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"Yes," said her sister Annie, who had just returned from the garden, "why should a man like that want to contend with an American girl engaged at work as I've been? Then that companion—I suppose he has a wig and goggles like Latin—has thin legs and is afraid of dogs. Indeed, mother, they will both be discarded in us."

"Daughters," said Mrs. Malton, "Mr. Carten's father, though only a distant cousin, was kind to me, and I had chosen to remain with my kin in England. I'd never have had to see any one and you so poor as we are now. I married poor and tried my fortunes with your father here alone."

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"Carten, say, it is good of you to take me here to see Mrs. Malton, or Mrs. Malton, as she is now. If I find I ought not to regard her favorably, I can go away again and she never know I've been here; maybe she has forgotten her friend and Malton's rival."

"Don't mention it, Tom," replied Carten. "For your sake, it's a small service. We will see to be there; let us wait and see."

Arriving at the Maltons' place at night, only Mrs. Malton received them. The Englishmen were pleased, the simplicity and natural beauty of the surroundings assuring them of complete repose, while Bearsley was more than happy in finding Mrs. Malton still attractive. Carten, who was to be Mr. Carten, and Annie, who in turn were so without after all in the presence of the Englishman, who had previously thought would be indifferent to them, if not critical.

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At sundown of this evening of their departure Bearsley sought Mrs. Malton and suddenly addressed her: "Mrs. Malton," said he, "two weeks ago to-day I thrust upon your notice recollections of one who once visited you—and who, you loved—Tom Welton. I am Welton's messenger to ask if you love him still. Welton has loved you all these years; he knows your life, its hardships, its pain and its joys. Shall I take him a message that will bring him across the seas to you?"

"Mr. Bearsley, I do not understand you. But that Carten told me I could believe all you say, I'd far to talk. I had loved Welton and loved him yet, but he has not seen me for a long while, I am older now, and the idol of his youthful fancy is altered."

"Yes," said Mrs. Malton, with emotion. "Then," replied he, "the message is delivered. It changes Bearsley into Tom Welton, who is before you. Do you know him? He begs you to forgive his desultory, and to give him a kindly farewell. Will you, Mrs. Malton, be so kind?"

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DOMESTIC.

FINE JULY OF SAVILE ORANGES.

For eighteen full-sized oranges allow a pint and a half of water. Take off the rinds, in quarters, from ten of them, and then freeze them entirely from their juice, and then freeze them in a shallow pan, and put them in the plaster of Paris case with the whole body from his neck to below the knee joints. It was the only thing that could have saved his life. A movement to the right or the left would have caused instant death.

VEGETABLE MARMALADE.—Take any quantity of carrots and turnips; scrape them and cut in pieces the size of almonds, peel a dozen small white onions and put all in a saucepan with a lump of butter and let them brown slowly; add a little gravy, some French peas, haricots, tops of cauliflower, mushrooms, salt and pepper to taste, and a teaspoonful of sugar. Boil all gently and just before serving thicken the sauce with a little flour.

We notice that silicate of soda, or water-glass, is being recommended for the purpose of making paint adhere more closely. Our experience with it is that while it possibly does increase the adhesion, it destroys the color, or changes it to dirty yellow. Go slow, when you try it.

The coloring of butter and cheese is purely one of fashion, and many times one that is sought to cover up adulteration and other villainies. If, however, pure annatto is used the color is innocent. The fashion originated by cutc dairymen has been very kindly taken to by consumers.

We cannot conquer fate and necessity, but we can yield to them in such a way as to be greater than they would be.

Mr. E. B. Hoyt, a mechanical engineer at the New Orleans Exposition, was severely injured by a huge derrick pole falling on his foot. He was conveyed to his residence, where he remained three days, then scraped it off and washed. Two or three applications will restore the skin, unless so much scorched that the fire is destroyed. A little pipe clay, dissolved in the water, and with half the amount of soap and a great deal of labor. The article will be greatly improved in color, and the texture will be benefited.

A LOUIS SEIZE ROOM.—The mistress of the household who dislikes noise and desires privacy now has her sitting-room in the top of the house. Here she has gathered together all the good things she can get. Here she writes her letters, receives her intimates, hears the birds sing and cultivates the sky. It is now a high privilege to be asked to come up stairs. No house is now complete without a Louis Seize room (hardly it is a bedroom or boudoir; most frequently it is a drawing room). The customary receipt for a Louis Seize room is an inland floor of light wood. The woodwork is painted a warm ivory color and the walls are a pale blue or gold. The walls are appropriately hung with pale blue satin or Watteau designs in pale gray brocade. The frieze has light garlands in relief and small medallions or ribbons in gold or every ground. The floor is covered with paper mache and other compositions, is easily affected. Add a few spindle-legged pieces of furniture in gold covered with pale-tinted satins or light-colored garlands stuffs, and some Dresden china bric-a-brac.

How FRESH FISH SHOULD BE FIRED.—To fry fresh fish, as so as not to absorb the delicate flavor, the fish should be fried whole; large fish ought to have the dusky portions cut off with a very sharp knife, and divided into strips (fillets) of a convenient size for serving. When bleached and ready to fry, dip the fillets in roll them in powdered crackers or bread crumbs. Dip the fish or pieces, in well-beaten egg, and again roll them in cracker dust or bread crumbs, removing any lumps so as to leave the surface smooth. Have the fat hot, and drop in the pieces, watching them carefully until they cook to a golden brown; then lift from the fat and lay upon thick paper to absorb the fat. Fillets of fish, with bones in, may also be treated in this way. By this method the fish are well flavored and much more digestible for weak stomachs. Fish are nourishing, and not only supply good food for the muscles, but also furnish good brain material.

TO CLEAN PAINT.—There is a very simple method to clean paint that has become dirty, and if our housewives would adopt it, it would save them a great deal of trouble. Provide a plate with some of the best whitening to be had, and have ready some clean, warm water, and a piece of flannel, which dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; look take a moderate quantity of whitening, rub the surface with it, and when first laid on, without any injury to the most delicate colors. It is far better than using soap, and does not require more than half the time and labor.

LIFE PRESERVERS.—If you are losing your grip on life, try "Wells' Health Renewer." Goes right to work upon the rudiments of agriculture should be taught in all our rural schools.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, etc., should try BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TRACHEITIS. Sold only in boxes.

Stones can be gathered most easily by using a small, wide-mesh fork.

Pretty Women.—Ladies who would retain freshness and vivacity, don't fail to try "Wells' Health Renewer."

CONVENIENT CASK.—When you have to use the whites of eggs for any purpose it is convenient to know what to do with the yolks. Take one cupful of sugar, one of butter, one cupful of milk; beat the yolks of two eggs with the sugar and butter; dissolve an even teaspoonful of soda in the milk; season with nutmeg and a very little powdered salt—two water in a large bowl; add enough flour to make it thick enough to roll and no more; cut in crescents and diamonds. It is useful to have these two shapes of tin cutters on hand because they are very handy for cutting any made dish can be had by cutting one of these figures in ordinary putty paste and baking them a light brown.

SPONGES.—Sponges long in use are sometimes affected with alkalies, which is caused by the sponge not being as dry as possible immediately after use. When this has once formed it increases rapidly. A contemporary says that one of the most effective recipes for cleansing sponges, and certainly one of the cheapest, is a strong solution of salt and water, in which they should be soaked for a few hours and then be thoroughly dried. Sponges should not be left in a sponge bag; they should be kept suspended where the air can freely circulate around them. Quick evaporation of the moisture is the main thing to keep them in good order.

In Sicily and the neighborhood of Naples are found large masses of pure natural sulphur, between limestone and waxy clay.

It used to be considered a wonderful thing to engrave the Lord's Prayer on a three-cent piece. At last meeting of the San Francisco Microscopical Society the president exhibited an engraving upon a glass plate of the Lord's Prayer so minutely executed that the same scale nine copies of the entire Bible could be produced within the space of a square inch.

A piece of tarleton made into a bag, and filled with cayenne pepper, and tucked over a rat-hole, will be the best means of any vialing rat the most intense desire to get out of that immediately. He will not stand upon the order of his going, but go at once; and it is very likely he'll come back again.

A most wonderful surgical operation was performed in Southampton, Conn., recently, which saved the life of the little son of Orlando Whitney, of Darien, whose neck was dislocated by the upsetting of a carriage. The operation required a great skill and delicate manipulation. The little one was obliged to lie in a plaster of Paris cast with his whole body from his neck to below the knee joints. It was the only thing that could have saved his life. A movement to the right or the left would have caused instant death.

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GRIMOLDY was talking to an Englishman, who only arrived in Austin a short time ago. The recently arrived stranger had a pug nose, and was disposed to be rather dogmatic in his manner. They got into a dipper about luncheon time, when the Englishman said: "Do you know what took the first prize at the London Bunch show?" "No, I never knew anything."

"Well, it was myself, ye know, that took the first prize at the dog show." "I don't doubt it. I might have guessed as much to look at you." After pondering over the matter, the English immigrant concluded to call the attention of the British Consul at Galveston to the matter.

COMPLAINT was brought to Colonel Fitzletor that his boy Johnny had attacked and beaten on Austin avenue, a boy much smaller than himself. The colonel took Johnny aside and had a private conversation with him, in which joint discussion a strap played an important part. "I'll teach you to strike a smaller boy than yourself."

"That's so," sobbed Johnny, "that's just what you are doing." "What do you mean, you young scamp?" shouted the enraged parent. "I mean, pa, you taught me to whip little boys. You are bigger than I am, and you have been whipping me ever since I can remember, so I thought it was all right for me to whip boys littler than I am."

ENTERPRISE NEW YORKER.—"We will have to stop now, dear, and watch our chance to get across the street." His wife—"But the place we are going is on this side of the street." "I know, dear, but I think we better take the other side until we get there."

"But what?" "My tenement house are on this side, and it would be safer on the other side if they should happen to fall, you know." "Oh, of course. What a dear thoughtful husband you are."

DEAR CUSTOMER—"What did you mean by selling me such worthless stuff as 'Grass Compound'?" It's a humbug. Druggist—"Why, it's the greatest cleanser ever made—guaranteed to remove paint, grease, tar or any other stain without injury to the finest fabrics." "I.C.—Just look at this spot on my shirt bosom. I used the whole bottle on it without the slightest effect."

D—"That's very strange. What caused the stain?" I.C.—"A drop of Selsynk water." L.G.—"A," said a Dallas youth, as he came skipping into a house, "it's wicked to take anything, ain't it?" "Yes, my son, it is wicked to take anything, but don't be so boisterous."

"Whoop! Well, I've been awfully wicked, and don't ask me to take a kickin', cause it's wicked. I'm after a piece of pie. And before his parent could get hold of a slipper he had slipped out behind the pantry door to wit and was seeking the dog on a scissor-grind down the street." MEXES—"Wasn't it Shakespeare who said 'All the world's a stage'?"

"Yes, yes, Shakespeare was quite a prophet. He saw how things was going." "I don't catch your idea. Where was the prophecy in that?" "Can't you see? Business is conducted by stock companies. Society is generally run by a leading lady with a company of sticks."

"John, what is that peculiar smell?" asked a man's wife as he was trying to stoke a bed without waking her, about 2 o'clock A.M. "That's the increase you use in the lodge room, my dear; it exhales—it exhales—'Yes, I know, but interrupted; 'I recognize the odor XX also."

Gums from Algae.—A new method of utilizing marine plants has been devised in France. The plants are treated with various forms of Atlantic acid, and the product obtained is a gum said to be variously useful in the arts, particularly in the manufacture of leather substitute. The plants are first washed with warm or cold water, or both, then subjected to the action of the acid, which is precipitated. Before the extraction of the gum the plants are dried, ground and according to the requirements. For the extraction of the gum hot steam is preferred to cold, and steam to hot water. The extraction takes place in a conical vessel, the plants being placed on a false bottom, through which steam or hot water is made to pass through the masses. The quantity of water or steam varies with the quality of the plants—15 to 20 times the weight of the plants will be the best proportion. To facilitate the action of the water for the extraction of the plants are subjected to maceration. In order to obtain pure and transparent algae gum, the material is mixed with the addition of 40 per cent of boracic acid. It is to be scattered in moist or damp places. The simple antiseptic contains boracic acid in the industrial earth only 3 per cent of boracic acid. It is less active, and it is used principally for protecting moist places from mold, for insulating material, and for excluding the heat of the earth and of the air from ice-collars and ice-chests. It makes a good covering for water-pipes and heating appliances. In places where mold and dry-rot are feared the antiseptic is packed in.

It is stated that there are upward of 3,000 steam plowing machines now employed in England and Scotland.

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"Unanimous, my son, unanimous—said they of all the men was the same thing, that's unanimous." "Politicians is unanimous, ain't they, pa?" "No, my son, not by a jugful."

"Well, I don't see why," caused they all waits a coffee, anyhow." A CITY BELLE at Newport was a wagger that she could milk a cow the first time trying. Her partner, the eye was too slender to disport a lady. If a man had tried it, he'd have got a belt in the jaw from her hard old tail that would have loosened four teeth for him.

EQUAL TO PEPPERS.—Philadelphia manufactured \$10,000,000 worth of umbrellas last year. You wouldn't have thought that amount of property was stolen outside of Congress in a year, would you?

YOUNG DOCTORS.—Out West a man is considered nobody unless he has "killed his man." There is where young physicians have the advantage over the average man in migrating West.