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WINTER APPLES. What cheer is there that is half so good. In the snowy waste of a Winter's night, as a dancing fire of hickory wood And an easy chair in its mellow light, and a pearmain apple, ruddy and sieck, if a jenneting with a freekled cheek? Or a jenneting with a freekied cheek?
A russet apple is fair to view.
With a tawny tint like an Autumn leaf.
The warmth of a ripened corn field's hue,
Or a golden hint of a harvest sheaf;
And the wholesome breath of the finished year
a held in a winesap's blooming sphere. they bring you a thought of the orehard trees in blossomy April and leafy June, and the sleepy droning of bumble bees. In the lary light of the afternoon, and the tangled clover and bobolinks, figer lilies an i garden pinks. if you've somewhere left, with its gables
A farmhouse set in an orchard old.
You'll see it all in the winter tide, At sucht of a pippin's green and gold, r a p armain apple, ruddy and sleek, a jenneting with a freckled cheek.

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER.

I met her just outside the railway station, in one of the great Italian towns; indeed, it was in the omnibus of the hotel to which I was going, and which stood there, as they all do for a long time, awaiting the collection of the luggage. She was quite young, not twenty, a girl so perfectly I taut, so well-dressed from head to loot, so evidently accustomed to be cared for and looked after, that her have been as sorry for a more ordinary specimen of humanity, but I certainly ould not have been so much interestwith sundry expressions of encouragement, and descriptions of how she would find her smaller luggage outside, instance, and various other such places. with sundry expressions of encourageetc., to which she replied with profuse thanks, without ever ceasing her the modest table d'hote to about three anxious look round the wide space men! And such men! A mild old before the railway station, which was parson, of whom one could never cercrowded with p ople coming and going. 'I'll look round in the evening and see | his wife; a delicate youth, taking care if you have heard anything," he said of himself; and some other nondescript. to which she replied by begging him not to take the trouble, not to disturb himself, with many renewed expressions of thanks for his kindness to her. He patted her on the shoulder, as ne ook hands with her, encouragingly. He was a man twice her age and had a friendly look and an American accent like, or else clubs and smoking rooms. There was not about him the smallest would not be so attractive to them. trace of a Don Giovanni: yet that pat But perhaps this is because they on the shoulder immediately quickened have been more widely scattered my growing desire to intervene. She about the world, and have more was not a beautiful girl-in my exper- varied experiences with which to ence beautiful girls are very rare; but | edify her features were very agreeable, her part, should like a little more variety complexion of that blanc mat, which among my daily associates; though the French admire so much, her hair confess I do not see how it is of a pretty chestnut color, the outlines of her soft, young face distinct, though impossible to interfere with the liberty very delicate and fair. But it was the of the British subject and forbid the

had any need to be.

After facing each other a minute or two in the omnibus, which was still waiting for my luggage-which my way, with a large command of nouns and very small of verbs, was looking broke through my English reserve (which never was my strong luggage?"—which, indeed, was the sup-position I had made.

The girl seewed much relieved to be able to speak.—"Oh, no," she said, "much worse than that. I have lost my mother-and father. They were to meet me here by this train, and they have neither come nor sent any one, gentleman said I had better go to the hotel this omnibus belongs to-that it was the best, and that they might be there; or I could send and try to find them, or perhaps there might be a I can't think how they telegram, or I can't think how they could have failed me: it was all settled exactly how I was to travel, and the hour the train arrived, and everything. I thought I could travel quite well by myself, but I will never try it again, said my little friend with fervor; and she added a melancholy story of her troubles by the way. How she had troubles by the way. been placed by her friends in a sleeping-carriage, in which she was not to be disturbed-which went 'through, that magic word to the unaccustomed traveller-and would have no trouble till she came to her journey's end, when she would step into the arms of her mother. All so beautifully arranged, no trouble at all-instead of which she had been made to jump up at four in the morning, to hasten on her "things," and to change into another hoped all her troubles were over, there was no mamma on the platform, no-body looking out for her and she would not have known what to do, or had to go back to the frontier to hotel, and I had better go to it, and child who has nothing to conceal; but then telegraph," she repeated, looking I confess that it is startled me for a omnibus got into motion,

"You must stay with me till they in any trouble—for her heart is as big turn up," said I, "that will be the sim- as her body—Johnson is as suspicious plest way; if they are not at the Leon as a man. However, I need not say d'Oro, we can send the porter round this made no difference to me, and to the other hotels, and you will soon when we were seated together upstairs hear of them, you may be sure. They must have been detained somehow, or mistaken the hour, or—but till you comfortably)—beside a nice little fire, hear of them, you must stay with me." hear of them, you must stay with me." I? thank you so very "Oh, may

cried the girl, with a light of relief on her soft face; and then she fragrance of tea, the mystery was very returned to the tribulations of the speedily and very simply unfolded. I journey, and the korrer of not seeing need not say that I was full of curiosany face she knew when she arrived. 'And I can't speak a word!" she added, in a soft accent of wondering despair. We can speak a great many words, Johnson and I," I replied, "they are father would come immediately to take not very nicely put together, and a critic might object to our conversational style, but we manage to get onand nowadays there is no difficulty in

getting on, for everybody speaks the strangest thing—but though, of English at all the hotels; so you may course, I shall have to call him father, be quite at your ease as far as that is and there is no other name to give him concerned. It used to be very different in my time. I remember—," and "You have never seen your father!" ent in my time. I remember—," and "You then I began a little story of ay I cried.

old experiences, hoping to divert her, but though she listened civilly for a eyes strayed after every new pair appearing in the street, with a special interest in stout persons, which revealed to me the vision of a portly that portly mamma must be in, if she were an ordinary English mother, and was now figuring to herself her daugh ter's arrival in the midst of a popula-tion composed chiefly of Italian brigands ready to pounce upon her and matron is accustomed to suppose, I shuddered to imagine.

that I was specially adapted to take all." this little stray in hand. I am Miss "It is curious, certainly, but I hope Stanley-Drummond, of a family not unknown on either side of the House, do see him "I said. to their own ideas or shall I say their hurriedly, as if that was a dis-Europe, I am obliged to say that I affectations which are current; but I there were about twenty of us tainly say which was he and which was | my private room. This was too much of a good thing. The spinster ladies of England are a very good thing: my dearest friends are among them: but toujours perdrix the proverb is somewhat musty. Apparently men don't feel the same objection to herd continually with their each other. I, for my be mended. For it would be as

little air, which could scarcely be called elderly single woman to travel, as it personal distinction, yet which made it would be to attempt to make them unimpossible for the girl to look common like each other, which is beyond the impossible for the girl to look common, under any circumstances—the perfect physical training and well-being, the perfection of care and regard for her comfort, and the selection of the appropriate and becoming in every personal detail, which suggested that every somal detail, which suggested that every percentant on had surrounded her and precaution had surrounded by the sometimes among us a married woman in the plot, easily deceived into you come to have great troubles, you dones the would effice have done with thanks. What there is sometimes among us a married woman in the plot, easily deceived into you come to have great troubles. Oh, the first, even her mother was sometime most. Her dress was quite simple, yet daughters, indeed;—but then it is hard of the best kind. The train by which upon the poor girls to be brought out we both arrived was a through train, in which most of the passengers had travelled all night; but she had none their natural development. One says of the fagged and disorderly air, to them instinctively, "Ah, in my which so (almost) invariably appears time!" as I could not refrain from do-in the afternoon at least, of the day ing even to my little friend in the omafter a night journey. It was, evident-ly, natural for her to look pale, so that than theirs, with so much more fun, nibus; and our time was much gayer there was no change in that respect; and dancing and laughing in it, and so and her pretty hair was as much in many more of the other individuals to order as, on the head of nineteen, it dance and laugh with!—or so, at least,

it appears now. This would be a hopeless digression, however, if it were not necessary to show how suitable I was to take up the lost stranger. If there had been a man of my party he would have certainly sugabout the girl, and that probably she was an impostor with designs upon my not very richly provided, and I never take it about with me when I travel.) I may be told that men are more, not less, charitable than ladies to feminine wanderers who are young and pretty: but this I do not believe. There may be cases in which sentiments other than charitable come in; but I have always found them very suspicious of what they call adventuresses—perhaps because they know more of that kind

than we do. Having no men of my party, Johnson, who possesses certain of their qualities, assumed the part, and looked very severely at my poor little girl; though how anyone with half simple fact of that little personage I cannot understand. However, when we arrived at the hotel, I left the child to give her own instructions as to tele-grams, and explain the search for the missing parents upon which she desired the porter—that guide, philosopher and friend of all perplexed travellers-at once to be sent: she did with the distinctness of a person quite accustomed to give orders, and not afraid to explain the dilemma in which she found herself. It was I confess that it startled me a little to

hear her give, not one, but two, names of the persons to be inquired after, whom she had, notwithstanding, decarriage; and now at the end where she scribed to me as her mother and father -with a curious transposition of the usual order. "He had better go to all the best hotels, and ask if there is anyone of the name of Hall-or Robertson where to look but for that kind man, Mrs. Robertson-or Hall, or if there is who had himself lost his luggage, and any telegram for me; I am Miss Robertson," she said. It was all very prettily "He said this was the best said, with the perfect simplicity moment, and Johnson gave me a look with wistful eyes at the passengers in the streets.

Decidedly, besides being as tall and strong, and usually a sort of protector in the rooms which had been engaged for me beforehand—(I like to travel

> ity; but I am not sure that it was this feeling or rather a still more natural impulse which made me suggest that if the porter found them, of course her said quickly; and then with a little embarrassed laugh, "You will think it

> and Johnson already in the room be-

yond with her Etna making a pleasant

but though she listened civilly for a moment, and gave me a small smile, I could see that my elderly ancedotes had no interest for the little girl. Her eyes strayed after every new that the she told me with a little blush, as if she were somehow in fault, twisting about a little ring on her finger, with her eyes fixed upon it, that she had been for a long time in school. she had been for a long time in school in Germany for her education, though her home was in England: that as Mamma's health would not permit her Mamma's health would not permit her to live in either country, she had been spending the winter on the Riviera, at Nice and other places; and that, as a matter of fact Mrs. Robertson had married and become Mrs. Hall since

her daughter saw her last.
"And I can't get used to the new name," she said; "I am always forgether goods, as the ordinary British ting: perhaps that is why we have missed each other, for I am afraid now that I directed the telegram when I started In the meantime I may as well men-tion who I myself am, and how it was Hall. And I have never seen him at to Mrs. Robertson instead of Mrs.

middle-aged, or a little more (people draw that line so differently, according shake, but she said "Oh, I hope so," own years?), one of the many unmar-ried English ladies who are to be found Poor little thing! her heart was sore in all the hotels upon every highway in Europe, and even. I believe beyond hard upon the children when a woman marries again, though, of course, to as if seeking some familiar face, was all the more noticeable. I hope I should prefer men's society, or any of those circumstances—would be harder still. We sat there for a little very comfortthey used to be. When I was a girl habit of going down to them, partly venturer. Some of my acquaintances, because it is less trouble, and also be-however, who know him, have thrown because it is less trouble, and also be-however, who know him, have thrown cause I object to the smell of food in the light I expected on the situation,

languidly, declaring that she did not , want anything and would rather stay upstairs; but I know that at her age appetite comes with the sight of food, quaintances are many and various, and may seem to have driven it away. We were but half-way down the stairs, however, when we encountered the manager of the hotel coming up, accomjustice he has no objection to decent panied by a stout and comely lady with her full but charming countenance half hidden under a gauze veil, prepossessing. And then I heard a syon can." "How can I get her out little scream behind me, and I was of his clutches?" said I; "he is her nearly pushed over while my charge made a spring into her mother's arms. "Then mind you keep her clear of I ought to have been delighted, I Freddy," said this oracle. How could know; but I fear the only pleasure this I keep her clear of Freddy? (What a and then Johnson must be convinced of the "smart," to call all their own that she was no impostor, and that kind by such familiar names! Of

every word of her story was true. Of course, Mrs. Robertson, or Hall, overwhelmed me with thanks. What curiosity would be excited by the sight of my pretty little companion) and much abashed in my spirits, having a very dull and lonely meal to look forward to, instead of the cheerful and amusing repast with 1 had expected, with, what almost seemed something like a daughter of my own by my side which prognostic came perfectly true It was a most uninteresting assembly at the table d'hote, which was served at small tables, very nice for a family, but solitary for one person, who was thus made to feel beyond doubt that she was dining absolutely

alone, though in sight of all the world. After dinner while I sat lonely over and daughter came to see me. Mrs. Robertson, or rather Mrs. Hall—but I wholly ridiculous on my part, as I had never heard of the woman before—was was kneeling down with her head over figure, would permit her to be: her hair built up on the top of her head in all manners of puffs and bows (she had pretty hair), and her gown (she had pretty hair), and her gown (she had be recommended in the first one is Miss Effie, and that's why the Colonel means to marry her to hair built up on the top of her head in all manners of puffs and bows (she had pretty hair), and her gown (she had pretty hair), and her gown (she had pretty hair). rules of fashion. How she had managed to exercise so much good taste in Johnson, going on with perfect comrespect to her child, and to show so little in herself, was what I could not wanted and put them on the bed, "is a and that Freddy," said know what it is to be divided between two; and he says she will be the prevy of fortune hunters wherever she goes, approval in my eyes. make out, and there was a mixture in bad lot." her of elation and nervousness which was still more surprising to me. It make it more cheerful for Effie, "for

ful place in Derbyshire; I am sure you must have heard of it." Colonel flull had a pephew with him who would naturally at present, though it's so silly of him, he is mostly taken up with All this was said with the bridle me." All this was said with the bridle and blush, the look of ostentations happiness and shy delight which is either obnoxious or idiotic even in a young bride; but in an elderly, or at least middle-aged one, intolerable; and ret the woman was so fresh, and natural, and kind—so nice in one word, that one could not help liking her after all. pleasure and pride there was something else, an occasional thrill of anxiety, a sudden start at any sound—"Do you think that was Colonel Hall, Effie—" and "Hush, I thought I heard my husband call"-which showed me that she was a little afraid of this brand new possession of hers. She carried the girl off at last in a panic, after a furtive glance at the clock, crying out, "Oh, Effie, we must go, the Colonel will be waiting," with a clang of all the bracebangles with which she was profusely hung about, which betrayed something like a trembling. Effic gave me a look which was full of wonder self." and questioning, wistful, half frighten-

unsatisfied. It was evident that

she was very fond of her mother, but

the question out of her eyes. CHAPTER II. I am an old fool. Here I am still s

count of the little girl whom I have picked up at the station, a perfect stranger, fifteen days ago.

In the first place, there is a kind of a

plot going on against the poor little thing, which the mother, even if she fully sees it, is powerless to prevent. How can I prevent it, or do anything at all in the matter you may well ask? I can't answer; and yet I keep on putting off my departure one day thought possible on so short an ac-quaintance. And this is how it is. My first glance at Colonel Hali settled that gentlemen's character in my mind. A rained roue, one of the sort of people one sees about Monte Carlo, the girl too. with a face full of records, deep fur-rows of dissipation dug in it, and the look of one who perpetually turns night into day; but yet a man who has always kept affeat somehow by good luck, good ittle air of bewilderment and distress, and the way in which she looked about about the world. I am not one who as if seeking some familiar face, was despises my own kind, or pretends to least, without full knowledge of the this man belongs, nor the sort of a tailor he patronizes (and probably confess that I like a little variety and able, enjoying the rest and quiet after never pays. And he knows everythat to be surrounded solely by persons the jungle and shaking of the train; and body, and does not seem to be cut by ed. She was not alone, however, at of my own sex, in pretty much the then I proposed that we should go anyone, so far as I have been able to this moment, but was accompanied by same condition of life, about my own down to the table d'hote dinner. Tables see; and as this place is on a very high a man, who put her into the omnibus age, and, in short, reproductions of me d'hotes, like other things, are not what road to everywhere, of course a number of "smart" people have floated across they were amusing, and one saw all us, even during the time we have been sorts of people. They are not in the here. So I cannot help allowing that least amusing now, but I keep the old he is what he calls himself, and no ad-

Where did Ned Hall pick up that wo-My little companion followed me man? Is she very rich? And what does he have Freddy hanging about am one of them myself arises solely from the fact that he has known me pecole. He gave me a hint, however, as he went away. "If you care about that little girl as you seem to do, get her out of Ned Hall's clutches as soon man only as Freddy, as if I loved him, whereas I knew nothing about him, and

ward than anything among us, she be-came interested, too, and instead of looking sulky threw herself into Effie's interests heart and soul. "Do you think Miss Drummond." she said to me one day, as she was getting something out of one of the boxes -I had asked for it in fear and trem-

bing expecting every moment that Johnson would ask me severely if it was my wish that she should unpack everything, in this place where we had tended to stay only two days? But instead of putting such an unanswerable question to me this was all she said: Do von think Miss Drummond as our young lady is quite happy with

my fire, feeling very tired, yet without "What a question, Johnson," said I, energy enough to go to bed, the mother but very quietly, for my state of mind was most conciliatory; "why shouldn't she be happy with her mother? She instinctively felt the same difficulty as is very fond of her mother, I am

never heard of the woman before—was by no means of the perfect appearance of ladyhood and gentleness which distinguished her daughter. She was a pretty woman, rather florid, with a laughing, simple face; the kind of woman one could not but like, but who evidently was open to be married by any schemer who chose, or to do anything which was warmly urged upon her, and which it could be made pleasant to do. She was dressed as like a bride as a certain lingering sense of

"What can I do?" I cried in de-

friend in the world.
"I am sure she would like it of all

back that way."
"Oh, dear," said Mrs. Hall, I wish I hates him.—" knew what to do! It would be such an advantage to Effic to go with you, Miss
Drummond; but the Colonel has grown
so fond of her, and he would like to
one changes one's mind so, at that show her Nice and all that coast him-

"Oh," said Mrs. Hall again, "I wish I knew what I ought to do!"

And then she told me with a little But she could not keep the trouble and ladies-just as it was the great dis- good care of her; but then all the positinction of the Colonel that he was hall tion and all the advantages will be fellow well met with all the titles at sacrificed that I've been struggling so Monte Carlo. And between these two to secure for her-and she's such s advantages, not to speak of the enormous influence of her new husband,
the poor lady did not know which was
best. But her instinct tol l her that
Freddy was a danger from which her
ing, such a different, different position little girl ought to be set free. Mrs. Hall's money had all come from trade; her husband had been a wealthy manufie would facturer. It is no unusual thing in Freddy Hall's wife?" those circumstances to think a connec-

was the great fortune. Colonel Hall, presumably, had made a mistake, thinking his wife had everything and

Only a day or two after our arrival she said. It was a question to which I abruptly, like a shot from a gun.
was not ready with any reply. "My dear," I said; "that he wan ted "I think your mother is charming,

my dear," I said, can be?" said the girl, with a flush of pleasure; "and so pretty, don't you think, and younger than I am, Miss she's been crying till you can scarcely Drummond? But that is not an see the blue of her eyes, poor, poor answer to my question," she said very gravely, looking me in the face.

"He is like so many men," said I,
"He is a tribe. I must take a little

He sat next to her at the theatre, not know their own mind; as how him for? one of them said to me. The man who said this is a man whose action and said this is a man whose action and said this is a man whose action and said the sai who is not at all Puritanical. That I were having the most intimate of conversations, when she sat down anywhere, with the fire of her surprise.

was ready to accompany her wherever "I hate him," she said, "and so do was ready to accompany her wherever she went, to walk with her, to talk with instinct that sometimes (not always gone to bed? I am sure I could slip thinking not yet of love at all, or, nore Sole, don't you know, that one alknow; but I fear the only pleasure this I keep her clear of Freddy? (What a rather, with a schoolboy's aversion ways sees written up. I should have gave me was the conviction that there ridiculous custom that is, by the way, to it, than a romance on the subject, nobody to meet me at the other end could not endure this persecution. She this time," she said, the tears welling kind by such familiar names! Of struggled with it, making a continual up in her eyes, "as I should have had course, I could think of this young effort to be free. But what was nobody here, but for you. But that her litt'e strength against so many? would not matter, for I have got, oh, for, at first, even her mother was so much experience now. And when unmistakable light. She came up to do.' me-I was on the second floor, but | That evening Johnson and I had a they were au premier, living in the long consultation. I told her that if highest style. She looked like a she ever breathed a word to any serghost if such a thing as a portly ghost vant in the hon e, or, indeed, to any-could be conceived — with panting one for the next week I should give breath and the greatest agitation. her instant notice, wages, and board "Ch, Miss Drummond," she said throw- wages, and never speak to her again; ing herself down on the sofa beside me and then I unfolded my plan. I can-

tremble, "what shall I do? what shall I when I found that Johnson had no ob-"What is the matter?" I cried. "I have only a moment, I can't stay. and that we had better start to-night. The Colonel has gone downstairs to But this, I thought, was not at all the smoke his cigar. Oh, Miss Drummond, wisest thing to do. Accordingly, next he has set his heart on marrying Effic to Freddy. He says if I oppose it I shall be false to him, and he will be

ant to do. She was dressed as like a bride as a certain lingering sense of from under the cover of the box: "Says and yet I know its only for her money, as how the ma has only got an annuity, and the rich one is Miss Effic, and that's Miss Drummond, tell me, tell me, what her go?" "You know it is perfectly with all the are

wanted and put them on the bed, "is a and that Freddy will take care of her.

son, but the eldest is very delicate. gardens and grounds and every luxury things; but then she has never seen the And—oh!" The poor woman clasped —though it was so near a great town; Riviera."

"But you have just told me that she "That is true! that is true!" she said.

"How do you think you could ever bring her to consent?" I said; "and besides, if you married her to Freddy Hall, you would never forgive yourself

in the north!"

"Do you think, Mrs. Hall, that Ef-

She gave me a startled look. "He is tion with rank and fashion the most desirable thing in the world; but I of connections," she said. But next don't know how this really kind, simple moment she started up at some imaginwoman had been taken possession of by it. I discovered afterwards that Johnson's communication was quite talking it over with any one. Oh Miss teen and twenty main Departments. another, with a vague notion of being of use to Effie, who certainly does cling to me as I scarcely could have commercial circles), and that Effie's Next day Effie came to me with nearly main Department, Edward to him!" the poor lady cried.

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Next day Effie came to me with nearly main Department, Edward to him!" the poor lady cried. looked sullen and dark, with a sort of stubborn resistance in her, yet tremthe full disposal of the money, and now | bling too. She talked about nothing for he meant to make up for it by securing a little while, with difficulty, while I, awaiting what I saw was c ming, made Effie had asked me in so many words occupied our thoughts. At last she my opinion of her stepfather.
"How do you like Colonel Hall?" want to make me marry Freddy Hall!"

evident enough for some time past."

mamma! And she says what is she do? I think she thinks he will kill when required. Fach congress will be her if I don't consent." "But that is nonsense, Effie," said I,

you. I know, I know you do. But her, to bring her flowers and bonbons, mother did say one thing; she said, every attention that a lover could give. Oh how I wish I could send you to He was not ill-looking, and he was well-bred enough; and not unamusing. The wonder to me was that so young a girl unaccustomed to such attentions did not railway; will you let Johnson take me fall a victim to them; but there is an to the night train after everybody has heaven knows), protects the innocent. out, and nobody would see; and if she Effic a very frank, little innocent girl, put me into a lady's carriage, the Sig-

her on the subject; but it did, overcom-ing both her love for, and the dread of the child from such a fate! "Effie," I her husband, which latter feeling increased day by day. Probably she heard stairs and look as cheerful as you can. something from him at last, some un- I have thought of something. Give guarded word which put Freddy's true me to-night to think it all over, and motives, and his uncle's meaning in an to-morrow I will tell you what I will

with a shock which made the walls not tell the relief it was to my mind jection to make, if not that it was a pity to los; the twenty-four hours, out of the question, with all the ar "My dear Mrs. Hall, you must de rangements we have male," he replied.
"In the der man the arrangements we have male," he replied.
"But arrangements were made to be de-

all manners of puffs and bows (she had pretty hair), and her gown made according to the last and most elaborate cording to the last and most elaborate ant—"

"And that Master Freddy," said I, severely "how fend your daughter who has nobody dare you come and talk to me of what close to protect her; surely that is the parted from," said I. "Not mine," and the colonel—and poor Mis. "Oh!" she cried again, "you don't know what it is to be divided between and wished, but seeing it could not be

Accordingly, Johnson and I and all Miss Drummond, you are so sensible, and you know those kind of people better than I do—you are one of them train going north, in short, the through was still more surprising to me. It was evident that she was very proud of her new husband whom she quoted at every moment. Colonel Hall had gone to smoke his cigar, "for you know, nothing will ever make up for the want of their smoke," she said (as if I either knew or cared anything about it!) Colonel Hall was the brother of Sir Hubert Hall, "who had such a beauti-Johnson said.

To say that I had already thought of this plan, and, indeed, had insinnated it by several hints and suggestions, will make it apparent to every one what a great comfort and relief it was to me when Johnson "spoke up," to use her own phraseology, like this. I put my plans before Mrs. Hall that very day. "I think," I said, "you have done Milan so very completely, and Colonel Hall seems to be longing so for his dear Riviera again, don't you think you could spare Effle to make a little encouragement from me."

I thought of that," she said, saidy, and the mether south?"

Effle did not say anything, but she littled her eyes to me with such thanks in them! Her mother fidgeted and grew nervous, though she put her hand effisively on mine, as she had a way of doing, and thanked me as the kindest friend in the world.

"I am sure she would like it of all." The away wound are allowed in the money—And Freedy is Sur Hubert's son, Miss Drummond; his second son, but the eldest is very deheate.

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And was this all I ever saw of Effie,

between two railways as it were, flitting in and out of my life? I saw a great deal more of her, and her further story was by no means without interest, and ended very pleasantly; but of this no more can be said here. Colonel she was very fond of her mother, but not accustomed to be very respectful of her, or confide in her judgment; and she had no intention, poor child, of asking me, a stranger, what I thought.

The reason why she thought it would be an advantage to Effic to go with me be an advantage to Effic to go with me be an advantage to Effic to go with me be an advantage to Effic to go with me be an advantage to Effic to go with me be as long as you live.

She fell crying like a child while I stop us, but as we had not gone in that accust one to her uncle, who would never lorgive yourself.

Hail, Joelieve, telegraphed all over the country, to Florence and to Rome to stop us, but as we had not gone in that accust one to her uncle, who would take the properties of the prope

WORLD'S FAIR. THE WORLD'S CONGRESS AUXILIARY. This constitutes the intellectual and

moral branch of the Exposition. Its morto is, "Not Matter, but Mind," and it is organized to provide for the presentation, by papers, addresses and discussion, of the mental and moral status and achievements of the human get into the best society as rice. Under its auspices, a series of congresses will be held in Chicago dur ing the progress of the Exposition, in, which, it is already assured, will partie ipate a great many of the ablest living representatives in the various fields o traces of tears about her eyes. She subdivisions. A programme is being arranged for congresses in each these Departments and divisions, in which specialists and advanced thinkers may participate in discussing the vital and important questions, and pre no advance towards the one subject that senting the best and latest achievements of the human mind in each During the Exposition the Auxiliary will have the use of a magnificent permonent Art Palace, which the Chicago Art Institute, aided by the exposition it, and the Colonel wante i it, has been Directory, is about erecting on the lake front. This will have two large audience rooms, each of 3,500 capacity, and from twenty to thirty rooms, of capacity ranging from 300 to 750. The great Auditorium will also be utilized for the larger congresses and numerous other halls are available supervised by a committee of persons "He is a tribe. I must take a little time to make out what is individual in him. But I am afraid I dont like the nephew at all."

"Oh, isn't he odious!" Effic cried.

And this was the young man who was now constantly by her side. She was never allowed to escape from him.

"But I am afraid I dont like the national interpretation of the may make her unhappy, but not half as unhappy as she would be if you did consent. That is to say, my dear, if you really feel that you could not consent with a good grace." I said this to save my conscience, for indeed, it is true that girls at that age often do it is true that girls at th actively interested in its peculiar field ments or divisions, can be obtained of

its president, Charles C. Bonney. THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS. The participation of women in the Exposition promises to be one of its most interesting as well as novel features. With a commodious and impos ing building, designed by a young lady architect, and with an abundance of money, and with full recognition, and aid by the United States Govern ment and the Exposition Directory, the women have an opportunity showing in most signal manner, the condition of their sex throughout the world, what are the achievements of woman in the various branches of human endeavor, and what is her adaptability to different occupations of industrial and charitable lines work. Under the direction of the

Board's president-Mrs. Potter Palmer -the work of the organization, and of

idly towards completion. Already several are under roof. About 4,000 workmen are employed. Women's building.—This is farther advanced of all. It is roofed and almost completely exteriorly. Covered and adorned with "staff." it appears like a marble palace. The furnishing

of the interior is proceeding.

Mines building.—The framework is up, and finishing touches are being | teet. put on the iron and glass roof. The "staff" is being applied.

Electricity.-Framework completed up to gallery floor, and nearly all of the great steel trusses for the roof in

Horticulture .- The pavilions are up to the roof line. The west curtain is roofed and windows are being placed. The iron work of the dome is being put in position.

Transportation.-Framework practically completed, as also roof sheathing over galleries. Clear-story trusses are

being raised. Administration. -Structural work of the four pavilions completed and exterior covering being applied. Iron work in place up to base of dome, 17

feet from ground, Machinery Hall.—Floor and 6,000 supporting piers completed; superstructure going up, and foundation for annex being laid.

Agriculture.—Interior columns and

gallery girders and joists in position, and the great iron columns supporting the roof being placed. Of the 7,000,-000 feet of lumber which the building will contain, more than half is already utilized. Manufactures and Liberal Arts.

The thirty and one-half acres of flooring are laid, and the superstructure is begun. The huge steel trusses for the roof, which together will contain more metal, by 50 per cent., then the Brook lyn bridge, vill soon be raised. Art Galleries.-Basement and floor are completed, and the brick walls

feet above the second floor. More than 5,000,000 brick are already laid. Fisheries.—The gallery trusses the main building are placed, and the iron framework of both pavilions is

Forestry.—This is about three-fourths fini he l, and will be occupied by the model makers until spring, when the outside rustic work will be put on, and the temporary roof will be replaced by a thatched one.

Dairy .- All the columns are up to the roof line, and the gallery floor is Work on the Illinois State building and on the U.S. Government building is being pushed rapidly. The imita-

tion battleship is completed to the deck level. Insurance is placed and increased on the buildings as their construction proceeds. The amount now carried is above \$1,000,000. During the Exposition, it is estimated, not less than \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000 of insur-

ance will be carried on the buildings and exhibits. All possible precautions are taken against fire. The Exposition grounds are alreedy provided with a full equipment of fire engines and apparatus. In the construction of the buildings about 60,000,000 feet of lumber and 18,000 tons of steel and iron will be used. In their adornment will be utilized nearly 84,000 pieces of ornamental "staff" work, of which about one-third

are already completed, Ir you seek rest in this life, how wilt thou then attain to the everlasting rest? Dispose not thyself for much rest, but for great patience. Seek true peace-not in earth, but in heaven; not in men, nor any other creature,

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Mexico dentists pull a tooth for

-There are 587 languages spoken in Europe. -Tomatoes were not cultivated sev-

enty-five years ago. -The cot bank of Newfoundland is

six hundred miles long. -Fresno, Cal., boast of a 45 pound

weet potato. -The better class of the Phillippine slanders smoke cigars a foot long.

-The British Parliament has met at leven places besides Westminster. -An average acre of grass newly

mowed weighs nearly two and one-half Harry W. Wood, of Lansing, Mich. lialocated his shoulder while stretching

himself. -Culfgula, the Roman Emperor, causes a poet to be thrown to the wild beasts of the arena.

-Apples were worth from 121 to 25 cents each in the reign of Henry VII. of England.

-In the Solomon Islands the market quo ation on a "good quality" wife is 10,000 cocoanuts.

-The Russian Government will lend the Central Famine Committee \$25,-000,000 - ithout i terest, -Immense flocks of crows have ex-

terminated the grass-hopper pest in some parts of California. -The Persian carpets which adorned

the halls of the Shah's Palace at Tehe ran have been in use for 200 years. -Queen V.ctoria's crown kept with, other royal regalia under strong guard at the old tower, is worth about \$600 .-

-A deer was shot in a Bohemist forest, on whose head was a huge ball of bone or horns in the place of the

usual antlers. -Kennebunk, Me., claims the youngest grandfather in the State, in the person of David Parent, who is only thirty-

six years of age. -Humboldt County, California, has a population of 33 000 and \$17,000,000 axable wealth, but it is unconnected with the world by railroads.

- Bank notes in Austria-Hungary are printed on one side in German, and the ther in Magyar, for the benefit of the Hungarians. -The first vessel launched by the

early American colonists was the Blessing of the Bay, launched in Massachusetts Bay, July 4, 1631. -Four skeletons of glants have been

unearthed near Fiorence, Mo. There is a tradition that four mule loads of gold are buried in the same vicinity.

cal amusements, -Money loaned to Luke Hayden, of Torrington, in 1801, was recently paid

into the Connecticut School Fund. times the amount of the original loan has been paid in inter-st. -The total area of boz land in Ireland is 2,830,000 acres, of which 1,-254,000 is mountain bog, and the other

is available for fuel. The average thickness of the peat is twelve -A house in Dedham, Mass., built in 1535, is occupied by a family, the descendants of the original builders. They appreciate the antiquity, and will

show visitors all through it for 25 cents. -The Persian Government has abolished the tobacco monopoly, inedmnifying the company and permitting it a monopoly of export. The priests forced

by forbidding the people to smoke. -A mulatto servant named Robers Smith, who died in St. Louis Mo., re cently, had been employed for many years as "hat man" in a hotel, where his surprising memory enabled him to furnish every guest who left the dia-

ing room with his proper headgear. -The report from the new artesian weil in Huron, South Dakota, show that it is the most wonderful well known to exist. The water spouts up a distance of 100 feet, a d the amount

flowing from the well is estimated at 8000 to 40,000 gallons per minute. -In Boktan they talk of a band of English crusaders who straved away from their lea lers about 1150, A. D. and settled in Kurdistan, and mingling their blood with the native stock, so that it is dangerous for the Britons to be too severe about the faults of the

Kurds. -A curiosity has been found in as Alpena county, Mich., wood, Two hemlock trees, the tranks of which are fifteen inches in diameter, are growing six feet apart. At the height of ter feet from the ground the trunks unite. forming an arch and then form a single setm eighty feet high-

- The creature having the greatest number of distinct eyes is the chiton, a species of mclluse, in the shell of which has been found as many as 11,000 separate and distinct eyes.

-By an act of the British Parliament which was passed March 29, 1867, and came into force June 1 of that year, the Canadian provinces, Ontario and Quebec and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, were federally united into one Dominion of Canada.

-In Nicaragua, Central America, the statues of the gods were generally placed at the foot of the pyramids, while the native fathers north placed theirs at the summit or in temples. While hieroglyphics are common or dols, walls and pottery, yet the patient researches of our archælogists have recovered but little of the manners and habits of these aborigibes.

-Jumbo, a horse owned by a Savir Fock shipbuilder, is said to be the largest horse in Connections. He is nearly sev-n feet high and weighs 1700 pounds. He is a powerful animal, and has dragged with apparent ease a two ton load. With the children be is a great favorite. It costs a good deal to feed him, as he has eight pecks of oats at each meal and makes away with two hundred pounds of hay every week. His shoes are of unusual size and weigh four pounds

sach. said to have concluded to buy the en-tire Borghese Gallery, on the strength of an agreement by which that cele brated art collection will become the property of the Vatican.