

I can, but it's going to be a mighty of inability to govern. hard thing to get a 'corum,'" Deacon Just as she was about to call upon young Wight thinks we ought to have let loose a mouse he had carefully cona man. Of course you'll have my vote, fined in his book bag. Excitement pretalk kind of caught Bill's fancy, and he jumped up on her chair. was totterin', but I took him in hand, Hugh caught the mouse, threw it out and now he's leanin' our way again. of the window, ejected Bob and his I'll stick to him tighter than a brother and keep him away from Wight till the meetin' is over. It's tomorrow night." "You are so good, Deacon Watrous," replied Lydia, raising grateful eyes,

to vindicate your choice." deacon,

Lydia Gardner had spent the past pounced upon the unfortunate lad. summer away from home, and when she returned to the farm she had found the family in a state of gloom. Crops had been poor, a number of cattle had died, and the inevitable mortgage had to be met. Lydia proposed to finally putting down 2 for an anmeet it by teaching in the district swer.

school. She had been reasonably certain of securing the position, counting cheerfully. on the deacon and Bill for a quorum, but now this young man, who had fallen heir to the farm of his uncle, John Wight, and had come to the Corners in her absence, might carry his point of

hiring a man to teach. She simply had to have the position, and she determined to help Deacon Watrous in his efforts to secure Bill's needed vote. It would be useless for her to appeal to Bill-"Weathercock Bill," as he was called. She resolved to make a bold move and encounter the enemy whom she had never seen.

Hugh Wight was in the sitting room of the old homestead pondering over The teacher looked at the clock and this same subject of a quorum. When he succeeded to his inheritance he had dismissal. She stood at the door until determined to become a practical farm-the last scholar had vanished. Then er and win the esteemed position his uncle had ever maintained in the hearts of the simple country folk. They had laughed at the young man for thinking he could be a farmer, but he had shown them he could learn from them and improve on their methods. They were glad to have him succeed his uncle as a member of the school committee. That seemed to be more in

his line. He had as firm convictions on the ed.

ucational question as he had on most subjects, and he thought a man more fitted to wrestle with the difficulties of a country school than a woman. He had not seen this applicant, but he did not approve of a young girl who had no preparation or experience in teaching In the midst of his cogitations there

was a rap at the outer door. He opened it to admit a winsome, willowy girl with big, innocent eyes and an artless manner

"Are you Mr. Wight? I am Lydia Gardner." He acknowledged the introduction

gravely and asked her to be seated. Hugh Wight was not a susceptible man, and Lydia's beauty only strengthened him in his belief that she was not competent for the position of schoolteacher at the Corners.

"I am, as you know," she said, "a candidate for the position of teacher. I hear that you are in favor of hiring a man for the place, and I don't suppose anything that I could say would change your opinion. I came to ask you not to induce Bill Stiles to vote against me."

teacher and told Wight he had better go and see for himself. And he did, appearing suddenly and unexpectedly near the close of an Indian summer afternoon. Lydia's expression of dismay caused a titter of appreciation among the older boys. Instead of a reprimand she gave them an imploring look that could not be with-

stood, and order reigned at once. Lydia felt that the visitor had noted the "Well, Lyddy, I'll get you the job if look and interpreted it as a confession sion roll.

Watrous was saying. "You see, that the school for a song little Bob Hanks ter which party may be in power. but Bill Stiles is always straddlin' a vailed among the girls and delight fence, and the last man he talks to gets that she was to lose her position she him. This young feller's highfalutin would still have done as she did now, year.

book bag and in stentorian tone restored order. Lydia came down from her chair and in her confusion called upon the arithmetic class to come forward. She wished that Lige Jenkins "and if I get the place I'll do my best had remained at home that day. Arithmetic was not his forte. She planned "I'll do all I can, Lyddy," said the adroitly to omit him, but the visitor instantly detected the omission and

> "Lige," he asked, "how many times does 9 go in 27?"

aymaster. To Lydia's dismay Lige promptly stepped to the blackboard and commenced a solution via long division,

for one's declining years. "Try again, Lige," urged Wight

Lige then substituted the figure 4

for 2. "You've got another guess coming,

Lige." The boy looked bewildered, and Lydia desperately came to his rescue

"Lige, won't it go three times?" she asked insinuatingly. Lige looked at her axiously.

"Why, yes," he replied slowly, "it will, but it's a dern'd tight squeeze!" Then came that delightful unconstrained burst of laughter that Lydia had heard once before from Hugh Wight. The school joined with him. she came back to the platform, where Wight still sat and Lige lingered.

"Say," observed the lad earnestly, "t'ain't her fault. I never did know nuthin' about 'rithmetic nohow. She's the best teacher we ever had."

This touch of sympathy from the little champion was too much for Lydia. Her self control slipped, and her head went down on the desk. "Lige," said Wight gently, "you did better than I expected. There are lots

of things in life more desirable than a other way. Thereafter Vera Sassulitch knowledge of the science of numbers. Take this dime and go down to the Corners and see what it will buy.' The boy sped happily away. Lydia raised her head. A little gleam of anger and deflance flashed through the

tears. "You can send and get a man teacher as soon as you want to. I am glad I am not a man."

"So am I, Lydia," he said heartily, with such earnestness of voice and over the world. She invented the proc-

little way to her eyes. "I am your 'quorum,' you know," he operators and which, in its line, has said whimsically, but with the new softness still in his voice, "and I didn't looks like a long pincushion bristling come to inspect the school nor the with pins arranged to outline the patscholars, but to take the teacher driv-

ing. Will she go?" Her hands came quickly down from her eyes, whose dimness was melting away in a glow of pleasure.

difficult to learn. Miss Uttman found-The New England Kitchen. ed schools where thousands learned it. There is a kind of sentiment about the kitchen in New England-a kind of sentiment not provoked by other continued earnestly, "and if I don't get rooms. Here the farmer drops in to spend a few minutes when he comes back from the barn or field on an vet Barbara Uttman's lace still surerrand. Here in the great, clean, sweet, comfortable place, the busy passes all.-London Queen. housewife lives, sometimes rocking the cradle, sometimes opening and shutting the oven door, sometimes stirring the pot, darning stockings, paring vegetables or mixing goodies in a yellow bowl. The children sit on the steps, stringing beans, shelling peas or hulling berries, the cat sleeps on the floor near the wood box and the visitor last person that approaches Bill has feels exiled if he stays in sitting room him, and they say you have a convinc- or parlor, for here, where the mother or parlor, for here, where the mother is always busy, is the heart of the farmhouse.-Century.

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come a Success, tions Are Eagerly Sought. What would you think of a young "Once a civil servant always a civil nan, ambitious to become a lawyer, servant," appears to be the motto of who should surround himself with a the English civil service, for unless one medical atmosphere and spead his time proves dishonest or an extraordinarily poor workman he is retained in service until the age limit is reached and the salary list is exchanged for the pen-Unlike the civil service in the United

States, there is no strong partisanship. Appointees hold their position no mat-

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Reference was duly made, and in tinguishable. The process is slow and the eleventh verse of the thirty-sixth chapter the coroner found mention

QUALITIES OF SAGE.

Round and Liked by All. Nearly all our vegetables and herbs appear originally to have passed beard was a privilege that had to be through some preliminary stage in the paid for, the tax on every beard of a ending medical books? Do you think laboratory of the medical herbalist bereading medical books? Do you think laboratory of the medical herbalist be-he would ever become a great lawyer fore being admitted to the full honors. For over half a century the monarchs by following such a course? No, he of the kitchen. The fact is not so of Russia made their male subjects must put himself into a law atmos- strange as it might at first sight ap- who wore beards pay into the national phere, where he can absorb it and be pear, and its results have certainly steeped in it until he is attuned to the been to the general advantage of manlegal note. He must be grafted into the legal tree so that he can feel its old herbalist's prescriptions were of a er classes 1 kopeck. The tax on beards sap circulating through him. kind neither to kill nor cure, his inves- was kept up by Peter's four successors

like a failure and dresses like a failure, who has sage in his garden?" was one In the fourteenth century shaving who is always complaining of the in- of the maxims of the famous school of was popular with young men, while the surmountable difficulties in his way, health at Salerno. The belief in its viz- old men were attached to forked and whose every step is on the road tues survived through the middle ages to failure—how long would it take him and was handed down with unimpaired to by Chaucer, who in describing an to arrive at the success goal? Would vitality to quite modern times. The assembly says, "A merchant was there any one believe in him or expect him writers of the sixteenth and seven- with a forked beard." Beards were teenth centuries were full of its praises, worn in various shapes and forms dur-The majority of failures began to de- and there was hardly an ailment of ing the reigns of Elizabeth, James I.

teriorate by doubting or depreciating mind or body for which sage was not and Charles I., as the poems, plays and themselves, or by losing confidence in their own ability. The moment you harbor doubt and begin to lose faith thus generally wholesome and recomin yourself you capitulate to the enemy. mended by the faculty the housewife ness, inefficiency or lack of ability supply to her storeroom. And so this "cut to look terrible to your enemy or "sovereign herb" gradually found its amiable to your friends, grim and stern that is to undermine the very founda- way into the kitchen, of which it has ever since remained an indispensable adjunct; not that it at once lost all its

ure atmosphere and radiate doubt and medical attributes. "He that would live whom one gains many peeps at the sixdiscouragement you will be a failure. for aye must cat sage in May" runs the teenth century, refers to some of the Turn about face, cut off all the curproverb. But the cooks soon began to rents of failure thoughts, of discourag-ed thoughts. Boldly face pour goal sage to be equally savory and salu-long, slender beard would make it seem with a stout heart and a determined en- tary all the year around and of special the narrower. If it be weasel beaked, deavor and you will find that things and peculiar value at the season of MI- then "much hear left on the cheekes will change for you; but you must see chaelmas. But this is advancing matters. Even died hed and so grim as a goose."-

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"as to geese and ducks, cooks should "Instead of making an exact pound of stuff them with some sage shred fine anything they buy we make it a fracand a little pepper and salt and the tion over, which tickles them nearly

same with a suckling pig."-London to death. Of course we are particular Globe Our Golden "Cold Waves."

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ter so often sweeps across the land Not many persons are sufficiently ac-quainted with the Bible to know that B0 degrees in almost as many minutes and sends the thermometer tumbling tion over the market?" "Never! We we have a constant, a never diminish-

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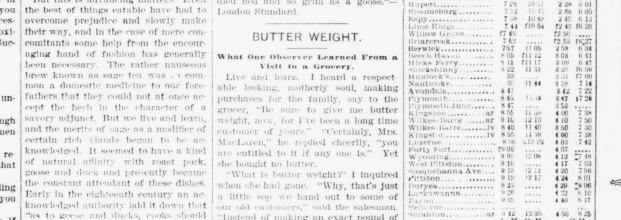
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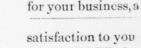
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On her release the nihilists gathered about her, desiring to admit such a friend of the people to their closest acare. quaintance. In this way she was ad-No wonder people have so little respect for advice; there is so much that Politeness is refraining from telling ed to the Russian government. The a man he is a fool every time you You would be awfully lonesome if

every one in the world were as good If you have written a letter, read it

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Fainting is a great winner in arguments. If a woman can faint when things don't suit her her husband will

He was somewhat surprised at this frank appeal. He liked directness. "It means a good deal to us," she the place it will go very hard with my father. My salary would help him more than you can know."

Hugh felt as if he had been stealing sheep. She did not want the money for fripperies, then, but to help her father. "What do you mean by my influencing Bill?" he asked.

"It's like this," she explained. "Deacon Watrous is of course for me, and Bill is, too, or would be, if you leave him alone and say nothing about the advantages of having a man, but the ing tongue. The deacon is going to try and keep Bill away from you until the meeting is over, but I didn't care to trust to that, so I came to ask you. I wouldn't presume to ask you to vote for me, only to let Bill alone." Up to this time the eyes, voice and

manner of the young man had not been at all encouraging, but in the hearty peal of infectious laughter that followed her request Lydia caught a note of appreciation, and some way she derived hope from his amusement.

"Miss Gardner, it strikes me as rath-er odd that you should come and show me the way to gain my point and then ask me not to take it." "Maybe it is," she said wistfully,

"but I didn't know what else to do." He remained in deep study for a mo

ment. He did not like to be influenced by personalities. "Well," he said abruptly, "I'll not

speak to Bill or in his presence about this matter, and I'll waive my objections for this year and vote for you myself, though I still believe a man should have the place."

Two bright spots burned in Lydia's cheeks.

"Thank you. I will now have another incentive to do my best. I shall try to make a fool of me. These little try to show you that I can fill the position as acceptably as a man. You

here that you, a 'city chap,' could nev-to the store and see if I do not speak er make a farmer, but you showed the truth." them you could. I'll show you I can The Indian snatched the paper and make a teacher."

took her departure. Immediately the of tobacco in his hand and a look of behousekeeper came in and expressed her wilderment on his face. Suddenly his approval of Wight's concession.

"Lyddy's a smart gal, and for all her he hurried forward. purty looks and baby way she's got a heap of grit. Pity her pa didn't have it. He used to be a professor, and he's and he had an understanding before so eddicated Lyddy to use good speech." that you might deceive me. Now if you At the meeting the next night Lydia will write some more of those little received a unanimous vote, and when signs on paper telling the suffer to give in its train. Sleep, exercise, cleanliness, me much more tobacco and if he does equanimity of spirit, all hang upon it. teacher. She made companions of the then I will believe you." big boys and girls and pets of the little But the Indian's ruse failed. I did ones. The country people were perfect-ly satisfied. In due course of time Deacon Watrous and Bill Stiles came to make the accustomed visit. Lydia was fully prepared for this occasion and invited them to question the class. They knew but a few questions to ask, and as they had paid many visits to the school the pupils knew the answers by heart. Then Lydia asked them to sing a stirring war song and a hymn. Bill's

APACHE SHREWDNESS.

The Indian's Bait Was Good, but the White Man Didn't "Bite."

With the Apaches a really brave man does not stand as high in public thor of "Life Among the Apaches." what I was doing. I replied I was talk-

ing to my friend in Washington. "How can you talk to your friend so

talks of something sweet he sends a to take his pick. He marked ten of den." picture of a flower. Instead of pictures the best cows as his own. The men which all understand."

scrutinized it carefully. "I do not believe you," he said. "You

signs are all alike." "I will give you proof. I will write on

was off. A few minutes later I saw Having made this telling point, Lydia him slowly coming toward me, a piece

expression changed to satisfaction, and "Did you get the tobacco?" I asked.

"Yes, but I do not believe you. You other one thing. A proper dietetic regi-men, once attained, brings all the rest equanimity of spirit, all hang upon it. Life is not only prolonged, but is con-

G. A. R. parade one Memorial day and was vociferously cheering the band. I suppose you were through the civil war, uncle?" said a bystander. "Ever' step of it, suh!" "At the sur-render too?" "Ever' step of it, suh!" "What did General Lee say to General

made of "Mahlah, Tirzah and Hoglah Since her time, when inventive ability | and Mileah and Noah, the daughters of was rare even among men, her ideas Zelophehad." have been incorporated in the construc-

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For In Cows. cases of cholera under the eye of a phy South Africa's first diamonds were cian who acknowledged he had tried haid for in cows. The story is told by every known remedy in the pharmaco-Joseph B. Robinson, one of the wealthy poela. The egg skin is said to form a pioneers of that country. In 1879 he ew coating temporarily for the stomgave eight oxen and a wagon loaded with sugar and tobacco to a native in ach. The skin of an egg is the part that clings tightly to the inside of the shell. exchange for a twenty-three carat It can be given with milk or water and gem. "The news spread like wildfire should be rolled up into as small a dose through the countryside that a white

as possible. man was giving away wagons and oxen for bits of stone," he says. "I

Insects That Love Heights.

set all the natives who came to work to seek for diamonds on one side of the "On peaks where even bird life ceases," said an Alpine traveler, "and Vaal river, and I brought up my own fifty men to hunt for diamonds among the eternal snow seems to have frightthe bushes and scrub on the other side ened all life away, I have always found estimation as does a clever thief. His of the stream. I had bought the land insects. No matter how high I might chief excellence, from an Apache stand- on both sides of the river, so that I elimb in those awful solitudes, beetle point, lies in his ability to outwit the was working on my own property. and other bugs could be seen. The bee white man, says Mr. Cremony, the au-thor of "Life Among the Apaches." Next morning at sunrise, when I was the dwell under the rocks and in holes having my coffee, I was startled by in the earth. Their wings are small or I was sitting, says Mr. Cremony, in a loud hullabalooing, and, looking missing entirely, for the snow circumfront of my tent, writing a letter, when a young Apache came up and asked what I was doing. I replied I was talk-excitement.

excitement. "One of them had found a diamond not a single cateropping of rock, but of good size. They all had come to everything is white and frozen, there far away?" "When an Apache wishes to talk of speed to a distant friend," I answered, finder. 'I will give you ten cows,' I seems to be as comfortable in the snow "he sends him a pleture of a bird; if he replied and sent the man into the herd as other insects are in a flower gar-

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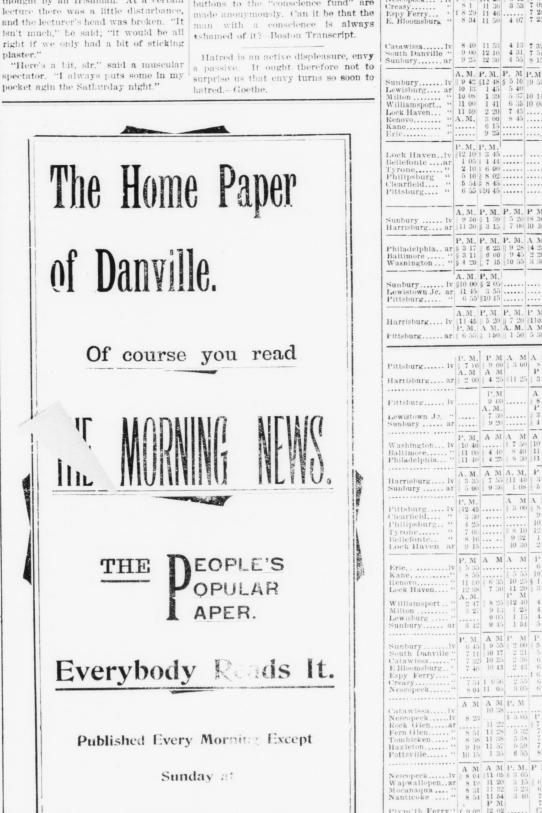
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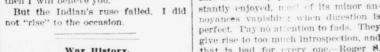
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