By CHAMPNEY WELLES

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annous many Jefford watched the big farm wagon tattle down the road and turned disconsolately to his charge. It was pretty hard that he should be cut out of the last picnic of the season just because Nellie Carter's married sister chose to declare that her Bobby's life was too precious to be jeopardized by wandering into the woods, where as likely as not poison ivy lurked and where, at the very least, there was the chance that he would climb a tree when some one's back was turned and fall through the breaking of a rotten branch.

Bobby Germaine had been every one's cross that summer. Day after day some excursion had been proposed and some one had had to stay at home with Bobby. Jefford often wondered why his mother did not remain behind



with her precious offspring, but Mrs. Germaine always had been one of the was looking for a real man and not for first to accept, and for the sake of her pretty sister some one had volunteered to remain behind with the six-year-old. an aunt. You are the man I want. Usually it had been Turner or Bascom, dear." for they had been rivals for Nellie Carter's affections ever since the season choice.

Jefford had made good headway in attracting Nellie's attention, but this attracting Nellie's attention, but this attracting is attracting in the state of the been left out of the party this time had ance. it not been that Nellie herself had made | If I had a daughter who played the

lie's suitors, and that the masterful Mrs. Germaine would throw the balance of her favor to the fortunate man as mean and small as some men I who had most successfully filled the know-and I may-I hope that I should role of day nurse to her young hopeful.

Jefford loved Nellie sincerely, but he the angel Gabriel would toot his horn had avoided these tete-a-tetes with for me very soon. Bobby religiously. Now he watched If ever I knowingly vote for a scounroad and lifted his eyes just in time to hope that I may have the privilege of

fountain on the lawn. He had to form | decency are taught. was dragged forth, wet and wailing, sort of luck the poor girl played in to be sent upstairs to his nurse to be when she married me.—San Francisco dried out. Twenty minutes later he was on the

lawn in a new linen suit, and Jefford raced across the grass just in time to prevent him from cutting his hands on Virtues of the Gigantic Marine Snail Jefford went back to his book and

the realization that he was his aunt's nephew, and beyond a mild rebuke there were no developments.

view the bull in the north pasture.

ful, for the nursegirl was in attend- two pounds. ance to check any demonstration, but

collar, he led him toward the porch, ground into powder and used for makwhile Bobby, with streaming eyes, deling soup. veloped an unexpected fertility of invention in explaining what he would the abalone lives, and as it is a clean say to his mother and his aunt upon | feeder its flesh is always sound and

Nellie's name. On the plazza there was a short scuffle, in which Bobby held his own remarkably well, and thereafter the sound of a voice raised in anguish and the smack of a broad palm upon well stretched cloth.

"Mr. Turner never spanked me," snobbed Bobby. "Aunt Nell won't like

"I know it." was Jefford's amiable response, "but for your soul's salvation you simply had to have that spanking, and you'll get another if I catch you up to any of your tricks again."

That afternoon Peace sat on the front

time since his arrival on the farm the live stock spent a quiet afternoon. Jefford enjoyed the quiet as much as they did, but it was with a flushed face that he met the party on its return and received Mrs. Germaine's compliments upon the excellent care he had

"I hope he did not give you any bother," she gushed. "Bobby is an angel, but he will be wayward at

"No," said Jefford quietly. "He was a little rough this morning, but we very soon came to an understanding, and we have had a delightful afternoon here on the plazza."

Turner and Bascom eyed Jefford with looks of unbelief, but Nellie's eyes snapped as she watched the pantomime. They were twinkling when, that evening, Jefford spoke simply of his love. "I know that I am not worthy of you," he admitted, "but I love you,

dear, and I want you for my very own. "Jim," she said softly, "before I answer your question I want to ask one.

What was that understanding you had with Bobby this afternoon?" Jefford colored. "I don't think that is fair," he protested. "I took him in

charge at your request." "Mr, Bascom and Mr. Turner declared that they never had any trouble," she said irrelevantly. "I know that poor Mr. Turner spent one entire afternoon on his hands and knees playing lorse to amuse Bobby."

"Would you like to see me capering about on all fours," he asked, "just to keep a spoiled child out of mischief?" she reminded, "a man often may be judged by his attitude toward childish innocence."

He rose and faced her, "Nell," he said steadily, "if I had been in contact with childish innocence all the afternoon I would be all right, but when I am compelled to stand guard over a spoiled child and he almost sets fire to the henhouse and half kills the entire flock, there is just one thing that will meet the situation promptly, and that's a good old fashioned spanking. That was the understanding I had with Bobby, and it was effective."

"I asked you to stay behind with him on purpose," she went on. "I knew that the others had been kind to him and had used only words of kindness. Not one of them ever thought of spanking him-for my sake."

"Well" declared Jefford "if that's your idea of a love test I am afraid I am out of it. I spanked him because he needed it, and I'm glad I did. I suppose I had better be getting on." He had taken half a dozen steps when a hand was lightly laid upon his

"Jim," said Nellie tenderly, "don't you suppose I realized what Bobby needed? I'm glad that you, at least,

had the courage." "Then Bobby was not your test?" he

cried. "Bobby was a test." she said. "but I a man who would let a child ride roughshod over him just because of

Strange to say, Bobby approved the

gain her favor by remaining at home he would lose his last nickel and have with Bobby, and he would not have to walk home after his first attend-

piano in the sitting room while her old It was piazza gossip that Bobby was mother did the work in the kitchen I a sort of test as to the fitness of Nel-should hope that I might find an oak shingle and be given the grace to use it. If ever I were to catch myself being

the rest of the summer party down the drel because he represents my party I

to accomplish this result, but he ble at times—but I don't admit it—I was successful and a moment later should hope that I would remember the Call.

AN ODD SEA FOOD.

Known as the Abalone.

Though the flesh of the abalone is a nutritious and wholesome article of Bobby crossed the road to the pasture beyond, whence there presently arose and Jacobs few popular than the Units. beyond, whence there presently arose agonized cries, and Jefford arrived in time to haul Bobby over the fence before his change of venue was assisted by a goat. For a moment there was a decided inclination to lay the youngdecided inclination to lay the young ural home is the deep water off a rocky coast. The whole coast of central and lower California, from Cape Mendocino to Cape St. Lucas, abounds in aba-Through the morning Bobby man limited. As fast as an area of fishing lones, the supply being absolutely unaged to get into half a dozen scrapes, from which he was rescued by his full grown abalones coming in from guardian before serious complications the ocean. Three months after a piece arose, and only the ring of the dinner of ground has been thoroughly cleared bell saved him from seeking to inter-by the abalone fishers the supply is as abundant as ever. The contents of the The meal was comparatively peace- large abalone shell weigh as much as

Long ago the Chinese and Japanese she conveniently vanished after the discovered the value of the meat as a meal, and Jefford sat upon the porch wholesome and digestible food. The with his after dinner cigar and won-supply of abalones in Chinese waters dered how it was that Turner and is, however, small, and the fishing Bascom had been able to get through grounds off the coast of Japan were so an entire day without committing mur- heavily drawn upon that they became exhausted. The people are forbidden Half a dozen times through the morn- by an imperial edict from taking them. ing he had been moved to take decided | The Japanese and Chinese in Califoraction and had been restrained there nia dive for the abalones, which crawl from only by the thought of what Nel- about the rocks at the bottom of the lie would say, but when Bobby dug up sea in deep water outside the surf. from somewhere the remnants of his The divers bring them ashore and Fourth of July stock of firecrackers spread them out in a sunny place to and proceeded to set them off in the dry. This process reduces the abalone henhouse, where a dozen hens were to about one-third of its original bulk, on their nests. Jefford's patience gave leaving a tough, horny product. The dried abalones are sent to the orient, With a firm grasp upon the offender's where they are soaked and stewed or

In the pure, deep water of the ocean wholesome, being superior in this re-What he could say to Mrs. Germaine was a matter of complete indifference to Jefford, and for the moment he was not to be neveral contaminated by sewage and other important to the never leave to the moment he was purities. The research of the could say to Mrs. Germaine which live near shore and are often contaminated by sewage and other important to the could say to Mrs. Germaine which live near shore and are often contaminated by sewage and other important to the could say to Mrs. Germaine which live near shore and clams, which live near shore and clams, which live near shore and the could say to Mrs. Germaine was a matter of complete indifference. contaminated by sewage and other im- not overdo this not to be moved even by the use of purities. The viscera of an abalone, which must be swallowed whole, are and then sauntered carelessly along inquite separate from the muscular or to the Fourth National bank. edible part and can be detached by a

Wagner, writing in 1846, said of Phillips took his place in line. He had it, the nervous centers. you when I tell her how cruel you was Schumann: "He is a highly gifted mu- u forged check for \$5,650 in his hand, sician, but an impossible man. When and he was certain that it would be a stretching of the respiratory chamber I came from Paris I went to see him. paid without question. The merchants I told him of my Parisian experiences, would have sworn that the signature speke of the state of music in France, was their own. The check was passed drives the vitiated air out. Yawning is then of that in Germany, spoke of in, glanced at, and the teller swiftly That afternoon Peace sat on the front plazza with Bobby, and for the first time since his arrival on the farm the An impossible man!" Schumann gave an account of this interview, which practically agrees with that of Wagner," he were ten seconds of puzzled hesitation, and then he said:

"I have seldom met Wagner," he were ten seconds of puzzled hesitation, and then he said:

"I have seldom met Wagner," he were ten seconds of puzzled hesitation, and the back of the throat middle ear and the back of the stretching and opening of the custochian tubes, which form a communication between the middle ear and the back of the throat middle ea An impossible man!" Schumann gave tempt for his easy ways when he pausand spirit. He talks, however, unceas- "There is a bit of irregularity here. The deafness which often accompanie

Astute Mr. Phillips By C. B. LEWIS

Copyright, 1905, by Homer Sprague There was no room to doubt that Mr. James Phillips was astute. He had been told so by his employer, by his fellow clerks in the bank and by two or three detectives with whom he had come in contact. In fact, he had rooms in the same house with a detective, and they were on such intimate terms that the sleuth let him in on some of his

"Phillips, you would have made a great detective. You have the natural astuteness of a Vidocq."

There were times when the bank clerk really thought of resigning his position and taking up detective work as a profession. He had almost made up his mind in earnest when a brilliant thought came to him.

earning a salary of \$20 per week. Until further promotion should come he place he aspired to was years away, state prison for seven years. and there was no way of adding to his as he wanted to live.

The brilliant thought that flashed reap the profits. He did not intend murder nor highway robbery nor burglary, but simp y to beat the public in some easy way. As he was a good penman, and as he was well acquainted with the ways of banks, it was natural that he should decide on forgery as his

The astute Mr. Phillips did not rush month; it was a whole year before he was ready to move. He first called up all the cases of forgery that he had the White Rose.

Indicate the would expect the balloon ascent in the company of holding him high in the air, almost choked the life out of him. It seemed the White Rose. heard of in connection with banks and ed, and he satisfied himself as to why others had sent men to prison. Then he borrowed the detective's scrapbook he borrowed the detective's scrapbook no small delight of the assembled multiple and the performance of the appointed time, to the no small delight of the assembled multiple and the performance of the per ery phase of it for a year, was the very

safest game in the catalogue. ness" he jotted down the following conveyed to Stockerau in triumph. points in his favor: He had always borne a good reputation; he was connected with a responsible house; he Ordinarily Cheerful, it Held a Strain It Is the Staff of Life in the Great could imitate any man's chirography he knew scores of men who banked at was a comrade of a detective who would keep him informed of what was going on, and his friendship with the officer would serve to lull all suspicion.

It was plain sailing to success. It is said that there are plenty of men who would beat a bank out of a thousand dollars and yet besitate to take ten from any other source. Persons of wealth will beat the customs because Uncle Sam is considered fair behold Bobby falling into the tiny going to a school where the elements of game. The criminal who gets ahead of had robbed a private house. Mr. tion to banks and none of it to private individuals. Had any one suggested

been highly indignant. The detective had told the bank clerk that more criminals came to grief through confederates than in any other way. There is honor among thieves only up to a certain point. They stand ready to sell each other out at any hour when it seems that they can per-

Mr. Phillips' natural astuteness warned him to go it alone and trust to no man, and therefore when he got ready to put his programme in motion no living man shared his secret. There had been certain preparations to make. He was allowed an hour for lunch. He had been in the habit of going to a certain place patronized by other bank clerks. He purposely raised a row with the proprietor that he might have some excuse for going elsewhere. He would need to be disguised, and he had to rent a room in a convenient location make the changes. There must be a safe place for his money, and he found it by renting a second room half a mile from the other. To both landlords and to account for his brief stops he claim-

ed to be a detective. Mr. Phillips was in no hurry, and he did not propose to leave any loose ends. He went over his plans time after time and finally satisfied himself that they were without a flaw. He had provided for every contingency likely to arise, and it only remained to rake in the plunder. After going over his list of "availables" he finally selected a business house which had formerly banked with his people. Their signature was at his disposal, and he knew the size of their account at the new bank. He could get \$5,000 from them easily, and the chances were that the crime would remain undiscovered for at least a

One day the astute bank clerk was guite ready to start out. He was not a bit flurried or excited. He left his

. Conned his stal way and passed out at an the street to seek his lodgings and d gulse himself. He did He simply donned a

The astute Mr. Phillips saw. For a preparing for this day. For a year he had been telling himself that there could be no failure. He had written out the check with the utmost care and | frontier life strength and athletic skill mer force, and in spite of his assurance

incident.

leads most of 'em here."

A Terrible Scene.

Notwithstanding the fact that the po- must follow; but even while Lincoln's went over them one by one in the most lice had forbidden the landlord, who fierce rage compelled their respect his methodical manner. Some had succeed- has a large family, from taking part in quickly returning self-control won their and purchased the published reminis-cences of two or three others and read rose in the air, Strobschneider and the every line connected with forgery. His landlord sitting on the trapeze beneath. deductions when he had finished were Some of the spectators declare that the thus strangely begun lasting through that nineteen out of every twenty men latter turned as pale as a sheet during arrested for the crime were burglars. his upward flight, though he did not in various ways, and years afterward They had been careless; they had left fail to wave his hat to the crowd. Aft Lincotn made ample amends for his loopholes; they had neglected the most er reaching a dizzy height the two balordinary precautions. In some cases loonists were observed to quarrel and by saving the neck of Jack Armstrong's they had lacked nerve—a thing he knew he possessed to a wonderful degree; in others they had taken alarm when there A shout of horror arose from the spec- "boys" voted Lincoln "the cleverest felwas not the slightest cause for it. A should of horion and to the spot where they low that ever broke into the settle-Forgery, he decided after studying every expected to find Pramper lying with broken limbs. What was their astonishment at discovering not a corpse, When Mr. Phillips had fully and firm- but a lay figure dressed in one of the ly made up his mind to enter into "busi- landlord's suits. The manikin was

> LINCOLN'S DISPOSITION. of Deep Melancholy.

institutions outside his own; he was an adept at disguising face and voice; he position a strain of deep melancholy. Hopeful and cheerful as he ordinarily This was not peculiar to him alone, for the pioneers as a race were somber rather than gay. Their lives had been passed for generations under the most infested streams and where they breathed the poison of decaying vegetation. Insufficient shelter, storms, the cold of winter, savage enemies and the cruel labor that killed off all but the hardlest of them had at the same time killed the happy-go-lucky gayety of an easier fountain on the lawn. He had to form decency are taught.

If my wife should prove to be irascifeed that he has broken the law as if the statement of the composition of the law as if the statement of the composition of the law as if the statement of the composition of the law as if the statement of the law as if the statement of the law as if the statement of the law as if the l watchful, wary; capable, indeed, of wild merriment, but it has been said Phillips intended to pay all his-attenthat although a pioneer might laugh he could not easily be made to smile. that he beat a corner grocer out of \$50 and sane and normal. He had a cheer-Lincoln's mind was unusually sound by some gum game he would have ful, wholesome, sunny nature, yet he had inherited the strongest traits of the ploneers, and there was in him, moreover, much of the poet, with a poet's capacity for joy and pain. It is not strange that as he developed into manhood, especially when his deeper nature began to feel the stirrings of ambition He Had d of love, that these seasons of de-ession and gloom came upon him dren's service at a continental resort. and of love, that these seasons of dewith overwhelming force.—Helen Nicolay in St. Nicholas.

THE BARK OF TREES.

the Growing Plant.

The practical cultivator understands that nature makes provision for getting a basin."—London Globe. rid of the bark of trees as the trunk in creases in size. On the growth of the past season may be seen small olive spots. These are formations of cork. From year to year, in subsequent development, these little patches spread, really eating their way through the bark. This is the provision which nature makes for finally rifting the bark in each species of plant. These cork cells have their own special lines of de. ble into the sunlight of happiness. velopment, and this is the reason why each kind of tree has its own particular bark. The characteristics are so prominent that clever observers can select different kinds of trees by their bark even at midnight. As it is the evident intention of nature to get rid of old bark, it is a great help to the tree to assist nature in this respect, and any wash or treatment which aids the plant in getting rid of it is a practical advantage. Soapy water wash or lye water is useful, and even scraping has been found of great advantage. In a rough sort of way lime wash is frequently used, the only objection being the white and glaring color. It is, however, the cheapest and the best of all bark treatment.

THE USEFUL YAWN.

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a Double Purpose. The act of yawning is distinctly bene false wig and mustache, slipped on a ficial in two ways. In the first place unlike those of the clam or oyster, hat and cont unlike his usual garments | It serves the purpose of lung ventilation. The lungs are not filled or exhausted by ordinary respiration. There The substitute teller was at the pay is a certain quantity of air which phys single stroke of a knife. - Chicago window, as he had figured he would lologists call "residual air" left in the be after 12 o'clock. This man did not recesses of the lungs after the ordinary know him. There were three or four respiration. This in time becomes viti ersons with checks to be cashed, and ated and affects the blood and, through

> The result is a yawn, which is really to its fulcet capacity and the filling inspired air which

king sound often heard when lingly, and that one cannot endure for this check is dated for tomorrow.

This check is dated for tomorrow.

See?" LINCOLN THE ATHLETE.

Young Lincoln's bodfly vigor stood

How the Youth's Bodily Vigor Stood Him In Good Stead.

him in good stead in many ways. In had scanned it over and over again, and served as well for popular amusement yet he had dated it a day ahead and as for prosaic toil, and at times, indeed, made a most egregrious blunder! The they were needed for personal defense. thing came upon him with sledge ham- Every community had its champion wrestler, a man of considerable local he exhibited some confusion. This importance, in whose success the might have passed with the teller as a neighbors took a becoming interest. natural result had not a man with a There was not far from New Salem a check to be cashed exhibited undue cu- settlement called Clary's Grove, where riosity and had not Mr. Phillips' com- lived a set of restless, rollicking young rade detective come strolling in. He backwoodsmen with a strong liking for was known to the officers of the bank frontier athletics and rough practical and at once became interested in the jokes. Jack Armstrong was the leader the sleuth let him in on some of his cases and on several occasions had said to him:

Incident.

"It was an oversight that I will have corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty minutes, "remarking the corrected in twenty minutes," remarking the corrected in twenty and started out. But the detective sonal grudge against Lincoln; but, would not have it that way, and five hearing the neighborhood talk about minutes later he had penetrated the the newcomer and especially Offut's disguise of his friend. Perhaps their extravagant praise of his clerk, who, friendship might have stood the strain according to Offut's statement, knew or an explanation been possible, but the more than any one else in the United teller would not have it so. An at- States and could beat the whole countempt had been made to "do" and ruin try at running, jumping or "wrashim, and he proposed to see it through, tling," they decided that the time had He was a young man of twenty-six,
The result came two months later,
when the careful and deliberate and
to bring about a trial of strength bepainstaking as well as extraordinarily tween Armstrong and Lincoln. Linald not hope for any increase. The astute Mr. Phillips was sentenced to coln, who disapproved of all this "wool ing and pulling," as he called it, and "Sorry for you, my boy-very sorry," had no desire to come to blows with income and getting married and living said the detective as he left him at the his neighbors, put off the encounter as prison, "but you see there is a differ- long as possible. At length even his ence. Astuteness in business brings a good temper was powerless to avert it, upon him one evening was to turn his sure reward, but astuteness in crime and the wrestling match took place. Jack Armstrong soon found that he had tackled a man as strong and skillful as himself, and his friends, seeing Strohschneider, the famous aeronaut, him likely to get the worst of it, astonished the natives of Stockerau, swarmed to his assistance, almost sucnear Vienna, by carrying a young bar- ceeding, by tripping and kicking, in rister on his back along a tight rope getting Lincoln down. At the unfaireighty meters in length fixed to the ness of this Lincoln became suddenly church steeple. A few days later flam- and furiously angry, put forth his ening posters appeared on the walls an- tire strength, lifted the pride of Clary's into the new business in a day or a nouncing that Strohschneider would ef- Grove in his arms like a child and,

> rough treatment of the other's throat ment," and thereafter took as much pride in his peaceableness and book learning as they did in the rougher and more questionable accomplishments of their discomfited leader.-Helen Nicolay in St. Nicholas

THE VALUABLE MOOSE.

Northern Wilderness. What the buffalo was to the plains.

the white tail deer to the southern woods and the caribou to the barrens the moose is to the great northern belt of swamp and timber land of British It is the creature that enables the na-

trying physical conditions, near malaria tives to live at all. Assisted in warm more moose. Its back sinew is the sew- and Scotland, being prisoners in Engtive dyes and skillfully worked into mayor, having won 50 marks from the are as effective as porcupine quills and are, indeed, often mistaken for them aggrieved, for 1 e yet not year gold, of which the sincere affections of the are, indeed, often mistaken for them aggrieved, for I cover by the unskilled.—Ernest Thompson Se- but your play

He Had Been There.

During the lesson he had occasion to catechise his hearers on the parable of the unjust steward. "What is a steward?" he asked. A little boy, who had arrived from England a few days Nature's Provision For the Relief of before, held up his hand. "He is the man, sir," he replied, with a reminis-

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its Best Examples and Some of Its Changes In Plumage That Are Puz-

Greatest Defects. The spirit of purely Chinese art in one is shown in work such as the quainted with the goldfineh, but many creat monolith figures animals and people know the bird by the name of lettuce bird, on account of its bright arriors which flank the approach to ne fombs of the Ming dynasty and in be perfectly plain structures designed or the tombs of the present dynasty. ther from distant quarries over roads her mate. The changes in plumage of the male are very interesting and to ning ordinary cart traffic and the novice somewhat puzzling. Until always to be specially prepared event the great weights causing the bird he may wonder why he sees The same admiration for the employ- no males during the winter. The truth is, at this season the flocks of supposed t of huge blocks of stone is seen female goldfinches are really of both the case of the bridges over the rives along the coast of South Fukien, here the stone slabs used in the contraction occasionally measure sixty at in length and are estimated to reigh nearly 120 tons, and the bridges conselves have a length of 1,000 to 100 years.

In almost all cases where the build-s are not of solid construction the light of the blocks employed has ced a strain upon the supports which April, and by the 1st of May our re e architect's skill was not competent splendent bird is with us again. The o provide against, and with the lapse films the melanchory spectacle is song period with the male goldfinch continues as long as he wears his gold and black times. een of slabs fallen from their places and black livery, for it commence and of noble and costly structures early as the middle of March and ends upproaching ruin. In some cases the nterdependence of the arches leads to cleanly in their habits and bathe fre e same result. One notable instance quently. Their nests are exquisite of this occurred during Colonel Gor pieces of bird architecture, the inside don's campaign against the Taipings, being lined with the softest plant when to allow of the passage of his down. The mother bird is the builder, small steamers it was necessary to her handsome consort during the nest make a gap in a bridge of over twenty building time devoting most of his ef-arches, and arch after arch collapsed forts to singing to cheer his industrious immediately after the passage of his mate.—Philadelphia Press. small flotilla. - London Saturday Re-

AVERAGE HUMANITY.

Most People Are Not Very Good Nor Yet Very Bad.

What do we mean by a good man or very bad." We move about the pastures of life in huge herds, and all do ment of zouaves. Neither Major Sum the same things at the same times and ner nor Colonel Eilsworth was tall, and like one." Are we mean? Well, we have done some mean things in our time. Are we generous? Occasionally we are. Were we good sons or dutiful daughters? We have both honored and dishonored our parents, who in their turn had done the same by theirs. Do are any taller than I am." we melt at the sight of misery? Indeed we do. Do we forget all about it when we have turned the corner? Frequently that is so. Do we expect to be put to platform, where Lincoln and he stood open shame at the great day of judgment? We should be terribly frightened of this did we not cling to the hope er?" that amid the shocking revelations then for the first time made public our little affairs may fail to attract much notice. the guard rail and, putting his hand Judged by the standards of humani-"I have not been a great sinner," said

ty, few people are either good or bad. men, said, "I believe they are exactly the dying Nelson; nor had he—he had faced each other. The crowd shouted only been made a great fool of by a loudly when Lincoln took the black, only been made a great 1000 or to woman. Mankind is all tarred with the same brush, though some who chance to be operated upon when the brush is to be operated upon when the brush is who was his equal—in height.—Thomas fresh from the barrel get more than H. Tibbles in Success Magazine. their share of the tar. The biography of a celebrated man usually reminds me of the outside of a coast guards-

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