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#### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

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The racing river leaped, and sang Full blithely in the perfect weather, All round the mountain echoes rang. For blue and green were glad together.

This rained out light from every part, And that with songs of Joy was thrilling ; But in the holiew of my heart, There ached a place that wanted filling.

Before the road and river met, And stepping-stones are wet and glisten, I heard a sound of laughter eweet, And paused to like it and to listen.

I heard the clanting waters flow, The cushat's note, the bee's low humming-Then turned the bedge and did not know-How could I ?- that my time was coming.

A girl upon the highest stone, Halfdoubtinl of the deed, was standing, So far the shallow flood had flown. Beyond the 'customed leap of landing.

She knew not any need of me. Yet me she waited all unweeting; She thought not I had crossed the sea, And half the spheres to give her meeting.

I waded out, her eyes I met, I wished the moment had been hours; I took her in my arms, and set Her dainty feet among the flowers.

Her fellow-maids in copse and lane, Ah! still methinks I hear them calling ; The wind's soft whisper in the plain, The cushat's coo, the water's falling.

But now it is a year ago, And now possession crowns endeavor; I took her in my heart to grow And till the bollow place forever.

-Jean Ingelow

### WHY TOMMY DIDN'T GO.

A STORY FOR WHOMSOEVER THE SHOE PINCHES.

BY JOHN N. DICKIE.

" Look here, Betsy," said Daniel Del-ver, as he walked into the kitchen, one chilly March morning, with a pail of milk in each hand, "look here, now. There is somethin' up, and no mistake. That boy, Tommy, has made tracks for Sunbury agin, as sure as shootin' !"

His wife, a neat, bright-eyed, cherrytooking lady-yes, a *lady*, mind you!-took the milk into the pantry, strained it, carried it down cellar, returned, cleared off the breakfast things, set back the table, and disappeared once more

in the pantry without saying a word. Mr. Daniel Delver was considerably surprised. He had never known his amiable spouse to observe so strict a silence at any remark of his since they had been man and wife. He really didn't know what to make of it. He drew a little 1 earer to the stove, rubbed his hands vigorously, coughed nervously,

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proceeded with his remarks, but in a somewhat milder key: "There's Tommy, now; I've done a beap for that boy-handed over pocket-money, fed his company, gave him good clothin', with the intention of doin' well by him when he's twenty-one; but the scamp don't appreciate it no more than nothin' I've done my best, and if he's a mind to get contrary and want two overs. Don't stay a very great pay expenses. Don't stay a very great while—not more than two or three weeks —for we want you to be here to take your pick out of those Norman colts, and mind to get contrary and want two cars, he must row his own boat, that's all, for I'm gettin' sick of the way things is goin' on, snyhow."

Here the speaker found some unusual obstruction between a couple of back teeth, and proceeded to dislodge it with to transact a little business in which you are interested. We shall expect you to chop wood the rest of the week, Tommy, and I'll fix up your shirts so that you can start on the train Monday morning. all possible despatch. "But, Daniel," interposed his wife,

Good night, my own dear boy, and plea-sant dreams. MOTHER." "why can't you begin to do well by Tommy now? You forget that he's seventeen years old--too old to be punish-Tommy came pretty near being thun-derstruck. He had never been the pos-sessor of \$10, at one time, in his whole ed, and old enough to feel a little natural independence. Now, you've done little more than feed and clothe him life before; and he gazed at the bill asfrom his babyhood up. Of course you mean to give him a chance when a little siduously for not less than fifteen minutes. At the expiration of this time he drew out his wallet, folded the note careolder ; but, if you keep on at this rate. fully, and laid it as smoothly as possible he'll never see twenty-one on this farm. in the deepest pocket. He then re-read the letter, and taking the lamp in his I've often heard you complain that he takes no interest in anything-either in hand, went out in the wood-house. After stock or the growing crops. I think there is good reason, Daniel. You don't some considerable fumbling among the chips, he found an ax. Carefully scru-tinizing the edge, he laid it down, saygive him an interest in a single thing. Yes, you did give him a calf once, but when the butcher came along you sold ing : "Confound her, she's dull; but I guess it and put the money in your own pock-

I can make her do the rest of the week. et. You let him drop corn for Mr. Blake last spring, but it all went toward One of them colts, hey?" and he slappaying off a debt you owed that neigh-bor. Tommy's a good, industrious boy, but you know he's high-strung, and is ped his pocket triumphantly—"that's gay, and no mistake And there's other business in which I'm interested, too. Jolly! but things looks lively, anyhow," bound to learn a trade rather than go on this way. He may find a place at Sunbury, I don't know. I do wish the and the young gentleman slapped his pocket once more, which act put him in mind of the ten dollars. So he set boy could stay with us, and he will if we are just a little more liberal toward him. I think it's all false economy, the lamp down on a block of wood, and, withdrawing his pocket-book, found the identical bill safe and sound. He ex-amined it full ten minutes by the watch. Daniel, that mades a parent close in his dealings with a child, and you'll be-Finally he got back in the kitchen. He lieve it some day, if not now.' We are happy to state that this good found the letter just where he left it,

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and read it once more to see if there was anything he'd skipped. He then felt to see if his pocketbook was all right, and opened it to see if everything was lady did not conclude her remarks with the usual flood of tears. She reserved them for a more suitable occasion, and went about her work, treading softly, singing softly, and glancing softly in the direction of her husband, who now snug inside. Seeing the ten dollars, he drew it out, and examined it with great curiosity for something like five min-utes, then he went to bed. stood with one foot on the wood-box, his elbow on his knee, and his head bu-He arose remarkably early the next ried in his hand.

It hurts poor human nature to be told the truth in reference to itself. It often hurts one more to have it told by one who loves him than by a casual acquaintance. After a few moments reflection, however, the afflicted individual puts a proviso on his former assertion by hop-ing he or she didn't intend to wound his feelings; which thought gradually melts their contents, and concluded to keep silent. Fromptly at 7 he shouldered his

Mr. Delver turned pale, and ventured

and further remark. Fall came, and Tommy marketed his crop, which had done quite well. It brought him \$200. His father borrowed the money and put another \$100 with it, as a free gift, giving him ten per cent. on the whole. This was a pretty good summer's work for a boy seventeen years old, and Tommy felt very proud of it—rather prouder than he

y in order to make a good impression. But we can't do this. Tommy got badly mixed up as the years rolled away. What with the stock, the farm crops, the rebuilding, the repainting, and reg-ular journeys to a little white cottage a mile away-the residence of a nice young lady-Tommy became hopelessly iuvolved.

This, then, is the reason " why Tommy didn't go."

#### An Exciting Railroad Race.

The Richfield Springs correspondent of the Utica Herald tells the following

as having occurred last week : Four freight cars, heavily laden with lumber and merchandise, had been brought up to the junction near Cassville by a coal train. They were carelessly uncoupled on a grade of eighty-five feet to the mile, and immediately began backing toward Utica. They gained momentum at a fearful rate, and all efforts to stop them by throwing rails and other obstructions upon the track were ineffective. A train had left for Utics but eight minutes before, and every one was well aware that the heavy freight cars would, in a few moments go crashing into its rear. Fortunately the engine of the coal train stood on a switch, and Engineer Ferrell at once determined to give the flying cars a chase. All hands mount to the post of duty, the signal is given, and a fearful

norning-earlier than usual, although race is begun. There is awful danger he had retired at so late an hour. He ahead, for if the workmen should have ate breakfast with an appetite, but did the rails up, or the flying cars them-selves should leave the track, every man not venture any remark in reference to the letter he had received the night be-fore. He felt that postmasters dis-tributed the mails without regard to would be in eternity in an instant. Mile after mile the chase is kept up, and the

locomotive gains inch by inch. At last the fugitives are overtaken; the critical moment has come. A mistheir contents, and concluded to keep the place. into the conclusion that the offender may be about right after all. Mr. Delver was passing through this trying ordeal. Of course his wife knew and the next, and the next. But that the tender, one with the draw-bar and with the lamented Msjor Wm. Crittenwas Sunday. Well, he didn't chop that one with the coupling-pin. The cars day; but he thought a good deal about touch; the draw-bar, skilfully guided, enters the socket, and the pin drops to hand, and that colt, and the \$10, and its place! The danger is over, the speed any amount of other things just as bad, gradually checked, and in a few minutes the meanwhile the Kentuckians in New the engine and the rescued cars are Orleans besought the Cuban Aid Society fer transportation, but in vain. When the fate of the expedition was Monday morning came at its regular again climbing the grade to Cassville. time, and Tommy was up before day-The deed of the engineer and his faithknown, the filibusters in New Orleans light. He was somewhat uneasy at the ful assistants was one of true blue herothought of having to wait until after ism, and will long be remembered by breakfast; but he managed to pass away those in the crowded passenger train which was but a few hundred feet in the time packing his valise. When the bell rang, he sat down and drank a cup advance of them, and whose lives they of tea, and then got up and put on his saved at the imminent risk of their the leaders, but all of them failed. hat. He wasn't hungry, and might own.

Death of an Old Fillbuster. The Louisville Courier-Journal publishes the following sketch of the adven-tures of a once celebrated character, now

about departing : A letter announces the impending death of Colonel Jack Allen, at Bright Star, Hopkins county, Texas. He was widely known in the Southwest. In his young manhood he had the misfortune to slay a man in Shelby county, but the jury adjudged it a clear case of self-defense, and he was acquitted. Shortly afterwards he left for Missouri, and, with a single companion, made his way through the Indian Territory and thence into Texas. That people were then at war with the Mexicans. He was with Sam Houston at the battle of San Jacinto, which ended the war. He returned home and engaged in farming ; but when the war broke out on the Rio Grande Allen raised a cavalry company, and was with General Humphrey Marshall's regiment at Buena Vista.

The conclusion of the Mexican war let loose a set of restless men eager for any warlike enterprise. The acquisi-tion of Cuba attracted their attention, as it did indeed many leading men in the South. Jack Allen was of course among the number. He raised a band of men in Kentucky, and was prominent among those who composed what may be called the "first Cuban expedi-Sailing from a Southern port in tion." a small vessel by orders to act in concert with the creoles of Caba, who were said to be ready to revelt, the "filibusters," as they were termed, proceeded to the Island of Contoy, near the cost of Yu-

catan. A sojourn of three weeks with exposure disgusted the men, until orders were given to leave, when their spirits revived. The vessel made its way to Cardenas, on the northern part of the island, where they were landed. Their rebel friends, to their chagrin, informed them that their force was too small to throw the island into revolution, and declined to give any assistance. The authorities had been advised of the plans of the filibusters, and had a force close at hand to meet them. They charged on the filibusters, who gallantly repulsed the assault, and, knowing discretion to be the better part of valor, retired to their little vessel. Allen fought bravely in this fight. The fili-busters then headed for Key West, and when within a few miles of that place, discovered the Spanish man-of-war Pizarro bearing down on them under a full head of steam. She approached near enough to fire a few shots at the vessel, but the boys escaped and scattered over

The year following (1851,) the filibus-

The Sin of Borrowing, Trouble, Such a habit of mind and heart is

Advocate.

Such a habit of mind and heart is wrong, because it puts one into a des-pondency that ill fits him for duty. I planted two rose-bushes in my garden : the one thrived beautifully, the other perished. I found the dead one on the shady side of the house. Our disposi-tions, like our plants, need sunshine. Expectance of regular is the cause of

Expectancy of repulse is the cause of many secular and religious failures. Fear of bankruptcy has uptorn many a fine business, and sent the man dodging among the note shavers. Fear of slan-der and abuse has often invited all the long-beaked valtures of back-biting. Many of the misfortunes of life, like Many of the misfortunes of life, like hyenas, flee if you courageously meet them. How poorly prepared for relig-ious duty is a man who sits down under the gloom of expected misfortune. If he prays, he says, "I do not think I shall be answered." If he give, he says, "I expect they will steal the money." Helen Chalmers told me that her father The

Chalmers told me that her father, Thomas Chalmers, in the darkest hour of the history of the Free Church of Scotland. and when the woes of the land seemed to weigh upon his heart, said to his chil-dren, "Come, let us go out and play ball or fly kite," and the only difficulty in the play was that the shildren could not piay was that the children could not keep up with their father. The Mc-Cheynes and the Summerfields of the Church who did the most good, culti-vated sunlight. Away with the hor-rors! They distil poison; they dig graves; and if they could climb so high, they would drown the rejoicings of hea-ven with sobs and wailing.—De Witt Talmage

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# Brigham Young's Family.

Among the most interesting sights to be seen at the theatre in Salt Lake City s the young army of Youngs, the Prophet's progeny, who generally occupy the benches along one side of the par-quet. Boys and girls, young men and young women, apparently without number, ranging in years from seven to twenty, play and sport with each other like so many kittens. Finer or health-ies specimens of humanity you cannot find anywhere. The male portion are strong, healthy and robust : the females very womanly looking, with clear com-plexions and bright eyes. They have all splendid teeth and beautiful heads of hair. The girls are very roguish, and are not at all averse to leveling their opera-glasses upon any handsome and noted Gentile who may be present. They seem to appreciate return glances,

MISCELLAENOUS ITEMS.

Railways are public benefactors, in-deed. They teach every man to know his own station, and to stop there.

TWO DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

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A man reading a newspaper in a bar-room, a day or two since, asked another: "What's the Bohemian Diet, about which we hear so much of late?" "Free lunches," was the ready reply.

A Danbury, Conn., school-boy dis-turbed the symmetry of a family heir-loom by sawing off the top of his great-grandmother's bed-posts for a set of croquet balls. And the night he did it he slowt warm he slept very warm.

A new style of obtituary item-brief but to the point-has been invented thus: "John Smith, of New York, revolver;" "G. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, third-story window;" "Ann Jones, of New Jersey, laudanum."

An enterprising resident of Detroit is aking orders for the delivery of buckwheat cakes to families. The cakes are to be delivered before breakfast, and are to be furnished cheaper than they can be manufactured at home.

A Berkshire papa put it thus to his daughter's beau: "Jim, if you want Lou you can have her; but I don't want you hanging around unless you mean business. If you intend to marry her, hurry up, for I can't be kept awake nights much longer."

A gentleman engaged in ivestigating the charges of carelessness against the workmen in the Scranton mines, found afterward that, during the investigation, he had been given an open keg of powder to sit on, while he held a lighted andle in his hand.

An exchange spoke of an eminent citizen as "a noble old burgher, proudly loving his native State;" which neat little compliment came from the compositor's hands reading, "a nobby old burglar, prowling around in a naked tate

Professor Henry says that the observations of the Smithsonian Institution, which extend over a period of twenty years, have as yet failed to confirm the popular belief that the removal of the orests and the cultivation of the soil tend to diminish the amount of rainfall.

The latest feature in steam, as far as its appliance to industrial pursuits is concerned, is its employment in assisting to make fine shirts. A firm in Baltimore have now in operation fifty sew-ing machines that are worked by steam, and then laugh and giggle over the fun like a lot of school girls. Getting a full view of the family of the Prophet, and dissecting them mentally, morally, and with no other duty to perform but to physically, the unprejudiced thinker cannot agree with those philosophers who assert that the offspring of poly-gamic marriages are weak and marriages are marriages are marriages are weak and marriages are ma utes. creatures. That such may be the case The Supreme Court of Iowa has recently decided that the law requiring punctual attendance at school is for the pupil, and must be enforced. Of tardiness, the Court says: "The good of the whole school cannot be sacrificed for the Eccentricities about Coffins. advantage of the pupil who happens to have an unreasonable father, and, as the law now is, no other means can be point devised for enforcing regular and prompt attendance than the penalty of expulsion." tree to grow, for the purpose of making himself a coffin, and about twelve months A story is told of two travellers who were assigned to the same bedroom in a crowded hotel. Before retiring one ago the old man had it cut down and got some one in Roxborough to make of them knelt down to pray, and con-fessed a long catalogue of sins. On rising from his knees he saw his fellowhis coffin out of it. The old chap occasionally gets in it and stretches himself traveller, valise in hand, going out of out by way of showing his neighbors a "good fit." He paid the maker of the offin in wheat, so he is one living man matter? What's up?" "Oh, nothing," was the renly; "only I'm not going to risk myself with such a scamp as you confess yourself to be." who will have no fuss over his grave about the coffin when dead. This reminds us of an old coon in Murfreesboro N. C., who had a coffin cast of iron be-Professor Hayden, Chief of the Geol-ogical Survey of the Territories, reports fore the war. He had his grave dug, also, and walled up with brick-with a many interesting and curious facts about that "wonder-land," the valley of magnificent tombstone, setting forth his name, date of birth, and fixing his death But the Upper Yellowstone River and Lake. Among other facts he states that the geological formation of the valley is wholly volcanic, and that it contains The old chap kept his cast-iron coffin in his corn-crib, and used to shell corn in it. The crib needed no lock at night, for you between one thousand and fifteen hundred hot springs. The "Grant" geyser throws a column of hot water eight feet couldn't get a negro to go near it after dark .-- Hillsboro (Mo.) Leader. in diameter to a height of over two hundred feet at regular intervals of thirty-A Whirlwind of Flaming Clouds. two hours. The Green Bay (Wis.) Advocate's strange statement: The cooler-headed They are again agitating the distillation of spirits from the garbage of cities. Alchohol, it is well known, can be dissurvivors of the great fires at Peshtigo and other points agree in the statement that the fire did not come upon them tilled from anything that ferments, no matter whether the fermenting matter generally from burning trees and other be a loaf of unbaked bread or a reeking bjects to the windward, but the first nogarbage vessel. In this process the gar-bage is gathered from the houses of citi-zens, dumped into water-tight vats, tice they had of it was a whirlwind of flame, in great clouds, from above the tops of the trees, which fell upon and boiled for several hours, the grease is enveloped everything. The stmosphere seemed one of firs. The poor people in-haled it, or the intensely hot air, and fell carefully skimmed off for soap-making purposes, and the pulpy mass fermented and distilled. The refuse goes to the down dead. This is verified by the ap-pearance of many of the corpses. They were found dead in the roads and open cornfield, the peach orchard, or the vineyard. A barrel of garbage yields three pounds of soap grease and four gallons spaces, where there were no visible marks of proof spirits. The philosophical and of fire near by, with not a trace of burn-ing upon their bodies or clothing. At Sugar Bush, which is a clearing four chemical mind may know that whiskey distilled from garbage is as pure and cleanly as that which comes from corn ; miles wide at some points, corpses were but for a steady beverage the ordinary found in the open road, between fences drunkard will doubtless prefer sound No Bourbon or Old Rye. A distinguished ex-Governor of Ohio, famous for story telling, relates that on one occasion, while addressing a temperwere burned in spots, and elsewhere not ance meeting at Georgetown, District of Columbia, and depicting the misery caused by indulging too frequently in the flowing bowl, his attention was at-tracted to the soles of a disconsolate and seedy looking individual in the rear part of the room On going to the nearon and were killed in the The Old Colony Railroad in Massa seedy looking individual in the rear part of the room. On going to the person and interrogating him, he was told the usual tale of woe; among other sad incidents that during his career of vice he had buried three wives. The Governor, hav-ing buried a few wives of his own, symthree years ago. pathized deeply with the inebriate, and For the first time in the history of Massachusetts a German has been elected a member of the House of Rep-resentatives. They have had English-men, Irishmen, and Scotchmen, but Mr. Bartholemez, from Boston, is the first much shead of me, for as fast as he tool German elevated to legislative honors. one away I took another."

ought to, I'm afraid. They say the story writer must in-variably conclude a narrative pleasant-

Why, Besty, what's up?"

" I was thinking, Daniel, of the day you and I were married," was the an-

wer, in a subdued voice. "Is that so?" replied Mr. Delver, faintly; "well, I declare!" and he sat down and glanced around as if he didn't exactly feel at home.

But matters had not yet come to their worst. If he had only known the turn affairs were about to take, he could have made some sort of preparation ; but as it was he was totally unprepared. Therefore, when his wife stepped hastily into the room and threw a pair of plump arms around his neck, and kissed him three times, in rapid succession, his astonishment knew no bounds. Totally floored by such an unusual display of affection, he could do nothing better than reiterate his former question :

"Why, Betsy, what's up ?" "Well, I'll you what's up, and that very quickly," replied his wife, as she seated herselfon hisknee and imprisoned his brawny hands between both of hers; "indeed I will. I'm going to give you a regular curtain lecture.

The prisoner began to look decidedly silly.

" You see, when you said Tommy was off again I took to thinking of the day we were married. Don't you remember a little remark you made at that time ? The prisoner made a movement as if

he would free his hands from their manacles, and shook his head.

"Well, I do, then. You boasted that if ever yeu were blessed with a son you should be sure of success in his training ; for you could never forget, as many do, that you were once a bey yourself. But you have forgotten it, and by your thoughtlessness—and love of self, too, Daniel-you are slowly but surely driving our only child from a home he fork. ads to leave, as we to have him go." This was the first time in her life that | the fact that room was expecting com-

Mrs. Delver had ventured to talk plainly pany. to her husband. That they loved each other there was no doubt whatever. A more even tempered man than Daniel Delver never lived, and his wife fully appreciated it, as any sensible woman would. But he had one fault-a fault he was not aware of possessing, of course. It was selfishness. Although not a stingy man in the exact sense of the word, he evidently considered himself the fountain head from which all blessings emanated, and, as a natural consequence, had come to the conclusion that profits must fill the pockets of him who had to suffer the loss. But, as we before remarked, he didn't know that he was selfish-never had any such idea; and when his wife gave a hint to that effect, his indignation knew no bounds. Springing to his feet, he confronted his jailor

with an angry frown, and the words : "I'm selfish, am I. Well, well, now, Bet (he had never nicknamed her before). I think things is comin' to a pretty pass ! Where'd you a bin if it hadn't a been for me, I'd like to know? All you do is to ask for what store clothes and other fixins you want, and you git 'em. What fills up that bank you're all the time a drawin' on hey? Is that there selfishness, as you call it; and without it we'd all be in the poor-house to-day

At this point Mr. Delver called a halt, by producing a blaze which blackened and pulling a splinter off a stick of stovethe chimney in a moment. But he gradwood in the box at his feet, began pick-ing his teeth quite vigorously. But seeing his wife would say nothing, he of any undue excitement broke open the

it, but you wouldn't have thought it by her looks. Bless you ! she appeared as unconscious as need be, and didn't seem making money, and the visit almost at the least bit surprised when he straightened up and said in his usual tone :

"Well, wife, you may have hit the nail on the head, I don't know. Come you know. to think it over, like enough you have. I ain't certain as to your hittin' it right square, but I'm willin' to turn over a new leaf by way of experimentin', you know, with the agreement of backin if the thing don't work. How's that?" No, it wasn't a silvery laugh. It didn't sound one particle like " the rippling of the waves upon the pebbly shore." miss the train, and so good-by and he no. But such a hearty, healthy, conwas off. We would add, in order to pretagious burst of merriment, that Daniel laughed quite heartily himself, and was vent anxiety, that Tommy didn't miss sorry, when he got through, that it hadn't lasted longer. the train. He was two hours ahead of time, and the train itself was one hour

"Why, you odd creature "-there were behind. So he had to wait three dismal tears in her eyes, but she'd been laughhours. But he got away at last, and ing, you know-"I don't think we've was happy. At the expiration of two weeks he re got to turn over much of a new leaf. I" turned, and upon being requested to take his pick of the four colts standing -but a strong arm encircled her waist and drew her into the adjoining room; and there upon the sofa, side by side, they sat and talked until the old Dutch in the yard, he did so. He selected the best one. He was then given a half dozen sheep, one pig, one calf, and an acre of ground, on which to plant what clock in the corner coughed eleven times -then Mr. Delver went out to feed his he chose, the profits to be his and his stock, and his wife to prepare the dinner.

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but that was a minor consideration. But It was 10 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Delat this point of our story Tommy came ver had retired an hour sgo. But there out strong. Picture the amazement of was a fire in the stove, and the coffeehis parents when he told them, with a pot on the back part of the same rocked knowing wink, that he was going to set that whole acre out to late cabto and fro in a state of much agitation. The oven door was ajar, and we discovbage. er inside a plate of sausage, some fried Mr. Delver said to his wife : potatoes, and half a mince pie. We know it's mince, for we can smell it. A "Betsy, I wonder if that boy got that ridiculous idea out of that book on gar lamp half turned down, stands on the

denin' he had here all last week? I little pine table just back of a cup and know we're close to a good market, but saucer, a clean plate, a knife and one cabbage never has nor never will head Reader, there is no use denying well on this farm." Mrs. Delver said to her husband :

"Well, Daniel, we'll hope for the best. Cabbages pay well if they do succeed, and he will likely get enough off the It didn't have long to wait. A quick step on the plank which led from the land to pay for his labor at least. gate to the house, a vigorous scraping of

But Tommy bought the seed and soon had thousands of young cabbage plants in full blast. But they didn't occupy feet on the stone steps, and the abrupt entrance of the visitor-Tommy himself. There was nothing peculiar in the aphis time by any means. He saddenly pearance of this young gentleman extook to doing a man's work on the farm —a proceeding which filled his father with delight. Up early in the morning, epting his appetite. That found the location of the sausage, potators, and mince pie in a twinkling, and in anothuntil almost dark did he toil steadily er twinkling they were upon the table by the side of the coffee-pot, which had along until the corn was all planted got there in some mysterious manner we wot not of. Of course he had on an Then he prepared his own acre, and by the last of May was ready to set out his overcoat and a hat, but they were not at plants.

all in the way, and so he sat down with-At this point he asked his father a out further parley. In 10 minutes' time question. It ran something after this the mince pie had vanished ; also the pofashion :

tatoes, also the sausage. There was nothing left but coffee. So he replen-ished his cup, leaned back in his chair, and glanced languidly around the room. "Say, pa, I'd like to hire you to-day and to-morrow. I want you to help me set out them cabbage plants." Mr. Delver looked somewhat bewild-

He didn't glance long-he looked. No wonder, either; for there, suspended by ered, but finally made bold to ask what wages he paid.

"I'll give a dollar and a half a day, and pay in cabbages, or in money when a string from the ceiling, was a letter. Tommy rubbed his eyes, and at last, convinced that he was awake, rose to his feet, I market 'em"

clipped the cord, glanced at the super-scription, and found it was addressed to Of course no sane man could refuse such a generous offer, and they went to work forthwith. They may have been himself. He scratched his head in a bewildered manner, and glanced in the diengaged a half hour, when two boys about Tommy's age came into the field rection of the lamp. Overjoyed to find it turned down, he made the matter worse in their shirt-sleeves and considerably out of breath.

"All right, hoys," said the gardener. all right. There's the plants, and let's work lively." "Do you board those two young gen-

#### A Solar Explosion.

On the 7th of last September Prof. Young, of Dartmouth College, was examining by means of his spectroscope, an enormous flame or hydrogen cloud on the eastern border of the sun; it was

formed of nearly horizontal filaments, with its lower surface 15,000 miles above the visible border of the sun, to which it was connected by three or four bright vertical columns. The length of this cloud was 100,000 miles, and its vertical thickness 54,000 miles.

It had presented this form and these limensions at the noon of the preceding alone. Of course it was understood that day. He left the telescope at 12:30 P. he should work for his father, as usual, a., and on returning in less than half an hour he was surprised to find that durthe men. ing that interval "the whole thing had been literally torn to shreds by some inquently the commander on San Juan River, was in the secret. Allen returned conceivable uprush from beneath." In place, he says, of the quiet cloud I had left, the cloud, if I may use the exto Nicaragua, but a successful operation

pression, was filled with air debris, a mass of detached, vertical, fusiform filaments. When I first looked, some of them had reached a height of nearly 100,-000 miles, and while I watched them they rose with a motion almost imperceptible to the eye, until in ten minutes the uppermost were more than 200,000 miles above the solar surface.

He was the leader of several hundred As the filaments rose they gradually men, who left Kentucky in September, faded away like a dissolving cloud, and at 1:15 P. M., only a few flimsy wisps, 1861. He served in the Confederate army for a short time and then retired, with some lighter streamers, low down near the chromosphere, remained to mark the place. But in the mean while the remaining South, however, until-hostilities ceased, when he again returned home and resumed his agricultural purlittle "thunder-head " before alluded to, suits. He went to Texas some months had grown and developed wonderfully since, but with what particular object into a mass of rolling and ever-changing we are not advised. flame, to speak according to appearance First it was crowded down, as it were, New Tanning Material. along the solar surface; later it rose al most pyramidally 50,000 miles in height ;

then its summit was drawn out into long filaments and threads, which were most curiously rolled backward and downward, like the volutes of an Ionic capital, and finally it faded away, and by 2:30 P. M. had vanished like the other. .

Whether the fine aurors borealis which much leather as five cords of hemlock succeeded in the evening was really the bark, and will do the work in one-half earth's response (he refers to the sup-posed physical connection between the the time. By mixing the leaves and bark in equal proportions, one-fourth of the time is saved. The leather tanned listurbance of the earth's magnetism and changes in the atmosphere of the sun) to this magnificent outburst of the sun by this process is smoother, more flexible, and yet retains the strength of the s perhaps uncertain, but the coincidence raw hide in a greater degree than that tanded by bark. is at least suggestive, and may easily be-

come something more, if, as I somewhat onfidently expect to learn, the Greenwich magnetic record indicates a disturbance precisely simultaneous with the solar explosion.-Albany Evening Journal.

the Vassar College griddle measures ten feet by eight, and can carry five hundred cakes at a time.

den, had also left for the island. Their

fate is known. Crittenden's little band in some instances may be true; but in no sense can it apply to the Young famof fifty men was captured, and with himily. self shot, and Lopez was garroted. In

The man who can have his coffin made while alive must look at death philosophically. We hear of a case in disbanded, and Allen and others returned in Person county. Mr. Richard Hargis, who lives near Bradsher's store, thirty to Kentucky. Sevaral expeditions of a similar character were projected between that time and the year 1856 by General odd years ago, turned out a sassafras Goicouria, with Colonel Allen as one of

General Walker and his filibusters, however, had met with more success in Nicaragua, and Jack Allen determined to join him. He chartered the steamer Sultana, and left the Portland wharf May 21, 1856, with nearly two hundred men, for this expedition. Few, alas! were destined to return. Half of the number reached Granada, where Allen was appointed Colonel of the regiment. He subsequently returned to Kentucky on the plea of ill-health. He believed the cause of Walker was lost; and while here he arranged with Goicouria for another Cuban expedition, embracing somewhere about the year 1861." the enlistment of his own men in Nicarahe was alive and kicking in 1868. gua, but who were restrained therefrom by force. Goicouria was to send a vessel to San Juan del Norte to bring away General Lockridge, who was subse-

of the Costa Ricans, in capturing from Walker the steamships on Lake Nicara-gua, defeated the Allen-Goicouria de-scent on Cuba. Colonel Allen left Nicaragua in October, 1856, and came home. He lived in quiet on his farm in Shelby county from that time until the inaugurction of the late civil war, when he espoused the cause of the Confederates. A citizen of Vermont has made a diswhich were only slightly burned.

covery in tanning leather, which he claims will revolutionize the business. mark of fire was upon them, but they lay there as if asleep. This seems to ex-plain why so many were killed in com-pact masses. Fences and cleared fields The material he uses is dye from forest leaves. He has been experimenting with leaves for the past two months, and the result is said to be entirely sattouched. Fish isfactory. One ton of leaves will tan as streams.

> chusetts in 1868 gave a free pass to all who would build houses in the village of Wollaston Heights. The result has been that the paying passengers from that station to and from Boston are more than ten times as many now as

# A Chicago boot-black recently ap-peared in Detroit and bought a \$900

lot, for which he paid in fractional cur-rency, mainly of the denomination of ten cents, and which it took three hours