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WORK.

Some find work where some find rest And so the weary world goes on; sometimes wonder which is best, The answer comes when life is gone.

Some eyes sleep when some eyes wake, And so the dreary night hours go. Some hearts beat where some hearts break careful. 1 often wonder why 'tis so.

Some hands fold, where other hands Are lifted bravely in the strife; And so thro' ages and thro' lands Move on the two extremes of life.

Some feet halt while some feet tread, In tireless march, a thorny way; Some straggle on where some have fled Some sock, when others shun the fray

ac sleep on while others keep The vigils of the true and brave; Ther will not rest till roses creep Around their names, above a grave.

HOW WE GOT A STEP-MOTHER.

There were three of us, and terrible

"pickles" we were. Cooks and nursery maids from time immemorial had impressed the fact upon us. Our nearest neighbor, Miss Rachel Vincent, had often told us so, in the softest of purring voices but with a vixenish glance of her cat-like eyes. Our dear father himself had been lately betrayed, by some wild fun or other, into a similar sentiment. Thereupon Miss Raspberry Vinegar, as Sam always called her, had

laid a caressing paw upon his coat sleeve, whispering-"And the pater ?" "Dearest Mr. Venney, the poor

children need a mother." And our father had replied signifi-

cantly-1 thought-"Dearest Miss Vincent, we must at least. endeavor to provide them with one."

A personable man was our father at this time, one who bore his five-andtorty years well and youthfully-a fascinating man to women young and old, by reason of his unvarying oldfashioned deferential courtesy and the

tender inflections that crept into his gar. deep voice in addressing them, but a Sam, "and let us each write a draft of fascination-a profound scholar, whose yours, Madge." library was ever ten-fold more attrac-For some minutes there was no sound tive than any drawing-room-a kindly, quiet, charitable, simple-minded gen-

Many, I could remember, were the

Looking up, I saw Bertha nibbling her feminine jealousies and heart-burnings quill in a perplexed and meditative on his account, and various the reway, and Master Sam with one hand grets to which his constancy to our lead mother's memory gave rise. Most pressed to his heart and the other outstretched to her, his whole attitude expeople had decided that it would last brever. I imagined it would soon pressive of extreme devotion. Bertha hand groped blindly towards my father, and I burst into a roar of laughter, cause the wish was father to the thought-and the thought-and the thought had been so "unseemly levity and waste of precious "unseemly levity and waste of precious scolding us until we resumed time," continually and ingeniously presented to my father that he might well have work. Five minutes later our compos itions were finished, and Sam proceeded adopted it; I because only a week beto read his own. fore an escapade of mine had brought

the loving commentand I be content with single wretchedge, my darling, for fifteen ss, when wedded bliss en

a little silence fell upon us. Sam broke it. "I say, girls, I've been thinking..." his mind the "proposal" and the soup-kitchen were doubtless intimately con-nected. I glanced at Sam; he was

"Nonsense !" interrupted Bertha. We can't believe that, you know." bursting with suppressen laughter. "Very well, papa," About ten that evening we heard the "Of your nonsense," pursued Sam. "It will bring us Miss Raspberry Vine-

ing of horse's hoofs on the way to the stables. Bertha fled innocently. Sam gar for a step-mother, if we are not "And if we are careful, too, I fear,"

remarked I. "No," said Sam, decidedly. "There is another aspirant for that doubtful

"Nonser

as slo

fer.

"You ?"

"Who ?" asked Bertha, eagerly. had ever heard him use. Sam assumed a look of preternatural gravity, slowly closed his left eye and wly opened it.

"I know but one person whom I 1-"dear Mrs. Wood, of Fosse Cotand nestled close.

tage." "Which she is the very identical !" never do it again." exclaimed Sam. "What do you mean ?"

in his eyes. "Meanwhile ge to bed; and, on your lives, be silent and dis-"That this amiable widow, fair, fat, and forty, blushes like a school-girl, creet, all of you." when one Martin Venney pays her or-

dinary attentions." "Dear little lady," said Bertha. "I could call her mother." " "You shall have that pleasure," serted Sam, a wicked twinkle in his

eve, "I am about to make her an of-"Dear Miss Vincent," said he, "tonight I have a toast to give, which you

will drink, I trust, with all your heart. Children fill your glasses, "My future "By letter-in the pater's name, of course-and she will not refuse it.' wifel

"Must make the best of the situa tion. If he declines to accept it, he is cally, too thorough a gentleman to marry an-"I hope," said my father-and, as he other woman for many long months,

spoke, I noticed what I had never be- abolition of capital punishment. at least." I listened with mute amazement. Madcap Sam was displaying method i bis with mute amazement. in his madness. Here was a scheme, soon to present my establishment a wild enough, but feasible, and one that lady more than worthy to be its mis-

my father-

mured.

this mean?"

delicately expressed."

and led her to a chair.

Style is an imperious tyrant. It has

till to-morrow."

my proposal?"

replied

promised to effect that great end, the discomfiture of Miss Raspberry Vinetress" hovered about Miss Vincent's face-"to "Draw up to the table girls," said

> his bfe. decidedly unappreciative children-

but the scratch, scratch of our three pens; but I scon became conscious that may share the joys and scothe the sor-nere Miss Vincent's handker-and sister for a long time with the most captain. chief came into active requisition-"of unnatural and brutal severity. He two had ceased to ily over the paper. the years I have yet to live. I have kicked them about the room, pommeled long felt that there was one woman in their heads with chairs, compelled them of this visit?" the world perhaps but one-who could to eat the most repulsive food, and in do all this. Here in the bosom of my His insanity, in this respect, was absofamily"-Miss Vincent's unoccupied and the twinkle in his eyes became more mad-house. But his unnatural and him." marked—"I may say that that lady's whimsical treatment of his family was Flat name is-Mrs. Wood, of Fosse Cottage.' "Who?" cried Miss. Vincent, in a scrutinizing every household expense him more pleasure than to oblige the scrutinizing every household expense perfect transport of rage." But nobody remarked the ejacula-

tion save Sam, and Bertha and I had fortunes on his army of giants. He his duty, he would grant it. "Dear Mrs. Wood,-Why should you our arms round our father's neck, and the would run through the streets caning were smothering him with kisses. Sam the loungers and workmen who fell in honor give me back Pat Flannagan, bow opened his way until they roared for mercy. ose and with a profound

Howard, the philanthropist, who An Irish emigration ship had been crossed seas and mountains to relieve fallen in with by one of our cruisers. the distressed, was a brute and a tyrant and the commander of His Majesty's in his own family. Dr. Winslow says sloop, the Hummingbird, made a selecof him: "His cruel treatment caused tion of thirty or forty stout Hibernians the death of his wife. He was in the to fill up his own complement, and hand had barely time to whisper, "All right, had barely time to whisper, "All right, Madge-my doing altogether. I plan-before her picture. He had an only son, whom for the slightest offense, he punished with terrible severity, making human imperfection. How much also "Go to bed at once, both of you," him stand for hours in a grotto in the drops between the cup and the lip! he commanded, in the sternest tones I garden. The son became a lunatic as there chanced to be on board of the the result of this brutal treatment." I same trader two very pretty Irish girls

I stole one look at his countenance as am strongly inclined to the opinion that of the better sort of bourgeoise, who I crept away; it was more young and merry-looking, I thought. He saw the Howard was one of the symptoms of Philadelphia. The name of one was pitiful expression on my face, and he the disease in his brain for insanity Judy, and of the other Maria. No could bear to see mistress here," said held out his arms. I sprang into them, I-"dear Mrs. Wood, of Fosse Cot-and nestled close. and nestled close. and such exceptional self-sac-of their change of destination_than "Forgive us, dear," sald I; "we will rifice as his—so blind, so persistent, so they set up a howl loud enough to here do it again."

"I trust you may never have occa-sion." he replied; and a glad light shone opposite qualities of ungovernable rage hearts of the tender-hearted girls, and when the thorough bass of the males intense hate or cruelty.

Alexander the Great behaved like a was joined by the sopranos and trebles reet, all of you." At dessert-next evening Miss Vincent and the supposition is plausible that if have made Orpheus himself turn round was announced. We were near neigh- he had survived a few years longer he an 1 gaze.

bors, and two or three times it was her might have become a most implacable "Oh, Miss Judy! oh, Miss Marial custom to run in and spend the evening and capricious tyrant. From being would you be so cruel as to see us poor sans cermonie. My father rose, drew a very abstemious he gave himself up to crathurs dragged away to a man-of-war, chair to the table, and filled her glass. dissipation. His lust for power became and not for to go and spake a word for a disease, and he strove for gigantic us? A word to the captain from your impossibilities. Robespierre and some own purty mouths, and no doubt he of the other leaders in the French Rev- would let us off." Thus spake two of olution, were probably made more or the emigrants who were regarded with less insane by the exciting events in special favor by the two girls.

We drank it with suppressed enthusi-asm, Miss Vincent somewhat hysteri-cally. life by endeavoring to procure the begging the lieutenant of the sloop to

bolition of capital punishment. Louis XI of France was insane, both with his captain, they added a small in his despotic cruelty and his caprices, matter of finery to their dress, and He shut up his nobles in cages or hung skipped into the boat like a couple of them on the trees of the forest. He mountain kids, caring nothing for the lived in the constant fear of death, kept, spray of salt water, which, though it -here a deprecatory expression in seclusion in his castle, was on inti- took the curls out of their hair, added mate terms with his hangman, amused a bloom to their cheeks which perhaps himself by watching battles between contributed in no small degree to the my children a mother capable of recip-rocating their affections with the utmost torderness"_here she made a gesture children, and tried various and abomiman entirely unconscious of his own the pater's love letter; but I depend on as though she would embrace the said nable compounds in order to lengthen that never fails to put a man into good have a straight compound scholar whom the pater's love letter; but I depend on as though she would embrace the said humor, provided he be rightly con-

King Frederick of Prussia, without structed. When they got on board the

"And, pray, young ladies," said he, "what may have procured me the honor "It was to beg a favor of your honor.

every way made their lives wretched, said Judy. "And his honor will grant it too,"

lute, and should have sent him to the said Maria, "for I like the look of Flattered by this shot of Maria's, only one of the symptoms of his mad- the captain said that nothing ever gave with absurd attention, and lavishing ask was not utterly incompatible with

> "Well, then," said Judy, "will your that you have pressed just now." The

Ways of Wooing.

all sorts

friend is employed to do it. So the

He Robbed Stewart's Grave.

Saxon King Edgar found it when he sent his friend Athelstane to report on Sir Arthur Helps gave it as his belief that since the world was created no the charms of a lady called the most two couples made love after the same beautiful in the kingdom, and to offer fashion. And since "it takes all sorts her the office of Queen should she prove of folks to make a world" they may be to be as lovely as reported. But Athfairly supposed to do their courting in eistane tell in love with her himself, of ways. For instance, the and wooed and married her, and then courting of the aboriginals of Australia told the King she was not beautiful at consisted simply in knocking the wo- all, only being rich. When the King

man of his preference down with a found out how he had been deceived, Athelstane had to lose not only his club and carrying her off. This form of wooing was as efficacious as brief, beautiful wife and her wealth, but his and was certainly commendable on the head into the bargain. score of economy, since it subjected A writer, whose veracity, however, neither party to the expense of lights, we dare not youch for, gives the following as an actual statute recorded in fires, oyster suppers, ice cream, elaborate dresses, flowers, etc., which are the the old Saxon code, giving to the lady the privilege that she has taken such usual concomitants of civilized love-

making. But the method of the Anspoor advantage of: tralian has been tried by other than the "Albeit, as often as leape yearre doth occure, the womanne holdeth prerogadusky savages.

tive over the manne in matters of Some curious courting customs pre vail in Africa. In one tribe of Eastern courtship, love and matrimonie; so that Africa it is regarded as ne plus ultra of gallantry for the lover to parade before the hut of his inamorata astride of a but he shall entertain her proposal in all huge boar. Mungo Park tells of a gude courtesie,"

tribe in the interior, where custom However, whether this law was ever compels a woman to carry a calabasi placed on record or not, the practice of of water to the man who has expressed female proposals was never adopted, preference for her. Seated on a mat and seems never to have been more efore his door he washes his hands in than a tradition. There have been inthe vessel, and then the woman drinks stances, of a woman who dared, but the water as a token of her affection not many, for the risk of a refusal was Less repulsive was the act of the lover too serious a one to run. How the among the ancient Persians who burned Princess Louise of Savoy ever recovered his hand or cheek to prove his devotion from her humiliation after having and then showed it to his lady love. If offered herself to Charles, Duke of she was "willin" " she bound the injured Bourbon, only to receive a grave but positive refusal, few women can underpart with a silken scarf; but if obdurate she sent the man to the physician for stand. Ladies, however, are permitted healing salve. to assist a bashful wooer.

Among the Moravians it was the custom for the minister to select wives for the men of his congregation. If a

"sister" had any objection to the "brother" selected for her life partner correspondent had an interview with an unnamed detective, who savs she was permitted to state it, but it was that in the summer and fall of 1882 generally overruled by the priest's elo- Chief of Police McGarigle, of Chicago, quence. Strange to say, the historian and two or three detectives held negotells us that these marriages were gen- tiations with Lewis C. Sweigels, then erally happy. serving a term for robbery in the Ches-

In Greenland, the services of the ter, Ill., penitentiary under an assumed pastor of his flock are also callod in. A name. Sweigels, who was known to be man who has made up his mind that a professional grave robber, and was his worldly circumstances warrant him concerned in the attempt to rob the in indulging in what has been called grave of President Lincoln, told a very abstract desire of every man complete, circumstantial, and consisthe to furnish board and lodging to some tent story of the robbery of A. T. young lady, and has decided which Stewart's grave by himself, Larry Gavin, young lady" he wishes to be taxed for, and a keeper of a saloon in Fourteenth calls on the reverend father, and states street, New York. Sweigels promised the case. The inquiry is made whether to restore the body only on condition

the girl knows of the suit, to which the of his pardon from the penitentiary and man replies that he has made some pre- receiving a part of the reward. liminary love-making, which was not His pardon was secured, and, accordvery kindly received, but adds: "Thou ing to the detective's story, a syndicate knowest the ways of mankind." In with a capital of \$10,000 was formed, Greenland, be it remarked, it is an ac- which included McGarigle, Detectives cepted fact in social philosophy that a Capin and Lansing, and E. J. Lehman, years and has cost over \$7,000,000,

woman's no means yes. The priest all of Chicago, for the purpose of workcalls upon the young woman and pleads ing up the case and securing \$100,000 bave been made to answer for Ameri the case of her lover, assuring her that from Judge Hilton for the return of Mr. can half dollars among careless Bos-Two or three visits Stewart seals, etc. It is the custom for the were made to New York, and negotiaseals, etc. It is the custom for the tions were conducted through Mrs. Hon dollars a year to support the Sul-but to yield at last an unwilling assent, Johnson, a female detective of New tan and his harea. If the priest thinks she is too obstinate, York, and at one time connected with he generally remarks: "Ah, well, it is the Chicago force. Inspector Byrnes, school teachers outrowing, led acynical no matter; I can easily find another of New York, became off-nded because chap on shore to o woman who will have such a good pro- he was not consulted after the first visit. "a whaling fleet," vinder." and turns to leave, which The remains were finally returned upon terms at once. the stubborn maiden to the payment of \$25,000 by Judge Hilton, "as an evidence of which Sweigels had

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The State tax of Florida this year is but 3 mills.

-Ira S. Todd died in Tolland, Conn, of glanders, caught from a horse. -Itha a, the largest village in the

world, has become a chartened city. -Chicago dailies are driving out St.

Louis papers in Southera Illinois. -Kansas City packel 55,000 more hogs than Cincinnati the past winter. -Greek Wines are now introduced into France for admixture with the

native wines. -The Prince of Wales last year received from the Duchy of Cornwall the net income of \$325,000.

-London has 700,000 houses and nearly 5,000,000 inhabitants-about seven people to each house.

-In France gardening is practically taught, it is said, in more than twenty thousand primary schools.

-Sam Kee, a Chinaman, declares that Mrs. Kee must go. He has filed a bill in divorce in a Kentucky court.

-Fruit, hop and other crop reports from the Pacific coast section are very encouraging.

-There are twenty-four Portlands in this country to bother the postmasters.

-Platinum wire has been drawn so fine as to be absolutely invisible to the naked eye.

-The Pension Office expends more than \$60,000 a year investigating alleged pension frauds.

-The revised version of the Old Testament will be issued complete, it is said, in September.

-The agricultural wealth of Illinois for 1883 was \$67,404,000 less than the previous year.

-Sergeant Mason has stopped exhibting himself, and is now living at his Virginia home.

-The University of Lewisburg, Pa, has received a gift of \$100,000 from William Buckneil, of Philadelohia,

-A firm at Tullahoma, Tenu., is said to ship 7000 dozen of eggs per week to the Northern markets.

-An Idaho man has just been married again to the woman from whom he was divorced twenty years ago.

-The Government has sold more tham two hundred million dollars worth of public hands in eight years. -Of the present City Government of

Belfast, Me., consisting of sixteen members, only three are natives of that city.

-With great ceremony the last stone was haid in the harbor of Trieste recently. The work has taken fifteen

-English pennies, silver plated, tonians on necent

years I have lived a lonely life for your mother's sake; but for yours and Bertha's I must place a wiser mistress than you, dear, at the head of my household."

"Ridiculous!" said Bertha,

"Then we will hear yours,"

We had discussed this matter in at his hair, and gave it a good tugand we becauted graved simayed at the ears pretty soundly-"but my dear boy prospect of a step-mother-there were Sam, the hope and joy of my heart, is sides to that question-but that so staid, so studious, so sweet-tempered "step-mother" and Miss "Raspberry and so perfect in every way that he Vinegar" seemed to us synonomous more than atones for the shortcomings terms. We saw through her delicate of the others. Will you be a mother flattery of our father, her simulated to them, and the honored wife of your affection for us, her wily approach to devoted admirer, MARTIN VENNEY ?" the coveted position, the head of his

table. Whether they were equally transparent to him we could not tell We feared the worst, for day by day Sam, snatching it from her fingers, Miss Vincent's advances became more "Listen!"-and with ludicous an marked and the silent courtesy with exaggerated emphasis, he read the folwhich they were invariably received evoked triumphont flashes from her

lowing-"Adorable Charmer-Your manifold feline optics. We were unanimous on perfections have kindled so intense a one point-that something-no matter flame in a heart I had deemed almost how desperate-mnst be done to defeat insensible to woman's wiles that the her design, but no course of action had great desire of my life is to call you hitherto suggested itself. mine. To describe the rapture of love

It was late autumn, or rather early which fills this manly breast is indeed winter. Without the wind whistled impossible; to make you feel it in some wendly around the dear old house degree, if you will come to these dear within a blazing wood-fire lighted arms as my dear wife, is the hope of somewhat fitfully the large low room my existence."

in which we were assembled. We "Pretty strong," said Sam, "for had dined earlier than usual, and our forty-five and forty. Read yours, father had departed to deliver a lec-Madge, " ture at the nearest town to the young

"My dear Madam-I have come to men of some Mutual Improvement believe, for the second time in my life, A-sociation. I had not yet rung for that it is not good for man to be alone lights, for me the gloaming is the pleasand it is your sweetness of disposition, antest part of the day, especially fitted for talk or meditation. Half buried your goodness and amiability, and the certainty that in you my dear children in a roomy easy-chair, gazing at the would indeed find a second mother logs, my father's words that have brought me to this conviccrackling kept repeating themselvestion. I cannot offer you that passion-

"I must place a wiser mistress than you, dear, at the head of my house- tive, for my youth, dear Madam, is over, and I am forty-five years of age.

At my feet, apparently dozing, lay But I can give you the deepest and Sam, at full length upon the hearth- truest affection, and it shall be my rug-all legs and wings, as we girls were first aim, if you will confide your hap wont to tell him. Bertha sat on a low piness to my keeping as your husband stoolathis head, playing alternately with to prove worthy of the trust. What his carls and wi h a tiny Skye, a look of intense glee upon her mischief-loving face. A piece of tape was in her hand, fectionately yours,

MARTIN VENNEY." but what she was doing with it I could not see. Presently she rose and ran "Here goes mine," cried Bertha, tearing her sheet in two. "And mine!" laughed Sam, followlightly across the room. "Mop. Mop. Mopl" she cried; and the

Skye bounded toward her. ing suit. "And mine," said I. A horrible yell burst from Sam, and

a whine from the dog. "Mop, Mop, Mop!"

whine from the dog. "Mop, Mop, Mop!" Another bound from the dog, and, as Sam sprang to his feet, muttering inco-herent but wrathful anathemas, I saw may have your precious handwork." that his curls were carefully attached to

We had one day's breathing time, Mop's leg by about four yards of white tape. It was some seconds before his for, unless Mrs. Wood replied by spec many-binded pocket-knife with which, I imagine, every boy of sixteen is pro-vided. Then ensued a chase, in which the effect of two yards of tape stream-dinner by remarking.

"I called on Mrs. Wood yesterday, ing behind him, his excited face, and his unwieldly efforts to slip as defuly as to ask if she would join me in a soup Bertha round intervening chairs and kitchen scheme." "Did she consent?" I inquired.

tables was irresistibly absurd. At length "She asked a day or two for considera spring forward was followed by a loud crash; and he, a small writing-table, tion." The morning came. The letter-bag

Pads came to the floor together. "Dearest Mr. Venney," mimicked Bertha, in exact imitation of Miss Vin-cent's ducet tones, "poor Sam is so clumsy; he requires formula interview for the most abject kind. The de-mards of the most abject kind. The de-

clumsy; he requires female influence to teach inm the amenities of life." "You be hanged!" was Sam's polite "To ube hanged!" was Sam's polite

uncertain temper"-here I made a dash at his hair, and gave it a good tug-has been dead some years; but my that time forward was never happy. "Ask me any solemin conclave—Bertha) Sam and L. "Pickles" as we were, this sobered us; "Pickles" as we were, this sobered us; "Pickles" as we were, this sobered us; and we delated gravely thereon. Not here Bertha jumped up and boxed his

terminated so happily. "She was charmingly dressed," he porary or spasmodic, may signify but said, "and a delicate little flush of embarrassment made her look very young life-long, it must be regarded as the now-a-day. I'll give you a kiss if you

and pretty." The embarrassment wore off as the and often does advance to absolute meal proceeded, and they talked civilly madness. The violent impetuosity of Phelim." enough upon the topics of the day, un-Dr. Johnson, his unreasonable, almost

"My dear madam, with reference to

To his astonishment, a vivid blush verspread her face. "It was so unexpected." she mur-

"But not unwelcome, I trust?" There was no reply; but the lady in constant fear both of the present and the future. He was the victum of absurd delusions, was harrassed by exces- your wish; take your two men, for I am with some filberts on her plate. sive nervousness, and was the slave of "Think," urged my father, rising in his enthusiasm, "how excellent is the uncontrollable excentricities. On ex-

idea, and how much good may be done by our union-how my energy, wisely found to be seriously diseased. directed by you, may call down

ings upon both our heads," To his utter amazement, Mrs. Wood burst into a flood of tears, rose, and ony theory on which to account for the never saw a captain of a man-of-war threw her arms about his neck, cry-

ing-"My dear Martin, I always loved you reer. His absurd fear of women was shout, "Erin-go-bragh " -always." To scothe her agitation by caressing certainly full evidence of monomania, the soft brown hair that rested against but when we take this fact in connection with his life-long melancholy, his early and repeated attempts at selfhis shoulder was his first thought, his second, "What in the world does all destruction, his unnatural ingratitude game is the historical game. All the "I have read your dear letter a hun-

and his anomalous love of solitude, we dred times," she sobbed. "What next?" thought my father. find it impossible to accept any other interpretation of his life than that he "Poor thing she has gone mad!" was never an absolutely sane and re- ing players fix upon some historical Meanwhile his arm stole round her vaist-a very slim one; the situation sponsible being.

egan to have its attraction. "It is like yourself," she continued-"most kind and considerate, and most Byron were probably the uncontrollable manifestations of disease, and during "Let me see it again," said he, catching sight of a paper half hidden in her his short and brilliant career he gave bosom, and gently drawing it forth. The lady hid her face while he pesufficient evidence of insanity. Nothing the penalty of a forfeit, "What nation seems clearer than that the irritability, rused it, and he pressed her the nearer to him, perhaps that he might ponder the revelation for a minute.—Then he hypochondria and meanness of Alexander Pope were the results of organic cerebral conditions which he could no more control than he could remedy his as to who the person is. raised her head, kissed her lips tenderly,

physical deformity. "I shall die at the top first," ejaculated Dean Swift, as he "So you will be my dear wife?" he said. "But this interview agitates you sadly gazed on a tree whose branches too much; we must end it. Good-by were decaying, and he realized his terrible prediction. He was more or less which Gen. Gordon has to deal, it is re-

My father always declares that he had insane during all his active life. for some time been attached to Mrs. Tasso was a positive maniac, and, Wood and that our premature proposal like many other unbalanced geniuses, only forestalled his own avowal. Be believed that he was attended by a familiar spirit. Madame de Stael had of Shendy on the Nile, half way beshe was a slave to idle fears and silly eccentri cities that in ordinary persons would certainly have been regarded as amount of forage and fodder in lieu of would certainly have been regarded as symptoms of disease of the brain, Car-a money payment. Next morning Isproviding ourselves with a step-mother. dinal Richelieu was subject to maniacal attacks, during which he lost all his self-control and behaved like a silly

subjects everywhere and they are gene-rally of the most abject kind. The de-had no recollection of what had

Attar of Roses.

balance has brought me!"
"Is the ink spilled?" asked I nervous-ly, aiter satisfying myself that nothing was broken.
"No ink to spill," said Sam turning the bottle topsy-turvey. "Look here; you monkey!" clutching Bertha by the four mokey!" clutching Bertha by the Susan to bring in the lamp."
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Wr etchedness like this, when it is tem- was equally inflexible.

"Come, come, your honor," said little; but when it is persistent and Judy, "we must not stand upon trifles symptom of cerebral disease that may give me back Pat Flannagan "And I another," said Maria, "for

The captain had one seated on each til the cloth was removed. Then said furious prejudices, may be accounted side of him; his head turned like a dog for on the same theory. Pascal was one of the most original know which to begin with; the most vane in a gale of wind. He did not thinkers of France, but no inmate of ineffable good humer danced in his any asylum ever presented more indis- eyes, and the ladies saw at once the putable proofs of mental disease than day was their own. Such is the power those which characterized his whole of beauty, that this lord of the ocean

career. All his life he walked in dark- was fain to strike to it. Judy laid a ness, knowing not at what he stumbled, kiss on his right cheek, Maria matched in constant fear both of the present and the nuture He was the victum of ab-

n a hurry to make sail." If such are captain's perquisites, who amination after death his brain was would not be a captain? Lord Brougham used to say that he always laughed Our American poet, James Gates Percival, was troubled, I think, with a slow and chronic type of cerebral dis-ease. It would be hard, indeed, to find dence. After this, the nuptial cerebe bride-groom desired.

thousand and one eccentricities and kissed out of his men by two pretty inconsistencies of his enigmatical ca-

The Historical Game.

A very interesting and instructive to those who befriended him in distress players-the number of players need not be limited-sit in a circle. One from the number is chosen, and he or she must leave the room. The remaincharacter, such as Gen. Jackson, Mary a sad and moaning lunatic. The ex-centricities and melancholy of Lord ask a question for the then proceeds to Queen of Scots, Hannibal or Bismarck. After they have agreed the absent one is told to return. He then proceeds to ask a question from each of the players. For instance, he would say to the first player: "Is it a man or a woman?" The encom must ensage of the absent one they have agreed the absent one to hagle over marriage portions. The is to hagle over marriage portions. The is the non-they have agreed the absent one of the players. For instance, he would say to the first player: "Is it a man or a woman?" The encom must ensage of the player agreed the absent one is to hagle over marriage portions. The is the player agreed the absent one of the players agreed the absent one is total to hagle over marriage portions. The is the player agreed the absent one of the player agreed the absent one is total to hagle over marriage portions. The is the player agreed the absent one is the player agreed the absent one is total to hagle over marriage portions. The is the player agreed the absent one is the player agreed the absent one is the player agreed the absent one is the player agreed person must answer the question under does he belong to?" The next person

Made Tracks. In illustration of the quality with lated that in 1821 Ismail, son of Mehemet Ali, the conqueror of the Soudan, was ordered by his father to collect the tribute due from the tribes of Bedouins

a masculine and powerful intellect, but tween Berber and Khartoum. Ismail with one reckless plunge: summoned a cheiftain known as the "Madam, my name is ---Tiger, and told him to furnish a large rents and family reside in New Hampshire; 1 have property amounting to \$200,000 and expect to engage in business in -----. I am a perfectly tem-perate man, and can give you good faction piles of the stuff demanded around the camp, but their satis-faction was short-lived. The stuff was soon set on fire, and those not burned were picked off by men lying in wait behind the burning piles. Mehemet to avenge his roasted son, razed the town her suitor at once.

of Shendy, but the Tiger made tracks in good time into the fastnesses of the married.

-New Orleans still extinguishes her street lamps when the moon rises. -King Humbert of Italy suffers

from dyspepsia. -Young Jim Nutt is farming near Leavenworth Kans.

-Montreal is putting all electric wires underground.

-The Connecticut legislature prohibits the sale of impure ice.

plenty of money about that time." In St. Petersburg, Russia, a custom Interviews with McGarigle and the prevailed many years-though declined detectives are also published. They greatly in importance, it has not gone deny the formation of a syndicate to wholly out of use-which was designed to stimulate the laggards in courtship. the general details of the story, includ-On Whit Sunday there was held in the ing Sweigels' pardon and the subsequent Summer Garden, one of the city's parks, a fair of all the damsels of the city who wanted husbands. Dressed in their best, with all the ornaments at command, and holding silver spoons or other ware in their hands, to show that pressman who carried the remains to encouragement of electric lighting, they were not wholly portionless, they stood in rows under the trees, attended by parents or guardians to insure propriety of behavior and to facilitate

matrimonial bargains. The men in search of wives stroled about scrutinizabouts of the body. McGarigle says he became convinced ing all the candidates at leisure. When that this was merely a trick of Sweigels a man saw one that pleased him he usually introduced himself to her custo secure a pardon, and that the negotiations were broken off before the retodians, and if his statement of family. mains were returned and never resumed. business and prospects were satisfactory, he was made acquainted with the young woman and invited to her resi-

"A Rale Stout Man." "Yas, yas," smiled the old country- 120,582 depositors,

mony followed as speediny as the wouldman, as he stood talking to a city chap, who seemed to know him, "thar's a

We find a custom precisely like this still in existence in a district in the south of Ireland. There it is known I kinder figger that the sharper what as "shrafting," the name being derived tries to draw wool over my eyes 'll git form shrove Tuesday, the day on which git lef' purty bad." "I'll bet you are a tons. it is held. On that day all the mar-riageable young people of both sexes are marshaled on the village green by

the parents, the girls in all the glories side, and pulling down his eye, laughed; of Sunday gowns and gay ribbons, as "D'ye see any green there?" lovely as fresh-blown roses, evidently enjoying their blushes, and the young men, also in their best attire, looking "I've seen more of the world than you as foolish as only the male hum an can have, and would like to say that to haggle over marriage portions. The intue bumpr wen, that side dash, in-preferences of the young people are fully understood by the elders, and commendable effort is made to gratify few moments after they parted, the four preferences of the young people are it out 'thought me knowin' it." A few moments after they parted, the York and Brooklyn 5,980 feet. them, the main object of the parents countryman going into a clothing store

possible for the young couples. A California miner, having amassed when one of the salesmen approached him quite a fortune, was returning by ship

to New York to revisit old frends and to find him a wife. A young woman got a plenty o' them fixins." "But, I -Canyon C.ty, Colo., has the largest on board the ship serving in the capacity see the sleeve of the one you have on artesian well in the world. At the of nursery governess to the family of a has been torn or cut, and, if you wish, depth of 1,220 feet a stream was tapped

merchant on board, pleased him much one of the ladies will mend it for you." With a ghastly look the farmer jerked by her neat and modest appearance. He therefore introduced himself one day, and broke the ice of his purpose

me whar 1 kin git a rale stout man to kick a danged fool outin town." The Veterinarian. There is a pressing need of more

educated veterinary surgeons in this reference to testefy of my general upcountry, in fact, such professional men right character. I am unmarried and are scarcely to be found at all in some want a wife. Will you marry me?" sections, even where the most valuable The lady took in the character of stock is raised. The numerous medical

"Thank you," said she, "I will,' and on landing they were forthwith are not overcrowded. When it is considered that the live stock of the coun-

The Rev, Richard Hooker had no try is worth \$2,000,000,000, and that a whence he has recently returned, time to devote to courtship, and, there-fore, deputed his landlady. Mrs. several thousand dollars, it is clear that I enjoyed my visit to the old country Churchman, to find him a wife. She there is lucrative employment in caring I could not live there again. That selected her daughter Joan, but the lor the health of these animals and is the country of the past-this is the unfortunate divine no doubt often quoted in the recesses of his soul in doctors" are too often quacks, ignorant -The Nevada county of Clam has at

after years the old saying: "Marry in alike of diseases and remedies. Young last built a gallows. They had got haste to repent in leisure." For Joan men of education could hardly do better along by borrowing from the neighbors haste to repent in leisure." For Joan men of education could narry do better proved a terrible shrew, and led the poor minister a wretched life of it, veterinary calling, which is a pleasant avocation, and in a financial point of whenever a hanging came, but business grew so lively that building seemed cheaper, and a carpenter was em-ployed.

-It costs Turkey over fifteen mil-

-The spectacle of a large party of chan on shore to observe that it was

-A newspaper at Cherokee, Iowa, is owned, managed and edited by a man w o is totally blind. He is assisted by his wife.

-Mayor Low has been remonstrating with Brooklyn's street cleaning conwork on the case. McGarigle admits tractor about the dirty condition of the highways of that city.

-Artificial ice made from distilled negotiations in New York, but says that they finally occame disgusted with cocktail drinkers. It is of course very Sweigels because he triffed with them, pur-, and as clear as crystal,

claiming that the daughter of the ex- - The German Government, for the the place where they were buried in- has ordered the admission of Eduson stigated her father to remove them se- and Swan lamps on payment of nomicretly to anothor spot unknown to Swei- nal duties.

gels. The latter could obtain no infor- -Almond growing in Northern mation from the woman as to the where- California has been declared a failure the fruit blossoming too early and not bearing a full crop.

-A Montana paper relates that in Butte the other day a man fell to the bottom of a shaft 120 feet deep without receiving serious injuries.

-Rhode Island savings banks have ere 400 205 intrusted to their care by

-California is at present producing not far from \$18,000,000 of gold and silver bullion annually.

-Ohio has coal in thirty of thirtyeight counties, and put out 8,220,229

-Statistics show that there are at present about 1,000,000 people in Great Britain who receive charitable relief.

"Not a -When the territory of the United States is as densely settled as that of France there will be 680,000,000 people the here.

-The Niagara Suspension Bridge is

-Already the new Iowa prohibitory being to secure as good a set-out as to do some buying. He had made his law is marked for the supreme court. purchase and was waiting for the bill, It is claimed that two members who voted for it were inclusible to their

which flows 400 gallons a minute.

-A dramatic performance in which off his coat and viewed the wrecked all the actors were deaf and dumb was sleeve. Then, turning to the clerk, he recently given in London, and is repsaid sorrowfully: "Mister, kin ye tell resented to have been sustained with "intelligence and spirit."

-The value of the telephone patent is enormous, and we very much doubt if it could now be purchased for \$25,-000.000. It is probably by far the most valuable single patent which has ever been issued.

-A town in Ohio has adopted the plan of posting a list of habitual drunkards' names in every saloon, so as to give efficiency to the law prohibicolleges graduate thousands of doctors ting the sale of intoxicants to such annually, but the few veterinary schools persons. It is said to work well.

-Of his native country Ireland,

