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English radicals are asking for the appointment of public defenders to oppose the public prosecutors.

Madagascar has important mineral wealth, not only iron, graphite, rock salt, coal, nitre and other things, but probably workable gold.

As the result of the existence of a cattle trust in Belgium, the New Orleans Picayune asserts that the humble classes of the population there are forced to purchase horseflesh as a substitute for beef.

The manufacturing product of England exceeds that of any other European Nation. It is more than equal to the product of Germany, Italy and Spain combined and very nearly equal to the total manufacturing products of France and Russia.

A law against "unfair competition in trade" has come into force in Germany. It is aimed against false descriptions and other forms of swindling by advertisements.

At the last regular school election held in Phelps Opera House, Greenville, Mich., Dr. A. W. Nichols was elected director, in place of L. W. Sprague, and O. C. Miller, a member of the board, succeeded himself.

With the exception of Texas, which is a much larger State in extent of territory, Georgia ranks first among the States of the South in the mileage of her electrical railways.

The English statistician, Mulhall, recently published an estimate of the wealth of all the leading Nations. His information was gathered from the most reliable sources and there is every reason to believe that it is approximately correct.

Table with 2 columns: Country, Wealth. Includes: United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain, Australia, Belgium, Holland, Canada, Argentina, Sweden, Rumania.

It further shows by Mr. Mulhall that the average earning capacity of the American workman is much greater than that of the workman in any other country.

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THE WAY OF LOVE.

"Come," said Love, upon a day; "Come, and face my rosy way; If perchance the thorns we meet They shall make the roses sweet."

AT THE END OF THE ROAD.

BY MARY CLARK HUNTINGTON.



"HEY a'n't to know a thing about it unless they mis-trust. It's to be read 'surprise,' said Lou Harlow, poisoning herself, like one about to take flight, in the doorway of Mrs. Green's kitchen.

Mrs. Green set the teapot further back on the stove and murmured an indefinite 'M'm.' The milk house door opened with a rattle of pails. Lou's eyes turned slightly in that direction as she talked so persistently.

"If those Harlows a'n't managin' 'er was her mental comment. 'But it'll take more'n a pretty puttin' on to make Lou one 'nite engagin' to 'Rastus. I guess 'er head's broke."

"Likely they won't have more'n seven dippers," said Rastus, helping himself to a second dish of apple sauce.

"The quick, bright smile flashed over Rastus' face. 'Get her to carry a pan or something of that kind. His mother took the suggestion as profanely serious.

"Well, you can take 'em; I'll walk. 'Twould be too crowding in the buggy for us all, and I don't want to get out the business wagon. There's a spoke loose."

boy who need to nob out his little grief upon her sympathetic bosom had reached man's estate, how entirely was told by some trick of manner, by occasional tone of voice or lift of eye.

Lou Harlow, bustling about among the guests, was more busily hostess-like than Mrs. Harlow herself. 'Sarrell never mistrusted until the last minute," she was telling everyone.

Mrs. Green, taking inventory of the tin things on the table, smiled benignly upon the speaker. She had found but one dipper among the pile, and naturally felt the prestige of being the only person who had given an undiplomat article.

"How nice Lou Harlow looks to-night. That lace at her throat is very becoming. I hear something about her and your 'Rastus. How's that?"

"Seems to me you're prinkin' more'n usual," she ventured. He colored. He had a trick of blushing like a girl.

"I haven't showed since Sunday, and here 'tis Friday. Getting hard to suit, a'n't you, mother?"

"If I haven't stole my thumb into this cake," Mrs. English was saying. "Never mind, ma. Turn it 'tother side when you hand it in, and nobody'll notice," suggested her husband.

"Let me carry it, Aunt Martha." "With a thrill of satisfaction Rastus saw the napkin-covered plate change hands. The slim, quick stepping figure was ahead of the others now.

"I've asked Mr. and Mrs. English to tea next Wednesday," said Mrs. Green. She cleared her throat at the eager interest on Rastus' face, and added what she knew would establish perfect understanding between herself and him.

"I've asked the nice, too." "Have you?" "In Rastus' voice was a thrill of such gladness as comes when one in twenty-three and in love for the first time." "Have you?"

"I should think 't would be real jonesome for the Englishes bein' for their house is where there a'n't never any passin' in. I should hate to live so far from folks. I wouldn't for anything."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Eighty-five per cent. of the people who are lame are affected of the left side. Sea water contains silver in some quantity. It is often found deposited on the copper sheathing of ships.

Roentgen rays have been used to take pictures of flowers. They show the ovules inside the ovary in an unopened bud, the seeds within a seed vessel, and even the veins upon the white petals of a flower.

Dr. F. Eldridge Brown, a well-known authority on color blindness, says that women have a much better perception of color than men. For the whole population he estimates the percentage of color-blind persons is 3.5, while Dr. Wilson puts it at 5.5.

An extraordinary duel, which at the time created an immense sensation, was one in which the decision was arrived at, not by swords or pistols, but by means of a deadly poison.

When came a homeward movement among the guests Mrs. Green passed, talking in the open door on her way. Her quick eyes had recognized the two young figures at the gate, and she turned her back upon them, barring the progress of Mr. and Mrs. English.

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DEBT IN TWO COSTUMES.

When Debt is dressed up in its best, With linen fine and purple raiment, With jewels rare and brightly airt— Why, creditors don't ask for payment;

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Always put off till to-morrow business that does not concern you.—Truth. Magoozleman—"There's a curious thing about water—I expands in freezing."

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