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Write to Me Often.

Write to me very often, write to me very Letters to me are dearer than loveliest They are affection's touches, the lighting of friendship's lamp,

Fitting around the heartstrings like fire-

Drat the close of every evening, when all

Write to me very often; letters are links ments. He was the owner of a saw Truthful hearts to each other, fettering quently sold lumber to the Martin Giving to kindred spirits lasting and true If you would strengthen friendship, never forget to write.

SOMETHING BEHIND IT.

saying, "There's something behind it." the old sick.' I'm giad I'm not so suspicious of everybody and everything. I believe Being credit for meaning well till I find out they don't; I'd hate to think people were so selfish as you do; you can't sat down, placed his hat on the floor by take any comfort in your friends so his chair, and began to unwind slowly ong as you think there's something a red woolen "comforter," which en-behind everything that's said and veloped his neck and head. He put behind everything that's said and veloped his neck and head. He put done," and Mr. Thomas Martin less- this beside the hat and leaned forward, urely changed the position of his feet | with his elbows on his knees and his on the foot-rest before the fire, where, encased in heavy, gray woolen socks, "toasting 'em," and settled himself a little deeper in the old rocker that had held his massive form for twenty years, and bade fair to do so for times sarve you? Pcoty ruff, hey?" another twenty, judging from the iron bolts which had been used to brace up

its departing strength. husband, sat by the window darning grind" when the dinner bell rang. He socks similar to those mentioned and could do no less than ask his visitor to made no reply to his remarks. But he dine with him. needed no response by way of encour-

"Nobody does you a favor, but that you worder what's behind it; no one does anything a little out of the ordinary run without you say there's some-thing behind it; I don't tell you anyone time." came to see me without you ask, 'What did he want?' just as though anyone millman! Another doubt as to the exwouldn't come to see me unless he had stence of 'disinterested friendship' you're getting me all riled up against was not sorry to have his guest depart everybody and everything, and I don't soon after dinner. wan't to lose faith in humanity as you seem to have done.

It, but I don't like to see you so often served as to the real motives of peo don't know themselve's that 'tis selfishhelp, or some advice?"

Mr. Martin made no answer. show Kate about the baking; if you true, and I don't see any reason to want me you must call; if you don't doubt it. You folks have got the best the bishop's license. Won't you give a long, hot day it had been, too—I met care to read, take a nap before dinner harrow ever made, without exception, me one kiss, Polly?"

Left to himself be leaned his head his thoughts were too busy with his in fact. I just came from your office their journey, Polly said, "The lamp wife's words. He picked up a paper where they told me of your accident. aid it down again with the vain wish | Hard fate for an active, robust man | the light with the other." Jim obeyed, that he might be down at the office, or like you. Why, you don't look as if moving about the factory. A severely- anything could affect you." sprained ankle kept him prisoner at

knock. The deacon was an old acquaintance, who had moved from the size." farm some three miles out on the prai- gates to his interest and good-will that

visit showed in manner and voice as an acute observer. he called out: "Come in," and rose, crutch, to wheel up a chair for the

help myself," and the Deacon, shaking | help but | be good when manufacturers | hands very cordially, seated himself have good trade. I have any number

"Tolerable cool weather agin now; have two new customers right here in middlin' hard frost last night; leetle your town," and he drew his book but if you make the slightest disturbmore snow on top this freeze, an' we'll

have good sleighin' an' that'll make his eyes down its pages. things lively; folks kin git 'round to town and meetin'. We had a right firms in ordering; some order six you to listen to me."

He stared at her in dull amazement. day an' I sez then, after meetin', I wuz close as they dare. I was talking with Her eyes did not for a moment relax ummin' to see you, an' then I heerd | the other members of the company down | their steadfast gaze. you wuz laid up an' sez I, all the bet- at the office, and they say you have

e heard of his accident; evidently had "an axe to grind." He could take followed, for he expected every momeat that the "ax" would be brought run too low. I might as well order of me all about it. What makes you lies deep beneath. and the Deacon rose to go. Mr. Mar- as before. tin's spirits rose; here was direct refuation of "Mother's" theory; here was a case of a friendly call, for friendship's sake, not for self-interest. The Dea-

on stood with his hand on the doorrant." He came back and drew his

You see, we're a-tryin' to build a when he brings up the mail, and by meetin' house out in our nayburhood, that time you'll be gone. I guess I'll Thar's a sandy null in Jake Stone's eighty acre piece, that he sez he'll give em. Now taint as good a good a good with the sex he'll give "Well, just as you think best: "I'm em. Now taint as good a spot as the always glad to fill an order for you." cross-road corner in my field, but I can't see my way to give 'em the land, and the trustees sez seein' mine's the han'sumest spot, they'll give me a hun'red dollars for it, if I'll raise fifty on it amongs my friends. An' I tho't his departure.

bein's we'd allers been good friends, you'd give me a lift," The revulsion of feeling was so sudden and so complete that he could only

say. "Yes, yes, I'll think of it." Sartainly, sartainly, you may want to think it over," but his face showed disappointment his words belied. They won't settle the matter for ne yit. Wa'al, good-day, take

good keer of vourself." "Humph!" grunted Mr. Martin,

changing the position of his feet; "I'm and see if there's not 'something begind the doors were all shut, I hind it."

wouldn't had mother hear the Deacon Again he picked up a paper, but the dropped open and soon discordant sounds attested to the regularity of his

breathing.
Mrs. Martin coming in later found him thus, and was just in time to adlittle table close to the fire mit a tall, cadaverous looking individand write,
write to me soon in the morning, write to odor of tobacco permeating all his garmill on Turkey Creek, and had fre-Harrow Company, and thus formed the acquaintance of Mr. Martin in a business way. This he evidently thought sufficient to allow his appearance at the house of the President of

Mr. Martin woke with a start, as in stentorian tones the man shouted rath-"Oh, yes, mother! you're always er than spoke, "howdy, howdy. Is ying, "There's something behind it." the old man to hum? I heerd he wuz

Being very deaf, he had, in common there is such a thing as disinterested friendship, though it is not as common firm belief that all other people were with all similarly afflicted people, the used to be. I give everybody likewise deaf, and he pitched his voice

Mr. Martin gave him a chair and he hands outspread to the fire.

"I brung a load of lumber up this foreneon, an' heerd yes'day as how you'd hurt your leg, an' I 'lowed then I'd cum to see you to-day. How du Mr. Martin kept up his part of the conversation, which was limited to nods and smiles, as best he could and Mrs. Martin, a pleasant-faced little was secretly wondering if this honest woman, considerably younger than her simple backwood man had "an ax to

> "Wa'al, yes, don't keer if I do. I 'lowed when I started up 'tware most

Alas! for the honesty of the simple an ax to grind. You've said it so much, was lodged in his host's bosom, and he

There, mother, was an illustration em to have done."

of your side of the question; mine will come later; I've not lost faith yet."

He felt a little twinge as he thought of the Deacon's call, of which she riage left Digby. It was drawn by ple, who pretend to be actuated by knew nothing. The short December ple, who pretend to be actuated by knew nothing. The short December two horses, and there was a driver outside. Within, a lamp swung from the poor souls cannot other caller presented himself. He top, throwing a pale light on two who slept well that night, and seemed who slept well that night, and seemed selp being selfish, and the half of them bowed gracefully to Mrs. Martin, shook hands with Mr. Martin, begging ness that prompts their acts. You say aim not to move, and expressing great concern for his well-being. He was an Well, in nine cases out of ten, didn't agent for a large iron firm with whom they want some favor of you, some the Martin Harrow Co. had dealt for

"Well, Mr. Martin, how's trade? Booming, booming, if half I hear is no doubt of it, sir. It's the leading harrow all through the West and ack and closed his eyes for a nap, but Northwest, everywhere it's introduced, ut could not get interested in it and Good thing it wasn't more serious.

The most interesting topics to Mr. Martin were his hacrow and his physical appearances; six feet in his stockupon the walk and, turning his head, he saw through the window the vener-he was a fine specimen of manhood. he was a fine specimen of manhood, Whiting approach the He was never known to express admi-"He's a fine looking fellow, about my

neighborhood a few years before to a Could this caller have known the he so readily entered them? It may be; he had known him in a business way A feeling of gratified pride in his some years, and many men are read by

The agent was not slow in following with the aid of a clumsy, home made up the advantage he had gained, and seated opposite him, with a revolver in by easy transition led the conversation to the Iron trade.

"Yes, my trade is good, too; can't

He was all business in a moment.

"Ah-a-hadn't you better wait till science. Take carel don't move!" you have seen the other members?" "When do you leave the city?"

"In an hour; my business is all the Rectory. done, and so I just ran up to see you a

He put the book in his pocket with an order for several car-loads of iron to a noted desperado. be delivered within the month, and soon left to catch his train.

Martin smiled softly to herself after "What's up now, mother?" "The cleverness of that man in

Mr. Martin stared. Why, he ground no ax; he asked no day.

"Didn't you order iron from him?"

thought of it before he came.

"Nevertheless, I am convinced he been shot dead while attempting to es_ have light albino hair and skin as soft thought of it before he came. came for that very purpose. Just wait cape from prison,

Promptly at six, Mr. McLamm appeared. He recounted the events the day at the factory and said, as he handed him the mail; "Raynor, the iron man, was round to-day and wanted another order, but we thought we had better wait till you had seen Morse & Son's letter; they offer better terms Raynor. I told him about it, and he said he couldn't do any better by us than the old figures until he had heard from his firm. He said he'd be round again in a few days, and wanted us to wait as long as we had a month's

supply. What do you think we'd better Mr. Martin's face was a study. He positively could not meet his wife's

"I-he-came up this afternoonand-I gave him an order, not knowing, of coarse, of this. Well, guess we're in for it this time. It's too bad; I'll look into things more sharply after

That night Mr. Martin had a curious dream. He stood in the midst of an open plain, and all the nations of the earth came with shining axes which they ground upon a stone, which he. unceasingly, with labored breath and aching back, turned round and round.

Handsome Jim; or, A Strange Elope-

ment. Polly Bender was generally acknowndged to be the prettlest girl in the town of Digby. Her life had been saddened by a painful incident, as her favorite brother, Harry, had been murdered by his business partners some years before and the latter then ran

away with all their savings. Polly had many suitors and the one she favored in particular was a well-todo young grocer, Harry Fenton by name, but they often had little quarral because she showed attention to a stranger in the village who went by the name of "Handsome Jim."

"I believe you want to throw me over for Jim," said Harry to her one "You know nothing about his past. He may be a villain of the worst "Hush!" she sall a little harshly. "You don't know what you are talking

about," trembling and clutching his "I am going to sell out my business and move away,"he said bitterly. "It s plain we can never be as we were ice to each other."

"Do nothing hastily," she said, "or on might regret it. Good night."
"I will walk back with you," "No, please don't. I want to have few minutes to myself."

"As you prefer," he retorted, leaving her in a fit of suilen rage. The next night at 10 o'clock a caroccupants. One was "Handsome Jim," and a look of exultation beamed from is still alive as I write, and is coming strength, and to the surprise of her bender, whose eyes were bright with excitement. The two were converse excitement. The two were converse to the control of the contr ing in animated style and laughing

merrily. "To-morrow we will be at the parson's, and the knot will be tied,"

"Not until we are married," re plied Polly, decidedly. When within a mile of the end of needs trimining, Jim. 'Take hold of the bottom with one hand, and turn up bringing both hands near together. supper, and to wash and dress for sing ing school. in Polly's eyes, nor a movement of her

hands beneath her wraps. But the next instant he experienced a shock of surprise. He felt cold steel on his wrists and heard two sharp able Deacon Whiting approach the He was never known to express admi-door and heard his slow, important ration of any man unless in the words: clicks. He had been handcuffed so of God's good angels, I think. had happened.

"Sit down, Jim!" The words came from Polly, but her oice was cold, hard and stern. He

obeyed mechanically. "What's all this? What do you mean?" he exclaimed, and perceived immediately afterward that Polly was

"Don't move!" said Polly, quietly, but with a look of cool determination, while her eyes were fixed steadily on his. "You know very well I can of orders on my book for this trip. I handle a pistol, and you see that I have of them came to me, the tears rolling leisurely from his pocket and idly ran ance I shall shatter both of your arms dead just as he reached the house. The and put bullet holes in your legs. I last words he spoke were to you. "It's curious now, the difference in | mean exactly what I say, and want

"Is this a joke, Polly?"

"You shall soon judge, for I will During these sentences drawled out deliberately, Mr. Martin had been thinking rapidly. So the Deacon had lecided Sunday to call on him, before deliberated Sunday to call on him before deliberated Sunday to call on him before deliberated to constant so the sunday to call on him befo his book and sat slapping his knee with | time, you see, and people got to calling it in an absent minded way. Mrs. me by her new name. I once had a dead. pose of following the mjunction, "visit Martin glanced up with an amused brother named Harry Shattuck, and Do not begrudge lowing deeds and he sick," and the horrible suspicion expression, but failing to catch her husflitted across his mind that the Deacon band's eye, bent over her sewing again. mind his name now. That partner gather with you about the same hearth. He was all business in a moment.
"Only a month's supply? That's murdered and robbed my brother one in many families, a habit of nagging, night. Poor boy! he lived only a few crossness, or ill-natured gibbing, gradorward. But no; a half hour passed you now; we shall want the same brand wince so, 'Handsome Jim?' You must be frightened, for you have no con-

> The revolver still covered him. The carriage rumbled steadily along toward "You are the man that killed my moment; it didn't seem natural at the brother! I know it by the scar on

"Ah! I kim near furgitting my arunt." He came back and drew his
hair a little nearer his friend.

"But," persisted Mr. Martin, "I
won't see McLamm until 6 o'clock
won't see McLamm until 6 o'clock
won't see McLamm until 6 o'clock
I watched you and laid my plans. Do your neck and the tattooed anchor on I watched you and laid my plans, you think I would let you escape? Oh,

Handsome Jim still stared at her in An hour later "Handsome Jim" was An hour later "Hamisome Jim" was rent up to a figure he never dreamed out to be of."

Polly was driven home again, and there she broke down. Her nervous force had exhausted itself, and it was a reek before she recovered. Meantime, it became known through-

And Harry Fenton, when he next time and a sudden glare of light would met her, was satisfied with her greet- knock him down. His pupils are "Ye-e-s, but he didn't ask me to, ing. But even after they were married scarcely observable. He cannot do any and didn't seem to care anything about it. Pshaw! I don't believe he Jim," and made no comment when it all night. The darker the night the

GOOD FUN.

The City Boys in the Country.

I am not a professional summer ra ort tender or anything of the kind, but I am a plain man that works and slaves in the lumber woods all winter. and then blows it in, if you will allow the term, on some New York friends who come down, as they state for the purpose of relaxation, but really to spread themselves out over our new white coverlids with their clothes on, and murmur, in a dreamy voice, "Oh, ow restful!

They also complain because we have no elevated trains that will take them down to the depot whereas I am not able and cannot get enough ahead or beforehanded sufficiently to do so, as heaven is my judge.

They bring with them a small son, who is a pale, emaciated little urchin, with a quiet way of catching my threeyear-old heifer by the tail and scaring the life out of her that is far beyond his years. His mother thinks he will not live long, mayhap to grow up, and I hope she may not be disappointed Still he has a good appetite, and one day last summer, besides his meals, he One pocketful green apples (pippins.)

pocketful green apples (Ben Davis.)

Three large stems rhubarb. One hatful of green gooseberries. Two ginger cookies, without holes, Two ginger cookies, with holes, One adult cucumber, with salt or

Two uncooked hen's eggs on half I laid off that day from having in

order to follow the little rascal around with a lead pencil and a piece of paper, and see how much he would eat, That evening I thought what a beau tiful night he selected for his death. The moon was slipping in and out through the frothy fleece-lined clouds, and I could imagine the angels just behind the battlements putting the celectial bric-a-brac high enough up so that Henry couldn't get hold of it when he came. I had a slow horse concealed behind the barn with which I intended going for the doctor. It was a horse with which I failed to get the doctor on a similar occasion, and I felt that

he could be relied on now. tain. The spruce gum tree of the Moosehead Lake region taid aside its work for the day, and the common

boys, ' the old doctor said to the young a long, hot day it had been, too-I met my father on the road to town. 'I wish you would take this package to the village for me, Jim,' he said

hesitating. "Now, I was a boy of 12, not fond of work, and just off the hay field, where I had been at work since daybreak. I was tired, dusty and hungry. It was and reached above his head, thus two miles to town. I wanted to get my

"My first impulse was to refuse, and work. If I did refuse, he would go himself. He was a gentle, patient old

"Of course, father, I'll take it." I said heartily, giving my scythe to one of the men. He gave me the package. 'Thank you, Jim,' he said, 'I was going myself, but somehow I don't feel

very strong to-day. "He walked with me to the road that turned off to the town, and as he left, he put his hand on my arm, saying again: 'Thank you, my son. You've always been a good boy to me, Jim.' "I hurried into town and back again When I came near the house I saw a crowd of farm bands at the door. One

"'Your father!' he said. 'He fell "I am an old man now, but I have thanked God over and over again in all the years that have passed since that hour, that those last words were,

'You've always been a good boy to No human being ever yet was sorry

"Keeping house in London," writes a correspondent, "is accompanied with conditions very different from American housekeeping. It is the tenant, not the landlord, who pays all taxes (except the property tax) in England, and consequently the deluded Ameri-can who thinks he has got such a dear little house so cheap is horrified to find at the end of the quarter that he is in for vestry rates, poor rates, inhabited house duty, water tax, Income tax, local charities and lords and comm know what besides. These bring the

Three members, children of a German family living about eight miles northeast of Altoona, in Polk county, out Digby how she had captured her la., are said to be albinos. One is a brother's murderer and taken him to boy about 16 years of age, with very prison, and she was the heroine of that light. 4 He keeps his eyes shaded in day

A MODERN MIRACLE. Girl's Mishap Develops Into a Strange Malady.

One of the most remarkable cases of ustantaneous recovery from what was the port of Philadelphia recently, and lady, took place recently seven lles south of Hartford City, Ind., in the family of Joseph Roberts, an old, wealthy, and quite respectable farmer. He has two children, both daughters. Went into ecstacles over it. This is One is a young, fair, blooming girl, the height of the foreign fruit season, aged 20 years, who always, prior to the seemingly fatal affliction, had been in the enjoyment of perfect health. Mary Jane, as she was familiarly known to everyone, had a great number of suit-

ors, among them a young farmer named Cole. Macy Jane selected Cole from among the host of rivals for her hand and they plighted their troth. While arranging for the nuptials she paid a the island to the coast at Port Antonio, visit to relatives and friends in Ohio. Port Maria, Annatto and Montego

the steps. The only inconvenience experienced at the time was a severe coagrowers to the places on the coast weakness which lasted but a few days, and it is loaded upon the ships as In a week or so she returned to her rapily after their arrival as it is possible home to consummate the intended ruptials. Soon after her arrival she feit a peculiar numbness about the the market in the shortest time after lower limbs and along the course of the unripe fruit is cut, and it is guarded the spine, together with general de- from dampness, cold and draughts with bility and languor. For over two years greater care than one of the "pickshe was unable to move her feet, stand, anninys" of the natives who grew it. or walk a step. All this time she was Once upon the steamer every aperture, dependent upon attendants for assist- no matter how small, that will admit ance in changing position. She became extremely emaclated and ex-leaves on her voyage homeward, and perlenced a loss of appetite. All inter- from the moment see is sighted off the est in matters heretofore that excited Breakwater the fruit dealers are "dancher attention and attracted her sympa-ing on a hot stove" until the condition thies and concern was lost. Physicians, of her cargo is ascertained, nor is the friends and neighbors had abandoned wholesaler the only one who is anxiously all hope of her recovery or even temporary relief. Young Cole, who had been so assiduous in his attentions durbeen so assiduous in his attentions dur-ing the former part of her protracted filness, lost his old-time gallantry. No doubt thinking that she could not re- of ripeness the prices go down with gain her wonted health he let his fancy lightning speed, as the entire lot must wander away after other female beau- be sold immediately to secure the con-

It was at first thought that the giri would suffer a fatal nervous shock ripened or bruised bunches, and the when she heard of Cole's faithlessness. "drops" follow as denoting the class of warty toad of the Pine Tree State began to overestimate himself and inflate his finally allowed one of her most intiperson with the bugs of the evening. mate friends to impart the distressing of bananas arrive which are all "drops," now and then lighting up his interior news. The effect was directly opposite and then dealers' mouths assume a like with a lightning bug. It was a glorious from what had been dreaded. A stern expression, for this often results in the tenance, and she tightly compressed her lips, as if determing on some ac overboard in the shape of shovelfuls of who slept well that night, and seemed tion. A moment or so later she ap-to wake up thoroughly refreshed. He parently gathered all her remaining

a few seconds, lifted her feet out of of salt hay, which is used in packing bed, placed them on the floor and stood the fruit. As fast as a wagon is loaded to walk about the room. The startled screams of the visitor brought to the and closely resembling gigantic ice room the girl's relatives, who were boxes in shape, though far enough rewaiting to hear the result of the dreaded

Miss Roberts said she felt weak, but to spend a half an hour in watching almost as well as ever in her life. Kiss | the handlers attach a rough cord to each ing and crying followed, and the news bunch as it comes in and hang them on rel stew, had a reputation for resemof the miraculous recovery spread rapidly throughout the neighborhood. and here they are hanging while the Friends who had never expected to see her leave her bed came to give their the room reaching 75 degrees very to do it harshly, for I was vexed that he should ask me after my long day's Roberts has been rapidly regaining her lowed to go. The fruit ripens very Roberts has been rapidly regaining her lowed to go. The fruit ripens very which I have written out. It is of the former robust health and beauty. Now rapidly now and soon turns from a greatest importance to unders and recomes the romantic part of my sickly green to a beautiful golden chauffes. It is here the French excel comes the romantic part of my

Her truant affianced, hearing of her wonderful restoration to health, again returned to his first love. All was forgiven and forgotten, and recently they stood before the altar and consummated the postponed nuptials.

The Story of a Cetebrated Horse.

In the city of Coldwater, Mich. there is a large sorrel horse, known by the name of "Old Sam." He is the most popular horse in town. In his younger days he was used as an omnibus horse, and he and his mate, a large bay, were so well trained that they would turn up to the principal hotel, and back the omnibus up to the sidewalk to let the passengers out, without

being guided at all by the driver. One stormy night the train was late; and while waiting at the train for passengers the driver fell asleep. "Old Sam" and his companion, after standing about as long as usual, started up town on their own account, backed up at the hotel in the usual way, and then went over to the livery stable where

When the war broke out the citizens of Coldwater equipped the "Loomis Battery" with some of the finest horses that went into the army, and among them was "Old Sam." He was in a great many battles, but came out unhurt; and, at the close of the war, the soldiers bought him of the Government and presented him to General

Loomis, who first commanded the bat-On the return of "Old Sam" to Coldwater some of the people thought they would give him a reception. So they made ready his old stall, filling the rack with hay and the manger with a hou sats; then they met him at the railroad arms. station, and after greeting him with three cheers turned him loose and watched to see what he would do.

First he went to the hotel where he how long you will have a shelter for around a little. Then he went over to "The next his old home, walked into his stall, smelt of the hay and oats, and gave a oud neigh, as if to express his satisfaction that everything was right, and then began eating, as if he had been away only a few days instead of years.

Jay Gould and His Figwers,

Winter and summer flowers are very attractive adornment of Jay Gould's home at Irvington and on Fifth avenue. is made particularly attractive by them on the black and sloppy winter evenings. All the great rooms have a bank itors are expected, as it is well known the Gould family receive very little. They are there more for Mr. Gould's res the flowers and then resumes the talk about financial matters.

HANDLING FRUIT. They Are Ripened Here.

The largest and finest consignment of West India fruit that has ever reached the Northern market came into when the hatches of the Charles Morand, one of the Tropical Fruit Company's steamers, were lifted the dozen or more of fruit dealers who had been invited on board for a first view

Forts of the Southern seas and the Mediterranean. When the big fruit steamer arrived from Jamaica she was loaded with 13,-750 bunches of bananas and hundreds of pineapples that have been brought from numerous places in the interior of This was nearly three years ago.

Upon that visit in descending a stairway leading to a cellar she slipped and
the island, travels out into the country,
buying green fruit, which after being
buying green fruit, which after being Bays, where the steamers of the fruit iston to the scalp and a sensation of wherever the agent has designated,

for human hands to work. Everything depends upon reaching

ties, and left his affianced bride to suf-fer her infirmities aione. The knowl-edge of his perfidy came to the ears of "firsts," "seconds," outs "and "drops;" the poor afflicted girl, and it served to the "arsta" being the prime, full bun-Night settled down on the rip-roaring Piscataquis and deepened the shadows at the base of Russell Moun-"seconds," which are scraggly, halfand throw the profits of their hard work

rotten and over-ripe fruit. After the steamer's batches are rewagons and handlers, and in place of the grimy mud of an hour before one walks over a veritable "downy carpet" low dark rooms, heated by gas stoves moved in the character of what little air they contain of from that within In answer to their anxious inquiries an ice box, they are not so unpleasant hooks fastened to the ceiling timbers stoves are started, the temperature of great portion of the cargoes of fruit steamers is sold right at the wharf and often before it is unloaded. The dealer

buying it has his own ripening rooms and can attend to this part of the work without depending upon the

Pineapples are brought from Jamaica and Florida and ripened fully after arriving here. Lemons and oranges are constantly arriving in company with shiploads of dates, figs and raisins, fancy fruits from is not always cheap living. Certainly the ports of the Mediterranean, and when these ships come in a complete catalogue describing the number and character of the cargo is forwarded to as are chiefly to be found among artists all dealers in the market, who thereupon set out for the wharf where the putting the precious, fragrant boxes of emons, raisins, etc., out upon the floor of the piers. After thoroughly inspecting the character of the goods the loungers repair to the auction room,

where they must bid for what they The Custom House inspectors are constantly on guard over the consignment, and as fast as portions of it are taken away, they are checked off in the

LIVING ECONOMICALLY. Problems Which Stare Every One in

"Do you suppose there is a harder nut to crack than that which is put between the teeth of a young artist who It was the artist's wife who spoke. She was lying on a sick bed with three beautiful imps tumbling about her, and a house-expense book clasped in her "The first thing we consider is the rent. The moment you begin to fall behind in your rent you don't know

Life

"The next thing is how to pay your small bills. The large bills will wait. I always deal with the large grocers and green grocers. They never me about my bills. They know I don't mean to run away, and will pay them inst as soon as I can. But beware of the small men-the bread man, the ice man, the milk man and the gas man. They will haunt your doors, lie in wait for you before you are up, harass you,

worth living while those bills are un-

"It is the small bills you must watch, If you have bables you can't economize much in milk. My milk bills are of the rarest and sweetest variety. \$12 a month. If the cook wants milk
They are not placed there because vis for the mashed potatoes she thinks nothing of sending to the grocer's for a quart. Then I intercept the messenger and order a pint. The difference between 8 cents and 4 cents is nothing strength. enjoyment. When talking to you he between 8 cents and 4 cents is nothing frequently stops, stoops over, smells to her. At the end of the month it is getting bread from the grocer at 10 try to change places with the cup.

give you impertinence.

cents, I get it of a baker for 8 cents. That 2 cents is worth my saving. Moreover, I put down in my book every loaf

of bread ordered. "That is what housekeeping means to me. Every detail must be watched. At least we must not waste. It may seem extravagant to pay 18 cents for a green leaves go in soup, the green mother, the money, if he wins, to be stems are cut and stewed as a warm divided between his two sons. dish, and we cat the white parts.

"If we only had ready money I could go to the lower markets and buy for two thirds what I now spend. I have a fashionable friend who has to economize, who goes to market and buys butter for 28 cents that I pay 36 cents for. In a month that saving amounts to something; but we haven't the fifteen years and most of her fortune money. At least the advantage of to prison reform. She has established bills is that if you haven't a penny you can eat your dinner in comfort, knowing you won't have to pay for it until for 6,000 ex-convicts, the end of the month. That helps the __Mrs, D. L. King.

young growing girl will cost you less n wages, but she will devastate the ton's great-granddaughter. cupboard. I had one who would get into the orange marmalade until I forbade her. Then I found a jar of raspberry jam gone. When I called her to account she said: "It was the orange marmalade I mustn't touch, ma'am.'

"How much, in round numbers, do spend on your living?" "From my account book, which in cludes fuel and lights, but not servants'

wages or rent, \$75 a month—\$900 a year." Miss Corson, who teaches economy by a system, and says a family of three grown people and two children, can

live on \$500 a year, said: 'I contend that such a family as I describe can live not only comfortably place for years, is doomed, the coron \$500 a year, which is the price of the food they are to consume, but that moved to make room for a new recitathey can also share in what are called | tion hall. the luxuries. But to do this my system must be studied, not merely dipped into, for in a matter of this sort it very easy to get beyond the depth of that the Lone Star State would make

"But where do you begin?" "With knowing what to buy, where, when and how much; next, with how to keep and use. First, buy groceries in such quantities, if possible, as will allow you a discount. Then keep them locked to prevent waste. Learn to choose meats and know how to utilize fat, bones and marrow. Learn how to make tender and succulent tough parts, \$27,000, and needs \$10,000 more to French chef will do to perfection. Get your green vegetables and fruits from the early market and keep them tender and fresh for several days, as I have

shown you how on \$500 a year. "But, Miss Corson, what are to be r luxuries on \$500 a year? "Why not game, green turtle and has been identified as a sacred badge stone worn by some prehistoric chief.

"Why not, indeed!" "It is perfectly practicable, properly managed. You have friends. Get to- ber 4th and continuing until the 14th moved the dock sides rapidly fill with gether, and have your butcher or fisherman get a 50-pound green turtle and haif a million of dollars will be ex-divide it up between you. I don't say pended on the necessary real estate, you can have diamond-back terrapin but this great swell has some relatives. the gopher, snapper, land terrapin, erect. As if testing her strength, she again briefly waited. Then she began hurry to the dealers' houses, where in capital recipes from Maryland and Virginia aunties that I'm sure you will not despise. There is no reason why you should not have venison steaks and potted venison, and as for rabbits and squirrels the negro aunties have taught me, and I have tried to make clear for you, the most delicious stews and ragouts. One, a famous Washington squir-

> bling terrapin.
> "Dinner should be the only meal that requires marketing. 1 have friend who never markets for breakfast and I leave you to study her experience, chauffes. It is here the French excel yellow, when it is fit for the table. A in their blanquette, fricondeau, coquilles, croquettes, gratins, grenadines, mirotin, haricots, rissoles, solmis. Tuese all enter into our cheap living. With them goes the great art of reasoning, of which we are so lamentably ignorant, even scoring, as we do, onion put a quarter of the acre in strawberries and sold \$200 worth. From the

> and garlic-'wholesome garlic,' which old Homer sings. "Of course we can't go into details rest of the acre he took three different here. That I have done elsewhere. But I cordially agree with you that cheap living, while it is not good living, it is not if it destroys digestion and palls upon the taste. In all more nervous highly strung organizations, such and literary folk, the quality of food is much more important than the quanstevedores have been busily engaged in tity. It must appeal to the imagination as well as to the grosser senses. That it shall do this within the compass of a narrow income requires an entire readjustment of our economies. "Now, don't you think between us

"I really believe it." A Chapter on Taste.

Taste is the power to perceive the beautiful. Experience is needed for this, and, therefore, the formation of taste is not only varied, but gradual. certificate of the death of Daniel Dris-No one would be content to adhere to his childish judgment, for in most cases it would be but an imperfect way of expressing the death of a man childish judgment, for in most cases it would be but an imperfect one. In the period of youth all is novelty and third cervical vertebrae and dislocation the estimate for everything is naturally exaggerated. A young man goes to the theatre for the first time: the actors are by no means talented, the scenic arrangement are anything but realistic but it is of no consequence, the youth is enchanted-it is a new world to him and he is, therefore, so carried away that he is absolutely incapable of forming a sound judgment; it is not that his taste is bad, but it is simply un

formed. But besides experience, cultivation i required. To acquire a good style in composition, and, therefore, to thoroughly appreciate the best writers, it is by no means sufficient to have written a great deal, experience is not enough here; there must be a careful study of the best authors, and this study will be a great assistance to the acquirement of a sound literary taste.

-The yearly salary of the United States minister to Russia is \$17,500, The United States ministers to France. Germany and England each receive a

Dr. Gatting has patented a new gun metal, composed of steel and aluminum, which is said to be of remarkable "My cup of joy is very full," sings a

-For the first time in many years fit is said, robins and orioles have again appeared in the New York city parks -The Prince of Wales, it is said has been making heavy bets for year bunch of celery, but the roots and past that he will not outlive his

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The largest known flower is the Rafflesia, a native of Sumatra. It measures three feet in diameter weighs fifteen pounds, and has a calyx holding six quarts. The odor is offen-

sive. -Miss Linda Gilbert has devoted twenty-two libraries in the prisons of different States, and found employment

-Mrs. D. L. King, the wife of David Leicester King, attorney and counselor "I have learned another thing. Old at taw, at Akron, O., is one of the few servants eat less than young ones. A descendent's of George Washington's only sister, she being Betty Washing--A Swiss engineer named Ritter

wants the City of Paris to adopt his plan for obtaining an "inexhaustible" upply of water from the lake of Neufchatel, Switzerland, 312 miles away. The cost is given at about \$60,000,000. -Mr. and Mrs. Cieveland, it is anunced, have a christening on hand for July 4th, when the President is ex-

pected to be present at the launch of the Baltimore at Cramp's, and see his wife perform the ceremony of naming -Despite the protests of Yale students and graduates the historic fence, which has been their lounging poration deciding that it must be re-

-When it comes to talking of bigness Texas has good reason to put on is airs. A Fort Worth newspaper shows 241 States the size of Rhode Island, or six the size of New York, or nearly seven kingdoms of the area of Portugal

-It is announced that the Standish orement on the Duxbury hill overooking Plymouth harbor is to be finshed this season. 'The obelisk is now 72 feet high. It will be 110 feet high, and 290 feet above the sea level, and

finish it. -A handsome relic of the mound suilders, consisting of a piece of carnelian beautifully carved in the shape of a boat, was recently dug up near Alton, Ill. It is about five inches long and a gem of artistic lapldary work.

-The International Fair to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., beginning Septempromises to be a grand success. About haif a million of dollars will be exuilding, etc. The main building is to be 300 by 450 feet in size and will cost

-Mr. John S. Wilson, an old St. Louis locomotive engineer, has in his possession a silver dime of the coinage as a token of friendship by Andrew Jackson just before his inauguration as President. It has the name of the onor, the date of the presentation and the name of the recipient engraved upon it. -The Rothschilds believe in enjoy-

between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

ng their wealth. One of the Frankfurt barons not long ago paid \$100,000 for a silver cup, which he wished to use as a centre-piece of a table service which he was making up, and one of cost him \$80,000. This stable has marble floors and encaustic tiles painted by distinguished artists. -A citizen of San Bernardino, Cal. has succeeded in making a living off of one acre of land. Around the acre is a tow of fruit trees from which he has

realized \$400 for a season's fruit. He

crops of vegetables, and was so suc-cessful with them that he sold \$1,000 worth, besides keeping a cow, a pig and fowls. -The present German empress the fifth English princess who has held that rank. The others were: Edgyth, daughter of Edward the Elder, wife of Otto I; Gunbild, daughter of Knut wife of Henry III, of Germany, Matilda, the link between the Norman and Plantagenet dynasties, wife of Henry V, of Germany, and Isabella, daughter of King John, wife of Frederick II, the wonder of the world. The last named princess was a direct ancestor of the late prince consort of Eng-

and, and, therefore, of the present German empress. -A reporter riding in a Third av ue, (New York), surface car picked p from a pile of papers that a boy was carrying to the Coroner's office a docuoll, the murderer, who was hanged in the Tombs last winter. The medical by hanging is as follows: "Came to his

of the second cervical vertebrae." -An effort is being made to secure e early completion of the Melbourne Australia) Cathedral, which has been rilding since 1880. During these ight years, it is understood, £70,000 has been actually received and expended on account of this handsom structure, and as £30,000 is required to carry out the original plan, the Building Committee are appealing for further subscriptions. In any case, it is hoped that the Cathedral will be sufficiently completed for visitors to the Centennial Exhibition to attend the opening ceremony before they leave

-Absinthe is the deadliest intoxicant in the world, and its use is in creasing. The drink was introduced into New York by Frenchmen and travelers, and it is now a common beverage in hotels, clubs and fashionable bar-rooms. French soldiers introduced It into Paris after the campaign in Alglers in 1844. In an astonishingly short period it permeated the civilized world. To-day its manufacture is one of the largest liquor trades of Europe. Neufchatel, in Switzerland, is the headquarters for its manufacture. millions of gailons yearly are made there. What France makes and everything to me. Then, instead of poet. Well, let it be, gentle, one. Don't loes not consume is sent for the most