There's a little mischief-maker
That is stealing half our bliss,
Sketching pietures of a dreamland,
Which are never seen in tuis;
Da-hing from our lips the pleasure
Of the present while we sigh—
You may know this mischief-maker,
For his name is, "By and By."

He is sitting by our hearthstones, With his sly, bewitching glance, Whispering of the coming morrow, As the social bours advance: Loitering mid our caim reflections, Hiding form of beauty nigh— He's a smooth deceitful fellow, This enchanter, "By and By."

When the calls of du'y haunt us, And the present seems to be All of time that ever mortals Snatch from long eternity: Then a fairy hand seems painting Pictures on a distant sky-For a cunning little artist Is this fairy, "By and By."

By and By, the wind is singing;
By and By, the heart replies;
But the phantom just before us,
Ere we grasp it, ever files.
List not to the idle charmer,
Scorn the very specious lie;
This deceiver, "By and By."
New Orleans Picayune

Among the antique tribes of prime-val Canaan and Phoenicia the mythology of the lower regions named Beelzebub as the patron demon of the fly, which has been so grievous a pest flow and upset about something. Generally his aunt was a very dainty looking little old lady, exquisitely dressed, and the perfection of a hostess. But on this particular afternoon she greeted her nephew in an absentminded fashion, her cap slightly awry, her cheeks flushed, and her beautiful old hands trembling.

"Why, Aunt Minnie," said the young man anxiously, "whatever is the matter?"

"Oh, my dear Felix," repiled the old lady, looking into his handsome face with troubled blue eyes, "I have had such a dreafful upset. Two of the housemaids are down with influence.

the end to see him coming forth more than conqueror, which leads me to say that there is hope for every one.

"What is thy name, and he said Jacob." Look at him by his father's side as he deceives the old man in his blindness, telling him that he is Esau when he is Jacob, and the old father saying to him the voice is the voice of Esau, but the hands do not belong to him. How he must have trembled. I can see his face get white and hear his heart best quickly. What if God should strike him dead as he stands in the presence of the old patriarch? In this part of his history I learn that one sin leads to another. We cannot commit a single sin and stop with that.

Mr. Spurgeon used to tell of the king who commanded his subject to make a chain of three links, and then told him to make it longer and still longer, and with the chain bound him and cast him into prison. How like unto Satan that is, Graces and vice go with linked hands. Notice in Paul's Epistle to the Galatians concerning the works of the flesh, Galatians 5: 19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idoaty, witheraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." And also notice his description of the fruit of the spirit, Galatians 5: 22-23, "But the fruit of the spirit of alatians 5: 22-23, "But the fruit of the spirit of alatians for condenses, faith, meckness, temperance; against such there is no law." Yet this man who deceived his father and defrauded his brother became a prince. What is thy name? I put the question to you, and if you answer correctly some twould say. "My name is impatience, or ime is unkindness, or mine is selfishness, temperance; against such there is no law." Yet this man who deceived his father and defrauded his brother became a prince, which i odd resemblances of tarbox as, which can only be regarded as idental coincidences, are presented a number of fungi," says Rev. A. Wilson, in Knowledge. "There is ese are too small to impose on one, e resemblance is singularly exact, and a large specimen might almost almost for the nest of some small bird; e eggs being admirably represented the little oval fruits of the fungus

menefit through being swallowed by nimals, it is easy to understand how fungus might profit by being missaken even for a bird's nest containing ggs."

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with the power of a new vision. Oh, may good help us to come to the same experience to-day.

And Jacob went down and met Esau, and then we are told he went over to Shechem. Somebody has said that doubtless his wise night have said to him, "It is far better for us to live in the city rather than the plain; it will be better for our children, they will become more cultured," and they went to Shechem only to make the greatest shipwreck of their home, and they turned away from it after a while with broken hearts, and God said to him, "Arise, and go up to Bethel and dwell there." Christians suffer spiritual declination for very many reasons, but in this expression to-day I have the secret of a renewed consecration. It is necessary in these days if Christians are to be as they would like to be for them to pray as they used to pray, read the Bible as they used to read it, yield themselves to God as they did in former times and the old joy will come back with increasing force. If we are to have times of blessing in the days to come the individual who is the leader of a home must go back to Bethel and live in his home as he used to live, and the church must go back to Bethel and be filled with the Spirit of God as she was in other days. But the end has come at last, the scaffolding is taken down from about this wonderful character, life has been a long

A Discovery Worth Making.

A prisoner in one of our State penitentiaries writes that he "thoroughly comprehends the kindness of his unkind condition." He has learned to trust "the fight against inhospitable surroundings" to be the means of developing in him power to resist the adversities which he is likely to encounter after he is released. How fortunate would the world be if all mencould learn to see the kindness in unkindness. Not only would the rigor of the law then always work out its purposed object of reclamation and restoration, as it seems to be doing in this case, but under the infinitely juster government of God sinners would always turn back to Him from His beneficent punishments. Yea, even Christians would forbear to murnur at affliction; and necessities until they saw what quality of character their Lord desired to strengthen in them by His löving discipline.—Chicago Interior. A Discovery Worth Making.

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The safe in the Hotel Francis, at Finleyville, was blown open by four men, and several relics, highly prized by the proprietor, were taken, but no money was found. The men entered the hotel through a front window which they cut open.

Miss Florence Wight, a school teacher, is confined at the home of her father, Randolph Wright, near Claysville, with smallpox. Miss Wright taught at Vesta, in the eastern part of the country, and was taken ill in the school room.

At a meeting of the town council

At a meeting of the town council of Jeannette the committee on securing the \$20,000 bonus for the Pennsylvania Rubber Company reported that they were yet \$4,000 behind in the subscription. leader of a make a sylvania Rubber Company reported that they were yet \$4,000 behind in the subscription.

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days. But the end has come at last, the scaffolding is taken down from about this wonderful character. It is has been a long struggle with him, the last word is snoken, the last command is given, the Jacob look is leaving his face, the Israel nature has gained control. He was a prince indeed.

Unless the Presbyterians of Pittsburg and vicinity within the next few days put up \$4,000, the beautiful First Presbyterian church building of Ford City, which cost \$25,000, will be sold by the sheriff.

Kobacker Bros., of Connellsville, have bought the Hammer farm adjourning Greensburg, for \$25,000. A manufacturing plant will be located on the tract and a new industrial town stated.

town started.

A daring robbery was committed at the new postoffice at New Brighestimated at over \$1,000 in stamps ton. Postmaster Charles McDanel

Louis M. Pott, of Canonsburg has been appointed to the position of su-position of the Rowland Tele-graph Company, with headquarters

Wentzel received the flag.

The pupils of the public schools of Westmortland county, contributed toward the support of the county hospital at Greensburg.

John Patterson, a well-known barber of Greensburg, was found frozen to death at Pennine station, on the Hempfield branch.

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Private detective Leo Metzner, of Trafford City, charged with conspiracy was committed to jail at Greensburg.

A Temporary Substitute's Permanent Place

Felix Livingstone was not in a good a cook that you can recommend by emper. temper.

He had a fortnight's leave, which duty required him to spend with his maiden aunt in the country, while inclination strongly urged him to go up to town in order to see the girl he loved. But on this occasion duty had to be considered, for Miss Drury, the aunt in question, was a wealthy old aunt in question, was a wealthy old lady, and he was practically dependent.

dent upon her.

All things considered, however, Fate had not been so very unkind to Felix. Left an orphan at an early age, he had been adopted by his mother's elder sister, who had done her duty nobly by him. Now at the age of twenty-five he found himself a subaltern in one of the line regiments, with a handsome allowance from his aunt. handsome allowance from his aunt, and solemnly, "if you get me out of and every prospect of becoming her his deficulty you may ask me for anyheir. But—there is always a "but" in most people's lives—although Miss Drury had been more than liberal to her nephew and forebore to exercise any but a very nominal restraint over his actions, yet she had given him to understand that she meant to exert her extentiate in the property metals. handsome allowance from his aunt, her authority in one important mat-

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In due course of time she intended Felix to become master of Woodlands, her beautiful old house, and since his wife would occupy her place as mistress. Miss Drury meant to limit, if not direct, her nephew's choice of a bride.

She did not approve of the modern woman, the up-to-date girl, with ner cigarette and her slang, her talk of golf and bridge, her contempt for needlework, and all things pertaining to domesticity. Felix could see in nismind's eye the wife his aunt destined for him—a meek and modest young woman of ultra-refined speech and appearance, and always with a piece of fancy work between her fingers—and he shuddered at the picture. Then he thought, with a sudden tightening of his heart, of Kitty Bellairs, as he had seen her last summer at the house of a brother officer—beautiful, mischievous, high-spirited, a keen tennis player, a brilliant horsewoman, full of life and laughter. She had charmed the young man's heart out of him, and debt of reatitude."

Drury's boudoir. "She was at the raws and since his wife would house, and since his wife would occup her place as distinguist, is a great piece of luck that she was disengaged, you know."

Miss Drury went hurriedly downstant to explain to her the arrangements for the evening's dinner. "I was a little taken aback at first," she said latter on to her nephew. "Blair looks so young and so pretty, and soe—er—erfined, but she seems very capable and fully qualified to send up an excellent dinner."

"Yes," replied Felix, eagerly, "she has had a course of cooking lessons at South Kensington, I believe she is no end of a swell at it."

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sence, in this case, had certainly made the heart grow fonder. "I daren't tell Aunt Minnie about Kitty," thought the young man disconsolately, "Of course if she knew her

solately. "Of course if she knew her as I do she couldn't help but love her although she isn't quite her style, but I don't see how ever they are to meet,-since my little darling knows no one in this neighborhood, and Aunt Min never will come up to town."

In the depths of his heart Felix was genuinely fond of the old lady, who had so generously mothered him all his life, and he was therefore rather disconcerted to find when he reached Woodlands that Miss Drury was very much perturbed and upset about something. Generally his aunt was a very dainty looking little old lady, exquisitely dressed, and the perfection of a hostess. But on this particular

face with troubled blue eyes, "I have had such a dreadful upset. Two of the housemaids are down with influenza, and now Parkins, who is quite invalu-able, has declared she can hold up no

Felix gave a whistle of dismay. Parkins was cook-housekeeper at Wood-lands, and the pivot upon which the rest of the household turned. She was an exceptionally good cook, and he knew that his aunt prided herself that her dinners were unsurpassed in the ione

"I would not have minded had we been alone," continued Miss Drury, "but the house is full of people, and

'What a catastrophe," exclaimed her nephew, sympathetically, who knew how vexed was Miss Drury's orderly mind when any household affairs

mind when any houselest and an went wrong. "Can't you get a woman from the village to help?"

"of course I can, but you don't know what these village women are like, my dear Felix; dirty incompensation." tent creatures, and as incapable of sending up a dinner as you are. No. I must just leave Susan, the kitchen-maid, to do her best; but I know I shall be disgraced tomorrow, and do not mind so much, if my guests don't have the best of everything. And to make matters worse, that greedy old Sir Gregory is coming, and

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our expectations I shall owe you a debt of gratitude." The dinner proved an immense suc-cess, and even Miss Drury had to confess that Parkins could not have done better. As for Sir Gregory, he chuckled with delight and went steadily through the menu from beginning

"leave that lady alone at once and clear out. Here are your wages. Go!" The man gazed at him, dumb with

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Felix," he ered at length, "I meant noten used to kiss Mrs. Pa kins. I didn't know as 'ow Miss Blair

ould mind. The cook's angry face relaxed, and she burst into a peal of laughter, in which, after some hesitation, Felix

"Never mind. John." she said. "I'll forgive you this once, only don't try it again. I dare say Mr. Felix will al-low you to stay if you behave your-

Felix nodded impatiently, and the man fled to the lower regions, but it was some minutes before "Miss Blair" took her place at the servants' hall supper looking rather flushed, or be-

Farkins's illness lasted a week, and throughout that time Blair continued to charm the palates of the inmates of Woodlands. All the same, Miss Drury of the temporary cook's stay came, for try as she would to disbelieve the evidence of her senses, there was no disguising the fact that Felix was alvays hanging about the Litchen on greedy old Sir Gregory is coming, and helpinew could so lat larger what was the always says he never dines so well due both to himself and to her, as to even carry on a mild flirtation with a money it makes him feel "queer."

by a number of lung, says Res. S. Wilson, in Knowledge. "There is the Jew's ear fungus, which grows on stumps of the elder, and is so named from its unmistakable likeness to a human ear. The Geasters are curiously like starfish; Aseroe has an extraornary resemblance both in form and color to a set-anemone; equally re-markable is the likeness to a bird's nest seen in species of Crucibulum, Cyathus, and Nidularia. The most of by the little oval fruits of the fungus. Even in such cases we must not too rashly conclude that the resemblance confers no advantage. The existence of attractive characters in, so many fungi points to the conclusion that the ungi points to the conclusion that the ame principles are in operation mong them as among flowering dants. Numerous facts indicate a endency in fungi to assume a guise which helps either to protect the plant or to promote the fertilization, germination, or dispersion of its spores. If, s some mycologists believe, spores menefit through being swallowed by nimals, it is easy to understand how, fungus might profit by being missisten even for a bird's nest containing.