The awful vastness of what lies before.

Set, ob, my breshers, bear abounding trust, And feariese Faith will doubting crew dismay:

fo was Columbus tried by thoughts unjust,

Who found a world, while seeking for a way

Itat would be shorter, from Spula's heat and

To the fair gardens of far famed Cathayl -William S. Lord in Kate Field's Washington.

SANDY'S BESSIE.

One beautiful afternoon a few days after Davie Gillespie's visit I turned into Second averne from a cross street to see Sandy MacNab about some committee business for a Caledonian club picnic. | to little tubelike holes. Just before I reached the shoeshop, however, a little girl emerged from the throng of passersby and entered the door. She was a thin, pale, puny child of the kind the cities breed, stoop shouldered, narrow chested, ill nourished, almost untaught except in the hard school of experience. I lingered dispose of his customer before entering. but as the little girl did not appear I opened the door.

"Pifty cents; fifty cents," Sandy was ye understan that, ye puir heathen? Fifty cents.

He was standing before his bench, gesticulating, with a pair of newly soled shoes, two sizes too small for the girl, who stood in a mutely submissive attitude before him. Sandy has always resolutely disdained learning any foreign tongue. If the "braid Scots' decalect," isn't good enough for his customers they

"Meine mutter ist todt," began the child's gentle, uncomplaining voice,

"Come hither, Owen," cried the old the lass wants?

The girl told me herstory. Her mother was dead. She was the oldest of four the more interest children, and had seen eighteen years, though she looked but fourteen. She and two other children had got worktailor's piecework-and they were all living somehow, but it was very hard. kind hearted man, and so-

lated. Before I had finished he was modding his head energetically in token pushed her toward the door.

"Ach! Du lieber Gott!" said the child, courtesy, she turned to go.

a moment later I thought I saw his hand | very highly.-Exchange. girl looked at the bill in a dazed sort of a way for a moment, and then dropped another courtesy, this time to the door of the shop, and was gone.

"Pair mitherless bairns," said Sandy, a shoe. Presently he paused and inquired, "What said she as she gaed oot?" "She said, 'Ah, thou dear God?" I replied. "It was a prayer of thankfulness."
"Puir bairn! puir bairn!" said Sandy.

stopping his work to take another pinch of snuff. "She pits the proud an michty to shame wi' her simple faith. An I ca'd her a heathen! Hech, Owen, lad, it's a sair warl for bairns descrit by their am kin. Think o't, mon! In o' this great ceety four little anes fechtin wi' want an poverty an hunger by their lane in a garret, the prey o' the evil an de signin, scorn'd by them that's no their betters, neglectit by the powerfa', except by way o' robbery, wi' ne'er a sicht of the fiels an wavin woods o' the bonny country or the wash o' the sea; without time or strength for childish play-ch, Owen. What if my Janet-na, na, better as she is, pair little one, unner the set," and Sandy dropped his head into before to his wife and daughter long

"It's an owre lang tale to tell," said Sandy, after a moment's pause, seeming to find a gentle comfort in speech of his loved and lost ones, "but I'se cut it short i' the tellin. Ne'er a mon in a' Scotia was so blithe as Alexander Machis bride, nor for mony a year after. wee Sandie deed in infancy an ainly an' mak' bright the ingle neuk. Yet, still we were happy, sae happy, till Besrie-she was ne'er strong, nor her mither amed to weaken, day by day, an pale an clear wi the awfu' whiteness o' the great hereafter shinin through the vail o' flesh. Ett, she suld ha' made a

Here Sandy paused abruptly, and for some minutes sat silently brooding over the past. I did not interrupt him, and presently he began to speak again in a low, tremulous voice: "Sae she went, lad. Better so, per-

the wife was like a bruised and broken flow'r that droopt an droopt weel. An ering just what sort of husband or wife i' the kirkyard they were sune side by one is to be blessed withat side, an a' was pit dark as night to me. Frien's o' my youth, who had lang syne leevit i' the new lan', begged me sair to a feast of Pomona at this time, and it come to them, an sae, as all the warl' was the same to my reft hairt, I cam' an summer for use in the winter were here I has leeved my lane, waiting till opened. The appropriateness of the use the Lord is pleased o' his infinite maircy of nuts and apples at this time thus be to my ain. A' wounds heal time, they my, an five-and-twenty year is lang eneuch, but the scar's wi' me yet, Owen, the scar's wi' me yet, an will Druidical origin and it will not usually be till my deeing day, an I canna see a be necessary to look far. Now Hallowwee bairn warslin wi' this wicked warl' een has fires connected with it and a like the puir Dutch lass, but I maun think: 'Hoo, if 'twere Bess' My ain gin, seems highly probable.- New York

And the old man, dashing his hand across his eyes to clear away a mist that was not all of age, drew from his inner vest pocket one of those old fashioned daguerreotype cases that used to be so common on country house center tables twenty years ago and handed it to me. I opened it, and after turning the case this way and that to avoid the reflection from the glassy surface, saw two dimly outlined faces, the mother's and daughter's, looking at each other. It was impossible to get much idea of what they were in life, but I looked at the man who displays the light will then them as one would look at a strange face get an advertisement—if he has luck, in a coffin and then handed back the case New York Sun.

Just then the door was flung open and a number of men entered the room, their which had fallen upon us unbeeded.

vancing with an exclamation of sur- had been tightly driven. He was at- ed his proper position in society until he How to Tell Bride and Groom prise. "I suppose you've got everything tempting to extract the pegs with hi has somebody to look down upon. all arranged for the picnic, Sandy?" have not been talking about the picnic by practice the pegs are driven in at ail. That's what I came for, but Mr. tighter. After a couple of years at peg

really got down to business yet." of gas jets as I spoke, and when he had | craf. finished he slowly returned, thankful, I was sure, for the moment's respite.

"I'm thinkin," said he slowly. "that I s'all na gae to the picnic." "Not go to the picnic?" said young

MacGowan in astonishment. "Why, uncle, how can that be? What would the picuic be without you?"

rin, nor loup, nor warste, nor step a hielan fling. Young folk a'nld be blithe an merry an suld folk s'uld stay hame. Dinna mind me, lad, but go your ways."

"He's thinkin o' his bairs, 'puir friends, the birds, have appeared, I bave Sandy," whispered Rob Muckennie in my ear .- Owen Langdon in New York The Glass Sponges.

perhaps is the Venus flower basket, their exits and their entrances. which is found only in the deep sea near the Phillipine islands. It looks for all the world like span glass woven into an intricate pattern, and is so delicate and exquisite that one can hardly believe it to be nothing but the skeleton of a sponge. This particular species of sponge | seem to have a well defined position in is composed of bands of spicules running lengthwise from end to end, with crossbands intersecting at right angles. Before they are thoroughly skeletonized the corners of the squares formed by the crossbands are filled with a brown jellylike substance, which reduces the spaces

The edges of these little holes project slightly above the general surface of the sponge and give it the appearance of being dotted with miniature volcanic craters. The ridges, instead of having their surfaces made up of a continuous glassy skeleton, have their soft substances supported by whole multitude ontside a moment, waiting for Sandy to of delicate microscopic, six rayed spic-dispose of his customer before entering, ules. In some instances these fragile spicules seem to be supported, or at least held in place, by little hooked stars and rosettes. In its natural state the shouting as I stepped inside. "Canna | whole of the Venus flower basket is covered with fine hairs, the mouth being kept closed by a net of fine glasslike

Captain Simmons' men found the flower basket fastened to a rock by a handle carefully attached to the basket in four different places, and the divers of the Exile brought up one specimen that rested on the top of a marble pedestal which at some time had been lost in the harbor at Najaja.-St. Louis Republic.

Peter Cooper's Cherry Table. There is in the city of Brooklyn at the house of Mrs. A. A. Golden a table, the man impatiently. "Can ye tell what is't history of which, without doubt, will interest many an old New Yorker. It was made by Peter Cooper, which lends it

> It was at this table that he and his wife ate their first dinner after they

were married. In appearance it is much smaller than the modern dining table. It has two She had the money for mending the leaves and two end pieces that are atshoes, but the neighbors had told her tached to the leaves by hinges. In all it that "der Herr MacNab" was such a is about four feet square. The legs are long and slender. The wood is of cherry, The look of purzled inquiry in Sandy's and, old as the table is, so carefully has face changed to tender regard as I trans- it been kept by Mrs. Golden there is no sign of scratch or mar on it.

In his early ventures Peter Cooper was of compliance and wrapping up the often unsuccessful. It was in 1816, when shoes in a sheet of newspaper. Then he he was living at Hempstead, Long Isput them into the girl's hands and gently | land, that he failed in business. A few days after his failure he held an auction sale of his household goods, among them and dropping a reverent Old World being this table. Mrs. Mary Golden, a courtesy, she turned to go. mother-in-law of Mrs. A. A. Golden, "Whaur are ye leevin, lass?" said | bought it for a few dollars. She after-Sandy, following her to the door. I ex- | ward used it as a dinner table. At her plained the query, and she gave him an | death, in 1855, she willed it to the presaddress near by. Sandy tucked a crum- ent owner, Mrs. A. A. Golden. The tapled bank note into her hand, and as he | ble is one which Mr. Cooper made with put a pinch of Maccaboy to his nostrils his own hands, and, it is said, valued it

An Experiment with a Bee. A bee flies much in the same way as a pigeon-that is to say, it first takes an spward spiral flight into the air, and hen darts straight for the object in view. as he began a loud rat-tat on the sole of Now an experimenter on insect nature once covered a bee's eye with paint, and sent it into the air; instead of darting straight off after rising, it continued to ascend.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Retrogression. A man who has kept an account of the number of kisses exchanged with his wife since their union consents to its publication as follows: First year, 36,500; second year, 16,000; third year, 8,650; fourth year, 190; fifth year, 2. He then left off keeping the record.-Exchange

Bread Made of Peanuts. The imperial German health anthorities have been engaged in experiments. the object of which was to ascertain whether a healthful bread could be made Incidentally it was discovered that the refuse left after the oil has been extracted from peanuts contains 50 per sod i' the kirkyard that leevin sae be- cent, of albuminous matter. Such being the case, bread made with an admixture his hands. I had never heard him allude of peanuts or peanut refuse would certhe nutritive element of any kind of bread is mainly albuminous.

Wheat and rye flours have only about 11 or 12 per cent. of albuminous matter in them. When oil has been extracted by pressure or otherwise from a vegetable substance, the residue is called "oil-Nab the day that made bonny Bessie | cake." All oilcakes are largely albumi nous. Flaxseed offcake contains more The bairnies cam', two o' them, but | than 40 per cent. of such elements, and the oilcake of cotton seed is about the Bess was left to cheer the little hame same. It is generally supposed that peanuts are very indigestible. Another question involved is whether they could be grown more cheaply than wheat, which would seem to be very doubtful. Perhaps, however, peanut bread is to be looked forward to as a luxury of the future.-Washington Star.

haps, in a the purity of childhood. An against the others, it is perhaps the very school day. 50 cent bottles for sale. best time of the whole year for discov

> Of old time, to go back to the usual source of such things, the Romans bad was then that the stores laid up in the any. comes apparent. But when a festival flourishing in the British isles has fires connected with it, look sharp for a Druidical connection, if not actual ori-

What "Winkers" Are For. One of the employments of electricity just now is to make "winkers," to hang from high places. They are incandescent lights, hoisted on a flagpole or run ont from a window, and the current is intertupted and turned on again by clock work mechanism. A man sees the light, then he notices that it is gone. While wondering what has become of it it reappears. This is supposed to rouse his interest to such an extent that he

A twelve-year-old Japanese boy sat on be my wife. forms but dimiy discernible in the dusk | the floor in a dentist's office in Japan having before him a board in which "Why, it's Langdon," said one, ad- were a number of holes into which pegs thumb and foretinger. As the strength "No," said I, hastily interposing, "we of this natural pair of forceps develop MacNab has been telling all about the pulling the young dentist graduates and old days in Scotland, and we hadn't is able to lift the most refractory molar in the same manner that he now lifts Sandy bustled about to light a couple | wooden pegs.-St. Louis Globe-Demo-

Good Use of Officeholders

It is beginning to dawn upon the minds of the managers of the Chicago exhibition that if the whole grand army of present and prospective officials attend the show and pay as they go in the ate picuic be without you?"

tendance will be large enough to crowd
the grounds and to make the show inHow Robins Nest.

Although many interesting points in relation to the nesting habits of our yet to see anything concerning the posimon which the prospective parent as sumes while incubating. The subject has been of much interest to me, and in Did you ever carefully examine one the past years many observations have of the so called "glass sponges?" The been made, which plainly indicate that most delicate and beautiful of these the proprietors of nearly all nests "have

Many there are, as the kingfishers, woodpeckers and other species, which reach their eggs by a single opening or burrow, and these of necessity must emerge from the same source, but all

All can remember the attitude of the lomestic hen, turkey or goose, and how rarely this position is changed, and with the wild bird the tendency to a shift is even less, for with barnyard fowls we can alter their posture by placing a board in a variety of positions about the nest, but with the inhabitants of the wood any interference generally results The robin when building her nest of-

ten tries how her brooding breast is to fit the growing structure, and this, too when a bare, flat platform gives no indication of the elevated sides to follow. Later the male sits in the forming cup and speculates probably on the outcom of his efforts, and views the outlook from the crotch. During the four days of egg laying the female is not on, or rather in, the structure to any extent, unless the weather is cold and wet, and she assumes almost any position. It is only after the duties of incubation begin, a period which lasts fourteen days to a dot, that the robins adopt a standard, shared in by each of the pair.

The male, who shares in the duties of sitting, when going to take als trick almost invariably flies toward his mate in the same path, and arriving at the door, ust as the female is seen to dart forward between the branches which comprise the front door. The front door, as I prefer to call it, is then really the exit, and toward it the incubating bird always points her bill. It never directs toward the tree trunk and generally points toward an open space in the foliage when a thick leaved tree or bush .- Science.

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"Yes; and the way it is done is the ny a day. "How was it?"

"Well, he read in the paper about a man in New Orleans who wore a card on his breast with the word 'yes' printed on it in big letters, thus shutting off people from asking if it was hot enough for "I see. Good idea, that."

"So Scadds thought. When the last not spell came along he thought he would imitate the New Orleans man. He was in great glee over the satisfactory working of his little scheme until Miss A GREAT PAPER Flypp saw it."

"What happened then?" "She looked at it awhile and then burst out, 'Why, what an accommodating man you are, Mr. Scadds! How easy you make it for a girl who has long worshipped you in silence and is too bashful to take advantage of her leapof a mixture of tye flour and peanuts. year privileges! Your consent makes me supremely happy. Suppose we set a month from to-day as the date of the ceremony?" With that she threw her arms around the neck of the young man and he was her's."-Judge.

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