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The roofs of heaven are almost in reach As I think of my sorrow of long age.

Once more an old grief comes and wrestles.

A dumb resistance, with never a word,

The whisper of patient, suffering years,

A= I kissed and cried over a cold, still face.

In her bridal robes, on her bridal bed,

with flash of laughter and wreathing arms,

She will come back to me, life in life.

Or a coming step, I whispered, is hers;

Through violet bed and the clover furze;

As I lie in her loose light arms of sleep.

To children who do not understand.

Eat after the twilight sheds its bloom

If I seek her by day with the voice or hand,

It ends in a doleful even-song. Or a tale of an ancient, forgotten wrong.

Far over the meadows about our home

The unseen angels can go and come,

And she comes in the dews of a paradise;

A holy blessing around me steals;

The gentie light upon closed eyes.

So when the evenidgs slanting grow In crystal rafters over the beach, The roofs of heaven are almost in reach As I think of my sorrow of long ago.

I feel her presence as one that foels

MISCELLANT.

How a Woman Posts a Letter.

And ever repeated. She is not dead:

She will come out of her nestling place.

wife;

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-Harper's Magazine.

Before he is used to the empty sleeve:

As Jacob wrestled at Jabbok's ford-

When the long evenings slanting grow In crystal rafters over the beach.

THE CONSTITUTION-THE UNION-AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS.

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VARIETTES

To kill time-Take a horse and sleigh

Sweetening one's coffee is generally the first stirring event of the day.

Attila, so historians say, often dined on horseback. We prefer canvas back. The sentinel who did not sleep on his watch had left it at the pawabroker's.

The fisheries on the coast of Scotland during the past season have yielded more than 8,000,000 of herrings.

When a naughty little boy breaks a window, he should be punished, on the principle that panes and penalties go together.

The boy's new trowsers, copper-fast-ened throughout, and plated at the knee so as to be impregnable to friction are known as the "knee plus ultra."

"What," said a teacher to a pupil, "makes you feel uncomfortable after you have done wrong ?" "My papa's big leather strap," feelingly replied the

A Scotch divine recently praying said: "O Lord, give unto us neither poverty nor riches," and pausing sol-emnly a moment, he added, "especially poverty.

The Americans being the better looking, of course had an advantage over the Euclishmen in the late interviewing of Venus and got more than their share of smiles,

A cake of ice sawed out by an Iows City man had frozen in it a bass, which is described as being perfect to the end of its fins, and having all the appearance of swimming.

The best defense of lying that we ever read is the remark of Charles Lamb, related by Leigh Hunt, that "truth was precious, and not to be wasted on everybody."

The Chinese have names which correspond in frequency with the Browns and Smiths of Ango-Saxon Christendom. Those most frequently occur-ring are Chin, Chang, Wang and Shih, which are the equivalents of "gold," "long," "prince" and stone."

The most bounteous vintage France has known, the statistics say, is that of 1874. Not less than 2,000,000 hectares (800,000 acres, there-abouts,) have been cultivated as vineyards, and the pro-duct is estimated at 75,000,000 heotolites (or 1,687,500,000 gallons, very nearly).

During the year 1874 the life-boats of the National-Life-boat Institution saved 543 lives on the British coast, and saved 15 vessels from destruction The institution also granted rewards to isherman and others, for saving 170 lives during the year, making a grand total of 713 lives saved.

The duties of a schoolmaster in 1661 were as follows : "To act as a court messenger; to serve summonses; to conduct services in the church; to lead the choir on Sundays ; to ring the bell for public worship ; to dig the graves ; to take charge of the school, and to perform other occasional duties. Hence

the compound word over-worked. In the city of Cognae, France,

THE ANGEL OF THE TWILIGHT "To be caught in a tight place, with "To be caught in a tight place, with twenty fathoms of water above, and a stillness, as of death, about you, a slender cord your only means of com-munication with those above-to be caught in a tight place, I say, under these circumstances, is about enough to craze a man outright ! I can tell you, sir"-and the old diver leaned back in his chair and fired his even thought-But the shadow burdening down the trestles; And a long foreboding that seemed to grieve, Like the soldier who over his pallet hears

THE DIVER'S STORY.

the Mediterranean, after a three years' cruise with the 'middles,' and went down in a gale in sight of home, with The maiden's blush on the checks of the every soul on board. I was young then, and anxious to be the first sent down into her, for the sake of the reputation In the dower of womanhood's bridal charme. it would give me ; for reputation meant money, and 'money,' you see, was the only reason Nettie and I were deferring She sings the songs that she used to sing; She comes, like the blossom exhaling spring. our marriage. You can understand how matters stood, and how glad I was when in receipt of orders to make the first dive into the old man-of-war. And the still sweet dream shall a vigil keep The whole night long that she nestles near. Her warm breath fanning my cheek and ear

"The sea was running pretty high a I was carried down in my heavy 'armor' from the deck of the steamer to the float along-side, where the ropes by which to haul me up again were fastened on ; the india-rubber tube, through which I was to be supplied with air, was adjusted, and I stood listening to my final instructions before being put overboard.

" 'Now, dear boy,' said my old friend and instructor, Lott, the famous deep sea diver, who came forward to close the little glass window in my helmet. And roll the stone from the month of the 'take good care of yourself, and don't stay long below. The currents are swift and treacherous about here : and keep

waves were leaping up, as though greedily opening their foaming frothy

"I dropped into the waves with see how she does it by dropping into the post office. Shearrives there with the letter in her hand. It is a sheet of note paper enclosed in a white envelope. She haits in front of the stamp window, opens her mouth to ask for a stamp, but suddenly darts away and looks at the letter to see if she made any errors in names or dates. It takes her five finally seemed like the tiny red spark minutes to make sure of this, and then of a candle, and then faded from sight. she balances the letter on her finger, and the awful query arises in her mind: pale greenish haze, much like the effect "Perhaps it is overweight !" She steps of moonlight in a tight, drifting fog ; to the window and asks the clerk if he but these observations were cut short

she finds the change to pay for it.

his chair, and fixed his eyes thought-tully on the roaring fire before which we were seated—"I can tell you, sir, it's often a toss of a penny with us, when we once get in among the timbers of an old wreck, if we ever come to the surface again ! "I remember a pretty tight fix I got into when we were diving into the Conqueror, up the Sound, of the Con-necticut shore. She was coming in from

an eye to your ropes, or they'll get tangled. Now, then, good-by, old fel-low, and good luck to you;' and with a pleasant smile he closed the glass door before my eyes, and fastened over it the protecting wire netting.

"They bore me up in their arms to the side of the float, where the hungry Any day when you have time you can jaws to receive me.

has a three cent stamp, fearing that he hasn't, and she looks over every com-partment of her porte-monnaie before a bank of tall thick sea-weed.

The fun begins as she gets the stamp. tangled in them, they would hold me at the cord once more, and glancing up

mean? Had they forgotten me? Were they to leave me there at the bottom, they to leave me there at the bottom, of the sea with that awful crew? I no sooner realized my helplessness than an uncontrollable terror took possession of me, while horrible doubts and fears

ived that there was so teadily resisting my efforts from the masthead above.

"Great Heaven! what did it all quick. I couldn't have stood it much longer, dear boy, for it was killing me." the bank of tall thick sea-weed. "Knowing that if I were once en-angled in them they would had me

both sides alike. Brussels lace, velvets jewelry. Ye can sell any o' them arti cles for three times what I charge."

CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION OF 1876 .--- THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

Lut murder was written in every linea-Almost an Adventure. The first time I visited England, in every tone of his voice. What was I under the influence of a few days' im-pressions I wrote to a friend : "Eng-land is a picture of happiness and a dream of beauty. All her meadows are to do? green, all her window-curtains are white, all her mutton-chops are tender, all her chambermaids are beautiful. The idea of a war with such a country is simply absurd." As I continued my walk along the crowded Strand, a low pleasant voice, almost in my ear, said "Don't look beirresistible if not as numerous as the If anything was likely to make me look behind, it was just that. But I didn't. I kept my course without turning my head. Presently again : "If you want some very fine cigars, very cheap, follow me." I did want some very fine cigars, and though I was bearer of dispatches their being very cheap was no objection. I also wanted another thing, as the reader no doubt has begun to suspect. My exense is, I was a great deal younger then than I am now. In a few moments a square-should red, decently-dressed man passed before me and crossed the street; so did L. Presently he turned a corner : so did L

The Agricultural Building. "Magnificent!" exclaimed I with af-fected admiration, for I was not con templating the elegant articles, but my own elegant position. I perceived I was not only in a smuggler's den, but of the interests of the great West, and not again until the next Christmass mid

in a robber's cave. Not only robbery, ganization, will certainly be the "Palace of the Patrons of Husbandry," ment of the ruffian's face and sounded it might appropriately be designated. but which in the nomenclature of the Whatever I did must be done | Centennial Commissioners is simply to do? Whatever I did must be done quickly. While he arranged the wares for my inspection I measured his pro-portions. He was far more than a match for me. Besides, had I been strong for me. Besides, had 1 been show enough and bold enough to spring upon him or to attempt to knock him down north of the Conservatory and on the north of the Conservatory and on the cess, a cry or whistle would no doubt bring to his assistance accomplices as ing an area of about ten acres, is a pararmy of Roderick Dhu; and even a bearer of despatches in that case would structed chiefly of wood and glass, it bearer of despatches in that case would be handled rather roughly. I saw but one course, and that doubtful and three transepts, both nave and trandangerous, but the only one my impra- septs being constituted of truss arches dence had left me. "Well, old fellow," said I with a familiar air, "I tell you what, such a familiar air, "I tell you what, such a chance does not come every day. If you'll give me one of those articles perly included in the machinery departcheap enough to make a real profit, I'll ment. Such an exhibition aided, as it for, though no idea of the succession from day to day is to be found in the cheap enough to make a rear prove that take something." "Oh," said he, "ye shall have 'em just as cheap as dirt; only ye must pay before ye leave the room." "Well," said I, "let us see if we can the end of the shawl; Greek word, yet the whole idea of the Greek is contained in the English sen-tence, "Give us this day our daily bread." Probably no intelligent person uses the words of the prayer without strike a bargain. Control that is not the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the clear idea that he as a control to the specimens of grain, and products the proper, necessary and customary support of every day, which man needs He crossed again : so did I. He walked onward a considerable distance : so did I. He entered a narrowdark alley : so insure a national display of vast imporhidden behind it. "Splendid !" said I. "Hold it higher. I. He entered a narrowdark alley : s did L. After a variety of turnings an tance, and place the Agricultural interests of this country in a position to Farther back so that the light can fall windings toward the very worst part of compare favorably with other developon it. Now, what's the damage?" "It's worth three hundred pounds, I the town, through a region of squalid ments of the national progress during the past century. The Farming fratermisery and pestilential air, he turned give ye the honor of a gentleman. Ye Our Social Life. into a gin palace; so did I. There were a number of rowdy looking ladies and gentlemen with red noses standing shall have it for fifty pounds." "Hold it a little farther back," said I. It's worth the money, and I'll tell you what I'll take; I'll take—my centennial Exposition in general, an undoubted and uroud success nity should certainly take a lively, earat the counter, but no notice was taken of us. My silent pilot, always without undoubted and proud success. while others-and by far the happiestturning his head, crossed the gin palace An eminently effective method of I dashed to the door. By the mercy and passed out of it in the rear, made of God it was not locked. I slammed it to after me and flew on my way. Not Byron's steed, the "Tartar of the his way rapidly along a gloomy, solitary court, entered a dirty, dismal-looking, it to after me and flew on my way. Not Byron's steed, the "Tartar of the Ukraine breed," with Mazeppa on his back, not Camilla skipping o'er the un-bending corn, got over the ground much faster than I as I leaped across that gloomy court, burst into the gin palace and out of it again, and winged my breathless and inglorions flight away from my pursuer, whose tread I could hear approaching nearer and nearer behind me. By what heavenly instinct, by what unseen guidance, I threaded that dark, filthy, and not very nice unfurnished room, and out of that into another : so did I. We were now in a small dark chamber, with only one window, about two feet square and ten or twelve from the floor, so that nobody Strange as it may seem, not till this moment did I think what a foolish by what unseen guidance, I threaded that dark, filthy, and not very nice-smelling labyrinth of turnings and windings 1 know not, but I did thread from every new acquaintance, or com-He unlocked a large closet crammed municate information that may be valwindings 1 know not, but I did thread it and suddenly found myself in one of the open, respectable streets. The tread of my pursuer ceased : I was The largend core there one of a certain town in the woman Who Lived as Long as she Wanted to. The largend core there one of a certain town in the woman who Lived as Long as she wanted to. 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said he-"real cashmere India shaw's, CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION OF the priest answers, "Yes," she sighs 1876. and says :

"Air? God grant that my church were burnt; For then only would my affection be ended." She then sinks back into the coffin, of the Centennial Exposition, in view the priest lets the lid fall, and comes

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Daily Bread

night tolls from the high church tower.

her gloves, closely inspects the stamp, violently, and my descent was checked and hesitates whether to "lick" it on or just as my feet touched the treacherwet her finger. She finally concludes ons grasses. The tide bore me slowly that it wouldn't be nice to show her along and passed them turning me tongue, and she wets her finger and around again and again in the eddies, passes it over the envelope. She is so long picking up the stamp that the moisture is absorbed, and the stamp slides off the envelope. She tries it bottom. The shells and gravel on th twice more with the same success and then, getting desperate, she gives the stamp a "lick," and it sticks. Then comes the sealing of the letter. She

comes the scaling of the fetter. She even she is to assolve the finger again, but the envelope flies open, and after five minutes' delay she has to pass her tongue along the streak of dried mucilage. She holds the letter a long time to make sure that the letter a long time to make sure that the envelope is all right, and finally combed from end to end, and in and appears at the window and asks : out among the little arched halls of Three cents is enough, is it ?" these fern-covered chambers the fish

"Yes, ma'am." were chasing each other playfully or "And this will go out to-day ?" "Cer- hanging idly in the waters.

tainly. "Passing around these rocks, I came "Will it go to Chicago without the upon a mass of tangled rigging, and a name of the county on it?" "Just the few steps further brought me to the

same ?" "What time will it reach there?"

man-ol-war half buried where she my, in the drifting sand, her spars and top-masts crushed and splintered upon her decks; her sails and rigging hanging over the side and resting upon the "To-morrow morning." She sighs, turns the letter over and over, and finally asks, "Shall I drop it into one of those places there?" "Yes, broken bulwarks.

ma'am." "Great caution was necessary lest She walks up in front of the six orifices through which letters fall upon the table, closely scans each one of timbers, and making my way slowly to the companionway, I sent up the signal them, finally makes a choice, and drops -no, she doesn't. She stops to see where it will fall, pressing her face where it will fall, pressing her face against the window until she flattens "3-'-'23-.''7-.' ('I am about to enter the vessel'—'I shall be in danger' her nose out of shape, and she doesn't drop it into the place she meant to. She, however, releases it at last, looks "I made my way to the lower deck,

She, however, releases it at last, looks down to make sure that it did not fall on the floor, and turns away with a sigh of regret that she didn't take one more look at the superscription. It was very dark, and I groped about for the doorway, knowing that once in the main saloon, the deck-lights would more look at the superscription. enable me to see more distinctly. "Clearing the rubbish and drifting

Important Invention for Making

Two hundred millions sacks and bags sand from about the doorway, I burst it open, and was about to enter when I are annually used throughout the pansed, to summon courage before globe. Of this vast number, fully a bundred million are manufactured in England. Nearly all are made by hand. At one of the late industrial hand. At one of the late industrial exhibitions at London, a large reward was offered for the invention of a ma-chine that would sew sacks with an over-stitch. Many attempts had been made in Europe to devise one, but without success. Such a desideratum is a success. Such a desideratum is a success with an or work, the officers and crew of two hundred !

has at length been produced by a San Franciscan-Mr. P. H. Garland-after "Yes, there were the "Yes, there were the ill-fated men, as having studied and experimented on it for over three years. It works with a on that awful night, when they were

"Was it some monster who was playing with my rope ?-some great fish who was holding it in his jaws ? In my desperation I threw my whole weight on it, and-it gave way, and fell slowly, silently on the deck at my feet! The ragged, frayed ends, which had become entangled in the rigging, were in my hands, and the upper half of the ropes had floated far away with the tide.

"I was alone at the bottom of the hind, sir. sea, with no means of signaling my distress ! The India-rubber tube, was my only means of breathing, was yet left to me; but as soon as they should begin to wind in the ropes and tube, on some supposed signal from me, it would snap in two, and the waters would come in upon me.

"I need not tell you of the wild terror which took possession of me ; you could not appreciate it. I knew the men were close to me-only thirty yards above-yet I must die because I could not man-of-war half buried where she lay, each them ! I raved like a madman, and tried to tear my armor from me but its iron rivets held me fast. shouted piteously, uselessly, through the silent waters, my cry going no further than the wall of my helmet. I was beside myself in my awful terror. I tried to pray, but I could not control my maddened brain.

"I fell upon the deck at last, exhausted—in an ominous stupor—a sullen despair—and sank into uncon-sciousness. When I recovered, I was calm-prayer came to my lips, and with it a peace and resignation to my heart.

"I closed my eyes quietly, and waited for the death I was powerless to defer. Waited for it with my head laid on my arms as I used to sleep in the dear old days at home. Waiting quietly for its coming, praying God that it might come upon me gently, and asking that I might fall into unconsciousness when it was close at hand.

"What I crazed ! Was I mad, or could look in or out. was this a new torture for me in my last moments? I had laid quiet but a moment, when I started up in terror, uttering a cry-a weak, miserable cry, which died on my lips as I sank again on the deck and closed my eyes to a

deck, and, by some horrible chance, the tide bore him directly toward me. Was I to die surrounded once more by those ghastly sentinels as a death-watch?

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It is an interesting fact that the is an establishment fitted with an au-tomatic indicator to guard against fire. Greek word translated "daily" in our It is simply a thermometer so construcversion of the Lord's Prayer—epiousion —is a word found nowhere in Greek lit-erature, sacred or profane, except in this divine petition, as given by Mat-thew and by Luke. Its literal meaning has been discussed by Origen, Chryversion of the Lord's Prayer-epiousion -is a word found nowhere in Greek lit-

ancient and modern. In various Latin was born, and in which he passed his versions of the Gospels, in my library, childhood, is now occupied by a lineal descendent of his old enemy, Bacelo sufficientem, quotidianum; but though Jerome seems, in using the first, to sup-pose spiritual bread implied, Rome has great artist, including that of the so-

character: After being well ground and calcined it should be treated with a bath of iodine or bromine water, and allowed to digest in it for some time. Then a piece of filter paper should be soaked in the solution, dried, and burned to ashes in a muffle. If gold is present the ash is purple. One pennyreight of gold to the ton may thus be

the proper, necessary, which man needs support of every day, which man needs "daily." The fact that the Lord's Prayer in the original Greek version, Prayer in the original Greek version, Prayer in the original Greek version, the public "interviews" the manager when it has a grievance. During the when it has a grievance. During the support of every day, which man needs the public "interviews" the manager when it has a grievance. During the support of every day, which man needs the public "interviews" the manager when it has a grievance. During the support of every day, which man needs the public "interviews" the manager when it has a grievance. During the support of every day which man needs the public "interviews" the manager when it has a grievance. During the

the letter is read ; then, as it contains some charge against the manager, that gentleman has to come forward and ex-

"How pleasant it is to see Turkeys and here agree.

The good people of a certain town in criticise where we should commend. ficient precantion. It being discovered that he spells "soldiers" "sodger," and The cultivation of a genial, charitable, benevolent spirit will not injure any of us, and will benefit the community in which we live, and add constantly to the number of our friends. Orderly Habits.

I find it rendered super-substantialem,

has been discussed by Origen, Chry-sostom, Theophylactus-in short, by innumerable fathers and commentators, The villa in which Michael Angelo

The King James translators showed great wisdom and a thorough compre-bension of the original in their transla-tion by the use of the word "dails". The follow

play some one in the gallery shies a folded letter to the stage, and as it falls all the interested public call out, "Read it! read it!" There is no peace till

from while others—and by far the happest— are never at a loss for cheerful com-they have just decided in the courts

panionship. It is not hard to make ac-quaintances if we set about it the right that it is "disorderly."