nine feet square, are the watering them with a liquid made by most desirable for safety and conputting a bushel of lime and a bushel venience, and these may open into a of soot into 100 gallons of water. This passage five feet wide. A feeding paswas well stirred up and allowed to sage should be made in front of the

#### FARM PENCES.

The growing scarcity of timber in some parts of the country, and its entire absence in others, make the fence An enormous quantity of corn fodder question a more serious one year by is grown each year, but not one-third year. Only in the newly settled of its feeding value is procured. heavy-timbered land do we now see Hundreds of thousands of acres of rails split for fences. Wire in some stalks are allowed to stand in the form is almost universally used for fields until December or January until this purpose. The woven wire fencthe grain is husked, and then the ing which is made in various widths cattle are turned in the field to get answers every purpose of a fence, but what they can. Usually they find it is too expensive for general use. Wire and picket fencing does very well, but it is liable to be broken by and the upper part—the best portion unruly animals, and once a rent is -ruined, and even the husks weather- started it is soon of little use to turn stock. Barbed wire, which composed the original wire fences of the West, is cruel, and many a horse has been the ground. There is hardly a better ruined by being caught on the sharp,

> There is a way of making a wire fence, however, that is free from the objections that have been brought against the others. Plain, smooth galvanized wire, No. 10 or No. 12, may be stretched tightly, and fastened to wooden posts, with a single six-inch board at the top. Instead of the board a common "two by four" spiked to the posts may be used. From five to seven wires are needed, according to what it is desired to fence against. The latter number put four inches apart near the ground, and farther apart toward the top of the post will keep hogs, cattle, sheep or horses within the inclosure. The railing or board at the top is often used on barbed wire fences, as the animals can see it more plainly than they can the wire alone, and there is less danger of their running against it. Wire fences of any kind should be thoroughly braced and very tightly stretched, or they will soon sag and get out of shape. - New York

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Strain the milk before the cream begins to rise.

Medium sized hogs now bring the largest prices.

The milk is largely affected by the physical condition of the cow.

It requires about twenty-five of milk to make a pound of butter.

There is a scarcity of beet sugar seed in Europe owing to the drought. The number of sheep killed by dogs every year is said to exceed 700,000. To make dairying a success, a dairyman must be a worker and a business

Experienced butter makers say that too much washing spoils the flavor of

The great food crops of the world are wheat, corn, oats, rye, rice and

There is a good market for trotters now, but only at prices consistent with

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Many trotting horses, owing either to natural defects of temperament, to bad training or to imperfect preparation, are exceedidgly difficult to con-

The winter is the time to build the intended silo, as it can be done with less interference in other work. Have be roomy, and the feeding troughs the silo ready and complete for a crop of corn next season. A silo soon pays

Sloppy food is not advisable as a continued diet for pigs. Give a change occasionally. The hogs are very partial to whole corn, fed dry, and will eat it from the trough, either shelled or on the cob.

Current and gooseberry cuttings should be about five or six inches long, and planted two-thirds their length in open ground. They will root more quickly if cut a week or two before using and packed in damp moss. It is well to keep them partially shaded.

The Sharpless strawberry has been tested over a large part of the coun-

the stable to a manure pit at a dis-tance, where the liquid may be ab- where the snow will not be blown off.

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