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WHAT IS THE USE?

Crying will never mend!
But intuites are gold.
So we have been told:
Then be careful how you spend!

And the truth will its comfort bring

HOW WILLY GOT LOST.

Willy was not yet five years old when her parents moved from the work, and kept them busy and happy she did not speak very plainly, it was with their blocks and "gifts" from entered by the teacher as "Willy" with their blocks and "gifts" from entered by nine to twelve in the morning. She Heminway. was a bright-faced girl just out of the

the more formal Miss Lyle.

little feet, and stop to explain the was getting very hungry. unusual sights, and couldn't put on A rosy cheek little girl near her work, but very few of them know now his roller skates until he had left Miss seemed disposed to make friends and it came to be so numbered. You see task.

"And mamma, she's so tantatizin" he would say, "first her hat comes untied and I have to help her fasten it on, and then she stops to look in her bag and see if she's forgotten anything, and when its nothin' else, its her 'lastic's loose, and she stops and calls wait for me' and if any of the her some special dainty out of their kids happen along they laugh and say, 'Hello; sissy!' and oh, won't I be glad when Willy's old enough to go to chicken and angels' food. She had a school alone: but if you'd only let us delicious banana, too, and a pretty take the street cars, mamma, I'd have red apple which last she had to pack her there in a tiffy,

But no, mamma shakes her wise no more. head at that; it is but a few blocas and she is afraid to have the burrying little feet climbing on and off the car, though Willy loudly seconds this proposal, for a ride on the street car is the delight driver and the horses.

One morning Willy is dressed in her new satine with black velvet bodice and cap to match. She looks like a veritable little gipsy in this costume, watches the children with loving eves

know it is hard for his restless feet to wait on Willy's whims. It is a tittle out of his way, too, and the boys are always calling him. Geordie and Willy go on very hap-

pily together until Hal Harper comes powling along on his roller skates. "Hello, George, get your skates on and let's race it to school," cries Hal. "I can't" answers Geordie, wistfully,

"not till I leave Willy." her home so they set off "Bah! sissy, 'fore 1'd be tied like car for 24 Oakland Ave. that to a girl every morning. Put on your skates anyway and we'll go slow till you get to the corner and then she

can trot on alone."
"Oh, can you, Willy, just go that little way alone? You know I want to beat Hal to school so bad. Miss Willy was willing enough, surely,

trusted alone, so Geordie got on his skates, and they all went on together until they reached the crossing. "See now, Willy, you know the way don't von? Just cross the street and

and rather proud to think she could be

turn the corner, then four houses, and there you are at Miss Mamie's." Off rattled the boys glad to be rid of their charge, while Willy stood looking

after them a moment to see if Geordie was ahead, and then walked on watching a street-car, with its jingling bells, crossing the street, to be sure, but taking the wrong crossing so that when needed no reproaches for his carelessshe turned the corner she went up street instead of down.

Just in front of one of the houses was a jaunty brown spaniel, and he came up to Willy, good naturedly, try-ing to make friends. She patted him on the head, and he offered a trown, silky paw to shake, and she wished she had just such a doggy. Somebody whistled for him and Willy walked on gezing at all the sights. By and by she happened to think that he hadn't seen Miss Mamie's house, and she began looking for the familiar stone steps and bronze knocker, until she came to her again. the next cross ng. Then she remembered that she shouldn't pass but one

corner, and stopped, confused, to think. to herself, "and now I must go back. She was not at all afraid, for nothing ing down the street just then and passengers.

"Ah, I know what I'll do," she late if I don't, and she never wants me to be tardy.

The conductor swurg her up tho steps, supposing that she belonged to one of the ladies just getting on, and she settled herself contentedly in a corner. There was a woman opposite holding a big bundle in her lap. had a blue and white handscrehief tied over one eye, and that made her look of "gifts" which the teachers had given so funny that Willy had to smile. There was also a slim young man dressed very fine and Willy wondered why he wore such a little hat, and if the head of his cane was made of candy cause he seemed to be tasting of it all mutil she was safe at Miss Mamie's, let the time

The ladies near her watched the might. play of her countenance, and finally began to talk to her. She told them she was "going to Miss Mamie's Kindergarten and she uessed she was most there now."

"Why," said one to the other, "Miss Trumbull avenue. This child is out of 1855. her way. Do you go alone, little one?'

"No, Geordie came part way, but I'm most five, I can go alone. But I don't see Miss Mamie's yet," she said a One of the ladies who lived near Trumbuli Avenue Kindergarten told standard can be equally applicable for her to come with her and she would all.

show her the way, so when she left the car Willy went too, and walked with her until they came to a large building when the lady said-

Willy looked up at the house going in at the door, so she thought

kindergarten was like. There were many other children there and they all turned to look at the new scholar, but Willy was an independent small village of Oakland to the city of little body and not easily abashed, so made it almost impossible for foreign | So thin is the film of metal in the In the busy town she missed she sat down in the first empty seat, makers to do any business in this leaves that they are transparent. the green lawn and dandelions of her and began to look about her. Miss country home and grew so lonely when May seeing a new face came to ask her her brother was at school that her mother decided to send her to a small thought that a foolish question seeing spool of thread? It looks simple, but appear to be of a rich deep green. mother decided to send her to a small inought that a looking question design that a looking q little ones too small for regular school gave her name as Willy hemina, but as land cotton can be used for this purmakes sixteen pieces of gold leaf.

The morning passed swiftly, for training school herself and the children | there were so many "gifts" and merry loved her like an elder sisto, always songs and marches, and so many busy calling her "Miss Mamie" instead of fingers at work that Willy did not have time to feel strange.

years older than Willy and went to proparing to go home, she stood quietly the Prescott Primary, took his little watching them until the teacher asked it is taken into another department, mallets that gold-beaters as a class sister to school and at noon her papa her if she was going too. "No," she where several small strands of this called for her on his way home to said, "not till my papa comes after me.

She was used to waiting and did not and liked the daily run along the stop to think that papa did not know paved streets, carrying her satchel with where she was. There were severel much pride as she trudged along with of the children who brought thi her brother. Geordie, too, enjoyed lunches, and staid at noon with one o it at first, but it soon got to be an old the pupil teachers, and Willy looked story and when he h. d to wait for the wistfully at their lunch baskets for she

Willy safe and sound at her teacher's said, "I wish you'd brought your when cotton thread was first made door, he got very impatient over the lunch too, we like to stay at noon, and | 840 yards of it weighed one pound. by and by we have some mice games This was called No. 1, and if a pound with Miss Herman. I'll tell you what, you can have part of my lunch, I don't 'heve your papa's coming anyway.' Willy accepted the proffered sand-

wich and thought it tasted wonderfully good. The other little girls became very friendly, too, and each one gave lunch-boxes so that Miss Willy fared royally on ham-sandwiches, cold away in her bag beccause she could eat

Miss Iterman taught them some new games and they had free gymnastics, so that Willy was quite rested and sire not to worry any one, she strug-rendy or school again at one o'clock, gled against her increasing weakness, but as she had never sat still so long of her life, and she is never tired of before, she was quite glad when the looking at the passengers and the two hours afternoon session closed. She began to feel a little homesick. however, when she saw the other little girls getting ready to go and nobody had come yet for her. Her eyes were beginning to fill with tears when the and mamma kisses her fondly and teachers seeing that something was wrong, Lepun to talk to her and dint of skilful questioning managed to made a frantic appeal for mercy, "Geordie is so good," she thinks, "I arrive at the conclusion that Miss Willy | it only met with a low murmured rewas a long way from home and that her She said she lived at "Oak'and" which, of course, they supposed meant Oakshe knew the number of the house and she said "o | yes, 'cause when we come

home Geordie always sings. 'Twentyfour, it's our door.' Miss Herman then offered to take her home so they set off in the street

When papa Amney came home to dinner he stopped at Miss Mamie's as usual for Willy. He liked to hear her merry prattle as they went along the street together, and was surprised when he found that the little girl had not been in school that morning. is Willy?" were his first words on this order, and the shrouding robes reaching home. "Why didn't she go are worn so that service without os-

to school this morning? You may be sure that mamma was badly frightened and that Geordie was questioned anxiously when he came in few minutes later, and that nobody in the house wanted any dinner that

Papa hurried to the nearest police station, Mamma ran over to Mamie's in the vague hope of getting some clue to the lost child, and poor Geordie, who felt so badly that he ness, ran at out the streets all the afterneon inquiring of everybody he met, if

they had seen his little sister. About four o'clock Mr. Kinney came home, having been unable to hear any thing of a lost little girl. The distracted mother was walking the floor in an agony of grief and he was vainly trying to comfort her, when there was a sound of hurrying little feet, and in rushed Geordie holding his little sister by the

"I found her, mamma, I found her!" he cried, "and you bet I'll never lose

Right glad was Willy to be home again after her long day's adventures, but she could not understand why the "I b'lieve I turned wrong," she said tears were in her mother seyes, nor why papa held her so tightly when he kissed

had ever frightened the child in all When Miss Herman had taken Willy her happy little life. A car was com- to No. 24 Oakland Ave. and discovered that the little girl did not belong there, stopped in front of her to let on some she knew that the only thing left to do was to notify the police. As she walked down the street with the child and was thought, "I'll ride back on the car and about to turn the corner, a boy coming stop when I see Miss Mamie's, Mara- from the opposite direction on roller ma won't care this time, cause I'll be skates, ran into them so suddenly that that people have got rich minding he lost his balance and fell sprawling

on the walk. Willy gave one startled look at the cause of the collision and cried, "Why, it's Geordie! it's Geordie! Were you coming to bring me home, Geordie?" Willy had much to tell of the new kindergarten and what a nice lunch she had had. She showed her satchei full

her for remembrance when she went away and, indeed, almost thought she would rather go to the new school. Geordie was cured of his impatience and never again left his little sister the boys tease as hard as they

The exact physical centre of the United States is the stone at Fort Riley, Kan., which marks the grave of Kindergarten is away up on Major Ogden, who died of cholers in

Russia has the largest armored war en the child by telling her she was the name of the hero of the "Gunmaker of Moscow"), and is of 11,000 ton-

There are infinite varieties not only in men's mental powers, but in their moral natures as well; therefore no one

ABOUT THREAD-MAKING.

"Here is your school, little one, now A prominent thread manufacturer we must say good-bye," and passed on never doubting that she had taken the child safely to her destination.] said to our reporter: "Our house was man that is as thin as a sheet of gold never doubting that she had taken the child safely to her destination.] said to our reporter: "Our house was man that is as thin as a sheet of gold never doubting that she had taken the child safely to her destination.] It is nothing more than a film, has factories in Scotland and in To-and is almost as light as air. The thought that it didn't look a bit like Newark, N. J., about thirteen years two opposite attributes which it pos- with a tendency to tall profusion, and Miss Mamie's, but there were children ago, but the business was by no means sesses to a remarkable degree, render the result of mating is the remarkashe would go, too, and see what this January, when a large mill and an duce any other metal to powder. passing of the McKinley bill, which thickness of but 1-250,000th of an inch. country.

"By the way did you ever examine pose. The cotton is taken in the raw state and torn all to pieces by a machine called a 'breaker.' It then goes through several other machines, freed from impurities. A machine When noon came, and the children were twists it out into soft white yarn. varn are twisted into one fine one. Three of these are twisted together, and you then have six cord thread, which after it is bleached, is ready or the market.

"Another interesting thing is the numbering of the thread. Every lady knows the size of thread that she requires for doing a certain piece o yards it was called No. 2, and so on. Until sewing machines were introduced only three-cord thread was made but their introduction demanded a smoother and finer article. The numers were left the same, but the sixord thread had to be made of strands just twice as fine as those of the old

"rticle."-American Analyst.

How They Do in Florence. A harrowing tale comes across the ea anent a young American girl who was studying music in Florence. She became ill, and apparently from a deand let no one know of her condition

She had been helpless and in considerable need of careful nursing for some days, when one evening after meth had fallen, four black-robed figures, with hidden faces and only holes cut through the sombre cloth for their eyes, appeared in her room. Almost fainting from terror, she sponse, which did not reassure her. parents did not know where she was. Finally the stretcher which they arought was placed beside her bed side, she was slipped on to it, a cloth was thrown over her and she felt her

welf borne through the streets. But not to a terrible dungen, as he fevered imagination supposed. When she regained consciousnes it was to find herself in a hospital ward, where she received devoted care and atten-Later on she learned that her

case had come under the notice of the famous Order of the Misericode, and its efficient, though mysteriously alarming, ministration was the result All ranks and conditions of Flor entine society hold membership in entation may be rendered. It has

xisted for hundreds of years. Need ess to Telephone.

If parents could see their own chil iren as others see them, it is to be feared that the sum of human happi nesswould suffer a serious diminution An exchange reports that a boy of 12 years, more or less, rang the door- ludicrous. The audience, he conell of a house not long ago, and said to the lady who answered the summons:

"Won't you please telephone to the police station for me? I have found a lost boy.'

"A lost boy? How old?" "About four, I should think, ma'am. He can talk, but he can't tell where

he lives." "Some poor child, probably "Some awfully poor child. Why, he was the dirtiest boy you ever saw, and so hungry! Ma says he can't have had anything to eat for a week. We think his folks lost him on purpose. Ma says they ought to be sen!

to State Prison. "So they had. Does he give any "Oh, yes: he says his name

Burt-"What! Has he light hair and blue eves?

"Yes'm. 'And one front tooth gone?

"Yes'm." "He's my own son, he is, and you walk him over here as quick as you know how! Also, tell your mother their own business.3

The Wealthy Osages

Osage Indians are the richest com nunity on the face of the earth. They are 1,509 in number and have \$8,000,000 deposited to their credit in the Treasury at Washington, on which they draw \$100.000 interest every three months. The income will continue until Uncle Sam gets ready to nay them the principal. They also have Oklahoma, for which the unterrified boomer," totally indifferent to the rights of the red man, hopelessly sighs. Half of them wear blankets to this day.

THE trouble with most schemes i that they look so smooth and plausible, and are so hard to work.

The Indian measures distances while canceling by "pipes." One pipe is the interval between the halting he is alowed to make for a smoke. The bees of Guadeloupe, West In-

iles, are sting'ers, and do not store their honey in combs, but in bladder of wax about the size of a pigeon's egg. At Trinidad, West Indies, dried oananas are put on the market in attractive air-tight packages by simply as lively as any fish. slicing them lengthwise and wrapping ten or twelve of their own leaves about

QOLD LEAF.

There is probably nothing made by ronto. A branch was established in softness and tenacity of the metal, tion, so in Japan birds are selected so extensive as it is now, until last possible an operation that would reentirely new plant was put in. The The thickness of the leaves vary. direct reason for this move was the | Some say that the thinnest have the But instead of the beautiful goldenvellow color which gold is believed to Including the waste, each inch is beaten out into leaves sufficient to cover an area of 400 square inches, which is larger than a gentleman's by which it is carefully combed and good-sized handkerchief. A gold bar, when beaten out, will carpet a ball called a 'slipper' then takes it up and room seventy-five feet long by sixtysix wide. An impression is given mallets that gold-beaters as a class are particularly strong and healthy. This is not so. Their work is confining, and while their arms are strong muscular they are not more healthy than any other class of men whose work keeps them indoors. Their work is steady, and they earn from \$12 to \$16 a week. Some of the work of trimming and preparing the molds for the beater is done by the wives and daughters of several of the men at their houses. A term of four years is not considered too long a time in which to learn the trade. Much skill is required in beating, so trade that men seem to stick to. Menhave remained in one place for twenty-five years, and in one of the half-dozen factories in Philadelphia the present foreman has been in

edger.

One of Deau Burgon's Stories, A story of Dean Burgon's was about friend's experience in a conjuror's exhibition. On entering with the crowd the friend felt somebody at his coat pocket and expected to find his handkerchief gone. Instead he found two wooden dolls in his pocket.

"Oh, no doubt," he thought, "the conjuror is going to make game of me by pretending that he has conjured these dolls into my pocket, but I will be more than a match for him.' The two dolls were promptly trans-

ferred to the pocket of a stout gentleman in front, and from him the original victim of the conjurer's confederate took care to sit at a distance. By-and-by the conjuror, pretending to throw dolls among the audience, said, pointing to Dean Burgon's

"I think if that gentleman will de me the favor to look in his pocket he will find that he has the dolls." Dean Burgon, telling the story at a

breakfast, acted the visitor, exhibit ing his coat pockets in proof of their being empty. Standing up on his chair at the breakfast table, and turning his oack, he pulled out the linings of his pocket and showed them in an empty and flaccid state. Then turning around, he said: "No. I don't carry about dolls in

my pocket; but I shouldn't wonder if that stout gentleman yonder should find a doll or two in his." Then he acted the stout gentleman who, he explained, was a little irrita

"What, me; sir? What do you mean, sir? 1 carry dolls?" Then he put his hands into his pockets and made believe to bring out the dolls, with a look of amaze ment and horror—a quasi guilty look which, as he did it, was indescribably tinued, were convulsed. But oh, the poor conjurer! How heavily the wheels of his entertainment seemed to drag all the night afterward! Outdone in a trick by one of his spectators, who might, for all he knew, be

a great adept in legerdemain, a Pros pero or a Merlin. "The Obstinate Thing."

Lately the little sons of the Emperor of Germany were shown the mysteries of a chapeau-ciaque, or crush hat. Shortly afterward, in the anteroom of their father, they found a tall hat, and immediately desired to test their skill in shutting it up. Being an ordinary hat, and without the claque mechanism, it naturally refused to shut. At last one little prince, growing impatient, said to his brother: "Sit on it, Fritchen!" Fritz obeyed; there followed a loud crack and a roar of laughter from the when, as a private, he enlisted in authors of the mischief. The Emperor sent out to ask the cause of the disturbance. Pointing to the smashed in battle was affered a commission hat, the Crown Prince replied, with in the regular army. He commenced a military salute: "The obstinate the study of law in 1868, and in due thing wouldn't shut at first, but time was admitted to the bar. Gen. among us we managed to make it Cleaves was member of the Legislachange its mind!" The wrecked hat ture in 1876 and 1877. In 1877 he was replaced by a new one, which the was made city solicitor of Portland, owner will doubtless keep as a sou- and in 1880 was elected Attorney venir of a very amusing episode in the General of the State. life of his country's future head .-Manchester Times.

A Maine Pauper.

There is but one pauper in the town of Whitneyville, Me., and that one is a festive widow who looks out for herself ten months in the year. It is 1,470,000 acres of the best land in evident that she will soon be entirely independent, for her last request of the overseers reads as follows: "Please send me ten yards of red ribbon and a new dress, and let the dress be good enough to wear as principal at a wedding.

A press does not make a woman, but often breaks a man.

A drawf residing at Shigaken,

A farmer near Martinsburg, Mo. plowed up a perch in his field some time ago, and when he placed it in a Gas was first made from coal by

LONG-TAILED BIRDS. Did You Ever Wonder How she Different | The Thinnest Material Made by the Eand Probably Evolved to Please Japanese

There is a kind of Darwinian evo-

LONG-TAILED BIRDS

ble specimens we illustrate. Of what special importance these long-tailed they were merely evolved to please the taste of the "artistic" Japanese, who delight in everything grotesque, from the dwarfed trees to Shintoism.

The Crowd in the Railway Station. "One cold rainy night last winter," "One cold rainy night last winter," "Don't touch me;" she panted, sink-remarked the drummer, as he wiped ing on a sofa. "Don't come near a string of perspiration beads from his neck and face, "I was left at a contained just twice this number of as to pread the metal evenly and small station on a western branch keep the skins in good order. It is a road, to wait for four hours for the train that was to take me somewhere. There was nobody around and I looked pretty lonesome, I guess, for the brakeman came up and tendered me his sympathy for two or three mincharge for forty years. - Philadelphia utes before his train went back up

the road. "Hard place, ain't it?" he saiú, looking around on the general dismalness

" 'Rather,' I responded; 'and worse when a man has to wait in it for four hours.' "'Oh, well, you may have some

company,' he said encouragingly. "Who?' and I peered about me to ee if anybody had arisen from the earth. "'Well,' he said slowly, as if mak-

ng a calculation, 'you'll find in the station the telegraph operator, the station agent, the baggagemaster, the train dispatcher, the ticket-seller, the storekeeper, the accident insurance agent, the express agent, the postmaster and one or two other

"'That isn't so bad,' I replied, and coil him good-night as he jumped

for the last platform. "Then I went into the dimly light ed station and looked about for any prospective companions. Nobody was visible except a sandy-haired, freckled-faced man at the telegraph nstrument. 'Where are the others?' I inquired much surprised.

" 'Others what?' he answered. " Why the others the brakeman old me were here? The telegraph operator, the station agent, the baggagemaster, the train dispatcher, the storekeeper, the-"The man at the instrument be

can to grin. " 'What's the matter?' I asked. " 'That darn brakeman!' he said. "He's the only agreeable thing I've een around here,' I put in, in defense of my friend. 'He said those men would be here until the next

train comes ' 'And they will,' said the man. " 'Well, where are they?' I asked

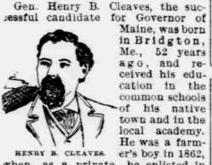
with considerable asperity. "The sandy-haired man stood and tapped himself on the chest. 'Them's me,' he smiled: 'come in and set down with us." "And I did for four mortal hours.

GOVERNOR-ELECT OF MAINE en. Henry B. Cleaves Elected to That

in Bridgton,

Me., 52 years

ceived his edu-



common schools of his native town and in the local academy. He was a farm-Company B of the Twenty-third Maine Volunteers, and for bravery

THE exact measure of an oath. ooth in money and punishment, was taken at Lebanon, Pa., the other day. John A. Sattazahn was heard garded as very successful. to utter nine separate and distinct oaths-"not cuss words but big oaths. as the prosecutor put it. Alderman Miller figured out that the community had been damaged \$7.67 worth by the prisoner's utterances, or at the rate of a fraction less than 851 cents for each swear. Sattazahn couldn't produce the money, and he was sent to jail for eleven days, or at the rate of twenty-nine and a half hour's imprisonment for each offense.

IT WAS TOO TRYING. Japan, is 36 years old and but 17 inches high. He is well educated and earns a livelihood by teaching penmansulp.

A farmer near Martinsburg, Mo.

These were standing by the window looking out at the golden sunset. His arm was around her slender waist, and her head rested confidingly on his manly shoulder. Life looked rosy to the youthful pair, and not a visible cloud obscured the bright firmament

of their hopes.
"Perseus," she murmured, "it seems almost incredible that we never met until three weeks ago."
"It does indeed, Andromeda," replied the youth. "We have had Clayton, 1739, and was first used for

hardly time to become acquainted with HUMOROUS SELECTIONS. each other's views of life and its problems, not to speak of each other's pe-

cultarities and prejudices. Yet it seems as if we must have known one another always. "And that reminds me, Perseus," rejoined the lovely girl, thoughtfully adjusting her spectacles, "that I have never heard you express your opinion

of theosophy."
"My opinion of theosophy, the young man said, breaking it to he: as gently as he could, is that the system, as thus far developed, hardly meets the requirments of an exact It was a severe shock, but the maid-

on did not flinch. She only leaned a little harder on the young man's shoul-"You find much to admire in Emerson and Thoreau, do you not?" she asked hopefully.

"I cannot say I do. The one seems too transcendental, the other almost "Does not the Delsartean idea appeal to you favorably?" "H'm! This Delsartean business, dearest, I regard as a narmless kind of thing, suitable for twelve-year old

schoolgirls who have no roller skating facilities. "Well, Perseus," she said, with a happy sigh, "what difference does it to gain everything."—Arkansas Trav make after all if we love each other? These little differences of opinion shall not serarate us."

"No, Andromeds, they shall not. We shall not speak of them. They are trifles. Look at the roses in this beautıful vase-" A cry of horror broke from the lips

of Andromeda. She sprang from his embrace. . What is the matter, dearest?" exclaimed the young man with the utmost concern.

"What have I-" "Mr. Grigson," she said, recovering herself by a powerful effort and stand-ing erect, "I can overlook your lack of appreciation of the great names of our literature; I can forgive your want of sympathy with the great movements world that possess my soul and move all my powers to action; but"-the proud girl graduate pointed sternly to the door-"I can never look with anything but utter abhorrence on s man who does not know how to pro

nounce the word 'vahz!' Go!" THE EMERALD VASE.

In the cathedral at Genos there is an emerald vase which is said to have been one of the gifts of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon. Its authentic history goes back 800 years, The tradition is that when King Solomon received it he filled it with an

til, and of which a single drop would prolong human life to an indefinite ex-A miserable criminal, dying of slow disease in prison, besought the King to

Solomon refused. "Why should 1 prolong so useless a life?" he said. "I will give it to those whose lives will bless their fellow men.' But when go d men begged for it the king was in an ill humor, or too indolent to open the vase, or he promised and forgot. So the years passed until

he grew old, and many of the friends whom he loved were dead; and still the vase had never been opened. Then the Ring to excuse himseli, threw doubt upon the virtues of the At last he himself fell ill. Then hi

servants brought him the vase that he might save his own life. He opened it but it was empty. The elix r evaporated to the last drop. Did not the rabbi or priest who in vented this story intend to convey in it

Have we not all within us a vesser more precious than any emerald, into which God has put a portion of the water of life? It is for our own healing-the healing of others. We hide it, we do not use it-fro n false shame. or idleness, or forgetfulness. Present-ly we begin to doubt its efficacy.

When death approaches we turn to it in desperate haste. But the reglected faith has left the soul. The vase is empty. - Youth's Companion.

A LOST ART REDISCOVERED. HARDENING COPPER TO EQUAL THE BEST STEEL-ENGINEERS ASTONISHED.

About a year ago it was announced that the secret of the lost art of hardening copper and the manufacture of edge tools out of it, equal, if not super-ior, to the best steel, had been discovered by a poor blacksmith at Levis Maine, was born named Allard, but after the first publicity given to the discovery nothing more was heard about it. It now appears, however, that Allard has been at Ottawa and in the United States, and that he has received large offers to sell his secret. It is stated that at Ottawa be exhibited specimens of his copper to Sir John Abbott and Major General Herbert, who were both astonished at their edge and bardness, as well as

were also the engineers to whose inspection they were submitted. Impressed with the possibility of the discovery being utilizable for the armoring of war vessels, General Herbert suggested to allow him to harden a sheet of copper of one and threefourth inches in thickness, and to have its powers of resistance tested at the rifle ranges at St. Joseph de Levis, which seems to have lately been done, when the first bullet fired against the sheet st forty yards distance was shivered into a thousand fragments, and the second was completely flattened, but remained imbedded in the copper, which is slightly dinged, but did not crack in any way. This result is re-



Mr. Cooper-Sorry the servant is Have to wait on the door myout.

Mr. Hooper-She will be along in moment. She's coming up the street now, with an elegant jag on. Mr. Cooper-You don't say so! I shouldn't be a bit surprised if it were one of my wife's.

GATHERED BY OUR PATENTED REAPER.

Jokes of Preachers, Lawyers, Boctonand Editors-Some of Them Very Dry and Others Somewhat Juicy-The; Will Aid Digestion if Perused After Meals-Do Not Read Them Upon an Empty Stomach.

The Law's Delay.

Lawyer-Hurrah! Let me congratulate you? You are the luckiest of mortals. Thanks to my skill, I have obtained a judgment in you tavor in the Supreme Court.

Client-After nine long years. "But, my dear fellow, better late than never."

"How much do I get?" asked the client anxiously. The court decrees that you shall receive \$2,000. The costs and my fee will only amount to \$3,000, so all you will have to pay me is \$1,000."

money besides? "Of course, you lose your money but console yourself. You have gained your case. You can't expect

"Merciful heavens! and I must lose



American Citizen (to anarchist)-If this country doesn't suit you, why hdn't you stay in Germany? Anarchist (excitedly)-Dev passed law gompelling us a bath to dake efery week, don't it!-Truth.

Kingley Won. Mrs. Bingo (severely) -I should like to know where you were las

right? Bingo -- Well, if the truth must b told, I was playing poker with King ley, and, my dear, the last jackpot bet him a new bonnet for you agains new bonnet for his wife. elixir which he slone knew how to dis-

Mrs. Bingo-Yes, my dear, and yo Bingo-Well, you just wait until ou see his wife next Sunday. - Life.

Curtailing the Cost Closefist-You don't catch the gi ing an architect \$1,000 to plan I'll dig the celiar, draw of some timbers and then go down there with my shorthand clerk and it won't

ost me a blamed cent. Hanks-What can the clerk do? Closefist-Take down the advice given me by my neighbors. - Truth

Twas Feally Amus no. She (after the service)-You dread ful fellow! Why did you smale during the offertory? He-I couldn't help it. Miss Addie Pose singing "Had I th Wings of a Dove." The mental pla ture of a twelve-stoner trying to fl

with a pair of four-inch wings was too much for me. - Pearson's Weekly "It said that an honest man is the noblest work of God. What do you think is the noblest work of man?" Well, my notion of it is that an

honest dollar will be about right when he makes it "-Boston Post.



Juno-I want a couple of your strongest winds to raise a storm on the Atlantic immediately. Æolus-I am sorry, madam; bu all our strongest winds have been in use in Chicago since the World's Fair was located there. - Puck.

How She Footed Him Clara-Oh, dear, I have made such fool of Mr. Milds. Maud-How so, my dear? Clara-I gave him every reason to think I would refuse him, and then of course he proposed and I accepted

"Jones has got into the social swim nt mst. I sec. "Then he is a goner."

his head above water since he go marr.eu. '- New York Press. Bumpus-The doctors make very oungling work of some of their cases. McSmith--Yes; but in such case

"Because he told me the other day

that he never had been able to keep

their work is always well covered. Bumpus-By whom? McSmith-By the undertaker.

what are you doing here, sir? Prisoner-I don't know, your honor, Ask the policemap. I'm sure I didn't want to come .- Detroit Free Press. The shortest street in the w rld is Mansion House street in the city of

A re ident of Stamford, N. Y., is the

Police Judge (to prisoner)-And

proud possessor of a rare relic of the Revolutionary War-nothing less than the watch which Major Andre offered s ransom to his captors. There are people who shiver ever time they hear that there are spots on

he sun. Window glass was used in Italy in churches in the eleventh ceptury, in English houses in 1557.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

-One person in every nine is leftbanded

-Owls have a very acute sense of hearing. -Manitoba is the prize wheat sec

-Shins were not copper-bottomed intil 1783. -The first herse railroad was built

in 1826. The first photograph was made in July, 1839. -There are nearly \$000 stitches in a

pair of hand-sewed boots. -A good English silk umbrella costs from \$25 to \$50 in Moscow. - One million dollars in gold weighs

3,68 . 8 nounds avoirdupois. -Globes and maps were the invention of Anaximander, 602 B. C. -The first pair of spectacles was

made by Spin , an Italian, 1299. -John McDerby of Salmon Falls, Mass., has double teeth all round. -Wearing apparel was first out out

by machinery in England in 1853. -Twenty words per minute is the average at which long hand is written. -At Marie, Mo., the other day, James Highland was marr ed to Anna Fling.

-The flavor of an ostrich egg is ex cellent and one egg makes an ordinary -A vast snow-field in Iceland spreads

- The average daily amount of sunshine the world over is a little more ban three hours. -The national debt of the United

miles.

Strtes on Jan. 1, 1791, amounted to \$75,463,476,52, -A farmer living near Furlong

about sixteen million cows-one for every four persons. -The American combination of printleg telegr phs conveyed 2000 words

in hour in 1850. Icfined tingers and a thumb.

s written in shorthand.

-First street, Loudon, has been risited by a plague of tiny, but persistnt and venomous mosquitoes.

-Chain shot were the invention or Do Witt, the great Dut h admiral. They were first used in 1666. A Mr. Hyatt of Boston has a Mexi-

ornamented wit so many quaint turreis and gables that they resemble toy buses.

-- It requires \$400,000,000 annually to pay the expenses of Federal Government-more than \$1,000,000 every

il: own country. -The most important Japanese holiday is the Frast of the Lanterns from miv 13 to 16. It is the Japanese Dec-

of herigation. -The mace of the House of Representatives consists of a bundle of threeen ebony rods entwined and

ound together with silver bands.

ons of bats, and has been so ever since the first settlement of the coun-Ty. -Gibbon began the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" at thirty-

-Defoe was fi ty-eight when he be before the 'U.usoe."

cently. The farmer was greatly amazed to find two little chicks grown to ether after the fashion of the Samse twins. -Lady Blake, wife of Str Arthur Blake, Governor of Jamaica, promises practical memorial to Columbus in

-A Philadelphia optician makes a special summer thermometer which registers ten degrees of heat less than the actual temperature, an! he says that persons with vivid Imaginations ran keep cool with one in the house. -A curious mavriage custom is re-

luck which may follow an actual marriage may be averted by a union of this

year ago the gamecock killed in one

In the year 1635 a tulip bulb was solo for \$2200 in Holland. It weighed 200 gralus.

A field of wheat is reported to have floated down the Missouri river past Atchison, Kan., recently.

The game of backgammon was in vented by Palameda, a Greek, about

over a space of about 3000 square

Penn., dug up 110 stone knives in his garden. -In the United States there are

-A ecrncob in Georgia is shaped like a homen hand, having four well -A woman's tombstone is the only one in England upon which the epitaph

- Herod the great was the first Hebrew king who imported into his realm Roman modes of "society life,"

can beetle which is still alive, though 't has eaten nothing in a year. -The Chinese houses are generally

-The Emperor of China chooses his own successor, whether the person chosen is a member of the royal family

-Unless an Austrian gains the conent of his wafe he cannot get a passout to journey beyond the frontier of

ration Day. -Along the coast of Peru there is no rain al, and all agricultural operations me carred on by a complete system

-There is a salpetre cave in Burton county, Georgia that is overrun by

gan his "Rabinson Crusoe." His literary career began at twenty, and as test political works were written -A double-volked egg was batched by a hen bear Gettyshorg, Penn., re-cently. The farmer was greatly

the shape of a marine biological station. to be established near Kingston, the apital of the island.

corded by Dr. Post as existing in southern India among some of the primitive non-Aryan tribes. This consists of wedding a g rl to a plant, a tree, an animal, or even to an inanimate o' ject, the notion being that any ill

-A resident of Columbus, Ind., bs a gamecock which was recently attacked by a bull, but in a very few minutes the bull was minus an eye. About a day seven geese, eleven tarkays, and

S. B. Victor, of Columbia, Mo., has worn the same duster and straw hat for

A six-year-old Salem, Ure., girl besame seexche about a fire that her heart stopped beating and she dropped dead.

40 years.

nine, and finished it in twalve years. The work of preparation was really the abor of a lifetime.