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The Pin and the Small Boy.

Only a pin; yet it calmy lay on the tuited floor in light of day; and it shope sevenely fair and bright, ing back the noonday light.

mly a boy; yet he saw that pin not his face assumed a fiendish grin; e stooped for a while, with look intent, be and the pin alike were bent. Only a chair; but upon its sent A well-bent pin found safe retrent; r had the keepest eye discerned hat heavenward it's point was turned only a man; but he chanced to drop thal opened wide his valve de throttle

only a yell though an honest one, s lacked the element of fun; and the boy and man, and pin and chair, wild confusion mingled there

## UNDER A CLOUD.

it was a cold, dark night in February. The snow had been lying on the the squares seemed like frosted Everywhere overhead the now was still white and pure. Underoot was a damp, cold, slushy mixture f ice and mud, such as London only an produce, which chills the badlyhod wayfarer to the bone. The lamps gave but a dim light in the side streets. and the few pedestrians, marching lently along in the quiet thoroughseemed, with their notseless footteps, to be so many sorrowful ghosts ed to a weary pilgrimage in a t city of mist and darkness.

Frank Denton, however, felt none of se things. At five-and-twenty one grain or gently-failing snow gives a at when one is young, well-fed, wellthe struggle with the elements an he ended at pleasure.

Frank, although he was not particuby fever, left his wife and son stally upprovided for. Frank, then ather's friends in a merchant's office. Here he had remained, gradually imposition, and gaining the sidence of his employers.

For the last two years, having had misfortune to lose his mother, he and been living alone in London, and eing of quiet and studious habits, had at of the evenings in the comany of his books. He was out this ening, after a couple of hours' study, and had been walking briskly along for

Just as Frank was about to pass seized him by the arm and forced him rudely back two or three paces, and, before he could recover simself, there was a muffled sound of rushing boofs and rattling of harness. a horse and trap dashed madly over the pot where he would have been, and in mother moment the vehicle was caught against the lamp-post at the corner and smashed to pieces. In a minute the solitary street had a decent-sized crowd It is a marvelous characteristic London that no sooner does the st toding accident occur than a rowd seems to grow up at once. here the people come from is a mys-They seem to coze up from the ad, to emanate in some manner from very bricks to descend with the lacks, to float in upon the wind.

Frank, however, took little notice of the crowd. He was too much occupied with his fair preserver, who, the danger past, had fainted, and would have en but for his promptness in upolding her. In two or three minutes the cool night air revived her, and they walked on together till they found themelves in one of London's broad and wished him good-night, but he insisted a accompanying her a little farther, which, after a faint resistance, she

The strange manner in which they had been introduced to each other; the service she had rendered him, for which, he protested, he could never sufficiently thank her; the earnest reection on her part of any merit in that she had done; gradually launched them into a lively conversation: so that a short time they were talking as searching manner. illiarly as though they had known

o her home near Islington. In spite of her humble position there was a tone of refinement about her, was that of a well educated pert, Her face was that of a charming

f his new acquaintance.

Emerton had left Mme, Mi-

ill, gray existence. intance of one who was a total struggle in the everyday fight of the that I am taking the honest daughter about Mr. Langtry, who or what he is, world, are, as a rule, quite capable of of an honorable man." taking care of themselves. If Mary did not at once inform her parents of

shyness than for any other reason. Time went on. Frank was auxious that his position justified one of his cordial firm grip that means true and men to guess what the name engraved

Mary had long ago told him of her were chatting about the city and com- divorce for so long is that her husosition and that of her parents. He merce when Mr. Emerton said: snew that her father gained a living as a law-writer, that he had once been in Emmet and Johnson—are still flourish- being a very valuable trade mark, as it a better position, that he had assisted and guiled his daughter in the studies "What!" cried Frank, his eyes wide the only thing her husband ever gave that had made her far superior to most open with astonishment. "You mean her that she valued.

of the girls among whom her lot was to say that your firm was actually cast, but that she had never heard Smith, Emmet & Johnson?" from either parent what their former position had been or by what misfort-une it had been lost. Mr. Emerton been there nine years; and oh! what a was of a very retiring disposition, and stupid thick head I must have, that it never encouraged any one to intimacy, and this was the reason that Mary for Rowlands?" so long objected to Frank's making himself and his wishes known to her of me?" father. She feared that this would end her sweet romance, and that the pleas- Mr. Rowlands, is an old-fashioned ant walks and happy castle-building house, with many curious nooks and they both indulged in would come to corners. Some three years ago the

an abrupt conclusion. One Saturday evening, Mary was busy in making preparations for tea of so sumptuous a nature in that humble the office while the workmen altered home, that it was evident "company" the other, Almost the first thing they was expected. She went about the lit- did was to pull down what must have tle room, gaily singing, her eyes bright, her face lit up with joyful expectation. And this was the cause. Her story had been confided to her mother, by whom it had been, somewhat hesitatingly., communicated to the father, tops for a fortnight. The trees who had received it more graciously than had been expected. Mr. Emerton be invited to visit them; but said that what might occur in the future must depend on what he thought of the young man, and how he-Frankhad to make to him.

A knock was heard at the door. Mary ran to open it, and after a longer time than might have been absolutely necessary, she ushered into the little parlor "Mr. Frank Denton."

the most strenuous exertions to please the old people, and there is no doubt njoys a walk undeterred by fears of he fully succeeded. Still, Mr. Emerat and rheumatism; indeed, the driv- ton's face was clouded during the repast, as though there were some great care or anxiety which would keep obed and blessed with the knowledge truding upon his pleasanter thoughts.

Frank lost no time in coming to the great question he had upon his mind, and after explaining his parentage, ariy favored by fortune, was one of position and future prospects, he, hold-flowe lucky people. His father had ing out his hands to father and mother, een a poor clergyman, who, struck asked them to entrust their daughter to his care.

ad been placed by one of his times up and down the room, then resuming his seat! he said:

poor live daily toil.

could hardly gasp out: "The notes!-lost!" "He assisted me in the search, but the missing notes were not to be found. "It is very pecultar," I said. "It is indeed very peculiar," said

Johnson, eyeing me in a strange, be service rendered him. His lodgings employers, forgetting my faithful ser-All the next day her face kept appear- hearted man. It was useless for me to on the ledger or the letters he was try for employment in the city with working at, and, perhaps, it was not such a grave suspicion resting on my for the report that Mrs. Langtry's divery remarkable that soon after character. I got rid of my house and vorce is only a question of a very short I had never seen in my rambles. She furniture, and took this little cottage, time. San Francisco is rivaling Newhand's, she met Frank, She could where I have lived ever since, After port as a divorce colony for New York t refuse to acknowledge his saluta- trying many things, I obtained work as malcontents. In the first place it is indeed she had little wish to do a copyist and have contrived on the very easy to obtain, and in the second o, for his bright face and winning money thus earned to keep up a shabby the law there about recording it, is

There had been little romance in her shabby, old, living in a back street, before the public need necessarily be under an assumed name, but, by Hea- taken into one's confidence, Mrs. Many an evening did these young ven, an honest man—an honest man! Langtry resided there the required copie meet, and although some would Now that you have heard my story, do length of time and declared herself a ame Mary for admitting the ac | you ask me to give you my daughter?" tranger to her, it must be remembered Frank, jumping up and taking the to have remained persistently obscure hat girls who have to work for their weeping girl in his arms. "I do ask despite the notoriety of his wife. It is neighboring fair; and their lips were larly bread, and are accustomed to you, and I firmly and heartily believe a curious fact that no one knows much

for your words," said Mary. The for the fact of Mrs, Langtry's speedy his new friendship, it was more out of mother came to him, and taking his deliverance from the matrimonial yoke, hand, kissed it in gratitude for his faith adds that she will immediately resume in one so precious to her loyal old heart. it under another name. It does not have a home of his own, and felt The two men grasped hands in that require any very great amount of acufortune." They had resumed their seats, and reason Mrs. Langtry has deferred a

"I wonder if my old firm-Smith, agreed so well with her own, beside

been your old desk and the warnscoting to which it was affixed. One of the partners was looking on and I heard his loud exclamation of surprise soon

after the wainscoting was taken from the wall. He had stooped to pick up a bundle of papers covered with dust, They must have been between the had at once admitted that Frank should bricks and the woodwork for many years. His exclamation was caused by the discovery that this bundle of papers was a packet of bank netes." "Thank heaven-thank heaven! I would receive the communication he see it all," cried the old man. "Then," said Frank, "we heard all to examine the notes, and bit by bit, in

"Yes; do you know it?"

governors resolved to have the

and clapping Frank on the back every

сгаху.

that had been done.

A Matron Who v

stood near me,"

ock your pocket?"

"Oh, yes,"

dollars.

town?"

ters a day or two ago.

"When did it occur?" was asked.

my pocket when I left home.

"I suppose they did."

"In a store on Woodward avenue,

"And you are certain you didn't lose

"Do you think I'm a fool, sir!" she

good name had been rehabilitated.

It was a very late hour indeed

the course of conversation, we heard your story. But why didn't you call after the governors advertised for you?" "I saw no advertisement. Men out Now did the anxious Frank make of the world as I have been seldom look at advertisements, except, when they want work."

Mr. Emerton arose and walked a few

"Mr. Denton, I thank you for the straight-forward manner in which you day morning inform the firm of his dishave dealt with us, and I welcome the thought of having such a protector for my dear girl. I am getting old, and her future has often given me much anxiety. I am poor, and if you take her as your wife, you must take her for herself alone. This you know: but I have something far more important to the room. It was not long before say, and, until you have heard it, I some time, his thoughts busy with a must consider that your offer has not aloof from all acquaintanceship or office, but they gave him a comfortable one-half of his brain had been busy friendship—has obliged me to earn a annuity, and he had, through them, labor, and has condemned my girl to

"Fifteen years ago I held a good po sition in a city house. There were only two clerks above me, and had things prospered with me, I might by this Last summer I spent a day at their time have had a share in the business, I knew the work thoroughly, was shrewd and fortunate in what I under- amiable hostess; her father and mother took, was respected, and, I thought, trusted thoroughly. The junior part-ner, I always fancied, disliked me, yet the pleasure of riding Master Frank ner, I always fancied, disliked me, yet I cannot say that he ever acted unjustly towards me, or that his feelings ever did more than bias his judgment against the garden that since he had been mar-One day there had been a great ried he was the "laziest beggar out," rush of business, and during the morn- and hardly ever went anywhere except ing one of the partner's handed me on business. over £800 in bank notes that I was to pay into the bank later in the day. I poorht at the time that I had opened my desk and pushed them in a corner, but I may have laid them on the desk at the side of a ledger I was consulting. However, I soon afterwards went out to luncheon, locking my desk carefully, according to my custom, before I went. In the afternoon I was preparing to go to the bank, and opening the desk felt for the notes in the corner where I imagined I had placed them. I could not feel them, and opening my desk to its widest extent, I looked with anxiety in every corner, but, to my horror, in vain. At that moment the junior partner came up and asked me what made me look so white. Was I ill? I

"There was much excitement in the each other for years. He learned that office; everyone was questioned and she was employed at a fashionable cross-examined, but no information I had my pocket picked I know what ner's establishment at the West | could be obtained. In more than one I'm talking about End, and that she was making her way | private interview with the partners I was compelled to admit that I had no know-my desk before going out, and it was room with the portmonnaie in his hand breath of spring and the fragrant reason to suspect anyone. I had locked and his quick ear told him that her certainly very unfortunate that I had and said. left the office between the receiving of the notes and the discovery of the loss. it on the stand after you left the house irl, and her figure was in keeping with | The junior partner was very persistent | and Sarah sent me down to the store in cross-examing me, and probably my after you. Too soon the walk came to an end, anxiety and bewilderment may have and Frank hiel to say good-night and given me the air of one who was pre- fixedly at each other for a few seconds. the more thank his fair preserver for varicating. Suffice it to say that my esmed very lonely and gloomy; and as vice of twenty years, requested me to her money and she retorted: is could not settle down to his books resign my appointment. No protestais retired to rest, in the hope that he tions of mine were of any avail. They had lost it! I'll never come here for ight perhaps be so lucky as to dream | evidently thought that I had given way | help again, never!"

> There, is a very excellent authority citizen, and before a great while she "Yes-a thousand times, yes!" said will be free of the husband who seems or how he regards the present situa-"Oh, Frank, dear Frank, bless you tion. The same authority that vouches

> > band's surname was too pretty and

were, that she hesitated to relinquish

The Lanu of Hospitality---- An Evening Meal.

No persuasion could induce our kind host of del Norte to give up his project did not strike me at once. You are of accompanying us along our road as far as his sister's ranch, which was but "What! have you heard them speak a little distance out of our main road, and finally we were obliged to accept "Indeed, yes. Ours, as you know, his courtesy—a courtesy which is never lacking among the best class of Mexi-cans—and he made ready for his trip by putting on a pair of boots which reguired the most heroic endeavor to pull fitted up in the modern style. We had on. They were so tight that he could to crowd a bit, and to use one part of scarcely walk, and it was fortunate that he had a horse. All the Mexican

men wear their boots so tight that it we were ready to start the gentle wife came out with a magnificent new scrape, which she had woven herself, for his festa, as she said modestly; but seeing that he was going to visit his sister she would anticipate his birthday and give it to him now to wear. He was so pleased that his eyes spark-led like diamonds as he laid his arm around her plump shoulders and pressed his cheek to hers. And weil they might both be proud, for a finer piece of work of the kind I never saw. A scrape is a wrap made in the form of about it. The other partners came in a blanket with a silt exactly in the middle for the head to gothrough. The

der, the whole woven so firmly as to be absolutely waterproof. It had taken this patient, loving woman a whole year to make it. I could not help drawing comparisons "What a pity! The old governor said he'd give a thousand pounds to with our own wives, who go to stores find you." and order the bills sent to them. The to seek a home and sources of living— That evening was, perhaps, the happlest evening these four people had ever spent. The old man was jubilant little woman turned red, but for once held her torgue, which surprised me a tralla, and could not sit still for five minutes little, until I happened to remember

body of it was pure white with bril-

liant well matched colors arranged in

very pretty, intricate pattern as ber-

at a time. He kept walking about last Christmas. We left the hospiteble hacienda and now and then would call him his dear began our rough ride again, which was boy. He would sit down and laugh. enlivened by the singing of the driver, then stand up and laugh, till his old who seemed to have taken a good deal wife began to fear that he was turning of enthusiasm or something else just before we left, and at noon we persuaded before he would part with Frank, who, him to halt, when we immediately it was arranged, should the next Monwent to sleep, and in spite till 3 o'clock. In the meantime the little woman and covery, leaving them to take their own myself amused ourselves and the don method of righting the great wrong by taking his picture, as well as sketches of the scenery, which had be-Frank lost no time in obtaining a gun to grow interesting, the effect of private interview with his employers, the atmosphere on the mountains being

one satisfactory result being that he most wonderfully beautiful. had an advance in salary before he left Toward sunset we passed a ruined church, which stood all alone by the Smith & Co. had done all they possibly wayside, with a little graveyard at the been made. There is a cloud resting for his past misfortune. He had been rank vegetation, a great vine branch- he would never leave me more. too long out of the city, and was too of a female form flitting along in front caused me for years to hold myself much altered, to be of any use in their the falling walls, laden with beautiful yellow flowers like golden chalices. Among the graves bushes hung full of spikes of flowsome of those who had known him of some of those who had known him of old, and of making them aware that his bold one red drop of liquid at their

> suburban villa some few miles from picturesque places we had seen. Broad street.; Mrs. Denton was a most No one knows who built or who dedestroyed that church. Probably there seemed as happy as old people without has been near here a small town burned or destroyed by the Indians whose raids have been a constant dan-Emmett Denton on my knees; and as | ger for many years.

> for Frank, senior, he confided to me in Just as darkness was closing around us and the little women was ready to cry with fatigue, fear and cold (for it grows cold there as soon as the sun goes down), the carriage was surrounded by numberless barking curs, which latron Who was Quite Sure Her Pocket Had Been Picked. were welcome, as they proved we were "I have had my pocket picked!" exwas the widow of an American named Carol, who had wedded his Mexican claimed a middle-aged woman, as she hurriedly entered detective headquarbride, and they reared three lovely children when he was gored to death by one of his own cattle.

> In the darkness we could only see and I know it was a young man who the long, low house, a mass of somber foliage around and mountains beyond, "How much money did you have?" when the doors opened and we received "I can't say, sir. You see, it was a cordial and noisy welcome, and withthis way. I came down to do some out delay were seated with the family upon the floor with stools placed in I put my portmonnaie in When I front of is holding dishes full of tamal, which is made of chopped meat, tomawent to pay for the goods in the store t was gone. I think I had about eight toes and chile, stewed and then rolled in a tortilla, Lesides this was a dish of "Did anyone have opportunity to fried beans and a delicious cup of coffee and more tortilla with cheese. The little woman thoroughly enjoyed her supper, and afterward tried, but with "Sure you brought the money down little success, to smoke a cigarette, while I smoked with the men.

As we retired she said, sleepily: "Edward, I think I could learn, and I don't see why the men should have indignantly exclaimed. "When I say all the good things of the earth."

A Woodland Queen.

'I hope you do, ma'am, but you I was rambling idly through the woods one May morning, enjoying the At this moment a boy entered the grasses, when I suddenly came upon a "Here's your money, ma. We found gypsy encampment half hidden in a all clearing among the trees. I was intent on watching the move-

ments of the swarthy people moving The woman and the sergeant looked about the camp, when a girlish voice startled me, saying: "Cross the gypsy's hand with silver, and have your for Then he smiled. Then she got red. tune told." Then he said he was glad she had found Turning quickly, I saw a young girl

coming toward me, whose wondrous beauty sent a thrill through my heart. Her skin, of a dusky olive, showed in its color the passionate blood flow to temptation, and I retired a broken- More About Mrs. Langtry's Divorce. ing beneath, and her eyes were black as midnight and flashing with hidden fires. A sweeter mouth or redder lips dark and glossy, escaped from the snowy cap she wore and fell in luxuriance over her shoulders, A broad leaf hat, a red skirt and a russet bodice completed the picturesque costume of this woodland qu

"Let me tell your fortune, sir." But now came a procession of at least a score of gypsies-male and female, old and young, sturdy mahhood, rich, mature matronhood and old age-all going, as I guessed, to a full of furtive mirth as the gypsy halted and held me still by the witchery of her glorious eyes.

One man-a strong-built gypsy, a six-footer at least-turned upon me with something evil in his glance, in which I read a passion that in the unknown nature of the Romany. I had never dreamed of before. He spoke to her in a voice half of command, haif of entreaty.
"Prance it, Judith, after the Roms

lect, "The Buspee blood is cold, and his cly smaller than his hand, and less I did not understand the jargon, save that it was something deprecatory. The gypsy moved not;

and Juwas," he said, in Romany dia-

smile, her exquisite face, was vet bent full upon mine.
I took out half a crown, and, giving it to her, held out my hand.

me my future, for it is very dark to me, and I would know it," She followed the lines of life and death, doom and fate. Her look grew grave, and she lingered over her tash with a certain troubled aspect which interested me.
"Strangel" she murmured, for I see
myself mixed in this tangle of destiny.

"Speak it, Judith," I said. "Read

There is trouble; there is peril; there is much of evil menace! And yet, stranger, I see it writ here-aye, as plain as the stars are written down in the sky-that the Romany girl will meet the Busnee again and help him in must be torture, but they are very the moment when life and fate and all proud of their small feet. Just before his future are quivering in the balance! his future are quivering in the balance!" "So be it, Judith, I murmured; "so be it. Come what may, only let me

meet with thee again!" row like to heart-break; I see clouds and darkness, billows and tropic storms, and a far land; I see a new home, the dawn of another day; and yet-oh master of the seal and reader of the dark secret!-I see myself there

"Where, Judith-where?" I cried impatiently, "I way say no "Hush!" she said; "I may say no

more! They call me! Hope, work and wait! The years are as full of promise as the fields of revelations; but promise as the fields of revetations; out it is not the zingari that can read it! And lifting my hand, as if in hom

age, to her lips, she bounded off like a doe, and left me amazed, troubled, enraptured. Did I read her half-hidden revelation truly? We shall see. A week after I was in a vessel going

here exhausted and hopeless -in Aus-A year after I was in the heart of far Australian wilds, working like a man. My heart was light; hope was before me; success certain.

At home all had been loss, decay.

ruin-my father dead, my mother and sisters portionless. Fate pointed out to me that beyond the heaving ocean my new world lay. It was dawning upon me at last.

Then came reverses, illness, sickness

next to death. I was all but ruined-well-nigh dead. One day a wounded bushranger came

crawling to my door. I sheltered, fed, protected him, and at last recognized the gypsy whose look so menaced me. He was of the Cooper family and had to fly the country. He became my laborer, my faithful right-hand man-true as steel to me: "Judith will come," he said, signifi-

cantly. "But Judith-where is Judith?" my tience!" I said. "We shall meet: it is decreed we shall meet; but how?" 1 was at Port Philip once, seeking As to what happened afterwards to Frank and Mary, I have little to say.

Last summer I spent a day at their yet was one of the most charming and vessel had lately landed there a remarks a lately landed there a lately landed there a lately nant of emigrants, who, stricken down by plague, lay helpless on the beach, in canvas tents, and praying for death, from the tardy help the frightened

people dared scarcely bring them. Tottering to meet me came a wan, vorn figure, with the rich olive of her wasted face almost faded, but the eves were like glowing opals. I knew her at once.

"Judith!" I cried aloud. "It is he!" she half shricked, and fainted in my arms. A Curious Figure.

An object of Interest to the general public and one that claims the attention of achae plogists in particular is exhibited by Cain & Verner, corner Fifth avenue and Market street, Pittsburg. The exact purpose, the thing shown was designed to serve can only be explained by those versed in antiquity. A human head upon a bird-like body with a fantail, carved in stone describes the appearance of a work that bears all the evidence of prehistoric origin. The face is purely | Egyptian. Across the head is cast something resembling an amice, placed in such a manner as to reveal the entire forehead. The image is formed in such a manner as to be fairly balanced upon a base tapering from the middle of the body. The base is round and hollowed a depth of about two inches, tapering in cone-like form. A raised rim on the top or upper part of the body, hollowed in like man

ner and of the same dimensions as the hollow in the base, intersects a hole drilled at right angles with that bored through the upper part of the body. The figure is 124 inches long and 94 inches high. Its weight is 21 pounds. The figure is perfect of its kind. There is a small fracture in the tail and a cut in the lower left cheek. The proportions of the face are well pres The carving, though rude, is bold, and the effect produced striking, considering the simplicity of the design. The

material seems to be granite. The manner in which it came into their possession is curious. Some time ago a citizen af Alabama informed the firm that his brother A. Berkstressor, a farmer residing near Montgomery Ala., while plowing had turned up a strange image that was regarded as an Egyptian idol. Mr. Cain made further inquiry concerning the matter, and having satisfied himself that the statements made by the farmer had been verified by the people of Montgomery, secured the figure. All who have exammed it express the opinion that it is undoubtedly prehistoric. It is said there is but one other figure similar to

it, and that is in the Smithsonian In-

Manners are of more importance than laws. Upon these, in a great measure, the laws depend. The law teaches us but here and there, now and then. Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation like that of the air we breath in. They give their whole form and color to our lives. According to their quality they aid morals, they supply laws, or they totally destroy them. Mons. Janssen, the French astrono-

mer, has returned to Paris from his recent expedition to Caroline Island to observe the eclipse of the sun. In his report to the academy of Sciences he has expressed the opinion, as the result of his observations, that the region about the sun is filled with material means minute particles of concrete CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Ladies' Costumes.

from Europe brought a reception gown that must have two hundred little brown birds fastening a rose-colored crepe upon a skirt of white slik. A circlet of these little feathered crea tures is intended for the head,

"I believe it would be a good dress for a character to wear at a costume ball," ball," said its owner, 'only, wouldn't know what to call it. W would you say for a name?" "Cruelty to animals," replied the

friend. Certainly the first thought that crosses one's mind at seeing this dress is one of horror at the slaughter of those poor little creatures that a gown might be trimmed with their bodies. Almost every year some such costume turns up and fires the inventive genius

of many a silly girl. Consternation reigned in old Dr. Catlin's home one night when it was found that the chambermaid had gone to a ball with the doctor's pet collection of butterflies and bugs stuck all over a white tarletan frock. His entemological treasures, rich and rare, were carefully pinned in cases with locked glass doors on them. The doctor's wife had worn a dress to some festivity ornamented with beaded butterflies and when the occasion arrived for Miss Honora O'Halleran to attend the ball of the McGinnerty Associ-ation with Barney Brannigan it struck her that the bugs would work in beau-tifully. She detached about half of the collection, valued at some thousands of dollars, and sewed them by their hind legs to the most prominent portions of her costume. Putting on waterproof she boarded a car and vent off to be the belle of the ball. The doctor discovered his rifled cases during the evening and wild was the night in his house. A clue was obtained to their fate from the cook, who remembered to have seen Honora with a box of "gold croton bugs" up in her room. Dr. Catlin was up to let the house maid in when at all hours in the morning she waltzed into the basement, her bedraggled tarletan skirt covered with the broken wings and severed legs of the famous collection. When the storm broke Honora advised

the old man not to take on so for a 'few ould insects.' 'Shure I'll catch vez glass cupboards full in the back yard before the grass grows again," said she reassuringly. But the doctor is mourning to-day for his specimen of the longotis cin-chonita and the only known zoometa

Seeking a Beautiful Melody.

angepectalis,

The British museum has purchased from Mrs. Balfe a musical album left by her husband in which are to be found the original sketches for the airs. operas. The sketches that have been turned to account are crossed over with penmarks, and the book is full of ideas and suggestions of which the fertile composer had made no practical use. Baite worked with great facility, but he took trouble with his work all the same, and in the well known "situation" in "The Bohemian Girl, where the favorite tenor song "When Other Lips" occurs he placed, one after the other, four different airs before he could find one that completely satisfied him. These airs, with different rhymths and different temps. are all set down in the album, including one which had been learned by the tenor, W. H. Harrison, and rehearsed with orchestra when, at the last moment-constantly urged by his wife to think of something better-Balfe was loster their self-shness, and treat as suddenly visited by the beautiful melody which with her approval, he finally adopted.

Shoemakers' Secrets. An old shoemaker tells of a trick of two in shoemaking which he learned when he was a boy, which appear to be still hidden mysteries to a lot of fashlonable shoemakers. One of these concerns not only the appearance of the shoe but the comfort of the wearer. How many times do you men's big toes rising in high relief ampressions above the surface of the upper? Naturally you feel that the wearer of such a shoe must suffer from the pressure on his big toe, and he does; if not immediately, at some time in the future. The whole difficulty can be obviated by providing a depression the sole of the shoe into which the toe will fit. This depression is obtained by fastening a piece on the last and beating the sole around it until it is moulded to it. When the toe is thus cared for there will be no ingrowing toe nails and no unsightly protrusions of the upper. Another thing that may be interesting to shoe wearers and shoemakers is this: A blistered or sore heel caused by a new shoe may be relieved by taking a small piece of common newspaper, crushing it in the hand and placing it under the ailing heel. bit of paper has the effect of a "lift," and forcing the foot forward in the shoe leaves the heel entirely free from the counter."

The Oxidation of Zinc.

The expensive outdoor use of zinc by builders at the present time has directed attention to the peculiar process of oxidation which this metal indergoes, and which is so important to be considered in all applications involving exposure. The rusted surface does not rub off or blow away, but forms a sort of hard crust or enamel surface of the metal, and when laid upon boarding which is or may become damp or exposed to steam or condensation below, it rusts on both sides. The thin zincs first introduced in this way were rusted through, brittleness ensuing, and fallure being the result. But if the zinc be of sufficient thickness, after a certain time oxidation ceases, and the result is a body of solid sound metal, incased above and below by a solid coating, thoroughly impermeable to the accidents of weather or temperature, and which requires no painting. The various ways of spreadng zinc consist mainly in laying it in a corrugated form without boarding. he trusses of iron or wood of the roof carrying the weight, or in rafters about "almost orpuscular" which reflects the one foot, more or less, apart, with a sun's light. By this, we suppose he corrugation at each rafter only, or one foot, more or less, apart, with a upon a general surface of boarding, in the manner of a lead flat.

"GARNISH."

Birds and Butterflies Used to Adorn A Chapter of Housekeeping Wisdom for Matrons and Maids.

> We all know the difference a little laste and care make in the preparation of our food, and how much more palatable is the plainest fare daintily served than the most recherche cookery if carelessly or untidily prepared. The same rule holds good in the daily life, and no one should be more alive to the facts

than our housekeeper. It is in most cases owing to this lack of garnish that the majority of the difficulties that beset the nineteenth century house-mothers arise. We depise the day of small things, and so fall by little and little. Little roughnesses passed unchecked, little courtesies neglected, little meannesses overlooked or laughed at, small matters as second, third, fourth and so on. In that seemed too trivial to notice at the the Middle ages college exercises were time, which yet will in the end amount to a total as startling as it is formid-

We all know that in our housekeepng it is not the large sums that are so trying. We count the cost of a large outlay, and make provision for it; but t is the tiny sums, the pennies and half-pence, that mount up so terribly and so unexpectedly in our weekly accounts. Well, it is the same in our daily life; the foolish jest, harmless enough possibly to the elders, but which the children hear with roundeved horror, and discuss later in nursery conclave; the hasty, discourteous word to your governess, for which you probably apologized nicely enough sater, but which the maid, or the bairns, before whom you so thoughtlessly uttered it, will not forget as soon as you do; the sharp, perhaps undeserved, reproof to the servants; these you consider trifles very likely, though how they tell on the well-being of a household few but experienced housekeepers realize. At all events, these trifles show a lamentable deficiency in the "garnish" that makes such an immense difference in the comfort of our dally existence.

A good deal of the uncomfortable feeling that undoubtedly exists between mistress and maid owes its origin in great measure to this neglect of small things. A lew years ago there was an unbridged guif between up and down "know their place," were looked on as a kind of living automata, utterly unhe apperior beings they were privieged to serve. Not being either blind, of the sort, but, on the contrary, unmmonly sharp (and occasionally amply revenged the slight they were quick to see was put upon them,

world," and the task is not a light one; tire San Francisco peninsula. "the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." separate class, with feeling utterly liderent to ours, and incapable of un-lerstanding - much less appreciatingthe lattle garnish we considered only the ordinary courtesy of dally life in our station. Well, they have frankly accepted the situation, and, very naturally, insist on the advantages of the position we have forced them to take and if he shows his teeth, ave, and use them, too, who shall blame him? And more cooly? Hardly. We have deshow. It is the same with our children. We allow them to speak disrespectfully to ourselves, roughly to one another, rudely to the servants. We actually clever jokes the petty meanness and the spiteful speech; and then we wonder if our lads and lasses grow up rough and uncouth, or, if endowed, with a surface polish, without one single thought for anything outside their own comfort, and we call heaven and earth to witness that never since the creation

were parents so innocently unfortu-If women would only realize what a powerful weapon real refinement is, they would value it more for themselves and anxiously cultivate it their

offspring. It is the same in everything. Give people credit for right feeling and good intentions, and in nine cases out of ten you will do more to produce them than by the most eloquent admonitions or the most housewifely watchfulness,

Thebes at Sunrisc. One of the incidents of the tour is a

ban debris upon a sonorous stone incorporeted between the glant shoul- beside the dead in the buacas. ders. But assuredly a sunrise visit to four miles from the File to the Ramesthrough dew-covered fields to colossi, and then a turn is made north-The sounds of the morning ward. startle one as though never heard be fore. Something seems to be impendboy, is now quiet. The Ramesseum is reached, and you stand in the great hall of columns, frightened at their stately dignity, scarcely able to make out the careful chiseling on the shoulders and crown of the fallen statue. The inner temples are almost as dark as night, and you shrink from the thought of climbing alone up one of the great stairways which spring from them, to say nothing of going down to the "holy of holies," where the king was accustomed to consult the deities in closest secrecy. No light enters except from the broken roof and the loopholes in the walls. Suddenly a ray pierces the gloom. The glant columns in unison cast their long shadows toward the necropolis, upon one another and upon the neighboring walls. New the morning light pervades the place, and the stolid profiles of the Osiride columns. stationed there as if to guard to faller monolith, are lighted with a rosy fire which accentuates the placid expression

-There are ninety persons in Eng. to do that. land with an income of over \$300,000.

of their faces-each one "a likeness" of

King Rameses II, the great "Pharaoh

of the bible." The sun grows stronger

trasts of light and shade continue as

and the coloring is gone. But the con-

they have done for the long ages past,

and will for ages to come.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-An old German has prophesied that the Emperor William will live to the age of 100. He bases his prophecy on

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the handwriting of the Emperor. -The custom of kissing the Pope's foot, or the cross on his slipper, is alleged to have been set by one of the Leos, who, it was said, had mutilated his right hand and was too vain to ex-

pose the stump. -About 11,000 pati tots of the Revolution perished on boar the horrible prison-ship Jersey during the English

occupation of New York. -A wrangler, in (English) college phrase, is one who has obtained a place in the highest mathematical tupos, The first man of this class is termed the senior wrangier; the rest are rated each according to his respective merit, called disputations, and those who performed them were disputants. Hence the idea of wrangling.

-One of the strangest novelties in he jewelry line that the unesthetic cowboy ever decorated his person with is now being sold on the streets of San Antonio. It is nothing less than necktie made entirely from the skin of a genuine rattiesnake and finished by way of a pin with a rattle from the tail of the venemous serpent. The originality of this conception can hardly be doubted, and the ingenious venders are being rewarded with large sales. -Queen Elizabeth is said to have

had a pair of stockings woven from a spider's web. Now we hear of a Pennsylvania lady owns a picture painted on cobweb. The colors are said to have been "beautifully laid on," and imply perfect as to harmony. The painting cost £1,600, and is probably the most precious article of its weight in the world. The fact that cobweb has been shown to be so valuable perhaps explains the delicacy with which the ordinary housemald is inclined to

-A four-foot vein of coal has been struck at the shaft of the Carlyle Coal and Mining company at a depth of feet, A vein of thirty inches thickness lies eighteen feet above the former veln, and it is thought by mining experts that the two veins stairs. Servants were expected to will converge and make it a seven-foot veln. The coal is unusually free from slate and sulphur, and of superior conscious of the sayings and doings of quality. Extensive improvements are being made about the mine, and the citizens of Carlyle are elated at the leaf or dumb, they were nothing of the prospect of becoming a mining center, -The statue of liberty which Adolph Sutro is erecting on Mount malicious) critics of their betters, and Olympus, San Francisco, Cal., is the work of a Belgian artist named Wiertz. It was on exhibition in Autwerp and This feeling we have now to combat received high praise. Adolph Sutro when trying in some measure to restore saw the figure and thought that it torch in the upstretched arm of the goddess will be of 16,000 candle power, We looked on our servants as | and the light will be furnished by the city of San Francisco. will illumine the bay and tioldes Gate

-Postmaster Hendrix is happy in e possession of the oldest bosom pin in town. It is a trilobite which curled itself up snugly some 40,000,000 years ago, in the silurian age, somewhere in the great limestone strata that up. Treat a man as a human wolf, begins at Niagara and crops out in the pictured rocks of Lake Superior, and went to sleep to be petrified in all its do you think that women, with their more highly strung nerves and senitive was the father of all the crabs. He more highly strung nerves and senitive feelings, are likely to take the matter was very small then, but 40,000,000 years have enlarged his descendants spised the garnish, and have only our-selves to thank if the rough edges he looks well in his new character.

-Some of the animals of Japan are quite different from the same species nat are seen in America. The cats, for instance, have the shortest kind of tails, or else none at all. Being deprived of this usual plaything, they are very solemn pussies. An American once took one of these tailless cats San Francisco as a curlosity, and it utterly refused companionship with the long-tailed feline specimens there; but finding a cat whose tail had been cut off by accident the two became friendly at once. Japanese dogs are almost destitute of noses, having the nostrils set directly in the head. breed.

-Peruvian woven tissues, often dyed brilliant bues, are unsurpassed by he textile productions of any other incient American people. Their jew lry of gold and silver is remarkable. tatuettes in the precious metals are even more wonderful; they represent monkeys, birds with their feathers, fish with scales, etc., modeled in relief or intaglio. Human figures were also cast in the precious metals, the artists visit to Thebes at sunrise. The vocal even attempting groups. Beads were Memnon will not be heard unless a made of gold, silver, glass and earthen small Arab is hidden, in advance, in a ware. Wood was used to furnish obbreak in the back of the Colossus, and jects in daily use, and an example may instructed to pound with a bit of The- be seen in the beautifully ornamented combs that are sometimes found placed

-It is well said that one-half of the Thebes is well worth an effort. It is world does not know how the other half lives. Here, where pine and popseum. The ride is across the plain, lar are used for signs, comparatively few are aware that mahogany is the kind of wood largely needed for that ourpose in England. A lumberman from Bradford, who not long ago visted this office, stated that such was ing. How black and chill the colossi the case. When redwood was intro-look. Everything, evening the donkeyought at first blush that the lumber was so clear and wide it would be exceilent for signs. It was tried, but for ie reason it did not come up to the Englishman's idea of eternal dura lity, and mahogany was again re-

-Nothing made Nanking so much elebrated abroad as the Porcelain ower, which was one of the wonders of the world. It stood pre-eminently beyond all similar buildings for its ompleteness and elegance and the ality of material of which it was It cost \$4,000,000, and was nety years in building, being comleted in A. D. 1430. The outer face of this unique structure was covered with -labs of porcelain of various olors, principally green, red, yellow and white. At every one of its nine stories there was a projecting roof covered with green tiles, and a bell was uspended from each corner. There were 152 bells in all, which gave sweet unds when there was a brisk wind. One hundred and twenty-eight lamps were hing on the outside. In the year 1801 it was seriously injured by

storm. O'Time tries all things? except less lard. The butcher and housewife have