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AT CHESS. BY SALLIE A. BROCK. Above a checkered table they bent-A man in his prime and a maiden fair, Over whose polished and blue-veined brow

Rested no shadowy tinge of care. Her eves were fountains of sapphire light Her lips were the curves of cheerful the And into her gestures and into her smile, Grace and beauty their spell had brought. thove the checkered table they bent,

Watching the pieces, red and white, Through the mimic battle's steady fight The queen, in her stately, regal power; The king, to her person friendly shield ; The mitred bishop, with his support, And the massive castle across the field.

The nawn in his slow and cautious pace A step at a time : and the mounted knight Vaulting, as gallant horsemen of old, To the right and left, and left and right. But a single word the silence broke, As they cleared aside the ruin and wreck Of the battle's havoe; and that word

Pawns, and bishops, and castles, and knights Trembled together in sad dismay. While a pair of hearts were pulsing beside Yet the gaze of each—the man and the maid On the board was fastened for turn of fate, When she arehly whispered, with radiant glance And a sparkling smile, "if you please, air,

And cently her fluttering triumph-hand As white as a flake of purest pearl, While the other toyed with a wanton curl, He lifted the first to his emiling lips. And on it imprinted a trembling kiss ; And he murmured softly, "I should not care For losing the game, could I win this!"

As her blushes deepened to crimson glow, Mounting, like lightning flashes quick, Till they burned on cheeks, and ears, and And in three months' time the church bells

And the parson finished the game begun When both wore the conqueror's triumph sm And both were happy, for both had won.

From the German of Frederic Frederich.

Appleton's Journal.

# Simson's Mother-in-Law.

BY EMILY R. STEINESTEL.

dignation in the minds of some readers ing at him so tenderly, supplicatingly. He bribes the night watchman to sound at broaching so delicate a subject as the He is not quite decided whether to the hours directly under her windows, at broaching so delicate a subject as the one in question. Still I am willing to concede that a good mother-in-law is a blessing in any household. To the young husband her advice is golden in value, a calming influence in possible dian angel to the little folks, and altogether she is a treasure. But a bad grant of the passenger such the hours directly under her windows, and she revenges herself by a noisy secure and commodious vehicle, justify-as he takes his noon-day nap. He is frequently tempted to strangle the diagram, pitch her out of the window, open it with a bang, but he only throws out the cigar.

With increased rapidity he resumed his march, his blood boiling; an egg could have been poached in it. Truly, this is a promising beginning, not be gether she is a treasure. But a bad allowed to smoke in his own house? gether she is a treasure. But a bad allowed to smoke in his own house! him in check. He wonders how this mother-in-law is the very demon of a The captain's lady glances sharply at angel can be the offspring of such a

er's room. I hope I am at liberty

He is going excitedly to work to re-arrange things. Charlotte clutches his arm tremblingly. "O dear, dear Charley! You will

and her rosy lips to his mouth. The tempter has conquered—he clasps her in his arms. "Well, for your sake, my angel, I will

know, darling."
It is meal time. The mother-in-lay sails in and seats herself at the table with silent grandeur. She nips her food. Simson is delighted when the meal is over, trusting the highborn lady will betake herself to her own room, for he is vexed in spite of himself at her remarkable industry during his

in her presence.

Good gracious! is it possible? The tady takes a seat on the sofa, draws her knitting out of her pocket, puts on her spectacles, and assumes a position, com-fortable and resigned, as if she had taken up her quarters on the cozy sofa for the next year and a half.

old lady is going to grant them the pleasure of her company the whole

pace, to aid him in disguising his-excessive joy. He lights a cigar; scarcely has he taken a whiff when the lady began to sniff and scent the air, while from under her glasses she flashes a glance at him and then at her daughter. "Dear Charley," pleaded his confused little wife, "Mamma cannot endure

smoke."
"You assured me, Charlotte, that you liked me to smoke," he replied. "I do-but mamma?" she says look-

to present for your delectation in this sketch.

Charles Simson is a merchant, and

This again, then at Charlotte, who does not appear to comprehend until it is renewed with decided impressiveness.

"Dear Charley, mamma cannot toler-into dust. The following day he found

of the room, the chairs backed stiffly against the wall in a row, as if they were sub-officers saluting their superior.

"Charlotte, Charlotte! what does this cerned if her mother would live elsewhere. He offers to pay all her expenses, anything, everything in the power of man, but Charlotte is afraid of her mother and cannot be induced to

mean?" he exclaims. "Who has brought about this terrible revolution?"

The wife approached with a loving smile, striving to hide her embarrass-

the room looks so much better this

we will freeze on the sofa in winter, over there, and be broiled by the sun in summer. And-my dear-I do not end-I was under the impression this was our own, not your mothuse my own taste and judgment in its arrangement, and I trust she has not constituted berself my guardian."

offend mamma! Please, for my sake, leave them just for to-day." She put her little hands on his cheeks

leave them; but I do hope your mamma will please to mind her own affairs, you

bsence to-day. Even his wife acts somewhat subdued

Simson stares at the knitting in speechless agony. No doubt of it, the

Charlotte takes a chair near her

sake impress her situation upon her; do not let her leave her room for at least a week or two, or a month. She is sick, the woman is indeed. Tell her so." veyed a whill of contagious vapor from his nostrils to a well known member of the stock exchange, who survived the infection only a few days. The case came under the notice of two Lon-

some evil spirit must have whispered on physicians, and they were both of his joy to the old lady, for Charlotte the opinion that the poor gentleman was in such constant demand at her died from glanders. Our contemporary bedside after this, that Simson got so tired of taking his meals alone and have suggests that, as diseased horses are fre-tired of taking his meals alone and hav-ing no one to talk to evenings that he longed for her convalescence. He knows his mother-in-law detests the sound of music, or practicing on any musical instrument, and he begins to take les-sons on the cornet. Morning, noon and night this abused instrument gives ut-terance to such terrific grouns and earterance to such terrific groans and ear-splitting shricks that the neighbors dered horse, we might, if they were the reaten to have him arrested for dis- other way and there were anything the turbing the peace.

The old lady is furious—but she stuffs afflict the horse himself with bronchitis cotton in her ears, covers them with or catarrh, or give him at least a stiff ear-muffs, and scents herself so fear-fully with musk that the house is intol-erable, because she knows the least bit erable, because she knows the least bit of this perfume makes him sick. The conflict becomes warmer on both sides. If he ventures to bring a friend home to supper, he can be sure there will be nothing fit to eat, or that it will not be served until bedtime. He cannot drive the woman away. His house becomes a hell to him, and he begins to pass his evenings at the club. The second evenings at the bribes the night watchman to sound the bribes the night watchman to sound the hours directly under her windows,

where. He offers to pay all her expenses, anything, everything in the power of man, but Charlotte is afraid or her mother and cannot be induced to her mother and cannot be induced to her mother and cannot be induced to the mother and cannot be induced to which the pair of a handle grant of the war of the wife described in the property part of the special payment of the wife described in the property part of the special payment of the wife described in the most of the war in the wife described in the war in the w A French carlcaturist has lately de-picted in a certainly humorous, if some-what extravagant manner, the peril to her mother and cannot be specified on the process of the control of the control of the control of the control of a conject of the confronted by a pair of human feet thickly encased in muddy boots. The same of the confronted by a pair of human feet thickly encased in muddy boots. The fact is that the frost-bitten driver has fact in the control of the cont "Do not be alarmed, my dear sir. blown into the face of the face, whose "Do not be alarmed, my dear sir. more exposed mucous membranes are thus rendered susceptible of intractable "You are mistaken, doctor," the poor serious danger is involved in the actual fellow exclaimed, "you treat her case construction of the vehicle. A fet too lightly. She is ill, very ill; in fact, months ago a glandered cab-horse co came under the notice of two Lon-Some evil spirit must have whispered don physicians, and they were both of barber, who was gaining a scanty living the opinion that the poor gentleman by selling nuts on the street. To aid

matter with our mucus membranes

Jerusalem.

Norwegian—Gud. Slave—Buch. Polish-Bog. Pollacca-Bung. Lapp-Jubinal. Finnish-Jumala. Runie-As. Zemblain-Fetizo. Hindostance—Rain. Coromandel—Brama ninety-second year of his age, a few months back paid a seventh visit to Jerusalem for the purpose of collecting

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## The Celtie Dying out in Ireland.

It is very probable that the use of the

The following list, compressing the name of God in forty-eight languages, was compiled by the well-known French philologist, Louis Burger, in the following manner: One day, as he was walking along the streets of Paris, he heard a voice beseeching him to buy some nuts. Upon looking back he dis-covered that it was the voice of his old

the barber the following list: Hebrew—Elohium, Eloah. Chaldaie—Ellah. ad infinitum. The staple malady and Assyrian-Eleah. Syriac and Turkish-Alah cause of death in Ireland is a pain or stitch in the heart; but the peasants also suffer occasionally from "a great Malay-Alla. Arabic-Allah. impression," and a "fluency on the chest." The most grateful heart can Language of the Magi-Orsi. Old Egytian-Tuet. find no richer or more elegant mode of expressing thankfulness for some favor Armorian—Teuti. Modern Egyptian—Teun. done than to wish the patron "a blanket of glory in Heaven."-Argosy. Cretan-Thios. Æclion and Doric-Ilos. Latin-Deus. Low Latin-Diex. Who Invented the Barrel? Few inventions have had a wider o Celtic and Gallie-Diu. more varied usefulness than the bar-French-Dieu. Spanish-Dios. rel; few give such promise of per-

petaity. Unique in principle, simple yet singularly perfect in plan and struc-ture the barrel is little less than a stroke ortuguese-Deo Old German-Diet. Provencal-Diou. Who first conceived the happy thought of making a vessel tight and strong out of strips of wood bound together with Low Breton-Done. Italian-Dio. Olalu Tongue-Den. hoops? And when did he live? German and Swiss-Gott. Flemish-Goed. Dutch-Godt. English and Old Saxon-God. Tentonic-Goth. Danish and Swedish-Gut.

No history of inventions, none of the historian of human progress, so far as we know, gives any information on the When did he live? unless we except the Roman subject, unless we except the Roman Somewhere about the time author Pliny, who mistakenly attributes the invention to the Gauls, who inhabited the banks of the Po. We say mistakenly, since there is the best of Italy.

made with hoops, while a scribe keeps tally and a sweeper stands by with a broom to sweep up the scattered kernels. Close by an unfortunate is undergoing Close by an unfortunate is undergoing for short the basicade, for short the cally own, in their wheelbarrow, an early own, in their wheelbarrow, and country.

## TOUTHS' COLUMN.

Queer Horses.-I am going to tell you

One day, when Tom was standing in another total eclipse of the moon his stall, he felt something tickling his legs. He looked around, and there men prepare your smokel glasses.

angrily called a troublesome child "the most ecclesiastical boy she had ever seen in her life," as the greatest term of Yes, he loved whiskey and brandy. Now I am going to tell you about a reproach she could think of, and the One day, his master had occasion reproach she could think of, and the same woman described a Fenian gathering as "a wonderful triangle of people."

Then, when one of the gentry was ill in a country neighborhood, there were a chill. He was put in his warm stable lines. many inquiries made as to whether he would be likely "to intercede," mean-gave him some whiskey, which he took in the value of foreign Government with a great relish.

A dispensary becomes an "expensary," the excise service "the outside." To expect is to "inspect," and vice versa.

A cypress-tree is a "cypher," a surplice lash his tail, and cut up many antics: but liquor always cured him very soon, -so soon, that the men on the began to think he was playing a trick. So one day when he began his capers, they watched him, unseen by him. When the men were near him, he seemed in great distress; but, when they were out of sight and hearing, he would stand quietly, and eat his oats like any sensible horse. His master, covinced that he was playing sick, gave him a whipping, and after that he was a strong "cold water horse."

-One of the most striking objects at the Centennial exhibition will be a column of coal one hundred feet in height

## The Inventor of the Wheelbarrow. It takes a great man to do a little thing

Who do you think invented that very simple thing called a wheelbarrow Why, no less a man than Leonardo da

"Jack at all trades and master of none," encyclopedias in our great libraries, no either. He was a real master of many

Somewhere about the time that Co-And where was he born? In the beautiful city of Florence, in

good reason for believing that the bar- Perhaps some of you may feel a litrel was in use long before the Gauls the better acquainted with him when I took possession of their Italian home, perhaps long before the Gauls existed who painted one of the grandest pic-The monuments of Egypt furnish proof of the early use of hooped vessels, though no date is given of their invention. In one of the inscriptions copied by Wilkinson may be seen two slaves emptying grain from a wooden vessel made with hoops, while a scribe keeps tally and a sweeper stands by with a sweeper stands by with

And with this the wild duck dived the wheat crop averages per acre in suddenly to catch a little perch that the United States, and only about ten

second. ccived by the Adjutant-General, and Each drop of stagnant water contains by him transmitted to Congress, the a world of animated beings, swimming aggregate organized militia with as much liberty as whales in the State of New York is 19

beings. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-flash compared weather having caused them to make with an eye flash and a mirth-flash? A way with their winter's rations earlier face that cannot smile is like a bud that | in the season than usual.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The first water works in Texas are -The United States consumed 2,000-

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-In the vicinity of Detroit there are twenty-six brick yards which make an--For several years Iowa was the

banner Granger State, but it lost seventy-five local granges last year. -Mr. Caleb Cushing becomes, by the death of Reverdy Johnson, the oldest Cabinet Minister living in point of

-In Riehland county, Wisconsin, the farmers have built a wooden railway, sixteen miles long, costing only

-Gen. Butler's Dutch Gap canal has

ables vessels to save seven miles in -J. B. Phillips, of Orwell, Ohio, is

making a cheese which will not be com-pleted until the 20th of May, when it is expected to weigh 29,000 pour -A bill has been introduced in the

bonds on the London Stock Exchange has been \$385,000,000 in the last four

for the purchase of Le Grand Lockwood's mansion in South Norwalk, Ct.

-The Municipal Register of 1874 gives 360,000 as the population of Boston, but Messrs. Sampson, Davenport & Co., according to a recent count only figure up 341,919.

into a Romish college.

umn of coal one hundred feet in height to be transported to Philadelphia in sections from Tennessee. -George B. McCartee, Chief of the

Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, has resigned. Having spent a year's appropriation in eight months his shop is closed. -A Paris (Ky.) young lady will send to the Centennial a poker fashioned from a revolutionary gun barrel. Nothing could be better calculated to

-Mr. Bayard Taylor has accepted the position of an editorial writer on the New York Tribune, and will commence work as soon as his lecture engage-

ments for the season will permit. -There are 162 driving parks in the United States. The value of the property held by these associations is estimated at \$5,000,000, and that of the

-The late Reverdy Johnson lea

of Boston Common will be made into furniture for the City Hall of Boston,

-Twenty thousand salmon eggs,

taken from the Columbia River, in Oregon, have arrived safely in Auck-land, New Zealand, and been deposited in waters there carefully prepared for their reception. ... The Swiss exhibit at the Centen. tennial will be small, but complete and

well classified. Among manufactured

articles watches will occupy the first rank, but the show of laces will excite -The united ages of a family of five persons, two sisters and three brothers, named Seabold, whose homestead is at Baptistown, Hunterdon county, N. J.,

amounts to 373 years. Their ag respectively are 83, 81, 79, 70 and 60. -Sharon had a banquet in Frisco reand music, singing-birds, wine and rich viands, and at each guest's plate was the bill of fare, engraved upon a heavy plate of solid silver, and costing

-There was a good blubber crop last year. The average catch of whaling vessels engaged in the Arctic sea walra oil, and 14,900 pounds of whale--Nine bushels and one-eighth is all

West, while in old England it averages twenty-eight bushels per acre by -A man is serving out a year in the twenty-seven millions only equal a Wisconsin State Prison who was coumite. five cents. Since he has been confined there the letter has been returned from the dead-letter office, with the twenty

or eleven on the fertile prairies of the

five cents inclosed. -The Cincinnati "Commercial nearly \$1,000,000 by reducing the salaries of postmasters in the smaller cities hundred postmasters in the country who receive a salary of more than \$3000

the State of New York is 19,413; in New Jersey, 3,838; in Pennsylvania, Each leaf has a colony of insects 10,538. The grand aggregate of all the

-Governor Bagley, of Michigan Keep up.—Never be cast down by trifles. It a spider break his thread twenty times he will mend it again. the 15th of April next, a tree which shall be venerated in the distant future as one planted by patriotic hands dur-

-Dr. J. H. Funk, of Bovertown Berks county, who has probably the largest collection of bees in Pennsylvania, reports that the present weather is death to them. He fears that already more than half of his honey-producers

face that cannot smile is like a bud that cannot blossom, and dries upon the stalk. Laughter is day and sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, and is more bewitching than either.

—Car loads of salmon are every day shipped East from California. The California salmon is coarser than that of Maine.

in the season than usual.

—The statue of William II. Seward, by Randolph Rogers, is finished, and will be shipped in time to reach here in May next. It cost \$25,000 which amount was subscribed by some gentlemen of this city, among whom were George J. Forrest, William II. Appleton, Jerome, Schell, and others. The statue is described as being one of Mr. Rogers's best productions.