## 

 on the :abjedele dand no-her-indignatio ried the Ieter to Robert?You must write to Margaret dear, he anid wo bave a home thare will be it place in it for her, ;-the will be ia blessing to ou
wife $=$ we slinlt all Be better for it.
 shall we affordit?
That-is my provinoe, Nellie; tho cxtra
 Nue summonat gether, an
sisting it.
Dy户six ocolock the wext morning there wa
a great buatling and banmering in the thouse Nellie upened her eyes, -and sleepily wonder ed. what it might megn. Presently she discoor -red Robert-was groe Aht then he whas at curiosity sho jumbed in, thrust her littl
white feet into slippers. flung on a dressin sown and stole domú itairs, As sle openei tho study door, the beloved sanctoruy of Her husband, the rovem which even alhe alwasged tered. with a sensation of awe, she was driven
back by a cloud of dust. Returning the charge she preseantly distinguisbed through hat the walls were ciemantied, the heavy boo garden opened, and the carpet taken up. athe does this mean, what ito Robert emorged from the intericr, dusk with dust and dirt. Nellie laughed at the fig ure he presented.

- What are you doing, ogre? she repeated. Arranging a room for our bister, Nellic, sure; you didurt think she was to be doomed to her bed-room or our company for ever did yulat No" no, slie must have her own lit -ritfout haf leave.- A litte paint and paipet ing, i i new carpet, a sofa, 'sc.
©But your study, Robert-your papers an
Must find a fresh place, Néliie
-Dear, kind husbund!'
Shei forgot his dusty cont, and laid her litule hond lovingly' against it.
Why you see, darling, I can have the bay window in the parlor, placo $a$ tabble there fore
my books, and be an snug as here. my books, and be as snag, us here.
-Youn are too kind, dear,' sald N


## earful eyes.

Robert thought she was going to sny more so he caugbther up.
hor to har owin roam.
Dress yourself quiokly Nollie,' he said, 'there Fill be great need of Jour cleexer.fingers.
were for many days, The Ialian songh were quite forgoten, the new fashions laid aside in quite forgotten, the new fasbions laid aside in
oblivion they camo into Nellie's thoughts, were diamiss od with gentle pity:
The room was nearly ready now, looking so tnins once huag up; a last touch with the dus ter, a vase of fresh flowers on the tatibe, and all would-be rendy for doar Marga rot, who was making the journey
rould arrive by tea-time.
Thore was a stealtiyy knock at the door leading to the garden.
'Come in,' said Nelli

A slingeg head was thrust in
'Oh come in, Tom!
'Well Tom,', syid Robert, '"rhat reess?'blow that conviguied it to its fate Now Tom wns not a ready speaker, though a c̈rreful loving attendat of Robert's horse, nud a most discirect gardener of Nellie's flower bods.
Please
 Robert turning round on the top of the ladder
with a boldiese that struck fear to Nellie's heart, and looking jown on the mirtals beoriginal clierwim of a reckless character. ©Plouse sir, said Tomjo ghacing up rather
timidy for fo did not feel assured against ia participated desiegnt from-his master; ' 'plense sir, the squiterll try ne.
'Whatt'so Tomgoing?' snid Nellio TYes, my dear. You see I have' sold tho horse
It doesn't want another nàll Nellie, does it ? It doessi't want another nall, Nellie, does at
'Sold the horse, Robert $?$ ' Yes, my dear. I may
 to the Sudder.
Robert́went on talking as he came, evidentIs protending thiat he was used to it, aud not nt all herrous.
Walling is: - Walking is so much better for tho health



| e, canco swelling up from lier hentit and ming fromi lier ejes, as ghe throw ber around tim and miurmured low unworthy <br>  nher-shamo and ponitence, but Rabert ed hor with his kisses. Ho needed tho ssion. Her faoa was still hid against bis der when Tom came baok, and stio kopt re to hide her tears. <br> ell, Tom, you need not, forget the old you know mhen you have"a new pno.' your leave, sir, said the worthy fellow |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  | ive $\mathrm{a}^{\text {L }}$ look in at Nissus' flo erst from time to

Do, Tom ; nnd what's more if ever you
 on hole, why I hope Harry Long will out you
Thank yo, sir, I'm sure, said Tom with n Grim smile, 'it I make so,
Robert held but his hand to his faithful ser
 endel hers; but Tom could not stand it ans onger. . He bolted out of the room, and hiding himgelf belind the stable door, blup bered like a chita.
Robert told one of his longest Etories after tea that night, When they sat bebide Margaret
 nto his and so startled him he almost forgo hat ho wis talkingabout. But he soon grei accustmed to it; and indeed it became suchhabit thint he could never tell a tale wel Rubert wears his spectroles to this day; but more and more over them at his wife's-face, nu less upon his books. It ie nof/surprising
those who know what pleasañt thoughts ar ritten there, amd what a guiet contented hart they raise from. Margaret in a bond etwén them both-a constint exercise fo heir souls ever pure from selfgih rust an ale indifference; and Nellie, haring lost he Onto for Italian and the fashions, and having nce made up her minu that her husband has nerer since beer con usion, despito several well aimed efforts on the part of her sister Carry And she líquito nght too; those illüsions are half-sieters to
 rooden images covered with gold, it wa Tho called them among the simple of the Meliercy Seat; for these only was the hidden glory revealed.

Strike Off hits Name. - Mr Higgins was ory punctual man in: all his transaction rough life: He amassed a large propert the advanced age of ninety years he was rest ing quietly upon his bed, and co limly maiting
to be called away. He had deliberately made anost every arrangement for the decease and brial.
Hia puloo grew fainter, and the ligtit of tife eemed just Zlickering in its socket, whon otre his sons observed-
two; is it not well for you to ut a day or fro; is
benrers?
TTo be sure, my son,' said the dying man, He gave in list of six the usual number, and nk back exhausted üpon his pillom I glenm of thought passedover fisswitherMore. igging there ??
It is, my fatier.
'Then striko it off,' maid ho emphatically where in seanson - and ho maight detain the procession a a rholo hour.

Mental Cospectionary:-Fiction is like jelly nud sweatmeats-nico to impart in occasional relish to the dry brond of frots, but unwholesome and clogring when:eaten exolusively. No persons aro quite go venk bodiod its reforred to; and none are so shalilow min. ded and cold hearted as those mho expond alt
their mental activity nad sympathy on the their mental activity and sympen

Wr Freelom of apeech is the grentest tern neither cogtrol nor cogounter.
Wh $\frac{x}{4}$ ent
(4mithelts (4)gudga

## A STORY OF LEAP YEAR.

 It is.a woll known fagh, that the ladlo areallowid, by the ponventionol ngles of sooioty allonied, by tho gonventional ngles of sociot'
 iithout being considered rupe or forward.-
Although the rigbt and privilege is conoded to the dadies, we seldom henr of themitaking
adyantage of it. However, one oase; in whioh
 leap yoar; did occur in this oity on Now Yenr'
day. Wo vill relata the particulara, but no give the real napues, for the reason that the parties dre residents of this city, and might iot rolish the iden of having the prizacy o public.
There is a oertanin fashionable. bgarding
ouse in this citys, (wo will locate it on Third
streat, ) where a very handsome young widoy पas boarding. This lady we will call Widow
Choerly; wio bīg a fortune of some $\$ 30,000$, ft her by her deceased busbatyd and no aildren. Three young clerks, (we will name

trom Smith, Browu ${ }_{t}$ and Jones, who formefli boardod at this bonrding hoüse, called upo the landiady on Now Year's dny. The Widow | Cheerly was in the roon, and saw the young |
| :--- |
| ents approaching. She immedintely dressed | firself up in hor bridat array;' called the landlady and inguired the names of the young

gents. The landlady informed her, when sho remparked, 'r intend. to have one of those
young men for a, husband. The Indlady soung men for. a hincredulously, and then went down to he parlor to reccive her visiters. The wido introduction, approglyed Smittly nat said TWillsou consent to become my husband? The young mani, blashed, niill was very mued confused at heariug the question from anlady
hefthad never beforr seen, but he finally suc Owing to the thort outOwing to the thort noss of our acquantance,
very shors, Having never seen tio lady before, (very shors, having nover seen thio pady before,
and nuother persou having gomo slight olaims. and nuother persou having somo stight olinims
apon my aifectionsis you mill plense excuse Certainly, said tho widor, I will witi
 or else I would have proposed to him first:r ill you marry me, Mr. Brown?
‘In will,' s suid Brown, 'tho ice is now broke would have been a married man years ago if I could havà mútitered courago enough to .pop tha guestiong but as you have Lnken nel
 'Rtgbr'off'? remarked tio wiaotr cinnd
 The necessary artioles wero sent for, ond fully on his arm, started for the residence of
the pastor oo tho Bontman's Ciurci. When the bonde of wedlock, they gave him their ames, aud ench henrd the other's name fo
tie first time. Evergthing went on as 'mefry as a marraige bell,' with the neiv married Next morning
Nects of the number Brown nwoke, the previous having now entirely worn soff,-hio begin to retiect. He becunie serious," thought he was in rather a bad scrape-out
employmont, in the midde of wiuter, omploymont, in the midde of wiuter, ver
little money, and a wife depending on binn for suppgrt. While rovolving the subject over in suppgr. his mind, and not being ablo to deciude whit his wife awpke,- -My dear?' said- sho,---haye sou any objections to colleoting a few bills?' He started, thinking: that sho supposed he
luad somid monog coming to jimo, and that she lad 'some monioy coming to bim, and that she
desirad him to collect a 'little money,' for her beueft, and muttered," rather surly, © No, there is any coming to mo.
'I do not menn thant, my denr. Get up nif go to wiy burenu drawer, and there you will
Gnd bills to the amount of $\$ 500$, for rente ditio meffor the prist monthi-you will plense eolleet theith, nud a.
Year's gift!'
Brown lenped from the bed, sarrcoly beliet. ing hie senses, thint ho had distinotly under sood his wifo, and then
nde therev round the bill
When thef found the bille
is bills-found it a very onsy out oollecting ini expteinting upon the bencfits of matri-



Phitaucluhta:

|  |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |



$\qquad$

|  |
| :---: |
|  |
|  |
| knammatutars |
|  |
| Suitizt |
|  |
|  |
| mitam |
|  |
|  |
|  |
| amenipris, wilus well to toul an |
|  |
| Tila imerf, istio |
| Us |
| Ax mixide |
| Winm mixy wim the |
| and |
| mam un mims y |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |


 $0 \rightarrow+\cdots$


