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Jennie, the Milkmald. My heart is so light, I sing day and night, Sook, Boss,

My pail is now ready, I carry it steady, Moo, Boss,

My Jamie comes whistling. He knows I am listening, So, Boss,

He smiles in my face, And then takes my place, Stand, Boss,

I sink right by his side. My warm blushes to hide Wink, Boss,

He looks down in my eyes. I peep up in surprise. Low, Boss, "Look, Jennie, look yonder !"

I turn in great wonder,

Back, Boss, Round my neck his arm steals, On the air his laugh peals,

Slow, Boss, On my lips, quick as light, He sprigs like a wight,

Turn, Boss, Then away I run fast : He sings out : " Caught at last." Bye, Boss,

# The Burnt Letter.

Bye.

It was a gossiping neighbor who had been spending an hour with Mrs. Webb, and just before she went she had let fly the arrow she had kept in her quiver. "Your son Grantley goes over the hill to the Burdock's pretty often, Mrs.

Webb," said she. "I don't know it if he does," replied

the old lady.
"Naturally he wouldn't tell you until the last, after old Burdock's quarrel with his dead father," said the neighbor—"but everybody else knows. It's said to be a settled hing. Why, Keziah saw him kiss her at the gate one Sunday night, and even Ann Bordock would hardly go so far as that unless it was o, eh? Well, good-bye." She hurried off leaving her hostess

dumb and motionless at the door. It was some moments before she even thought of going in and casting herself into her chair, but she did it at last, and fell to talking to herself in this wise :

"Oh, it's worse than anything that ever happened to me. I've had trouble, heaven knows, but it was the kind I had I that he should have had that to bear if God sent it, but this doesn't seem right. My Grantley to marry Steven Burdock's daughter, the child of the very worst enemy his fath r ever had, a girl brought up by a woman I despise Sarah Burdock never had the ways liked, nor did the things I thought right for a woman to do. Everything is so different with the Burdocks, so strange, Like ought to marry like, or there'll never be a happy home. But that's the way with men! a pretty face strikes them and away they go, and Grantley is like the rest. Why should he choose Sarah Burdock's daughter?"

She rocked to and fro as she spoke. letting her neglected knitting drop into

"There's Fanny White," she mured, "a nice, thrifty girl; and Minnie Holm. Why, her mother is the best friend I have. There are plenty of girls I could have made up my mind though I don't know why Grantley should marry any one yet. But Ann Burdock, with her showy ways, and her airs and graces, I never can welcome her, never, never. I must go away and live by myself if she comes here to lord it over the house; and her mother, no doubt, will come and sit and talk in her foolish, flighty way; and the sisters will sit in the parlor windows, and take up the table. They'll be here half the time, and make nobody of me. I know them.

Oh! if my Grantley does marry Ann
Burdock. But it can't be! It can't!"

porch, the window raised a little, and through the aperture came flying two letters. One a yellow, vulgar-looking missive, the other a little white envelope with a monogram upon it. The old lady looked up.

The postman, who had thus easily delivered his letters, looked over his shoulder, and laughed and nodded at her, as he hurried away with his leather bag upon his arm, and she put on her spectacles to read the superscriptions.

The yellow envelope held only one of those circulars with which tradesmen of

all sorts are in the habit of flooding the country. The white one was not dressed to her, but to her son, and the monogram was a very pretty silver and

"Ann Burdock," said the old lady, "It's a note from her. Now, I wonde what she has written to my boy? I'd like to know. It's very easy opening these envelopes. 'Tisn't as if they were sealed; and what harm would it be for a mother to read a letter to her son? I've half a mind to do it. Only he'd be angry, maybe, Well, then, I'm angry too, and with more reason. Yes — I

A little old-fashioned copper kettle simmered and bubbled upon the stove. A little spirt of steam arose from its

spont.

The old lady looked at it. Then, rising, she crept across the floor in a guilty sort of fashion, and held the envelope with its flaps downward, close to

the mouth of the spout.

She held it for a few moments, and then softly touched it with her thumb

It was quite damp, and one fold peeled away from the other very easily, and there lay the little note in her hand.

She might have read it if she chose; if there were secrets in it, Miss Ann Burdock should have secured them bet-ter than she could with the little touch

of mucilage the maker of those envelopes had bestowed on each one. Mrs. Webb took off her glasses, wiped them from the steam that had gathered upon them, and, still standing, opened the sheet of paper adorned with a mono-gram like that upon the envelope, and read as follows:

read as follows :

"DEAR GRANTLEY-You went away angry with me on Sunday evening, and said that if I would not take back what I had said you would never come to see me again. And I was too proud and too me again. And I was too proud and too angry to say a word to keep you. But, Grantley, dear, I'm sorry for it now. You were in the right, and I was to blame, and I take it all back—every word. I never meant it. You are so downright you think one must mean all one says, but indeed I never meant it. And so forgive me and come again next. And so forgive me and come again next Sunday night. I find that life would be a very sad thing for me if we really quarrelled. Yours forever, Ann."

"So!" muttered Mrs. Webb, between her teeth. "It has gone so far, then; and she has been showing her temper and angering Grantley. Well, if he has spirit enough to stay away one week, he'll have spirit enough to stay away altogether, perhaps."

Then she gave an angry stamp.
"Why do I comfort myself with
that?" she said. "I know this letter
will call him back to her, and he'll be more in love with her than ever. Oh, more in love with her than ever. Oh, if she had not written! I know my boy well enough to know that he would not go back to her without that. Well, he hasn't seen it yet; and if I choose he never need. It is for his good, I know. Ann Burdock is not the girl for him. I'll keep him from her."

She dropped Ann Burdock's letter upon the fire. There it lay, a black and shrivelled fold of tinder, as her son's step sounded in the hall, and she covered it from sight with the kettle.

In come Grantley his face bright with In came Grantley, his face bright with

the outer cold. "Setting yourself on fire, mother?" he asked. "I smell something scorch-

"It's not my dress," she answered, and busied herself with the teapot, and rang the bell for the tea things. In same the girl with the tray, and again Mrs. Webb had a little fright.

"Any letter for me?" asked her son, with an eager look in his face. "No," she answered faintly. you expect one?"

"Not I," said he, his brows contract-ing, "But I met the postman on the hill, and he called out to me to hurry home and get my love-letter. His joke, I suppose."
"It was impudent of him," said Mrs.

Webb, not daring to meet her son's eye, 'That's a love-letter, is it?" She tossed him the tradesman's circular. He glanced at it and put it down.

How sad he looked! What gray tints

there were about his eyes and temples How much thinner he seemed than he did a week or so ago !

Was it all that quarrel with the Bur-dock girl? Would it have been better grammed note?

The mother put the thought her. She spread the little store of dainties before her son and tried to make him eat; and though she had been so frightened by his questions, she could not help approaching the dangerous subject herself.

"Are you going out to-night?" she asked. "No," he answered; "I think not.

"The neighbors were telling me you went over the hill to the Burdock's rather often," she went on. "Well, if I have, mother," he answer-

ed, "that is no sign I shall go again."
"Well, there are better places than
the Burdock's," said Mrs. Webb, "and I thought you'd never think of a girl whose father quarreled with yours, and may have the evil temper of her mother. She's a flirt, too, they say." Then she bounced out of the room.

When she came back Grantley had gone upstairs. She heard the boards of his bed-room floor creak as he walked up and down for

hours, but she did not see him again that night. Well, well," she said to herself, "he'll get over it.

But, whatever the feeling was, love, anger, or grief, it did not agree with Grantley Webb. He grew thinner and thinner. He took less interest in that which went on around him. He avoided all the other young people of the place, Just then a foot struck the floor of the and seemed to have neither youth nor spirit left. Could it be all about that girl Ann.

old Mrs. Webb asked herself, trying to cheat herself into the idea that the boy was only ill. But in vain she made him warm po

and bowls of herb tea. Even if he had drunk them, which he did not, for they all went to water the grass of the old orchard-even if he had drunk them, they would have done him no good.

Only one thing could help him-the only thing that seemed to him impossible as he sat at his window, staring through the starlit midnight at the roof of the Burdock dwelling, never guessing that under its eaves Ann Burdock sat, at once angry and sorry, thinking of him and none other.

He had not answered her note; he was unforgiving; but she had vexed him. She was partly to blame.

The old lady in the ruffled night-cap-

who often started from her sleep in in the big front bedroom of the Webb home with a dream of letters that curled up into tinder over the red coal-had

more on her conscience than she knew.

For though Ann grieved, she did not wear her heart upon her sleeve, but was outwardly gayer than ever, and flirted as she never had before, until at last the same neighbor who had brought the news of Grantley's love affair to his mother, dropping into tea, gave Mrs. Webb and her son a bit of gossip as they sat at the table together. "Ann Burdock is geing to be married

at last. It's that young man from London-Mr. Millet."

"I believe weddings when I see them ow," said Mrs. Webb. "But Mrs. Burdock herself told me

this," said the guest. When she was gone, Grantley, who sat before the table still, with his elbows upon it, dropped his head upon his arms, and there was a sound of quick

For a little while his mother watched FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

him. Then she went close.

"Grantley," she said, in a trembling voice, "what is it? What ails you? Tell me!"

"It's only that I'm a fool, mother," he answered

"But-Grantley, what about ?" He lifted up his young, worn face then, and answered : "Mother, don't you know? It's about Ann Burdock. It's been very hard to bear, but if she does marry any one else—I—shall kill myself, I think.

Life doesn't seem worth having."
"Life doesn't seem worth having, if
you can't have Ann!" the mother said, in a puzzled sort of way. "But why,

what is there in her?" "What there never is in more than one woman to any man, mother," said

Grantley.

Somehow, from the far-away years of youth, a memory came back to his mother that helped her to understand him.

She felt that she had done very ill, and if confession could do any good, she would even confess. At least, if she could not quite do that, she would let him know the truth about Ann.

"Grantley, dear," she faltered, "you you had a quarrel?"

"Yes," he answered.
"But if she had written to beg your pardon you'd have forgiven her?"

She almost hoped that he would say
"No"—that she need not go on.

But he answered: "Yes—but she never wrote."
"I think she did, Grantley," said the mother. I—I know she did. I—I—an accident happened to the letter. It—it got burnt; but I'm sure it was an apology. Indeed, I saw a few words, but I didn't think you cared so. You see it-it fell into the fire.' "Why did you not tell me before?"

cried Grantley.
"Wel', I somehow didn't like," was all the mother could say. "And why don't you go and ask her about it, and

Poor Mrs. Webb, when her son, after many questions, had taken her advice, cried bitterly. She might have felt even worse had she heard what Ann was saying.

The story had been told, a reconciliation effected, a declaration made to the effect that Mr. Millet had never been

loved. And then Ann Burdock said, with a laugh "But, Grantley, your mother burnt that letter on purpose. Only a man could believe the story you've told me. She did not want me for a daughter-in-law. I owe her no grudge—remember that, and don't tell her what I say."

Grantley never did. And old Mrs.

Webb has often been heard to say that Ann Burdock has turned out better than could have been expected.

A Man who Turns Copper into Gold. The following is clipped from the Sau Francisco Bulletin: A gentleman residing in this city, who is in close correscapital of the Republic of Chili, states that Paraf has maintained himself, despite the opposition brought against him. He has now three establishments in operation, and is producing wenderful re sults. He has organized a company with a capital of \$8,000,000, and the peo ple are absolutely crazy to procure stock. Copper mines that were formerly com-paratively valueless are now held at exhorbitant figures, and prospecting is active in every direction. One of the instances of Paral's assays is interesting. A ton of copper ore from the Caracole district was submitted to several of the well-known assayers in the presence of a number of citizens, Paraf also being present. The assayers announced the result—they had obtained four and a half per cent, of gold. There-upon Paraf suggested that there must be more of the precious metal in the ore, but the assayers were prevented finding it on account of its being hidden by the copper. He produced the chemical powder, which he calls "reactive," and this was submitted to those present, and in its turn analyzed, without detecting the presence of gold. Scattering this over the pulverized mass, and allowing about half an hour for manipulation in order to produce thorough incorporation with it, he asked the metallurgists to reassay the ore, when the astonishing result of thirty seven and a half per cent was reached Paraf is reported to be on the top wave of success. He has purchased the Quinta, on the Canada, the principal street of Santiago, the former residence of the late Harry Meiggs, and which cost him \$500,000, and there receives the worshipers of the golden calf in right royal style. Chili is beginning to believe in him as its financial savior, and his influence is only limited by the credulity of the peo-

# How to Regulate Light.

Statistics kept by oculists employed in infirmaries for eye diseases have shown that the habits of some persons in facing a window from which the light falls directly in the eye as well as on the work, njure their eyes in the end. The best way is to work with a side light, or, if the work needs a strong illumination, so that it is necessary to have the working table before the window, the lower por-tion of the latter should be covered with a screen, so as to have a top light alone, which does not shine in the eyes while the head is slightly bent over and down

ward toward the work. In the schools in Germany this matter has already been attended to, and the rule adopted is to have all the seats and tables so arranged that the pupil never faces the windows, but only has the side lights from the left; and as a light simultaneously thrown from two sides g'ves an inference of shadows, it has been strictly forbidden to build school rooms with windows on both sides, such illumination having also proved injurious to the eyes of the pupils. We may add to this advice not to place the lamp in front of you when at work in the eve-ning, but a little on one side, and never ning, but a little on one side, and never neglect the use of a shade so as to prevent the strong light shining in the eyes. This is especially to be considered at the present time with kerosene lamps, with intensely luminous dames, becoming more and word.

A Medical Jour-

Improved Method of Wintering Cows.

Mr. Linus W. Miller, of Stockton, N. Y., an experienced dairyman, advocates, in a pamphlet entitled "Meal Feeding and Animal Digestion," a system of feeding cows during winter, which involves the use of but three quarts of meal per day. He asserts that this amount of good Indian meal, fed under proper conditions, is more than the equivalent for all the good hay a cow can be coaxed to eat—that the animal does not need to have its stomach distended with a great bulk of woody fiber, which imposes upon the system a large amount of extra mechanical work both in the processes of digestion and remastication—that, in brief, bulk in food is not advantageous but to the contrary, and that nuriment in Mr. Linus W. Miller, of Stockton, N. brief, bulk in food is not advantageous but to the contrary, and that nuriment in food governs the condition and health of the animal, and that condensation of nutriment is true economy. Mr. Miller has conducted physiological investigations into the functions of the four stomachs of the cow, whence it appears that meal follows the same course as herbaceous food, and stays longer in the meal follows the same course as herb-aceous food, and stays longer in the rumen than coarse food, while it also digests more thoroughly than when the energies of the stomach are divided be-

ween meal and coarse herbage. Whatever may be the correct theory in this regard, results of actual practice appear to bear out Mr. Miller's views. The report of a committee, appointed to examine into the system by the Western New York Dairymen's Association, shows the following facts: The examination was conducted upon Mr. Miller's herd of Chatangua, county native cover the Chatauqua county native cows, thaverage live weight of which was 900 pounds. The herd were fed exclusively upon corn meal for seven weeks, each animal, according to its digestive caanimal, according to its digestive ca-pacity, making an average of about three quarts of meal per day for each cow. The animals did not ruminate, did not manifest so much desire for food as cows fed on hay alone in the usual way, a little less than they will eat, showed no signs of unrest or suffering; and at the time of going back to hay, the cows had neither lost nor gained flesh. After re-turning to hay, their stomachs filled and ruminating went on normally, healthy calves were dropped, and when turned o grass the animals took on flesh faster than those wintered in the usual way. Their daily yield of milk was twenty-nine

As regards the economy of meal feeding, Mr. Miller points out that one bushel of corn, ground sud tolled, will last an ordinary sized cow of 900 pounds worthy of note would be found there. weight twelve days, and is equal to 240 pounds of hay. Corn at exty cents per bushel is therefore the equivalent of hay at five dollars per ton of 2,000 pounds, and where it can be had at that rate the cost of wintering the animal will range the cost of wintering the animal will range to 250 pounds. Every possible outline that professed anything of the picturesque. Few of the square, stiff, cost of wintering the animal will range from seven to ten dollars, according to coldness and length of the foddering experience. Not only ancient outlines, ten dollars per ton, and frequently much | bricks and stone; no window-sashes more. Hence the estimated saving by painted white; at least for the most meal feeding is placed at from five to part. Nothing could be more picturtwenty dollars per animal, according to

Scientific American. Grape-Rot. The only form of grape-rot that we have had an opportunity of observing has visited us in the last two seasons. It appears suddenly in July. The grapes, usually only parts of bunches, soon became brown and soft, like a rotten apple, and when the unanected up, and they still adhere, shrivelled up, and and when the unaffected berries are ripe usually of a reddish tinge. The Rogers No. 4) has been most affected, and the Iona, Eumelan and Clinton have suffered partially. These sorts are of such different characters of leaf berry texture, and style of growth, that there does not seem to be any reason anparent on these internal grounds for their

being subject to the visitation.

But while gathering the Clintons from large frame covering a lean-to green house, and elevated three feet above its glass, a circumstance was observed which shed some light on the case, and shows that the cause is to be sought in some sudden stress upon the circulation and moisture are inducing very free and tenglass below without cutting off too much

For the same reason all side shoots from the canes were stopped at one or two leaves beyond the one bunch of fruit allowed on each. And while gathering the very fine fruit about the middle of October, it was noticed that although many bunches had partially rotted where only one leaf existed beyond the bunch, and especially where this leaf was small there was not a single case to be found where there were three or four leaves, or a continued expansion of them, after the second or third pinching. As the pinching of these canes required the use of ladders, the whole growth was closely pinched at each of the three or four times of operating, from about May 20 to about the end of July. Vines else-where, more conveniently within reach, and pinched more frequently and more

moderately, escaped rof. The rot is not, however, to be attributed to the pinching alone. We had warm, humid weather during July, and very free growth, and a general and sudden stopping of the points of growth extension, either by hand or by weather, while under such rapid headway, must naturally be expected to cause injurious congestion, and at such a season an em-barrassed, tender growth will quickly go into decay. It is worthy of note that mildew has been but little prevalent during these two seasons. The active leaf transpiration seems to have pre-vented its germs from gaining lodge-ment. Our Concords, thinned and very moderately pinched, has most.—W. in New York Tribune.

Recipes SUET PUDDING .- Two and one-half cupfuls flour, one teaspoonful salt, one cup suct chopped fine, two eggs, scant pint milk, one-half teaspoonful sods, one-half cup apples chopped fine, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon, three tesspoonfuls molasses; steam on and three-quarter hours.

APPLE CUSTARD PIE. - One pint of sweet milk and three grated sweet apples, two well beaten eggs, little salt, sugar, and nutmeg to taste. Have only an undercrust.

Brown Bread,-One pint of corn meal, one pint of rye meal, two-thirds cup of molasses, one large spoonful of vinegar, one heaping teaspoonful of saleratus, dissolved in a little warm water, one-half teaspoonful of salt, mix well with warm water, quite soft, and steam three hours. Put in the oven fifteen minutes and brown.

teen minutes and brown. Ox-TAIL SOUP .- Cut the tail in seven or eight pieces and fry brown in butter; slice three onions, and the same of car-rots; fry them in the pan after removing the ox-tail; place the onions and carrots,

CHICKEN SALAD. - A pair of boiled chickens, seven or eight pounds in weight (not old fowls), cut in small dice, about a quarter of an inch square; two bunches (seven or eight heads) of celery, the white part only; slit each head in half, wash well, leave it in ice water some time to make it crisp, drain well, cut the size of chicken; add chicken and celery together in a large bowl, season with white pepper and salt to taste; use about half this dressing; mix well, add two or three tablespoonfuls of vinegar; dish up in a pyramid shape, on a platter large enough to put a border of lettuce, cut in shreds or picked in small pieces, around it, spread the balance of the dressing on the top, put the lettuce and three hard boiled eggs, cut in four pieces, length-wise around the dieh, take the heart of a head of lettuce and put in the center; a few capers sprinkled over the dressing is good.

On all sides such an accumulation of old and interesting houses, that in perambu-lating the street you turn your head from side to side like a Chinese man-Their daily yield of milk was twenty-mine pounds three ounces, or one pound eleven ounces per cow more than that of any other herd sent to the same cheese in, yet proceed. I had heard no one in Holland speak of Dort in terms of praise. But hay as a rule costs at least | but house-fronts also. No modernized

esque or ancient looking, more quaint the respective prices of corn and hay. - and interesting than one of these canals, Every house hoary with age, varying in shape and size; now tall, with gabled roof, now small and diminutive, as if gradually sinking into decrepitude and the grave. Here and there wooden balconies overhung the water, covered with creepers and flowers, that drooped in graceful boughs and tendrils, emblems f life and beauty amidst decay. The vater beneath reflected all the quaint multitude of outlines. Above every town in Holland-the dead cities scarce excepted-Dort carries you back into the past centuries; away from the world of to-day into that of the Middle Ages. No town I had visited so delighted me. I had seen nothing like it in Holland. It was not, as in some places, a house or a building here and there standing out from its neighbors to delight by its charms; it was the general tone and character of the whole place. The marvel of passing from street to street, finding the one prevailing type of age and beauty. So that at last one could only exclaim: "And still they come!" the wonderful old canal views were multileaf digestion, while very active, and the wonderful old canal views were multi-while the conditions of temperature and plied. Many of the small side streets, only wide enough to admit our startling der develo; ement and extension of new growth. The rafter-like rods, to which the canes are strictly confined, are two whence they would peep out with wonder feet apart, the object being to shade the glass below without cutting off too much many of these small side streets were full of diminutive houses dating back three centuries and more, untouched since the days of their first youth. One

of the characteristics of the place was the remarkable manner in which many of the houses were out of the perpendicular. This is the case more or less throughout Holland. The soil being loose and sandy, the piles sink, the foundations give way, and the houses nod to each other. But in Dort the feature was carried often to almost an alarming point. In many instances it looked as i gentle push would send down an old building crashing to the earth. More than once it was difficult to pass a leaning tenement without positive fear. Not a few were propped up with beams to support their old age. This feature materially added to the picturesqueness of the town; increased the look and feeling of antiquity of a life ended; seldom met with, but full of inexpressible charm.

## Profit of Sheep Raising in California.

There is more profit on the average in keeping sheep in this country, says the Visalia (Cal.) Age, than in any other country on the globe. With the exception of Holland and Belgium, the aunual weight in flesh of America exceeds that pounds; in America fifty-two pounds. 32.16, on the average; Australia is next overcome and fell to the floor. he price will be largely increased when

Thirty Years Separated. There are some strange features in an action pending in the Twelfth district

court at San Francisco, for a divorce and a division of common property.

Martha Stevens is the plaintiff and
Coleman Stevens the defendant. A separation in fact has been in existence between the parties for the long period of thirty-three years, the plaintiff, ac-cording to the story, having barely tasted the sweets of the honeymoon when her husband deserted her, leaving her almost penniless, and in a condition which increased her troubles. Mrs. Stevens is fifty-eight years of age. She has a certificate which shows that she married Coleman Stevens at New York, on November 1, 1843, and she states that two days after their marriage the husband went to visit his father, some two hundred miles distant, where he remained. The following March she also went to his father's. She took this step because she was advised that her husband was going after a young girl, pros-pectively rich. She found her husband very friendly, and he frequently called upon her, as she resided in a neighboring house. Then they both lived at his father's house, but not as married people. On the 15th of May, 1844, she signed a deed for the sale of land from Coleman to his father, and then they started for Michigan. It was the understanding that the money realized from the sale of the land would be invested in land in Michigan. They arrived at Goshen the first day, and remained there all night. The next morning he said he had made up his mind not to go to Michigan, and proposed to return to his father's house. At Charter station, en route to his father's, her husband jumped off the train. She looked out of the car window and saw him running across the fields, and that was the last time she saw him until she met him in San Francisco last year. At the time her husband jumped the train she had about twenty dollars in her pocket, but no other means of support except a little land she owned. After doing house-work for a time at Williamsburg, she Vivid Pen-Sketch of Dort, in Holland. Says a writer in an English magazine learned the milliner's trade, and opened Within a few miles of Rotterdam is a town that will thoroughly satisfy the antiquarian. Age stares you in the face. The winter following the close of the war she went with her daughter to Camden Mills, Michigan, where she remained until February, 1875, when she went to California. She states that she never received any support from her husband from the time he deserted her until granted alimony in the present divorce case. The first intimation she

#### Mending Matrimonial Chains. A curious institution for the purpose

matrimonial reconciliation exists in

nad of the whereabouts of the missing

husband was a letter from his father, written in December, 1872, in which he

asks forgiveness for favoring Coleman.

the old provinces of Prussia, in which the population amounts to more than en millions, who are mainly The courts have, of course, the power of granting divorces; but before any suit of divorce can be entertained, a very singular process must be n the first instance, to present themselves before some clerical or lay authority for the purpose of being, it possible, re-When the marriages are tween persons of different religions, the magistrate may be applied to for this purpose. But the people of provinces are, for the most part, Protestants, and in the vast majority of cases the clergyman is the reconciling authority prescribed by the law. plaintiff in such a quarrel must, in the first instance, go to him and state his or her grievance, and the clergyman must next hear the wife or the husband, who, in the contemplated suit, would become the defendant. When he has heard them separately, so as to become acquainted with the strength and the weakness of the case on both sides, he then hears them together, and exerts all his powers of persuasion to effect a reconciliation. he fails in his efforts, the parties can proceed with their suit; but some very interesting statistics have recently been issued at Berlin with respect to the sucess of such efforts. It appears that in 1873 the number of married couples who desired a separation was 7,325. these, no fewer than 2,829 were reconciled by the intervention of clergymen. In 603 of these cases the reconciliation proved ineffectual; but the general result, without taking into account pending cases, was that nearly one-third of the number of matrimonial disputes were thus appeased. In 1874 the number of quarreling couples and the pro-portion of those reconciled were about the same. Even a failure in the first instance does not seem to destroy the efficacy of the resource; for of those who renewed their quarrels a second time. bout a third were once more reconciled. The success of the clergy, in fact, in this function is so considerable, that they have earned the honorable title of . 'peacemakers.'

## Chloroforming a Horse.

A curious operation was performed by Dr. Wm. Hailes, Jr., at the request of Mr. Newton, upon a valuable trotter, belonging to him. The horse is a fine animal, with a record of 2:30; for some time it has been noticed that when speeding him he labors under a difficulty in breathing, his throat appearing to be in some manner choked up. Determined to ascertain the cause, and, if possible, remedy the difficulty, the owner consent ed to an operation. It is well known that it is a very difficult thing to cause a horse to lie down, and in order to obviate this it was decided to administ r of any other country. In those two chloroform while the operation was b-countries the average weight is sixty i ig performed. Accordingly a large quantity of ch'orfoorn and ether mixed But owing to the higher price received in equal parts, was a ministered. The here for wool the annual revenue from each sheep here is just double that in Holland. The annual revenue here is minutes after the dose had been applied, highest, \$4.50; Spain next, \$1.45. Only cision in the vicinity of the throat five other countries exceed \$1, and in Russia and Greece its revenue is only 42 cents. The average weight as well as the breathing. It is supposed that the the vast flocks of coarse woolen sheep in the West have been bred up to the condition they undoubtedly will be in a few years from now. course, nothing can be done. -Albany

items of Interest.

The boss team-A yoke of oxen. Two-button kids-A young goat fight. Hotel-keepers are people we have to 'put up with."

Agony personified-A bachelor editor trying to prepare an able and judicious article on the baby show.

Charles Barth made a treasury of his bed in Boscobel, Wis., and after his death securities for \$13,000 were found

There are over 1,900 convicts in the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., and the number is increasing at the rate of 100 a

A murder jury at Reading, Pa., offered prayer at every meal, and petitioned the Divine Providence to direct them in their verdict.

The Black Hills papers say if 1,000 women would immigrate there they would at once find remunerative work and husbands

At midnight on a lonely road: "You don't recognize me? Why, you defended me and got me off at the last assizes. Thanks to you, I have been enabled to resume my avocation. Your money or

your life! A grub of a boring species was found in a four-foot lath the other day, in Ber-lin, Conn., that must have been in the wood for thirteen years at least. It had eaten almost the whole length of the lath, leaving only a shell.

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"I was born in Bath," said a dirty looking customer, as he harangued a crowd at a political meeting, "and I love my native place." "You don't look as if you had ever been there since," said one of his hearers as he proceeded to load a said one of his hearers as he proceeded to laud an opposition candidate,

From under the bluff on which the town of Huntsville, the capital of Madison county, Alabama, is situated, bursts an immense spring, clear and cold, sup-plying the whole town with water for domestic uses, for watering the streets, and for use by the fire department. It is the largest spring in Alabama.

If I should come to high renown,
And compass things divinely great,
And stand a pillar of the State,
And count an empire all my own,
And miss myself—I were a child,
That sold himself to slavery In some fair castle by the sea That glimmered toward his mountain wild.

In Auburn (N. Y.) prison there were recently 1,405 convicts. Fifty-three of the number were "life men," of whom on their entrance the oldest was fiftyseven years old; the youngest, fifteen. The man longest in the prison was sent there on September 25, 1858. The average cost of supporting each convict is \$70.31 yearly; or nineteen cents and three mills daily. Superintendent Pils-bury is negotiating for contracts, which, if obtained, will give employment for 1,000 convicts. The total earnings per convict are increasing. In 1876 they were \$51,36; in 1877, \$58,76.

The North Hill boys tied a sky rocket to a dog's tail, and when it began to fizz the dog looked at his watch, and remarking that he had just time enough to get to the depot to catch the train, started gone through. Man and wife are required off. So did the rocket. For a second of two it was doubtful whether the rocket would run away with the dog, or the dog with the rocket. But at last the canine got the bulge, and settled down to a two minute gait, increasing the distance and cutting down his time every jump, while they could hear him howling clear to Keokuk. The dog passed through Winnebago county Wednesday night, and is supposed to have reached the Evergreen shore by this time. -Burlington Hawkeye.

## A Thirteen Year Old Thief.

The case of Libby O'Brien, whose singular career hast just been brought to light, is another case of youthful depravity, and one, unfortunately, of an increasing number. The defenders of the theory that wickedness is a part of the nature of man will find new support in such an illustration of their theory. The illustration gains additional merit from the fact that the mother of this poor girl is an honest and industrious voman, who was utterly ignorant of her daughter's crimes and degradation ; yet, notwithstanding the evidence on this sice of the question, it is probable that Libby has been influenced by various circumstances and characters, and that no proper restraint has been placed upon her actions and desires, pearance she is quite prepossessing, although her features scarcely indicate the possession of nerve and cunning which she has demonstrated in such a remarkable degree. The system of deception that she has pursued from the beginning of her downward career proves, however, that her appearance is as fully deceptive as her recent existence has been. That she has excellent traits of character there can be no doubt, and her yout's may safely be brought forward in partial extenuation of her crimes. Yet the fact that she is so young-just thirteen years old-makes these crimes still more horrible. What fiendish power has been working in the heart of this child? She has, it appears, committed twelve robberies. She has, perhaps been the means of ruining an innocent woman. When accused of having been concerned in a number of sneak robperies she made no denial, and, what is still worse, showed no signs of trepidation. Outwardly she is a hardened criminal. Yet we may be pardoned for still entertaining the belief that she is not altogether beyond good influences Here is a good chance, therefore, for some true philanthropist. We hore that something will be done to save the child, not to punish her with a ruined life, -New York Telegram.

Editor and Laudlord.

Landlord .-- " Mr. Editor, I'll thank you to say I keep the best table in the

city." Editor- "I,ll thank you to supply

my family with board gratis."

Landlord—"I thought you were glad to get something to fill up your paper,"
Editor—"I thought you were g'ad to
feed men for nothing."
It's a poor rule that won't work both

Exit landlord in a ruge, threatening to have nothing more to do with the office.