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or joy to the heart, and light to the eye; sing and tumbling and loving ca-

For crowing and crooning and smil-

And petting. And sudden sweet antic,-For crying for trouble and care that can never be paid

"What is the Baby made for?" Well, For making, as if by a fairy spell,

Our working time gay, and our playing For upsetting waking and sleening; For mixing up smiling with weeping; And yet with such total surrender Of our hearts to his whims and his

prayed for— Perhaps this may be what the Baby is made

"What is the Baby made for?" Dear, Sometimes I think as a lesson solely To us who are helpless as Baby here, And worthless and poor, that God loves t

Until His love doth awaken! Safely his arms doth enfold us; Like unto babes He doth hold us Sheltered, beloved and protected, Pleasantly led and directed, To show that our feeble endeavor is helped by Hils goodness forever,

## A TWELFTH-NIGHT ADVENTURE.

pestion her on the subject.

perplexing until one knew one's way | flight of time.

my of dresses and dress-materials had formed the tromsscau of the family

The legend was as follows; A niece

the gentlemen spent much of their time in skating. In the meantime Amy and I were very happy together, find-Eve for the benefit of the servants and villagers. We also accomplished wonders in the way of warm garments, belped by old nurse and Amy's maid for our exertions when the evening

caused by our presents. The hall was prettily decorated, and aware that this would be considered a tention was specially attracted to her, for, beyond the fact of her appearing Somewhat sickly, there was nothing noticeable about her. Afterwards I reture in sapphire velvet and diamonds. Several times I caught the girl's eyes when she had been gazing at her misof the diamonds, the like of which she

ad probably never seen before. We spent Christmas day very quietly We went to church in the morning, Amy at church, had called to inquire after her. He was a childless widower and consequently lonely, so it was not a difficult matter to persuade him to loin our party. That was our first introduction to each other, and, as was a childless was still, so it was clear I was not lowed.

Willie. I had only Charley to look to, ham called me to hold the candle, so I saw where he put it."

The "pop" of corks told that Jane's tayed in town as had been proposed! I listened for sounds from below below to a difficult matter to persuade him to loin our party. That was our first introduction to each other, and, as was lowed.

Christmas passed, and the New Year came. There was to be a fancy ball at the county-town on Twelfth-Night to matter? You look like a ghost!" which Willie and Charley were going, the one as Faust, the other as Mephis-

to give the men time for their long drive. After dinner, Amy and I settled ourselves in the library, which we preferred to the large drawing-room when we were alone. When Willie appeared in his dress as Faust, I went to see how Charley was getting on-for punctuality was not one of his virtues; and my brother-in-law was apt to get impatient if he was kept waiting. I knocked at Charley's door; and when he called out "Come in!" I en-

his disguise. rible dress!"

"I wish you had not chosen that, dear," I said. "I do hope Amy will not see you, or any of the servants." worry yourself. Bab. I will dwadle about until Kenrick goes on the rampage,' and then run straight out to the

carriage. This cloak covers me well, and I'll take my head in my pocket."

Charley did as he promised. Waiting, after the carriage came round, in the carriage before his companion. My brother-in-law was always con-

siderate for his dependants, had decidintense cold. A small portmanteau conveying their morning-dress was put into the carriage. In this the fancy attire would be brought back, so that I had no longer any fears of Charley's hideous garb being seen by the house

after the men left. Amy, who had been alling all day, became so nervous when Charley and I traveled down to as the evening progressed that nurse Yorkshire; but we forgot all the dis- persuaded her to go up stairs and get comforts of the journey when we reach to bed early. Then nurse and I sat d Doverscourt Manor and received over the fire chatting quietly, until a warm welcome from Amy and her Amy's calm breathing toll that she shutting a door behind as which separashand, from whom we had received was sleep. We tail been talking of "the days that are no more," and the and boudoir from the rest of the house. My sister was the picture of happi- time had passed so quickly that we I settled myself at an angle of the stairs ness; her face told such a tale of con- were both astonished to hear the clock where by bending forward a little, I tent that it was quite unnecessary to strike twelve. Nurse rose then, and could open the door at the foot of the went away to her own room. I was go- staircase so as to get the pantry door The chief staircase went up from the ing to sleep with Amy, and had un- in view. It was shut again now, but I ball, and opened on to a corridor which dressed, but was wrapped in a warm could hear the chink of silver as well manched off in two directions and led dressing-gown which had been a Christ- as the men's voices. Before I had to the principal bed-rooms. Some of mas present from Amy and Willie, I been long at my post, the door was these chambers were reached by extra lingered over the fire after nurse left, opened again, and a man came out little flights of stairs, which were rather lost in thought, and forgetting the carrying a large bundle, which he took

se morning my brother-in-law sug- the sound of wheels in the stable- his return, and by bending forward a yard; but, before I had time to wonder little I could see m wing, the abode of the family ghost what it meant; the door opened quiet-The rooms there were small, low-putch- ly, and my brother-in-law came into Presently I heard one man ask—

There were sating and rich brocades looked so pale to-night that I could and beautiful old lace. The dresses not make up my mind to stay away,"

he answered. "The ball was a stupid shost whose story we asked the old affair, and in an hour both Charley and I had had enough of it; so we slipped out and went back to the hotel. In the

> "And where is Charley?" I asked. "In his room, I believe, Good night

> "Good night," I replied and then I

conceived the idea of obtaining the his fancy-dress, which looked more remoney for her lover by betraying the pulsive than before. He greeted me "Well, it all went right, you see. No

take the horrid things off and lock

stantly upon his intruders, revealing never wear them again. There were the face of the master of the house, several dresses like mine in the bail

When I reached my own chamber, I order to discover the traitor. In his found the fire nearly out and the room tage at his nece's base ingratitude he quite cold, and it made me shiver. turned her out of doors. The next day | Even after I was covered up in bed I the was found in the grounds, stabbed could notget warm, and my chest was by the ruthless hand of her pretended so oppressed that I could hardly breathe over in his fury at the failure of the I got up and coaxe i my fire to burn up wicked scheme. The miserable girl again, and put on some wood, which sion. The thought of how much was arrayed as on the night or her crime, soon blazed up merrily. But the warmth ha white dress and veil, and carrying failed to give me the hoped for relief a lamp and a bunch of keys, was said to so I determined to sally forth in quest haunt the western wing and staircase. of mustard and linseed, both of which So firmly did the servants believe in I knew I should find in Amy's storethe apparition that none of them ever | closet, which was on the bed-room floor and the keys of which she had handed over to me. But I hunted in vain for That winter was very severe, and the keys-nowhere could I find them --so I concluded that I had left them in Amy's room. By rouseing the housekeeper I could get her duplicate key,

ing full and pleasant occupation in pre- but I was loathe to do that; so I decid-But first I put a small kettle which was kept in my room upon the fire as I should need boiling water for the polwith her sewing-machine. We worked tice I intended to make. Then, draw-very hard, but were amply rewarded ing over my boots a pair of soft knitted boots to render my footsteps inaudible, came, and we saw the general delight I started on my expedition, proceeding along the corridor and down the back staircase. I crept along as quietly as Amy and I donned gorgeous array, possible, anxious not to disturb Amy, who was a very light sleeper. There great compliment, and would give was a turn in the staircase about half bleasure to those who had few oppor- way down; and when I passed that I "The tree" was followed by a dance in the hall and a capital supper. Among the servants I noticed was reported was surprised to see a bright light shining under the pantry door. Supposing that Markham the butler was the servants I noticed particularly one who had not been long to be seen by him there, and not caring to be seen by him there, and not caring to be seen by him there, and not caring to be seen by him there di'monds I'll have if I swing for in my dishabile, I drew back-just in where she filled the post of under-house-She left the door open, and went on

men busily employed in emptying the When I saw Jane, I blew out my light, and well was it I did so, for one of the men turnedround suddenly, and I thought looked at me. Fear lent me that she was fascinated by the gleam of the diamond and specific the diamond and specific the diamond and specific the diamond at the top of should I do if he were killed or even stairs. There was a door at the top of should I do if he were killed or even wings, I turned and sped noiselessly up stairs. There was a door at the bod the staircase, which I shut and locked the staircase, which I shut and locked "Very well," Jane agreed, then added Then I flew to Charley's room. Foremost in my mind was the thought that
Amy must not hear of the alarm; therechampagne first. It's the best—what Amy must not hear of the alarm; therefore no help could be obtained from

the

The fewer people about, the less fear there will be of disturbing Amy."

"I expect you saw all there are," he "Of course that house-

plans accordingly." ghost so will be afraid to come up the western staircase; and I have locked

When I spoke of the ghost, Charley cried-

"Splendid ideal Have you courage to help me, Bab? If so, I think we shall contrive to give the gentry a scare, and

Charley in the meantime would step down the servants' staircase and recon-

"But your dress, Charley," I said; can't stop for that. If the sight of me shining upon me from the lamp which frightens the fellows, so much the bet-ter; it may save trouble. I do not fancy they will meddle with me when they

ated Amy's bed-room, dressing-room,

"Are you sure every one is gone to bed, Jenny? It was an awful sell those ants coming back, when we thought they were safely out of the way."

'Oh, yes!" replied Jane. "The master and Mr. Fortescue went straight up stairs, and then Miss Fortescue went

Then another man's voice said-

There was silence for a few seconds, and then the same voice said-"I'm uncommon hungry, but I suppose the work must be done before sup-per. I hope you have got a good feed

for us, Jenny, and lots of fizz." "It will be the worse for Jenny if too; I'm not going to drink any nasty

"Hold your tongue, you fool!" said the voice that had threatened Jenny.

"There's no fear of Markham," Jen-Hehad been warned that treachery was room, and I came to the conclusion that ny assured them. "I mixed a glass of afort, and had quietly removed his I did not like it when I saw it upon grog for him at supper-time; I shouldn't wonder if he overslept himself to-morrow morning."

"Trust Jenny!" one of the men re-

knew was Charley smothering a laugh. The sense of his nearness comforted me, and my courage rose to the occaat stake, that perhaps Amy's life as well as my own and Charley's depended on my coolness, gave me a strong control over my feeling, and I felt ready for any emergency. Could I have forseen what was coming, I think my courage would have failed.

One by one, when packed, the bundles were taken away and deposited in the cellar, no doubt the intention was to remove all the booty at once. I could tell that hitherto the outer door had not been opened—had it been a blast of celd air would have reached me in my hiding-place—so thus far the plate was safe. Presently some one said—

"That's about all; and a jolly haul it is for one night's work." "Wait a bit," broke in a savage voice

I ain't a going without them." My heart stood still with terror; for

voice now, "Oh, Tom dear, leave them for night! I promise to get them for you somehow.

"Come, come, my lady, none of you

into the kitchen. To my horror and dismay, I saw in the pantry two strange some one may hear us!" Her remonstrances were useless, for the man exclaimed furiously-"Gammon! You come along, or I'll

make you!" I was in an agony. I knew Charley would not let the man get up the stairs without a fight, and I thought—What

came in just before Christmas. Markham called me to hold the candle, so I

Charley was sitting as I left him, still once acted upon the idea. Summoning in his fancy-dress. He started up all my courage, I put my lamp down

maid knew that Kenrick and I were to not pass me, even if they try, which I be away to-night and arranged her doubt if they will when they see me. At any rate, I can defend myself-look here;" and he drew a pistol from some

> don't' stay if you are frightened, pet.

As if I would leave him to face the danger alone! But that was Charley all over. He never thought of himself.
"Of course I shall not leave you,

post. You will judge what is the proper time to show yourself." I obeyed, and had only just reached my hiding place when the pantry door was once more opened, and out came a most ruffianly-looking man, followed by Jane. She looked back to say-

now, and it will be safer." What attracted her attention will never be known, but she glanced at the staircase of the western wing, and through "will it take you long to change it?" the partially opened door caught sight "Bother the dress!" he answered. 'I of me, as I stood with a faint light was on the stairs behind me in the place where I put it when I went to Charley With a smothered shriek she staggered back against the wall. Her companion turned upon her with a savage oath. "Come on there," he growled, "or

> stopping for?" 'It's the ghost!" she moaned. "Ghost? Gammon! Ghost or no ghost you'll take me to find them di'monds.

it will be worse for you! What are you

Come, look alive!" And, roughly seizing her arm, he beconformity with my ghostly characters

try door which faced me.
With the courage born of despair, men glared at me as though paralysed,

"I hain't afraid of ghosts!" significantly; and there was murder in

I felt as if I should die; but a sound from the other staircase caused all eyes to turn towards it as I reached the bottom stair. There was a yell of horror, and, dropping everything they carried, away the men flew, helter-

Away they went, through one cellar fell to the ground with a wild scream as Charley rushed past her. Then came the report of a pistol, followed by a groan, as the last man disappeared in

the darkness outside. I had joined Charley in the cellar by this time.

he said, "so I dare say he will be caught But I don't care much how it is, as the booty is saved. We have got this woman too. I dare say she will turn Queen's evidence. I must get these

hideous disguise, appearing in a cool costume of shirt sleeves. Then he looked about for some rope, saying he would tie the woman's arms and legs lest she should escape.

The wretched creature lay as she fell

neither speaking nor moving. I thought she was probably too frightened to speak which was hardly to be wondered at. She must by this time have discovered that we were flesh and blood;

Charley found some rope, and bound Jane's wrists and ankles. She made no resistance, but kept quite still. "Don't leave her here, Charley," I urged; "it is so fearfully cold. She will

be safe in the kitchen." "All right; I don't wish to be cruel, though she does not deserve any mercy," he said; and he lifted her and carried her along the passage to the kitchen.

There we found the gas alight, and

there was a blazing fire, with kettles singing merrily. On the table were preparations for a sumptuous repast.
"Well," ejaculated Charley, "if ever
I heard of anything so cool as this How balked the fellows must feel, having lost their supper!"

At this idea we laughed merrily. But our laughter died away when we glanced at Jane's face. She was positively ghastly, with a livid look I had never een before, and evidently insensible. "Good heaven's Charley cried, as he looked first at me, and then at Jane,

in front of the fire.

"Oh, Charley!" I waited a moment, then asked. "Did you shoot her?" "No, no; I did not fire till I had passed her. I hit one of the men in the

leg, but that was all."
"She has fainted then," I said more cheerfully. "I'll soon bring her round;" and Istooped to look at her more closely.
"I think I'll fetch Patterson," remarked Charley in a hoarse voice. "But I must call Markham; you must not be

An awful fear possessed me. Jane was stone-cold, and I could not feel her heart beat. I suppose the fear was written on my face, for Charley cried-"These beastly togs-I wish I had never set eyes on them! If I've fright-

ened that poor wretch to death, I shall never forgive myself!" and call nurse and Markham."

ught Jane had only fainted. More

swallowed! the poor creature's lips; and then he ing friends and subjects moving silently but his love for the crab as a morsel of taid she must be carried up stairs, and about the wreathed pull. A mass was food is so strong that he never hesitates put to bed in a warm room, but not said and the "Miserere' sung, and then to accept the personal discomfort which to speak.

carried Jane away, for Markham was to the vaults. bustly employed in his pantry unpack-ing the various bundles left behind by Just as the doctor and Charley returnfor about two hundred years had been anxiously about Jane's condition.

swered kindly. "I fancy from certain symptoms that the heart is diseased, and she has had a terrible shock. When I grew calm enough to speak and listen, we talked over the events of

are all so fond of their mistress that I Locking the come once more am sure they will be silent if they until last time, the lord chan brother-in-law will not tell her anything the pieces at the foot of the table If we warn him."

"I will do that," said the doctor. So we decided that all that Amy should hear was the fact of Jane's illness, which had necessitated the sendbe placed in a warm r.om and carefully nursed. This would account for her presence in nurse's room.

Before he left the house Doctor Pattison went up to see Jane again. Nurse came down stairs with him, and to her care the doctor commended me, ordering me to bed at once. I was glad enough to obey, for I felt very ill. The old housekeeper was with Jane, so nurse was at liberty to attend to me. When the servants were about, I had them all in my room, and told them what had happened. They were all loud in their promises of secrecywhich promises were faithfully kept. We did not tell them of Jane's participatien in the burglary, as Markham had professed not to betray her-for we did not wish to blacken the character of a poor creature who to all appearance

was on her death-bed. On the day following the burgiary : man was found in the pine-wood by ene of the gamekeepers. He had a pistol-shot wound in his leg which pre vented his escape, and he was identified by Charley as the man shot by him; and at the trial which ensued I identified him as the man so determined to possess himself of my sister's diamonds. He was Jane's brother-many years older than herself-and from all accounts he had always treated her most brutally. The other two men were caught eventually. All were proved to be members of a notorious gang who were "wanted" by the police for sun-dry other misdeeds. They were sen-tenced to long terms of penal servitude. Bad as these men were, they were not utterly wicked, for they all kept silence about Jane, whom Willie forgave at

had happened. one imagined that guilty conscience and superstition combined caused me to be mistaken for a ghost. The men themselves were firmly convinced that they had been put to flight by visitants from

another world. Poor Jane was quite overwhelmed when told that her master and mistress intended to forgive her and retain her in their service. After long and anxious consultation, this course was determined upon. We all agreed that if sent away, she would probably go to the bad; whereas, if they kept her it would give her a chance of retriving her character. She made a full confession, and showed such evident contrition that we had hopes of her reformation, which hopes were not disap pointed. She is now in my service and is a faithful and valued servant.

Shortly after the events I have related I had a great surprise. Doctor Patterson asked me to be his wife. As soon with a row of houses !" as he spoke, I knew that he was the one man in the world to me, so I was in no doubt as to my answer. The one drawback to my perfect happiness was the thought of Charley's loneliness without me. But, before my weddingday came, this was removed. Charley had decided upon accepting a junior partnership with Doctor Patterson when qualified to do so. In due time spake it too !" he passed, and my brother was for a

period an inmate of my house. Then he fell captive to the charms of a very sweet girl, a cousin of Willie Kenrick's and began to think of setting up hous it is, where shall I apply for one ?"

THE FUNERAL OF A KING.

Ceremonies Attending the Burial of Alfonso XII.

Arrived at the Escurial, the special solemnities of the occasion took place, As the funeral car approached, the door of the monastery was closed. The lord peculiar long-tailed ape, and a sand crab "We acted for the best," I said; "and chamberla'n knocked three times. A that grows to extraordinary size and we must not lose time now. Go quickly voice inside demanded, according to the possesses great strength in its claws," prescript, "Who wishes to enter?" The said a gentleman who lived in Java Nurse soon came to me, and relieved lord chamberlain rephed, "King Alfon-my fears slightly by saying that she so, the Twelfth." At this answer the thought Jane had only fainted. More portals were slowly controlled the control of the crabs, which are very shy portals were slowly opened and the prior and wonderfully quick in their mo quickly than I could have believed pos- of the monastery appeared. The body ments. They live in deep holes in the sible Charley returned with Doctor was then borne into the church and sand, but spend much of their time on Patterson, who knelt down beside Jane placed on a raised hier before the grand the outside of their holes, where they felt her pulse, and then listened to her altar. Then the minister of justice, re-heart. I watched anxiously the ex-moving the lld, said, "Huntsmen of from that of a silver dollar to that of sion of his face, which was so grave Espinosa, is this the body which you re- our edible crabs. Their claws are not that my fears returned in full force; selved on the death of King Alfonso?" large, but have a grip that is vise like. and Charley looked the picture of mis- "The same," responded the chief huntsery. At length, to our inexpressible relief man. "Do you swear to it?" "Yes, of the crabs, and occasionally succeed, Jane showed faint signs of returning we swear it," This assurance having by creeping stealthily to within a few consciousness. The doctor called for been added to the testimony already feet of a group of them, in spring-brandy, and, filling a teaspoon, put it given with independent formalities by ing upon them and capturing one before the white lips. How intent-the king's physicians, confe sor and they have scampered to their holes ly we watched meanwhile, and how minister, the lid of the coffin was let Usually, however, the crabs are so wary thankful we felt when the brandy was down, not, however, as yet for the last that while the ape is still in the air dutime, and the bier was covered with the ring his spring toward them, they have Presently Jane heaved a deep sigh, four cloaks of the noble orders of Span-separated and disappeared into the then another, then opened her eyes, ish chivalry. A thousand tapers light-ground. The ape, finding himself too She looked at me with a dazed expressed the chapelle ardente, and had, it is slow to make a capture, then resorts to sion, and tried to speak; but the doctor easy to imagine, a splendid effect in as a bit of strategy to secure a dinner. checked her. He continued to give her sociation with the vast and sombre, His mode of final capture inflicts upon small doses of stimulant at short inter- though richly decorated, interior of the him a pang of physical suffering which vals, until a little color came back to ancient pile, and the crowds of sorrow- is frequently more than he can bear,

I was alone in the kitchen after they the entrance of the stairs leading down admiration if it were not for its comical melancholy pageant occurred. No one in his effort to capture a crab by spring- tra. the burglars in their hurried flight. descended the stairs to the vault except lng at a group, he backs himself up to a the coffin bearers, the prior of the mo- hole into which one has disappeared. ed, Markham came in to say that nothing was missing; the whole of the mastery, the minister of grace and justice, and the lord chamberlain. The sive silver that had been in the family coffin was placed on a table in a great wonted intrusion, seizes the end of the chamber or vault of black marble con- tail in its strong claws the moment it packed up to be carried away, but nothing the deceased rulers of Spain, approaches near enough. Anyone who ing was taken or injured. I inquired who sleep in huge marble tombs disponing the deceased rulers of Spain, approaches near enough. Anyone who ing was taken or injured. I inquired who sleep in huge marble tombs disponing the deceased rulers of Spain, approaches near enough. Anyone who sed all round. It must have been a himself in the bushes unobserved by the "Do you think she will get well?" I thrilling moment for some at least of ape making a raid, will have a hard those assisting when the lord chamber-"I cannot say yet," the doctor au- lain, unlocking the coffin, which was critical moment of contact between the covered with cloth of gold, raised the crab's claw and the ape's tail is reached. glass covering from the dead king, and, There is a look of comical suspense on turning to his companions, demanded the ape's face as he thrusts his tail down two State-supported laboratories of parsilence and attention. Then kneeling the hole. When the crab closes on the thology. down, he shouted three times in the tail the expression of suspense departs. the night. Charley had given the hismonarch's ear, "Senor, senor, senor." The ape gives an involuntary start, and tory of what had happened to Doctor The monarch answered not; the "right then settles back on his haunches, and the settles back on his haunches, while he closes his teeth together with to Doverscourt. He praised me for heard only the sounds of another world. That he called my "wonderful bravery." But the last appeal addressed to him in ing forward, out comes the tail from "I cannot think how you managed it this fashion must have had, for those the hole with the crab dangling to it. gan to drag her to the other staircase, without looking in my direction But somehow just then the keys I held in somehow just then the keys I held in laws screamed the house down."

Instantly the ape switches his tail form a ward seeming of response, for it is an awful seeming of response, for it is a suit to a fright and causes it is a first and ca opened again, and a man came out lost in thought, and forgetting the lost of time.

I was aroused from my dreams by the sound of wheels in the sound of the care, it is done the chock in the chock in the chock in the sound of the caught by them and seemed a cry of despite, said. "Besules, I thought despair, so it to drop its grip. The sound in the chock in the chock in the caught by them and seemed a cry of despite the sound of which the sound of the caught by them and seemed a se. "It would be well to the duke rose, and following the ritual, fishing in this way for crabs. The apes thermometer at 80 to 90

whereon the coffin lay. Bloodbounds in Texas.

Every gang of convicts in the State, ing for a doctor, w'o had ordered her inside and outside of the walls, is provided with three or more trained hounds, sometimes bloodhounds, but more ordinarily common deerhounds, ing to see how perfectly these brutes are trained and how well they underthe Huntsville pentientiary are kept

"And these are the brutes we read so much about?" I remarked to the superintendent.

hounds—that is as much bloodhounds as you will find in Texas. They are simply deer or fox hounds, trained to

"Do you keep them shut up all the time?" "Yes; we do that to make them fierce and to keep them away from the convicts. They would make it lively for the boys if they had their freedom."

"We do not consider it difficult, but on the contrary, I believe the guards consider it sport. It will only require a few moments to show how it is done. A convict or "trusty" was sent down through a large field with instructions to climb the fence and make a detour through the timber of a couple of miles coming out in just the opposite direction from where he started, and returning to the farm through a small stream, which he was compelled to wade. It required some twenty minutes for him to make the trip, and when he was seen to emerge from the other side, and it over fields, through marshes, over pear on the trial; and I was greatly fences and other obstructions with the speed of deer. In the meantime the "trusty" had returned, and was direcpeared at the edge of the timber and sprang over the fence without stopping. The trail was not lost for an instant. When the small stream was reached they crossed it with a bound, and in a few moments more they were under the training run and not a reality.

An old Scotchman saw a railwaytrain for the first time, and was naturally greatly surprised. On being asked

not only understand English, but Oi

APES FISHING FOR CRABS.

A Java Species That Sacrifices Its Comfort to its Palate.

"They have on the coast of Java a allowed to exert herself in the least, or the coffin was raised once more and its capture involves, and usually bears carried by titled lieges of the realm to it with a stoicism which might inspire

head and swayed his body to and fro, like a little old man tortured by the toothache, howling dismally the while, I could no longer restrain myself and yelled with laughter. This frightened government as scavengers. the ape, and he gave a quick spring forward. Out came the crab, and away hold, in spite of the way it was lashed

one turn out he follows him, much after -Belgians spend nearly \$100,000,000 ted to cilmb a tree some 300 yards dis- the fashion of a shepherd's dog, and in drink annually, and not only far outtant from where we were standing. He did not require a second bidding, for the yelp of the hounds could already be the results of been per caput, but consume 42 quarts the yelp of the hounds could already be the results of been per caput, but consume 42 quarts the yelp of the hounds could already be up. Here they scatter in all directions, of brandy a year for each inhabitant. heard in the distance. Soon they ap- in ravines, canons and inaccessible -The stage that runs between Jacksplaces, so that when the rider arrives at boro' and Weatherford, Tex., has been

Never throw away a scrap of linen.

"A WOULD-BE poet" writes—"Believing that I possess a faculty for
rhyming, I am ambitious to be a poet.

As I have heard a great deal about As I have heard a great deal about po- Daisy ?" "Oh, because I heard mametic license, I am anxious to know ma say your wife always kept you in

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

-There are 3,000 Americans resident

-Japanese cats have short tails, like the Manx.

-London's population numbers nearly 5,000,000.

-Paris has named one of its streets Gustave Dore.

-Virginia has nine colored men in

her Legislature. -The city of Boston has licensed 2,-758 liquor saloons.

-Kentucky's corn crop this year is 75,000,000 bushels.

-Cactus paper is becoming a leading Mexican manufacture.

-Mexican oranges are being imported largely into Texas. -The Alabama river continues in

good navigable condition. -Oysters sell at thirty cents a hun-

dred in Pascagoula, Miss -Matches cost over \$27,000,000 annually in the United States.

Tunis and Milan have special schools for deformed children -A ton of gold goes into people's

teeth annually in this country. -A man living near Benton, Texas, has over 100 nephews and nieces. -Coal mining on the Continent is more scientific than it is in England.

-The Methodists are raising \$100,006 to build a college at Lampasas, Texas. -The State of Pueblo, Mexico, has been invaded by great clouds of locusts. -There is a very handsome opera

house in Malta, with a very fine orches--Such a rickety structure is the capitol of Nevada that it has to be held up

-A railroad has been begun to the top of Pike's Peak, 14,200 feet above sen-level. -It is asserted that every adult male inhabitant of Iceland is a master of

-A Georgia train cut off the heads of a drunken man's boots and left him unbarmed. -The German Empire has twenty-

-Covington, Ky., is having a row with her Street Commissioner about her lirty streets. There is toe eight inches thick on

the Hudson between Coxsackie and Kinderhook. -A Newfoundiand dog stopped a unaway horse the other day at Des Moines, Iowa.

There is a steady stream of emigra-

-Locomotive whistles have been predrivers are chiefly to blame.

-From all portions of Kentucky disappear, and I anticipated fun. The comes the report that the growing wheat -- Some 50,000 acres of land have been the crab had made the connection. Sud- discovered to have been fraudently en-- Bonds worth \$7400, stolen from the

> -St. Louis has streets dirty enough -The "first old man" in the Irving

ompany have never left the boards of his London theatre for forty years until he came here. -The Burmese capital, Mandalay, 15

said to be infested by hordes of small black pigs, which are protected by the ... The latest freak of female European circus riders is to hold a living python

-A female beggar, who has traveled and trailed as the ape flew over the over the State of Texas with a child ground yelling at every jump. He dis- and a monkey, has collected \$6000, and appeared in the thick brush, but how will go into business at Sau Antonio. he divested himself of the crab I never . The beer drinkers of Natchez,

beer a month, or 6,000 kegs per annum. And it is quite a temperate community The wild horse of the plains and College of Physicians and Surgeons are

Miss., are said to consume 500 kegs of

-El Mahdi, the False Prophet of Soudan, it is stated, was apprenticed, Khartoum. -A Southern Superior Court Judge

recently ruled that crunching peanuts in Court was finable as contempt of Court, and imposed a fine therefor upon a colored woman. -Julius von Payer, the Austrian expiorer of the North Pole, has appeared

shows the last survivors of Franklin's

the place he last saw them he is morti- so regularly robbed of late that it is fied to find his own horse almost ex- getting to be a matter of surprise when hausted and the herd so scattered that it goes through without that incident. -An English inn-keeper, who allowed a leg of pork to be raffled for in his house and was arrested for allowing gambling, pleaded general custom as

his defence, and the magistrate recog-nized the defence as valid. -A knife blade was found sewed in the sleeve of a coat left by Ah Lee, who was executed at Oroville recently. had been made to change his clothes

-The ebony tree is white; only its

-Unclaimed deposits to the amount eight of Connecticut's savings banks, of which there are yet 45 to be heard from. The average amount due each depositor by these figures is \$97.97.

-A war on ticket speculators is being inaugurated by theatre goers in New York city, where it is proposed to orgamize on pledges not to buy tickets from the "scalpers," or patronize a place of amusement that tolerates them

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An Answer. What is the Raby made for?" Why,

For dimpling and pretty begulling, For fretting,

Perhaps this may be what the Baby is made iling the house with a sceptre im-

that we kiss the small rod while it schools Helpless and weak, to be cherised and

See we have naught to commend us bave what His mercy doth lend us; Powerless, weak, and forsaken,

ness deeper than ever we prayed Perhaps this may be what the Baby is

It was a bitter night in December an invitation to spend Christmas there.

shout the house. almost bare of furniture. Its

of the head of the house at the time of | barn parlor we came acros Giles, who Cromwell's triumph was engaged to a asked if I would not prefer to drivroyalist of high degree, but the damwhom she would have eloped but for gestion; and so here we are!" their want of funds. One day the girl discovered a secret which her uncle believed was carefully guarded. This Barbara." was that the King was in hiding in a secret chamber in Doverscourt Manor. went in search of Charley. The girl knew how high a price was tupon the head of the fugitive, and pipe before going to bed. He still wore yet heard. "What have you got king into his hands. She made all her withplans, and on the appointed night let ber lover in at the door of the cellar one saw me." opening from "the wilderness." Together they went to the secret chamber. The girl unlocked the door, and the them up safely." inmate of the room turned round inroyal guest to a place of safety, and others." himself occupied the secret room in

approached that wing after dark.

maid. I never could say why my attention was specially attracted to have.

She left the door open, and went on "I'm so afraid we'll be caught!" remembered how persistently she had plate-chest.

Stared at Amy, who was a lovely picWhen I sa

subsequently proved, we were mutual-

We dined earlier than usual, in order

tered; but I started back in horror at "Oh, Charley," I cried, "what a hor-"Yes. Isn't it fine?" he laughed.

"I will take care of that, so don't

until Willie began to call to him to hurry, he came flying down-stairs, and, calling out "Good night, Amy!" was ed that he and Charley would sleep in the town, so as to avoid having the coachman out again that night in the

We did not stay down-stairs long

"I was nervous about Amy; she

back, as it was not much past eleven. el loved a Roundhead officer, with I was glad enough to act upon his suge

"That's well," I returned. "But do "All right; I'll take care. I shall

paring a Christmas-tree for Christmas ed that I would go down stairs and look in the kitchen for what I wanted.

I told him quickly of my discovery, and asked if I should wake Markham, who slept at the top of the house.
"No," replied Charley, "let me go
and reconnoitre. I shall soon see whether it is necessary to call the men

"But," I remonstrated "what can you do alone? There may be several men hidden in those cellars."

"How could Jane be so wicked," I cried, "and Amy so kind to her and part of his clothing. the other servants? I noticed how she "Oh, Charley, don stared at Amy on Christmas Eve; no doubt she was wondering how she could get hold of her diamonds. There's one comfort-she is sure to know about the

the other door.'

so save the plate." It took us but a very few minutes to arrange our plans. I was to take my place on the staircase leading to the western wing, so that I could glide backward or forwards as seemed most desirable. A sheet off Charley's bed wrapped round my head and shoulders made, with my dressing-gown, a sufficiently ghostly attire, and my fright had made my face white enough for any visitant from the world of spirits

catch sight of me." We glided quietly along the corridor

"I watched the coachman away, so all's right outside."

"Cold sirloin of beef, turkey and tongue, Stilton cheese, and mincepies." the girl answered, in a sulky "Hurrah!" cried one of the men.

Do you want to bring the butler down

marked. Just then I heard a chuckle which I

"Now then, Jenny, about them di'monds the diamonds were in Amy's dressing-room. Breathlessly I waited for the answer. Jane spoke in a deprecating

hidden by the turn, and, slipping out through a very small aperture—for I was afraid the door might creek if opened widely— I got safely to where Charley stood. He had not heard me move, and he started when he saw me. "What a splendid ghost you make, Bab! You really half scared me!" he

"Oh, Charley," I whispered anxiously, "did you hear what the wretches said about the diamonds? What can we do? Do let me call Markham." "It's no good now, dear-'t's too late. Never fear though. They shall

"Oh, Charley, don't kill them-pray "Not I, dear. Even if I fire, I shall take care only to disable them. Don't can easily get away now. Hark how merry those fellows are!"—as bursts of smothered laughter came from the

Charley," I answered. "Very well; then go back to your

"Put out the gas; we don't want it The man was a step or two in advance of Jane beyond the door of my staircase

while Jane, in a hoarse voice, said-"It's the ghost of the west wing!" Jane's tyrant, with a terrible oath. "Dead men tell no tales," he added

she hasn't got lots of fizz, and dry fizz skelter, with Charley after them in full chase. into the other, which opened into "the wilderness." A rush of cold air told me that one at any rate, had reached the door. Jane, apparently paralysed by fear, could not get away so fast as the men. With a piteous cry, "Tom, help me!" she seized the coat of the man who had been so rough to her. But the ruffian shook her off, and she

> "I've winged one of the wretches," ogs off-they are so hot." As he spoke he slung of part of his

but she was in an awkward position-

whom he had laid upon the hearth-rug "What is it, Charley? Tell me!" I "I think she's dead!" he said hus-

keeping on his own account. "Do," I said; "and ask nurse to come. She will know what to do."

Riches do not mean happiness

Here the most striking part of the

outside the prison walls at what is known as the State farm.

"Is there much difficult in training

tree, yelping at the convict, who sat in the branches looking down at the brutes, and smiling at the fact that this was a

whether or not it is necessary for me to hot water !"

"When the ape finds that he is foiled

the facts from her altogether at said: "His majesty does not answer, are as shy as the creatures they hunt so nt. Do you think it could be Then it is true the king is dead." The persistently, and the least sound from n on a crab, and at once proce lerstand why it is necessary; and my broke up his wand of office and flung one out of a hole. He selected a hole into which I had seen a very large crab ape's tail had gone its full length into crop is looking unusually well. the hole before his face indicated that dealy he gave a start and a yell. He tered in Uraldo county, Texas. bent his body nearly double, and slapped his hands on his knees and wagged his Woodbury Bank last June, have been head, with his teeth closed tight and his found in an old Bridgeport stone wall. lips drawn down, while on his face was for they are trained much better than the blooded stock. It is simply surpristensified. He made several attempts to What a singular city St. Louis must withdraw his tail, but fell back each be: time and howled as the crab drew it stand their business. The hounds of taut. Tears actually ran down the ludierous face of the suffering ane, and when he clapped both hands to his fore-

> went the ape. The crab hung to the outstretched in their hands as they tail, and as far I could see maintained its swing round the sawdust.

A Thing of the Past-Rocky mountains is pretty much a thing said to be affected with measles, a diof the past. Nevertheless, a few isola- sease that is reported prevalent in that ted herds are said to be occasionally city. found. A Montana writer says, in sub-stance, of these isolated bands, that, with the wild horses a stallion is at the in his boyhood, to a boatman, but ran head, and is the leader of every head, away and attended a free school at having such full control over them that no band of cowboys are able to drive a band of horses so fast or so well as a stallion can. All in the band are so thoroughly afraid of him they keep in a bunch, and their speed is guaged by his Amy's request when she heard what was certain he could get back in safety. own, he running behind with his head the hounds were turned loose. They low, scarcely above the ground. He were shown the trail, and they started advances quickly on the hindermost advances quickly on the hindermost ones, giving them a sharp bite on the as a painter. A large canvas rump, thereby giving them to under-stand that they must keep up. Should expedition in "Starvation Cove."

> he must give up in disgust. Save Your Scraps of Linea.

Let this be graven upon the heart of every woman. Every scrap of linen that has served its purpose should be carefully washed and ironed and laid away what he thought it was he replied, "I in a proper receptacle for home or hos. had been made to change his clothes just think it's the de'il running away with a row of houses!"

in a proper receptacle for home or hos. had been made to change his clothes pital use. Old handkerchiefs, table and room or he would probably have napkins, table cloths, sheets, towels and MISTRESS, to applicant: "Yes, I pillow cases should be placed in their want a nice French maid. The last respective places, so that when wanted heart is black, like Aaron's in Titus one I had I kept only a short time be-cause she couldn't understand English." they may be easily found. Despise no Andronicus. Its circumference reaches French maid: "Sure ye'll have no part of frayed cuffs or collars may be thrubble of that kind wid me mum. Oi detached and put away for future need. of \$69,000,000 have been reported by "AIN'T you almost boiled?" inquired

take out one of these licenses; and, if \_Some inventive Londoner has made electricity cheaper than gas.