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## THE CONSTITUTION-THE UNION-AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-A monk named Rivalto mentions,

in a sermon preas ed in Florence in 1305, that spectacles had been known

about twenty years. This would place the invention about h year 1285.

dale, Mich., recently, and wers on the

Seventy thousand "phonograph" dolls are being made at Sonneberg, in the

German toy country, to con ain Mr.

- Robert Browning is likely to be

-A woman of 77 and a man of 57

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## server's propins are so extravagant o their estimates of numbers that full medit can hardly be given to the slory

that its a great which and the coast of Japan 900 fishing boats with 2500 to not men as board went down. Two mil to have been bust. The record of

A's English company called the Newand in Newfoundland, which were manted to the Auglo-American Teleorriculture and lumbering. The commany has been organized by a number of prominent men, who expect to be this to attract a large s ream of lumitration to the colony. ----

CANALS appear to be a drug in the market. The Schuylkill Navigation Company would like to dispose of its property; there is a proposition to sell be timesepeake and Obio to a railroad company, and an effort is being made toged the Portage Lake Canal, conor ling Lake M chigan with Lake Superior, to the Government. The first two if sold will be abadoned for canal uses, but the purpose of selling the Portage Canal is to have it deepened so as to fit it for lake commerce. ---

STANLEY'S Speece at Catto clears up much of the uncertainty that clouded the facts about Emin's hesitancy in his own men, and that after he was set free, Emin still declined to go. Finally Stanley took charge, and after having to accompany him. It was a case of saved or not.

IT will require all the ingenuity of the Russian Government to clear itself of the terrible charges of couchy to pullical exiles in Siberia. The stories if the bruial treatment to which delicate and refined women have been sub jected at the hands of a haf-savage soldiery might at first sight uppear exaccented did they not come from separate and independent sources, the position of the prisoners themselves precluding may idea of collusion in the manufacture of the reports. Russia i on tool before civilization, and her d and denials show that at last sh cas begun to realize the fact,

THE GOOD SNAPPER. An Ugly Reptile From Which a Good D sh is Made.

Snapping-turtle soup and stews are ishes never seen on the hills of fare of las a long pole, with a strong iron hock New York restaurants or hotels, and on one end. That end he jabs down tays later 500 other fishing boats are New York restaurants or hotels, and the New York free lunch counter has into the muskrat hole. If there is a not yet added them to its itst, says the result to have been storms was remarkn-ble and 1800 begins as hadly if this may in to be believed.

in that is big enough to h we a restau- pole for use in case the turtle does not outsiland Colonization and Mining rant or a free lunch route, the snapping permit himself to be pulled out by the imputy has acquired 64,000 acres of turtle, or snapper, as this rugnacious fresh water chelomanis locally called, the snapper's leg or neck and hands him is a delicacy that is save to draw a out. crowd whenever and wherever it is raph Company in 1854. Some of the served. A peculiarity of the snapping that snapper stew, served in the last meat, and each one is tender, well-flavored and juicy. The snapper does dollars would buy a ton of snappers. not provide steaks, like the green turtle, although it grows large enough. I have known one to weigh forty pounds and more, but a turtle of that size has got to be one of great age, and his meat is

strong and unsavory. The snapper should weigh not less than from five to ten pounds to provide the choicest mor-

With the exception, probably, of the dri ling, which every member of the simppers of the waters of the southwest of the Mississippi, with the three-cornered head, knotty shell, and long, thick legs covered with spinny warts, the Pennsylvania snapper is probably the they were only, in a quiet way, inform-ogliest-looking member of the chelonian ed of what was expected of them, and family we have. Its heal is one-quar- their manlin as appealed to, they would ter the size of its body. Its jaws are hoked like the beak of a bird of prey. So thought "Aunt'e M.," as she Far forward of the upper jaw are set its

arge, prominent yellow eyes. Its pow-erful scaly legs terminate in long sharp lys, four on the front feet and three on the hind feet. Its tail is half as long as its body, thick at the base, running leaving Wadelal. Stanley says that to a sharp point, and crested with a upon returning the second time he saw-like row of bony scales. The shell found Emin a prisoner in the hands of of a suapping turtle resembles some curious tablet of Egyptian hieroglyphies. When angered, and it bec mes furious on the slightest provocation, the shapper rises erect on its powerful legs, and, a conspirator shot virtually forced Emin with its long neck extended to its fuil length, its tail straightened out like an saving a man whether he wanted to be alligator's, and its yellow eyes glowing, it approaches the object of its rage by avage jumps, drawing its neck back nto its shell and shooting it out again

with lightning rapidity when within triking distance. The snapping turtle is an awkward edestrian, but in the water is as quick is a dash. The wary and agile trout is to match for the great amphibus, and no enemy of the trout is more persistin wait beneath the surface of p inds speaking or being spoken to. Let ladies pass through a d and streams, where acquatic fowls, ectally geese and ducks, with their fat and, coming up under the suspecting Never play with knift erey as fleet and silent as a shadow, eizes it with one snap of his jaw, and the premature duck or goose disappears beneath the surface like a stone dropped | the in the water. The snapper is partial to uskrats, and watches at their holes sland till they are out,

content retreats, and whenever the turthe hunter runs across a mu krat's home - or what was a muskr i's home, for

GOOD ADVICE.

the snapping turtle occupying a burrow first eats its inmates-he is tolerably sure of getting one or more snappers. He apper there the hunter will quickly abow it, for the snapper will resent the intrusion of the pole and fasten his jaws

on the pole or book, and will hold on until drawn out. The heak is on the jaws, and then the hunter jerks it into future generations. There are houses all through New England which have ood for many years, and are still co-

Some Philadelphia epicures declarupied by the grandchildren of the builders. The people who leave their grants contain coal beds and various tortle is that beneath its formidable pennsylvania style, is equal to terraph. Eastern homes and come back after many years, bringing children to the Somehow or other, though, terrapin cost from \$48 to \$50 a dozen. Fifty old place take no greater pleasure than in showing church, school, or home dear to them in the days of early child-

hood Among the homes which have stood

the wear and tear of years, yet still stand, is Jonathan Fairbanks House in Manners for Boys. Dedham, Mass. This is said to be the Poor fellows! How they get hectored delest house in New England, although and scolded and snubbed, and how conthere is one at Medfield which may tinual is the rubbing and polishing and ave been built about the same time. Dedham was settled in 1635. The celefamily feels at liberty to administer. brated John Rogers of Dedham in Eng-No wonder their opposition is aroused and they begin to feel that every man's and had been forbidden to speak in England, and many of his followers emigrated, and numbers settled in this hand is against them, when after all if

place. For that reason it is supposed that the town was so named, but the original plan was to call the place "Contentment."

It is almost impossible for us to realpointed out the following rules for a ize how far we have advanced since little 12 year-old nephew, who was the hese villages in New England were "I ght of her eyes," if not always the by of her heart, for though a good nacurious records of those times. Not two hours, ed, amiable boy in the main he only in manners and customs, but in would offend against the "proprieties" the strange wording of their every day speech, and the curious and strict laws frequently. rst come manuers for the street. which they were governed, they Hat lifted in saying "good-by" or 'How do you do." em a different people from those of to-day. There was no strife for place

or position, but warm friendship and liberal hospitality. The newspapers which sprung up one after another tell the story, and the curious tombstores where it was the eastom to record so Hat lifted when offering a seat in a car or in acknowle Iging a favor. Keep step with anyone you walk Aiways precede a lady up stairs, and ask her if you may precede her, in

much of the daily life of the one buried pas-ing through a crowd or public beneath, bear witness of the curious pinions of the people. Hat off the moment you enter a

Hat off the moment you enter a street door and when you step into a most cases of frame, with heavy beams private hall or office. supporting the rafters, and with long In the parlor stand till every lady in oping roof for the main structure he room is seated, also older people. Rise if a lady comes in after you are and curious additions called in some cases "a lean to" and in others "a porch," and the wonderful corners and ated and stand till she takes a seat. Look people straight in the face when nteresting "garrets," where all curious and ancient things were stored, because Let ladies pass through a door first, treasure houses for the next generation. standing aside for them. The rules which governed the observ-ance of Sunday, the division of lands, In the dining room take your seat and the payment of taxes, were struggent, and by a due observance of them the settler was held in respect, but for Never play with knife, fork or spoon, Do not take your napkin in a bunch

a violation, a punishment awaited the offender which was severe and certain. Eat as fast or as slow as others, and The home life was simple in the ex-treme and shared by men and women aish the course when they do. Ri-e when ladies leave the room, and alike, for while the men ploughed and what in the field the women a

A the majority are in New England Many of the people cling to old cush toms, cherish the old homes, and try the homes and other land marks of the first settlers of the country. How faithfully the people of Boston inter to save the old tree on maknows, and when it stood

She's the minister's child you know! Our wee has went into our pew at the front. She sang all the hymns upside down, Her head she bowed, when I said "Let us pray." Atta shut up her sweet eyes so brown. I thanked the good Lord as never before. For lambs of the flock He had given' His Holy Name praised, because of His words: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The sermon time came, my baby glance

The sermon time came, my baby gi-round, Some children, with sweetest content, On futher's strong arms were leading heads. While faces were lovingly bent. Then an overwhelming, failering want Filled the heart of dear little Frue. She said, in a pitful childlsh voice, "Tapa, may I come up to you?"

Tapa: may recome up to you. Early in up, iove and approval was strong. In a trice she climbed up the states Ami seated hers. If demondy and prim, In one of the minister v c airs. A powerful sermon, I preached "twas said— Not one prepared on the creed. The fodder so h gh the lambs could not reach. But something on which they could feed. *Good Housekeeping*.

ame to Beckett's mill with their 'turns' were a little surprised to find

'Mill closed on ercount of wife dvin'. Have to go to burryin' over to Coon first founded until we examine into the curious records of those times. Not two hours. SAM BECKETT. Two or three customers, who had me from the extr-me end of 'Possum Ridge, concluded to wait for Beckett's return rather than to make the trip again; and so, tying their horses, they

> 'I'll tell you what, fellers,' Rial 'No, I do.'t, Ruth; but, for that matter, I 'low it's not so much what 'I'll tell you what, fellers,' Rial crops had been discussed, 'the takin'

obody spectin' of it."

red on it a y hissef." "Wonder if it'll git Sam down much?" | wife am't been dead a week!" gits sort o' used to it, and the takin' off turned to Bet and remarked; of the fifth hain't likely to go so hard with him as it would if she was the first. It's all in bein' used to things.' don't approve of it. I hope you don't "Yes, that's so, Rial. And if a feller mean nothin'--like business."

and-rmanin', \*

of Beckett's mill. In fact, he and 'the other way, and looking up, what Betty spent a great many hours in quist strolls along the shady lanes of

too great to permit of his uttering a word, while the other was too much

applied for a marriage license at Hillspoint of getting it when friends of the woman interfered. She has property. 'Matter enough,' Beckett replied, in

'I hope nothing serious has gone wrong with you.' u're a ltar," B ckett screamed, had passed on and out of sight, and

broad shoulders, he turned away mutwouldn't do It.' "Twon't do-'twon't nigh do! That

thar feller's gittln' too numerous in 'No, I reckon you don't understand it, when you are at the bottom of it.' these parts, an' the first thing I know that cal will be fer marryin' him. I

promised old Jerry I'd keer fer 'er, an' Founded out strip to the product of the strong of the stro

Since the death of Beckett's wife, Since the death of Decket's war, Betty had gone to live at Dan Bunker's, and accordingly, as soon as the grists had all been ground out, Beckett closed the old mill, and dressing himself in his be t suit, walked over to Bunker's house

Pretty soon after his arrival, Dan you of our intentions." and his wife managed to retire, leaving 'Hang your intentions. I say you Beckeit and Betty alone together in can't marry the gal. You can't have

'Why, he's come a sparkin' uv Bet,' 'The land sake, Dani do you reckon

'I know it. Ain't he got on a b'iled shirt an' his go-to-mectra' blue-jeans cast? An' what else would he have hat you don't.'

cm on for if he wasn't figuring on axin! Bet to have him?! meaning, Beckett had his strong arms 'Dan Bunker, do you know what I about him and was doing his utmost to

think of old Beckett?' throw him over into the river. Beckett was a hardy man and un usually strong, and he experienced no

you think of him as what Bet thinks of lifficulty in lifting his little antagonist him, that's of interest to old Beckett, up and churning him about. 1 ut to Well, I think he's an old varmint; brow hum into the river was a much

dung to him like a leech, and refused finds out his business. The idea of the to be shaken loose. "No; and I guess old Sam hadn't fig- old thing marryin" a pretty young gal There was a strong struggle, which 1 ke her-an' that, too, when his other at last ended in both getting too near the bank and slipping into the water.

'Reckon not bad. You see, when a As soon as Dan and Mrs. Bunker were well out of the room, old Sam 'I see you a waikin' about a good bit. of late with that preacher feller, an' I

vergits used to wives a-dyin', I guess 'I don't know that I understand sam ought to be. There ain't many your meaning, Mr. Beckett,' the giri sam ought to re. There all t must say that I am at a "Mr. Beckett, I want your consent to men as kin boa t o' b rym' five of 'car replied, 'but I must say that I am at a the marriage between Miss Higgins and

and-runnin'.' less to know what objection you can 'No, there ain't many, Dan, that's have to Mr. Hackett.' myself. Are you going to give it?"

After two or three more duckings, 'Do you give in?

the last of the English men of letters (save Tennyson) who will find a grave in Westminster Abbey. The interment of any mole todles there is opposed on sanitary grounds.

-It is said that nearly all the postal clerks and carriers who become timeves begin by stealing letters addressed to lottery agents, which they know are almost sure to contain money.

-In South Carolina recently two superstitious colored persons, so it is reported, becoming frightened by the darkness which proceeded a sto m, sank to the ground and expired almost instantly.

-An army medical board will be in ession in New York city from May 1st to 31st, for the examination of candidates for appointment in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, to fill existing variancies,

-After the SIst of March next, all life boats in England will be required to carry a gallon of vegetable or animaloil, in a distributor of approved red with anger, and taking a step for- pattern, for quieting the sea in rough weather.

"You haugh at me, do you, you little uttersnipe of creation? You think ou'll git her anyhow, but Pill see to it they are shipped; but from the fatigued And before the minister realized his appearance of the strawberries in Corthern markets in these days, one would suppose rather that they had been compelled to wilk all the way.

-A 3 year-old child walked off rapidly moving train near Elkhardt, Ind., recently, and, strange when the train can back the dirtle on was found standing in the middle of more difficult task, since the little man | the track uninjured, except a slight scratch on one sur.

-A new etching of "The Angelus" has just been completed in Paris. Only a very limited number of copies are to a sold-2,000 france or \$100 each. The cost expensive copies on sale was the first one to come up; and seeing his advantage, was quick to seize ountry are the photography, which ell for \$20 each, and the is no of , and in an instant he gathered Beck-it by the maps of the neck and prowhich have been limited to opies.

-Josiah Sherman has are site, valued at \$20.0, for the hosstal by which A binta will honor the nemory of Lieury W. Grady, and which is to be known by his na e. The nstitution will have one section for white and another for black patients.

-A portable house of paper was re-cently constructed in Hamburg. The Paper,

loft. There he found his nephew's corpse. It is supposed that the had

chose the box as a quiet place where he could be down without the risk of im-terference. The 1-d fell down are dentady and he was summary.

-Indiana's "tearch married woman"

of from two to four years ever since.

MORE THAN HIS MATCH. the best room 'Hath,' Dan said, when they were outside, 'yer know what Beckett's come fer?' 'No, I don't,' ruth replied. One morning, the customers who the mill door closed and a written no-tice posted thereon, which read: \*Wal, 1 do. "Then what is it?"

thea,

tering:

sat down on a log and fell into a friendly

off of old Sam's woman is purty doggoned suddint, ain't it?'

'Yes, it air, Rial, fur a fack,' Dan and, for that matter, I 'low that Bet Hawkins replied. 'Reckon there warn't won't think much different when she

No, there and t many, 17m, that's so, Wender who Sam'll marry next 'the?' 'Lor', I hain't no idea. Nobody ever thought of him marryin' any of them thought of him marryin' any of them

Pessum Ridge, or in peaceful rambles | feller, long the banks of the beautiful Coon time ne ther spoke. Beckett's rage was Run river. In one of these long walks they hap-

In one of these long warks they hap-pened to pass by the mil. Beckett was at the time leaning through the little window looking listlessly down the road that ran off through the woods, and all at once his gaze fell upon the

advancing couple, In a moment a dark frown came over a trembling voice. his face, and his brows contracted with vex dion. He watched them until they

'You don't hope any such thing, an' Edison's apparitus, you know you don't. If you did you - Robert Brownin with a dissatisfied shrug of his

'Do what, my friend? I do not understand your meaning,"

"Buttom of what?" 'Bottom of this trouble. Oh, you're

her.

to respect your rights by informing

"What's your objection?" 'I'm goin' to marry h r myself."

The reply struck Mose Hackett as so preposterous and ridiculous that he could not avoid laughing.

In an instant Beckett's face grew ward, he said:

THE New York Technoe thinks the destruction of human life by our railways is attaining truly alarming proportions. According to the estimate of the Interstate Commerce Commissioners, the mortality from this cause in a single year is as high as 7693, while for the same period the number of persona injured in railroad accidents reaches 27,898. Of course a great proportion in both classes is made up of rallway employes. Legislation by Congress for the protection of trainmenas recommended by the President, in greatly to be desired In view of the facts thus presented, and legislation by the States with the object of abolish ing grade crossings would removanother fruitful source of danger,

TO PREVENT electric light fires originating from sources outside the building, Mr. Edward Atkinson suggests a haw similar to one applied to railroads, making the company whose wire carried the current into the building liable in a claim for damages, with provision for recovery from the company upon whose wire the spark originated. That would stimulate the use of spark arresers and make all companies using wires of any kind careful to guard its lines from crosses. The self interest of the companies is relied upon to remove the dangers incident to the use of wires carrying dangerous currents, and also to encourage them to have "dead" wires removed from poles and connec tions. Such a law would also stimu-late the putting of wires underground where they would be safe from Argenting 1

THE Alaska Commercial Company loses its valuable exclusive privilege of taking fur seals upon the islands of St. Paul and St. George because of the competition excited by its large profits, The North American Commercual Company, of New York, which is to have the lease, is to pay more than three times as much per annum as was paid by the Alaska Company. On the basis of 100,000 seals per annum the Government will receive about \$1,-000,000 per annum, as against \$300,000 required under the old lease. The exclusive privilege is to run for twenty The purchase of Alaska was a SPIATE. pretty good business speculation, as these figures show. The United States puld only \$7,200,000 for the country, forenoon. She is particular about her and it has immense undeveloped resources besides these seal fisheries.

WHAT West Virginia and Kentucky State some years ago. It is a burning couris cannot be he'd for the adminisand the administration of criminal juitite is as sure.

hem. If no rat appear ing in or coming out of Lis house the | stand by the door un hadnes pass, apper proceeds to investigate. He works his way into the muskrat's burow by the subterranean passage the lips should be avoide J. animal always tunnels to its nest, and cires his game literally in its own breshold, Reptiles of all kinds, especally the water snake, are favorite food for the snapper, and fish furnish him always.

Do not look toward a bedroom door any choice repusts. Veteran and veraci us hunters who find their game along marshy streams These rules are imperative. There and ponds declare that the snapping are many other little points which ad i to the grace of a gentleman, but to artle is as wise as he is cruel, He u ws the instant he hears the sound break any of these is almost unpardonof a gun that someone is hunting irds that feed along the shores and in able. "Did you make up all these rules, he reeds and flags. He loses no tim-

your hand,

"this one is full of pictures!"

down at her clasped hands,

that little girl is you!"

"isu't it funny?" laug ed Bessle,

andmamma's neck and kassed her.

"Does it seem so to you my dear?"

sweet as ste said:

by

a getting himself in position to look at for wounded birds that may tall auntie?" said Roy, as a copy, neatly printed by a typewriter, was placed in nto the water. If any fall they are the napper's meat. One old Susquehanna is bunds. "Make them up? No. These are iver hunter told me once that he shot just the common rules of society that

suipe one day that fell into the water nto a bunch of flags. His dog, a small not find your father failing in one of ocker spanial, jumped in to retrieve them. he bird. The dog had no sootier got depreciationly. into the water than the hunter heard a 'And you do not wish to be a manly great commotion and then p ercing yell herv?" rom his dog.

He waded out to the re-ds, and there saw his dog struggling to ret away fr m a big snapping turtle that had seized the dog back of the fore shoulder. ly in his drawer. Some months have since passed, and aunthe has had the pleasure of hearing The hunter grasped his dog by the hind repeatedly the remark, "What a manly, egs and drew him back. The turtle thoughtful little + enhew you have," a id not let go its hold-they never do one and another ob erved his poli e and til they are killed and then they don't careful attention to others. and was dragged clear out on dry and, while the dog filled the air with s yells. The hunter placed the muz-of the gun to the turtle's neck and inled it with a charge of shot. That disposed of the turtle, but it did not mpel the turtle to dispense with the log, the jaws remaining tightly closed the dog's leg. The owner of the

antel was obliged to split the tenacius head in two before he could recover ull possession of his dog. The snapper has its home in streams and ponds. Every female lays at least 'O Grandmanma," she exclaimed, twenty eggs, but they will lay as many as thirty. She goes some distance from te water when she gets ready to deposit her eggs, which she does along about the middle of June. She digs a sighed a little, though her smile was perpendicular hole a foot deep, and big ough for her to get into and complete her nest-building, which she does by give me when we were children toexcavating a lateral tonnel from the gether. I think his first valentine to enttom of the surface hole. This tunel will be a foot or so long. If she lise. ets her nest completed in the forenoon

it the day she commenced it, she will y Ler eggs in the tunnel right away. but if it is afternoon when the nest is re.dy she goes back to her retreat in the Day, with a lovely pink tinge in her water and waits until the next day. She always deposits her eggs in the est, too, for some reason, and will fre-

quently dig three or four holes before she gets one to suit her. After her eggs are laid she covers them and fills should do with their Hatfield-McCoy- the hole up with dirt and smoothes the Tallaferro feud fighters, murderers and surface down with great care. The outlaws is to hang them, as Pennsyl- eggs hatch in ten days, and the turtles vania did sixteen of her "Mollie Ma- at once dig their way out of the ground derness. and start for the water as fast as their guires" Thugs when they terrorized ittle legs will carry them which is at the anthracite coal counties of the the rate of about a mile an hour. The snapping turtle, unlike the terdisgrace to Kentucky that there are so rapin, is at its best during the summer many counties within her borders where months, although it is always in demand while hibernating. The snappers burrow in the ground in November, tration of justice without deta hments and remain there until April. They of troops to protect the lives of judges, are caught in large numbers in central jurors, witnesses and procecuting par- Pennsylvania and in the Western part ties. The gallows for the murderers of the state by men and boys, who fish whom the anthorities have now in or hunt for them systematically, and hand (about twenty, we understand,) is make money at it, as there is always a the only discipline. In our anthracite ready market for snappers in the Penncounties life is as safe now, since the sylvania small tow s and cities, as well hanging or the "Mollie Maguire" assas-ains as in other portions of the State, and the administration of arithment inc. They are caught by setting outlines in the streams and and the administration of arithment inc. They are caught by setting outlines in the streams and popula and by "polling" for them The snapper finds muskrat holes con. | panion.

In religion they were extremely ex-eting, and some of the creeds of these Special rules for the mouth are that all noise in eating and smacking of the lavs seem to us almost past belief. Ye

Cover the month with hand a numkin ood people lived up to them as far a could, and often denied them when obliged to remove anything from elves the comforts of life in fear that by enjoying what surrounded them Use your handkerchief unobtrusively they might be indulging "the flesh"

so much. It was the custom in many New Eag land towns to ring the curlew or fire covering) bell, at nine o'clock in the

vening, and by that time all aen and maidens were supposed to be home. In a few of the towns this u-tom is still adhered to, and also the trange fashion of tolling a "passing ell" when a death occurs in the vilage, the number of strokes denoting ie age of the person who "passes'

m earth. In the larger New England village ach family was required to keep at and several fire buckets, and in case t every gentleman observes. You will an alarm, were required to set them uickly outside the door or gate, that assing firemen might gather them on "Well, but he is a man!" said Roy, eir way to the fire.

The writer well remembers a tale ld by her grandmother of an occasion Roy said nothing, but it was noticed n 1814 when she was dressing for a arty, and had donned one satin shpthat the rules were placed very carefuler, when the bell began to ring. Hast-

seizing a fire bucket in each hand ie ran to the gate, and was hurrielly being them, when a man rushing by e house said: "It is not fire woman, the bells are

inging for peace; the war of 1812 is Not. The ancient tombstones tell a strange

Grandmother's Valentine. ory of the time. In looking over old ooks and papers there are many most Bessie Day was up in the attic of her usint and curious sperimens. The irtues of the dead and the circumgrandmother's house in the country, Mrs. Day was looking among some ances to their lives are often given, oxes for bits of velvet for the sofa nd we wonder at the late day how cushion, that Bessie was making and uch saintly beings lived in this wicked

her bright eyed little granddaaghter world. There is a curious specimen of was busy with her in the search. Presthis kind which reads: ently Bessie openel a box that stood in

DIED Near Gloucester, Elizabeth Wagues aged 107.

"Let n.e see," said the old lady. She she never took medicine of any k nd in her life.

sighed a little, though her smile was 'n Foxborough there is a very sing lar monument st nding in a grav-"They are pictures your grandpapa and in the centre of the town. In rder to read the inscription it is need sary to raise the cover of a sort me is there. You may look if you ase which is placed upon a pillar of ranite. The cover is of granite and i Bessie sat down on the floor beside ept in its place by hooks, the date the box, and took out the pictures one 810 is cut upon it, and these lines: one till she came to the very last.

"To those who view before you're gone, Be pleased to put this cover on."

On the inside of the cover on a piec It was a faded, childish drawing of a sheet-iron, the following is in gilt ttle boy and girl. The bo; was offeretters: ing the little girl a four leaved clover, and she was standing, shyly looking

"The grave is waiting for your body. And Christ is waiting for your soul; O may this be your cheerful study. To be prepared when death doth call." ,n Watertown there is another curi

aid her grandmamma, taking the picis epitaph from an old burying ground. ture and looking at it with much tencast of the village, on the Cambridge Bessie's laugh died away, and her road: Pious Lydia, made and given by God own eyes filled as she saw the tears

As a most meet help unto John Bailey g in the old lady's eyes. Her Minister of the Gospel grandfather had died before she was Good betimes-Best at last born and this was her first realization of the love and grief that were still alive in his wife's heart. She jumped

Liv d by faith-Died in Grace Went off singing-left us weeping Walked with God till translated in the up and threw her arms around her 30th year of her age April 16th-1691.

'It's so sweet," she said, "to think Is you want to be miserable, think that dear little boy is grandpapa, and about yourself, about what you want, G:andmamma Day wiped her eyes, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, what people think of you, "It's the first thing be ever gave me, and it's his own drawing," she said. i then to you nothing will be pure

and you will always be wretched. "I think I'll take my valentine down A GLUE that stocks is perforce a stocky

Wonns are a free lunch and deeds a unid dinner

has a mighty takin' way with the women folks somenow, and it does young upstarts. I've made up my mind pear like women do the most unaccountable things. Now there wasn't day Tilly was buried, an' now I've anybody as ever thought of Tilly Smith come to ax you to june me.' e-marryin' old Sam, was ther?'

'I guess not.' "But she married him, though." 'Yes, that's so, she did.'

Well, and that's the way it'll he ag'in. Old Sam's dogg- ned lucky when comes to marryin', and I guess he ight to be, after all the experience he'

'Yes, and the first thing you know ne'll have another wife. And she won't be an old hag, either, but the purties gal on 'Possum Ridge,' 'Azactly-azactly, He has always if you think I could be induced to married young gals, and I 'low he'll do

it this time." 'I wouldn't be a blamed bit sur prise', Dan, if he did spruce around Bet Higgins. Bet's the best-looking woman on the Ridge, and most any-

body 'd be g'ad enough to git her.' "But that wouldn't do him any good Riat. Reckon that preacher has got her fast enough." 'He may have and he mayn't have.

We kin tell better a week from now,' The two hours had run out and Beckett returned.

'Sorry I had to keep you waitin? men,' said he, as he came up; 'but it couldn't be helped. Folks will die, and they can't be blamed for it; and they're just as hable to go one time as another I am't in the nature of things for peple to choose their own time for dyin'

and when they die they have to be burled, you know." 'Shore, Sam; that's all natural enough. Reckon you find it a power-

ul hard blow, comin' so unexpected 'Yes, I do, Rial. It's awful unhandy Tilly was a smart woman, and I hated o give her up; and besides, there is always more or less time lost in burvin

mebody to take her place.' 'Reckon you'll marry ag'in?' He never finished the sentence, but 'Why, yes, of course; but I hain'

ettled on anybody yet. It takes time for these things, you know, and a man as to look around a little." Old Sam Beckett was well-to-do, and

on 'Possum Ridge he was looked upon as the money king of the world, He owned a good farm, besides the old mill, and lived in a tao-story frame house-a luxury that was rare at that t me, and which loomed up immensely among its numerous log-cabin neigh-

b T3. Some time previous to the death of Beckett's fifth wife, old Jerry Higgins had died, and having a daughter leave to the tender mercies of the

fatherly care. Betty Higgins was just 'r sing onto lighteen, and was as pretty a girl as cone he had just quitted, and, with ever graced 'Possum Ridge society, and for that matter she would have been

circles. For years she had constituted Jerry Higgins' family, and he being a man vell-to-do financially, and justly proud f his daughter, had devoted considerble means to giving her an education, and had even gone so far-against the protest of his neighbors, of course-as

to send her away to attend school in he city. Old Sam was a rude, gruff fellow,

but who was perfectly preserved physially, and in good trim for taking a sixtirife at any time.

little during Tilly Beckett's short ness, and for two or three days after the tuneral old cam was kept quitsu-y grinding the accumulated 'grists.

of his spare time in the neighborhood

to trust you with them that 'Then I shall have to repeat it." to marry you, Bet. I done that he marriage.

"Marry you!" the girl exclaimed, in annazed wonder, 'Why, I never thought of such a thing!" that?

"Don't need to be thought of. All you want to do is to say the word, an' I'll git Dan to go an' fetch Squire Beeson, an' well have it over in less 'n hour. Fon't need no thinkin', Bet. ou un er.' You know me an' I know you, au' man! I'm drowned now," know how m ch money an' hand I've

"Then you promise?" g it, an' you know what sort of home 1 'Yes, 1 promise,' in offer you. Ain't that enough?? "No, it's not enough. You are a fool

Lired."

marry an old man like you, simply Betty Higgins arrivel. because you have a little money; and that, too, when your poor wife is hardly cold in the grave. I won't listen to you, and either you or I will leave the

'Do you mean what you say, Bet?' 'Yes, I mean what I say-very ord of it. I'd die before I'd marry

Well, I ain't used to bein' treated in that way, gal, an' you may be sorry for

'I think you will; an', as your lawful guardeeu, I now give you notice that you shan't never marry that upstart of a preacher. Do you hear that? Yes, I hear it?'

'Then see that you heed it!' "I won't do it. I'm going to marry im, and you can't prevent it.'

"Goin? to marry him?" "Yes, going to marry him."

Old Sam took two or three turns across the room, then halting in front of the girl, his face livid with rage and is form shaking with anger, he forward until his hot breath scorched preacher since that eight.

her cheeks, and hissed: 'You shan't do it. You're mine of the dead one and lookin' round for and I'm goin' to have you, and before counties appeared at the Tremon you shall marry that fellow I'll, I'll-'

> the look in his eyes and the awfulness About 5 o'clock he approached the of his manner made his meaning plain clerk's desk and said:

to the girl, and she shrank back from 'You will not,' she cried. 'You dare Won't L. You'll see. And, girl, Oh, yes, give you No. 561 - front room

his blood will be on your head, for you with bath, souther drive me to it. I've had five wives, get dinner at 6.' and I loved them all. I loved them as well as men usually love their wives, few moments, and then took a chair out I never loved anybody as I love opposite the counter. At 6 o'clock

'Go! I've heard enough!' and with Wakely went to him, saying: at the girl swept from the room. For a moment Beckett stood still

ooking after her, then, whirling on his 561; best room on that floor, if not h world, bequeath d her to old Sam' cci, he strode out and away. As he walked along the road leading here.' toward the mill, his mind dweit on the

o mean ornament in more aristocrati-

who had seen the suns of fifty summers,

The work at the mill had run behind

In the meantime Mose Hackett, the 'preacher feller.' had spent a good deal

ted against are and the exterior against moisture. The paper is fixed in frames, which can easily be attached A few more plunges weakened the old man, and he promised to sanction to each other. The house is intended to serve as a restaurant, and contains a "That's not enough," the mini-ter dining room 90 feet long. went on, 'You have her money, and ou must give it up. Do you promise -"Typescript" and "granhotype" are the latest new words. The former 'No, I don't, and I wou'tl I'll die

is a substant e for "type written manuserint," the latter is an appropriate "Then I shall put you under and hold for the typewriting machine, which is now, uncer the term type writer, comfounded with the operator. 'For heaven's sake don't do that, When a man area, "I have not a new typewriter," it is impossible for his friend to determine we other a machine

Will you swear it?"

The minister, being the most active,

eded to duck him two or three times,

after which he said, still retaining his

'Never!' Beckett muttered.

'Then under you go again!'

has been purchased or a pretty young woman engaged, "Yes-yes! L t me out; I'm dying! At that moment Dan Bunker and -A boy at Lille, France, has just met with the same late as the berdine in the same of the "Mistletor B ugh."

They knew that the manister was coming, and they feared B ckett wonld He disappear d, and a most diligent search was made for him to no purpose, neet him and use violence and came to his rescue. until it occurred to his, uncle to lask inside a larg box which was lept in a

"Now repeat your promise in the presence of these two', the minister commanded, and Backett reluctantly complied. 'il tell you what," the minister con-

tiqued, 'it will be a good idea to com-plete this business while we're at it, So if Dan will go and fetch Squire Bee son, we'll have the marriage performed and the papers signed over while Mr.

has just been weddel at Shelloyville, Ind., bo her muth fushand. Her first appearance as a blashing bride Beckett is in the right notion." Dan went for the squire, who lived was b 1567, and she had been reapless than a half mile away, and in a short time the marriage ceremony was pearing in the same role, at intervals gone through. Beckett then signed She has been no respecter of persons in her eager hunt, for a satisfactory life partner. The high and low, rach and poor, farmer and townsmon, have all been tried and found washing, but she ver the girl's property and departed for home, a sadder and a madder man. The next cay he went down and married the Walow Muggs, and from that day he and his old mill have jogged along, doing moderately well.

A typical Missourian from the baci

House recently and tosked for a room

He said his name was John Waltely

\*Plased to have you, sir, \* rattled the

clerk. 'What's your name?

has shown no sign of letting up in her pursuit of an ideal husband, Six of But Beckett never has liked her ex-husbands are still living. He Wante J to "Remain."

-A specimen of the created starling of Reumon Is and has recently been obtained for the British Museum, "This bird, which has easi probably exterminated, is more in collections than the great nuk. The reducing con-sists simply of black, white and gray, but when alive it must have been a "Guess I'll remain, 'cause I'm kinder graceful bird. Some creates on the slands, who returning the land in their younger days, told the late Mr. Polen that it was so tame and stand that it could be knocked over with a with bath, southern exp sure You can tack. Only 19 specimens are known to exist. ?

The fellow stood like a bronze for a -Medicinal rings were at one time very seriously believed in. Physicans were wont to wear finger rings in another clerk came on watch; and which stones were set, and these stones were credited with the pooresion of My name's Wakely, Guess Pilrymain were created with the post-sount of many virtues. Sometimes the patient was simply touched with the ring, sometimes he put it on his linger for a while. Many a patient has worn such 'Thank you, Mr. Wakely. Let's see. the house. Just make yourself at home

a ring to stop hemorringe. If the de sured result followed, the ring was un-The man seemed dumhfounded a something, and he returned to his chair. ach succeeding minute, his rage grew directly opposite the rigister. reservedly regarded as the bading When tiercer and his anger higher, and his the night-clerk appeared at 11 o'clock agent; if the core did not follow, we are the Missourian almost ran to the countold nothing about it.

-A dress that weighs but three 'i'm glad they got a new boy,' 16 and muttered: 'I'm glad they got a new boy,' 1 a said. 'I'm what they call 561, and 1 wat to remain. Do you understand' wat to remain. Do you understand' and bury News. 'About the year 1700 "Certainly, Mr. Wakely. I am going a fair young brids in the village now and though nobody knows it, it'll be to eat my luncheon now, but if I cau known as New Haven wore a damity found out if she marries him, and then I'll be fixed in a nice pickle. No, it hesitate to call me. Be pleased to serve low in the neck and was sleeveless. you, sir.<sup>4</sup> The strange guest, after glaring at the clerk, returned to his chair, where tremely valuable, both trom its of the trimming is prettily have by

me to the point where the road fol- he did not move until 2 A. M. Then from generation to generation with it he was disturbed by a couple of late has at last come into the provision of a Daubury lady, who will wear 0 at 'We've had enough fun,' spoke one of the drummers, 'We might as well is remarkably web preserved, a direction Here the man from Missouri jumped and the beauty of the entropy

about two feet in the air, yelling to the with which it is covered. The along the back when he heard the sound of foot-steps approaching from noon. I guess I il retire.' those dars."

retire, and ---- ' clerk: 'Retire. That's the durred word

face looked strangely white in the soft moonlight. Once he clenched his fists ter. and muttered: and her money that built the house,

musn't, and it shan't be. She must be you, sir." my wife." He had walked quite a distance and

owed along the river bank. It was a he was disturbed by a consisterous travelling men. off, and only a foot-path, or 'nigh cut,' as the people called it, where foot travelers turned off from the main road ud saved some distance by going

arough. Becaett had passed several yards

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