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NEWS IN BRIEF.

GERMANY and England are beginning to sharl at each other over the Some Facts About the Monster bones to be picked in Africa, but the

of Braddock, for civilizing agencies work much more rapidly now than they between sound and perfect specimens did in the early days of this country.

A WILMINGTON man, whose name Altoona and Philadelphia, writes to say as fire is concerned, perfect trees. One, that he only permitted his name to be the "Living Ghant," is especially American continent. that he only permitted his name to be worthy of mention. used as President at one time "merely in a nominal sense." If he had a ty sed which at least 225 feet of its massive the public at the same time that his trunk is without a branch and scarcely name was used as President "merely with an excrescence to mar its sym-in a nominal sense," it would have metrical beauty. It is about 3) feet in But growl as Ma been only fair to the community, but as it would in that case have been of no use to the Endowment Association, the latter would not have cared to use his lies about 200 yards down a sloping hill name on such terms. There is rather to the southwest of this tree, the "Liv-to much of this lending of names, in ing G ant." The Yosemite stage road too much of this lending of names ' in a nominal sense."

----GREAT pusical festivals are capable of b-ing made financially successful in this country. The recent. Handel and Haydn festival in Boston, with four included seven concerts, was made expensive by the taking to that city of a hundred instrumentalists from New \$39,000 while the receipts were \$47,000, tramp out of his way for such a disapleaving a good margin of profit, enough at least to encourage similar undertak-1.123. The chief essential to success is a very large hall in which concerts of the highest class can be given with moderate charges for admission.

AN ACCIDENT at Milwankee illustrated the dangers attendant upon the use of overhead wires in running electrie rallways. High tension currents are used, and the wires are necessarily the cars as they are run along. A telephone wire falling upon the trollery wire in Milwaukee carried the current to the telephone station, where it de-stroyed the switchboard and prostrated several guis, but fortunately no one was littled. Such an accident, always to be dreaded where bare wires are used with causes besides starting fires in a

THE BIGUEST TREE. this tree may have enjoyed an altitude commensurate with its enormous Called Old Sequola. ulk. It is evident, in fact positive, that

bones to be picked in Africa, but the general opinion is that Africa is not worth a European war. In the mean-time the Dark Continent is being ben-effed by the desire of European nations to strengthen their positions there without fighting. The next decade will probably find Africa as well opened to colonies as America was in the days of the "big tree" type, some of big European structure to strengthen their positions there without fighting. The next decade will probably find Africa as well opened to colonies as America was in the days of European structure to strengthen their positions there without fighting. The next decade will probably find Africa as well opened to colonies as America was in the days of European structure to struc which are most noble specimens of the St II the entire circuit of the tree for When the sea was here and the hills several feet above its roots is complete. though badly charred on three sides, and others almost completely destroyed and repeated measurements made it 121 by some long-past and tremendous for- feet in circuit, and consequently I think est conflagration. Fortunately some of the Old Sequola in the Toulumne grove the largest and oldest members of this stands to day the largest authenticated

has been used in connection with the family group were entirely overlooked tree in California, and if so it is un-Mutual Endowment Association of by the flames, and they remain, as far doubtedly the largest tree on the North Maggie's Fairy.

The tree is about 310 feet high, of diameter, and is the most completely faultiess specimen of the old and giant of her own, for the kettles were left to sequ in that I have ever seen. "Old soak and the dish cloth tucked out of Sequola," the biggest tree in the State, lies about 200 yards down a sloping hill "Thank you, daughter," Mrs. Hol-

They about 200 yards down a sloping hill to the southwest of this tree, the "Living G ant." The Yosemite stage road here preses directly under the high up and overhanzing branches of the "Living Giant. The local and distinguishing mame of this stage turnpike, from the others eading into the Yosemite, is the "Hig Oak Flat Road," so named from heving its car'y initial point at Big Oak Flat, famous at first as a very rich blacer mining cump and forever
"Thank you, daughter," Mrs. Hol- the state of th concerts by local performers, about paid rich placer mining camp and forever expenses. Cincinnati's festival, which now as Bret Harte's "Roaring Camp." Maggie threw herself into irty the next day to reply. Shakes. Maggie threw herself into the easiest of an and figure down. The first of the pain and figure down. The tree "Old Sequola" is but a chair in the cool parlor with the The tree "Old Sequoia" is but a blackened and charred stump on two of its sides, and when within 100 feet of 'oon and I will have to bother with him its roots one feels vexed within himself for having been foolish enough to wish there were fairnes now." I suppose taby will wake the song-bird singing about, In a clours mad with joy. In a clours mad with joy, when the stars went out of the slopes of Satioy? He sat in the green acaia tree,

York, but the expenses only footed up for having been foolish enough to wish there were fairies now." tointing result. Still curiosilty will impel him to keep on until he is within and Maggie was startled by seeing an a few feet of the remains of this once | ugly little sprite by her elbow. greatest of all sequoia monsters. At the distance of some 3) feet from its roots gie in disgust, "There are two kinds, and I'm the the remaining immensity of this tree

only one you've called for yet. Watch begins to force it-elf upon the perception of the beholder, and when one has and see how faithful I am." "What are you doing?" asked Magreached its very base and partly circled it, curios ty is changed to wonder, and gie in alarm, for she saw the fairy was upon beholding the burnt cavity within drawing tiny lines in her forehead. "Every time anyone calls me I leave its roots, wonder to awe, The tree is best approached from the a tiny mark on the face as a token 1

east. One crosses a little brock and have servet them. Yours begins to immediately stands upon a shattered show nicely." left bare or uninsulated, because con-nection has to be made between it and great tree itself. This piece is sime 12 Maggie in alarm. The fairy gave a feet wide, 3) feet long and 7 feet th ck, mocking laugh and was gone. "I must have been dreaming," said and is distant fr in the remaining main body of the tree taily 330 feet. Great fragments of charred wood still extend mother was sewing.

Fragments which fell from the tree fairy on the forehead, Just then the door bell rang. during the conflagration, of immense

"I don't look fit to go; B idget ought On the solitary pastures." size, he p le i upon each other in a solid high tension currents, might be fatal in mass, exten hing from the place upon to be here," she complained, but seeing Miss Bonner softly repeated the lines ost the very have the fairy she hurried to the door.

BT JAMES G. CLARK.

The Mool - - - - - Satteoy

young. And the surf leaped up to greet the sun Where the corn how waves and the squirrels

And the wild sea mew and the grey guils flew Close up to the feet of the mountains brown, When the sea was here and the hills were new, Ere the torrent bore their treasures down To bridge the bay with the ferti e lands. Where the orange gives in gold and white Now lift their heads in the soft, warm light, And the Beds are decked with the fruitful

And the lofty encalyptus stands Forever green in the traveler's sig Where the rose tree blossoms the

"Oh my! It's so hot I can't wash these hateful dishes. I wish I had a fairy to help me." But growl as Maggie might the dishes ground."

had to be washed, though after a fashion of her own, for the kettles were left to soak and the dish cloth tucked out of Fate-

ed down on Satieov? 2.4 He sat by their nest in the cypress tree

"There are, and I'm with you most Where the land looked out on the golden sea, There are, and I in with you most where the are and are the words in the second of the time," said a small, frettul voice, and Maggie was startled by seeing an ugly little sprite by her elbow.
 "You don't lock like one," said Mag-

Lida Bonner disliked him from the in ment when first she heard of him. It was in late September, in that

"When the quiet-colored end of evening smiles,

to manage closer, Mary; you've always one of poor, red-hair-d, gawky Tom; under another name, especially since above all, of a son of Mr. Burnaby's. my red hair and freckles had van-

Newspaper and pipe in band, Mr. Burnaby had come up unob-erved from the gate, where he had been lounging night, Mrs. Burnaby fixed her wistful all the taunts that made me miserable and politics with a passing neighbor since it grew too dark to read.

trast to his pale, plain, faded wife, who looked years older than he, though she Lida's soft cheeks burned and her was in reality younger, and had been wrath rose higher stil.

she chanced to encounter Mr. Willard, and with all his worldly go ds her to leaning heavily on the bars that broke the monotony of a tall orange hedge,

ers, he was in blissful ignorance of Miss golden sea of sunflowers rolling away Bonnner's thoughts. Indeed, she was to meet the samphire sky, with artistic prime favorite with him. 'I like a girl that there's more to Naturally he let down the bars for a prime favorite with him.

than just looks!' he was wont to re- her to pass, while she waited, apparmark; 'an' this one is as pretty as a ently unaware of what a charming picture she made, her slender figure in

The new boarder 'll be around to- its light-blue gingham gown outlined 'The new boarder 'll be around to-morrow,' he went on now, amiably. 'I met him in town this morning, and we face and fair blande lovelocks framed in a red Gretchen sun-bonnet, as she there when he spoke of her. 'I bought up by drummers from the country tairs for that purpose. settled it all. He's a young fellow in a red Gretchen sun-bonnet, as she from back in Pennsylvania-Willard, stood with her grav eyes uplifted to

that'll bring in a heap of money. Any- surprise, was encouraged with wellhow, he's been overworkin', and come bred ease.

pay well, and if he stays a month, as them now and then, while their chat weeks later, he had yet another explahe said he might, his toard'I be quite rippled on as brightly and carelessly as a lift, and I must get me a new sower the motes that danced in the sunny air. before I put in the winter wheat. He's It was his turn to surprise her the stylish-'ooking, too, and I reckon you'll day after that. This was Saturday, and sh- had risen very early with the inten-'Not It' emphatically, but silently, tion of helping Mrs. Burnaby with the declared that indignant young woman. | work on her own holiday; had met her "I detest the man already, coming just on the stairs and sent her back to try to add to poor, dear Mrs. Burnaby's to sleep off one of her chronic headwork and worry, without even consult aches, and had entered the kitchen to ing her, and to put more money in your get breakfast, only to find the onter pocket, you inconsiderate, selfish, door already open and to behold approaching from the distant well, a to find another teacher to finish that brimming pail of water in each hand, But Mrs. Burnaby herself seemed the athletic form of Mr. Willard,

He said 'Good-morning!' as gravely as if this was his usual method of taking gymnastic exercise, and came in into the house to finish reading the weekly Palladiam by the hamplight. "What are you doing here at this time of day?" she abruptly demanded, her riest day of all the glad new year" that astonished eyes significantly fixed on the water-pails.

'And you?' counter questioned he, is the month of growth, as the name looking as significantly at the huge calico apron and the sleeves rolled high voice, actually a tint of color in her up a her round white areas, Thoreau used to lament that, watch

She went on speaking, while she kept the,' she replied, 'And so did I. It's a shame the way

her faded calico skirt with her nervous she has to work. The idea of a man's hands-thin, hard-working hands, that leaving his wife to carry all the water seemed unable ever to resign them- such a distance! I was down in time se ves to absolute rest. 'My Tom he always wanted an edicato do it for her yesterday, and bring in coal and milk, and so forth; but I

me at it.

have made his mark, too, if he could have even thought that all that had to have had a chance. be done,' frankiy confessed Lida, 'But there now,' with a sharp-drawn 'I was brought up on a farm, and saw breath as of repressed pain, 'I told you enough of the way farmers' wives genthe whole story long ago, and it's no erally have to work, 1 used to think use goin' over it again. I couldn't ha' then that I'd never let my wife do such told it even once, if you didn't, somethings, however poor I might be. And how, seem more like a girl of my own 1 won't let any woman do them, either, than just a boarder.' Lida nestled her hand caressingly when I can iend a hand. Shall I make the fire now, MI-s Bonner?' into the older woman's without a word. 'If you please,' she replied, accepting She k ew how much her companionthe service as frankly as it was offered. ship and her silent sympathy were to and beginning to knead the bread set to her in her hard, lonely live, and that r se the night before. knowledge, warming her heart in her Great was Mr. Bu: naby's amazement own loneliness, had kept her under when he came down somewhat later to

But there was more to come later on, ished in a fever long ago. I took the -Wisdom teech, the most v. ritble As the two women parted for the character of a boarder, because, after of all in size, shape and general character, are said to show here litary characteristics more strongly than any of the other teeth. -A school teacher at Lebanon, Pa.,

has such an mordinate desire for sleep that he frequently slumbers during school. A few days ago the pupils, bepose we shall go on smoothly enough ing unable to waken him, gathered up henceforth. their books and left for home. 'My mother, of course, knew that it

-A 5-year-old child in Lafavette N was I who was coming. We corre-sponded regularly all these years, , was so deeply affected by the death of his grandmother recently, that he though we had to take as many precaucried almost continually thereafter untions against being discovered by him til he burst a blood vessel and died beas if we were a couple of clandestine fore medical assistance arrived. lovers; but she would never let me send -David Macbeth, the inventor of her money, when at last I could.

the string alaphabet for the blind, was said she could not have used it without being found out, but I think she born blind. He was an accomplished thought I needed it myself. I did have musician, a perfect prodigg in mathesome pretty hard times, indeed, though matics, and an inventor of no mean I managed to educate myself and fight order of merit, my way up; but now my future is se--The world's supply of human hair

comes chiefly from Germany, "witzer-land and the French provinces. It is cure. 'Aud the dear, tired little mother's, 'My father will let me pay for the -Comp'aint is made that the craze

for natural flowers, ferns and rare plants generally is leading to the dehe will be better to her hunself, since struction of the British hedge rows, he has had such a good fright. There and a law is proposed to make it a mis. really are some decent traits about him, demeanor to steal flowers or twigs.

-The supply of fire-crackers in the But indeed he did not feel all his own United States is said to be more than future so sure as he had said, until, half a million boxes short of the average, owing to a strike in the factories nation with Miss Bonner. in China. If there is any way of com-municating with the strikers let them 'And so you are not afraid to marry Mr. Burnaby's son,' he said, teasingly, be encouraged to hold out for about six one drear November day, that was

very bright to them. Lida, standing close beside hlm, weeks. -The Empress of Austria has caused her wedding dress to be cut up and made into a set of vedments for the nestled her head caressingly against his arm.

Church of St. Matthew in Pesth. 'I am not afraid to trust myself ; the man I love,' she said, softly. And the Walnut Grove district had

dress was of white brocale with silver threads embroidered all over with beautiful garlands of rose i in silver. -George W. Childs, the rich Philadelphia editor and philanthropist, began May Baskets.

his business career by sweeping out stores in Baltimore. He went to Phila-Would that the quaint fancy of hang ng May baskets at the doors of our delphia unknown and penniless, and friends on May morning were more sinally store. finally worked his way into a book

-In some regions of France an old eastern custom was t at of scattering a spring fairies had been tripping up to hundred eggs on a level place covered their doors, leaving behind them dainty by sand. Then a lad and a lass, hand reminders of the arrival of May. May n hand, would execute the dance of the count.y. If they succeeded withsignifies from Sanskrit, "mah," to out breaking a grow. And how everything grows! ered affianced. out breaking an egg they were consid-

The

-During a recent thumler-storm in with what argus eves he would be could Paris three flashes of h, hinning are said to have reached the top of the conductor of the Eiffel Tower simultaneously, the keenest vision, leaping forward, amazing by its miracles. Different nations, in their joy at May's arrival, spontaneously usher her in with difresulting in a remarkable display and considerable vibration on the part of the big iron frame, but no apparent damage was done.

-The craze for postage stamps is one Until the time of the Puritans all England on the first day of the month turned out a-Maying. Chaucer and an old stamp will bring hundreds of

An earthquake moved the from truss

like him, Moss Lida."

West Shall draw their life from a common breast, When the Northern brain and the Northe

When the Northern brain and the Northern will. And the Southern heart and the Southern soul Shall together blend in a perfect whole Of the Nobler Race, whose blood shall roll Forever free from the tant of crime. In that shining age, whose morn sublime Appears on the dostant verge of Time. Whose music floats on the early air Like an answer to a world's long prayer That man shall his "brother's keeper" be, That the mark of Cain shall be enhaced, And the hand, like the open air be free. And the white rose bloom in the desert waste."

waste.

LIDA BONNER.

plea-antest, most peaceful hour atter sumet.

Miles on miles,

uer, and apparently very well satisfied really felt sorry for you, you seem so now I have no need of him, and I suppose we shall go on smoothly enough many of his type, he was quite a con-

comely enough wt en he vowed at their marriage to protect and cherish Ler, endow.

On this occasions, as on many o h- and regarding the pratrie beyond, a

pink, besides,'

his name is. He's a minin' engineer, and they say he's invented something thank her till assi tast. It began a conversation, and, to his and visit her when I can; and I think

out here to rest and look up son e in-vestments he's got in coal iands. I never took much stock in edicated men, but this one seems right smart. He'll the 'Bob-Whites' whirred up before the 'Bob-Whites' whirred up before the 'Bob-Whites' whirred up before to be treased and the sector traits about the 'Bob-Whites' whire the base of the treased at the base of the treased at the the 'Bob-Whites' whire the base of the treased at the the the 'Bob-Whites' whire the base of the treased at the treased a

very far from indignant. 'It'll be pleasant to have a young

man about the house for a while,' she observed when her husband had gone into the house to finish reading the was back here again, after all."

Lida looked wonderingly up at her hostess. There was a tremor of subdued but pleas rable excitement in her meek

sallow cheeks. 'I came to help Mrs. Burnaby a lit-

meonsciously laying plaits and foids in

tion, but his pa says, s'e, that it wasn't didn't suppose you were going to catch any use, and he'd never pay out his

'And I didn't suppose yon would ever money for such nonsense. Tom might

under the catalpas, and talking crops and politics with a passing neighbor "Say, honey, what makes you act so for anything I had again under his roof; with Mr. Willard? It ain't your way and I shall find a way to do it still, He was a good-looking, burly man, at all, and I told him as much when le Nothing succeeds life success, and so intelligent of face and pleasant of man- said he thought you were pretty, but he he is very willing to be friends with me

> Thus had the coldness of her virtuous On her way to school next morning,

time. The system is too dangerous for use, and ought to be abandoned for the storage baltery system, even though the latter should be a little more costly.

CAPTAIN HEBICH, of the steamer Normannia, is justly praised for his presence of mind when confronted by a huge iceberg. By his promptness in issuing orders to have the vessel swung round he escaped a direct collision, and only had a few plates in the afterpart of his ship stove in. It was a good piece of seamanshi , well executed; but, after all, absence of body, as the Irishman said, is better than presence of mind. Captain Hebleh would have been entitled to more praise if he had not been driving his vessel at fourteen knots an hour through a dense fog in a part of the sea where icebergs most do congregate. There have been five or six narrow escapes of this kind within a month. The next iceberg news may be a tragedy.

SHOKING does not injure some men Those who are employed at Menlo Park say that they have never seen Edison without a cigar in his mouth. He is one of the most inveterate of smokers, and puffs away un oncernedly in his laboratory. While engaged in absorbing study over some invention, he will sit for hours with a cigar as his only companion. The weed often goes out, and is as often relighted, and the floor of his private workroom, or "den," as he calls it, resembles a kindlingwood factory after one of the long sieges he periodically undergoes to work out some new idea.

The fact that Edison can smoke a great deal and still do business is not a proof that smoking does him no harm. General Grant smoked a great deal for years, but smoking shortened his life, as it may shorten Edison's. Still, after all, most men would prefer to accomplish something worth while while they are alive, even though they re y on tobacco to help them, than to live longer and accomplish less,

NEW YORK is to have a new hotel and is wonderfully exercised at the prospect. Mr. William Astor is to exceeding symmetry of the best prebuild it, and it is to be as big and handsome as Mr. Astor thinks it ought to be at this stage of the nineteenth sidering its immense size. It also may century. What the Astor idea of a have been close on to five hundred feet hotel was fifty years ago was expressed high,

and still remains in evidence, and it I say may have been, because the will be possible to get a good notion of altitude, it being the rule for the species the progress of building in America by to grow to an average altitude of 2 0 you? contrasting the old Astor House with feet, or some over in the larger specithis prospective new one. The site of mens, without putting forth any large the new building is to be the corner of Fifth Avenue and Thirty-third street. The building is to be ten stories high. a multitude of large boughs, which fire-proof, and built around a court- rapidly diminish the balance of the yard. It will have no har, but you will shaft, which then tapers suddenly to a bor's door step. be able to get a drink in the cafe. It is point resembling nothing so much as a

will have will be a man to pre- Sequola but little taller than his neighthe trouble of ordering their dinners, winter storms is also greatly liable to A given then ich, with the result tops, with then given above the geneoftentimes that they are bored for lack in they reach up much above the gene-

liver and mind.

which we share great many parts of the city at one of the remaining portion. Of this remaining part, directly in front of us, is a living mass, appearing from our standpoint like a stub broken off at

> as fresh and glistening in the sun as mont door closed, The vitality of this remaining por- down." tion of this tree is attested by the pres-

tered top of one living branch of four matter with the fancet and the water second year. feet or more in diameter, bearing a run too slowly to suit Maggie, while "She's the smartest teacher we've foliage. No other branches living are sleeping. charred remnants of branches have been dress him after losing patience so many man, bein' as she's a woman, and it's a spared by the fire. ng slope of a hill, and when we climb

wood nearest to us, and of some 75 feet enough. high. We look thr ugh them and up-

can scarcely credit our senses that the old and ugly?" other side of this wall is as freshly allve as before this tree was touched by fire.

Standing upon the west side of the always be happy," said a cheerful burned down into the roots for proba- saw. Her face was a pe fect sunbiy some twenty feet originally, but the beam, action of time and its successive winilluvial deposit, so that the depression touches that will make the plannest is at present about ten feet deep. Upon descending into this vault one seems to be entombed in a vast and blackened wooden crater. It is here that the immensity of this vegetable mammoth is the most fully appreciated, and it is Bridget was still sick the next mornscarcely possible to believe that there

was ever one single tree of the enor- Maggie soon had the dishes washed and mous dimensions of this shattered and charred giant. The history of the rise and fall of this not make people any cooler to be al-

is as plainly written upon its remains she aust remember how many poor and its surroundings as though it had sick people in the crowded city would been commemorated upon an everla-t- consider this sweet, flower-laden air ing tablet. Of course its age is alto- heaven itself. Also how pretty her gether conjectural. If reliance can be dress was if it was inexpensive, theory, there must have been enough of envy over the line home of the hostest them about the greatest girth of this Of course it was some time b fore she

served members remaining of this Toulumne grove, Old Sequota must have been a wonderfully beautiful tree, con-

intended for the very rich (300 at a 'freshly sharpened lead percil, excepting time) and one of the odd adjuncts it ; These causes might have made (b) scribe food for people who don't want bors, say 350 feet. The violence of the their husband's ability to pay for it. A great deal is done these days to make break off the brittle and attenuated times visit the homes of the recipients tops, with their great weight of foliage, of their bounty.

oud moments and act as a tonic for dense, and the entire grove occupies so | That educated women should not lose sheltered a position, that it is possible | golden time reading trashy novels.

king o it was May Perkins just home from up little porch on whose unpainted steps

about midway its height. This piece she talked, and she was thinking, "It's ow western horizon, di-tinct between is, measuring from its extrems edges at a shame pipu's too poor to take us the darkening earth and sky. about 6 inches above the ground, forty | away, and mamma might get me a | The prairie was, in point of fact, not

feet in diameter. The whole remain-ing circuit of the tree is 121 feet. This largest remaining portion at which we are going is then 42 feet in diameter and ab at 165 feet high. Its bark is one?" was Maggie's remark as the so abounded in Kansas, and in which Lida had taught the winter before,

that of any of its uninjured and living neighbors. The sum as a some day, I hope. You look tirel, In spite of the disapproval roused in daughter; take your bath and he some quarters by what the best society of the Walnut Grove District was

Maggie wen't off declaring she was pleased to term her 'fine Eastern airs,' ence within some 20 feet of its shat- rossiling alive. Something was the she had been engaged to teach there a

thick mass of brilliantly vival green later a stoublesome fly kept her from ever had, man or woman,' Mr. Burnaby had said. 'And, besides, we can eft upon it, and only two or three When baby awoke she managed to get her five dollars a month less than a

times the ugly fairy kept in sight all good rule to save wherever you can, The tree stands upon the gently ris-g slope of a hill, and when we climb "I don't want any more fairies," she And as Mr. Burnaby was the most

up to get around its western face it is said, as she sat on the front verauda influential member of the school board, to see but two blackened masses of its in the evening, tired and unhappy as well as the most well-to-do tarmer in the district, his fellow-trustees had "You might call my twin sister, Con- hastened to agree with him,

ward at this blackened wall of forty- tent," said the ugly fairy. "Your | Mrs. Burnaby came out on the porch ene feet wide and 165 feet high, and words keep me bosy making your face this evening, while Lida still sat watch- declared he'd never be beholdin' to him ing the lingering light, with a thought-"I won't have you," cried Maggie, ful little contraction of her straight,

blonde brows, and both hands idly "Where is the g od fairy?" "Let me stay with you and you will clasped on her knee. That they had not been idle while

stump one looks down into a deep, par- voice, and there stood the happlest, the light lasted, a pile of neatly-mended I am, though he was only seventeentially blackened cavity, where the fire sweetest looking little fairy you ever clothes, lying in the work-basket beside an' said he'd see me again if he lived, her, mutely attested.

Oh, now, you shouldn't have done "I too, have a pencil. With it I can that, honey!" expostulated Mrs. Burnters has partly filled the hole with an rub out ugly marks and i.ave soft aby, as hereyes fell on them. "I meant to finish 'em as soon as it was time to coolness. I've never seen him s nce,' light the lamp. It's one of Mr. Born- And she had dried some furtive tears face lovely," said Content. aby's ways not to have oil wasted while

"Oh, tell me how I can keep you," laylight lasts, you know.' begged Magg e. "By always making the best of every-Lids knew that, and many other

ways' of his. Her fresh, mutinous a red-haired, freckled, intelligent toy, ed mouth took a contemptuous curve; who was certainly not handsome to any ing, but with the help of the good fairy concealed by the friendly dust, but she said nothing, while Mrs. Burnaby went

everything in order. Content whispered to her, that it did gratefully on: 'It was real good of you, Lida, and I'm much obliged; but I'd have got done by sitting up late to-night, and man's voice were audible from the sitveritable monarch of the sequoladom ways complaining of heat and dust, and you've enough else of y ur own work

o do. 'And haven't you more than enough Lida, looking up over her shoulder at chicken she was irying for tea. 'Mr. Even placed upon the consecutive yearly ring at the party the fairy kept her from the other, as she sank wearily into the Burnaby said I might set the table in nearest chair. 'Are you very tire!?' 'Well, maybe a little,' Mrs. Burnaby vegetable behemoth to have made t some 5,000 years old. To judge by the the ugly fairy Discontent, yet every was obliged to admit. She had risen at four o'clock that day the g od fairy loved her, more and morning, to get ready the butter and of this extra work and her own wrath more, and rubbed away the frown lines

from her face. Maggie heard her aunt say to her since. 'It does seem good to be quiet a bit.' mother one day, "I thought Magg e

anyhow; and, then, he's been saving all

'Yes,' chimed in her husband's

was making a homely girl, but how vely her face is growing. "It is because she has learned to be

ppy and contented," was the reply. Which fairy do you want to stay with s powerful hard to work with."

Some Good Points for Women The Hebrew Standard says:

That married women should not try look as youthful as their daughters That wise women should never retail ford it.' the gossip they hear on their neigh-

That thrifty women should not confine their economy simply to marketing but stop the waste in the kitchen

That sensible women should not order new finery without ascertainting That charitable women should some money himself.'

That prudent women should not lay-

M s. Burnaby's roof. perform his own morning tasks, with She knew also, as had been said, the the help of the hired man, and discovstory of Tom, Mr. Buenaby's only child, a high-spirited, ambitious boy, at ered the state of affairs. That Lida, boarder though she was once too like and too unlike his father

equally with Willard, should be workto agree with him, who had left home ing when his wife could not was only some thirteen years before, a final act rebellion at which Lida did not in and it was her ; lace; but that any man the least wonder. should not regard himself as degraded 'They'd had an awful quarrel that

day,' Mrs. Burnaby had told her, 'and time to spare an overtasked woman, at last Tom sa'd, s'e, that he'd worked was something new to him. for everything he had since he was a 'I reckon it's all right if he wants to, child, an' yet his på was always taunting him with bein' dependent on him, an' he'd see if he couldn't take care of stariet over the stove as she brolled hunself. An', whatever happened, he very much off his base when he's made for another bite or sup. An' when his pa said he'd lick such ideas out of him, down at Raynor."

he just up an' told him he'd struck For Mr. Burnaby could pardon any him for the last time, an' he bent and cce tricity in a man who had shown kis-el .oe-he was a full head taller'n e could make money. Mrs. Burnaby crept down to break

an' then he walked right out of the house in his shirt sleeve, just as he'd suddenly she tottered and tell in a deacome from the hay-field, while his pa SWOOD: stood staring, fairly took aback by his Her husband stared, astounded,

Lida started up; but swifter than she, Willard hal sprung and caught the as she ended, and put away with a last falling woman in his arms, gathering fond glance the old tin-type she had her close to his broad breast, as if she been showing Lida, which represented weighed no more than a child, kissing her worn face as it lay on his shoulder, murmuring frautic, half-heard words ters in blue reflect the radiance of the sky, "their little hearts with love grown but a mother's partial eyes, that could also overlook his extreme gawk ness. 'Great Scottl' gasped Mr. Burnaby,

When Miss Bonner came in from 'Young man, are you crazy?' school the following afternoon, the Willard lifted his head and looked at him across the unconscious woman with eyes that grew startingly like his ting-room, mingling and contra-ting own in their passion.

with Mr. Burnaby's, 'Not so crazy as you must be,' 'He's come,' announced Mrs. Burncoolly returned, 'to work your wife to lse to do, I'd like to know?' laughed aby, pleasurably, looking up from the death, and not know your own son when you see him!

> the dining-room while he stays." 'More work and more steps for he . poor thing!' thought Lida, wrathfully;

and her manner to the mnocent cause eggs that were sent to town twice a was to the last degree forbidding, when week, and had scarcely stopped working introductions having been duly per-

formed, she found herself seat d beside but I am afraid she is going to be very him at the table. Mr. Willard, however, did not seem room now. And you,' to the hired him at the table. she went on, 'now the after-upper Mr. Willard, however, did not seem room now. And you,' to the hired work is all done, and the cows milked, to be crushed. He made several k ndly man, who had sat dumbfounded, with

tinued his general conversation with 'Why don't you have one of those Mr. Burnaby and the blied man, in the sick woman's life wavered in the iew patent ones?" suggested Lida. which he courteously managed to in- balance and a trained nurse from Kan

price that I should think you might the small attention with gratitude. 'It does seem so like having Tom independent damsel he'd sway in the 'Well, you see, I can make it just as here again, only grown up,' she told kitchen, and new elements and old nic* with the old churn, only more Lida, when the meal was over and her alike turned for orders to Lida, Mr.

a woman's time don't count for much, boarder out to see he Percheron colts. count in his own house, and had leisure In spite of her deep d slike of Mr. to reflect upon how much, after all, his he can so's to buy more land this fall. Willard, Lida could not wonder at the wife had been to him.

He means to have the finest farm in blindness of a mother's love. This man, After Mrs. Burnaby was pronounced the county 'fore he dies, he says, s'e. with his wavy chestnut ha r and mus- out of danger, her son made fuller ex- liquor sold at the bar and for checkin-And he slways has taken the butter tache, his handsome face, every line of planations than had seemed possible in and recording the sales and receipts, which seemed to express the intelli-gence and refinement of the spirit that 'You see,' he told Lida (he seemed to a distinct contact is made, and the curgence and refinement of the spirit that voice, 'and it's come right handy, too, dwelt within, his unconscious grace of find it both necessary and easy to ex- rent which then passes is made to excite for it counts up in a year. 'Fraid there bearing and movement, his air of na-

peare tell of the custom. Henr VIII. and Catherine of Arragon fol international postage stamp exhibition is now being held in Vienna. Stamp lowed it. The gay Maypole was adorn ed and a fair young queen chosen, while collectors from a dozen countries are advertised as being pre-ent and show-Hte

creat customs.

turned out a-Maying.

themed about the Maypole and in the laze ing their curiosities. -A peculiar accident recently occurred on the Southern Pacific road,

never detect the first signs of spring's

arrival. In May, plant growth defice

copec, Till Charles's warn came out above the tall white chimney tops." Still in Denmark the peasants turn out early in the morning to see "the sun dance,' as they say. We have not

on the coast division, about one foot and prevented the passage of trains. England's genial climate. Neuralgia and prevented the parsage of trains, and rheumatism would be too apt to The bridge, however, remained on its follow a day wholly spent from morn to dewy eve in Maying and dancing around poles. We are not up with the

sun like the Danish village folk. But giving is always blessed. And one thing we can do to celebrate May's coming. By a little exertion we can fill baskets with spring blossoms to hang at the doors of at least a few of our friends, natural and proper-she was a woman, and by this thoughtful celebration of and it was her place; but that any man the day establish a custom more joy-

giving than pole-dancing or watching by using a little of his strength and the sun in his gymnastics. May baskets filled with fragrant flow ers, blue and red and gold, would make a gay sight, giving pleasure to the rethough,' he philosephically remarked to ceiver. But to us who gathered th Lida, who was burning her cheeks blossoms, brighter pictures would arise Blue and red and gold of flower would

some tam for breakfast. 'He can't be recall like tints in bird and sky. Each flower would recall a bright much mon-y as they say he has, country scene. Green fields, a fresh air blowing, birds singing, flowers

glowing and trees budding would all be remembered. Wind flowers waving to and tro in the centre of the basket would be seen growing in their shady fast, but could not cat. As she rose a nooks, blown upon by their own loved length, and tried to leave the room, wind, blushing at his wooing; shy hepawind, blushing at his wooing; shy hepaticas near by would seem to be longing for their accustomed shield of dry leaves from which to peer in their mosi- grandson, to be an exceptionally bright esty, pure bloo froot, now with wide-open eyes, would be recalled as buds

heathed in their own hoodlike leaves like holy nuns; and the beautiful vel low violets would seem to reflect their without writing an autograph letter to loved sun's bright hue, while their sis his friend and ally, Queen Victoria Whenever he travels be takes with hom his confidential English attendant, Mr colored like the sky above;" cowslips would bring back the picture of the swamp and the red-winged blackbird's service nearly a quarter of a century.

federate shoe, manufactured for the government in 1864, just before the war rough cowhide, dressed only on the in-

-An elm tree, about 225 years old, fuzzy covering. All the spring flowers would be there to gladden the shut-in in West Medford, Mass., has just been out down, and the people there are city people with a glimpse of country highly indignant in consequence. "All would be there but the best part-all but the glory of the skies, the fre hness of the air, the cool was a beaut ful tree, over 100 feet high with graceful lumbs extending across green coverts, the shadowy wood paths, the street. It was ordered felled by the Road Commissioners, because its trunk the ripple of waters-all but our own sperience of those perfect days and encroached upon the street a trifle. Acseeing and the hearing and knowcording to the Boston Post "several ing for ourselves." All but the blue birds and robins and silent cetimes before the elm was threatened but the almost unanimous protest of citizens saved it. But this time ho recollections—enough to fill countless notice was given, and no hearing was May bask-ts and last until another May allowed."

day comes to brighten us with its bless ed teachings of faith and hope in steady growth of bird and flower -- Roston Transcript.

A new electric device has made its appearance in London. This is an appartus for measuring the amount of for it counts up in a year. 'Fraid there won't be quite so much butter to sell for awhile, though, for I'm going to take another boarder. You must try

-Of a mantac, who has just died near Greensboro, N. C., a despatch from there says: He was 70 years old, and for 59 years he had been channed to it e floor of the house in which he

died. He was a monstrosity, his head resembling a hon's more than that of a human being. Up to his 20th year he was regarded as harmless, but he suddenly developed a vicious disposition and would attack any one who yeartured near hun. He broke his chain 26 years ago and was at large for a day or two. He was recaptured with difficulty and only after he had been severely wounded,

stone piers and was safe after the rails were moved in line. -The shifting sand-hills which for years have bothered the city and citizens of Grand Haven, Mich., by steadity encroaching on streets, lots, houses,

lawns, and even the hurbor, are just now attracting more attention than usual, and the city council propose to try the experiment of planting trees to keep them stationary.

-Mrs. Wanamaker, the wife of the Postmaster-General, keeps one or two persons busy during the fruit season canning and preserving. The good things thus stored away are all given to poor people. Mrs. Wanamaker's charities are so extensive that she employs a woman whom she can trust to invetigate all cases and sift the deserving from the imposters.

-Grandmothers are pretty much alike the world over. Ex-Queen Imabeila, of Spain, talks of he. just like a common grandmother, remarking to an interviewer: "Of course, I know that all grandmothers think that their graudchildren are the finest in'ants in the world, but I think I am right in believing the little King, my and intelligent little boy.

-King Leopold of Belgium speaks and writes English with case and ac-curacy. He never lets a Sunday pass Charles Murray, who has been in his

ended. The sole is fully three-quarters on pick it!" and then flew away a if hide, running entirely around the shoe, were a coward, for all his brave talk. | the leather being held to the sole with Adder's tongue dandelions and butter cups would all be there in their harm-

gay "o-kn-lee" as he hovered round us, -A Georgia editor has an old Conbrisk cavalier with scarlet epaulets; say frage, the "rock-breaker," would bring back the ledgy country guarded by a tall wild-cherry tree and of an inch thick, and is made of poplar the golden-winged woodpecker's infor-mal introduction as he called "Pick it! or drawing-knife. The upper is atpick it! I'm Harry Wickit! I dure tached to the sole with a strip

'Motherl' and now his head wen down on her bosom, like a child's ta grief, and his voice was a cry of despair,--'mother mine! why didn't I know he would kill you? Why didn't s gold glitter, and puffy little knobs sule. I come back in time to save you?' of ferns wrapped and coiled in their

'You have come in time, Mr. Tom, put in L'da. 'She has only fainted, formes. and the milk strained and set away. I wouldn't have minded anything much to-day, only I tired my back so with remarks with curt monosyllables; and Both mon promptly obeyed, recogn zresterday's churning. That old churn atter his utter failure he calmly con- ing her generalship in the emergency. And for some days following, wh Your butter always bringssuch a good clude Mrs. Burnaby also, who received sas City, sent for and paid by Tom, dar birds-gay pictures and happy ruled at her bedside and a stout and

work, and Mr. Burnaby says, s'e, that lord and master had taken his new Burnaby feit himself made of small ac-