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A MAXIM writer in the West says: "If you do not saw wood you have no right to growl because there is no fuel."

A FRENCH newspaper thinks that a rash act on the part of Emperor Wil- vr not. liam will disturb the peace of Europe. tate a war the peace of Europe is only akin deep, something like beauty.

MR. GEORGE W. CHILDS, of Philadeiphia, states that since the introduction of foreign and native mineral waters as a table beverage, the use of wine has decreased nearly one-half at dinner parties and entertainments.

THE United States Labor Commission has decided that the collection of statistics referring to building associations does not come with the scope of the coming census. This is to be reare much reeded and would have served to show the good and evil of

WHILE the members of Congress are devising a plan of coluage to use up the products of American silver mines, they should incidentally consider her share. whether they cannot find means to dispose of all the products of American iron ore and coal mines, which are just her plug of a husband. as much entitled to have a government market made for them as the silver he cannot control his temper when with

THE first quarter of the year, says a trade review, has passed without the knows it. When a man is a har, and has trade review, has passed without the knows it. financial disturbance which many saw | fair and cheerful with every one except reason to fear, with fewer failures than h's wife. in the same quarter of last year, and smaller by 12 per cent. Foreign trade | an angel will marry him. has been heavier than ever for the seas n, and domestic consumption was with men when who do not care if they much smaller than usual in coal, wool- displease him, and impatient with his ens and heavy winter goods.

Ir is now certain that a large percentage of ice consumed the coming season will be a manufactured article. While the price may be higher, the quality will be superior to that harvested in many localities from contaminated streams and ponds. The manufacturer can choose the water used and by the use of improved machinery, produce a lower temperature than nature employs to do the work, insuring a more solid product and one that will last longer.

A strike inaugurated by the Central Labor Union in New York, has some of the worst features of the combinitions of employers that are so earnestly and rightly condemned by labor reformers, Carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers and all sorts of building mechanics at work in New York have been compelled to strike, not because they had personal grievances, but because contractors for the iron work refused to employ union hands. That kind of interference never yet worked well and probably never will.

THE farmers of Minnesota, in convention assembled, have resolved that the Supreme Court of the United States must be abolished. They declare the highest judicial tribunal of the and to be a menace to the rights and iberties of the people, and therefore demand that it be abated. This is a deplorable condition of things, but it is feare I that a mere resolution of a body of citizens, however, carnest and respectable, will not suffice to abolish the

WYOMING will doubtless become a can be arranged. At a recent election in that territory the vote cast was 18,-000, of which 4,000 were cast by women. But as these 14,000 adult males vote the Republican ticket by 2.-000 majority, it is proposed to give them political power to the extent of two Senators and one Representative in the ower House. The penalty will come one of these days for this rushing in of new States for partisan purposes.

BUFFALO BILL has attained an immense success among the sons and daughters of Italy, and we may soon look for an irruption of dark-eyed denizens of the sunny land bent on taking the scalps of countless Indian braves, and slaying unnumbered buffalos, and armed for the conflict with hand organs and little monkeys. And after they have found out their mistake they will, as they list n to the sweet strains of "McGinty" and other musical gems, muse with sadness upon America as it presented abroad by the honest William.

SPECULATIVE business enterprises in the South are organized on the prinriple that "man never is but always to be blest." Excursion trains are run from New England to the site of what is to be a new town in Tennessee, where a sale of lots will be held when the szeursjonists are to arrive. The town world through her pen. Her smile is to be laid out from the proce ds of has always been especially winning. the sale, and it is to be supported by Giving to the world so much fiction, it the iron works to be erected by a com- is to be expected that she would be pany that is to be organized as soon as ubscriptions have b en received to the vited to meet her at luncheon. Mrs. millions of dollars' worth of stock authorized to be issued. It may come out flow of entertaining words, the outall right for the investors, but every- pouring o' the wealth stored within, thing seems dependent on something

so indignant over the frauds of the pol- was at the time in quite different comiticians that they talk of forming a pany from that which really surrounded Vigilance Committee, will probably the characters of "Old Town Folks." to nothing but vaporize. Really earnest reformers ought to get together and to the work of a Vigilance Committee of a friend when he saw a phonograph for the first time. He was greatly inby legal methods, landing every dishonest election officer in jail, and hold- it "The Ride from Ghent to Aix." ing up to public scorn and contempt any of the bigger politicians who attempt to excuse or protect their tools. tempt to excuse or protect their tools. graph dutifully repeated all he had The frauds have been proved, and it said, including the exclamation at the remains for the citizens of Jersey City end, and the film upon which the poet's to put the rascals who committed them language was impressed, is now prein jail.

WORTH HEEDING Married Life is a Fallure.

The men say, according to an Atch-We cant see that there is any special ison Globe—When a wife thinks more objection to buying it already chopped. When a wife believes her husband must love her whether she deserves it

When a wife stoops to her husband's If a simple thing like that can precipi- level, and tries to equal him in being burg Dispatch. In those good old days, mean,

When a wife fails to realize that pa with her than with a man. When a woman marries for conveni-

ence, and pretends that she marries for When a wife pays too much attenlion to her husband's old vows, and not enough to the nature of the man

she has actually married. When a wife insists that her husband shall be as good as his mother, instead of as good as his father.

When a wsfe says that if her husband the coming census. This is to be re-gretted as statistics upon this matter put a dollar and a half of it in her lap every night, as "her s are."

When a wife, who is not expected to do any such work, says. In the presence of the neighbors, that she was not 'raised' that way, and will not saw the wood. When the wife blames all the trouble

on her husband, instead of accepting When a woman imagines that all the

women in the world are in love with The women say-When a man say

his wife and children, although they know he controls it when provoked by a large, muscular man enemy.

When a man is fool enough to expect When a man is patient and cringing

sick children. When a man expects that his wife ou, ht to buy as much with one dollar

us he himself can buy with two. When a man frets because his wife did not love him before she knew him. When a man expects the fountain to be higher than the he d; when he expects a better home than he provides. When a man smacks his lips in re

collection of his mother's cooking, and forgets that he had a better appetite as a boy than he has as a man, Wisen a man believes that a wife should give all her time to their home. and then wonders that she never has

any money of her own.

Indian Humor.

The Indian has a keen appreciation ess. No orator can see th. weak points in his adversary's armor or silence a foolish speaker more quickly. Old Shah-bah-skoing, the head chief of Mille Lac, brought all his warriors to defend Fort Ripley in 1862. The Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor and Legislature of Minnesota promised these Indians that for this act of bravery they should have the special care of the Government and never be removed. A few years later, a specia' agent was sent from Washington to ask the Oilbways to cede their lands and remove to a country north of Leech Lake. The agent asked my help. I said: "I know that country. I have camped on it. It is the most worth less strip of land in Minnesota, The The Indians are not fools. Don't attempt this folly. You will surely come to griet." He called the Indians in council, and said: "My red brothers, your great father has heard how you have been wronged. He said, 'I send them an honest man ! He looked in the North, the South, the East and the West. When he saw me, he said, "This is the honest man whom I will send to my red children. Brothers, State as soon as the necessary formality look at me! The winds of fifty five years have blown over my head and silvered it over with gray, and in all that time I have never done wrong to any man. As your friend, I ask you to sign this treaty."

Old Shah-bah-skong sprang to his feet and said: "My friend, look at me The winds of more than fifty winters have not blown my brains away. That council was ended .- Bishop Whipple in North American Review.

When at her first lesson Katle read quite glibly; "What have you in your hand, Annie -'A button-hooker, her teacher ordered her to be seated to consider what was actually the passage to be read.

A second trial was given her, and the child, with a perfectly so'emn face repeated:

What have you in your hand, At nie? - 'A button-hooker.'" A third and tourth trial elicited nothing different except a torrent of tears from the pupil and much wrath

from the teacher. "Bring your book to me, child," exclaimed the latter finally, "and show me the bu ton-hooker." The injured me the bu ton-hooker." one did as she was bid, and placed a quivering little finger on the interrogation point at the end of her sentence.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. Mrs. Stowe has been described as a

brilliant, fluent conversationalist, and withal for that kindliness of disposition in society which she transmitted to the subject to fits of abstraction. On one occasion a party of young ladies was in-Stowe appeared, but not the expected Her principal remark was a request for ome one to pass her the bread. The Lidies were disappointed of course, and THE people of Jersey city, who are it was subsequently discovered that she

> Browning was at dinner at the house terested in it, and started to repeat to

MONEY AND MARRIAGE.

Can the Young Men of To-day Afford Matrimony?

ing social matters in these "United and things are not as they used to be," writes Mrs. Frank Leslie in the Pittswhich I for one am very glad end-d be-fore I began, the standard of social life her kitchen daily, not simply to hold up her skirts in one jeweled hand and daintily point the other at this and that. She took hold of her housekeep. I know I shall be told immediately. ing literally with both hands, and t e think of the great minds, which are oc dainty and elaborate cooking of the Lidies of that day remains unrivaled by the hired service of to-day, even though

year and a piano. And the thrifty young housekeeper didn't need an army of servants, so little folks, I still cling to my belief,

But all this has changed, and nowadays many mothers remark, as I heard by anything given to the children now. one remark complacently not long ago: There are many who will smile as "My daughter does not know whether they think of the extremely moral and one remark complacently not long ago: the dressing is put inside of a fowl or didactic tone of the stories in "Pargrows there." I am not saying that ent's Assistant," and its compeers, and the bride of to-day is less commendable than the bride of fifty years ago; she knows a great deal of what that sweet exactly what I do mean. Now-a-day: creature was ignorant; she is, perhaps, our children have bright stories of better trained to be a companion and children,—real, live children,—who get sympathizer with her husband; she knows more of the world and of hu-man nature, and is very likely either as and winning that they must be loved wise or wiser than her predecessor; but perform the duties of one nor instruct

anybody else how to do them. Le expensive deficiencies, so the wise and punishment of the latter, that were mother's death. They were brave girls, man makes provisions for the future. The trouble has gone so far that the young man cannot afford to marry. The C And while the natural attraction between the sexes continues, and young a story is moral and didactic; they care time our story opens, four years after men are as eager to make love to young women as they used to be, it is notand, poor fellows, cannot be-with the that girl their wife, but they know very well that they cannot, and that, moreover, they must be very careful not to commit themselves to any such course, lest they should be held to it by stern papas and belligerent brothers. What calculated to impart. is the consequence? Why, that they go just as far as is safe in love making and there stop, oftentimes leaving the poor girl utterly bewildered and uncertain of

Of course this course is not only discressing to the woman, but demoraliz ing to the man; the honest instincts of of humor, and is like a child in his crushed down, not so much by wisdom as by cunning; the heart grows false and the tongue frame moving speeches significant of loneliness, of the need of sympathy, of the charm of meeting one who can understand, and a thousand other pretty phrases, but it never speaks the few plain English words that offer all a man has and is to the woman of his cho ce.

I do not suppose men, or at least every man, is conscious of pursuing this course, but how is a girl to know, for there are still men who can afford. or will afford, to marry, and whose attentions are as sincere and full of purpose as all men's used to be in the old ime? How shall the g:rl know, or how shall her mother know for her, whether bee desirous of storing up sweets for the dark, cold days of life's winter, or merely a butterfly, hovering and sipthe summer sunshine, but doomed to perish in the first adverse wind?

Well, there is no rule like that of two and two make four, that can be laid likely to help very few of these children down, and for one reason, the man often does not himself know his inten- Weekly. tions. Girls have changed as well as men since the good old honest days, and a wise man before closing any barbefore paying down such a price as disciples, and its defenders.

pretty certain proof that he has sericertain flavor of respect and deference in his attentions and pretty speeches, Thus the marrying man will not be likely to lead the girl who may become his wife into questionable frolics or risque adventures; he always feels responsible for her good name, while the butterfly is only thinking of his own amusement. The marrying man will s eak of his mother and sisters, and, if they are living, try to promote an acquaintance; or if the mother is a dear memory he will very likely seek symputhy from the young girl he believes in. Also her family will be a subject of interest to the man who is going to make It his family-in-law, and he may be found studying the dispositions and manners of its members, while the butterfly looks upon them with unfeigned

indifference; or simply as obstacles to his flirtations. There are a few of the indications which I have observed of a man's attentions in these conventional days, but, after all, the surest touchstone is one not so easily defined, and that is that delicate and intuitive perception with which most woman are endowed, a sort of glarified instanct, quicker, subtler and more reliable than man's boasted reason. She is herself interterested in him, she rarely fails to place him just about where he belongs, and sometimes sees what he means and what he wan's before he knows it him-

In that case she either delicately leads him on to say what he has to say or as delicately shows him that it is useless; or, if he is simply amusing himself, she occasionally makes him feel in the end that the amusement has not all been on his side. There are few things that make a butterfly more umiliated than discovering that he has been seen through, has served as the plaything of an idle hour to one whom he thought he was thoroughly

deceiving. But the trouble of this last test is that girls do not postess the essential

They are at once too simple and too sure of their own attractions. But again, a girl cannot love so strongly cannot suffer so keenly, cannot be so crushed by disappointment as the woman, and so it remains pretty equal after all, and both woman and girl had States" has within the nemory of man best try to value themselves so highly undergone a very extensive revision. that "his intentions" matter very little, after all.

Old-Time Books For Children. There is an idea that there never was mence and gentleness are more natural was far simpler, less expensive and less for children as now. No doubt infinite burden-ome than is ours. The you g time, money and pains are spent on the wife provided herself with cotton getting up of new toys, new games and gowns and big aprons and went into new books, but I doubt very much if

> I know I shall be told immediately, cupying themselves with the task of entertaining children, and of the de lightful magazines devoted entirely to one subsidizes a chef at ten thousand a their amusement; but, knowing all this, and enjoying, as all grown-up children must, the books and stories written for that an income of \$2,000 or \$3,000 supported many even of the "best fami to the children of twenty-five years ago were equally interesting, and were of a style, which is really not equaled

> > into scrapes, who are not always truththey have stories of adventures and modern childish literature, they take a payment of five hundred dollars.

like ditties, every one with its moral attached, and every one with its simple mount before their gate. for whom they are supposed to be writ ten, and always give one the impression of having been written to challenge the crisp, business-like tone, and with

The literature for the young of the present day is not calculated to rons the same admiration for right, and disthe same admiration for right, and dis like for wrong, the same belief in the who generally transacted the business justice, of kindness and gratitude which the writing of the past was in due, tended to arouse and did arouse; the reparable loss. These lessons, learned hands, too, went deeper into his me," I should place first upon the list Abbott's "Timboo and Joliba," read at of the present day .- Housekeeper',

Ultra Realism.

Every school of thought, and o gain likes to be sure of his ground, and criticism upon thought, has its day, it: crimson, we will give you what money himself he likes to know just what school of ultra realism has many such "value received" means. It isn't at at present, but it is not without vigor all a pleasant idea that a girl is being ous opponents, of whom the venerable pay you the interest. viewed as if it were a question of a Doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes is one horse or a yacht, and these dear men In an "Over the Tea cups" talk in the In an "Over the Tea cups" talk in the empl yer has made other arrangements went dashing up the bank of the creek trust. are after all so transparent that they April Atlantic he says-"The firs seldom can carry through such a pro- great mistake made by the ultra real ploy it in a more prontable manner.' ceeding without being discovered in ists, like Flaubert and Zola, is, as I this ungaliant attitude of mind, it is have said, their ignoring the line of distinction between imaginative ar: the gentleman who held the mortgage and science. We can find realism Then I think there is a certain true enough in books of anatomy, surgery, and loyal tenderness in the manner of and medicine. In studying the human not even take the responsibility of callthe bee that the butterfly lacks, and a figure, we want to see it clothed with its ing his attention to their proposition. natural integuments. It is well for the The money must be forthcoming at artist to study the ecorche in the dis once. secting-room, but we do not want the Apollo or the Venus to leave their skins girls in tears; and in a few hours notices enough; and a few seconds later be behind them when they go into the gal- | were posted about the country, setting lery for exhibition. Lancisi's figures forth that the Rea homestead would be show us how the great statues look sold on a certain day to satisfy an un-when divested of their natural covering. It is instructive, but useful chief-ly as a means to aid in the true artistic on the floor with his tin elephant and reproduction of nature. physician as well as from the patients. the preceding Christmas-had listened She never uses high tints and strontian and his sisters without much apparent lights to astonish lookers-on. Such interest; and, except for a grunt of disscenes as Flaubert and Zola describe would be reproduced in their essential another indicative of satisfaction when characters, but not dressed up in pic-turesque phrases. That is the first would have supposed that he was aware stumbling-block in the way of the read- of that gentleman's visit, er of such realistic stories as those to which I have referred. There are subjects which must be investigated by scientific men which most educated persons would be glad to know nothing about, When a realistic writer like Zola surprises his reader into a kind of knowledge he never thought of wishing Ruthle cry, and that both May and for, he sometimes harms him more than Ruthie wanted some money very much. he has any idea of doing. He wants to produce a sensation, and he leaves a permanent disgust not to be got rid of. Who does not remember odious images that can never be washed out from the consciousness which they have stained A man's vocabulary is tive of evil words, and the images they present cling to his memory and wil ot loose their hold. One who has had the mischance to soil his mind by reading certain poems of Swift, will never cleanse it to its original whiteness. Expressions and thoughts of a certain character stain the fibre of the thinking organ, and in some degree affect the hue of every idea that passes through

> An impecunious German immigrant in Pittsburg has such a severe attack of

the discolored tissues.

In the Firelight. EUGENE PIELD.

The fire upon the hearth is low,
And there is stillness everywhere.
While, like winged spirits, here and there
The firelight shadows fluttering go.
And as the shadows round me creep,
A childish treble breaks the gloom,
And softly, from a further room
Comes "Now I lay me down to sleep."

And somehow, with that little prayer
And that sweet treble in my ears.
My thoughts go back to dis ant years
And Imger with a loved one there;
And as I hear my child's Amen.
My mother's raith comes back to me—
Crouched at her side I seem to be,
And Mother holds my hands again.

Oh for an hour in that dear place!
Oh for the peace of that dear times Oh for that childish trust sublime!
Oh for a glimpse of Mother's face!
Yet, as the shadows round me creep, I do not seem to be alone—
Sweet magic of that treble tone
And "Now I lay me down to sleep!"

BENNIE-REA.

It was a sad day at the old farm-house when Douglas Rea closed his mortal eyes, and his soul started on its journey back to the God which gave it being. Only a few months before his patient and loving wife had laid down her burden, folded her tired hands upon her breast, and sunk to sleep forever. After her death, Mr. Rea had gone about like one in a dream. Slowly but surely he wasted away; his cheeks became sunken; his eves grew prominent; his step lost its accustomed elasticity, and his daughters realized that they soon would be orphans indeed.

They were pretty gir's, Ruth and May. The tormer very much like her father, tall, graceful, stately, with heavenly blue eyes and golden hair; the latter, small in stature, with wavy brown hair, brown eyes and silken lashes-like her mother,

she is not a housewife, and can neither impossible daring; but they do not have Upon these two frail young girls dethe stories with the simple moral tone, volved the management of the farm and the absolute line between right and the care of their little brother. Bennie, And the modern bride's deficiencies wrong, with the reward of the former two years old at the time of his found in "Simple Susan," Lazy Law and did not shrink from the trust; but rence," "The Little Merchants" and the farm was heavily mortgaged, and "The Orphans," of the "Parent's As | for two seasons there had been almost sistant." Children do not know when a total failure of crops; so that at the only for the interest of the tale; and be fore they are spoiled by a course of selves without money to meet the last

these old-fashioned tales, together with the stories of the Abbotts and Misself Edgeworth, gave a moral backbone to never failed to be on hand when a paythe children of those times, which the ment was to be made. Ruth and May writing of the present day is not at al had succeeded, by hard work and close economy, in meeting all the payments "Then, the very little ones, to whom rhyme seems the proper vehicle of written amusement,—what have they to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the to take the place of the "Songs for the total place of the total place of the "Songs for the total place of the total pla Little Ones at Home?"—simple child | with sad hearts and troubled faces that | haif suppressed cry upon his lips.

teaching of kindness, charity, love and Ruth me' him at the door and ushhow my daughter preferred this book busily employed in putting the finishing of the more modern collections touches to a hat which she was trim Indeed, as a general thing, the modert ming for a neighbor, and which would collections of poetry for children are add a couple of dollars to the sum they far beyond the understanding of those were hearding to pay off the mortgage on the dear old homestead.

'Well, ladies,' said Mr. Gray, in his admiration of older minds, with their dry cough which always sounded to quaint fancies and unchildlike con delinquent debtors like a command to stand and deliver, 'I suppose you are prepared to take up the balance between

doing of simple duty, the same sense o of the little family, 'but we shall be able to pay you only a part of the money

the man who shows his admiration in a thousand ways, but his intentions in and I cannot but feel that this is an ir his eyes in a very unpleasant way; his in childhood, fixed upon the mind wher ets, and has head settled down between young, will last through life to a his shoulders, as though each of the greater or less extent. If I were to dollars short on the payment repreping and waving gorgeous idle wings in write of "Books which have helped sented a departing joint in his spinal

the age of five, and I regret, that it is will dishonor the paper?' he asked in his lu ch time; consulted his watch, looked cold, smooth voice, pressing his hand against the pocket that contained the last note.

'No, sir,' returned May quickly, while the color in her cheeks became a deeper we have to-lay, and then, if you wil kindly renew the mortgage for a year, Mr. Gray, we shall be only too glad to then his cheek turned a trifle pale and

'Impossible, ladies,' he returned 'My for the use of his capital, and can em-The girls appealed to his sympathy in

vain. He was not acting for himself; had already given him instructions for the investment of the money; he could

And so he went away, leaving the

When the camel, much the worse for wear-being spitals are invaded by the novelist, the sole survivors of a goodly menagerie should learn something from the which Santa Claus had brought to him ence delinestes in monochrome. to this conversation between Mr. Gray approval when Ruth began to cry, and Mr. Grey took his departure, no one

But Bennie verified the truth of the id adage that 'little pitchers have long ears,' for nothing that was said by dr. Gray or his sisters had escaped him. He had a confused idea in his mind that something was wrong; that Mr. Gray was a bad man, for he had made

As his sisters talked together in low ones, Ruth with her fair hair pillowed in May's lap, and May stroking her soft, rich hair, Bennie came in on tip-toe and laid three pennies and a well-worn nickle in Ruthle's hand-his entire savings for the coming Fourth of Julyand ran out hastily, so they might not hear the sob that came up in his throat as he saw his long-treasured vision of fire crackers and pop-corn balls disappear with the giving up of his money.

How the hear's of the sisters were uched! And how quickly they sought out the little fellow in his hiding place. rubbing his tearful eyes with his chubby little fists, his pretty lips quivering with suppressed sobs, so hard was it to give up his long-anticipated pleasures, yet with his baby heart strong in its devohome-sickness that his mind is weaken. I tion and self-sacrifice to his dearly beinstinct of intuition as women do, ng, and it is feared he will go insane loved sisters; how they covered the

merry light in his eyes and the roguish death.'
laugh to his ruby lips! death.'

the Lord my soul to keep,' and God bless May and Ruthie, Amen.' Neither Ruth nor May knew what human ear could hear. And when, him as he lay in his little bed, they gentleman.

found traces of tears up in his cheeks. The next morning after Bennie had and gave the sisters an account of Benhad his nice warm breakfast of toast nice's exploit. He was overwhelmed and tea, and having given Tabbie her with gratitude by Ruth and May, who saucer of milk, he slipped quietly out of the front gate and trudged off down the spite of his wet and be lrabbled condearn some money for dear Ruthie and as well as observe the warm affection died by a Russian steamer.

May. Just how this was to be done they so plainly showed for little Bennie.

—A new meteorological

So he walked briskly along, bardly stopping to look at the sheep in the pasture lot half a mile from his home, an irresistible attraction for him. He molasses; but when he came to the at an early day, bridge across the creek and stood in the cool shade of the over-hanging boughs of the oak trees, and heard the rippling on the water-worn rocks, and the trailboulders and sunken rocks, no starched would be if he had been born a turtle;

Hello! what's that in the water? its head, and evidently coming right ton visits the Rea cottage regularly, toward him. A snake? Bennie knew and that May is busily engaged in conit was a snake, although he had never |-tructing a wonderful trousseau, which seen one; and the instinct bequeathed to is to be the admiration and envy of adand, poor fellows, cannot be—with the same single-midedness. They still feel deep interest in the abstract moral question of the story. The reading of that they should like to make this or

and threw it with a trembling hand at far d stant. the squirming reptile below. And the railing swayed, and Bennie lost his balance and went down into the swiftly flowing water wish a dull plunge and a

Was poor Little Benn'e's candle of life thus to be snuffed out at the very be ing to the man; the honest instincts of his heart try to assert themselves but are they were to my childish heart, and where May sat in a little sewing-chair, tween grim death and the noble-hearted ttle boy-no strong arm to snatch him

graver The little chipmunk upon the lowest limb of the oak tree stopped eating his corn, popped his unny little tail up over his back, turned his bright eye down to the water, then immed upon the railing. of the bridge a d ran tack and forth in great consternation, chattering away at a lively rate.

chick! chick-a-rec. Why does not some one come quick! Why does not some get sick the pay stops, 'Chick! chick! chick-a-ree! Chick!

'I declare,' said Ralph Harrington, swinging his bamboo pole out over the stream, just a lowing a fly to skim the surface of the water, 'that sounded deucedly like a child's cry! A pretty heavy splash into the water, too! the bridge, I suppose. That squirrel does make an outrageous racket. Some one throwing a stone at him, I'll wager a new hat! Well, I hope he will scare

wretched luck so far.'
He wondered if it were not nearly toward the bridge, which was hidden from his view by a bend in the creek and a heavy growth of timber and ousles and went on with his fishing, Presently something came floating air of lassitude to change to one of quick interest. He looked at it sharply, he dropped his fine jointed pole without ooking to see what became of it, and at the top of his s eed, making the

stones fly and the bushes snap. It was only a little hat upon the water, its jaunty plume fluttering in the but like lightning the quick brain of Ralph Harrington connected its presence with the cry, the splash, and the chattering of the squirrel In a moment be was at the bridge, his coat and boots off, and eagerly scanning the water. A ripple—a little hand raised above the surface-that was came out upon the bank with little gard paid to her.

Bennie in his arms. He was nearly unconscious; Ralph Harrington, in his college days, had seen many a classmate brough back to life after a severe struggle with the grim monster in the university swimming matches; and he went to work upon Bennie in a scientific manner, and soon had him sitting on the bank, wondering what had happened.

'What is your name?' 'Bennie Rea.' Where do you live?" "With May and Ruthie." 'Where do they live?' 'At home.' 'Where is your home?'

'Down the road,' How did you fall into the creek?' 'Head first.' 'So 1 suppose,' said Ralph, with a smile. 'Now tell me how it happened.'

So Bennie told him all about it; and as he listened to the innocent child's acbe self-supporting, and learned of the brave little boy's resolution to help throat, and the sun being very bright, he was obliged to pull his broadbrimmed hat down over his eyes and turn his back toward it.

Well, in a little while Bennie felt much better; and he went down the road, one chubby hand resting confidingly on that of Ralph Harrington, and wich, in which he seemed to take much interest, apparently none the worse for ing before seeking his fortune further. When they arrived at the Rea cottage

tear-stained face with kisses, and prayed cried Ruth, clasping the dilapidated and romped with him, and told him child in her arm and sobbing for joy. fairy tales, until they won back the 'You have nearly frightened us to

Republican.

'I've been in the creek,' responded But when Bennie said his prayers at Bennie, placidly putting the last of the Ruth's knee that night, there was a sandwich in his mouth. 'And Mr. Harlape of several seconds between 'I pray rington's been in the creek, too.' 'In the creek!' cried the sisters, turn-

ing pale.
Yes, I fell in, and Mr. Harrington the little lips whispered so low that no jumped in after me. I can't swim, but the demand for sliver dollars, of which Mr. Harrington can swim enough for at expects to turn out 1,800,000 this before retiring, they went to look at two,' with an admiring look at that month (April.)

Mr. Harrington introduced himself dusty road toward the city. For Bennie, baby though he was, had a strong purpose in his heart, and that was to minimum the contrast their styles and beauty sisted of 1,100,000 gallons and was car-

suring him, in a confidential side whisper, plainly audible to every one, that pasture lot half a mile from his home, and which had hitherto possessed such lings for dinner. But Mr. Harrington was proof against even this seemingly even got safely past the cane mil, overpowering argument, and took his where they made the delicious sorghum ave, promising to call and see them

As he wended his way back to the armhouse, where he had left his carriage, his eye caught sight of the handof the water below, and saw the moss bill announcing the sale of the Rea its smell for recognition of persons and property; and when he had read it, he ing vines on the grassy banks—how understood more clearly Bennie's reacould be help climbing up on the railing son for wishing to earn money. And of the bridge, and, looking down into the limpid depths below, watch his reflected at in his library that night, and on the the liquid mirror and think table before him lay a mortgage, exehow grand it would be if he were only cuted and signed by Douglas Rea. For a fish and could swim about among the he it was who held the mortgage, having purchased it as an investment. But collars to chafe his neck, and no hard he did not see it; for tefore his eyes was shoes to rub his heels. How nice it a vision of a sweet girl, with lovely brown eyes and rich brown bair,

And it came to pass that there was no sale on the day set by Mr. Gray; Something wriggling along, sticking up and rumor has it that Ralph Harring-

Mr. Harrington have entered into a He looked around for something to conspiracy together concerning a wonthrow at it, His eye caught sight of a dertal Shetland pony, with an accomstone, and he clambered down and panying dog-cart, from which he expleked it up and clambered back again, pects great things at a time not very pects great things at a time not very | pire and republic.

Odd Chinese Customs.

In dating letters the Chinese write the year first instead of last. The Chinaman does not shave bi. face, but his head and eyebrows,

In speaking of the compass the Chi- that the additional cost to this counnese always say it points south. The Chinaman whitens his shoes and

Americans shake hands with each other; the Chinaman shakes hands with he wrote his election address announchimself.

The Chinese launch ships sideways, ring bells from the outside and turn screws from right to left. The Chinese pay their doctors as long

Americans live, cook and eat usually on the first floor, sleeping upstairs, but the Chinaman reverses this order.

Black clothing is generally considered a sign of mourring. In China white garments indicate the loss of

The Chinese do not cut their finger natis. They consider it aristocratic to let them grow from five inches to a foot

only keep their hats on, but when wish-In the Celestial empire not children, but old men fly kites, walk on stills, play marbles, shoot firecrackers, and,

possible instead of the hands,

A model wife is the woman in whom the heart of her husband doth safely glish, French and Italian troops killed She is the woman who looks after his

household, and makes to pitality a

delight to him, not a burden. Who has learned that a soft answer will tuch away wrath. Who keeps her sweetest smiles and most loving words for her husband. Who is his confident in sorrow or in

of explaining her priva e affairs to the neighborhood. Who respects the rights of husband and children, and in return has due re- because a woman cou'dn't decide

Who knows that the strongest argument is her womanliness, and so she cultivates it. Who is sympathetic in joy, or in

grief, and who finds work for her hands Who makes friends and keeps them. Who is not made titter by trouble. but who strengthens and sweetens un-

The woman whose I fe-look has love written on every page.
Who makes a home for a manhome in a house and in a heart. A home that he is sure of, a home that is

She is the model wife.

price is above rubies.

amiable wish to please the lords of creation, that it may reasonably be doubted by the pocket knife of his opponent, count of the struggle of the sisters to whether they ever do anything amiss The seconds decided that the the motive for which cannot be traced to this desire. Though Eve ate the and declared the affair off. them, a lump seemed to rise in his forbidden fruit, it is nowhere dealed that Adam had twitted her about the comparative unimportance of her attainments, and had bred in her a restless appetite for miscellaneous learning, which made her the serpent's easy prey. Is it not so with our female noyed at the criticisms of her published elucation? If there is anything wrong with it are not the men to blame? the other holding tightly a ham sand- it is true, as Mr. Allen says, that the will be published after her death. present system produces literary wo- -It is claimed that wall paper can men, schoolmistresses and lecturers on be made in such a way that the pashis bath. Mr. Harrington had persuaded | cookery, it will probably be found, on sage of low-tension electric currents him to go home, saying that it would investigation, that it is precisely those be necessary to have a change of cloth-species of educated female that the untouch and diffuse throughout the room mar ied male most affects. No doubt an agreeable temperature. female education is all wrong, if Mr. "I don't see how a man can bring they found Bennie's sisters in a fever of excitement, hunting in all sorts of right let him consider whether the bes Gilson. "Why not?" asked Bilson. 'Oh, Bennie, where have you been?' teach a wiser discrimination to males. ness.'

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The number of patents, designs, trade-marks, labels and re-issues which have been favorably reported for issue on April 15, is 624, the largest in the

history of the Patent Office. -The Philadelphia Mint force has been working night and day to most

-It is estimated that only twelve per cent, of the population of Russia can read and write. The number of primary schools is 38,000 for the popu-

lation of over 100,000. -What is probably the largest cargo

was not perfectly clear in his mind, but he felt sure that it would come out all right in the end.

That young gentleman used his ut- observatory is to be opened next May in Pompeti, when there will be a congress of scientific men to celebrate the -A new meteorological and volcanic

occasion. -Poet Tennyson is said to be an inveterate smoker and the cheap clay pipe is his specal favorite. Now we understand what is meant by "piping

-A dog in France which was struck by lightning and considered dead afterward partly recovered. It continued deaf and blind, and had to depend on

-The development of Texas has but just begun, yet there are 2106 post-offices in the State, the receipts are more than \$1,000,000 annually, and the length of mail routes is more than than

22,000 miles. -An engineer who has been examin ing the condition of the Panama canal predicts that it will be finished by the close of this century. One is glad to find they are getting down to some definite time.

-Senator Evarts is noted for his courtesy. Even in the bustle of a big city crowd he never falls to lift his hal and bow if by chasce he runs into any one of the fair pedestrians who throng the thoroughfares. -In Piedmont, while a peasant war

engaged in digging the soil, he discov ered a deep hole in which were found buried an immense collection of copper and bronze coins of the Roman em--An English naval officer has in-

vented a pneumatic line throwing gun, very light and portable, which fires a hollow shell, bearing the cord to a wrecked vessel, or into burning buildings on dry lands. -David A. Wells, the greatest sta-

tistician of the United States, estimates

try of steel during the ten years from In China the men are milliners, 1878 to 1888 in consequence of the -Whenever Gladstone catches cold buries his dead on the surface of the ne at once goes to bed. This has been teresting fact not generally known that

> ing the dissolution of parliament of 1874 in bed. - John Jacob Astor owned 2,70; high class dwelling houses, rented at

old number and no end of real estate

devoted to business uses. -During the last two years the Italian army has been increased by 30,000 men, 200 field guns, and 6,000 avalry. Never was the army so numerous or powerfully organized as at present under the attempt to keep up with Germany's military step.

-A new stamp canceling machine is The Chinese do not uncover their being tried in the Philadelphia postads as a mark of respect; they not office. It is operated by electricity, and is said to cancel the stamps on leting to be very polite remove their ters at the rate of 25,000 per hour, automatically registering the number

-Not every person knows that the sure test of genuine paper currency is n doing this, use their feet as much as to hold the bill ut you can discern the ness running parallel across its entire length. These are a red and a blue silk thread inside the paper. No counterfest has them. -Monuments have now been com-

pleted over the burial places of the En

n the Crimea during the war of 1854-5.

Russian memorials over her fallen soldiers on the same plains are on . grander scale, as she continues to hold the fort, Sebasto; ol. -In the medical museum, Washing ton, there are two skulls all cracked up joy, and who does not feel the necessity like a couple of egg shells that had been knocked together. They formerly belonged to a couple of Norfolk (Va.) negroes who butted each other to death

> which of the two she liked best. -H. O. Forbes, is reported to have made an important discovery in the neighborhood of Christ Church, Nev Zealand. It is the discovery in a cave of a great many valuable relies of men, birds and beasts. Not the least inter esting portion of the find consists of the

bones of an extinct species of swan, -Minnie Maddern, the well-known actress, has married Harrison Gray Fiske, the editor of The Dramatic Miror. The ceremony took place at the Larchmont manor, with only a few relatives and immediate friends presfull of love presided over by one whose ent. Miss Maddern's union with Mr. Fiske is her second marriage. Mr Fiske's wife died about a year ago.

-At a recent duel between two young men at Warsaw, both fired and hit, but the bullet of one was flattened So prevalent among women is the against the cigar case of the other, and the bullet of the other was turned aside men were not born to kill each other

-Queen Victoria has written two books which have never been published, They are volumes of travel and recount her impressions of various places on the continent. She has been so anworks that she has refused to have these manuscripts put into print. They

inconsistent places for the missing boy. way to go about it is not to try and "Because it's such a leansome busi-