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Some Minds.

Some minds are like streams flowing on to the sea. Through fields where the suns hine is placid Where the clever, wind-wafted, coquets with the bec.

Some are like mountain rills dashing along But checked, they plunge on down abysses of wrong.

But some, like great rivers, too closely con-Break the rocks that oppose them, and silently find Or make in their progress grand canons of

They may so m, and yet in them sweet

And the forests arose that for ages have Over all their fair tresses the summer had

So over men's hearts let the sweet waters ing below, And the vines and the roses will eling there

"Out again this evening, Nettie?" Aunt Mary looked up from her sew-

jetry braids of her lustrous hair. while I can, Aunt Mary," Nettie said, opened Nettie went to her Aunt Mary's my wife from such a scene as that I twisting berself round before the long to remain till milliners and dressmakers mirror, to admire her bright skirts and completed her outlit. The wedding her tiny, shappered feet. "Only two was to be in March, and while Aunt more weeks here and then I must go | Mary shopped and stitched, Nettie took | to Morton to morrow, if you wish." back to Wheaton and bury myself!"

Where are you going to-night?"

don't beheve in the count any more him from any compromising offer that than you do, auntie; and all his pathe- would end the amusement. tic walls over his dear Poland fall upon

couple who had offered her the spare

carelessly encouraged his attentions. She had inherited Wheaton from her and her father being dead, her mother heiress with her Uncle Joshua, so that year by winter in the city, where her 18th year. It must be confessed that the bright little beauty was a petted, spoiled child—a willful girl, whose every whim indulged, every caprice

Serious thoughts had found little uated. He was not a bandsome man, not a fascinating man in any sense that was earnest. To him the vocation of man, fully ten years her senior, proved

a charm Nettie could not resist. From the careless ease of her petted life, his sermons, like trumpet calls, Polish nobleman. roused her to a sense of the responsibil ity resting upon her as a woman holdbutterfly, she has tasted sweets here bitter curs given to the less fortunate, till the earnest appeals of the new

stewardship intrusted to her care. She had no thought of pleasing the is some bar perhaps to our marriage: minister when she took up a share of but you love me." the parish duty, sewed for The Dorcas and visited the sick and poor. Admira- said desperately, not conscious of the tion and attention had been offered her too freely for her to dream of courting until a third voice spoke. them, but, impulsive in everything, she

rious health bore her through the dan-geas of contagion unharmed, and her hidden by the curtain folds, as she cheerful, baoyant disposition, was like sobbed out her story. sunlight among the sick children, who were her especial care. Yet, when the death film gathered over childish eyes, his face." no voice could soften the dark passage to the grave with sweeter, more earnest | Aunt Mary asked, still holding the girl

Seeing her thus, through the long consider the beautiful dark face as meant to go back to Morton and help fairer than his ideal of angels and to Alfred in every good work. I meant to think there was no music like Nettie's use my money for charity, for useful clear, melodious voice. By the magne- aims only, and it is only my silly head tism of his own true, cannest words, he had led her from frivolity to the seek-weeks of frivolity and foolishness." had led her from frivolity to the seek-Antgeme and pure gold in their caveres ing of higher aims and duties, and by other impulses, with fervent and deep affection, while she was daily meeting her love and the guide to all the noblest pursuits of her life.

Mrs. Wheaton, a meek little widow, was only too glad to think of her child's dignantly. future intrusted to the care of a really good man, as she believed the Rev. you would be quite happy?" Alfred Martin to be, and gave glad consent to an engagement. And while automy winds were sweeping the fever Oh! auntie, to lose him now would And the rocks shall be melted now hardening below, and the rocks shall be melted now hardening below, sweet lesson of loving submission to a I could not go back to Wheaton and life long selfishness and folly to please her betrothed, and believing that she counsel, his protection; auntie, I need

had lost all relish for the frivolities of the past, Had the marriage followed at once ing at the bright little brunette, who have been happiness at the pa sonage, dress of scarlet tissue, with white ister would have deepened till Nettie feather, flowers looping the overskirt no longer needed any earthly guide or and clusters of the same in the heavy, support. But Mrs. Wheaton deckied as she sprang up with a cry of joyous that the bride's trousseau must come from B—, and when the new year chaice now, darling. I cannot take I might as well have a good time from B--, and when the new year farewell of the gayeties of her city home. She did not mean to be incon-"There, auntle, don't look so sistent or to break any of the good res-

shocked! I know you think my future olutions of the past few months, but giveness, and very sure would never bushend is perfection, and, between old friends welcomed her with festival again trifle with hearts just for amuseourselves, so do I. But, after all, a gatherings, and before she realized it ment. country parson's wife cannot expect the was dancing, flirting and flitting much gayety, and I mean to crowd all from party to party with all her old Then, just for amusement, she al-

"Again!" Aunt Mary's voice was man of society to have any serious instrongly I disapprove of your accepting them, and it served to pass away time the escort of Count Lodoski."

them, and it served to pass away time City Point in the steamer River Queen, to listen to the stories of the Pulish expenses the pass and invited himself to stay with Admi-But he is not my escort," said the lie, to waltz with him, drive, walk, ride perverse Nettie. "Mr. and Mrs. Rey- with him, and yet, with a woman's

The term of Nettie's visit was nearly over, when the entertainment at Mrs. larger room. When he retired for the most unbelieving ears when sounded to over, when the entertainment at Mrs. me. Notwithstanding he is most en- Hunt's called together a large number tertaining company, dresses perfectly, of her old friends and new admirers, and socks outside of his stateroom is bandsome as an Adonis, and waltzes Count Lodoski was more ardent than like a dancing master. So, because he usual in his expressions of admiration, but they were washed and darned by amuses me I allow him to be my escort and Nettle was uncomfortably conduring the absence of the Rev. Alfred | scious that he was presuming upon the Martin, who will hold me soon fast and encouragement he had received. The firm in the chains of matrimony. Hark! evening passed quickly, and it was near The carriage is here. Good night! supper time when the count, with a courteous bow, offered his arm to Net-

And wrapping herself in a large cloak tie for a stroll through the conservaof softest white cashmere, Nettie kissed | tory, where a number of couples were her aunt, and sped with dancing feet enjoying the cool fragrant air, after a dizzy waitz. They were chatting gayly In the carriage she found the young of the pleasures of the past few weeks, of the coming festivals before Lent, seat there, and she found, also, the when Nettie, looking up, found they Poish count, who was the last society | were the sole occupants of the conserv-

was decidedly attracted by the witching | The strains of the newest galop fully beauty of the gay brunette. Whether explained the absence of their former it had been whispered in his ear that companions, and the girl was moving se was helress to Wheaton and \$5,000 a quickly toward the door, when the year can only be conjectured; but he count gently but firmly held her back. was a most devoted adorer, and Nettie | She realized in an instant the position which her own folly had brought her, but tried to effect unconsciousness

"I am engaged for this galop count had shared the guardianship of the little she said, with her usual sweet smile, "so you must not detain me now."

Yet for a while you will stay with me," said the handsome foreigner in

"Another time!" The man's voice had a ring of au-

life had been one long sunshine, with every whim indulged, every caprice "Let me pass!" she said, haughtily. 'You forget yourself strangely sir." "I forget all but love when I am near

place in her giddy head and pleasure- you." he cried, and broke into a stream loving heart, till the Rev. Alfred Mar- of eloquence, an unmistakable offer of tin accepted a call to the village of heart and hand, more than hinting that Morton, near which Wheaton was sit- he was sure of a return of his ardently expressed devotion. In vain Nettie endeavored to check

Nettie had ever thought of the word, the flow of words, every one of which but he had one gift that embraces many she felt was an insult to the man she others in a truly Christian minister-he really loved, in spite of her foolish vanity, and to whom she had promised his life was one that absorbed heart and faithful affection. The count spoke so brain, to the exclusion of all effort to rapidly that not until he paused for his be attractive in society or win worldly reply could Nettie find an opportunity

Then, in a faltering voice, half-choked by her contending emotions, she declined the honor of an alliance with the "You cannot mean to refuse me.

he cried, in genuine astonishment; ing in her hands the gifts of perfect "you can not mean that you have been "I mean that I must decline your

and there, thinking but little of the proposal," she answered, more firmly, "and request you to allow me to pass."
"But, Miss Wheaton-Nettle! You love me; surely you would not let me so into four groups, black, yellow, white deceive myself, You love me! There

> "I am already betrothed," the girl interpretation her words admitted of

"Consider yourself free, Miss Wheathrew the whole force of her ardent, ton, if you love this man!" said Mr. generous nature into the new path of Martin, stepping into the room, "Par-A large proportion of her income was you were here. Mrs Hunt kindly divided in the city, and your aunt told me merous, but we are pretty well satisfied with it. Every one has a blind spot in ican statesman, did not treat his wife don my intrusion. I came unexpectdrawn from a large cotton factory in Morton, and among the cotton factory in Morton, and among the cotton factory in rected me to this room, where I find my his eye. This is proved by shutting up the cone eye and looking at an object. We Morton, and among the operatives there coming most opportune. I have the one eye and looking at an object. honor to bid you good evening and fare-

And not seeing Nettie's piteous, It was in the spring that Mr. Martin pleading face, he turned and left the came to Morton, and in the summer a conservatory. A moment later Mrs. the eye out of shape, and ofte cuse contagious fever broke out in the set. Hunt was hurrying to the room where

"And Alfred will never forgive me," "Do you deserve that he should?"

close in her arms.
"No. I ought never to have allowed Seeing her thus, through the long the count to pay so much attention. weeks of toil and danger, asking her But it was mere flirtation, auntie. He aid where money was urgently needed, cares nothing for me, though Wheaton finding her at her post where the air is a golden prize; and I never gave him was thick with fever and the danger a thought, even of friendship. And I frightfully near, Alfred Martin grew to had tried to be good—I had, indeed! I

the power of the strong love wakened in his own heart he drew hers into his suppose I would have promised to marry him if I had not loved him?" "You love Alfred, then?" "But when the count asked if you loved him, you only said you were be-

trothed." "Do you suppose I would even men-tion Alfred to him?" Nettle asked in-

"Then if Alfred would forgive you, 'If he really forgave me, knowing all stronger will, was conquering many a work as I had promised myself to work,

The tall figure came from the shadow of the window curtains, and in the eyes upon the woolng, I think there would of the Rev. Alfred Martin there was a mist of tears as he bent over Aunt was unusually brilliant in an evening where the influence of the earnest min- Mary's chair and took Nettie's hand. "It was tearing my heart from my bosom to give you up, Nettie," he said

> witnessed to-night." "I am all yours if you forgive me, she said, humbly. "We will go back Aunt Mary discreetly left the room, but returning very soon found Nettie alone, tearful but happy, sure of for-

Unpretentious. President Lincoln would have been very fond of Mark Tapley, that hero lowed the new lion, Count Lodoski, to of Dickens who was "always jolly under "To Mrs. Hunt's, Mr. and Mrs. pay her marked attention. She told difficulties." There was nothing pre-Reynolds will call for me and Count herself she was safe in her happy en- tentious about the President, and he gagement, and that he was too much a easily adapted himself to circumstances. Just before the close of the war to the Home of the Friendless. As a seekers of Wasnington, went down to and invited himself to stay with Admiral Porter on board the flag-ship Malvern. She was a vessel with poor accontent to occupy a small stateroom, six feet long by four and a half wide, first night on board, he put his shoes door. The socks had holes in them, the ship's tailor, and placed, with his

clean shoes, at his door. "A miracle happened to me last night," said the President at the breakfast table. "When I went to bed I had two large holes in my socks, and this morning there are no holes in them. That never happened to me before, it must be a miracle."

asked the Admiral. "I slept well," he answered, "but short scabbard. I was too long for

that berth." The President was six feet four inches in height, and the berth was only six feet long. That day, while the President was

away from the ship, the carpenters enlarged the stateroom, lengthened the birth and make over the mattress to fit it. Nothing was said about the change to the President. The next morning

he came out smiling.
"A greater miracle than ever happened last night," said he. "I shrank six inches in length and about a foot sideways. I got somebody else's big pillow and slept in a better bed than I did on the River Queen, though not

half so lively. "I think" adds Admiral Porter, who tells the story, "that if I had given him two fence-rails to sleep on, he would not have found fault. That was Abraham Lincoln in all things relating to his own comfort. He would never permit people to put themselves out for him under any circumstances."

Facts About the Eve.

There is no cure for color blindness. The first case of color blindness was reported in 1777.

Color blindness is due to exhaustion of nerve fibres. Four out of every 100 males, and one in every 400 females are color blind.

It is no sign a man is color blind because he cannot name every color, The eye of an insect contains from fifty to 20,000 small eyes. It is really

composed of eyes.

We do not need light to see certain objects. A sharp blow on the eyes often causes a man to "see stars." The causes of color blindness, aside from natural causes, are alcohol, to-bacco and diseases. It is in many cases

hereditary. The writer saw a man who was colorblind take 100 colors and divide them

from or toward the nose or up or down. The cat, horse and birds have a third eyelid, which is used to protect the eye from too much light. Man has a third all his property to his wife, with the eyelld in the corner of the eye which is proviso that if she marries again she is

The defects of the eye are quite nucannot see it fully. The use of the eye cups to c ange the form of the eye in hopes of ' ttering the sight is ridiculous. The raw

How to Make a Will that Can't Broken After Death.

has a peculiar interest for us, particu like a voice from the dead declaring it shall go. It is usually written in the that he brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out, and that, stilled, his commands will be spoken, and his desires obeyed. Associated as it is with such thoughts as these, it not strange that we are eager to know how Mr. Vanderbilt, or Mr. Astor, or their fortunes. As a matter of fact, being strangers to them, we do not care whether they endow a college or a cat, but if their wills happen to be published in the morning papers, we read them

The clause in Mr. Tilden's will pro valid one, and may be often found in the wills of astute persons, like the departed statesman. It has a tendency to induce caution on the part of heirs. If one can lose nothing by a contest and may gain something, he may rush into court as a sort of speculation, and in that way much of the estate be lost, Our Uncle Sammy knew enough about law and lawyers to wish to keep his estate free from their care. As nobody ever drove a coach and four through

own hand, is equally ironelad. Those are the wills that usually take a case through the courts, with handsome All charitable bequests are construed with the utmost strictness. About ten years ago, H. H. Tayler, of Chicago, After provi ing for his wife and son, as he thought quite liberally, he davised the residue of his estate, about \$500,000 to seven trustees to found a charitable the trustees were to turn over the estate found that the charitable clause would not hold water. After considerable

A man in New Jersey, not long since left his estate to pay off the national debt. The will was contested of course but the courts have recently held it valid. In the last century, Sir Joseph Jekyll did the same thing in England. When Lord Mansfield heard of it he said: "Sir Joseph was a very good man and a good lawyer, but his bequest was a very foolish one; he might as well have attempted to stop the middle arch

tomed wig." "How did you sleep, Mr. President?" who, as Edward Sugden, was the most you can't push a long blade into a chapter on drawing wills, drew his own cery to give it proper effect. The will

similar instances. parrots. Not infrequently people have

wills. The will of Lord Pembroke in the

Lord Bacon had no property to leave from the tree. but he left a regularly executed will, in memory "to men's charitable speeches, contains a clause that has puzzled the Shakespeareans not a little.

"I give unto my wife my second best bed, with the furniture." Why did he best, and not his best bed? Nothing else did she get, and the will has sought in vain to know the reason why.

before he went into the battle of Trafaigar, by which he bequeathed Lady Hamilton and her daughter to his king and country, but neither king nor coun- the strip of bark. Twelve sheets were try accepted the legacy, and they both thus taken from each strip of bark, came to want, Lady Hamilton dying in and thrown into the water.

abject poverty. Napoleon in his will left a handsome who had attempted to assassinate Well-

The will of Rabelais has this clause: great deal; the rest I give to the poor." because he has been in my service for eighteen years.

only to have what the law allows her. I have drawn a number of such wills, Ann Randolph, a cousin of John, of Roanoke, a woman much younger than himself, and with whom he lived very

that in case she married again the income should be doubled. A soldier or a sailor is allowed to make a nuncupative will-that is, a

or a table top, or even a wall, though is is advisable that it should be on paper or parchment. You may write it and

sign your name in pencil if you like but it is better to do it in ink. You may make your will in Choctaw if you happen to understand that lan guage, or it may, as Hamlet says, "be writ in the choicest Italian;" you may write it in shorthand, or in abbrevia tions, or in cipher, so long as you leave the key behind you. Courts are not martinets as to the spelling, and if your orthography is not pertectly ultra, they will not mind it if they can make it out If you wish to drop into poetry, even that is permitted, as the following case of a valid will shows:

I give and bequeath, When I'm laid underneath. To my two loving sisters most dear, The whole of my store, Were it twice as much more, Which God's goodness has granted to me. And that none may prevent

This my will and intent, or occasion the least of law racket, With a solemn appear

confirm sign an i seal

This, the true act and deed of Will Jacket. You may sign your will by your initials, and if your hand is unsteady, you may get some one to guide it. You must have at least two witnesses, and there of moths and mildew damaging though you may not actually see the the precious parchments, and this adwitnesses sign their names you must be vice seems generally to have been folviding that if any one of the devisees in such a position that you could do so lowed. The library was never warmed contest it, he shall forfeit his share is a if you 'felt so disposed,' as Mrs. Gamp in any way as the danger of fire was might remark. That was Judge Rogers' considered great, and the warmth was

good law. me don't ask me to be a witness, for, although I could be a good witness, my of the Vatican, where many others of legacy would be void. John Bouvier the ancient customs are also maintained. was an eminent lawyer in Philadelphia The library was usually small, on an some years ago, and the author of sev- average 15x20 feet, and could thus be eral law books. A lady left him a very kept at a more even temperature. handsome bequest in her will, which he Seventeen hundred volumes were the any document or statute he wrote, so was no doubt about the intention of the mensions. On account of their scar you may be sure his will, drawn by his lady, but Bouvier failed to get his city, books commanded high prices, and

you can revoke it by destroying it, but made up possibly of several volumes. not by simply running the pen through | An Alexandrian monarch sent to Athname or through the lines, but you can ens for some valuable books, of which men, who in life would not have given revoke it by a subsequent will properly he wished to make copies. As he deexecuted. Marrriage also revokes a posited \$16,500 as security for their safe

Queer Ideas of Female Adornment. In the land of the great Mixado it is the fashion with certain ladies of society to gild their teeth, while in some parts of the Indies red paint is considered the most approved mental adornment. In "Greenland's icy mountains," a blue and yellow color is thought to enhance the beauty of the female face. Perstan ladies regard red hair with abhorrence, while the Turks look upon it with the greatest favor. Small round eves are among the types of female beauty in China, and may be thin and long. The tiny cramped feet of the Chinese maiden

c slored finger nails. In Peru ornaments for the nose are quite the fashion for ladies, and the weight and thickness of the masal ring grows in proportion to the rank of the wearer. In some cases a number of gold rings are thus worn, much to the discomfort of their owner. The wearing of ear-rings is a fashion among ladies much nearer home than the land

of the fair Peruvians. A huge figure of a bird made of copper or of gold, according to the fortune of the wearer, was a common head-dress of the Chinese maidens half a century ago. The wings of the bird were spread out, and the tail, long and feathers. The mechanical bird was, in some cases, so contrived by the means of springs and apparatus as to

Among one of the African tribes the long hair, sealing it down with wax wearers could not lie down nor lean without keeping their necks straight. About twice a year the wax is melted and the hair re-arranged to sunt "the manners and customs of good society" in those parts.

give nothing to my Lord Saye, and I do Thomas Lynch, sent to King Charles make him this legacy willingly, because II. of England, a vegetable necktle, I know that he will faithfully distribute and a very good necktle it was, it unto the poor. Item-I give up the although it had grownjon atree and had

A gentleman who witnessed two nawhich he bequeathed his name and tives manufacturing this lace, thus deto foreign nations and the next ages." high and six inches in diameter, with a Shakespeare left an elaborate will, which bark looking much like that of a birchtree, was cut down. Three strips of bark, each about six inches wide and eight feet long, were taken from the trunk and thrown into a stream of with the point of his knife separated a end of the strip. This layer was then taken in the fingers and gently pulled, whereupon it came away in an even sheet of the entire width and length of

The men were not through yet, however, for when each strip of back had legacy to a wretch named Chatillon, yielded its twelve sheets, each sheet was taken from the water and gradually stretched sidewise. The spectator could hardly believe his eyes. The "I have no available property; I owe a sheet broadened and broadened until from a close plece of material six and blue.

His last words when dying were: "I go inches wide, it became a filmy cloud of to see the great Perhaps." A famous delicate lace, over three feet in width.

Freuch abbe had this pithy clause in his The astonished gentleman was forced makes no difference whether you move will: "To my steward I leave nothing, to confess that no human-made loom ever turned out lace which could surpass in snowy whiteness and gossamer-

like delicacy that product of nature. The natural lace is not so regular in formation as the material called illusion, so much worn by ladies in summer; but it is soft and white, and will bear washing, which is not true of illusion. In Jamaica and Central America, among the poorer people it supplies the place of manufactured cloth, which they can not afford to buy; and the wealthier classes do not by any means scorn it for ornamental use. The tree is commonly called the

The truth cannot be burned, behead-

Enormous Prices Paid for Books-Manuscript Exchanged from

Country to Country. Prof. Lanciant delivered his lecture on "Medieval and ancient libraries" in the Lowell institute class at Huntington hall on Dec. 4. The letter presented many interesting facts. Prof. Lanciaut first spoke of the almost absolute nonexistence of any written history on the

Some books written in the seven

teenth century concerning ancient li-braries are rendered useless by the rehave been issued on the subject, the most recently published this year, and giving the results of the explorations to date, being on this account the most Rome's first important library was brought from Greece, and contained several hundred volumes. This library had a strange history, and suffered many vicissitudes. Ancient authority declared that the libraryroom, or reading-room, should be in the easterly portion of the house, both on account of the early morning light, and because there would be less danger ruling in the Storey will case, and it is liable to do injury to the rolls and their bindings. This custom of excluding If you are going to leave anything to artificial heat from the library is now uself drew and witnessed. There contents of one library of the above di-Having signed and sealed your will, Aristotle is quoted as having paid the equivalent of \$3,300 for a single book, return, they were lent to him. Instead

> sent back the copies, thus forfeiting the deposit but deeming the original books cheaply bought at \$16.500. The appearance of the Roman book store was next described. Each bookseller was the publisher of some one popular writer, and his shelves were filled with his writings, not to the exclusion of everything else, however, while the latest works with the most attractive bindings were conspicuously displayed. One thousand copies were the usual edition. The first public library was established about 23 B. C. by a Roman writer who was the Mark the Emperor Augustus made the public library a state institution. It was largely endowed by the spoils of the Dalmatian war. Several other libraries were soon after established. Tiberius giving a wing of his palace, for the purpose. Some of the ancient libraries are reported as containing 700,000 volumes. This is not to be taken in the modern, for often a single chapter or a canto took up one so-called volume. In 1821. a papyrus was found on an island in the Nile, containing 617 verses from the Iliad. It was made up of 41 vol-

of returning the organs, however, he

umes or rolls. That books were lent from the libraries is shown by the ancedote related by the lecturer. A certain party of citizens were discussing the use of ice to cool the drinking water. One of the party was strongly opposed to its open, formed a beautiful tutt of use, and to substantiate his statements against it went to the neighboring 1:brary and brought forth a book of Aristotle, in which that ancient writer strongly denounced the use of ice-water. and it is related that the remainder of the party become so thoroughly conladies used to carry on their heads a vinced of the truth of his assertions slight board a foot long and half a foot that they then and there forswore its use forever. Many of the older libraries were destroyed either totally or in part, This head gear was a fixture, and the by fire. The Apollo library, which contained thousands of volumes, was a notable example. But few of its many

> rolls were saved. In September, in 1883, in some explorations Prof. Lanciant discovered the ruins of an elegant private house, one side of which was wonderfully well preserved. In the chapel were nineteen statues of the gods. Leading from the chapel was a stairway descending into ceremonies. A statue occupied the center of this room, and around it, it was stated, seven candles were kept burning. The remains of these candles were actually found, proving the truth of the tradition. The library was a room about 25x15 feet, and for perhaps stucco work, etc., were very elaborate. The lower space was occupied by the book-shelves. The shelves were inscribed for the different works, comprising law, philosophy, history, medicine, and others, and medallions ries were supplied with these wonderful hours left alone by themselves," for nocturnal students. Sun dials were also provided. Catalogues were probably issued, and the titles of the books themselves were always beautifully it lustrated in the title pages. Manuscripts were sometimes exchanged from county to county. In this way many books were sent to the British isles as early as 601 A. D., and :n 699 the favor was returned, an English abbott brings to Rome a manuscript, which has been preserved, and which is now deposited in Florence. But for one broken link we should have an untroken chain of books, extending back many centuries, in the records of the papal decrees, acts and laws. That broken link is from 1124 to 1290. In 1124 the beeks were sold, and not until 1290 was the collection again begun by Innocent

arrived in this country last November, was 31,629, while in November 1885 it was only 20,070.

HUSBAND-"I hear that young Sumpon who went west last summer has been shot. 33 Wife-"Was he shot in a bad place?" Husband-"Yes, he was shot in Chicago."

It seems that Lieutenant Greely bo lieves in the theory that there is an open sea, some 15 miles in diameter. round about the Pole that never

THE ORANGE HARVEST. Clipping the Fruit--The Sweating

Process---Sorting and Packing. When the latter days of September approach, the bizarre splendors of the rainy afternoon, which, for four months, has irrigated the grove, grow the less frequent, and with the dry days of our autumn, we begin harvest; the Early Oblong or Thornton's Bell, the Egg, and the round Sang pur

seedling begin to ripen, and are ready for gathering. A grove is not in bearing until its trees average 500 apples, so the labor of merely picking a crop of oranges can permitted to pluck the fruit. It swings its tempting yellow among the dark green leaves and long, steely thorns high among the tops and low among weeks continuously at Rutland, Vt. the bending boughs. Tall step-ladders and light-weights are in demand, for care must be taken not to break the fruitful branches already symptomatic

of another year. adroit expert learns to clip the fruit, season. holding it between the third and fourth transferring it lightly to the pouch \$1,250, suspended at his neck. The musk of wind-shaken, crushed, thorn- hat the world will come to an end in pierced, and fallen fruit, the pungent, len years. aromatic odors of the leaves and oil

the exhilarating task proceeds. A bright, dry day must be chosen, as moisture on the rind tends to decay; and there must be caution in handling, on the point of as one bruised orange may infect an en-

tire bex or crate. A brisk hand stem-cutting in a full long is being built by the society people crop can average his 300 by the hour of Toledo, O. handling. The pickers transfers his the first time. sack or basket carefully to the drying house, where the fruit is spread out to much from his apple orchard as he does dry; this sweating process occupies from his books. three or more days. A good drying house is arranged with slatted shelves, that the air may penetrate to the interstices of the strips. A light fire is of advantage, as it promotes the drying by which the rind becomes firmer, taking a crisp, horny texture,

protecting the pulp from bruising. The next step is selecting, removing all bruised, thorn-pricked, or injured fruit into separate lots. This, which should precede arranging on drying floors or shelves, to avoid contact, is fol- | a widow who jilted him. lowed by separating the rusty fruit from the bright yellow. If this is carefully done, a selection may be made of rusty fruit in which the bronze contrasts prettlly with the gold on the orange, like the bloom on a peach. As the rust in no way impairs flavor or julciness, a well selected box of rust fruit compares

with the "brights." next step is wrapping. A thin tissue —An aged settier of Dexter, Me., paper is used, cut into squares of aged nearly 80 years, was married to a sweet seedling averaging ten inches in lately. being smaller. Settling the fruit on ice prepense, hanged a dog by the neck the sheet spread on the open palm, until he was dead, in Scabright, N. J., closing the hand unites the corners for recently. a twist of the right hand, and it is wrapped. The fruit is packed in thin urement-the wrapped orange is packed mas markets. stem down-and, of an average threeinch diameter, will hold four rows of nine to the row, or 156. The usual complement of the south Florida fruit, however, is 128, packed apple above

apple, with paper divisions to each ends and partition being of firm half- Thames having preserved them. inch wood, and the sides flexible. By arraiging the fruit differently, as is required in sizes exceeding or less than average diameter, space is economized by altering the rows to fit the obverse and re-entering curves A size running fours and to be so packed.

The process is delicate, the packing must be close, fitting within even pressure without bruising, to bear the jarsure without bruising, to bear the jac-ring of careless stevedores and "long-him. He expects to secure ten tons shoremen who annually exasperate the this winter, for which he will have a cropper. In fitting the box a layer of ready sale. paper is put at the bottom and one apped above and below, so that the fold, after the successive layers are closely This upper row should rise not to ex- and some are very large. ceed one quarter of an inch above the box edging, that, on nailing down the elastic top, the spring of wood fiber ir t may have a firm, constant pressure o resist jarring and displacement.

Invisible Mothers-in-Law.

of loss and damage in Australian fields A son-in-law once satrically remarked within the past ten years, the U.S. that one of the reasons why Adam and Consul General at Melbourne declares, Eve were so supremely nappy in their terrestrial paradise was that no mother Theatre, New York, at its opening, in-law existed in their day; and ethno figures out that the wealth represented logists and antiquarians both sustair in the parterre boxes was \$708,250,000. the argument that directly the mother and in the first tier boxes \$82,250,000. in-law came into existence a train of miseries originated, which, however a young man crossed the ice on the severe, have happily not yet driven the Hudson river at Rhinecliffe, New York, sterner sex to a universal vow of cell on Thursday, and won by making the

To support the idea that mothers-inlaw have never been favorably regarled, ethnologists tell us that a singular custom, which enacts that a man shal never look upon the face of his mother enormous wreath of bronze, surmounted in-law after he is once married, pre vails amongst numerous savage people apparently widely sundered by geo cholera scourge in that city. graphical distribution and differences of race.

fres of South Africa, among several of of twenty-five children, most of them the Australian tribes, and among many living, and his present wife is the Polynesians, a fact which some people mother of twenty-seven children, nineassume to point to a common origin of teen of whom are living. these races, but which others look upon as testimony of the existence of a nat- President Garfield is in the keeping of ural law, as a piece of wisdom indig the civil authorities of the District of enous to each of these countries, and the Columbia. All the personal property direct growth of individual experience. found on the assassin's body at the time widely separated continents as Africa tained by the officials. and Australia, is considered as proving that it must have been suggested by ture, and reasons are not wanting to show why savages discovered it was better for a man not to look upon his better for a man not to look upon his beau related to the wears house. This mother in-law. Primarily, say the supporters of this theory, because his mother-in-law was a picture in anticipation of what his wife was likely to

Before marriage, a man's mind may not be open to the cold processes of comparison, but afterward he begins to and the noise of their flight was like the consider what sort of a bargain he has rush of a mighty wind. a social law or custom.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-In Rome nearly all the hod ca rrier

-Miners at Red Gulch, I. T., are advertising for wives.

-Eggs are worth 35 cents a dozen in Pendleton, Oregon. -Epizootic is killing a large number of horses in western Maine,

-Cock fights are becoming popular n the New England States -Mormon elders are making many

converts in eastern Mississippi. -The total vote for governor in Nevada last November was 12,332. -A mast that bends to the gale is an

invention of a Connecticut citizen. -Sleighing has lasted nearly six -During the past year thirty-one murders occurred in San Francisco,

-Mustard seed valued at \$60,000 has The fruit must be "stem cut." An been shipped from Lompoc, Cal., this

-The highest salaried teacher in fingers and the shoulder of the thumb, Brooklyn, N. Y., this year will receive -It is predicted by a Texas clergyman

-The newest kind of a thief is one in glands load the air with fragrance, as Bellevue, O., who steals thermometers exclusively.

-A resident of Masillon, O., stepped on the point of a nail Monday, and died -A toboggan slide nine hundred feet

or 3,000 apples per day; but this is not -Phonix, the largest city in Arizona, frequent on account of the cautious was lighted with gas Friday night for -John G. Whittier makes about as

> -The city of Los Augeles, Cal., has lecided to adopt the cable system on all its horse-car lines.

> -A restaurant in Waila Waila, Washngton Territory, is serving new lettuce to its customers. -A 3-year-old helfer, recently killed and dressed at Lake's ranch, Nevada,

weighed 1,530 pounds. -A New Haven, Conn, man has brought suit for \$5,000 damages against -It cost the United States govern-

ment \$384,637 last year to pay the salaries and mileage of senators. -Tennessee's peanut crop this year s worth \$700,000. The average yield

per acre is forty-two bushels. -Eight thousand dollars was found n an old apron of a venerable woman Sorting is putting oranges of the who died at Port Pleasant, N. J.,

twelve or fourteen inches, the Florida sixteen-year-old miss of that place circumference; oblong, egg. mandarin | -A pet monkey apparently with mai-

-Poultry-dealers in Seneca, N. Y , shipped 36,000 nounds of turkeys, ducks elastic boxes, 12x12x27 outside meus and chickens to the New York Christ--About 8,000,000 umbrellas are

made and sold annually in this country. New York and Boston are the headquarters of the manufacturers, -The piles of old London bridge put down in the year 900 are still sound, The packing-box is divided in the the water and the blue mud of the

> -A dwarf, whose figure was familiar to the people of Newark, N. J., was found dead in bed recently, and it is believed that he was frozen to death.

-1t is estimated that over \$500,000 176 can be set by alternate threes and has been spent in unsuccessful attempts to establish newspapers in Portland, -A spruce-gum dealer in Byron, Me.,

-In Montana during the winter, cowboys make a living by killing mountain hons, for which a bounty of \$8 per fitted, may lap over and cover the top. head is paid. The animals are ferocious

> -The longest toboggan slide is claimed for the town of Grand Forks, Dakota. The trestle work is said to be 900 feet long, and the grade is 20 feet in the hundred for the first 300 feet. -Rabbits (gray variety of the wild species), have cause! \$15,000,000 worth

-An expert visited the Metropolitan -On a pair of stilts (also on a wager).

entire distance nearly two miles, without a fall. -King Humbert, of Italy, las received from the citizens of Naples an by a gold star, in recognition of his

bravery and humanity during the recent -As a family man, David Wright, colored, of Columbia City, Fla., can The custom obtains among the Caf- hardly be surpassed. He is the father

-The pistol with which Guiteau shot The custom being found in such of arrest was confiscated, and is still re-

-Although Carlyle devoted all the energies of his life to battling against some common necessity of human na-Chelsea is occupied by a quack doctor, been placed on the wrong house. This -A flock of blackbirds said to have been three miles in length and nearly a

hundred yards wide, lately passed over

Edenton bay, North Carolina. They made, and if his mother-in law has not -A thousand Madrid babies have improved with age, the ghastly possi-bilitity of his wife becoming like her Alfonso since his death. Queen Chris-

rises before him. Hence these savage tina recently presented the 1,000th baby tribes prescribed the rule that never with a book bearing the inscription: after marriage should a man see his "To the 1,000th Alfonso, from a mother-in-law, and this in time became woman whom two Alfonsos have made

words of comfort and promise than ver ricks and through valleys, with Nettie's. Deep, dark and mysterious wild gorges of

No depths of man's nature are barren of Our desclate rocks the winds and the flood,

Her sell browns fanned them, and birds of Main rests in their branches and warbled leve's prayer,

and grow. ALL FOR AMUSEMENT.

I can into these last two weeks of lib- zest and enloyment.

olds will call in their carriage. I skill and a coquette's ingenuity, keep

lion in the society of B--, and who atory.

grandfather when she was a little child, still. school-days were succeeded by all the his strongly accented English. pleasures of society after Nettie passed | must say a few words with you."

praise. Yet the very sincerity of this even to speak,

alth, energy and wealth Like a coquetting so heartlessly!" preacher stirred her to considering the

duty Mr. Martin's eloquence had poin-Nettle soon found employment for leisure hours and avenues for spare dol- | well!"

tlement where the mill operatives dwelt Nettie had fallen senseless, overcome, are sold every year. possible for Nettie to enter into any understanding with lukewarm interest, and, once engaged in trying to aid the sufferers, she devoted time and money with an unsparing hand. Her own glo-

The subject of wills, said a lawyer, larly where a considerable estate is devised. We are not only curious to know how a man wishes his property to go after he is through with it, but it seems most solemn moment of a man's life. At that moment one realizes to the fell after the tongue is hushed and the heart Mr. Tilden, or Mr. Storey disposed of

first, as the most toothsome items of

There are many very curious and eccentric wills described in the books, and some strange phases of human nature are illustrated in them. Some a cup of water to a beggar, by their wills leave enormous sums to charity pickings for the lawyers on the way. died, leaving a will drawn by himself. institution such as they should deem best. In case they elected not to do so

litigation the case was compromised and the Home of the Friendless got commodations, but the President was \$200,000 and the helrs the remainder.

> of Blackfriars bridge with his full-bot-Simple a matter as it really is, lawyers have not always been successful in drawing their own wills. Lord St. Leonard, high chancellor of England, and who with a number of law books, will, and it required an expensive lawsuit and the decision of a court of chan-

> of Lord Westbury, another lord high chancellor, drawn by himself, met with the same fate. I could give you many There have been devises to animals or for their benefit which have been held valid to cats, dogs, horses, and even

> undertaken to show their spite and hatred, and sometimes their humor, in seventeenth century has several items of that kind-for instance: "Item-I

Lord Nelson left a will drawn just

happily. He bequeathed a very hand-some income to her, and then provided

are too well known. In Turkey, female eyebrows painted in black and

gold are as much a la mode as rose-

wide, with which they covered their

Vegetable Clothing. About two hundred years ago the Governor of the Island of Jamaica, Sir a room for the observance of religious not been altered since it was taken

scribes it. A tree about twenty feet plain, while above the decorations in only give Ann Hathaway his second water. Then each man took a strip of the celebrated writers ornamented while it was still in the water, and the room. Some of the ancient hbrathin layer of the inner bark from one little lamps, which "cast light for many

lace-bark tree. Its botanical name is

ed or crucified. A he on a throne is a lie still, and truth in a dungeon is a Pole Itself is the centre of an ice-capped truth still; and a lie on the throne is on | land covered with ice from 1000 to 400)