OLD TIMES, OLD FRIENDS, OLD

There are no days like the good old days— The days when we were youthful!
When humankind were pure of mind
And speech and deeds were truthful;
Beforça love for sordid gold
Became man's ruling passion,
And before each dame and maid became
Slave to the tyrant fashion!

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There are no girls like the good old girls—Against the world I'd stake 'em!
As burom and smart and clean of heart.
As the Lord knew how to make 'em!
They were rich in spirit and common sens.
And piety all supportin';
They could bake and brew, and had taugi school, too,
And they made the likeliest courtin'!

And they made the inselect courtin's
There are no boys like the good old boys—
When we were boys together!
When the grass was sweet to the brown bare
feet
That dimpled the laughing heather;
When the pewee sung to the summer dawn
of the bee in the billowy clover,
Or down by the mill the willip-poor-will
Echoed his night song over.

There is no love like the good old love—
The love that mother gave us!
We are old, old men, yet we pine again
For that precious grace—God save us!
So we dream and dream of the good old
times,
And our hearts grow tenderer, fonder,
As those dear old dreams bring soothing
cleams

of heaven away off yonder.

—Engene Field, in Chicago News.

## A NIGHT OF TERROR.



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Class! I wish we had never come to it!?

"What nonsense!" said Clara, gayly.

"I think it is all splendid! Old Huldah is a perfect character, and a night upon the mountain side will be an adventure to talk of for weeks."

The supper of rye bread and milk was delicious to the two hungry girls, and when afterward Huldah showed them the way up a steep flight of steps more like a ladder than stairs, which led into the garret, Olara's delight was greater than ever.

"What a love of an old place," she exclaimed, looking round her at the bare beams and ratters, which, at their apex, almost touched her head. "How musically the rain sounds, and how cozy that little bed under the beams looks, only we shall have to go on our hands and knees to get into it. Oh, Marian, what do you suppose we shall dream about!"

"Hush!" cried Marian, seizing her companion's arm. "What noise was that?"

"Only an owl hooting in the woods.
What a bundle of ridiculous nerves you.

that?"
"Only an owl hooting in the woods.
What a bundle of ridiculous nerves you are, Marian!"
"Ah, but the strange grating sounds as if skeleton fingers where feeling over the roof."
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Clara burst into a laugh.

"Nothing on earth but the trees that hang over the ledge of rocks, and brush to and fro across the ridge-pole at every gust of wind. What will you fancy next?"

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Marion drew a deep sigh of relief.
"But I shall not undress," she said,

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Marian Drake sat silent the while, and when Huldah had limped into the bedroom to get fresh fuel wherewith to release the failing fire, she whispered to her companion?

"I don't like the looks of this place."

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daily came up to brush Miss Wynford's lovely golden hair was brimful of tidings.

"Dear heart alize, miss," said she, "did you know that Widow Huldah Dale, who lives up on the mountain, where you stopped all night in that tremendous storm, you know—"

"Yes," said Clara, impatiently. "Go on!"

"Well, she's got a crazy son that's, been wanderin' round in the woods, living on nuts and berries like a wild man these three months, for he's escaped from the asylvm, where they didn't use him well noways, and his poor mother hadn't the heart to put him back there again; and last night he slipped on them rocks by Creefe's Creek, and fell in and was drownded! And Widow Huldah she takes on just as bad as if he wasn't a poor, deformed creature without common sense—and to think she's kep' that secret all the years she's lived there, havin' a mad son!"

Clara spoke no word, but her eyes met those of her cousin Mariau.

"That explains the mystery," said the latter, queefly. "Poor Huldah! no wonder she was so unwilling to shelter us from the rain! She must have hersel! taken the jewels from him afterward, and told a falsehood to keep the awful secret."

"Poor Huldah!" sighed Clara. "But, Marian, how wonderful that our lives

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"Poor Huldah!" sighed Clara. "But, Marian, how wonderful that our lives were preserved. Suppose, in an instant of mad caprice—"

She stopped short and shuddered, instead of finishing her sentence.

And the two innocent young girls, kneeling at their prayers that night, thanked Heaven with tremulous fervency for the perils they had escaped.—New York Weekly.

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Peculiarities of Indian Social Life.

Wages in India are so low that the workingman has no opportunity to accommulate anything. The skilful mechanic may command better wages than the common laborer if he is shrewd, and may live with less discomfort, but a manufacture of the skilful mechanic may command better wages than the common laborer if he is shrewd, and may live with less discomfort, but a manufacture of the skilful mechanic may live with less discomfort, but a may be considered as a repeal a equivalent to thirty-six cents, three dollars and sixty cents is good wages for thirty days' work. Common laborers receive from four to six rapees a month, and as a contractor pays for eight carpenters, nine laborers, one night-watchman and one messenger the combined wages of thirty of the skilful mechanic may be a seen of the skilful may be combined wages of the skilful may be combined wages and the skilful may be combined wages of the skilful may be considered as an onth, it all substantials were furnished, he would be in debt for his pepper and astl. In the simplicity of India's economic structure, the necessities of live and salt. In the simplicity of India's economic structure, the necessities of live and salt. In the simplicity of India's economic structure, the necessities of live and salt. In the simplicity of India's economic structure, the necessities of live and salt. In the simplicity of India's economic structure, the necessities of live with a manural through the number of the skilful may be considered easy of digestinates and structure, the necessities of live with law of the skilful may be considered easy of digestinates and structure, the necessities of live with law of the skilful may be considered easy of digestinates and structure, the necessities of live with law of the skilful may be considered easy of digestinates and structure, the necessities of live with the skilful ma Peculiarities of Indian Social Life.

In the Paris pawnshops everything is open and public. The pledging-room is a large room with a counter dividing it across. The receiving clerks sit on one side, the public stand on the other.

Everybody sees everybody else, and all in side, the public stant on the other. Everybody sees everybody else, and all in the room know what each has brought to pawn and how much he has got for it. When the appraiser, after looking at the contents of some miserable little bundle of clothes, shouts out that the office can't lend anything on such a pledge, as not having the minimum worth fixed by their regulations, it is decipedly mortifying for the would-be borrower to see about fifty other borrowers grinning at his discomfiture. The lowest sum that the Mont-de-Piete will advance is sixty cents, so that the pledge must represent a minimum value of a dollar and a half. Loans are refused on any pledges having a less value.—New York Journal.

daybreak, and then hurried down to flashes. You can't turn us out, Huldah Dare's rigid old face softened somewhat as she looked into the fresh beauty of the sweet young countenance upturned to hers.

"If would never have invited you to come in, Miss Clara," she said; "but to come in, Miss Clara, "and the said; "but to come in, Miss Clara," she said; "but to come in, Miss Clara, "and the said; "but to come in, Miss Clara, "and the said; "but to come in, Miss Clara, "and the said; "but to come in, Miss Clara, "and the said

## HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

Gray linen, white mualin, red worsted, medium-sized' scarlet cord and scarlet braid. Cut the cover to fit your ironing-board—a rather loose fit is most desirable—out of the gray linea. Line with the muslin and trim and finish with the scarlet braids and worsteds to suit your fancy. Some simply bind the edges; others quill the braid all round them, while other crochet a scalloped edge into the scarlet braid. At the top of the inside lining a little pocket may be made to hold the ironing-holder. As the bosom board, which is also used for the ironing of cuffs and collars, should be kept clean, these pretty holders are not only convenient, but they add a spot of brightness to the kitchen wall. A clothes-pin bag may be made to match and hang near the one just described.—Ferm, Field and Stockman. WALL POCKET FOR BOSOM BOARD

Fold a yard and a half of wide china silk twice, cut to make three pieces exactly alike. Sew two pieces together and turn a hem two and a half inches deep for the top; overcast the bottom. Run a shirr next the hem, another two inches below, and one one inch below that. Place on the shade frame and draw the top shirr string to fit the frame, allowing the wide hem to arrange itself into a graceful puff; draw the other shirrs to fit the frame. Now take the other piece of silk and cut into exactly three pieces for the ruffle. This allows a whole breadth extra to full. Sew the three pieces together and "pink" both edges. Shirr about one inch from the top and sew to the bottom of the shade. A handsome spray of flowers and a lace ruffle over the silk one adds to its beauty, but it is very handsome without these. If the frame is not large enough a small wire may be looped around it very seasily, making any sized desired.—New Orleans Picayune. HOW TO MAKE A LAMP SHADE,

Indiana Batter Cakes—Sift into a pan three large pints of cornmeal and add to this a tablespoonful of lard. Add a small teaspoonful of saleratus, or a large one of soda, dissolved in a little warm water. Next make the whole into a soft dough with a pint of cold water. Afterward thin it to the consistency of a moderate batter, by adding gradually, not quite one pint and a half of warm water. When it is all mixed continue to stir for half an hour. Have ready a griddle heated over a fire, and bake the batter in the manner of buckwheat cakes. Send to table hot, and serve with syrup. These cakes are very light and good, and convenient to make, as they require neither egg, milk nor yeast. They may be cooked as soon as mixed or allowed to stand for an hour or more.

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Kentucky Batter Cakes.—Sift a quart of cornneal into a large pan; mix with it two large tablespoonfuls of wheat flour and one saltspoonful of salt. Warm one pint and a half of rich milk in a small saucepan, but do not let it come to a boil. When it begins to simmer take it off the fire and put into it two pieces of fresh butter, each about the size of a hen's egg. Stir the butter into the warm milk until it melts and is well mixed. Then stir in the meal gradually, and set the mixture to cool. Beat four eggs very light and add them by degrees to the mixture, stirring the whole very hard. If you find it too thin add a little more cornneal. Have ready a griddle heated over the fire and bake like buckwheat cakes.

Ohio Pancakes—Beat separately the whites and yolks of six eggs. Mix one pint of four with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and sift. To the flour add first the yolks of the eggs with one salt-spoonful of salt, then follow with the whites, adding flour enough to make a thin batter. Lard the bottom of a hot griddle and fry at once. Take up, apphake lightly with sugar, roll up, place in napkin or hot bread cloth on a warm platter and serve.

Rye Batter Cakes—Beat two eggs very light. Mix them gradually with a quart of lukewarm milk and sufficient rye meal to make a batter about as thick as for buckwheat cakes. Stir in two large tablespoonfuls of good home-made yeast. Cover and set to rise in a warm place. If too thin, add more rye meal, When quite light, and covered on the surface with bubbles, bake on a griddle.





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