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Contentment, smiling at each idle care; Contentment, thankful for the gift of life.

She finds in Winter many a view to plea e.
The morning landscape tringed with frost-

The calm clear ether at the close of day. THE BROWN-BEARDED STRANGER.

The early days of February came lightly from the silvery blosse passy willows to the fringed and tasseled hazel and alder shrubs, now and then trilling forth from their tiny throats purest spring-like songs of

Adown the bazel-bordered countryroad came two rosy girls clad in navy blue walking suits, with here and there in their costumes a dash of redtheir bright faces and wind-tossed hair crowned with jaunty crimson yarns with dark blue tassels.

Their steps were elastic with health and youth's undoubting hopefulness; they gave the finishing touch of life that made the scene a perfect one to two young men who were sitting unobserved by them in a sunny corner befringed edges and fluttering birds. Be quick and sketch them. Jack it is

theme perfect. There, they have paused, and how unconsciously graceful they are pausing! Not often do you get such an accidental touch as this and the picture will be the envy at the

Rapidly the sketching went on, and together the girls resumed their steady tramp, keeping perfect step, and passing the two young men who looked as innocent as only the guilty can! If they had not sketched the girls, they naturally would have shown some consciousness of their approach.

Now, it was the girls who gave almost a start of surprise as they su denly discovered the artist and his friend. What handsome, stylish young men! Dld you not ce the moustache of

the dark-haired one? What a natural wave it had, not that horrid waxy curl at the ends that makes you feel that it must have just come fresh from the barber's tongs," said Mabel Tink ham, who was something of an artist in her tasta as regarded masculine beauty. Being herself a rich hued blonde, it was but natural that she should have been attracted by the dark style of Roland Holland.

"No, I did not notice the dark one man, but the brown-bearded manface!" and Mary Peck, with a graceful met would surely be their future husmovement of her arm, put up her hand | band! Others were to be tried at the to her hair, to assure herse f that the bouse. One of these was to go ou those fellows are, and where they came from. One was sketching and the other leaning on the wall and look- ness as possible, then begin to wind Wouldn't he make a splendid portrait?

"He? No, he couldn't hold a candle to the dark one. - I wish we could know them, but what is the use in talking such nonsense; you and I shall never know such as he out in this wilderness! I wonder if pa will ever get his business straightened out, so that we can once more have a comfortable husband who would yield the line to home in the city! For one, I am heartily tired of living out here in the first kiss and disappear in the darkcountry, shut out from all society. I ness, and when the gates were propidon't see why men who know enough tious she would meet this very man, to do business on change don't know perhaps be introduced to him in the enough not to get 'fleeced,' as pa calls it. Oh, dear, what made him fail all and surely some day he would come at once, and send us out here to grand-

father's?" "I don't know, I am sure; buying long and selling short and buying short | morrow morning, Mary; will you go and selling long, and being rich a few years, and then suddenly 'as poor as Job's turkey' is a conundrum I cannot understand. But I began to feel that when pa and his clique was rich, then | plied Mary, scornfully. somebody was fleeced and made poor; we didn't know who it was, that was all, and we just enjoyed it.

fleeced, and I suppose somebody is it roll down the slope into the garden, flourishing on the fleecing just as we and then gently draw my hero up to did; and never dreaming that out here give me that sweet betrothal kiss, and in the woods we, the fleeced, are drag- as it is hardly proper to accept anyging along miserably, shut out from thing from a stranger, I will return it long have we worn these suits? Mine eral laugh. is actually spronting a fringe around the bottom, sort of growing its spring foliage as one might say. I wonder if out for a walk and for half a mile met we can have some new ones this no one, not even a hired man driving

"I don't know. We have actually worn them three years; they were the last we had before we came here two Don't you remember we were planning mo mings ago posing so gracefully besuch fun for the novel valentine party side the stone wall as he lifted his hat Lucy Hoyt had sent out invitations and passed around the corner. real good time for us!"

Never fear, I remember it all; it from, and with whom was he staying was just horrid. And grandma says in that neighborhood, and would she now she don't see what all our 'oppor- maybe sometime really meet and spend tunities' have amounted to when we with him?" can't do half as much to help ourselves, But it was time to return for break

How provoked the is because we the close-cut, da k, carling locks. had spent thousands of dollars on our people about them. five years; has helped her ma for her moved from their set. board fore and after school, has dressed But the innate love of some sort of neighbor's children lessons on a melo- had forced them to yield. deon! Oh, I am sick of heaving it all;

"Well, what can't be helped, can't; hoped to be the favored one, as, after There is, who deems all climes, all seasons of what is the use of talking? We each girl passed out, some admiring there is, who knows no restless passion's end government. and come right down and take what None of the country youth dared fun there is going; so let's walk on to follow stately Mary Peck, and the en-Betty Plummer's and tell her we will vious tongues whispered, "She'll not accept her invitation for to-morrow meet anyone; she holds her head too morning work gas, were through the leadess night, and go right in for a good high." time with the neighborhood young it, bht then I did not expect to stay

here forever; now I begin to think we may. But, let's draw the line at marsunny and smiling; the birds that had rying, we will flirt with the boys and rhymes as told by Betty. For awhile passed their northern winter in the have a good time. Twill be somewarm b anches of the fir and spruce thing to take up our time. Grandpa ground, then it became a bit more trees of the woods, were hopping and grandma will like all but the flirt- taut, and soon she was sure there was ing; they will begin to have hopes of us and think we are at last growing sensible, and we can keep dark about our real opinions of folks and things. I hope, though, they will not play kissing games. Just think of having grandpa's hired man kiss us! Of

course, he is invited." Betty Plummer was quite overcom by the sudden cordiality of Mabel Tinkham and her adopted sister, Mary Peck, and for the rest of the day was in quite a flutter of excitement over

Roland Holland and his friend, Jack Staples, had chanced upon the Plummer farm for their halting place in this neighborhood while sketching. where two walls met, sketching the the voluble, gay-hearted Betty chatter-When they returned to a late dinner stretch of grey roadway with its shrub ed of her morning callers, and with country freedom soon had given the the one thing needed to make the Tinkham's oldest son who had "years young men a full history of neighbor ago left the farm and gone to New York as a clerk, and lately became what the country people called a stockgambler; had been rolling in money a few years, and married a city girl later had lived in Europe a few years and then, just as all gamblers do suddenly he began to lose, and all at once found himself at the bottom of the heap and glad enough to send his two girls to his old home, which had never been good enough for them to visit when they had lots o' money."

She told the young man that the girls were real nice, but couldn't do a thing to earn a dollar, and seemed actual. proud of it!

Then she talked of her valentine party. and the young men having identified Mabel Tinkham and Mary Peck as the two stylish young ladies of the morning episode, entered into Betty's plans, and soon had given the quick-witted country girl some hints about valentine tricks. Betty was always ready for a good-natured joke and readily agreed to their suggestions.

In response to one of these she went over to grandpa Tinkham's on the evening of the thirteenth and told the as being other than a common-looking girls of these tricks. One was for the and haunted Wall street with other girls to take an early morning walk on ghosts of "better days." what a figure he had! And a perfect the fourteenth and the first man they wind had not blewn it "every which into the dark, and standing on the "Really, are we blown quite doorstep unwind a ball of twine for a into frights, Mabel? I wonder who few yards and holding the end of the twine in one hand, with the other throw the ball as far out into the darking; or do you suppose he was posing? | up the end in their hand, repeating these lines:

"I wind this long line so very fine

Hoping to find at the other end, The love I would call my valentine. The man I'd choose for lover and friend."

Then, unless one was a predestined old maid, at the end of the line would stand before the maiden her future her, clasp her in his arms and take his most prosaic and orthodox manner; to claim the hand of the maiden he had kissed in the dark!

"I shall go for a walk before to too?" cried Mabel, gleefully. "Indeed I will not. You'll be sure

to meet somebody's hired man driving the cows to the spring for water," re-Then she continued, "I will control

evening. I shall throw the ball of "Now pa talks about our being twine from our back door-step, and let all the things we used to have. How at once," and Mary joined in the gen

Betty went home and reported. Early the next morning Mabel went

cows to water, nor a milkman going foward the village. Suddenly, as she turned a corner, she came face to face with the dark, mousyears ago the fourteenth of this month. tached stranger she had seen a few

for? Then pa failed, and we arrived | Mabel was not more romantic than here at grandpa's the evening of the the ordinary girl, yet her heari party. I thought I should die as we throbbed more rapidly, and the rich sat that night in the kitchen and color swaved back and forth in her watched grandpa popping corn and shapely cheeks, as she wondered if grandma cracking walnuts, and actu-there could be anything in such hapally feeling that they were making a penings, and queried mentally over and over again, "who could be be, where

as girls who never had half our fast, and, lo! he was returning, and politely lifted his hat once more from

don't want to teach; and she is right, | Evening came, and Mabel and Mary we couldn't do it if we did wish to. were much entertained by the society She told me this morning, if I wanted into which they were for the first time a new dress I ought to find some way introduced. Hitherto they had held to earn it; that it was a shame that ps themselves aloof from the young

school bills piano les ons and French | The remembrance of their New teachers, and after all we couldn't York circle, their winters at Washingteach even the school in this district! ton, the years spent in London, Paris, And there's Nancy Farnum, who's Mentone and Nice had been too fresh never had a dollar spent on her school- in their memories to admit of their acing, and has earned ten dollars a week knowledging that they could associate for forty weeks a year, for the last even temporarily with those so far re-

well, furnished her ma's parlor up, sociality had conquered their excluser resolved never again to touch an egg, and put money in the savings' bank; siveness at last, or rather the hopelessand you two girls can't even give the ness of ever resuming their old place,

The hours ran on in more or less and the worst of the whole is it is stupid games until ten o'clock, when true; and, as much as we hate that one by one the betrothed maidens old farmhouse and the way grandpa slipped away from the party to try and grandma live, we have nowhere some trick. Unobserved they were not, and it was easy to guess who MIFFLINTOWN, JUNIATA COUNTY, PENNA., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1892.

On the back door step Mary stood folks. I said at first I never would do half shivering with the cold night air half with a superstitious thrill. Slowly she wound the ball after throwing it, softly repeating the some unknown attachment at the other end of the line.

When she saw a figure actually comhave been the last thing she could have endured. The light from a window It was the brown-bearded her in his arms, kissed her lips raptur-

peared like a dream in the darkness! It was some moments ere she had re house with a calm, undisturbed face. except for a rich, deep flush not at al' an ordinary color with her.

Here she had need of all the selfpossession years in society had given her, for in her absence two guests had

Why prolong the story? The end ance soon ripened into an old; the acat grandpa's; the short bridal tour, and the prosaic settling down as house keepers in two small flats in New! York, where in domestic contentmen

of courtship should commence in learning the art of household economies. The girls sometimes rebelled, fancying that things would manage to go or somehow without all that troub e.

But grandma had her way, knowing that a young man with a moderate income has double need of a competent home keeper.

"Pa" never made a second fortune, but drifted from Mabel's to Mary's,

They were mules. Two little fellows. with dainty feet and funny long ears. They lived in the big stable, at the foot of the great bluff.

accustomed to earn their own living. How? Why, by drawing a street car in a Western city. Briskly they had worked, always alert. Every they ate their supper with all the dignity and self-respect of other wageearners.

When, lo! one fine day came strange news. The mules pricked up their ears. What was it they heard? Horses and mules should be set aside? Men would "harness the lightning," and make it drag the cars?

cried the mules. "Do they flatter their foolish selves they can do without us? Not a bit of it. The public

So, what do you think those plucky fellows did? The electric car was ready. The man who was "to drive the light-

hoofs.

were, in their usual place, in front of my impatience to see my hero until the car. Fastened to it? Oh, no! Why mind a trifle like that? "Tang! Tang!" went the bell.

> "Tang!" The mules came to a standstill. So did the car. "Of course. It always

hey wagged their tails.

laughing at? Was there a stray joke anywhere? All along the town, through the streets where business men should attend to their own affairs, and not stand still to look and laugh.

"Patter-patter-patter-patter!" I believe they trotted in front of that electric car to the very end of the route, till they reached the place where

At last the mules may rest. "Ah ha! Ah ha! He haw! He haw! It was their time to laugh now. Didn't we tell you the public hould have our services? 'Drive lightning?' Fudge! We pulled that

And a lady who lives in that very town told me about it. She is a very ve-ra-cious person so that I know that

The Dog and the Bad Egg. floating down the river. As he trotted past me with his prey in his mouth, unbroken, I caught him, and gave him over both of us. The dog apparently and he kept his resolution. I for my part determined to let dogs eat eggs in future rather than attempt to cure them with sulphuretted hydrogen.

All men learn something everyday, but the most of them only learn what

CHINA. tentment, must have a momentous influence on the evolution of humanity. the United States at Pekin, has said, in which the bearing of the Chinese soldiery was deemed by him most promising, His excellency told Mr. able to speak to the enemy at her gates bent but little under the burden of official "harassments." His intellect is as seen and subtle as ever, and his tact, dexterity, adroitness, pertinacity, high spirit and kindly courtesy still extort admiration even from his enemies. No Chinaman—for there is not a drop of Manchu Tartar blood in his veins-ever won so much respect and

Chinaman it must be allowed, understood us better or took a more accurate measure of the strength and weakness his power and prestige, however, were and perhaps jealousy of his command-ing ability and his success in dealing with foreigners caused him to be ignored during the Regency, save when be was harassed by frivolous comolaints and official 'nagging' from Pekin. Yet during this time he was making Tienstin one of the most powerful centres of political influence n the Empire, and organizing a native hinese army and navy under his own control, which must in any crisis have given him a decisive voice in determin-

ng its issue. There are those who now hint that La Hung Chang is growing too powerful for the dynasty, and that ais ambition will not be satisfied till he has seated himself on the Dragon Throne. Foolish foreign diplomatists have even striven to tempt him into reason. But the late General Gordon who knew him better than most men. always declared that Li Hung Chang was loyal to the core, that by making himself indispensable in the Inner Council of State he could satisfy all his ambitions, that in these days it would be scarcely possible for him or any other unsurper to establish his authority over fourteen provinces, and pass on to his son within the space of a lifetime. Some writers on this subject seem to forget that two hundred and fifty years ago, when China was free from risk of foreign intervention, it took the Manchu dynasty, supported by the full strength of Tartar chivalry, fifty years of hard fighting ere it estab-

ished its power over the Middle Kinglom. It is certain that Li Hung Chang made no move as an usurper on the only occasion when he might have been successful, viz:-when the late Emperor Tungche died mysterionsly, and the Imperial Family were quarrelling over the succession. Li Hung Chang's position as Viceroy of the Metropolitan Province, with his seat of Government at Trentsin, was dways an important one. But it was not till he became one of the Grand Secretaries of State, and a Member of he Inner Council, the mysterious body which is superior even to the Tsung-li-Yamen, or Council of Census, who represent the Chinese Government to he whole world, that the chief control

of affairs passed into his hands. Even now it is erroneous to describe him as master of China. In nine cases out of ten his will and ideas probably prevail, but he has a great deal of obstruction lo overcome before that comes to pas -obstruction which, as in the case of the delay in issuing the Imperial edict condemning the Yangtze rioters, is apt to embroil him with the foreign lega-tions. Li Hung Chang's life may be from the Clerk of the United States said to have been spent in minimizing friction between the Pekin Government and the Treaty Powers. Again and again has he, by his personal prestige and dexterity in negotiation, averted he calamity of war from his country. Yet it is to him that China owesall that is most efficient in her modern army and navy, her troops, her ironclais, her ship-yards, her arsenals, and her fortresses. He has been the mainstay of the Maritime Customs Department, on which the Imperial Government lepends for its chief resources. He

entrived the scheme for collecting along with Imperial customs the Le kin, or the octroi, an internal import which the provincial governments evied on goods coming within their boundaries, thereby vastly increasing the Imperial revenue, and affording China a solid basis for loan-raising in Europe. The Imperial Government had to ask him—even when he was supposed to be out of favor at Pekin—to undertake the negotiations with France as to be Tientsin massacre and with England over the Macquary murder. H.z dilomacy won back Kuldja from Russia

mu h more serious than any that can throne. The Manchu dynasty, moreover, still represents conquest to the Chinese of the central provinces, not merely by its insistence on Pekin instead of Nankin being made the capital, but by the use of the Manchu nguage in official reports submitted to the Emperor, and by the firm hand it keeps on the nucleus of the army at Pekin. But though Prince Kung organized the Pekin Field Force, the still stronger Chinese force of "Black Flags" has been organized by Li Hung Chang-himself a chinaman-at Trensin, and in the great rebellion of the Hunnan, not to the Ta tars beyond the Wall, that the Government of Pekin have turned for their best fighting men. The Manchu dynasty is therefore no longer absolutely necessary to the military organization of the Empire—indeed, its strength really lies in the support of its Chinese officials, the sagacity and moderation with

which it keeps peace between jealous provinces and acts as a buffer between atural antipathies to foreigners and the aggressiveness of the representaives of Foreign Powers But it is a aternal government and is therefore plamed for any calamity that happens. It is the Government that has bro bout the floods and famines that have recently devastated China. It has caused the failure of the tea gardens now almost annihilated by Indian competi-tion. It has also offended Hunnan. This province, which has carried its extinct, has had recently to give place to Anwhei - because, for sooth, Li Hung Chang is himself an Anwhei man. The society, first organized to terrorize the fficials into paying the Hunnanese soldiers honestly and regularly, have had to extend their operations and get more recruits. Hence, finding a gener-

al anti-foreign feeling growing up, they have fanned the flame of discontent. The presence of the Christian missionaries in China also adds to the ntestine difficulties. Recent telegrams respecting the massacres in China seem to show that the chief atrocities have taken place about several varieties of these, judging from a hundred miles westward of New- the character of their shells, which inchang, the most northerly port of habit fresh water, or rather the banks China open to foreign trade.

And it of fresh water streams, and the low confidence from Englishmen. No is from that district the rebels were greasy meadows adjoining. At least said to be marching in the direction of one kind is a danizen of the salt water, Pekin. In order to gain Pekin, they and is found in the mud of tidal, would have to cross the southern division of the Great Wall of China, at a largely consumed by Europeans and measure of the strength and weakness of our national character.

In Hung Chang, since the death of Prince Kung, the vonng the late Prince Kung, the vonng the late Prince Kung, the vonng the late Prince Kung the vonng th the late Prince Kung, the young Emperor's father, has been the strong Wall which was built by the Emperors from its shell usually by means of a of the Ming Dynasty. The gate there- strong pin, the common name of it is might tell if they could speak Look VIII., were so rare that an old play in shown is the nearest to Pekin, and the "pinpatch." An escargeric is quite not very far from the Ming tombs, and a well conducted establishment erally from a great distance, and one can trace it, running over the highest hills and into the deepest valleys, spanning rivers, being doubled in important pisses, and branched where there are several high points of vantage. Moreover, the wall is supplied with towers, two stories high, every hundred yards. This part of the wall varies from 20 to 40 teet high, with a parapet a little over three feet. On op the wall is about 15 feet wide, and about 25 feet at the base. The parapet s built of bluish bricks, about 15 inches long, 9 inches wide and 5 inches thick. Below this the wall is built of blocks of one, near 2 feet long and 1 foot wide.

Owing to its height, therefore, it will serve as a useful barrier to impede the ebels, when guarded by a few troops. Tientsin, to which we have alluded, is really the port of Pekin, from which it s distant about eighty miles. Our illustration is from a photograph taken lass winter from the tower of the Town Hall in English concession, and shows were prevalent at that time. Nearer the foreground the river may be seen, and it is close to this spot the Euro-pean gunboats are anchored every winter. At the present time there are town, which is very dirty, is about a mile and a half farther up the river. It was here that, on the 21st of June, 1870, the infamously notorious massa-cre of the French Sisters of Charity by a Chinese mob took place, and Tien-

in 1858. About eighty miles down the river. guarding the mouth, mud forts and barracks are situated, and the place known by the name of Taku is nected with Tientsin by railroad, the

A German "Yankee."

A full fledged German, bearing the odd name of August H. Yankee, obfrom the Clerk of the United States District Court, Boston, the other day, and is now an American citizen. Yankee's occupation is that of a farmer, and he lives in Dover, Mass. He was born in Wotschihous, Germany, in 1863, being now 27 years of age. He offered no explanation as to the origin of his name.

The word Yankee, as almost every body knows, is said to have originated with the Indians, who used to call the English settler the Yengeese, or Yangeese, as they could not master the correct pronunciation of the word. Whether some of the ancestors of this young man came over to America with the Hessian troops in the time of the Revolution and on their return cdopted inch) thick, or a paving of tiles, permits the name Yankee is not known. It is of waiting for assistance, by preventing thought, however, that this may have the air from coming in contact with the been very possible by more than one wood and thus maintaining combus-

A copy of the celebrated picture of "Geese," in the Ghizeh museum, stated by Egyptologists to be the most ancient and sterilized the French conquest of ronquin. specimen of painting yet discovered, is now on exhibition at South Kensington Museum, London, England.

BULL-FROGS AND SMAILS.

There are two new additions to the who esteem it as a choice article for the exercise of culinary skill. It is now served up at the first hotels and restaurants in the large cities, New York especially, and appears in the markets as a regular article of sale. The animal is easily bred and reared, and feeds itself and thrives most abundantly in marshes. The other is called escarget and is used for making stews and soups, but is eaten also boiled and roasted. This animal is also easily reared, and requires no feeding, but does better when a pasture is provided for it. Known in common parlance, the first as the frog and the other as the snail, these readily acclimated animals have never until now been considered as of any value, but no doubt hereafter will furnish special business here, as they have done for many years in Europe,

to thousands of farmer . them in connection with other aquatic products, as brook trout, carp, bass, and other fish, or water cress, which can be grown conjunctively, and are

very profitable.

Cooking by Electricity. Resistance cons of platinum or Ger man silver wire have been used for experimental cooking. The currents used have been of constant direction, and the coils traversed by the currents must needs be in or in close proximity to the substance to be cooked. Further, the surface exposed by a coil taking up considerable room is small, and th amount of heat radiated and conducted from the wire if not nearly red hot will not be large. Cooking by electricity hes not come into use as yet; the use of alternating currents offers a solution to the problem. A large electro magnet of great self induction is constantly in circuit. The loss of current through this coil as long as metal is not brought near it is too small to be measured. It being desired to cook flapjacks, an iron spider is placed over the poles of the electro magnet. The rapid reversals of the iron spider, which is thereby heated. For heating liquids, a copper vessel is preferable where it can be used on account of its greater conductivity. The metal in which or on which effect is obtained by separating the

A description is given in Engineering of the new copper zinc alloy just introduced in London, and which, it is claimed, possesses properties as those of bronze are to gun metal. The specific advantages presented by this metal are chiefly great strength and toughness, and capacity for being rolled, forged and drawn. It can be made as hard as steel, and when melted is very liquid, producing sound castings of close fine grain, and the color can be varied from that of vellow brass to rich gun metal, the surface taking a fine polish, and, when exposed to the air, tarnishing less than brass. When cast in sand the metal has a breaking strain of twenty-one to twenty-two tons per square inch; when rolled or forged hot into rods the breaking strain is found to be forty-three tons per square

The fact is now recognized by all architects that the stability of a building under the influence of fire depends largely upon keeping the floors from giving way-a matter easily attained when they are of iron and pugging, but requiring special precautions when

ever an inch of argillaceous earth, both three or four millimetres (0.11 to 0.15 The purest lard oil is said to be that

Oh life so prodigal of life!
Oh love and destiny at strife!
Oh earth, so luit of busy feet!
Oh woods and hills and all things sweet!
Was there no room amidst you all
For two more feet, so soft and small? For two more reet, so soft and small:
Didst envy me, where thousands sing,
The one bird that made all my Spring,
My dove, that had so many ways
Of making beautiful iffe's days?
No room! Or rather it may be
Earth was too small t'imprison thee,
God only knews. I know I miss Thy sweet caress, thy loving kiss, The patter of thy dear small feet, Thy hand is mine through lane and street while all that now remains to me is just a precious memory.

Is just a precious memory.

I'wo little feet 'neath earth's brown sod.

I'wo white wings somewhere safe with God. NOT A HAPPY LOT.

MARY MARKLEY. It is said that tall women are ad-

mired, little women are beloved. The little woman knows this to be true, and is usually quite content to be small. She would not grow an inch if she could.

There are times, though, when she feels like a helpless kitten, or a Liliputian in a land of Guilivers. At such times she fails to appreciate her advantages over her big sister; and the law of compensation does not compen-

One of these times is at the theatre, when there happens to be several ex-ira large people in front of her. The woman leans this way and that, stretches her neck until it aches, and sees, perhaps, a part of the stage at a time—never all at once. When the "bit lady" raises her glass, it shows her first a man's head and shoulders, then a bonnet still ocupies the foreground. She moves, and they move— wo canning and preserving factories then she moves back again—and they n Michigan; Not a man is allowed to lo, too. In the meantime the curtain s going down, and the little woman at best catches but a glimpse of the scene. She tries to think she is enjoy-

ng herself, but knows better. In church on Easter, Christmas, or any great day when every pew is crowded, the little woman cannot see the choir at all; and if she has occasional views of the minister's forehead and eyes it is as much as she expects. A marriage in church she witnesses with her cars, rather than with her eyes. At a home wedding she is often see: but if the tall ones are thoughtshe can only imagine how the

bride looks during the ceremony. These, however, are only minor trials, compared with others that beset the little woman. How would a big man feel, if sud-

denly everything were too high for him to reach, too heavy for him to lift. too large or too small for him to wear if nothing seemed to be in the right York), menagerie. It has a taste for place for his convenience, or the right size for his use? Would be think life by them all, even the poisonous. worth living? Yet this is about the at this one. It is like all ordinary closets. See how high that shelf is. None too big for you? Well, this is the little woman's own particular closet, and she must mount a small few inches lower she could reach it easily. The dress hooks are oo high, too. A daughter of the gods might and them just right, but the lithang up a dress. The shelf and hooks

vide her with a stepladder and a chair | the rocks, s troublesome. So, by holding the quick jump, she sometimes manages to London County, Conn., is an old mile lasso the hook at the first attempt. She goes to the coat-closet in the was set there by Benjamin Franklin, hall to get a water-proof; and is happy if she gets it down without causing hower of hats, caps and mufflers. encoura; ed by this success, she tries to fish an umbrella out of the corner, an overcoat is sure to give her an embrace of minecessary warmth. The poor little marryr, with the patient sigh of band a true picture of herself, a woexperience, undertakes to replace the man in Atchison, Kan., had her phoheavy coat. Once, twice, she dats it tograph taken as she appeared at dally at the far-away hook-very carefully; bourework in her dress with a baby on once more,—and she is buried under one arm an the things she has knocked down the other. Then, indeed, patience is exhausted. The small creature bangs the door upon the wreck and relieves her mind

being only a triffe beyond her reach,

with a vicious "dear!" Shopping is snything but a delight to the little woman. If she looks for gloves of a certain color or shade she never finds them in her size. The small feet grow very tired hunting for day's supply of bread, etc., just as the new shoes; and the small woman grows very tired also, telling the dealer, gently but firmly, that a shoe two or three sizes too large is not what she wants. She tries on ready-made garments, and is lost in them-a love of a hat, and it slips down to her ears.

In piano playing the dainty hands of the little woman never conquer the expected that considerable saving will difficulty of striking the octaves and be effected. full chords. How heavy the cooking tensils are, when she is unexpectedly called to take Biddy's place! How are the inviting looking chairs and divans that force the wee body to sit of skins in 1888. upright on the edge, or with feet dangling, if she rests against the back.

A little woman , though a very little thing sweeter far than sugar, and flowers that bloom in spring, her sweetne s does not save her from

Woman's Magazine. The Serna Pinto Hat.

acted in Lisbon, Portugal, over declopments regarding a popular hat. inscrupulous merchant put on the decorated and marked with the

Very comical scenes have been en

market the Serpa Pinto hat, which he

warranted "made in Portugal." It came. guese patriot buying one to prove his 80 feet to the first branch will be the patriotism. Nearly one hundred thous . unique exhibit of a Missouri town at and were so'd within two weeks; then, the World's Fair. suddenly, it was discovered that the hats really were made in hated England. A great revulsion of popular feeling ensued, being marked by the most eccentric scenes in the streets. I was not uncommon to meet bands of men destroying Pinto hats by the struction train near Falmouth, Ohio, wholesale, trampling and spitting on and was apparently enjoying the ride them, and threatening those still wearing them. Students were especially demonstrative, going about bareheaded to allow, as they said, the air to purify anical lamps. It gives a bright heir heads after wearing the detested

A snail has 30,000 teeth.

-Glass has been made in the United

een by a party of hunters in the woods of Maine.

-Ca'ifornia's wine crop will equal a

quart for every man, woman and child n the United States

—The albesive postage stamp was invented by a man named Chalmers, in Dundee, Scotland, in 1834.

-A Merced (Cal,) jury has decided

ousiness man has two cats that are bet-ier retrievers than most dogs.

-An insane barber in Indianapolis, ind., larhered a customer with coal

oil and tried to shave him with seis -The annual production of sawed umber in the United States would

-A company of women is running work in either place.

earliest known date of Egyptian remains. -Chess was played by the Chinese 170

val every year at the end of the monkindly allowed to stand where she can soon. During the festival athletic contests take place and wandering minstrels recite their tales and poems.

> ished by a monk. ing pets at the Central Park (New

devouring other snakes and it is feared -The Braganza diamond, the largest

-Needles, even in the days of Henry records the fact that a whole village turned out to hunt for a lost one

-Acorus are prized as an article of dough for baking in the siyle of hoecake.

-An enormous crab of the Malay le woman does not. She wishes to Islands lives upon the fruit of the co-

ress up at arm's length and giving a turnpike, in the southern part of New stone, notched and mossgrown, that

of his ancestors received from the -With the de ire of giving her hus-

one arm and broom and dust pan on -Each year about \$50,000 is expended in sprinkling the asphalt-paved streets of London, England, with saud

te prevent the horses from slipping. -In some of the small villages of Scot-

Courier-Journal, that the owners of the horse rai road in Honolulu, have decided to run the cars by electricity. It is

-The resources of a shoe factory in Leicester, England, have been immensely increased by the adoption of electric power. The installation is to befurther enlarged, and when com-

plete it will include two engines of 150-hor e power for the driving of the dynamos for light and power. Fifteen intervals of feeling that the little wo nundred people will be employed and man's lot is not a happy one. - Foung the factory will produce 50,000 pairs of A number of the mining companies operating in the Black Hills, South Dakota, have adopted a system of aggregating their shipment of ore, and sending to the smelting works in Illinois a

name of the mine from which it became the rage at once, every Portu. A walnut tree 6} feet in diameter and

> dam had to stop in the woods between the two cities because the German Em-

way to him from the caboose and clubbed him off.

Love at first sight does not wear spectacles. That may be why it seldom occurs in Boston.

BROKEN SO SOON

So fresh and bilthe on yestermorn They'd been when first devised; Now both were broken, bruised and torn, And scarce to be recognized. They looked in each other's eyes with dread And questioned "Who were you?" "I was a good resolve," one said; Said t'other: "I was, too."

LI HUNG CHANG, VICEROY OF

No living statesman to-day attracts so much attention in Europe as the aged Viceroy of Petchili. There is a ing toward her in the darkness, she consensus of opinion to the effect that nearly lost her self-possession; but her we are about to see some great changes pride came to her aid; she would not in the relations of China to the civilized scream and make herself an object of world. But any change, however ridicule before those youths; she fell small, in the social political organiza-so much superior to them, that it would tion that has for ages held one-fourth of the human race in law-abiding consuddenly flashed upon the advancing It is not surprising, therefore, that the man who is the most powerful personstranger, who at that moment clasped age in the Chinese Empire should an object of intense interest to the Western Powers. The success with ously, released her gently and disapwhich the germs of rebellion have been stamped out in Northern China further covered sufficiently to re-enter the enhances his prestige, for it gives us an outward and manifest sign that his slowly-matured policy of quickening and developing the dormant military power of China will yet be fruitful in far-reaching results. From the day when, as one of Gordon's heutenants, her, for in her absence two guests had arrived. Mabel was already chatting freely with Roland Holland and Jaci been working steadily to this end. It is for this that he went half-way to Why prolong the story? The enc meet the foreigner in China. As Mr. was the usual one; the new acquaint J. Russel Young, formerly Minister of quaintances became friends and in time Li Hung Chang has opened up a new lovers. Then came the quiet wedding world for the Empire, and after the close of the last contest with France, Young quite frankly why he had done

they dwelt ever after, in as great a de it. He was determined, he said, ere he gree of continuous harmony as falls to died, to see China, like other nations, the average families. Grandma made this domestic peace "with her hand on the hilt of her sossible, by persistently insisting that sword." Though he is now in his possible, by persistently insisting that sword." both girls should take daily practical seventieth year, the venerable Vicelessons in her kitchen; that the period roy's patriotism is as ardent as it was of courtship should commence in learning in his youth. His stately figure was

But, though small, they had been

"Throw us out of employment?" demands our services. The public shall have them! Go to!"

ning" was in his place. Suddenly "patter—patter—patter— patter," came the sound of eight spry "Here we are!" called the mules cheerfully. Sure enough, here they

"Patter—patter—patter-patter!" Off scuttled the mules.

stops when we do!" said the mules, and Off they started afresh. Lively work this! What was the stupid driver

"We know what we're about!" de clared the little mules.

the tall chimneys of a factory belch forth clouds of smoke.

It seems that there are dog owners who are concerned as to the "friend of man's" felonious consumption of eggs. How to break him of the habit is the question. Here is one suggestion. An egg-eating dog of mine once picked up a duck's egg, which, in a very advanced stage of decomposition was a slap under the jaw with my hand. There seemed to be a full gallon of decomposition in that egg. It went all

great fools they were yesterday.

be created by mere sporadic rioting. list of profitable products of the farm It is hard to get at the truth about the which promise to find employment for

tro iblesome times before him, and that he will have to deal with a situation recent outbreaks of lawlessness in China, and to decide how far they are fanatical or revolutionary. There is, however, no doubt that the long Regency of the Dowager-Empresses diminished the personal prestige of the child Emperor now seated on the throne. The Manchu dynasty, more-

The French frog farm is much like one of our cranberry meadows-a swamp laid out in broad ditches with grassy banks between them. We remember years ago passing one of these farms in the vicinity of a large French city in the early evening, and being drawn to notice it by the deafening music from the thousands of fat fellows sitting in the damp grass and now and then splashing into the ditches and continuing to sing their lays as they protruded their snouts just above the surface of the water. These frogs were a special breed, Rena esculenta by name, but differing very little from our handsome head high because of the services of its slender specimen found in marshes. oldiers and the great talents of its and having bright green and brown leading families, like that of the late spotted skin. Our common builfrog is Marquis Tseng, which are now almost said to be quite as delicate in flavor, and more acceptable in point of meat, than the esculent species of Europe and as the natural stock of them is fast thlefs of the great Kolao Secret disappearing before the nets of the hunters thousands are now imported from Canada for the supply of the New York market. Consequently the time has come for the skilled culture of

The esculent snail is of various kinds,

the one for which, therefore, in all France, and is always surrounded by robability, the rebels would make. It a close, safe fence to keep the stock is to prevent the latter from crossing from wandering abroad and getting to the south side of the wall, that troops lost. It is commonly sown with clover, have been sent from Tientsin. This lettuce, rape, and other tender herbpart of the wall was built about 500 age, upon which the snails feed, and is years later than the larger and older laid out with narrow paths for ease in part, which was constructed about B. gathering the daily supply which is sent c. 200. The Great Wall is visible genton arket.

in the distance a view of the floods that current in the coil induce currents in two gunboats, one British and the American, stationed there. The native magnet. Indeed, a lessened heating dish from the electro magnet.

tsin will always be famous as the place where Lord Elgin's treaty known as the "Treaty of Tientsin," was signed line referred to in recent telegrams.

they are made of combustible materials. A practice is now being resorted to, to a considerabe extent by French builders, of protecting floors by placing upon them a half-inch layer asphalt at top and bottom. A layer of plaster of Paris, fine concrete, cement or clay,

which is manufactured by submitting solid leaf lard to great pressure during the coldest period of winter. Oil of this quality is used for burning in small fame and does not incrust the wick,

TWO LITTLE FEET.

NEWS IN BRIEF. -Spiders usually live two or three

-All trees are evergreen in the trop -Kissing is unknown in the Far

States since 1720. -A coal black deer was recently

-White deer, which was once exremely rare, are now said to be plenti-ful in eastern Maine.

that it is not a crime for a man to steal a meal when he is hungry. -A prominent Indianapolis (Ind.)

-The first temperance society in this country was organized in Saratoga ounty; New York, in March, 1808.

oad a train of cars 25,0.0 miles

-A valuable find of skeletons be onging to the fourth dynasty was re-cently made in Egypt. This is the

years before the Christian era, and probably long before that, for the autient Persians are supposed to have known it. -The Hindoos have a cocoaout festi-

their author. They were relate1 and handed down until the fourteenth century, when they were collected and pub--A cribo snake is one of the interest-

- Æ op's fables were not written by

the light of a cat's eye.' stepladder or a chair when she wants They are pounded into meal, which is mixed with water and kneaded into

coanut which it secures by climbing the tree. It breaks the nuts either by hault has never been worth while to pro- ing them down or by beating against -On the old Boston and New Haven

> -Two of the proud possessions of an Atlanta (Ga.) man are a sabre and a cross of the Legion of Honor that one hand of the great Napoleon.

land laborers formerly carried nails in their pockets with which to pay for the native Australian divests himself of a string of beads for the purchase of some coveted luxury. -So dear has forage become in the Sandwich Islands, learns the Louisville

-The largest establishments for breeding dogs in the world are in Manchuria. Chinese Empire. The dogs are raised high the strap when she is obliged to for their skins and killed when about stand in a street-car. How deceptive eight months old. The town of Newshwang alone exported \$400,000 worth

long train of loaded cars of ore drawn A fortnight ago an enterprising but by two locomotives, and each car

peror was hunting across the track. A black bear jumped aboard a conuntil some of the trainmen made their