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Tomplins Pops the Question.
${ }^{66}$ LL do it quoth Mr. Tomplins, od and yellow bandanna; and Mr. Tompund paced the garden wall with the sir of
fat Napoleon. a fat Napoleon.
Ho had made Ho had made up his mind; he had deel
ded the question upon which he had been pondering for the last two hours. Yes, he kins would pop the quastion! To be surc, hat knew him said there was not a more
ummble man in Holloway; besides he did
not think himself so very illiooking a not think himself so very ill-looking a man,
and even Namnic Day soudd not be entirely
oblivious to the fiact that he was some thing of a catch. Fify thousamd dollars wab
great wealth in Holloway, and Mr. Tomp-
kins possessed that amount of wordly
He was a widower; his first wifo had
been Beteyy 'Trimmer, and he had married
her for her 'smatness'' and it was a proo her Cor ber 'smarness;' and it was a proof
of his fondness for variety that he had now
set his heart upon pretty Nannie Day, the dootor's danghter, who was only oigliteen,
and anything but 'vapable.' Indeed, Mrss,
Jones, the houskeceper, Tompkins has applied for her opinlon of
Nannie, said sle was a 'lly-wway flitt of a
thing, and jest about as stiddy as a white kitteni:
But everybody knew that Mrs. Jones was
an ill-matured critic, who would see no good in any body.
Nannie would zober down after awhite,
nind her girlish tlighitnens just pleased Mr. mud her girlish tlightuens just pleased Mr,
Tompkins. And hlo was so bowitchingly
protty; her hair was like gold to the sun, eyes would drive any man ont of his senses;
Tompkins knew that, they hid dtiven him
ont of his many a time. If sho nccepted him (ank of course hhe would) how alf the
young follows would envy lim:
That last comsideration decided bim; that
and a glimpse just then of Nannie berself,
 tively sho had never looked so charning na
Ahe looked at that moment, In her plink
calicodress and white apron, and the broad brimmed flat, with ribbons that just match-
ed her eyes: Yes, Tompkins would do it : He felt very assurec: and triumphant in
dvance, when he stood on Dr. Day's fron door-step that evening, asking the 'help
if Miss Nancy was in?"
"Miss Nancy? yes; she's in the rettin roonf Walk right in there, Mr. Tomp-
kink," and Amiry looked exeoedingly sig.
nificant, ne she opence the 'settin room nificant, we she opened the settin room
door. Almiry was a sharp gint, nand Mr,
Tompkins presumed she gaeksed his errand. There was no light in the 'settin room,'
and only the white table cover and crimeon lounge showed plainly through the gloom.
A fermale figure in a pink dress and a white apron arooe at the entrance from a keat by
the window, and Mr. Tompkins hurriedly of himself:
"Don't bring a linght, Miss Day, don't I want to say nomething to you, and the twi-
light -" Mr. Toupkins took a seat be
side the lady, who finished his sentence for him litm by whispering "Oh ""
Now was the tog of war. Mr. Tompkius did not find hits task as easy as ho hed
hoped; bat having been through tho orleal once before, he was not to be daunted by
riflen; so he powsessed himself of the ha dy's hand, having some trouble to find it in
the deepening gloom,and cleared his throat preparatory to commencing:
.. Hem 1 Miss Day
Hem M Miss Day-my dear Namnio!'
He ntopped short, and the fair one gig.
gled. Mr. Tompkina considered that enled. Mr. Tompkins considered that en which he had proposed to Betsy Trimmer, he addressed her in the precike language of
which he made use on that former occasion. "My dearst Nannie, 1 have long sought
an opportunity like the present. 1 have an opportunity like the prosent. 1 have
long wished to declare my love to yon. To
win the wim the pure treasure of your virgia hear
has long been the dream of my manhood. Suy, my love, deavent,
Will you be my wife
Mr. Tomplins had learned the above apeech from a novel, expressly for the fom-
or oceasion referred to and he considerd it a higglily able oratorical effort. peared oxerwhelmed by maiden confusion
and the elated Mr. Tompkins stole hits arn and the elated Mr. Tompkins stole his arm
about her walst and whispered: "Say yes, dearest ["

had exploded beneath hin chair; It was the unmintakable volce of Miss Nancy Day
Nanién old matid aunt.
"Goud Lond thave I been and gone anit
"Good Lord ! have 1 been and gove and
proposed to the old maid"" was the thought that darted through Mr. Tompkin's brain. He grasped his hat, and muttered some-
thing about 'busineas to attend to,' and made a rueh for
a clothen pross.


But Mr. Tomplina ladacacceeded in find
 milliar manner imagimable.
exploded Mrs. Tompkins.
"The same," laoghed the young man--
"Pray, what do you mean by coming down "Pray, what do you mean by coming down
upon a fellow in that style, Mr. Tompkins?" An tdea hud struck Mr. Tomplins, or
course Tom Willis wouldn't have his arm around Nannio's waist unless it had a right
there. So he concladed to apologize and

Times:" morous article in the Hartford
One dyy this week, being in Springfield,
lieari of thio great Poultry Sliow in Hat
I heard of thí great Poultry sliow in Hatr-
ford, and there being nothing to hender; I
conelnded to go down and visit it, nud here
I am. I I went to the station house situated
on



















water closet, it stood on a platform, and
I asked him "Why was tho platform like a treasury note?" he thought a while rind
sitid it was so long since he had seen oue
he conldn't
he conldn't tel,
has a coupon."
The display was eggellent, nome of the
handsomest fowls I over saw, such as white crested, fannytailed squifrels, silver gray
Dominique rabbits, contipedes, stufed Dominique rabits, contipedes, stuffed
birike, Bantum peacoks, ete., oto. 1 was
piarticularly interested in a little duck, with a corn colored pophin alpaca, with gros
grain paletot. I anked a chap with her if grain paletot. Danked a chatp with her if
his name was Drake, it rather rufted him. Oup exhibitor had some beautiful angola rabbits, and I tricd to buy some of the eggs but they were not for nale. Another acem-
ed quite proud of a pair of Houdans, but Then 1 asked


In a pan of water. I inquired if he caught
lis hantams out in Bantam Lake. He
looked somewhat grieved and said "No" his bantams out in Bantam Lalke. He
looked somewhat grieved and said "No,"
Just then the president came along ngain Just then the president came along ngain
and said he hoped I was enjoying myself when I asked him why a Bhanghigh hen was like an actuary. "I don't care," says
he- "wlyy?" "Because he can cacklelate,"
says I .

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bentig a llon from
one thould rememb
Enizma. thirty-alix lettere, my whiole Iy 1,38 , and 20 , in a cape north of $A$ frica
Iy $18,21,19,16$, and 26, is $2 \pi i v e$ south of 7,29 and 15 , is iser in the west a ely in the


"Cy Auswer to enigm, in last number.
How Screws are Made.
The largent serew factory in the United
States is at Providence, R. I. The ma-chinery is remarkable, and the manner in
which it operates in as follows: The firat peration is to make a "Blank By that is meant a piece of wire drawn
he size, annealed, beated, cat in length, and banged on the cut end with a phigilistic battering fron to form a sort of rivet
head. If you ever kaw workmen draws ire, that operation is fixed in your mind. They anneal it here, and run it throngh the
machine. It dropa in the basket a blarik. Pomp ! clink! bang! go a hundred ma-
clines at a time, and a dozen peoplo can operate these hundred machines.
Here we see two hundred machines in his roon and less than twenty girls operating them. Here in a hopper filled with
Wlanks at the top, on one kide of the maaine. A long, perpendicular alide peera
up to guide an instrument called tongs. It oomposod of two steel prongs in parallel allec slide, whore the blanks slip down,
gets emply. -The hopper turns, the tongs rop into it, flll and work up to a position
where the banks can slide down to feed the haped exactly like the head and binchof a
woodecock, it works over, snaps a blank and throws it into a clamp. It is held firm at
caccp place while it goes in two or three
shifts to a place where one little knife makes a gimblet point, anothor shaves the
heel and slits it for the reception of the crew-driver, and
makes the thread.
This machine is automatic and truly won-
derful. Its movements are alost uman movements. Here an arm reaches other reaches and fixes it in phace to be
worked on the beel and threaded to the vorked on the heel and threaded to the
point. If a wrong sized blank works in the different parts of the machine stop
antil some one takes it out, and then pro-
ceeds with its work as regularly as before. a singular Diseovery.
While some men at the Torpedo station were at work inside old Fort Woleott, re-
cently, the wheel of their cart sank deep into the ground. Removing some of the men struck his spade againent what seemed osity of all, and they set to work with a will to dig away the earth above the plate.
Soon their efforts were rowarded by the jight of an iron door fastened with a rusty
bolt. On breaking this open they came up. on a flight of winding stairs, which they
descended, and arriving at the foot they found themselves in a dungeon whose
gloom was made more marked by the gloom was made more marked by the ray
of dim light which a noitary loophote at the top admitted. Striking a light to dis apon the floor a fow withered bones, skull, and a lantern. The lantern is of shape that it must have been mide over

## The Cannon Ball Tree.

 Among the plants of Guinen, one of the nost curious is the cannon ball troe. Itgrows to the height of sixty feet, and ite grows the theight of sixty fect, and ita
flowers are remarkable for beauty and fragracce, and contradictory qualities. Its ing in large bunches, and exhaling a rich amnon balls, hence the name.--However some say it has been so called becauso of the noise which the ball makes in bursting. From the shell, dom estio utensils aro made acide, besides sugar and gum, and furnich the material for malking an excellent drink his pulp, when in a perfectly ripe state is very filthy, and the odor from it is ex ceedingly unpleaaant.
How it was Done.

I gave her a rose, and I gave her a ring,
and I asked her to marry me then ; but sho eut them all back, ingensible thing, and 1 said sho had no notion of men. I told her
I'd oceans of money and goolk, tried to frighten her with a growl ; but she answerd that the wann't brought up in the woods $\omega$ be ecared by the sceech of an owl. called her a beggar and everything bad; alighted her fuatures and form; till at length
I succeeded in getting her mad, and Isucceeded in getting her mad, and ahe
raged like a sea in a storm. And then in a moment I tarned and I smiled, and called her my angel and all, atho foll in my arms
like a wearisome child, and exclaimed :like a wearisome child, and
"We will marry this fall."

