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The Connecticut Legislature passed at its late session a law requiring the use of such inks only on public records as are approved by the Secretary of State. The law went into effect on July 1, and a penalty of \$100 is provided for violation of the act.

Counterfeiting has got to such a pitch in the City of Mexico that the government has determined to institute reforms in the coinage of silver. The work on the new coins is to be finer, and other devices will be adopted in order to make counterfeiting a "hard proposition."

Paris is a law unto itself in fads as well as in other directions. For instance, the fashionable ink there, at present, is violet color. Some men use a golden ink, It is a favorite plan to use several inks of varied hues in writing a letter. This is thought to be particularly fetching.

The Epworth League of the North ern Methodist Church is a little more than seven years old, but in that short time it has grown from a feeble organization into a mighty army. It now has 17,534 chapters, containing an aggregate of nearly two millions of members, and the Epworth Herald, the organ of the League, has 105,-000 subscribers.

The idea that a country has only one National flag is almost universal, but generally wrong. For example, Great Britain, her colonies and dependencies, have 118. Russia comes next with thirty-two and the German Empire follows with twenty-five. The United States is content with seventeen, Spain with five, Tarkey with three and Uruguay with two.

Mr. John Usher, of Norton, who has given \$40,000 toward the foundation of a Chair of Public Health in Edinburgh University, once provoked Mr. Gladstone into exclaiming: "I am responsible for the understanding that the Almighty has been pleased to lodge in this skull of mine, but I am not responsible for the understanding that the Almighty has been pleased to lodge in that skull of yours."

The State of Alabama lacks a picture of Governor Israel Pickens to complete its collection of portraits of those who have filled the executive chair. But there is a report current that an oil painting of Governor Pickens used to ornament the cabin of an old-time river packet that bore his cover its present whereabouts if still extant. Governor Pickens was elected

London Invention says that President Wilde, of the Mauchester Literary and Philosophical Society, has offered to the French Academy of Science a sum of \$27,500, with a view of founding an annual prize to be awarded to the author of a discovery or of a deserving book on astronomy, physics, chemistry, mineralogy, geology or mechanics. He makes his handsome gift in consideration of the numerous advantages reaped by him from French science, pure as well as applied.

According to an act of the House of Lords some six years ago, a man has a right to bring his old family pew into the newly built church of his parish, that he may sit in the seat of his fathers. In consequence of this law a handsome English church finds itself in great distress. The graceful building has recently been restored in the most approved style at the cost of about \$50,000, and one of the members of the congregation has insisted in thrusting his unsightly family pew in the midst of all this beauty. As the pew is a huge, rude, box-like affair, the vicar is in great distress and has labored in vain to argue the troublesome layman into a more reasonable

Harvard College raised money by a lottery as late as 1806. In that year it offered for sale 20,000 tickets at \$5 ech, the prizes ranging from \$15,000 own to \$7. The prospectus issued tuted that "in the above scheme the just expectations of the publick, and the interest of the University, have been consulted. It is worthy the attention of adventurers, that the highest prize is nearly double in value to any that has been drawn in this Commonwealth for many years past, though the usual price of tickets is preserved. The Managers solicit the patronage of the publick in general, and of the friends of Literature and the University in particular; and, considering the object of the Lottery, they will combine the prospect of gain with the certainty of benefitting the University, nd by lending their aid to the means f education, will promote the best interests of their country."

What will it matter in a little while
That for a day
We met and gave a word, a touch, a smile
Upon the way?

break,
Or make it whole;
And just one word, if said for love's sweet

AUNT SHEBA'S BEAUTIFIER.

By CLARA ODELL LYON.



thinks so. I'm so

have more than ever now that I'm out

Patty laughed gaily.
"I'm so glad you think so, but talking of beauty, what a delicious place

"Oh, I don't mean the kitchen particularly, though it's nice and homey, The hillside with its orchard of bloom,

"Milly must come here on her wedding trip, but it won't look the same in the fall, will it, Auntie?" "Not exactly; I always thought myself them peach blows was a sight worth seein'," admitted Aunt Sheba, not without a certain satisfaction that

Patty had come to the country for a

try life that charmed the girl-a lack After that many little improvements

the farm, and never failed to be inter- Aunt Sheba did her shopping.

ested in what she saw. that won him many friends; some one had once said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that there is one good thing about that there powder, you only have to have a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could be said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph Hawley wa'n that water a said that "when Eph body else's." No one knew better than good, and make any one fine complefun-loving exterior lay a substratum of the world for tan an' freekles is this deep and tender feeling, and when he called her 'mother' she knew that he your niece, though, 'pon my word, felt particularly tender toward her. shouldn't think she needed anything you were She knew he was thinking of the time, o' the sort, but them city girls can't best auntie in the world.'
years before, when their home had stand a freekle or two like country

Aunt Sheba tried to ex months by the presence of a baby girl, volubly, while Aunt Sheba stood in her neck and Patty's voice, full of rewho had never learned to speak the great distress at this allusion to her morse, was exclaiming: "To think who had never learned to speak the great distress at this analysis to her word so dear to a mother's heart. It niece, for her honest soul revolted at that I should have given you so much trouble by my foolish talk!" and the more is necessary, says Hardware, ing his sympathy for his wife after they had ceased to openly mourn their to her assistance.

she knew it was impossible; all she wrapper.

and hope for was to so win the "Well, I guess this'll do; if it don't the cheeks, Patty's kisses had taken off another spot from the forehead, Note le le la la construction de la construction de

> put on his necktie. the contents of a box, bits of finery, soft cloth." change a bit," said treasures of her young days, in search of something that might make her day. Really, Aunt instance, how well she remembered the propagation on the dark Sheba, she is love-ly, and I'm not the Ephraim had told her he would rather ly, and I'm not the the standard of the control of the contr look at her than at any other girl he

like them. But there must be something in here that'll do." The next look that way to her." thing in here that'll do." The next minute she laid a trembling hand on a crushed red rose, the sight of which citement, she changed the dusty dress time this reply came:

for a fresh one, fastened her lace col
"Dear Mr. Williams: From the "How the baby did act that day! If the minister hadn't come all the way self. In the semi-darkness of the from Five Corners just to baptize her, we wouldn't 'a' had it done. She with softly-waving gray hair, and a where the tall wild grass sways in the hold her all the time, and Ephraim contrast to the white face. Aunt stood there lookin so awkward, and Sheba began to feel queer. She hoped torn rose, so vividly calling to mind her aunt. foreground, all appealed to the girl's the baby Elizabeth, whose early death innate love of the beautiful. ing had ever seemed to fill.

'Just think, she'd been almost as too, while she's here. mother's-she used to look nice in it not thought to cover. and this pin that Ephraim gave me stay of several months preparatory to so long ago. There, that does look settling down as homemaker in Mil- better. If I can only please Patty, I'll

were on terms of greater intimacy Patty had been at the homestead but than they had been for years, as she

washing a pleasure with Patty's nim- muddy each day, and if she herself rattle of plates and cups, while Uncle with a resolve to try to remedy this accompanied him on his rounds about about two miles from the farm where little."

wife, however, that underneath this ted, but they told me the best thing in brightened for a few short folks. And the young man rattled on

"S'pose these things ain't quite in your line, Mis Hawley, but if I were There is no telling how long they flames."

Yes, Aunt Sheba was lonely at you I'd take the Beautifier; you don't would have sat thus, had not Aunt THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. imes, and Patty's coming had infused have to use so much of it, only two or Shebs, just at this touching moment a new brightness into all her life. three times a week, and 'one application will last for several days,'" conwish that they might keep her! but cluding with a quotation from the contrite mood. Tears had washed

words of her niece so thoughtlessly | She waited to give no explanation, spoken often recurred to her mind. however, but slipping the precious It would weigh on my spirits to live package into the depths of her capa that she was. She was old and time for the midday meal which Patty her This resolve once taken, Aunt turned it round and round, and read gotten in the light that shone in the Sheba determined to lose no time, and the directions curiously. They were dark eyes, telling of a kind heart and the next day found her turning over very simple—"Apply evenly with a beautiful soul within.—The House-

"I'm glad it ain't hard to fix-auy one could do that. Guess I can se polishing off the more pleasing to her niece. She well enough without opening the glass bowl she was smiled as she turned over the bits of blinds and lettin' the flies in." And ribbon and lace, for each had a story soon she was absorbed in her work of connected with it. This pink bow, for covering the objectionable skin with instance, how well she remembered the preparation which, as it dried,

"What a difference it does make, to too many summers' growth. knew, so the bit of pink ribbon had be sure!" thought Aunt Sheba, con- the message on this egg meet the eye glad she is," the girl went on, "for I been cherished as marking the begin- templating the unfamiliar face. "I of some fair one who is matrimonially glad she is," the girl went on, "for I love to look at pretty things, and it would positively weigh on my spirits to live with anyone who was downright homely. Not that I have any beauty for young folks, sorter bright and rosy

which had grown dim at sight of the the potatoes and anxiously approached The principle of this invention had

Aunt Sheba's faint protest that she had left a void in her life, which noth- was well, was lost in Uncle Eph's catch the idea from across the water, hearty voice exclaiming:

"What have you been doin' to yourher surroundings should find favor in the lieve I'll put on this lace collar of ba, in her ignorance of cosmetics, had through folded sandpaper. This dis-

"Well, well, Patty, we are gettin' gay since you've been here. I thought wrought nerves of the poor woman, of conventionality in those whom she met most refreshing to the town-bred dress, while she and her looking-glass in tears, while sobs shook her from head to foot.

Uncle Eph was not a little surprised and alarmed at this display of emo-

Aunt Sheba struggled to speak, but her words came brokenly. daughter-wanted Patty to care for

ute. "Poor little mother!" he thought. her. I feel as mean as can be. I see ten feet ahead of them, and winguess I won't say anything more now, dows and ventilators in the cars were but wait a spell till things clears up a closed to protect the passengers from little." "There, don't take on so, bei Sheba," he said aloud, "I'm goin' out lic. "Good mornin', Mis' Hawley," said to the barn a bit," and he added face-

'What do you mean, Aunt Sheba?"

Aunt Sheba tried to explain, and in a moment Patty's arms were round Punchayet Charitable Fund.

"Oh, Aunt Sheba, do come and wash that stuff off; it makes you look

so funny," said Patty, laughing in spite of herself. "Well, child, I may's well, and I don't know but what it's done its work well after all, since it helped me to with anyone downright homely." cious pocket, Aunt Sheba hurried find out what I wanted to know all the Was she "downright homely?" In homeward. It was nearly twelve time, that your old aunt wasn't so her self-depreciation Aunt Sheba felt o'clock when she reached home, almost ugly, but what you could learn to like

> Patty's answer must have pleased her aunt wonderfully, for she bright-ened up at once, and was soon at work with soap and water trying to remove all trace of the cosmetic that had had such a different effect from what she

> "There, child, I guess it's off now, minutes' vigorous rubbing; and she turned to her niece a face that could

A MESSAGE ON AN EGG.

It Resulted in an Oklahoma Farmer's Marrying a Chicago Girl. "On a farm in the Cherokee strip I sit a sad and lonely bachelor, thinking sadly over my fate and would love to come off the nest and join my life with that of some comely young lady of not

Such was the love-lorn message

quiet precincts of my boudoir I write thee. I am lonely, too, and have often wouldn't stay with her pa, so I had to pair of dark, bright eyes in strange wind as if listening to the songs of Aunt chinch bugs. I was about to break au egg into a pan when your message met my gaze. It seemed like a dream of a lost, unknown love. Perhaps our fates would trot along together. I am in my bonnet, and she kep' a-playin' with it and pullin' it, till just at the most solemn moment, when the minister laid his hand on her head and beall end in another American union

They were married a few weeks ago.

Genesis of the Match Industry in America. The first manufactory of friction matches was located in the centre of community known as Chicopee Street thought out in Europe, but bright Yankee minds were quick to and the manufacture progressed as rapidly here as there. The credit for this invention is probably due to John Walker, a chemist, who lived in Engexperimenting with chlorate of potash, and found that it could be instantly covery was made in 1829, and the attention of Michael Faraday being called to the new idea, it soon became popular, and the manufacture was started nearly simultaneously in Eu rope and America. The first factory

Seed Blown Out of the Ground.

A terrific storm swept over the Arkansas valley in southwestern Kansas the other day. The wind blew at the rate of forty miles an hour. The great valley, which averages ten miles wide, is in a bed of sand, and passengers "What is the matter, mother? I who arrived on the trains from that cloud of dust and sand which no human being could face.

Many farmers will have to replant their corn. The storm was so violent that corn planted two inches under ground was blown with the dust and sand for miles, while the irrigation 'And me standin' here makin' fun of ditches are full. Engineers could not being smothered .- St. Louis Repub-

Announcement of deaths among the

wa'n't makin' jokes himself, you could up some new goods. This is Cream paton the shoulder, which went farther depend ou't he was laughing at some. O' Roses; sounds as if it ought to be to comfort his wife than anything he to comfort his wife than anything he gaged for the purpose, preference becould have said. lungs. The number of Parsec deaths being unusually large at present, and Uncle Eph's stout figure had disappeared. "I'm sure I never thought frequent announcements, which might been discontinued for the order of the trustees of the Parsee

To make fireproof paper nothing

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS

Clever Lad-Literal-No Scope-Had Been There-Non-Suited-Ills Seventeenth Question-A Drawback-Better Than He Expected - Still Funny, Etc.

The boy stood on the burning deck Till all but him had fled, And then he put the fire out, And went and cruised ahead.

And when he'd had enough of that He satled into the slip, And got a thousand dollars down nd got a thousand to be As salvage on the ship.

—Harper's Bazar.

Literal, The Rescuer-"How did your come

The Rescued-"I didn't come to fall in, I came to fish."-Harper's Week-

His Seventeenth Question. Little Clarence-"Pa?" Mr. Callipers-"Well, my son?" Little Clarence-"Is postage-stamp

ollecting a profession or a disease? Has Been There. The Tramp-"Can you tell me how I can get some work, sir?" The Citizen (crustily)-"Yes; buy a

bicycle, and try to keep it clean!"-Yonkers Statesman. Non-Suited. Brown—"Did you ever try that tailor I recommended to you?" Green—"Yes, Too expensive, Got

two suits from him-one dress suit, one law suit!"-Punch. "I bought little Tommy a trumpet

because he was so lonely, but he did not seem pleased." "Well, no; you see his old grand-mother is stone deaf."—Pick-Me-Up.

Mrs. Hoon—"Why do you persist in referring to the folding-bed as 'he?" Why isn't it just as appropriate to call

it 'she' as it is a ship? Old Hoon-"Because it shuts up occasionally."-Judge.

A Drawback. He-"I'd willingly go round the world for your sake.

She-"I wouldn't like that." "Why not?" "In that case you'd come back to where you started from."

Hewitt-"I had a nightmare the ast time I was at that hotel." Jewett-"What of it?"

Hewitt-"I foolishly mentioned it to the clerk the next morning and he charged me for the use of one horse,

Suspicious Advantage. "The rooms are rather small," said

the prospective boarder. "The advantage of that," said the hotel-keeper complacently, "is that not so much fresh air is required to keep them cool."-Philadelphia North-

Not Lost.

Traveler (to the driver on fording the river)-"Has anyone ever been lost in this stream?"

Driver-"No, sir!" Sam Mason was drowned here last spring, but they found him again after looking for two weeks."-Judge.

Better Than He Expected. "The question is," said the Turkish Minister, "how much indemnity Greece

"Is that it?" asked Abdul Hamid cheerfully. "I thought the question was how much indemnity Greece would owe."-Puck.

Still Forny. Mr. Twynn-"The romance of Me-Bride's honeymoon lingers still,

though he has been married five Mr. Triplett-"How do you know?" Mr. Twynn-"He jokes with his wife about her millinery bills."

Weary-"Dis arber-day tree-plant a' is gittin' ter be a great t'ing. Raggles-"Yes; an' I'm opposed ter too.

Baggles-"W'y? Jes' t'nk uv de nap we 'nd hev gittin' meals of wood ruz too skeerce ter be used ez fuel.

The Bulling Passion. The fine will be three dollars and osts," announced the Police Magis-

"I'm willing to make it ten dollars and costs, 'Squire," said the scorcher, "if you'll have it entered on the printed record that I was going twenty miles an hour and my machine was Greased Lightning, geared to eightyfour."-Chicago Tribune.

Fair Visitor-"Poor fellow! And

hat brought you here?" Mike (the slugger)-"It wuz all be enz of dat unlucky number t'irteen,

Fair Visitor-"Indeed? Do tell me Mike (the slugger)-"Well, you see, miss, dere wuz de jury, twelve, an de jedge made t'irteeu."—Judge.

Pickerel Swallowed by Snake.

G. W. Platt, who is employed as salesman at E. S. Hunt's furniture store, at Essex, Conn., while out for a stroll near flat rock at the factory pond saw a large water snake come out of the water and crawl upon a rock on the bank. Mr. Platt killed the make with a blow from a stick. On looking closely he saw a fish in the snake's mouth. He pulled it out and it proved to be a good-sized pickerel, which came to life when he put it in

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How colorless the sky and dreary,
Which wore by day a smile so bright!
The clouds, as if of tears aweary,
Like beggars mute sweep through the
night.

Their little heads the flowers hang sleeping; Not e'en one leaf moves on the tree; Only the waves, to my feet creeping; Exchange soft kisses dreamily,

The forest stands in deepest silence,
The birds have long since ceased to sing;
But fainly, from the ghostly distance,
The breeze a bell's low note doth bring.

I kneel; my tears like dewdrops fall.
Oh, holy nights, calm, stariess, peaceful,
How fervently I love ye all!
—Johanna Ambrosius.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"I can't buy the bieycle. It's too eavy." "Well, I'll throw in a lamp. That'll make it lighter."-Standard. Miss Wantokno-"What did you think of Ningara Falls?" Miss Intense-"O, they are simply too quainf for anything."-Truth.

"There's one consolation about insomnia," remarked the sufferer.
"What is that?" "While I lie awake I don't have nightmare."-Judge. & "One gets a certain finish abroad, I 'Yes, one goes over there, and they tell her she can't sing, and that's the end of her."-Detroit Jour-

It has a tendency to weaken one's faith in human nature when one sees the apothecary shaking hands effusively with one's physician .- Boston Transcript.

"Too bad about Wellington getting killed by a live wire." "Wasn't it, though? Hereditary, however, His father was killed by lightning."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

May-"I wouldn't break my heart over the best man in the world." Chaperon-"Certainly not, dear. It is over the worst man that girls break their hearts."-Truth.

She-"Are you sure you will like married life as well as you do the club?" He—"Oh, yes!" She—"And are you so awfully fond of your club?" He—"Not very."—London Tid-Bits. "What is the matter with the India-

rubber man? He is using dreadful language," said the fat lady. "It's raining hard, and he can't find his goloshes," said the skeleton dude,— Harper's Bazar.

Bakon-"Do you think the race is degenerating?" Shikspur — "Well, when I look back to my young days —" Bakon—"Oh, I didn't mean anything personal! I referred to the

"Why are all the boys dodging?" Because the teacher is about to throw the ruler at bad Tommy." "Then why doesn't Tommy dodge?" "Because the teacher is going to throw at Tommy, "-Truth.

"Hello! old man, how are you?" 'Wretched! wretched! I've had an attack of the grippe, and it's left me so weak I can hardly crawl." "What do you want to crawl for? Why don't you walk?"—Pack.

Lawyer-"I am afraid I can't do much for you. They seem to have conclusive evidence that you committed the burglary." Client-"Can't you object to the evidence as immaterial and irrelevant?"-London Tid-Bits.

Mrs. Henpeck-"Young Mrs. Bagley, who was married on last Thursday, tells me her husband left almost immediately for the West on a business trip." Henpeck (viciously) ried life a very happy existence."-Philadelphia North American.

Patient-"Isn't it a little dangerous to administer anesthetics? Must be terrible to have one die in your chair after you have given him ether." Dentist-"Yes; it was for that reason that we adopted a rule that where an anesthetic is administered the patient must pay in advance."-Boston Transcript. A poor Irishman on his death-bed

was consoled by a friend by the commonplace reflection that "We must all die once." "Why, dear, now," cried the sick man, "and isn't that what vexes me? If I could die half a dozen times, I would not mind it for this wanst."-London Household Words. A judge, when on circuit in the West lately, in delivering the charge

to the Grand Jury, said: "Gentlemen, you have heard the evidence. The indictment says the prisoner was arrested for stealing pigs. The offense seems to be getting a common one. The time is coming when this must be put a stop to; otherwise, gentlemen, we shall none of us be safe."-Stand-

Flowers and Perfumes.

There is a century plant at the White House which is known to be seventy years old. It has recently taken a fresh start in growing, and the White House gardener says it will bloom in August. The central stalk is now shooting up at the rate of five feet in six weeks.

Perfumes exercise a peculiar influence over one's nervous system. A faint, subtle odor is nearly always enervating, while a pungent, rich perfume often has a bracing effect. Civet induces drowsiness, a faint breath of musk invigorates, and the perfume of the aloe and the citron is positively soothing and comforting. The delicate, spicy odors of pinks, carnations, spole ssoms and sweethriar are thought to be beneficial - New York Tribune.

How One Bank is Run.

It is a pretty tough story for a paper to tell on its own town, but this does not seem to have occurred to the Dighton Herald, which says that a man went into the local bank to get a check cashed and had to wait until the banker and a friend finished a game of checkers. Every silver dollar in the the water. The snake was over five institution was being used as a checkerman,-Kansas City (Mo.) Journal,



TRIFLES.

What will it matter whether hearts were what will brave And lives were true;
And lives were true;
That you gave me the sympathy I crave,
As I gave you?

These trifles! Can it be they make or mar A human life? Are souls as lightly swayed as rushes are By love or strife? Yet, year a look the fainting heart may

sake, May save a soul.
—May Biley Smith.



ILDRED doesn't Patty, carefully wiping, "only she gets prettier every only one who

homely. Not that I have any beauty myself," she added, with a glance at the little mirror over the mantle, "Who would ever think we are sisters? Here's an inventory of my charms: Item one, pug nose; item two, greengray eyes; item three, what papa calls my 'peaches-and-cream' complexion; it wouldn't be bad if it were not for the freckles, and I suppose that I shall

in the country."
"Never mind the freckles, child; they's real becomin' when you've only got a few-kinder like so many beauty

It was Aunt Sheba's turn to laugh. 'What, this kitchen? I like it because it's home, I guess, but I never thought there was anything very edifyin' about

but just look out," and Patty put down | b her dish-towel and stepped to the door | have them on my head." to feast her eyes on what lay before. the rough stone wall, the well in the "It's a perfect picture," she ex-

a short time when a change seemed to needed its assistance daily in the adcome over the house. The sun loooked justment of the various collars and into the best room every day instead of bows that now formed a part of her once a week; the chairs had a more in- afternoon toilet. viting look drawn away from the wall But the mirror reflected not only the and arranged with less military pre- pretty and becoming neckwear, but cision, while apple blossoms bloomed also held up to view all her defects, indoors as well as out. Nor was the chief of which was the complexion that girl's influence confined to one room, was a source of no little anxiety to In the kitchen Aunt Sheba found dish- Aunt Sheba. It seemed to-grow more ble fingers to help, and Patty's tongue noticed it so much, how very disagreemaking a lively accompaniment to the able it must appear to Patty. It was Eph took a new pride in his posses- that Aunt Sheba one hot day in early sions since a certain little figure, July found herself in the one drug crowned with a large straw hat, often store of Brownville, a little village

loss; it was his loss as well, but he felt that her sorrow was the greater.

well, I guess this if do; if it don't girl's affection as to make a yearly visit possible. Was Patty fond of her? She longed inexpressibly to be attractive in the girl's eyes. And one her anything I've got," and he deftly was very comical.

thing stood in the way. How could the girl love an old woman like her?
For Patty loved beautiful things, and she could never be beautiful. Those so unlike herself.

wrinkled and gray, and then her skin! had undertaken to prepare for the first She had never thought much of it be-fore, but how very dark and brown it house when her aunt arrived, so Mrs. looked beside Patty's fresh complexion! Hawley proceeded at once to her bedion! But there was one thing she room. What better time could she could do—fix up a little like Uncle have to surprise them? Could any-Eph. He never came to the table now thing be more opportune? Their posi-with his shirt sleeves rolled up, and tions were reversed. Patty was play-He never came to the table now thing be more opportune? Their posi- had expected. only once since Patty had been a mem-ing cook; she would play the lady, ain't it?" said Aunt Sheba after a few ber of the family-the day that Si With eager fingers she drew from her Jennings got the best of him tradin' pocket the package, unfastened the off the cow and got him sorter worked wrapper, disclosing a small round box, never appear homely, for love, the up—only that once had he forgot to very insignificant looking, but of so great beautifier, glorified the plain much importance to the woman who features, and the brown skin was for-

feelin' awkward, too, he told me after-wards, with nothin' in his hands—and not be so noticeable to the others as it nothin' would pacify her but the rose was to herself, but she brightened as

gan 'Elizabeth, I baptize thee;' she jerked away from him and gave a great back? I didn't hear you come in. I know you now. Bessie Carroll, Chipull at the rose, and when I looked at her she had the whole thing in her how pale you are!" exclaimed the girl, hand; it was a wonder I had a bit of a looking at her aunt through a veil of bonnet left on my head. How every-body langhed, and Ephraim told me I in her hand. "Don't you feel well? had roses in my cheeks if I didn't That long walk must have been too And Aunt much for you. Uncle Eph says it is the Connecticut Valley, in the historic Sheba smiled as she wiped her eyes such a hot day!" and Patty put down

big as Patty. Well, there's no use in self, Sheba? You're the color of the repinin'. I won't look at these things | fence Job's been whitewashin', and I any longer. I've got Ephraim, and declare, I believe that's just what I'll be thankful for him, and for Patty, you've been a-doin'—whitewashin'," experimenting with chlorate of potash. If she'd only for his keen eyes had caught sight of come every summer, I'd 'most feel as the dividing line between the face and ignited by friction, when coated on a

I was fixin' up considerable, puttin' on dred's place when the latter should be be satisfied." Aunt Sheba replaced a necktie every day, but your aunt her treasures, and went out to prepare beats me," and Uncle Eph went off in-"Be just as much of a little girl as you can," her father had said in parting, and Patty was glad to lay to peal after peal of laughter in which for the making of friction matches on of her eighteen years. There was a look of approval as he took his seat at freshness and freedom about the countries and freedom about the countries. Her husband's fun, though ning nearly as early as this, if not be well meant, was too much for the over aside her dignity, and forget the weight you look. Auntie!" and Uncle Eph's both-a sob which she vainly tried to factory on Chicopee street was run well meant, was too much for the over- fore, -Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

didn't mean to hurt your feelin's; 'twas section to-night say people were driven only my jokin'; you never minded it to their homes for protection against a

Uncle Eph comprehended in a min-

exclaimed Patty anxiously as soon as you were 'ugly,' but the degrest and

Seeing her confusion, he hastened girl's tears mingled with those of the than to saturate it in a strong solu-her assistance. girl's tears mingled with those of the than to saturate it in a strong soluoughly dry it will resist the action of