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like a man and you don't deserve to be

I dare say it was, but it was not dis-

that river bank again, not even the lit-

tle giri would save me. But men are

weak, and for the present, for want of

a convenient way over to the other

side, I must stay on this and abide my

life as best I can. When T am gone, if

DONE WITH LAREDO.

it was too bad!"

I felt half ashamed.

early as was the hour, there

classes going into or coming out of

lovely dark eyes, lugurlant black hair

declared that their complexions were

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One Sweet Day.

Talk not of sad November, when a day Of warm, glad sunshine fills the sky of

ad, borrowed from some mor Andam of June, Stirs the brown grasses and the leafless

suny.

on the unfrostal pool the pillared pines

Singing a pleasant song of summer still, f sliver, down the hill-slope shines. (ushed the bird-voices and the hum of bees, in the thin grass the crickets pipe no

the soulirrel heards his winter And drops his nut-shells from the shag-

bark trees. Softry the dark green hemlocks whisper:

the spires of yellowing larches Above,

Where the woodpecker and home-loving

And jay and not hatch winter's threat defy. pracious heauty, ever new and old!

() sighs and sounds of nature, doubly

When the low sunshine warns the closing sear now blown fields and waves of aretic

stours heart I fold each lovely thing

he event day yields; and, not discon-

A MIDDLE-AGED CHERUB.

I am at my wits" end. As I write, es of razors is open before me blades, undimned, aiasl and ed by use, virgin as they came r's forge, lie ready to my and my hand shrinks from the desperate stroke. At 45, a wife, children (though them I well may bear a grudge) I may say, honor and an unblem m, are not things to be Yet without a struggle. the rest are embittered to isfortune, which no efforts ve enabled me to overcome, no stol has availed to disregard; and, had e courage, priest as I am, I would low, and suicide should merciful curtain upon the farce of my existence. Let me penning the tale of my woes will ny hand to end them.

Yet the tale will but move the world My wife has long pooh-

"first appearance." The weather was 16, but he looks as much older than his pose it is useless to hope that you are I laid aside my stole and hood age as I, so to speak, look younger than ashamed of yourself, but I am ashamed He is tall and burly, and has a of you. No wonder you look such a for a while; for I was as proud and careful of their untarnished rustling mighty mature and lumpish look. The baby when you give way to such childbeard which fate has denied me adorns ish tempers. At your age to mind glory as a mother of her first born; and stood at the vestry door chatting to him, and with a double portion, and, what you look like! You don't act my vicar and two of my fellow curates, now that his voice has broken and settled itself into a kind of boarse bray, treated like one. And to strike the who were making their mystical toilet beyish is the last word to apply to him. poor boy before the whole school! Oh, within. On a sudden I heard a very sweet girl's voice saying, "Oh, I do I took him down the other day to

Harlborough school to enter him there. wish I could make out this window-Lag their long shafts of shadow; the there should be some one to explain My railway journey was neither more creet to tell me so, and she does not nor less of a misery to me than usual. it," and looking down the church I saw one stout elderly lady and two slim An economically minded ticket inspector remarked considerately to my son, gloom, and I think if I were now on young ones examining a window of Ananias and Sapphira. I looked again "Id have passed him with a half ticket, at the girls, and oh, joy! I recognized sir! You need't have got a whole 'un.' two fair Americans who had appeared I went to the refreshment room and

in Oxford during my last term there asked for a four of whisky. The young and had been the objects of my passionlady behind the bar leant over and ate and heart stricken devotion. Never cried, "Oh, you horrid little boy! had I forgotten them. Cajolery and shan't give you nothing but a glass of I go, this narrative may perhaps lead a intrigue had once brought me into the milk and bun, not if you was ever so. few to think not too harshly of me. same room with them, but before I To think of the likes of you wanting could find an opportunity for an intro- fours of Scotch, indeed!" and a burly duction they were gone, and I saw countryman standing by smote me on

em no more. Now was my time. the back till I cho d, and guffawed, Straight I tripped down the steps of "Haw! Haw! Thee rt a good 'un. I the chancel and presented myself before loikes thy cheek, little chop," and in them like a knight errant, as I thought, trying to force on me a drink of his beer contrived to pour some half pint ming to deliver a distressed maiden. "You would like to know what the into my neck and waistcoat and then

subject of the window is?" I asked cursed me for his own clumsiness, The bookstall man treated me with polite "It is very old glass and very blandly. quaint; allow me to explain it," and I indifference and paid no more attention sailed fluently on, "Dear mel" cried to me than to a spaniel. Finally, the elderly lady presently, when I came when a grim old lady got into our to a pause, "how interesting! What smoking carriage she fixed me with a

a very happy idea to have the church a stony eye and said, "Oh! you nasty shown in this way, and what very nice little boyl smoking at your agel Where choristers there are here; so intelligent | do you expect to go to?" and proceeded and well behaved!" I thought this to take my pipe away from me; while rather irrelevant and was puzzled, but the other passengers said, "Well, he is

all praise of the church just then was too young to be smoking, for sure," ney to me, and I said complacently, and that lout of a son of mine went om when God gives up "Yes, the choir is very good, we take black in the face with laughter and degreat pains, and great attention is paid to discipline." Why the young ladies Harlborough was reached

should have tittered, or the old lady have looked so fall-abroad, I could house. With some difficulty and two half crowns I induced the incredulous

to come into church in considerable butler to usher us in, and having got numbers 1 drew toward the chancel rid of his first notion that it was, as he steps, discoursing as I went, and then, said, "a 'oax," I found I had cast out as we reached the chancel gate, I the first devil only to have 2 more them, and I must confess to seeing paused, intending, before we parted, to wicked one take his place; for now he several that I thought beautiful, with make some allusion to have met them in Oxford. The elderly lady, however, this way, young genle'men," and ac-a superb walk, but my little woman mistook me. She stopped at the foot ually poked me in the ribs before going of the steps, where her head was still slightly above mine, and bringing her the doctor's presence. I was wild with slightly above mine, and bringing her the doctor's presence. I was wild with hand out of her pocket, where she had been fumbling, slipped a half crown I, thereby and shrilly, "Doctor," said turned our steps down a narrow street where she soon uttered an exclamation I insist, sir." He glared at me haughinto my palm and said, "there, my little man, that will do; you've got it all tily, and then, turning to my lout said, is astonishing what a sort of Masonic

very nicely; now I must just give you "is this some farce? If, sir, as I supone kiss, my dear," and with that I, pose, you are bringing your little brother to enter him at the school, let hancel steps, under my own rood me say that we have the means," and screen, before the eyes of my own pas-tor and flock. "On, yes! dear little "of correcting that unbridled and infellow," cried the young ladies, "he is subordinate demeanor which the loss, and both smiled with delight,

so pert and cunning," and they too sissed me with great goodwill. I stood with cheeks and mouth agape, the half I see." and he, as the gaby turned I see." and the top for breakfast, but no; she was going to with cheeks and mouth agape, the half crown still in my hand, watching them crown still in my hand still in my hand them crown still in my hand

Harlborough was reached at last,

and we walked up to the headmaster's

A VERY SINGULAR RIVER. Anomaly in Nature-But Little Changed Since the Day of Its Birth.

As I said. I know not what to call this Saguenay. Rivers have banks, but it has none; for lofty and precipitous cliffs, mountains of rock, precipices that rise 1,000 feet sheer upward from the tide and beetling crags-these know what I feel. Her chiding has cannot, without misuse of language, brought back all my old bitterness and be called river banks. Nor is it fit to call it a stream, for a stream is a line

of flowing water smaller than a river, a dream I move about my rooms and the Saguenay is from one and a half to two miles wide, and from 400 to 1,000 feet in depth, and all this They are all the things that speak to me monstrous depth of water is in motion. Nor is it an outlet merely, for And that husband! Moody, absentinto it flows the surplus water of Lake St. John. But this lake is shallow, not deep, and but little more than half the length of the Saguenay, and hence its flowage, large his wife. as it is, is but a tithe, nay, only a

Mexican Mother and Her Child-hundredth part of what the latter Grasping Nature of a Mexican Landlord. daily. Hence, if we call the Saguemay a river, it is not because that The picturesque scenery led us the word describes it or is a proper title first morning after our arrival in Laredo to walk around the streets, and to it, but because of its strange characteristics. It stands an anomaly in peer into houses in a way which we nature, and there is no better name to

would bitterly resent in any one who give it than to call it a river, came to our country for the same pur-Its waters are colored, nor is their pose; but as it is a time honored custom color like to any other river I have of American travelers, we undertook ever seen. They have been called black by many writers who would have seen. They have been called it bravely, though I must confess that written of them, but they are not I did try to hire a guide, but as we black, but rather a transparent brown, wanted to start out long before any of like as common water is when those who served in that capacity were looked at through a smoked glass. I awake or would rouse, we relied upon say transparent, for they are very pure and clear, and, dark as they are, the our own wits and started out, We found several churches, but some of them were so old the little woman eye sees deeply and easily into them. A white stone or piece of tin can be gathered up her skirts in disgust and perceived at a great depth-as deeply declared she wouldn't enter, and the lown as they might be in the waters others were so new that she decided of the Horicon, which I have often thought were the purest and cleanest in the world. Moreover, the sunthat they were not worth seeing; but numbers of Mexican women of all

beams penetrate its dark brown currents easily, and the long lances of light shot into the brown depths by the solar rays look as the sunlight looks when shining through the stained vindows of great cathedrais. Whence its waters get this strange quality, this indescribably gloomy and stnister tinge, none can say, and sa-vants do not even pretend to guess,

for all the currents which flow into it of delight, She had found a baby! It are mountain streams and crystalline. and the contributions of the sea which attraction a baby causes between wothe tidal lift pours into it are clear men. They don't know why, but so it and blue of tint. Nor can it come is, and in a moment the little Amerifrom any coloring matter released by cano was seated on a rude bench holdnature's chemistry acting upon its the broad corridor and the staircase. fairly dazzling with rainbow hues, and rocky walls and bottom, for the na- I met quantities of people whom I when lightly polished are exceedingly know.

Not for love of you, but for very love VALUABLE SHELLS of the man who desires to be rid of mel Do you understand?" Arrival of a Cargo of 3,600 Pounds

"Ah, so that you go with me-are mine! the rest will follow, Nellina. No time must be lost. This very night, an opera night, and therefore you have naught to fear, we must fly! Be ready A cargo of about 3,600 pounds of

at 9 o'clock. Give some ball or reception as an excuse to your maid, and descend the steps. In the carriage I will wait my darling, and in a few short sions. One of the latest affections of weeks, Italy, joy-rest for thee and me, my sweet !" I listen to him as in a dream. As in

mechanically all that day, touching familiar trides with trembling fingers. of the love my husband wooed me with. minded, silent. No more the Marion Halpine whom I married only six short used in this style of adornment. months ago than, well, than I am like unto that Nellie Dampier who became

He is home to dinner that evening, but throws down his paper to go out holds and pours into the St. Lawrence again very shortly after our silent meal

> "You are going to the opera?" I ven-It is the very first time that I have

ever asked my husband a question as to his goings or comings. "The opera?" he repeats after me, listlessly. "No; I seldom go now-a-

days," "I thought you liked Marca in 'Mig-Japan, East India, Trocus, ion,' especially?"

"Marca is not going to sing to-night. I see by the papers that she is indis-

posed. Why did you ask me?" he says, with something of the old look in his

blue eyes. "I don't know!"

My fingers tremble as I raise my glass to my lips.

"You will be well entertained, doubtless, as usual by your friend Landoultiess, as usual by your friend Lan-it may contain. Not only the shell, at and about its hinge, but the meat or

a thing as going too far." There is just anger in my heart, but, Heaven help me! I love him and can-

not stab him with a retort when I know shall never look upon his bonny face oughly cleaned. The finest shell for "Good evening!" he says, coolly, but

cannot answer. I only bow my head | Manila. It ranges in price from sixty and the hot tears scald my eyes. The soft tinkle of the clock on the used for making dress and shirt but-

mantel arouses me, Nine o'clock Lan- tons, pistol stocks, cuff buttons, parasol zetti awaits me without. Not stop- and umbrella handles, pen handles, ping for a last glance, not hesitating to studs, and scores of other articles. A think or reflect, or even to say "Fare- thin veneering is also made of it, which well!" to my home, I fling a heavy, fur-lined cloak over my rich evening dress and fly like a guilty thing down

granite quartz and gneiss are the dom-inant structures. But whatever be eral letters. Three are for me and one the course of it the shell there is a very httle the cause of it, the color of its in Nathalle's handwriting for Mr. Hal-

"Is there any difficulty or danger at-

PEARL MANUFACTURING,

of Pearls.

THE VARIOUS KINDS.

NEWS IN BRIEF. -In Mexico they have special fun-

eral cars over the horse car routes to the cemeterles, -The Brazilian Government has rohibited meetings in favor of the

pearl from the Phillipine Islands arabolition of slavery. rived recently, and it will no doubt, "-Berlin is the only large German soon be converted into artistic shapes city that refuses to velocipedists the for the adornment of fashionable manfreedom of the streets.

-On the leg of a dead pigeon rethe wealthy is the addition to their cently found on the St. Lawrence household gods of artistically executed river was a silver pound, inscribed sea and landscape paintings in oil upon ·9.71. ·*

mother of pearl shells. It is doubtful -Many of the principal streets in the if one of the hundreds who purchase central part of Paris are having their them, or five out of the thousands who former stone pavements changed to dmire them in the show windows on wooden ones, Broadway or elsewhere, have the re-

-Knapp is rather a small town in motest idea that nature formed these Northern Wisconsin, but it will have shells for any other purpose than to be a toboggan slide 1 mile long in opera-A large importer of shells and a tion, next winter.

nanufacturer of pearl goods, in conver--To her litter of three kittens a sation with a reporter, expressed as- Kansas cat added two young rabbits, tonishment at the profound ignorance and later three young raccoons, all of of so many persons in regard to the which she is nursing devotedly.

different localities from which bearl -At the late Medical Congress in shells come, and the hundred and one ienna all the doctors who spoke on purpose for which they are used. the subject were in favor of crema 'How many kinds are there used in don as a way of disposing of the dead.

your business?" asked the reporter, -A pair of rubber hands have been attached by a Newark (N. J.) doctor, to the wrists of young Walter Alexan-der, whose hands were cut off by com-"The shells which possess a commercial value are known to the trade

ing in contact with the machinery of as the Manila; Australian, Bombay, the Belleville Rubber Works. Chinese -A large pelican, with a bill as long snail, black and red ear, and Panama,

Several of these species are pearl bearas a coal dealer, was captured near ing shell; and are only obtained by pro- Crete, Nebraska, recently tessional divers at the imminent risk of uted six feet from tip to tip of wings, their lives. Many of these bivalves are five feet from the tip of its bill to the very heavy, weighing sometimes eight or ten pounds. The moment the na-pounds,

tive gets one ashore he forces it open -A have of bees was found under a and; carefully removing the living incornice that was being repaired rehabitants, carefully searches for any cently on a house in Salem, Massachusetts, and after the insects had been smothered, a store of honey. lish within is thoroughly examined, amounting to a tub and a half, was lest the pearl might be secreted, as is secured.

frequently the case, in the body. This -The discovery of a wild cat in the examination over, the shells are laid vicinity of Quaker Bridge, West-chester County, New York, has relieved aside to dry, having first been thorome tramps of suspicion that connecmanufacturing purposes comes from ted them with extensive disappearances the Phillippine Islands and is called the poultry belonging to farmers in the eighborhood, to seventy-five cents a pound, and i

-A young truckman of New York Il asleep while fishing the other day. and in that condition arose, walked overboard and was drowned. He was given to somnambuilism, and is said before to have had several narrow esis worth \$13 a pound, and is used for capes from death. inlaying the covers of albums and fancy

cabinet work. These veneerings are An intelligent horse is spoken of in he Lynn (Massachusetts) Bee, It was ninus a shoe when stabled for the night, but next morning walked off beautiful. When we have got all these its own will to the blacksmith and was waiting its turn to be shod when found by the owner.

-Many Ohto farmers are said to

* as well urge of sk uning, or the fi regard the kettle the hen she is suppo and a good deal o grenadier, veil, our sympathicing's

and say. had hal your complaint. But some Then never regret and envy are mere read the lesson, proved that to demonmocked an the possession of grav hairs and gouty toes, they know they can trife with me as they please. I can scarcely hear to divulge my secret to those who do not know me

and it, but I must. My curse is this, L a man of 45, a husband, the father of a great lout of a lad and a gawky girl, a priest in holy orders and a achelor of divinity, have the face, the figure, the voice, and the carriage of a cherry cheeked boy of 14. Ah! you may laugh, but none can know what I jediciously fainted away and was borne endure till they have tried it. Just consider. I look like a nice, healthy, lower school boy. My cheeks are plnk and smooth; my hair is yellow and rough and plenty of it; my waist is brook to remain there longer. By the

m, my back is flat; I walk with a springy step; at times involuntarily un, and 1 believe I still could beat any alto in my old school choir. It was not till after I left Oxford that I became conscious of my affliction. At college many of us do like boys, and act like boys too. My post was naturally the pleasant one of cor of the college eight, and although raft-

men and barges guffawed privily when came down to the boats, and little boys from the townath mimicked my arili, imperative voice, still I was petted and popular, as cox is by virtue his office, and I was nappy. They carried me shoulder high round the quad and placed me on the table at my steersman's mission. Those, intime I announced a determination to take orders, trouble grew up around me. Tutors said they doubted if I should have "enough influence;" clergymen, to whom I applied for a title, seemed skeptical of my "seriousness;" and when I called on the examining haplain to the bishop of my choice and explained the object of my visit, the good man looked puzzled, but smiled kindly and asked with a surtout joint de sele air if I didn't think I had ther have not troubled to come to lim till I was within more measure-

washtub.

able distance of the earliest age for erdination. And at that moment I was 24. At that time, indeed, I knew I looked boyish; but then I often felt boyish, and not being a vain peacock, I gave little critical study to my appearance; vanity is not my besetting sin, and in those days I did not stare gloomity in the glass for the purpose of detecting some hope, some promise of ish, where we had a fine old church, a considerable choir, and several other surates, and, faulting my vicar kindly, and his wife positively affectionate, dropped off and left my face hairless as ettied down to my work and looked forward to a happy and beneficent life. the sole of my foot. At 40 I still looked Within a week my hopes were crushed. There befell me a calamity which has left ma ever since a blighted and dis-

" being, being, "sen ordained, and f was wife is half as tall again as I, and twice wife is half as tall again as I, and twice

which I was, so to speak, to make a ordinary creature. He is not more than

while the easily pool-while the easily retreated down as they complacently retreated down the asile. Then, when they had disap-the asile. Then, when they had disap-eared, roused by the titter of ladies and the cutfaws of my fellow clergy at my breast Marker they had marker they are asile as they complete the they are asile as they complete they are asile as they are as they are asile asile as they are asile as they are as they are asile

It was useless to remain in that part ish. The conduct of the congregation next Sanday, when I stepped forth to read the lesson, proved that to demon-stration. Of course such a story had spread like wildlire. The church was matter was made all the worse by the orately worked in exquisite patterns, crammed, and when in reading about fact that the doctor was but a young some of the work being over a foot David, who was "ruddy and withai of a beautiful countenance" I came to abeautiful countenance "I came to the words, "Look not on his counte- still being birched at school, and was a that these were in part done by herself the words, "Look not of his stature," nance or on the height of his stature," there arose such a stiffed laughter as sounded like the wind among dry personal appearance, sir? How dare leaves. I stopped short, consumed with shame and mortification, unable to see

shame and mortification, unable to see the book for tears, and then, with an fond of the most degrading part of your which is done by pulling out threads astuteness I did not know I possessed, duties, that I would gladly leave this and sewing others in so that the patout like a child in the arms of the would get the thrashing he deserves for basso blacksmith. It was a skillful stroke and might have retrieved me, but I could not basso blacksmith. It was a skillful stroke and might have retrieved me, but I could not basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with have to speak with you! and I will basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with have retrieved me, but I could not basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with have to speak with you! and I will basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with basso blacksmith. But then I should have to speak with you! and I will While we were talking with her—I water began to flow, and you have in water began to flow.

not lower myself by having anything to say talking because we certainly all did your mind a fairly good picture of what assistance of the archdeacon and the consent of the bishop, who tried hard not to laugh while he gave it, I was transferred to another county. But though no like blow fell on me there, I saw the attempt was useless. Did I go to school to catechise or exhort the boys, my presence was the signal for disorder. As a matter of course my out at my heels.

authority was disregarded. Girls chatauthority was disregarded. Units charts the speechess with fury till we distance from the house. If was speechess with fury till we distance from the house. Then, looking up, I saw that my toffee before my very eyes, and even looked to me for encouragement, and if in my mortification I struck him with the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. There were several of the master was forced to come to the my cane. rescue and cane a lad, the ingenious youth would appeal to me, with an air that said as plain as words, "Come, you "where to pipe my treble songs, and, that said as plain as words, "Come, you and he felt the indignity. He lost his went back to the hotel, having seen all the said as plain as words, "Come, you and he felt the indignity. He lost his went back to the hotel, having seen all there was in Laredo and finding it giants of my crew, I was but fulfilling you put a stop to this grown up tyranny? Have you no fellow feelings?" was too much. To what depth of con- for breakfast and found it wasn't cusdeed, were golden days. But from the At baptisms mothers refused to let me tempt must I have fallen! I dropped officiate upon the brawling infant, on a bench and burst into tears-the and bread, and at noon got some soup, vowing "they weren't agoin' to let that bitterest tears, I think, that ever man some motion stewed with peas, some theer careless boy play no tricks with that blessed baby." My ministrations

alone, and then I wandered away in good. We decided to go on to Mon-indescribable wretchedness. I was terey that evening, and so asked for provoked hilarity at funerals, and once an irate virago, with whom I was ex-postulating on the wickedness of her blind to all that passed; I neither saw ways, soused me mick and crop, clerical nor cared where I went. I could not even pursue one train of thought, however miserable. Not that any oblivion two than one.

With much pain I dropped my holy came mercifully to relieve me from my calling. Marriage and a literary life sufferings, I paged through moment absorbed some years. I strove-heaven after moment of exquisite pain, but knows how earnestly-to correct the each seemed isolated, and to be endured vice of my appearance, but the more I by itself separately, and without any advanced in life the more absurd mat-ters grew. Occasionally glimpses of hope only proved delusive and plunged me back again into a darker despair. not know, but after what I thought as it ought.

If I have tried one patent infallible was a great while I found myself sitwhisker producer I have tried twenty. ting by a dull, dark stream, staring I have been a mine of wealth to har- gloomily into it. I do not know what bers. Fluids that would make an eim | was passing through my mind; perhaps plank shaggy simply make my cheeks no settled thought had formed itself; look chapped. Many a time have I but I was in a very abyss of despair, gone to rest daubed with pomade, only Suddenly I feit a little hand thrast age, cr. indeed, for any other purpose. Though below the middle height, I am not a dwarf, and as yet the awful con-viction of the truth had not forced itself upon me. I did not know how childlike a front I presented. At last, bowever, I obtained a curacy in a par-bit, where we had a frond in the mark and a streets with my chin days I was almost definious with 16%, and walked the streets with my chin in the air to show my maniy beard. In the air to show my maniy beard. and walked the streets with my chin youth. Slowly I came out of the dark Alasi like Jonah's gourd, it withered in not what rash act; and in talking to course to the substances extracted from the birch bark, and which are confidingly in mine, I gradually found now used to perfume Russia leather. composure and resignation. She was very shy, and even stupid, and, when

But though I looked as if time had stood still with me, in fact it has made as good haste as with other folks. My vincial accent; but still, by her mute acid, which gives the well known odor kindliness and fellow feeling, she had to Russia leather. It is now found

very full of the solen. We want the dig-nity of my new position. We want just inshed a wedding in humble life, and about haif an hour was to elapse before mating. I had taken a subordinate part in indissolubly yoking a bashful country has to a very bemused looking if any surplice for the service in which I was, so to speak, to make a

ind the suffaws of my fellow chergy at think," he anded significantly, " my best of the vestry. It was useless to remain in that par-the suffaws of the congregation in the suffaws of three immense campbor wood trunks, studded with brass name, and from these the woman took out piles of snowy linen undergarments, all elab-

> you make a mock of my infirmity? You | present of a napkin with the coat of grinning oaf with you, and then he tern is formed in open work. The little woman retaliated by taking off a gold

tomary! But we got some chocolate beans bolled first, then fried in suet, I gave him money and sent him home and some sweetmeats which were very

> our bill. The price was \$4 a day for one person, but \$4.50 apiece for two. Laredo is a nice enough border town.

further he gets away. The type is dis-tinctly Mexican, with just enough of Yankee about it to spoll it for a Mexican town, and not enough for a good American one. However, it may grow up with the country if Texas develops as it ought.

Industrial Uses of Oil of Birch.

A Belgian inventor has devised a process for tanning textile fabrics which renders them waterproof and at the same time, it is said, proof against When the fine white bark of the birch tree is distilled it yields a light

oil, nearly a fourth part of which con-sists of the special phenol, or carbolic that the residue, or green tar, of the

and has to the eye, seen from a dis-tance, a most grewsome look, gloomy and sinister, as if it came from some

Imagine, ngw, a vast valume of this strange looking water, two miles in width, 1,000 teet in depth, pouring out between a monstrous opening between contiguous mountains made by some mighty three of nature, travailing in agony, to bring forth an awful birth;

an opening which is not simply a rent made through a lofty range, but as if a long, high ridge of primeval rockrock old as the beginning of the world -running north and south, had been split apart along its entire length of forty miles, exactly in the centre, and the two haives wedged violently apart until the jagged, precipitous, cavernous sides stood two miles asunder, and through this tremendous opening, through the very centre of this huge

the Saguenay was at its birth, and what it is to-day.

For of all rivers on the globe this, from necessity, has changed the least. Here and there the frost and heat, the snows and rains of 10,000 years have worn down the sharp edges and rounded the flinty verge of overhangout at my heels. I was speechless with fury till we was of the most primitive construction and wear of centuries have deposited foothold, but save this all is to-day on when she came here, and then she coneither hand, as you sail up its darkling trived to have me always at her side, doits gloomy currents began to boil and whirl and flow. Every other river on

the face of the earth has changed its banks and bed, but this strange river has changed not at all, and gannot change until the end of time.

A Desperate Woman.

I had only myself to blame for having introduced my husband to Natha-iie Marca, the beautiful cantatrice. We

had been school girls together, and when I became Marion Halpine's wife it was but natural that I should want because it always makes more work for her to know the man I loved. Luckless day for me when they met. It

seemed to me that from that but I think one appreciates it more the very hour he became tired of me. I know 1 saw very little of him, and it was whispered to me by many obliging friends that he spent most of his time in her society. For a while I mourned over my lost

show that I was wounded.

I had made the acquaintance of a very handsome Italian during this period of my husband's apparent desertion. His name was Lanzetti and he was a very accomplished and talented man, and we were thrown a great deal together. Even if he did make love to me sometimes I felt I was not doing wrong in allowing it. I felt reckless and tormented at Marion's indiffer-

ence. I remember one night that he called him and he must have noticed it. His eyes burned into my very soul.

"Nellina," he said, "did you ever you to ever to dol" think Marion Halpine deserts make you leave him, so that he can go his own way?"

"What," I exclaim, "am I so blind?" I rise to my feet, and then stagger back and should fall to the floor did not Lanzetti catch me in his lithe voung arms, "Is it-can it be? Do you think that my husband wishes me o go away?" "Nellina carissima!" his kisses are

raining down upon my white, cold face, carrying out this idea by connecting, "It is so!"

"Then," I say, feebly, but with Heaven knows a strong purpose in my heart. "Lanzetti, I will go with you!

"No, ma'am; but as you will see him There is one species of shell shaped like at the ball." "To be sure," and I rush out into the sides of which are small holes, and

other world than ours, whose waters, unless discolored from causes discov-unless discolored from causes discovthe street. A carriage is waiting and addresses the driver, "Drive at once to the Northern Depot. I shall"— upon his shoulder. When the tide has pretty nearly run out the natives go down among the rocks and, watching their opportunity, catch hold of the upper shell which the shall which the shall had of the upper shell which the shall addresses the driver. The matrix of the shall be addresses the driver. The shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver. The shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver. The shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver. The shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver at the shall be addresses the driver. The shall be addresses the driver at the driver at the shall be addresses the driver at the driver at the shall be addresses the driver at t

upon his shoulder. "My dear sir! Mrs. Halpine," turn-ing to me, "will you oblige me by returning to the hotel?" But I do not move. I stand there paralyzed, and see my husband give

the young Italian a terrible shake and grip. In that case the unfortunate then a kick—and what more do I see? pearl gatherer will have to stand up to his knees in water unless he cuts off zetti fly off into the middle of the street. his imprisoned fingers, for the shell and dark rich braids fall about the re-vealed face of Nathalie Marca

"Great Heaveni" Marion staggers ack in horror and alarm. I know nothing any more for many

long hour. When I finally awaken my husband is bending over me, and unless he frees himself by chopping off on his face is written the story of a his finger ends and leaving them for great and wondrous joyfulness. the animal to dine on, he is sure to be

"Nelly, oh, my darling!" drowned. He takes me in his arms and holds me to his heart.

"What is it?" I whisper. "Tell me: t seems as though my brain were upset. oughly searched for pearls, they are Marion, explain it all to me, dear!" "This, dear! This is the tale

two hundred pounds each, and shipped strange enough one, I am sure: For two months I have been the recipient Great ingenuity and long experience to England, France, or this country, of notes, letters from Nathalle, telling are required to become an expert in pearl shell working. When a manume of her love, as she had told me of it in the old days. I took no notice whatfacturer receives an order for a lot of ever. I seldom saw her-never except cuff buttons he is sometimes obliged to overhaul dozens of cases in order to obtain those of the required thickness, as a clever, determined woman can and then not more than three or four

"Marion, your absence from home?" iest shell. But then nothing goes to "Dear, I have been plunged almost irrevocably in a vortex of ruin. I stald waste, for small buttons and other articles are made from the thinner at my office late at night, trying to reparts, and then, by means of a circular gain what I had lost, to retrieve myself, saw, the 'scrap' is cut for inlaying or

and kept silence lest my little girl should worry too. Then Lanzetti ap-peared upon the scene. Nathalie's billet-doux grew more numerous, more pressing. They insinuated your faithfulness, her immovable fidelity, Lan-

zetti's fascinations, the on-dits of ten thousand Mrs. Grundys. "Last night I was desperate! When \$100 for that pistol stock. I came back unexpectedly to the hotel and beheld you standing on the pavement with that man-as I presumed him to be-heard the directions which

did not dream I was doing-I struck a woman! Your Lanzetti was none other than Nathaliel Think of the woman's desperation! Her art to originate and carry out so stupendous a plot! Seeing that you were not interested in any

Nell!-your most unworty husband and

nothing to forgive you, Marion; but to think of the two months that were stolen from us by Lanzetti?"

"Think of the years to come with fallen off." which Lanzetti will have nothing what-

that burrows under the skin,

-A negro in Americus, Georgia, bought a trunk at a store for \$1,50 ler Zee is being actively discussed in An hour afterward he returned and said he guessed he'd got too much for his money. The trunk was filled with the store-keeper's stock of Mackinaw straw hats that had been packed away in it for the winter. They were big crowd of bucks looked on and killed

faints every time the fire bells ring.

we been caught on promissory notes which they signed while supposing they were only putting their names to bedges presented by a sad-looking out, binding him not to kill any song

rattler" and cating what is called the "heart" of the reptile.

-Miss Phoebe Couzins, it is anounced from St. Louis, has been appointed United States Marshal for that listrict. She is a daughter of the deeased Marshal, and is said to have directed the executive affairs of the office for some time past,

-A shower of stones rattled against his auckers from the rock. The shell a house in Sumpter County, Georgia, is so hard that it is next impossible to one night last May, it is stated, as smash it. There the poor fellow it though at regular intervals. The held in agony until the tide rises, when, mysterious fusilade has been repeated, even in the presence of neighbors. No explanation has yet been found.

-While in Buffalo, consulting an eminent surgeon as to what should be done about having his teeth out (a false set that he declared he had swallowed), "After the shells have been thora Jamestown (N. Y.) man received a despatch stating that his teeth had cleansed and packed in cases of about been found where he had unconsciously dropped them.

-The inspection of meat in Berlin s a very important matter. Twelve veterinary surgeons are employed to tamp it before slaughter, and forty nicroscopic samplers are continually engaged in examining the meat exposed for sale. Besides these 100 experts are employed in various duties, twenty-six of whom are women buttons can be drilled out of the heav-

-The wife of a Nevada, Missouri, nan had ten young chickens, One day at noon a hawk pounced down upon them and carried off one, but did not go far before a lot of crows got after him. The next night at roosting veneering. Pistol stocks require the time the lost chicken came home. It very heaviest shell. A pearl worker in still bears the marks of the hawk, but New York, having some time ago reis otherwise'all right. ceived an order from an army officer

-A Maine woman, who takes pleasfor a pearl handled revolver, was obliged to overhaul nearly a whole ship ure in her poultry, has adopted a simload before he could find two shells of ple but excellent method of keeping her the required thickness. He received chickens at home. She ties a small

corn cob to one leg, allowing it to dan-"The business of pearl manufacturgle at a distance of about six inches, ing is comparatively new in this coun-The fowl can scratch and get about with ease, but, it is said, will not attry, and the profits are so large that tempt to fly over palings or squeeza there is a tendency to monopolize the through a crack. industry. In consequence all sorts of

devices are resorted to in order to ob--A new law that went into force tain the advantage. Some time ago a large house in New York bought a cargo eptember 15 throughout Prussia requires all keepers of restaurants at railof pearl shells to arrive at 70 cents a way stations of the third and fourth pound. While the vessel was in transit the market fell about 40 cents. It was class to provide a cup of good, hot coffee, without milk or sugar, for 5 one, she disguised herself and set about the market ten about 40 cents. It was coffee, without milk or sugar, for 5 in our the task of reformation, thinking to vessel foundered off the form of the f win me to her side when I discovered Hope, for the concern would certainly sugar for double the price. money), and the same with milk and

to go on to New Fork by yoursen, and leging some excuse, and then come here to mel standard the source hand arrive at New York direct from the to mel to be the source hand arrive at New York direct from the "The note which was in your hand lisheries, instead of ordering from London, knowing that the shells are ously and vigorously until late, when it assorted there and the choicest picked ceased. In the morning the jailer found that, under cover of the music, four prisoners had sawed off a portion of a window casing, worked a big stone out of place and escaped.

-Otter Belt, one of the greatest of Comanche chiefs, died in the Indian Territory recently. Five minutes be-fore his death they held him erect and rigged him out in his best war cos-

hair in beaver skins, and laid him down just as he died. Then his five wives took sharp butcher knives, slashed their faces with long, deep cuts, cut themselves in other places, and beat their bleeding bodies and pulled their hair. They also burned everything they had, tepees, furniture, and even most of the clothing they had on. A

-Cincinnati has a woman who of Fress Addington, on whose ranche Otter Belt lived.

Drying Up the Zuyder Zee. The question of drying up the Zuy-Holland. The Royal Institute of Engineers purposes holding shortly a pub-

ic meeting of their body at Amsterdam to thoroughly examine the scheme for by strong dykes, all the islands that form its outer fringe, and so perma-nently excluding all inflow from the North Sea.

he gave the driver, Nelly, I did what I

your treachery. She meant to leave you have foundered had the ship come to go on to New York by yourself, al-

for my coldness, harshness?" "Forgive you?" I echo; "there is

out for the English and French marlover! Dear heart, will you forgive me kets. There are several large manu-

factories of pearl work in Newark. Philadelphia, Germantown, and in this city, and since the establishment of

this industry here the importation, of need buttons from England has greatly

-A Japanese woman has discovered tume. They painted him red, set his that rheumatism is caused by a bug war bounet on his head, tied up his

