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A RACE FOR LIFE.

A gun is heard at the dead of night, "Lifeboat ready!" "Lifeboat ready!"
And every man to the signal true
Fights for the place in the eager crew:
"Now, lads, steady!"
First a glance at the shuddering foam,
Now a look at the loving home.
Then logether, with bated breath.
They lannehed their boat in the gulf of death.
Over the breakers wild,
Lutle they reck of weather,
But tear their, way
Thro' blinding spray,
Hear the skipper cheer and say:

Hear the skipper cheer and say. Up with her, lads, and lift her

All togethert' They see the ship in a sudden flash, They see the ship in a sudden flash,
Sinking ever;
And grip their oars with a deeper breath,
Now it's come to a fight with ucath;
Now or never.
Fifty strokes and they're at her side,
If they live in the boiling tide,
If they live in the boiling tide,
If they live in the case for life;
Ah, my hais, it's a race for life;
Over the breakers wild.
Little they reck of weather,
Fut tear their way
Thre' blinding spray,
Hear the skipper cheer and say,
"Ip with ner, inds, and lift her
All together?"
And loving hearts are on the shore,

And loving hearts are on the shore, Hoping, fearing; Till over the sea there comes a cheer, Then the click of the oars you hear Homeward steering. Homeward steering.

Ne'er a thought of the danger past,
Now the bass are on hand at 1st;
What's a storm to the gallant crew
Who rase for life and who win it, too?
Over the breakers wild.
Little they rock of weather,
But tear their way
Thro' blinding spray,
Hear she 'ktoper cheer and say,
"Up with her, la's, and lift her
All toge her?"

Uniden

ONE EASTER SUNDAY.

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day, sons of men and angels say, Raise your Jos and triumphs high, Sing ye beavens, and earth reply. "We have never lost a letter before!

never! "I mean to send John a telegram in the morning, but don't worry mother.

He'll come all right." The small house in Washington was still as sleep itself. The noises on the s'reet were growing less and less. The A young g ri looked out the window toward the Capitol. The marble walls, and steps, glittered in the moonlight. She locked the door, and turned to her mother, wit a pretence of a smile. Pain and trouble had darkened the fine lines about her eyes, and anxious thoughts seemed to lie on her

lips, unspoken. The little mother was a helpless invalid, and John her only son and sup-port, was in business in New York, He had a better offer, than in Washington, where his father had died some years before. But it was hard for human love to be patient with circum stances like these. The weekly letter and remittance had failed to come, bils were due, and money needed.

"I know one little woman who must be asleep in just fifteen minutes, letters "Yes dear," sighed the mother "John

After her father's death, his devotion to her family was entire. He loved them with loyalty and unselfishness, and when a fine business was opened to him in Denver, he accepted it as a speedy way to claim them for his own. His love was direct, simple and sincere say good-bye, and to-morrow John's letter was to come in its devotion. To-morrow he was to was to come. The rent was due, the bills must be paid. The intensity of the girl's thoughts kept her eyes from for-nothing little voices and sleep, and her heart from rest, but the morrow came; with weariness and a keen sense of pain, she saw the sun rise, and the new day begin. Her lover thought he had never seen her so The scarlet spots on her cheeks, and the intense light in her brown eyes, but her hands were hot as The longing and unrest in the girls undoubtedly the most important find she held them, and her scarlets lips were so tremulous. Better -Oh better to love her a thousand miles away, than to be unable to give her a good home, and help care for the little mother! It was the best! The going was best! his cour-His undying love, his help, age, his strength, his life for her and hers-spaces -silences -distances-all would melt away in love for her, and

It seemed to the young girl, that life was too hard, but then God was very strong, and and His promises to the widow and the fatherless very faith-"Holmes? Holmes? They must have

moved away; used to live here," said the old postman to the new; "Mother and daughter. Fine people, too. But that was long ago.

The Dead Letter Office is a queer old place and full of interest. A large room is surrounded by a wide gatlery, staircase connects it with the lower office. Women work in this narrow place and are sadly crowded. In the large room below sit elderly men, opening dead letters, which they are to re-direct. They are the most honest and reliable men to be found. Every year nearly 4,000,000 dead letters are received, and in one year 3,000 letters came in without one mark on the envelope! 3,000 blank letters! All day long, Summer and Winter, immens bags are tossed off the elevator, filled with "treasures gone astray." sible to trace the owners after the assorting, they are returned, but vast piles accumulate, until once in four years they are sold at auction.

The proceeds are deposited in the United States Treasury. There is no other place in our country so curious as these large closets, filled to the ceiling with precious keepsakes from the rich and poor, young and old: love tokens from over the seas, tiny packages from far off lands, coming only to and the dear one-dead or gone with no clue. Everybody attends these auctions, sadly, currously and with a strange in erest. Whole wardrobes for some dainty baby, precious tokens from mothers to wandering boys and girls, beautiful gifts for some happy bride, jewels of every description, with no end of dolls' quilts, slippers, caps and robes. One great book lies on a table, filled with photographs of soldiers. During and after the war one's heart would break to see the pale, sorrowful women, searching this book for their

But this day, the auction went on and photographs as if he might have lost

"Julia Holmes!" Miss Julia Holmes!" and mouth. They talked and laughed, and the strange story of four long forward, as if struck. He stepped close to the auctioneer. "Starts at a They talked and laughed, and the strange story of four long years was incoherently told.

The little mother died. The brother

dollar, tre defiars-do I bear, three | was unexpectedly ordered to Charlesdollars? Three dollars. Going, going, ton, where he was taken with yellow dollars? Three dollars. Going, going, gone—gone at three dollars."

The stranger held the package greedily and hurried to the street. Lie called a cab, and was driven to his hotel. When his room was reached and the door locked, he cut the string with his pocket-knife, and slowly opened his precious bundle. For some minutes he let it lie on his knee, both hands grasping the strong brown paper, and a flush crept up to his forehead. At last he lifted a dainty white shawl, a lace searf, some hand-kercniefs, with "Julia Holmes," written belowly in the corner of each, a ten boldly in the corner of each, a

Every precious article was shaken carefully. It flashed through his mind to go back to the office, and again examine the records and the letter books.

Money letters have five different records before leaving the office, and The lilies were touched with bright
The lilies were touched with bright
Takinant and the stranger walked and clothes pin boys and egg-shell babbe. Jumping Jacks and thistle girls. Hickory nuts in garb of quakers. Paper dolls with its uccurst. Marjorie names them all demurely; "Cinderella." fair Boy Blue." "Goody Two Shoes," "Bo Peep," too. are checked and counter-checked, so as to make their impossible. If not gold and crimson of the windows. claimed at the end of three months,

Every cent is kept sacredly. For hours, the stranger examined with the proper officials, Index Books and by and by the service closed, the little beautiful the willing servants, we, through the distributing offices; note it cold stone chapel, and the sun shone on cold stone chapel ston all the records; and at last to the name | the glistening ivy, and they two walked of John E. Holmes, was recorded the out into a beautiful world, a new sum of one hundred dollars. And that world, with an Easter joy and glory in was all. Back to the Return Branch; their souls "the world knew not of." | Bennie Blaine is a bright, clever and warmed with something which was to the Apppropriation Cerk, whose business it is to trace letters, give like songs, the little children talked in just left school, and his father was We children thought over the wondates and information. They simply rhythm, and again they sang: found that the money had been sent clock on the mantel was striking twelve. Holmes, one week after the stranger from John E. Holmes to Miss Julia had gone to Denver.

And that was four years ago. A late dinner at the hotel. A dreary lonely evening at the Capital wandering up and down the avenues. He had made impossible inquiries—at the old house, the whole street; had hunted up the Doctor, the grocer and butcher, who had fived near the Holmes'.

"Mrs. Holmes had suddenly died, and Miss Julia had gone with the remains to their old home somewhere. Never came back."

if a little child spoke to him, as he un-folded each article of the package again. hundred years old, three or four axes But, bad as stammering is, it is not cloud. He held them in his fingers and folded them more closely, tied them with twine and put them in his trunk.

smother, and suffocate, such days as these? schoolroom is. Mrs. Porter is too good to me, the children, bless their noisy, good-vils of different sizes and shapes, a fine if you knew that among a number they are just full of life-life, the sort of life one should have in such a world lamp, or candlestick, and several other recovered from scarlet fever or small as this, the same life that chokes me curious objects, the precise use of so! Oh how can I ever live? ever be which have not vet been determined choose him for your companion, walk worth living to anyone? and in this In addition there are several large arm in arm with him, or sit close be until she was quite worn out. beautiful home."

Some things can never be described. eyes, the pitiful quiver of the lips, and at Silchester since the discovery of the the uneasiness in the whole body as bronze Roman eagle, now at Stratbshe leaned her arms on her desk, and buried her face in her hands. Outside the sun broke over the Maryland hills: the flitting clouds passed over the blue children shouted and laughed; and their mother was singing a little song to the baby as he lay in

his carriage in the sweet spring air, and she picked the golden crocuses in the garden beds. To morrow would be Easter Sunday, Her pot of lilies stood on the window The children brought them from still. market. A big pitcher was on her desk, all ready for church in the morn-

ing. How sweet they were! How the birds sang and the buds of Spring were on the maple trees. But when the heart is desolate, how pitiful the hum of happy life! "Miss Julia, there's a man coming in

the gate. Mama has gone to the garden and Mary is shaking the rugs, shall I go to the door?" Without lifting her head Miss Julia replied, "Yes Poly, and if he askes

or your Mama run and call her. Windows opened upon the wide vertreme end. The clatter of little feet failed to attract the teacher's attention, for the children always played there. Polly pushed the window wide open, and exclaimed, "Miss Julia the man didn't want to see mama, he wanted

von!" Pushing her tumbled hair quickly back, and starting to her feet, Miss Julia met the stranger at the open window. Two people never exactly knew what was said in five or ten

minutes! Mrs. Porter came leisurely in from the garden with her hands full of crocuses for her friend. On the couch lay Miss Julia, white as a snow drift, and a strange man was kneeling beside her, with her face on his breast, and astonishing adjectives were falling off his lips, and poor little Polly stood crying with all her might, and a big camphor bottle was in her hands, that had evidently been asked for, but had been forgotten."

Mrs. Porter stepped quickly toward the couch, laid her hand on Miss Julia's cold face, and said, "It is William." The stranger replied, "Oh, it is a miracle, but have I killed her? Can

joy kill any one?
"No-no-let me take care of her, just a minute, she'll be better, see, the just a minute, she'll be better, see, the color is coming. Polly run for Mary, hall and inthe office. and some water." They rubbed her But this day, the auction went on and on. In the corner of the stifling, crowded window, and soon the blood leaped to on. In the corner of the stifling, crowded room, a man stood leaning against the white cheeks and lips, and has cost the Prussian exchequer nearly four million marks, and has occupied four million marks, and has occupied slightly gray and his broad shoulders his arms, and she laughed and stooped a trifle. He studied the faces sobbed and classed her hands of the buyers, and looked at the old about his neck, not once offering to of the buyers, and looked at the old photographs as if he might have lost some one. Deftly and quickly, the push him away. Little Pollylaughed and her mamma wiped away her own tears, packages were tossed about as the names were called, and the buyers shoulder and thanked God that the with marble statuary, an oak dinpaid for them. He had listened for an lost was found. Kisses rained upon hour—all strange names.
"Julia Holmes!" Miss Julia Holmes!" the girlish face, her eyes and cheeks,

ten boldly in the corner of each, a pretty cap for an old lady, and two pairs of slippers;—one for the little mother, the other for the tall sister.

There was no littleness, ro weakness, in the face of the man who held the long slender shoe up to his face, and kissed it reverently and pressed and love's own fulfillment, two people and forth, the busy maid.

Brongst her to the lovely summer holds with all but that's my birtharly sected. You must make the cakes and tea. You must make the cak and kissed it reverently, and pressed his bowed head against the bundle, and ground aloud. It was only a sharp pang in the battle of life.

"There must be some clue! some date, some sign! Oh God! Four years! but I will find her!"

"Every precious article was shaken."

and love's own fulfillment, two people at least, went into the pretty stone chapel to worship one Easter Sunday. The girl was young and full of quiet then we're seated come and see."

The girl was young and full of quiet then we hasten, wondering, guessing, who this "company" cin be. At the head sits Marjorie, smilling. With her dolls on either hand, sailor Jack and blue-yed Gretchen. And around a curious band. Every precious article was shaken radiant and the stranger walked and Clothes pin boys and egg-shell babics,

The lilies were touched with original ness from the sunshine through the gold and crimson of the windows. The voices of the singers were like invisible angels, and all sang together in God's house the old chant:

"Now, Christ is risen, let all rejoice!"

"Gomy I wo sales, the sales, th the money is put into the U.S. visible angels, and all sang together in Treasury subject to the call of the God's house the old chant:

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Sons of men and Angels say, Raise your joys and triumphs high, Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.' MARGABET SPENCER, April, 1892, Washington, D. C.

Autiquity of the Carpenter's Plane.

A very interesting discovery has een made at the Roman city of Silchester. The excavators came across a

fieldsaye, some years ago.

THE FLOWER CALENDAR. APRIL

soften with my sunshine and my showers To heart of earth; with thoughts of love e glide Into the hearts of men; and with the hours

to welcome the procession of the flowers, With their gay banners, and the birds tha

Their song caongs from their aerial towers The Post's Calendar. - Longfellow. Welcome, thrice welcome to this, the month of smiles and tears! We can for flee sg we would from the ancient give her for the days when she hides plague. If we have not already er face in clouds, for the sake of the blithe days when the rain ceases and the sun shines calling the flowers from mediate escape into purer air can save

the ground.

Happy children wander in the woods where beauty plays her idle freaks.' Another child of April is the Blaine. stancy. beautiful Hyacinth, fabled to be the flower sprung from one of the mythoogical characters. Milton records the incident as fol-

Whilome did slay his dearly loved mate, Young Hyacinth, the pride of Spartan land,

then transformed bim to a purple By cultivation, the hyacinth exhibits many shades and gradations of color the principal flowers of April, the brilliant tulip and the odorous hyacinth.

THE treasures of the Metropolitan Museum in New York are guarded by electricity. Underneath the lid of each case are wires and if any one should try to lift or disturb the lids in any

THE Imperial train which has just been completed for the German emmore than three years in construction. Its eleven carriages, connected by corridors, include a study hung with real Gobelin tapestry from Charlottenburg, with marble statuary, an oak din-ing-room, a kitchen and bed-rooms several guests. There is nothing

MARJORIE'S PARTY.

IS IT CATCHING?

Bennie Blaine is a bright, clever asking the principal the other day if he could recommend Bennie to a situa-fully into the fire. By and by he said:

"Well," replied the masser, snow of a place that I believe he would just would like, and where he would just sunshine of happy days and the pressure of sad times, until our lives are sure of sad times, until our lives are "Well," replied the master, "I do He must get over that impedi- they could be." ment before I should be able to do

Some filteen feet down, a correspond- He had not always stuttered. When ent says, the diggers found an urn- he was quite a little fellow he could People lived in the small house close by the Capitol, and children played by the capitol, and children played by the open door. The summer birds chattered familiarly in the trees, and the stranger took off his hat, and wandered up and down in the quiet street, like one looking for the dead. He sliently prayed for the woman whose "Yes dear," sighed the mother "John has never forgoiten, and we'll hear in the morning."

William Baxter had loved Julia Holmes ever since he could remember. After her father's death, his devotion

After her father's death, his devotion

They seem to have been the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, and only laughed at the tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is sorry enough, for it has grown upon him so that every year has through tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is sorry enough, for it has grown upon him so that every year and prudence in assuming the principal specimen is a carpenter. The most common forms of prayer and produce the most of the busy city at his feet, all the thought tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is sorry enough, for it has grown upon him so that every year and prudence in assuming the principal specimen is a carpenter. The most of the busy city at his feet, all the thought tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is sorry enough, for it has a most the might tools of the busy city at his feet, all the thought tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is a bsolutely no release to have the most of the busy city at his feet, all the thought tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is a bould the summer sky—the great white the most of the busy city at his feet, all the thought tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is a bould the summer sky—the most of the busy city at his feet, all the thought tools of a carpenter or silversmith, idea. Now he is a bould t plane of quite modern type, although will ever be able to speak plainly

retaining their fine cutting edges and the worst habit that girl or boy may quite serviceable, a number of chisels learn of a companion. Some have and gouges of all shapes and sizes, learned to cheat, tell falsehoods, to beam. "How is it that one can fret—and manners adzes, saws, files, etc.
"Oh, well, you will have to wait," frequent than they are if the courts in the world it is impossible to say, and suffocate, such days as in the smith's department may be simply through association with those to stop raining after a while."

"Oh, well, you will have to wait," frequent than they are if the courts in the world it is impossible to say, since no census is taken of many to stop raining after a while."

bars of iron. Probably more will be side him on the same seat. I think found deeper down in the well. This is you would give him as wide a berth as undoubtedly the most important find you possible could without seeming unhind. But wicked ways are more dangerons than any infectious fever, "How strange!" said the flowers to

> It is so much more easy to fall into the bad habits of those about vs, than lack of sunshine.
> by our good example to get them to do better; and it is rarely safe for young folks to remain in the society of those whom they know to be badly behaved, with the idea of possibly helping them to improve. If God so places us that we cannot escape from sinful company, without running away from our duties, we may trust Him to preserve us from contamination. But if we seek it carelessly, let us beware; and if we find we are beginning to like, or even tolerate it, let us "caught" the disease, we are on the verge of doing so, and nothing but im-

We have written "Evil communicagathering blue and pink hepaticas, dons corrupt good manners" so often nodding spring beauties, bonny wake in our copy-books that perhaps all we robins and feathery ferns and we turn think about the maxim is that we must to our garden beds and plan for the do a bold capital E at the beginning, Summer's campaign among the flowers. without getting the 'manners' cramped Here before snowdrop and crocus be- at the end. But the truth of the saygin to wither comes the "Tulip race, ing is as fresh as ever. If ever you This flower grows naturally on the with those who do wrong without imi-banks of the Bosphorus and the Turks tating them, or imitate them without consider it the emblem of "Incon- being hurt by it, remember Benny the public park in San Francisco. It and board would furnish the relief

BURIED SUNSHINE. BY SARAH E. TODD.

Ontside, in the darkness, the winter wind sent the snow and dead leaves flying past the window. Inside, the coal-fire warmed the air and lighted the room for our evening talk.

We children sat in comfortable hairs around the fire, wondering what from the deepest purple through tints our dear story-teller would have for us of red and blue to pure white. It is to-night,—our gray-haired uncle, who one of our most attractive garden knew so much, and had seen so many flowers and very desirable for cuttings strange countries. We—Harold, Elsie, and for house culture, its exquisite per- and Bess—watched him anxiously, tryfume scenting the room. These are ing to be patient. By and by he be-

"Ages ago, before any children were aere, and before Adam lived in Eden, ong before the great elephants and birds and reptiles, which have left their skeletons for us, were on the earth, my no fruit-trees grew. There were only all trees, like our pines, and great ferns. ground, and everything grew very fas n the hot, moist air.'

"Wasn't there snything then like what we can see now, uncle?"
"Yes; the same sun shone, and for ong years these plants lived on the lonely earth, and drank in the sunshine and moisture, growing great in every

"And how big were the ferns?" asked been there, they would have towered above our heads as trees do now. Their leaves would have made beautiful tracery against the aky. They were as the ferms now are to the little

ants which run along the ground. Well, though these plants and trees were so great, they could not always live, and, after their death, others like them grew up and died. So, as time the swampy ground was packed so heavily that some of it sank

"With the green things all growing "Yes; and the sand settled upon this drowned land, pushing it farther down, where it lay for long years.

metimes the earth seems weary, and draws a long breath. Her breast heaves, and the land and water change

"Is that an earthquake?" ground under the water came up into the eir again; and upon the hidden ferns and trees more of the same kind grew. They too in time weighed down the soft ground, until it sank, as it had Imagine, children, the first tress and ferns and mosses sinking down, down, and becoming harder and blacker! Of what use were all the years of life in the sunshine, when the ages were crowding them farther out of the way? Up above, the birds, the flowers, and giant beasts had come. Then man came too, and the old earth seemed to be young again, and to be really alive. Did the ferns ever dream

"Uncle, what was it all for?" asked Harold. "Can you guess, children?" We were all silent.

"Let your thoughts jump over the long, fong time before man found, down in the earth, a hard, black, suiny something,-found that it would burn, and named it-"

"Coal!" shouted two voices. "Yes; the ferns are at last free, and the sunshine they stored away ages ago is given to us. Our rooms are lighted and warmed with something which was

"I like to think that we can learn

We were too young to fully under anything for him. No one would take a boy who cannot talk."

How grieved was Mr. Blaine on hear-while we made in our hearts many dry well, which, on being explored, ing this, and how mortified did Bennie proved quite a museum of antiquities, feel when his father told him.

A STRAY SUNBEAM.

silently prayed for the woman whose life had slipped away from him, and were in a wonderful state of preserva as that; as the in the minds of one or life preserva as that if he picked up this learth, that she made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which warned him that if he picked up this learth, that she made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which warned him that if he picked up this learth, that she made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which warned him that if he picked up this learth, that she made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which warned him that if he picked up this learth, that she made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which warned him that if he picked up this learth, that she made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which implements, most of which implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements, most of which implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up her mind to often present in the minds of one or lost implements as the made up h

on the edge of a cloud and cried. "What is the matter?" asked the

"I want to go to the earth, and I can't get through," sobbed the sun-

The cloud said no more, and presently the rain ceased, the sun-light tell you-that in the vast majority jungles of Africa can only be guessed ways, pair of tongs adapted for lifting cruthe sort cibles, a curious tripod candelabrum where you were playing was one barely to broke through and it was a clear day.

Then she ventured forth and stole Then she ventured forth and stole

slowly towards the earth. pox, I don't fancy any of you would afraid of being seen, and she had to hide behind walls and around corners She did wish that she had never left home; some flowers asked her to shine on them, but she answered them

for they hurt not the body only, but each other. "I never knew a sunbeam | and disagreements among themselves | curate figures and estimates had ento be disagreeable before;" and they and that there can be no absolute di- abled him to guess more closely. closed their petals and drooped for vorce which will permit new alliances Two years later Mr. Behm est.

had been missed. Messengers were sent to the earth, and after a great search, they found her, hiding behind a big rock and crying. They took her back, and though she

was very glad to gr. home, she was afraid that the sun would scold her but he only looked very grave. "My child," he said, "have you been happy to-day?"
"No," said the sunbeam.

"Have you done good to any one?" settled up their quarrels without ation is increasing at "No," she answered again, thinking scandalizing the public or their nearly 6,000,000 a year. of the drooping flowers. Then the sun talked kindly to her and told her that sunbeams go to the earth only to make people and things happy, and then they are happy

QUARITCH, the noted London bookealer, intends to send to the exposition an autograph letter of Christophe Columbus for which he paid five

MOVING A COCOANUT TREE.

A cocoanut tree that weighs six tone trench around the tree, which stood in a grove near Honolulu, a massive box was built to enclose the roots. Above the box was a frame that had jack screws for lifting the entire mass. After the tree had been raised it was canted, and its long leaves were gathered together and tied. The nuts were wrapped in soft packing. By hydraulic power the mass was rain truck that carried it to the beach, where it awaits shipment.

THE French have planned works at Havre for utilizing the ebb and flow of the tide to work Turbine wheels to generate power for the dynamos to supply Paris with light. THERE is a tradition that Erichthon-

ius of Athens built the first war chariot about 1586 B. C. At the time of the Exodus (B. C. 1491) Pharaoh had 600 war chariots.

APRIL. BY NELLA H. CHAPWAN.

Fair April skies through tearful mists seem smiling on the lea;
Warm breezes sweep with balmy breath across the troubled sea;
The sweet aroutus stars the wood, the sun and tangled sedge;
An oriole is calling softly from the leaffus hedge.

Gay daffodils are nodding in their robes al tattered gold;
The violets are budding, fragrant cherry blooms unfoid;
Pale willows fiaunt their filmy green above the meadow brook;
The ferns droop dank and dewy, deep within some skyltered nook.

Bright cow-slips gleam and glimmer like strav sunLeams in the morn;
The blac plames are waving, snowy garlands neath the thorn;
Songs long atune to sorrow, rise in notes of hope and cheer.
And burdened hearts grow lighter with the waking of the year.

The demand for a uniform divorce

loubtedly comes from those who honestly believe such a reform a desirthle one; but it is about as illogical a ters which belong to the States. The | reat "light word," or the inhabitants anfortunate probability is, however, of the seventh heaven who surroung that uniformity would inflict worse All, and are perpetually illuminated svils than it could by any possibility by his presence.

oure. Any uniformity which could Most Ansairee pretend to a knowl-

be secured by the consent of three-dge of what they did in a former fourths of the States-and no uni- existence, whether as animals or fourths of the States—and no uni-formity is attainable without such men; and at Tarsus it is a common his dau enter had lost seven years preconsent-would almost inevitably theory amongst them that the Frankembody the worst features of the ex- ish travelers, intent on archæological isting State laws; or it is not conceiv- research, come to look for treasures able that the States which have taken which they remember to have seen in such pains to make divorce easy these spots during a former existence. would assent, merely for the sake of A man, they say, who has not acted having a uniform law, to more severe rightly in this life may be punished restrictions.

arding too much to assert that sacred mysteries of religion.

loubt that this consideration is very Trinity.

dissensions of the married which are "Ain, Min, Sin," 500 times in sucsometimes so bitter, and which end bession. frequently in tragedles which startle the community and blight the lives of whole families, would be far less who has done a divorce business will the number of people who live in the of cases where divorce is sought on it. the ground of cruelty or incompatiwas bility of temper the parties have man- ng German authority, estimated the aged to endure each other with great population of the earth at about fortitude until the "other man" or 1,400,000,000. "other woman" appeared on the In 1880, the same authority set the scene. Then the cruelty becomes induced at about 100,000,000 more. He tolerable and relief is sought in the did not base this new estimate on the livorce court. Notify the married natural increase of the people of the that they must settle their differences world, but explained that more acand five-sixths of those differences mated the earth's population at 22, will be amicably settled. It was so 300,000 less than in 1880, the de-In the old days before divorce was crease being accounted for by the made so easy and became so common. fact that new investigations had com-There were cantankerous men and pelled the reduction of the estimated schrewish, aggravating women in the population of China from something days of our grandfathers and grand- over 400,000,000 to about 350,000,000. mothers, and they used, no doubt, to Probably the estimate for the year harry and nag one another at times (891, made by a learned German sta in the most exasperating way. But tistician, is the most nearly accurate becase they knew that they must put of any yet made-1,480,000,000.

families or shooting anybody. Their The most populace country in Asia, descendants would do the same if they were compelled to. It is too late in the age, perhaps, outnumber the people of all the other to abolish divorce altogether; but it countries of the continent. would be a great boon to the community if the province of the abso- s, of course, Europe. The number lute divorce were very greatly re- of people in Europe is known with a stricted, and if in every case where it great degree of accuracy. There are is granted the divorced were re- about 360,000,000; and the continent strained for a considerable period which accomodates all these people i from remarrying. For a large ma- to small that there are upon it as ority of the cases in which relief average of ninety-three people to the from cruelty is asked and ought square mile. is to be transferred from Honolulu to be granted a divorce from bed without offering any inducement for out the Artic regions, are less than magnifying the necessity of protec- 122,000,000 in number, or only eight tion. It would furnish, moreover, to the square mile. the opportunity which ought to be given in every case of marital dis-

agreement for reconciliation. This is the reform, rather than a uniform divorce law, which the coun- of the whole world at the present try needs. If the advocates of uniformity will turn their efforts and their earnestness in the direction of securing in the several States such a modification of existing laws as indicated they will be doing a better work than that in which they are now engaged—a work in which success would be of immense benefit to society and to the institution of the family, which is seriously threatened by all this laxity of divorce. - Free ress.

HE who gives himself airs of importance exhibits the credentials of mpotence -Lavater.

How can we expect a harvest of thoughts which have not had the seedtime of character? Scientific temperance instruction is

upposed to be given to twelve milons of American children. The worth of it depends very much upon the charscter of the teacher. A KNOWLEDGE of the physiology of

the human larynx has made it possible to supply artificial voices to people who have been deprived of the one nature gave them, and a number of has been opened and a larynx, made of suitable material with rubber membranes, has been inserted and become of practical use 'n speech. HEAVEN IN THE STARS.

Republican.

aw which is so persistently made un- furious Faith of the Ausaires-They Bo-

The belief in metempsychosis is ery curious among the Ansairee. lemand as can well be conceived. Ordinary Mussulmans, they say, pass There is no evidence whatever that nto jackals after death; and it is a the worst of the evils of our divorce common saying among them, when system spring from a lack of uniform- | she jackals how at night. "Listen ty of the divorce laws of the several to the Mussulmans calling to prayer." States, or even that the evils which Bad men after death have to "walk to spring therefrom are very serious. In low envelopes " as their expression The objections raised to a lack of joes, making use of the Arabic word aniformity are based for the most "kamees" for the envelope of the part on the uncertainty which some-times arises as to the legal status of word "chemise." For what reason I "Yes, Elsie. So it was then, and the livorced persons or their right to know not, Christian doctors are supmarry again, and this is certainly a posed to go into very low envelopes. minor evil compared with some of | ndeed, and become swine when this those which are traceable to our dirorce system. If uniformity could upes, and so forth, writes a traveler. sure these evils without inflicting The stars, they say, are "envelopes worse ones on the community there of light," the destination of the great would be no objection to it beyond and good Ansairee who have distinthe strong objection there is in a gov- ruished themselves in this life by ernment like ours to giving to the their charity and integrity; and there federal power control over the mat- are 50,000 of them who form the

In the next existence by being born a The real evil of our divorce system woman, and a woman who does her s not lack of uniformity but laxity juty in this life may be rewarded in in the matter of granting divorce, the next by being born a man. The ease with which the marriage Womankind is considered by them a tle is dissolved is the crying disgrace sort of probationary step between the of the country; and while there are inimal world and the lords of creeases, no doubt, where a good deal of stion, and their women are treated wretchedness is saved by the inter by them with great contempt and size in South America, where they position of the courts, it is not haz gever permitted to participate in the

the sum total of human wretch- One of the most curious features of edness would be materially lessened the Ansairee faith is their belief in f there were no such a thing as the Trinity: All, the Father; Malivorce from the bonds of marriage. homet, the Son, and Salman el Fari, It is almost absolutely certain that the Holy Ghost. Ali, the Father, besuch were the condition of our laws came man through his veil or reprehere would be far fewer of the im- sentative, Mahomet; and Mahomet provident and reckless marriages appointed Salman to superintend the which are the sure precursors of di- affairs of this world after his return corce. It is true, probably, that the to his father's kingdom. This myscontractors of these marriages do not tery of a Trinity is the second item say to themselves in so many words in the Ansairee religion, and is unithat there is less need for care and versally believed in by all the four prudence in marrying because the law sects: it is called "the mystery of the eight samples are known to exist, and affords an easy relief from an unbap A. M. S.," from the initial letters those that are in good condition are py marriage, but there can be no of the three individuals of their

both of the parties. Apprise them sect is more commonly called in the It is certain, moreover, that the among them is to say the words

The Feople of the Earth.

Exactly how many people there are

As long ago as 1866, Behm, a lead

up with one another they did it and It is believed that the world's popu settled up their quarrels without ation is increasing at the rate of which contains two countries-China and India-whose swarming millions

The most densely peopled continen

The people upon the two continent of North and South America, with

When America is as densely people as Europe, this half of the world will have a population of nearly 1,400, 000,000-practically the same as tha time. - Youth's Companion. The Facts in the Case.

He was up before a Western jus tice for playing poker for money. "So you were playing cards? jueried the court, sarcastically. "No, your henor, I was not," was the prompt reply. "Not playing cards?" and the

court's amazement was plainly visi ble. "Why, the officer arrested yo at the table." "I know it, your honor," "Then why do you say you wer

not playing?" Because I wasn't, your honor. The other fellow was doing all the play ing."-Detroit Free Press.

Doing will not take us to heaven, but 10t doing may keep us out. A gind of bituminous rock, which is lound in several places in California, in seing extensively used for street pave nents in that State. These pavements

THE CREEDE miners get \$3 a day.

ere very like ashphalt. CREAM SAUCE.-This is also made ike white sauce, with the exception hat cream is used instead of water. Consuls were first appointed in 1485. New Mexico has a messenger boy NEWS IN BRIEF.

 Envelopes were first used in 1839. -Aræthesia was discovered in 1844. -The Franciscans arrived in England

-The first horse rabroad was built in 1826 27.

-A Catasauqua (Penn.) man roasts and eats cats as his only meal, --Queen Victoria's cook ge's \$3500 a year.

-Thirteen tons of postage stamps are said to have been sold in New York City last year,

- Condensed milk forms an import ant item in the supplies of the average winter resort hotel

-All the quicksilver produced in the United States comes from California and one mine in Oregon. -Etony is plentiful enough in some

parts of Mexico to be used for firewe od. -The paper tree of the South Seas is a kind of mulberry, with an inner bark of peculiar delicacy and softness.

-Califronia has ten peaks over 10,-000 feet high, and scores of high waterfalls, glaciers and big trees. - John Carney, a Kancas farmer, re-

vious, -The trouble in lighting by storage battery heretofore has been the great weight of the batteries and the cost of

charging.

-It appears that the electrical smelt ing furnance, sometime since invented in England has given very satisfactory results in working.

-Marching is hard work. According to the sc entist, walking ten miles in line is as exhaustive as walking twenty at a go-as-you-please gait. -Grasshoppers attain their greatest

grow to the length of five inches, and their wings spread out ten inches. -The first telegraphic instrument was successfully operated by S. F. B. Morse, the inventor, in 1885, though the utility was not demonstrated to the

world until 1842.

-A penman of Vienna, Austria once wrote 400 Hebrew letters on a single grain of wheat. At another time he wrote a Hebrew prayer on the edge of a visiting card. -It is a matter of record that 19.570

dollars were coined in 1804, yet only

valued at \$1000 each. -Subterrane an fires in the coal deposits of Wyoming, which have been raging for twelve years, recently generated gases which exploded and dis-

-A scientific statistician has figured that light travels more than 11, 000,000 times as fast as an express train rushing along at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

-Almost any place in the Sahara

placed 150 acres of surface.

desert one can find glass sticks or tubes from one to three feet in length, caused by lightning striking the pure sand and instantly converting it into that fragile substance. -The La Plata was discovered by Juan Diaz de Solls in 1516, who took

passession of the country for the crown

of Spaln, Buenos Ayres was founded

by Don Pedro de Mendoza, who became governor in 1535. -Circassian boys and girls may still be bought in Constantinople, Turkey, at fair prices. This is due more to the fact that their parents are eager to sell them than to any real existence of

ora., 70 years o'd, who boasts that he never wore a pair of boots, bought a suit of clothes, white shirt or any store clothes in his life, or wore a collar or necktie. -- It is to Italy that the world owes its ice cream, though doubtless Italy got

the idea from the sherbet of the Per-

-There is a man living in Calhoun

sians. The peddling of penny ices has long been a distinctive industry of the Italian peasantry. -The Phonicians were acquainted with the use of extremely hardened iron (properly speaking stee!), as thek numerous and beautiful works in orgamental metallurgy, and the cutting

and engraving of precious stones show

-It is interesting to learn that in the

Ninth | entury European Kings wore

wooden shoes. In those days, in fact, a monarch did not possess one-half the creature comforts and luxuries that the numblest persant can now ob-'ain. -The Grand Duke Paul of Russ's carries his bed about with him wher he travels, not as in the case of Queer Victoria because she prefers it to

others, but because he is so tall that he cannot sleep in a bedstead of ordinary proportions. -It is recorded that in the time of King William II. there occured in England a wonderful shower of stars, which "seemed to fall like rain from heaven. An eye-witness seving where an aero lite fell, cast water upon it, which was raised in steam with a great noise G

boiling." -Figures furnished concerning the salt product of the United States make the production during the year 1891 10,229,691 barrels. About four-tenths of this is from Michigan, four-tenths from New York, not quite one-tenth from Kansas and the remainder from Ohio, West Virginia. Louisiana, Utah, Nevada and Texas. -One of the earliest accounts or

star-showers is that which relates how, in 472, the sky at Cons antino; le, Turkey, appeared to be alive with flying stars and meteors. In some Eastern annals we are told that in October, 1202, "the stars appeared like waves upon the sky. They flew about like grasshoppers, and were dispersed from left to right," -In Ireland a favor te remedy for

every kind of internal pain is hot vinegar punch: indeed, vinegar taken either cold or hot is considered almost a specific for everything. It must be comforting in some cases! It is much used for a "suquezin" on the hart," which is the commonest complaint of all. LOBSTER SAUCE .- Add two or three

ta lespoonfuls of the mest of boiled lobster, chopped, to a white sauce. Toll bridges still exist in Kentucky and in Maine.

Eighty per cent, of college editors adopt journalism as their profession.