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## A WORD OF CHEER.

ere are weary feet That we often meet In the paths we often meet Whose steps would lighten, Would be but brighten Their way with a word of cheer.

There are loads of care That full many bear As they wend their toilsome way; But forms would strengthen And lives would lengthen If a kindly word we'd say.

There are woos untold Which the heart may hold Aud bear with a secret grief: But ob, how often Might trials often. By symouthy's sweet relief!

If a sunny sinke Would but beam the while That the frowns of life must chill, How much of sadness, Might yield to gladness, As the soul to love would thrill.

Do not count it lost, 'Tis of little cost, Which some heart may yearn to hear, That precious toke Of kindness spoken, That comes with a word of cheer.

AUNT BETSY'S LEGACY,

"Well Fanny," said Tom, laying down a letter and looking at me across the table, "this is a rum start!" "How?" 1 asked, ignoring Tom's

way of expressing himself, which is always more forcible than elegant, "What's the matter now, dearly" "Why, here's a letter from your

aunt, Miss Betsy Clayton, inviting herself to pay us a visit!" "Nonsense, Tom!"

"Solemn fact, I assure you, But here-read the evistle yourself, and then perhaps you will be, convinced," he added, for my face expressed not only surprise but incredulity. "You know the writing of course?"

"Yes," I replied with a nervous litattempt to decipher Chaldean. Be-sides if I remember aright, the substance of Msis Betsy's letters used to be just as crabbed as the penmanship. Read it for me, Tom."

supposed to be able to decipher the most unintelligible scrawls. \*\*The letter is short and very much

Clayton, I suppose you are my nephew, if there is anything in marriage)-1 purpose leaving my home, the Crags, on the twenty fourth of this month, and visiting my nieces, Martha Scott, Ellen Warburton, and Frances Carroll

but he forgot that it was I who would aunt's savings be here, I'd hke to tinual cross-questioning. She wanted have to stay at home all day and bear the brunt of the old lady's bad temper. know?" "Not much," I said, with a smile "I believe I'm getting bad tempered myself," I said, suddenly rousing my-self from my reverie. "It's very kind of my husband not to object to my rel-atives coming to pay me a visit; and if

of my husband not to object to my relatives coming to pay me a visit; and, if quished my formidable old relative. Five of the seven days of her visit were she does leave us a few hundreds, why, so much the better-though, thank did not want her or her money, and roodness we don't word then, thank goodness, we don't need them, and I now I was prepared to be as civil and certainly sha'n't go out of my way to friendly as even Tom could wish. nciliate her for the sake of her money! Martha and Ellen may do that, they were always greater favorites. I was the third disappointment, and I be-lieve she never forgave me for not be-ing a how." make herself at home, and then sailed

ing a boy." When Tom came home that evening When Tom came home that evening away majestically, conscious that I On the afternoon of the fifth day, just Aunt Batev and way majestically in my peacock-blue as I was preparing to go out for a walk, Aunt Betsy, and was very much ab- satin, and had made my aunt decidedly an old man in a suit of rusty sorbed in some subject that kept him "small" in her coarse gray stuff gown, When she joined me at dinner she to see Miss Clayton. Jane showed him silent all through dinner. Though we had been married only four months, I had replaced her black "drawn" satin understood my husband's ways and the expression of his face thoroughly. Whenever he had that far-away look in his aver 1 know he way this bine way to know he way the second of the during tools and the second of the during tools are averaged by a muslim cap with an infinity of narrow borders, while a white mus-lin handkerchief was punned over her have the minut term and the second of the during tools are averaged by a muslim cap with an infinity about the silver—and on hearing his name my aunt hastened to see hum. In bis eyes, I knew he was thinking, and I always took care not to disturb him, by an enormous Scotch pebble and of the stairs and called me. When he held the door open for me af- silver brooch. The spectacles too were ter dinner I noticed that he looked pale | laid aside as were the camlet shawl and

and tired, and I pressed hum to come bearskin cap, and I saw that Aunt soon and have some tea. He nodded Betsy was not only keen-eyed, but thin that something unusual had happened. "This is Macer, my man of business a strange uneasy feeling that something had happened. But when he joined me "Your husband must be a man of means, niece Frances," she observed, half an hour later he was as bright and glancing round the dining-room and cheery as usual. We sang a few duets scanning everything on the table. together, tried a new song, talked about "Tom has his profession," I replied a party to which we were invited, and proudly, "and we have the interest of

I soon forgot my uneasiness and Miss my fortune." Betsy too. "Three thousand in the Funds; eh, The next three weeks passed quickly enough, for we were out a good deal, and had friends frequently dropping in at three per cent?" "No, my guardtan sold out of the Funds long ago, and invested my

still I could not help noticing now and money in a mine. It pays ten and again that Tom's spirits were rather ometimes twelve per cent., Aunt variable; he always looked pale and Betsy. tired when he came home, and I at-tributed it to troublesome cases "cases." "Oh! No wonder you live well, nlece Frances. Twelve percent.-eh? That's something, to be sure! No wonder you He did not contradict me, nor did he

assert that he was specially busy. Once are independent of your old aunti tle shiver; "and I would just as soon or twice I asked him if he did not teel husband a lawyer too, who knows all well; but he alway replied that he was about it!" perfectly well, and then he would sud-"Yes, Tom was quite satisfied with

denly rouse himself and he his old self again. So the time passed till the date consented, you know. How did you Tom, my husband, is a lawyer and rival. Tom reminded me of it in the glad to see you? Ellen was always your nentioned by Aunt Betsy for her arfind my sisters, Aunt Betsy? Were they morning at breakfast, and I fancied he favorite, I think." was more grave and serious than usual.

"I found them pleased to see me, I "Be patient with the old lady, Fan. left them still more pleased to get rid to the point," he said, taking it up again. Then he readnot likely to put themselves much out Miss Betsy replied grimly. "They're "Nephew Thomas Carron Jance not likely to pat themselves much out Miss Betsy replied granty. They to of the way for the sake of a few hundred; they have plenty of their own." avaricious, niece Frances, and you're proud. I don't know which is the greater fault. Pride goes before dehastily. "I had just the same fortune struction, and a haughty spirit before a as my sisters!"

astily. "I had just the same forcule s my sisters!" "Yes, little woman; but they both "Yes, little woman; but they both married comfortable well-to-do farmers want for anything, would you? Oh, in turn. I intend staying one week with each; and during that time I pur-gling lawyer with only his profession to you are, niece?" to know your friends," depend upon. Anyhow, fortune or no I laughed heartily at her pointed and fortune, make your aunt welcome, dear brusque question. in all probability she will never trouble "I do not consider myself quite a fool aunte," I replied; "but, even if I am, "I should think I know how to treat I thush Tom has enough sense for us my own relatives without being lec- both," tured!" I said to myself, wilfally exag-erating Tom's words. "If Annt Betsy does not like my behavior, she can go back to Craglands as soon as shellkes." If Tom had grumbled a little-said over the house from garret to basethe old lady's visit was a bore or a nui- ment. "No, no, you need not trouble to sance, a thing to be endured with the best grace possible-I might have taken | come with me," she said, waving me the opposite view of it, for I believe I aside. "The place is none so big but I am naturally of a somewhat contrary can find my way. I mean to see for disposition but to be told to be elvil or polite to anybody always gives me a Frances. Just you sit down with your strange inclination to be unusually rude iddling make-believe needle-work while and disagreeable. I look round-I won't be long-I can However, with Aunt Betsy I resolv- soon tell if you are a good housekeeper ed to be on my dignity from the very or have taken after your poor mother. and now to think of the to Norfolk, first to Devonshire, then to Norfolk, and then to come to us in London! I wonder if the old lady will ever reach room I glanced at myself in the mirror "Let her go!" I said to myself with a and then round the room, and smiled smile, "She can't find much to find complacently. Our home was no roomy fault with up-stairs, any way, and I

The Broken Pronetse. to know everything; and, though Tom Cliffe Stanhope was a widower, twen ty five years old, and handsome as the hero of a dream.

When the pretty, doll-like creature of their love home to the old hou der the hill, and Mrs. Stanhope had anever got Aunt Betsy's legacy, we should other "Cliffey" to love and care for. not, began to wish the other two days How chance does bring about events! were over, for the old lady was becom-Scarcely had Cliffe Stanhope greeted ing really unbearable. She seemed his mother, kissed his boy, and asked deeply interested in the mine in after his father and old Dobbin, when which

a horse came dashing into the clover-decked yard like the wind, and stood my small portion was invested, and my husband appeared, I thought, strangely unwilling to give her any information. quivering in the corner by the porch when young Stanhope went out. Lying at his feet, trampled and covered with dirt, lay a mass of something. It was almost indistinguishable, but

the young man's quick eyes took in a glimpse of silken robes, stained and into the dining-room-not, as she aftertorn, a dainty foot, and a mass of yelabout the silver-and on hearing his low hair tossed over a white still face In a moment he held the limp form in his arms, and the horse, again excited to fury, reared and plunged, and attempted to run away with his added

"Niece Frances, come here!" she cried, in a high shrill voice; and, as I But a quick movement freed the skirts of the lady from the stirrup, and away the horse dashed, leaving the still form to be taken into the house, and cared for by its inmates, while the young and legal adviser, and he's just told me that I've lost all my money. He tells me I have been swindled out of every widower went over the hills after a docpenny I possess, and a good deal more The young lady was the daughter of

besides-that Craglands must be sold to a reputed millionaire, who boarded at a meet my liabilities, that I'm a housefashionable hotel in the adjoining town less, homeless old beggar without a place to lay my head. Is that what place by their fashionable, stylish dress manners

"Precisely, ma'am, that's what I've The young lady, Isadora Clements, was one of those exquisitely beautiful "Dear Aunt Betsy, I am sorry!" creatures whom most people see about said earnestly; and I really felt truly

and heartily grieved for her. "No hope of a legacy now, niece beautiful Frances; so I suppose I may pack my No wonder Cliffe Stanhope fell in

carpet-bag and take myself off as soon love with the young girl whose life he as I please!" "No, indeed, aunt; you must not had saved. And she wondered that he did not tell her of his love and ask her think of leaving us till your affairs are to be his wife, arranged; things may not be as bad as

you suppose; In any case you must ask princely fortune at her death, and she vow. Tom's advice; he may be able to help had only asked of him a promise never to take another wife. "I don't know what to do," the old

lady cried, wringing her hands. "If I lose Craglands, I shall be without a "Not while I have one. Aunt Betsy."

I said laying my hand upon her shoulders, "Come, cheer up! While we have a roof to shelter us you shall share home another wife. it; and I know Tom will say so too."

you've told me, Macer?"

told you.

youl

The child-wife died peacefully, and "Thanks, my dear; if you really mean her memory had been in the heart of her husband until now, this beautiful stranger had come. But Cliffe meant of the love which he could not control.

Tom returned early that evening; and he said to himself

The child turned its great shadowy eyes upon her, and cried out "Papal" But she instantly slapped it violently Thirty-eight years ago the first postwas hushed.

who had been for one happy year his wife died, he had brought the tiny child sible dispatch, and I thought to sur- old John Hamman was optional. Good sible dispatch, and I thought to sur- old John Haywood, who in 1680 became prise you, but I find myself surprised. the "worthy master of the posts," at What have you done to my child?" It Boston, and the first postmaster in ise unwas Cliffe Stanhope returning, who America, employed chance conveyance stood looking in the doorway, and who had heard the cruel words of his wife, of " some traveler at his postal service; "The child is sick," returned the and nothing was thought of stamping woman. until 1841, though such men as Frank-

which betokened the white heat of his anger, to the heights of passion. Department, and though the number of offices had come to be nearly 1,400. The nurse came into the room say- On the 25th of March, 1840, Jo

tened the life out of it. And the laud- President that Amos Kendall was not anum she gave it was awful!" such a great man as had been imagined. Isadora stood with defiant air.

hushand "I will not, It is my house," she replied. "I married you to obtain your and Mr. Niles soon afterward retired. wealth. And I would have murdered His successor, Charles A. Wickhife, you after the will was made." "Leave my house, monster!"

"Not until you have given me five assumed the portfolio on the 5th of March, 1845, he found it an herculean housand dollars,"

law."

go."

once in a lifetime, and everybody won-ders how flesh and blood can be so she went away. He never saw her more,

The child hovered long upon the his conversion with fathering the sugborders of the grave, but eventually gestion originated six years before. Cliffe's first wife had left him a with the punishment of the broken ions, the act authorizing the issue of

"I could not sleep in my grave if another woman were to come into your heart and home, taking my place," she said, only a few hours before she died. another woman or take to his heart or

1.800 miles,

Fliritations in Scaling Wax.

The Elephant.

The elephant is the largest of the

upon both sunken cheeks, and the voice age stamps were used in the United States. For 175 years postage had been "My love for you, Isadora, caused collected entirely, in money, and in all

First Postage Stamps.

"I heard your threats. all," he cried, lin, Bache, Pickering and Kendall had his voice rising from a calm, clear tone, been at the head of the Post-office "I was not to blame, Mr. Stanbope. General, and signalized his administra-Niles, of Hartford, became Postmaster Your wife would have the baby in tion by many reforms. He turned the there, and I would weep and cry when wrong side out of his predecessor's she slapped the pretty cheeks and frigh- work, and convinced his party and the

It was necessary to cap all by a genuine "Leave my house, madatul" cried the innovation and he performed this by suggesting the postage stamp. The suggestion was received with ridicule put the department into the ancient he ruts again, and when Cave Johnson

task to reinstate the reform measures "I will send for the police. The con- of Mr. Niles. During Wickliffe's addition of the child, the testimony of the ministration the number of post-offices nurse, your own confession here, before had increased by only 695, but Johnson

"Give me a thousand dollars and I'll tokens of

Cliffe Stanhope counted from his wal- was the postage stamp idea. The let the sum of one thousand dollars and President had converted his Postmaster

recovered to bless the life of its father, The matter took form as a bill before whose one mistake came so near being Congress, and though it was quite the fatal. Was the child-wife satisfied fashion to oppose any Cabinet suggest-

Cost of Paris Improvements.

Recent accounts of the financial state delay in the contractor's work, and the of the city of Paris reveal a munificence time ran over a month. of expenditure which can hardly fail to On the 5th day of Angust, soon after And Cliffe Stanhope called God to witness that he would never, never love Since 1852 the sum of £74,600,000 has office for the day, an old gentleman been laid out in the rebuilding and embellishment of the French capital. The gentleman was the Hon, Henry In the outlay are included the sums of Shaw, a New Yorker. Sheets of the £33,360,000 spent on streets, £11,360,- stamps were laid before the Postmaster 000 spent on the Hotel de Ville, together General, who, after receipting for them,

NEWS IN BRIEF

-London has an average of 2,000 births a week.

-The Knights of Labor are rapidly increasing in the South.

-Mark Twain sells no article from his pen for less than \$1,000. -Vermont makes more cheese than

any other State in the Union. -French cheese-makers aim to get a

profit of \$200 per cow per year. -About four thousand comets have

been seen since the record began. -West Virginia prays for a legislaive session only once in four years. hn M

-Progressive euchre has reached California and they have it very bad. -Sara Bernhart is in debt \$150,000. and comes to America to make it up.

-The tomb of Juliet, at Verona, is kept decorated with flowers by visitors. -Now Indiana comes forward with

a man who claims to be 400 years old. -Herds of antelopes obstruct the running of trains on Dakota railways.

-The city of Cottage City, Martha's Vineyard, is laid out like a capital U.

-Fire-alarm boxes have been placed in the public schools of New York city. -Baron Rothschild's private picture gallery in Paris is valued at \$10,000,000.

-The English sparrow has found his way into every city and town in the South.

and created quite an excitement in the witnesses, make a splended case for the saw in his term of office 4.237 offices and to three thousand eggs in ninety--A queen bee lays from two thousadded to the rolls, and witnessed other four hours.

prosperity. Among the -The great house built by Story of measures of Mr. Niles that he adopted the Chicago Times has been bought for a convent.

-The circus manager, Cole, has made, it is said, \$4,000,000, and is only 33 years old. paying rates, and Johnson garmahed

-A novelty in silver is the discovery of a process of electro-plating with silver upon wood.

-Cigarette smokers are hereafter to be expelled from the public schools of Newark, N. J.

stamps of 5 and 10 cent den -In one of his novels Walter Scott was passed, and approved March 3, 1847. The date of the issue was apes the expressions "true facts" and "a dead corpse." pointed as July 1st, but there was a

the stamps | euphoniously dubbed

-Two lady jockies lately drove horses in a trotting race in New Bedford, Mass., for \$500 a side.

-In Japan, where cremation is regularly practised, the most expensive form costs only seven dollars.

-The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank in New York has reduced the rate of interest to 44 per cent.

-The New York subscription to the with schools, churches, hospitals, muni- handed them to has visitor to inspect. Grant monument is only \$80,000. The

to be true to his promise, and in spite cipal buildings and markets; £8,000,006 Mr. Shaw returned them after a hasty amount to be raised is \$1,000,000. on the four public parks of the Bois de glance; and then drawing out his wal--Female mining stock dealers and Boulogne, the Bois de Vincennes, the let, he counted out lifteen cents with speculators in San Francisco are

to discover their true characters and dispositions, with a view to bequeathing to one of them the small sum of you again.' money I have been able to save from my inhospitable little estate of Craglands. My will is made, only the names, for which I have left blanks. remaining to be filled in on the conclusion of my visits, Please inform your wife of my intention, and that on her conduct depends the prospect of inheritang the savings of her aunt.

""BETSY CLAYTON. "P. - I have sent copies of this letter to my nieces Martha and Ellen!"

"Well, it certainly is an extraordi anary letter, Toun! As far as I know Aunt Betsy has not left her crags and mountains for twenty years-not even when my father, her only brother, died and now to think of her starting off wonder if the old lady will ever reach the end of her pilgrimage? It used to be her proud boast that she had never be ner prout to a stamboat or railway train set foot in a stamboat or railway train of darkened the door of any house but ugly edifice, like the homes of Martha or darkened the door of any house but her own for twenty years. Whatever shall we do with her, Tom?"

"Why, my dear, bid her welcome, of -establish her in the best bedroom, find out what she likes for dinner, and otherwise endeavor to deserve the legacyl"

Aunt Betsy is, Mamma was dreadfully afraid of her, she used to scold her so a' d find fault with the housethrough all the closets and drawers, larder, and then Jane will give notice, curtains gorgeous with sunflowers hid-I know she will-she can't bear being ing the fire-place. Altogether I flatterinterfered with. Besides, aunt Betsy always dines at half-past twelve-think of that, Tom!"

"Why, that's nothing, lassie! Have dinner, and dinner supper-what's in a name? If it pleases the poor old lady we must try to manage it," said Tom Jane.

Betsy !" I retorted, with a childish inclination to cry; "she always scolds and finds fault, nothing pleases her, and she so rude, Tom. We sha'n't be able with a comprehensive glance round and to ask a soul to the house while she's a wave of her mittened hands, "you're

"Come, come, Fanny; it's not like you to make a mountain out of a moletake it she's a solitary unhappy old lady who has been seized with a sudden longing to see some of her relatives speak to me in that way in my own Not having a verry high opinion of hu- house. man nature, she thinks it necessary to hint that she has it in her power to re-bay any kindness that may be shown tacles-"oh, I suppose I'm not fine pay any kindness that may be shown Never mind the legacy, Fan; just make the old girl comfortable if you can, even though it does entail a little self denial; remember, you have pleasures of which she knows nothing. look up, little woman! Why it's three weeks yet before she will reach us."

And then Tom bustled off to the city just as cheerfully as if no cross, grunbling fault-finding, exasperating old maiden aunt existed. Of course he did not know that Aunt Betsy had worried poor mamma almost out of her life, and never ceased railing and reviling because she had no boys, but only girls-how she regularly wrote twice a year abusing papa because he was the last Clayton of Deene and threatening vengeance on the three useless little minxes who would doubtless some day marry and hand over Deene to stran-Nor did Tom know how furious IONE. she was when our old house and estate were sold after mamma's death, and were soid after manimus death, and its welcome niece, Frances, to give a She wowed then never to look upon one now here she was cooly inviting herself are others with more civil tongues in to pay us a visit. Still, if Tom had known all this and of every other ec-centricity of Aunt Beisy's he would have

and Elten, but a pretty semi-detached So I laid down my embroidery and villa near the Crystal Palace. Aunt went to the piano for half an hour's Betsy would not surprise me in a flag-ged kitchen carving bolled beef for a In about twenty minutes she returndozen ravenous ploughmen as we had ed and seated herself in a corner with caught Martha, or washing butter in an expression I could remember ever the dairy, as Ellen might be found any since I was a child. I knew there was "I don't want it, and I don't want "I don't want it, and I don't want her," I said a little impatiently. "You have no idea what a horrid old lady My drawing-room was small, certainly My drawing-room was small, certainly "I don't was a child. I knew there was a storm coming, and I resolved to meet it with good humor, and hughingly re-minded my Aunt Betsy that it was my but it had a lovely Wilton carpet, a house, and if she did not like it she was high-art paper and curtains, and the of course at liberty to leave it. But 1 her so a' d find fault with the house-keeping and cooking and everything. dery, peacocks' feathers, Japanese fans, tions she heaped up against me. I was I'm certain she will go rummaging carved brackets, and old China. There idle, lazy, careless, untidy, extravagant were cracked plates on the over-mantel There was sinful, wanton waste in through all the closets and drawers, poking her nose into the kitchen and poking her nose into the kitchen and cortains gorgeous with sunflowers hid-"You will ruin your husband!" she

eried raising ber hands. "Six chamber towels in your own bed-room, and four ed myself that Aunt Betsy had never in her life seen a house as pretty as best sperm candles! Think of the washmine; and, when I remembered the rude ing, think of the candles eads! As for raw-boned ill-dressed servants who althe kitchen, the waste of fat, the waste preakfast a little earlier, call luncheon ways accompanied her, I thought with of coals, a pound of soap on the sink! pride and pleasure of my short-temper-Niece Frances, I'm shocked! I wonder ed. extravagant, but irreproachable you can sleep in your bed at night with such things going on around you!" "I am afraid I coudn't sleep, Aunt Just at twelve o'clock there came a

loud knock at the hall door, followed Betsy, if things were any different," I by an impatient ring, and a moment "People live replied a little flippantly. ifferently in London, you know, from later Aunt Betsy entered the room. other places, and you will soon get used to our ways."

"Never!" Miss Betsy exclaimed en pleased to see me, I suppose?" ergetically. "Never can I get used to such waste or extravagance while I remember that there thousands of poor o make a mountain out of a most if a step. vancing a step. vancing a step. so sardonic almost in the starving creatures who might live in so aggressive, so sardonic almost in the old lady's tone and manner that I was comfort on what is wilfully wasted. starving creatures who might live m The superfluities of the rich should be made to relieve the necessities of the poor, niece; and never shall a penny of my small savings go to a woman who

"Oh"-and she gave me another wants four candles to look at the reflection of her face in the glass and six enough for you-eh? You would not towels to wipe it onl" "I told you, aunt, that I didn't wan't risk spoiling your satin gown by embracing me, though it might be the your savings, and I don't," I said gentpleas-Come You're very proud, niece Fanny!" 'Our savings, and rules allowances for different habits and customs; or, if "Do try to make allowances for "I'm not proud, Aunt Betsy," I reyou can't do that, take no notice at all.

torted defiantly, "but I dont want your It really need not matter to you." money, and I'm not going to cringe to "But I must leave my money to some one " she said, with a puzzled, helpless you for it. I know you don't like me -you never did—and I can't think sty you want to come and see me. set my affairs in order; but how to dewhy you want to come and see me. However, since you are here, if you choose to be friendly to me, I'll be the cide I don't know. You're all alike. To think I should live to say it of brother Peter's children! Greedy and same to you; but I would not have you hector me as you did poor mamma, if you were as rich as a Rothschild and azy, one's bad, the other's worse; but I dou't know which is worst-I don't meant to leave me every farthing you indced!" "Leave your money to charity, Aunt possessed. There-I've eased my mind! You know what I think. Now come Betsy," I suggested. op stairs and let me show you your room. Dinner will be ready in half au "Charity begins at home," she cried

"Hoity toity!" Miss Betsy muttered n senseless extravagance, depend on as she followed me up stairs, "A pretthat! I came to stay a week, and I'll good intentions. It's a good thing there

before we went down to dinner I told "I will go once more to look upon him of my aunt's misfortunes, and my my dear old home, and the face of my assurance that we would never let her want for a home.

boy, and then I will go away, where I shall not meet the beautiful face which "That was like you, dear-your real is ever tempting me to break my vow self, I mean," he replied; "and I quite to the dead."

agree with you that the poor old girl must not want while we have anything it the summer air, he went down to the And when there was enchantment in But, Fanny darling, misfortune it farm to say good-bye. From the garseems to me never come singly; I have den, where the roses were in bloom. been very anxious lately about that came thrilling sounds of baby give and mine in which Evans invested your girlish laughter. Softly he stole around money, To-day the worst I feared has the house to obtain a glimpse of the child before it should see him. He come to pass; the concern has gone smash, and I fear every fraction of your wished also to look upon the face of the three thousand pounds is gone!" girl who had awakened such a wild passionate love in his heart, which was

"Tom, you're joking; it can't be truel trying so hard to be faithful to the "I'm sadly afraid it is, dear!"

"But what shall we do?"

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time.

A beautiful picture met his eyes as she stood looking through the clump of "The best we can, darling. I must work harder and you must be more yellow rose bushes. Upon the velvety economical that's all. It's unfortunate green carpet of soft-grass the bahy-boy in one way that Aunt Betsy should be now able to walk, was toddling around thrown on our hands just now; but perthe great, red rose bushes, which were haps it may be beneficial in another, if scarcely higher than his own curly you will only consent to take a few leshead. sons in management and economy from

Isadora was hiding first behind one side of the rose bush, and then the other, and the delighted child would Just at first I rebelled; but after a little while I saw the force of Tom's walk gleefully to the side where she argument, and tried to be more econwas hidden, and the moment his eyes ical. Finally, I even condescended fell upon her he would shout with childto ask Aunt Betsy's advice and assisish glee and rush into her arms, clingtance, and the result was wonderful. I ing to her neck and covering her lips saved quite a fourth of my housekeepwith kisses. ing money, and we lived quite as well as ever. A fellow-feeling in misfor-She in turn would strain him to her

heart, return his kisses, then release tune drew us closer together, and I him only to enact the scene again. began to see that my old aunt possessed By and by Mr. Stanhope drew gently many excellent qualities I had never nearer and heard Isadora say, as she given her credit for. Tom declared the

kissed the boy: loss of her money had done her good, and we certainly were no poorer for beand I love to speak your name, because it is his name. Ah, little darling! you friending her in her trouble. Still, at the end of three months Tom looked do not know that I love you so dearly careworn and worried; no matter how because you are his boy. I love you, hard he worked, he was not able to Cliffey, and I love your papa too," and quite make up the deficiency in our mlooking up she met the passionate eyes come. He never complained or spoke

come. He never complained or spoke to me about money-matters, but I could see that he was very anxious. I think have for one morning With a shrick she would have field, but he detained her, and almost before Miss Betsy saw it too, for one morning he was aware of it she was held closely she surprised us at breakfast with the to his breast and her head pillowed intelligence that she was going away. there, while he was telling her how dear she was to him, and asking her to Teacher for a week, and I have stayed three months, niece Frances. I thank you for your kindness during all that time, and you too, nephew. I am not so completely ruined as Macer said, and with it the promise to the dead. and with it the promise to the dead. and am able to spare you a trifle to re-Nor did he ever know that the garcompense you for the trouble and ex-pense to which you have been put, especially at a time when you could ill den scene had been rehearsed every day tor a week for his especial benefit.

afford it; but I hope, niece Frances, that you will think the lessons in thrift had seen him when he came down the and economy I've taught you the best farm road, and knew that he was watchland animals that now live on our earth legacy you could receive from your ing her when she uttered those passion-Aunt Betsy;" and, laying a large en-He is very strong and very sensible, The Induan elephant does some very

velope by Tom's plate, she kissed us | But they were married in a fortnight wise things. He is taught to carry peoboth, and, in spite of all our entreaties, after the declaration in the garden, and Isadora became mistress of the stately draws the heavy guns and carries the bustled away with her carpet-bag, city home which had been the property promising to come and see us another wounded. He will put his large head of his first wife.

One month after their marriage he "What can be in the letter, Tom? It's addressed to us both, with Aunt was obliged to leave home on business of the utmost importance. The credit Betsy's love. Do open it, dear!" Betsy's love. Do open it, dearr "My darling, look here—bonds for five thousand pounds!" Tom cried in amazement. "Do you think your aunt was necessary for one of the firm to go the dirm data think and think and think the set of the firm to go when they are left in charge of them has taken leave of her senses? Can she to a distant city.

"I think so; she seemed same enough, Tom. But where did she get it? Oh. here's a note—"An installment of Aunt Batter's lorger." The house than his wife ordered the With real sorrow he tore himself Betsy's legacy (not to be invested in a mine); in grateful remembrance of 'favors received.''' And after that day she attended to it and after that day she attended to it 'favors received.'''

"My dear, she must have been try ing us all the time, just to see how we former self, and the happy little face should act. It was part of her plan, no was thin and the great, sorrowful eyes doubt; and I remember now she never looked frightened and sad. What had said she had lost her fortune-she only

said that old Macer told her so." she done? She had given it laudanum to still its She deceived me most completely, tartly, "I'll leave my money how and where I like, but not to be squandered Tom declared. "Fancy the old lady being so artfall However, Fanny, being so artfall However, Fanny, though the money is as welcome as the and could only look its terror from the flowers in May, it's not half so valu

ceaux, the Park de Mont- which he purchased two o souris, and the squares and gardens; and £5,280,000 on water conduits and cent stamp he kept as a curiosity, and goes around with the formidable name sewers. The annual rental derived by the ten cent stamp he presented to of Rev. Mangasar M. Mangasarian. the city from the last stem of expendi- Governor Briggs as an appropriate gift.

ture amounts to £400,000, or 6% per cent. on the outlay. The reuts of the central halls, markets, abbattons, and

Egyptian Flies. Theflies are still one of the plagues cab-stands come to £880,000 per annum; and the city has to raise £840,000 by of Egypt, as in the days of Moses, annual imposts in order to make up the writes a hapless Cairo correspondent

his fine dress and equipments.

Flood Rock is still Sinking.

New Source of Wealth.

ing a baseball game, was struck on the back by a ball and died of the injury.

-Brown, the Boston lawyer who opposed Ben. Butler in the Tewksbury Investigation, has embezzled \$20,000.

-A young lady in New York, pass-

charge of £1,720,000 per annum, for Like the feminine callers in New Eng--In Bibbcounty, Georgia, the people nterest and amelioration of the out- land villages they bring their work and standing loan debt of £10,350,000, stay all the afternoon. Their adhesive of the neighborhood are called to church by the silvery notes of a hunting bugle. During the period in question the population of Paris has risen from 945,060 to 2,300,000. The area covered -A Georgia negro was promised the beef in a steer if he would butt the animal to death. He did it at one jump.

has increased from 8,400 acres to 19,270 never, never forsake you. I have had one of these pertinacious -The highest percentage ever reach-

has increased from 8,400 acres to 19,270acres; 100 miles of severs and 87 miles of new streets have been built, and 30 miles of old streets, having a width of less than 23 feet, have been removed, The disposable property of the city is valued at 264,640,006. This does not include 3,702 acres of streets, valued at 2120,000,000, or the half share of the crowds through which I pessed, the camels which brushed against me, not

property of the Paris Gas Company, which, together with the gas conduits which will become the property of the ways the odors of the market place, not any and "Starved to Death," are on the new map of Custer county, Moncity in 1906, is valued at £6,120,000, any amount of futile blows with the tana.

The ratable value of Paris, containing 77,000 houses, was estimated by Sir Joseph Bazalgette list year at £24,000, 000, that of London, including the disproportionate number of 500,000 houses being CS 000 000, the light of the long of the light of the

touses, being £25,000,000. The length was tired out and left of his own accord. King stole \$45,060, and was acquitted of streets were respectively 582 and 1.800 miles. And yet it is a small, insignificant look by a jury. That is a big pile to win on hardly make one onlinary sized blue one king.

-A New York physician, who is ten bottle. Still, it is a recognized terror, unpleasant to she well and a terror to years older than he looks, accounts for his youth by the fact that he eats 3,000 those-especially infants - having the Flirtations in scaling wax are the latest ophthalmia. An instrument, called by lemons a year.

"I love you, httle Cliffe Stanhope, racket. Red is for business only; black the French a chassemouche or fly-cha- - A grazzly bear in the Selkirk Mounwax is for mourning and couldence; pink for congratulations, and white for wedding invitations Elue means love, and the color is used in various tints to

mark the different stages of affection. reed or horsehair, after the manner of rious failing health, and will spend the Variegated colors are used to indicate conflicting emotions. Two other things or whip. The demand for this imple-

are being tried by the stationers to ment is general, and in the effort to -During the twelve years occupied are being tried by the stationers to make wax work expensive and fash-ionable. They are beginning to use supply it some pretty and cheap speci-in the translation of the new version of the Oid Testament twelve of the twenthimbles to bear seals, and hope to make some designs a popular craze. Then gant ivory handles, and are at once du-

of which when burning will fill a room, and last for hours about the envelope. The envelope. The envelope are conspicuous, an official on parade days will carry one corresponding with the hour account to feel safe on that account

--Canadian canoes are establishing themselves on the Thames, and prom ise to share with the more capacious

Flood Rock is still sinking. The steam hunch the honors of popular daily rate is variable, but the sinking favoritism. aggregates in many places four or five --More than a hundred tons of human feet. The Government diver, Mr. W. hair are annually bought and sold in ple on his back, and in time of war he L. Quinn, was under water several Europe. Four ounces is an average hours recently and examined three sides clipping from a human head; so that a

of the reef. On the north and south hundred tons represent the product of against a cannon and push it through a sides the rock is so shattered that it from 800,000 to 1,000,000 heads. can be dredged with comparative ease. -France produces 377,720,428 kilo-On the east and west sides the frag-ments are larger, and some surface blasting will have to be done. The whole reef, so far as it has been exam- employed in rag-picking and allied in-

ined, is full of fissures, which follow dustries is said to be 284,861. trend of the rock's grain. The the trend of the rock's grain. The north side of the nigger heads will Cal, during the celebration of the renorth side of the nigger nears what probably be examined and as soon as possible dredging will begin. This work will doubtless be done by contract. Mr. Quinn says the explosion was a

-The new sculpture room in the British Mussum, soon to be opened, will contain the remains of the Mausoleum

Mr. Parnell's estate in Wicklow, Ireland, already rich in valuable stone, almost exclusively used now in Dublin

building, has developed a new source of \_\_\_\_\_\_ -The monster petition of the Salvadon were watched between the hours of wealth in mushrooms in great profusion tion Army regarding the protection of blood, and when it awoke she had met its cries with blows upon its tender flesh until it was afraid to ntter a sound. Unit and them the purpose of seeing how many persons the purpose of seeing how many persons the purpose of seeing how many persons the purpose of seeing the matter about source of the bulk in masser to the Dublin market weighed the bulk in masser of the bulk in market weighed the purpose of seeing the protection of the purpose of seeing how many persons the purpose of seeing the market weighed bulk in the bulk in market weighed the purpose of seeing the purpose of seeing the protection of the purpose of seeing how many persons the purpose of seeing the purpose of seeing the protection of the purpose of seeing how many persons the purpose of seeing the purpose of see entered them, The count showed that four pounds and measured more than a and one foot long, and bore upward of 393,000 signatures.

LIGHTNING WRENCHED & COTHET FORM the hand of an amateur performer the other day at Lancaster, Pa. Yet there are people who don't like lightning. MARY (aged seven, but dignified)— "Johnny, I am surprised that you should say "too previous," Its naugh-'Us previous," Its naugh-'What should I say? Mary (loftily) -"Say "take time by the bangs."— farms is £80,000,000.

complete success. people can ride. Wild elephants are hunted for the sake of their tusks, which ....

are ivory and are very valuable. Public Rouses. Two hundred public houses in Lon-

wistful eyes. "I'll have you out of the way before

"I'll have you out of the way before your foolish father comes home, and the property will be all mine. For I can easily persuade Cuffe to make a will, giving it all to me, in those homey-moon days," she said, looking into the baby's face.

bog, when men and horses would be unable to move it at all. He can pile timber and draw a plough, and do many other useful things. Elephants will guard them from all harm and

with her own cruel hands till the rosy happy child was only a shadow of its

they were visited by 86,608 persons, foot within the cup.

