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the golden rods which wreathed September

Fade and "part, he has their wearer now; The glory of the aster now is past, White gentians blo-som only late and tast

night royally October came to reign, nich in tre harvest time of fruit and grain; a majesty he sits upon the throne Wearing the gold and crimson all his own.

POOR JIM.

BY MARION SACRETY.

He had always loved her. He loved her, when he was a tall, thin ind of fifteen and she a golden baired little witch of ten. They were near neighbors and She used to climb upon his knee, and with her pretty, dimpled arms about his neck, lay her warm cheek against his own, while he told her stories in the summer twilight. Love her?-why boy as he was, he ould have died for her. And she knew it, the selfish little creature, and would laugh in the prettiest way, and cry out: Jim loves me!" Jim loves me!" tte was such a friendless, isolated boy, with neither brother, sister nor companions. His father, a stern, silent man. old, when Jim was born; and his mother, a poor, sickly woman, with little to say to snyone. It was Nellie's happy, childish voice which awoke him in the morning. It is great love for her that kept his young heart from freezing in his bosom. Love her? He worshiped her. So time passed, until Nell's parents both died, and a willowed aunt, (whose only son had run away to sea), came to take care of her. Then there came a day, when Jim was twenty-one, and the girl sixteen, when his old father tay dead in the silent farm house, and his gray-haired mother sat with hands clasped in prayer, beside his coffin, while Jim with his face hidden from view, wept miserable tears, not so much for the father lying dead, as for the patient love sitting beside. And so she the girl he loved found him, and taking his hands in hers, whispered, "Don't cry Jim, you've got me." Oh, the light that shone in his pale, tired face! Clasped themselves. Her lips mur will bloom and multiply year after the great wave of gladness that the shone in his pale, tired face! Clasped themselves. Her lips mur will bloom and multiply year after the great wave of gladness that cry Jim, you've got me." Oh, the Oh, the great wave of gladness that swent across his heart at her words. Yes. thank God he had her, and that night he asked her to be his wife, and she,

him and would be his at last!" running in one evening, her golden hair streaming behind her, her lovely eves affame with excitement, crying out: "Jim, Jim, guess, guess,

"Guess what, sweetheart?" he answered, rising from the supper table. "Gness who has come."

"He shakes his head gravely, "im-'Well then, Aunt Lucy's son, Ralph, and such a handsome, handsome fel-

low." Nellie had never seen anyone like him in all her life. Jim's eyes darken and his heart

beats quickly, a queer sensation takes forgave her. possession of him. "Handsome?" he repeats rather weakly after her. "Oh, yes, very! Such eyes, such hair, such a laughing, merry face!"

Not at all like her poor Jim's, who always looked more like crying than laughing. "Would Jim go back with her and see him, and hear him talk? Such wonderful stories as he could tell of the great world which neither he nor she had ever seen; and besides he played on the violin, and sang beacti-Would Jim come at once?" And so she rattled on while Jim's

with her, and was introduced to the man who was to bring him bitterest misery. Handsome, the stranger certainly was, with a bold, dashing beauty, which is hard to describe. Face dark, with flashing black eyes, gleaming white teeth, and a winning off-hand manner to remain long?" Jim asked. And talking to a stranger at the "gate.

come. should stay some time if his mother stranger to her husband as an old and little consin would have him. He friend of Ralph's who had been

of his brilliant smiles. That evening there was no goodtime in her life the girl drew back that her troubles were all en when her lover offered to draw her towards him. A pair of keen, smiling eyes watched them from the door-way, and poor Jim went home with that never went away after that night.

Alas for Jim-th nner and paler grew his face, rarer and rarer his smile. God alone knew what he suffered as he | was no sound of Nellie's voice, watched those two. As he listened to their merry laughter; as he saw him caning over her chair sometimes with his hand resting upon her curls; sometimes lying at her feet singing to her in his rice voice, his great, bold eyes fixed upon her face, charming the fooldeath came over him as he saw how is eyesight seemed to fail him as he white the girl's face grew, and how she trembled at his loving touch, as she

said: "No-no; it could not be. He | this dull life longer. M friend whom must wait. He must wait." Spring came with its thousand beautios, its bright warm sunlight, its opening flowers; but he who had always and good bye, forever, loved and welcomed these things took no pleasure in them now. Colder : nl

colder grew his heart, darker and da. ... One evening he went to seek her and found the two together, as they stood in the shadow of a tall tree. His arms were about her. Her face was hidden upon his breast, just as she had hidden it upon Jim's aching heart so long ago. Her sobs feil upon the night

"Poor little pet," the traitor's voice was saying, "cheer up, he shall never take you from me! What, marry him with his graveyard face? We will go away. You have never cared for him fool, he should have known it, long

sgo."
"He knows it now," said poor Jim, standing before them. There was a sharp cry from the girl, then stlence for one brief moment. Then his miserable voice went on, "Nellie, little love, I give you up, I give you to the man you love.

A few weeks later Nellie and her mother had sold their place and gone, while Jim remained alone with his mother and bis undying misery. Patiently, and silently for her sake be bore it all. She was dependent upon him for everything. He must not fail

Two years passed and there came a night when mother and son sat be- that it was one of the narrow, flag like fore the fire, in the great kitchen. It had been a terrible day. Bitterly cold and snowing hard, and now the dreary thus substituting the emblem of hope wind came sweeping down the wide open chimney moaning like a human being in distress.

Jim was reading aloud to his mother, when suddenly there came a knock at the door, and a voice called, "Open! open! quick!" As Jim hastened to bey, a woman covered with snow fell upou her knees before him. A white the pleasures of hope and one address face was upturned to his

"Jim, Jim, save me, save my baby. We are freezing. Without a word he took them in his

arms, placing her before the fire. Of gold" is, also, a spring variety, Without a word, though trembling in every limb, he undid her shawl and took her wet hat from her head, then chocolate. Their "gilded spikes and arms, placing her before the fire. he laid her baby upon his mother's bed, and bade her get food for the wanderer. While his mother Crocus close so quickly in the shade, hastened to do his bidding, he stood in pitiful silence, not daring to look at cut flowers, but in gay, garden beds Nellie. Her hair wet from the falling upon the lawn, their blithe faces seem snow fell about her white, childish face; her great blue eyes with dark of living.
rings around them, were fastened on A bed of crocuses planted in the fall.

"Jim-Jim-look at me. Speak to attractive in grassy corners, while in me. Say I am welcome. In all the window boxes in the house, a sunny world I have no one but you. Aunthiding her blushing face on his breast, husband-both dead. On he was a weeks. promised that she would. Did she cruel, bad man, Jim. I have suffered. love him? Oh, surely, had she not But he is dead-and my baby and known him all her life, who could she I are all alone-alone. I am homeless by imagine, unless that in its native and like the | habitat it comes into blossom so ear must wat, she was too young to marry yet awhile. "Wait, why he would wait years. So that she loved him and would be his at last!"

—cold and unigry—Jim, and like the little child that used to climb upon his little child that used to climb upon his hee she stretched her arms towards him and sobbed bitterly, "Forgive me little child that used to climb upon his hee she stretched her arms towards him and sobbed bitterly, "Forgive me Jim—forgive me. Let me stay with fall crocus yielding the saffron of com-

> he do but take her in his arms, weep- like the Sicilian crocus which also blos ing over her while he kissed the childish face; trying to forget the great wrongs he had done him and so soothe ling C. Sativas, is colchicum autumuher tears away.

> Once again they were together differing mainly in having six in the old farm house. Once stamens instead of three, and again they sat side by side as in the three styles instead of one. It belongs old days. Once again her beautiful to the Lilacese, and, in the temperate face charmed him back to life and hapiness. He took her child to his faithful heart because it was hers. She was | meadows in early autumn. It takes its his wife at last, He loved her. He

So flew the year away. Jim working early and late that his dear ones might be comfortable. His mother grew feeble, she was passing away. Life Colchis, was mythically supposed to was very quiet in the old farm house. There was little noise heard save the chatter of Nell's baby. She made music for them all. Jim had learned to love her dearly. She would sit for hours on his knee, and was always on the watch to see him come in, and would run to meet him clapping her little han is gleefully as he caught her heart grew heavier and heavier, and up in his strong arms. Nell sometimes with this heavy heart he went back with her and was introduced to the the excitement of the great city where she had passed the two years of her absence. "Would he not sell the 'farm'

absence. and move there?" Jim would look at her rather sorrow and a fully, "What, leave the dear old about house?" One evening he came back "What, leave the dear old bim impossible to resist, "Had he come from the village and found his wife there was that within his breast which was a tall, blond man dressed in the whispered, "Oh would be had never extreme of fashion. Nell's eyes were shining like two "Stars;" her cheeks "Yes," the new comer thought "he flushed hotly as she introduced the was tired of roaming and had money to kind to them all and, lifting his hat, live quiet for a while." (This with one turned away saying, that he returned to the city that evening. He had learned where she was and had looked night kiss at the door. For the first her up. He was very happy to find ded. And so he left them, and Nell with her arm

through her husband's went back to the house singing merrily. Late one afternoon Jim came wretched feeling in his breast which from a distant field where he had been hard at work in the hot sun all day, There were no more happy evenings He came with willing feet to his door, her, and she asks me timidly if I think passed in the little parlor; no more the was very weary. He would be pleasant walks and drives over the glad to rest in the sweet twilight, muslin, adding that her mother says I beside his pretty wife and her little "May I come in?" Ralph's voice one. He would be glad to have his would ask at the door, "would Jim mother come to him, and kiss him in wear black lace, but Virginia comes

> meet him as was her way, and there you are about, cousin. She says you He went in; only his mother rose to

"Did you not see her, Jim? She went to meet you over an hour ago." you'd be so silly as to be fond of ice-cream soda. I tell you," concluded God knows what Jim suffered as he tes. They would be coming presently. the damsel, mournfully, "I'm begin noticed how she would start from his He went upstairs. How quiet the ning to feel desperate, and some day I side, blushing and confused whenever that dark face showed itself, and Jim knew him for what he was-a bad mother and child, thought poor Jim,

as he entered their room. All was at the village taverh, and went home neat and in order. The dying sunwith his drunkenness upon him in the light feil upon the floor. In the tall small hours of the morning. Once in trees outside his window the twitter of his pain and misery he spoke to Nell, the birds came to his ear. How beautipraying for the sake of old days to ful was God's world. How sweet the Prussis during sickness, the monarch marry him at once. Telling her with his dietected eyes full of tears, how desolate his life his life. What was this upon which the table. What was this upon which the table. desolate his life was; how he longed to his eyes rested? A letter addressed to his home; how his heart him, and in the handwriting of his hungered to call her "wife," and then wife. A strange faintness came over it seemed as though the weakness of him as he stood with it in his hand.

"Jim-forgive me-1 cannot bear

MIFFLINTOWN, JUNIATA COUNTY, PENNA., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1892.

you saw will help me. ...e will be good to my child. I have never loved you as I should. I leave you. Forget me,

NELLIE." Jim-poor Jim. He stood swaying backward and forward. She, the idol of his boyhood. The chill that he had loved in her innocent youth. The woman he had worshipped. She had left him, and gone to a life of shame. And at the bitter thought his great heart broke, and he fell upon the bed still with that cruel letter in his hand. That night he lay dying, and in his delirium he fancied that she who bent above him, praying Heaven to save him, and not to leave her desolate in her old age, was his faise love. And toying with the gray hair of his mother, would whisper, "Oh beautiful golden hair" and when her trembling lips were laid against his own, he would sigh, "Oh sweet soft lips," and thinking thus, the dimness of death settled down upon his faithful eyes

THE CROCUS.

This bright little flower belongs to the Iridacese and includes a number of varieties. Crocus vernus, with its white, purple and striped blossoms, is, like the snowdrop, a harbinger of Spring, bursting from the earth before the snow has fairly vanished.

Some fanciful persons have imagine 1 leaves of this plant, which the dove for the olive branch of peace. The crocus is a native of the Orient and one of the flowers in which the ancients delighted Homer speaks of "crocus and hyacinth" and the Greece were gay with their blossoms, regal in purple and gold. The po ts

"Thine is the flower of hope, whose hue Is bright with coming joy.

have always associated the crocus

Crocus luteum and susiana, or "cloth

that they are not very satisfactory as tell of youth and hope and the glory

corner may be made brilliant for This flower has been dedicated to St. Valentine, though why, one can scarce-

The summer and fall passed, and winter approached. Then Nell came you Jim-I do-I do." | merce from its long, narrow, orange-red stigmas. It has been quite exten-What could the man do, who had sively cultivated in England for this worshiped her all his life? What could purpose. It is purple and fragrant soms in the fall.

> nale or meadow saffon, the latter countries of Europe, may shiring upon the green sward of moist name from Colchis, an ancient country of Asia, celebrated in mythology as the destination of the Argonauts and the home of Medea and the Golden Fleece. The flower, which abounds to spring from some drops of the fluid which Medea prepared to restore the aged Eson to youth. It is highly medicinal and is popularly believed to be a preventive against every malady, the Swiss tying it about the necks

> of their children to ward off evil. It is, to the botanist, a singularly interesting flower. It rises directly from the new tuber in the autumn its pale, purple corolla having six dibut neither stems nor leaves; the long, white tubular prolongation of the flower being its only support, at the lower end of which is found the seed inclosed in a protecting sheath buried deep in the grass, and ripening in the following Spring when the leaves are formed, thus reversing the usual order of plant growth and blossoming with the fruits of autumn while it finds its seedtime among the flowers

The idustration shows the flowers. leaves and bulb of Crocus vernus.

A MATTER OF FEELING.

"A woman is old or young, by comarison," once said a bright girl. 'What do I mean? Well, I'll tell you. I'm twenty-four, and I maintain I'm remarkably well-preserved. You'llagree that I'm rather too youthful-looking for a chaperon. But here my dear Aunt Jane has asked me to look out for Cousin Virginia while she does some shopping in town. Virginia 13 eighteen, and she's a good deal of an ingenue. Well, I go shopping with her, and she asks me timidly if I think always had such good judgment. In care if Ralph went with them? He was her quiet way. Ahl there was no hapso lonely."

Mear once he, but virginia comes
down in white muslin and pick ribbons. She won't play. 'because mam-Strange the child did not run to ma says I must never, never play when have such a fine technique and su really professional touch, not a bit like my school-girly performances.' Then "Nekie and the child, mother, where are they?" he asked. She looked this control in the child, mother, where are they?" he asked. She looked ice-cream soda place and I propose a refreshing drink, Virginia giggles and refreshing drink, Virginia giggles and shall be rude to Virginia about Aunt Jane. And then that relative of mine will soothe her daughter by remarking All was that she mustn't mind, for of course I'm getting old and a little crabbed."

When an eminent physician was visiting King Frederick the Great of

"How many people have you sent out of the world?" The physician, nothing staggered, replied 'Not so many as your majesty. replied 'Not so many as your majesty, nor with such great honor and glory."

Scissons-GRINDERS do not complain

GREEK PEASANT OIRLS AND HOW THEY LIVE.

It is a warm day in May, warm as it his burning beams; already the freshness of spring has passed, and the earth looks parched and dry. Away in the distance the dark shadows are her church, may be seen in almost lift their graceful outlines into the sky, and breadth of Greece, their sides hardly clothed by a single Just before midnig beat is in the clear fine air; great grassmeek-looking goats with pendant ears and thin,dingy colored sheep, patiently crop the dusty grass from which an English-bred animal would turn in as the summer goes on and the heat cakes, пстеазев.

This is a Greek landscape; a landscape such as one may see almost anywhere in that wonderful of '-young land mother dons her finest ornaments, her of Hella-, which awoke some seventy silk apron, and embroidered veil. years ago from a sleep of twenty cen-

In the milst of a field a peasant girl its on a stone, resting as people rest in tropical or semi-tropical countries, or the mere pleasure of being still, only her black eyes seem on the alert, glancing here and there, taking in all around her, and appearing to seek for tal, the Turkish, or Syrian woman, nal object. These same restless eyes but distinctly refined in type. her head she has twisted a kerchief of appear, while on her feet she wears woolen stuff bordered with black.

What sort of life does this girl lead? that of girls here; she lacks a good many mention. of their advantages, but also several of | Photine's in'e was not all play, how few and easily supplied, where warm | probably attended it more or less regu months of the year.

Probably when little Maria, or Photine, or Sophia (it matters little what been a boy; at least unless they were gosts.
well-off people already provided with Poss sons enough. Daughters are expen; Nearly allied to, and much resemb be provided with a dowry; for without ongs, or at least a burden on ist re-

So Photine's father, while she was still swathed up in the builds and bandages which gave her no power of moving her limbs, made her look like juvenile mummy, and generally renlered her infant life a misery to her, began to think of laying by something for her preeka, and her mother considered what collars and waist buckles and bracelets she would take out of her store to give to her daughter on her wedding day.

But Photine as yet was serenely in different to such matters, and peacefully in her little wooden cradle, formed of a block of wood bollowed an elder sister soothed her to sleep with quaint old cradle songs.

only the paidaki (the baby). Her godmother carried her to the church, and the papas (the village priest), having anointed her with oil, plunged her iuto a great caldron of water, immersing her whole body; then she was dressed in fresh garments as a symbol of her new position as a member of the which, a Christian Church, and carried back to enough. her mother, who was waiting at home: for it is not customary in Greece for a

mother to attend the baptism of her child. the fields to work, she would carry her on her back and set her down to play the livelong day in the sun, or to sleep in the shade of the gray green olive trees. In the win'er things were not under the name of Turkey carpets. so pleasant, for then Photine, and her mother too very often, stayed at home: we should call furniture; no table, nor big boxes to contain clothes and ornaend the ent re family slept, wrapped in rugs and sheepskins, and always fully dressed. Sitting on the floor, they ate their simple food of coarse unleavened bread, cheese made from the milk of goats or sheep, clives and various veg-etables prepared with oil, and now and dreary in winter, and cold too, for the fire in one corner yielded more smoke than heat; and when in severe weather the goats and sheep were brought in to sleep in the house with their masers. Photine wasoften glad to lie down beside them for the sake of the warmth they afforded.

Photine rejoiced when the warm play out of doors; and then too Easter and he now hastens to make vas near-Easter, the greatest festival of all the year. Lent came and dragged itself along, from "Clean Monday, when all traces of grease or oil are to be removed from cooking vessels in preparation for the great feast, to Great Saturday," (Easter Saturday), when the festal lamb was slaughtered all the inhabitants of the village flocked to the church for the Resurrec-

would rarely be in an English July or of lenediction. These pictures are mony is over. August; down from the cloudless bril-stiff and conventional generally; there

strongly defined on the hills, which every village throughout the length Just before midnight the priest, tree or shrub. The azure and gold of followed by the congregation, went out the island studded sea extends away to into the open air an I fluished the serthe verge of the horizon. A drowsy vice, standing before the church door. When he reached the part of the Goshoppers, acouple of inches long, flit from pel narrative which tells of Christ's with flowers, in their little coffins. So and silks, a plane cover, curtains of the tall amaranth plants to an resurrection, he paused, and waited amidst joys and sorrows her life goes Indian material embroidered with silks, one of the tall amaranth plants to another; green lizards flash here and till the sound of a bell told him that it on for a greater or less number of there amidst the lower vegetation, or was midnight; then raising his voice he years, until her hour comes too, and ture frames with gold embroidery, ta cross the path with a speed that defies cried, "Christ bath risen!" and all the capture, hastening to their little white people, raising their candles above by the little round-domed church, in covers, center pieces for tables, trimnests, which hang like fleecy balls from their heads, answered, "He hath ris- which, as an infant, she was baptized, ming for evening dresses, altar cloths, the branches of the 'ew stunted bushes en!" Photone does not attend much to and, as a girl, married, in the sheiter or are hidden amongst the stones; the rest of the prayers; she is gener of those eternal hills which have seen the rest of the prayers; she is generwhich has been prepared from portions of the slamphtered lamb, and to go to disgust. Nothing preserves its green sleep, while her parents finish their hue but the young vine shoots, destined supper with hard boiled eggs stained to fade too into a dirty grey and yellow red, milk, and koulouro, or twisted

The next day is a great holiday. The father wears his clean white kilt, his embroidered jacket, and red cap; the

Photene and her brothers and sisters have plenty of red stained eggs given them, and with these they play a game very similar to what English boys call "hacking," before they finally eat them. The lamb is rousted whole over a wood fire, a long stake being run through its entire body, and kept perpetually turning till the meat the least thing new or strange in the is ready, and in the evening there is a to Photine-the feast of the patron who could continue to gaze at vacancy saint of the church, when the village for hours together, her large full orbs matrons dance hand in hand on the showing no consciousness of any exter | grass, their black hair hanging in long braids to their waist, and decorated light up a face certainly not | retty, | with red tassels and ribbons and silver Over | coins.

The New Year, when the King's colored cotton stuff—she probably has Cake, in which the lucky coin is hid-an embroidered one for Sunday and den, is divided and eaten; the Day of feast days-and from its material and the Three Kings (our Twelfth Day), the arrangements of its folds the miti- Ta Phota as it is called in Greek, which ated could tell with accuracy what is is the special feast of our little herober native province, and even her na- ine; the May Feast of Flowers, when tive district. Below her bed-gown-like the young people go out to collect the white garment her bare brown ankles purple and scarlet anemones, the golden white chrysanthemums; and the big dog dassies, and form them into garheelless leather shoes. Around her dog daisies, and form them into gar-waist a sash is fastened; she has a long lands for their own heads, and for the apron, and over all a jacket of white decoration of the doors of their cottages; the feast of the Panagia in August, that of the Cross in September, Well, it differs widely enough from besides saints days too numerous to

their troubles and cares, for she lives ever, even in her childhood. If the in a land where the wants of man are village boasted of a school for girls, she clothes or comfortable dwellings are larly. The law of Greece requires all little needed during at least nine children to attend school between the ages of five and twelve; but this pro-vision is not strictly carried out, and it may be that Photine received no eduname we give her), was born, her pa- cation at all, or that she was removed rents did not receive her with as much from school when but nine or ten, and

Possibly, though, that eager desire of knowledge, which is a marked characsive articles in a Greek peasant family- teristic of most Greek children, inthey cannot earn much, and they mu t | duced the little girl to ende vor, even though employed during the day, to it, however attractive they may be, learn something, an i that she attended they will scarcely be likely to find a evening school, trudging along the husband; and an old maid is deemed a road in the warm spring or summer disgrace to the family to which she belarger and brighter than the moon we know at home awam in the dark blue of the sky, and she sang to it softly-

"Pretty moon, that shines so brightly, Stine on me, that I may go I the school and foot it lightly. That my lessons I may know. Learn to stitch and learn to sew. And the things of God to know, Who walked on earth long years ago. Pretty, pretty Moon."

Photice's religion is rather a vague thing, made up of many outward obmountains, she crosses herself with awe, for Charon, she thinks, is leading the sorrow[! hand of the dead across the earth away to the other world. In the house Photine, as she grows older, helps in the household duties,

With her mother and sisters she prepares the stuff and makes the clothes of the family, embroidering the jackets which are handed down in grew; by and by she was able to toddle families for generations. Then she about, and when her mother went to spins and weaves the cotton and silk stuffs, which are afterwards sold in the neighboring town, and perhaps helps in the manufacture of the carpets and rngs so well known in the West, but

which, as may be supposed, are simple

Out of doors she takes her share in the lighter agricultural labors, gathering the small black grapes which are and home was only a one roomed cot-tage, with probably nothing in it that known in England in their dried form. as carrants, or the larger ones, which chair, nor bed—only a few water and are to be made into wine, or the olive wine jars of baked clay and a couple of berries from which the clear, colorless oil is pressed, which is the substitue ments. On a raised platform at one for butter in all culinary operations in Greece. Or, if her home is in the Morea, she will probably be much engaged in the rearing of the silkworms and in the care of pr paring the raw

> But Photine is growing up space; she is nearly sixteen, and her parents must begin to bestir themselves about her marriage; they must let it be known hat their daughter is to marry, and hat she has a dowry.
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> They have not long to wait for a suit-

able son-in-law. A young Pall-kar, resplendent in white fustanella, embroidered jacket, an | red cap, has seen and admired Photine as she danced with her companions on the occasion of air of February enabled her again to the last Panegyris, or village festival, posals, which are accepted. In a few weeks time, Photine, dressed in her best array, is led by her parents to the church, and takes her place before the altar with the youth who is to be her husband. The papas places two candles in their hands, and their crown bearers (equivalent both to our best by each family. On Saturday evening man and our bridesmaids) put on their garlands of white flowers joined by long ribbons; prayers are recited, and tion service, each carrying a caudle. the welding rings interchanged thrice the worth and virtue of particular per-Photine is very pleased to go, and between them. Then the Papas pro-sons, by rendering their virtue utterly rtands holding her mother's dress, and nounces, "Join in marriage the ser.

looking with awe-struck eyes on the gild A pictures of the saints and the Panagia, the All Holy One, the Virgin, in the centre, with her Child on them, from which first the man and her thee, His hand raised in an attitude | then the woman drinks, and the cere-

So Photine is married, and most his burning beams; already the fresh- al type for every figure; and the same her parents-in-law to help the women women, and it is stated that none of folk there, and to wait respectfully on their work has ever been exhibited at formed a union, husband and the other men of the an international or national fair. A

she is laid away in the cemetery close ally rather tired, and glai to return so many generations bloom and fade home to taste a very little of the soap in that old Hellenic land. Such is, in its chief features, the simple life of a Greek peasant girl. MARY HAYDEN, M. A.

LILIAN GREENE.

IN NEW CALEDONIA.

the South Pacific East of Australia. East of Australia, in the South Pacific, lies the island of New Caledonia. It belongs to France and has an area of 6,769 square miles, with "Liberty Bell," from the house in an estimated population of between which the first American flag was 45,000 and 75,000 people. The natives are of the Papuan race and speak a language kindred with the Australian tongues. They are divided into numerous tribes, are well will be inlaid with Indian arrow heads, formed, tall, muscular, but indolent. familiar scene. It is these eyes which chiefly distinguish her from the Orien- too, which bring their own pleasures shape and vary from ten to twenty feet high. Work is begun by digging



a hole in the ground and then planting a tall stout pole in the center. A number of poles running up to this form the framework, which is woven together by a kind of basketwork, joy as they would have done had she sent to herd her father's sheep and and then the whole is made watertight by earth, additions being made until the wall is several inches thick. Entrance is had by a door three feet

Many of the natives have been converted to Christianity and are industrious and sober.

New Caledonia was discovered by apt. Cook in 1774. In 1853 the French took possession of the island and established there a station for recent years there was considerable friction between England and France over the latter's scheme of making New Caledonia a convict settlement.

THE LAW OF COLOR.

A woman with blue-gray eyes and a servances strictly execut d, but lacking thin, neutral tinted complexion is in inward life. She has quite a fund of never more becomingly dressed than superstitions. When March comes, she in the blue shades in which gray is binds around her left wrist a piece of mixed, for in these complexions there red thread, to avert the danger of sun- is a certain delicate blueness. A brustroke, and to protect her complexion nette is never so exquisite as in cream out in the centre, while her mother or from injury during the approaching color, for she has reproduced the tintsummer. When a passer-by regards ing of her skin in her dress. Women her with too curious a glance, she who have rather florid complexions When four or five months old, Pho- stretches out her finger towards him to look well in various shades of plum tine was baptized and received an of-ficial name, baving been until then his eye. When the dark clouds are of dove-gray, for to a trained eye this driven in long procession over the color has a tinge of pink which harmonizes with the flesh of the face. Blondes look fairer and younger in dead black, like that of wool goods or velvet while brunettes require the sheen or satin or gloss of silk in order to wear black to advantage.

BICYCLING FOR WOMEN.

Doctor Stella Hunt gives this sensible verdict in regard to the exercise and seils in the traditional patterns "If our girls realized the enjoyment, recreation and health to be derived from the wheel, many more would ride. The pleasure of cycling more than makes up for the criticism of Mrs. Grundy. Girls, if you would be happy and healthful, ride a wheel.'

To this we add the opinion of a noted German scientist: "I cannot conceive anything more graceful than a bicycle in suitable costume, especially when the trip is made in the country. To the fair sex, any and every health-giving exercise should be recommended; it is for the good of humanity, and is summed up in one word, 'lealth,' whose natural equence is happiness."

A TURKISH BAPTISM.

I was once present at the baptism of a Turkish child and will endeavor to describe this ceremony, though it is one with which many people dispense, and which is neither legal nor relig-The child was only seven days old, this being the age when it is thought necessary to name him, and was lying on a bed covered with gold wire, which was tied to the bedstead with diamond pins. Some sait and a sieve being brought by the nurse, the mother took up the child and placed it in the sieve, and, giv ng one end of it to the nurse, she took the other and shook it slightly, while the nurse placed her mouth to the child's ear and called it loudly by the name given to it. The salt was then sprinkled over it, and after a slight prayer the sieve was shaken once more, and while the salt fell on the ground the child was chris-

CALUMNY robs the public of all that benefit that it may justly claim from the worth and virtue of particular per-

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

At an expense count to about \$500, an industrial school at Guntoor, India, will make a notable exhibit at the World's Fair. The exhibit will be ensmall drawing-room in the Women's There her children are born and building will be furnished with articles brought up. Probably she loses one made by the pupils of the school or more of them from the terrible Among the articles to be sent are a agne fever which is so fatal to the very handsome velvet portions embroidered then she weeps over them as she lays with gold for upholstery, a table cover them, dressed in white and cowned of white serge embroidered with gold ble covers, rugs, tea cozies, cushion Some of the articles, it is announced, will be for sale.

> It is proposed that one of Montana's contributions to the Exposition, to be made by women of the Stare, shall be fountain made of natural ore. The design will be selected by open competition. It is suggested that the base be made of native minerals, the bowl

of silver and the cup of gold. Dauphin county, Pa, will send for exhibition in the Woman's building at the World's Fair an elaborately carved table of extraor linary historical in'erest. It will be composed of woods made, from Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge, from the old ship Constitution, and from a pillar in In-dependence Hall. The upper surface relies of the Six Nations, with whom what is now Dauphin county, was once a favorite hunting ground.

Late advices from Sydney, New south Wales, sustain the view that, notwithstanding the commercial and financial depression existent in some parts of Australia, the Australian exhibit at the World's Fair will be a great and representative display. production by means of photography. From Sydney will be sent a remark able astronomical clock. This clock is forty-five feet high and twenty-five feet square at the base. Within it is exhited the motion of the sun. Mercury, Venus, and earth revolving on its axis around the sun and the moon around the earth. The sun is to be sud an ox six times and a sheep six represented by an electric light which times, will illuminate the surrounding planetary bodies.

Sweden's building at the World's Fair nas been designed on the lines of the old Norse Stave cherches, but with more solidity. The building is being onstructed in Sweden and will be sent Chicago in sections.

There is to be in the California building at the World's Fair a woman's reeption room, to which every county some article of furniture, art of virtu The women of Alameda county have decided to furnish for this room and donate a life-size portrait of Miss Emma Marwedel, who first introduced t e Frænel system of education on the Calfornia woods, made and carved by local talent. Miss Marwedel is now a resident of Berkeley, and well advanced in years

BIRTHDAY OF THE FLAG.

une 14. 1777, Ushered the Stars and Stripes Into the World. The Quartermaster General of the army has formulated a report, with low of history regarding the origin their Pacific squadron. During the und gradual development of the Stars



and Stripes. The clerks whom he set it work on the subject discovered that on June 14, 1777, the Congress, n session at Philadelphia, adouted his resolution: "Resolved, That the flag of the

hirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white, in blue field, representing a new constellation."

The thirteen stripes had been used efore by the Philadelphia Light Horse, in 1775, but the stripes were alternate blue and white. Mrs. John Ross, who d'd upholstering on Arch street, is supposed to have been the maker of the first fing containing the stars and stripes. Although the e-olution of June 14 was not promulgated by Congress until September 3, the flag was carried at the battle of the Brandywine on September 11. And then, from time to time in the gation's history, stars were added to he galaxy of the field of blue, as new States were formed. A resolution a lopted in Congress April 4, 1818. | s.eeper, Otherwise no change has been made

A FAN LUNCHEON.

An original outdoor luncheon was given the other day at a chateau not far from Paris. The sixt en guests were seated at four willow tables, the tops of which represented an open fan. Over the tables were fan-shaped cano- | soil-tillers of parts of Southern Africa. pies of colored silk. The menu was written on small paper faus, the sticks being of enamel and tied with ribbon, ing is hat an ox can be pastured on an Bine was used at the forget-me-not table, pink at the rosebud, green at the fern and white at the daisy table. The individual ices were served in the form of small palm-leaf fans; the favors were silk surprise fans, the handles of each containing a souvenir. The gay colors of the odd shaped tables re-ting roon the smooth grassy lawn made an

Miss Alice Harris, a physician of iowa, has for several months conducted the Methodist mission at Sierra Leone,

If we would read the secret history of to disarm all bostility.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

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The Ancient Greeks' Holy Land was

-- The new testament was first printed in Irish in 1602.

-Seattle, Wash., fishermen have

-The average man has 2,304,006 pores in his skin. - It cost the present Emperor of China

\$10,000,000 to get married. -A reunion of Trappist Monks wil oe held in Rome on October 1st.

-About eight species of whale are snown on the California coast.

-The average age that women marcy is twenty-one, men twenty-six. -The soul-entrancing clarinet was

the invention of Denner, a German, in -The best draft horses in the country are reared in Onto and Pennsyl-

-The British Medical Association low admits women doctors as mem-

-Thirteen millions sterling have 'realy been spent on the Manchester ship canal. -An opal weighing one pound and

quarter has recently been taken out of an Idaho mine. -A man in Kirkintillack, Scotland, was fixed ten shillings lately for playing

the barpipes on Sunday. -Four salmon, weighing from eight o thirteen pounds, were caught in the Hudson River recently.

-A pet rattlesnake at New Smyrna, Fla., recently committed suicide by biting itself in the neck. -The English mint possesses an electrical ma hine which counts coins

with precision and accuracy.

-A woman who recently died in the Norristown, Pa, Insane Asylum "had not spoken in the past 11 years." -The first folio 1623 edition of shakespeare is under process of re-

-The Krupp wor's in Essen, Ger-

nany; co-tain 2542 furnaces. These consume 1665 tons of coal and coke datiy. -A horse will eat in a year nine imes bis own weight, a cow nine times,

-During the last financial year the 3-man Government paid away \$1,9'0, 00 in pensions to naval and military officers.

-Father Cre, a French priest stadoned at Jerusalem, recently found a talent of the time of King David in his door yard. -Do not judge from outside appearances. The f otball looks plump and

in it but wind. -Out of Efty-two artists who have seen singing this season at Convent Garden [London] Italian opera, only four are genuine Italians.

-The great cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls is entirely composed steel It is 810 feet in length, weight 3,000 tops and cost \$900,000. -A Japanese soldier has invented a gun which enables the possessor to send

a "cloud or blinding dust" into the eyes of a foe at a distance of twelve -In England they do not chew gun, ooking at the habit as vulgar and ow, but the Australians have already

taken kindly to it and are indulging reely. The Military Weekly of Berlin says that there have been 194 ministers of war in Spain during the century, the

average time of service being six months. -In speaking of the solidification of body by cooling, Professor Dewar says that water can be made to become solid by the evaporation of a quarter of

-The Agricultural Department has letter from Minister Liucoln announcing that the probletition against Amerlean sheep has been withdrawn by England. -Though honey is not so much an

article of diet Low as it was with our for fathers, there were 61,000,000 bounds of it produced in the United tates last year. -A Dexter woman became so in atusted with the Christian scientist theory that she laid away her false teeth,

thinking that her natural ones would grow again. -Out of a total of 78 034 paupers its din houses in the United States in the year covered by the eleventh census 91.15 er cent, were white and 8.85 per

cent, were colored, -San Francisco, Cal., has an earthquake-proof hotel. It is constructed of non and in the form of two hollow equares, one within the other, arranged so as to brace each other. - It is said that a natural deposit of

material capable of use as a polishing powder for metals has been discover d near Walcha, New South Wales, and hat it is being introduced on the mar--Sleeping in the light of the moon when it is near the full is said to be inj rious especially near the tro ics. It

has no effect where the direct rays do providing for such changes was not fall on the head or eyes of the -Among birds that have the power of imitation the parrot is the best; but, as a matter of fact, its voice is decidedly inferior to that of the mynah, a species of starling. Carlously enough, the male bird speaks in a high, clear tone,

> .tke that of a child; while the female as a gruff voice. -Not earthworms but ants are the Ant hills exi-t by mill ons, each covered by soil so fertile that a common sav-

> int bill. A First missionary says that ninety per cent, of the Fiji Island population. which is 110,000, is found in church on Sunday. That is much better than many civilized Nations can boast, comments the New York Mail and Ex

WANTED-The man who can address Sunday school without beginning his speech with, "when I- was a little

A GOLD coin passes from one to another 2,000,000 times before the stamp If we would read the secret history of or impression upon it becomes obliter-our enemies, we would find, in each upon it becomes obliter-sted by friction, while a silver coin changes 8,250,000 times before it becomes entirely effaced.