

CHANGEFUL NATURE.

"Soon," says the snowdrop, and smiles at the motherly earth.

The Storm.

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She uttered the monosyllable gently. Her eyes followed the phosphorus lights that slipped through the black waves.



"We Will See!"

der?" she answered, reflectively. "Are we kings and queens on the chess-board? was it for the best? I do not know."

The tranquil tones ceased for a moment, and she pulled the cushion more comfortably under her cheek.

"You would—you would have—?" "Gone to you? Assuredly. You knew that I would. But you feared the world, more than I feared—the other place, you know. For my sake, you said. Well, perhaps. No doubt you quite believed it was—for my sake."

again, leaving only the noises of the night, of the winds and waters.

He drew the white hands up to his lips and held them there a long moment.

"You are not merciful in your analysis," he said slowly. "And perhaps you are right. But I do not think so."

She looked back into his eyes with a shade of amusement in her own.

She laughed, a little, low laugh, then gently released one hand from his and drew the tips of her fingers down over his face.

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"And it was—for the best? You believe that?" She rested her head back on the cushions and lifted her eyes to the stars that powdered the velvety gloom above them.

"Quien sabe!" She smiled thoughtfully. "It is written. What will be, will be, and all things are by fate."

"Well?" he asked. "Is it all written in the stars, I wonder?"

"Then you still—remember?" Darkly luminous in the faint starlight, the eyes turned from the ship back to his face.

"Remember? Oh, yes! My memory is very retentive. I remember every phase—everything."

He leaned nearer and his voice sank. "And care?" he added.

"M—Yes," the little smile again in her eyes. "You care—as you did then?"

Her gaze went back to the ghostly ship and she was silent as the black sails sank slowly into the darkness.

"Remember?" she said. "I am afraid—it would never do," she said. "You have become fixed in my mind as a dead and gone episode—a romance that was and is not."

"You mean that you no longer love—?" His voice sounded strained, and she interrupted him.

"I mean that I did love—too well," she said gently.

Then she took his hand between her two hands and drew it down to her breast, while her lips lingered over his eyes and brow and hair.

"It is life, my dear," she said, a shade of bitterness for the first time in the serene voice. "I would have gone to you on my knees over hot plowshares, once. But now—it is five years too late."

The rising gale shrieked around them in gathering fury. She lifted her face eagerly to the rough wind.

"We will see!" he said through his teeth.

"Quien sabe!" she laughed. Then from his arms she watched the storm, content. And always her eyes laughed.

FARM TOPICS

Adopt the Crop to the Soil.

Alva Ager writes to the National Stockman that last year he regretted not having plowed up one acre of wheat and planted it to potatoes.

Result, no returns for the labor done or seed sown. Last fall he sowed it to rye, and last spring planted it to potatoes, adding \$3 worth of acid phosphate.

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Lots of men lose the thousands they have gained because of an insatiate pursuit after another hundred.

TORRELLO, THE LION-TAMER.

Signor Torrello was a tamer of lions—His name in the Bible was Brown—He could make the fierce brutes jump the rope, walk the wire,

And turn somersaults and lie down—Signor Torrello Was quite a gay fellow, And rapidly winning renown.

Signor Torrello one day met a maiden Who, charmed by his soul-stirring art, Stood in front of the cage and applauded the lions

As each played its wonderful part—Signor Torrello, In words that were mellow, Laid siege to the fair maiden's heart.

Signor could look at a lion And cause it to cower in fear, But the look that gave Leo the chills had no terrors

For the lady who's figuring here—Signor Torrello—Alas! the poor fellow—Was conducted around by the ear.

Signor Torrello no longer tames lions, The beasts turned against him one day; The look that once charmed them had ceased to be potent,

They roared and refused to obey—Signor Torrello, Unfortunate fellow, All bloody, was hustled away!

Signor Torrello, subdued and discouraged, Now works by the day with his hands And is badgered for losing the look that made lions

In terror obey his commands—Signor Torrello, Alack! how he fell! O His case as his own moral stands!—Chicago Times Herald.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Is Miss Triller an obliging singer?" "Oh, yes; half the time she refuses to sing."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Cupid took the maiden's heart; By dint of being very clever; But lost it, for he left one man To garrison the place forever.—Pack.

He—"I always used to overestimate my abilities." She (consoling)—"Well, never mind. Your friends never did."—Tit-Bits.

"I'm sick of life. In fact, I wish I were dead," sighed the despondent man. "Then why don't you see a doctor?" remarked the Cheerful Idiot.

He had a cough; she feared that he Might die, so off she ran And summoned very speedily—A life insurance man.—Philadelphia Record.

"Did that girl encourage you any?" "Well, when I called she didn't appear herself, but she sent her mother in to see me instead of her father."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Dick and I have bought a horse in partnership." "What's the arrangement?" "Dick's going to feed him and take care of him and I'm going to exercise him."—Chicago Record.

"How many runs did your club make, Larry?" "Three, sir." "Three runs, eh?" "Yes, sir. A run for the umpire, a run for the doctor, and a run for the police station."—Answers.

Jackson—"No, I never take the newspaper home. I've got a family of grown-up daughters, you know." "Friend—"Papers too full of crime?" Jackson—"No; too full of bargain sales."

"He says that I inspire him to poetical outbursts." "You do?" "That's what he says." "Oh, well, I wouldn't reproach myself too much if I were you. By striving to do good in other ways you may atone for your evil influence in this line."—Chicago Post.

"But, father," protested the young woman in the case, "I don't see why you should object to him. He is so sedate and staid." "Well, I don't know much about his ability to see dates," replied her father; "but I do know that he stayed until 2 o'clock this morning."

"Do you think these carnations are becoming to me?" she asked. "Oh, yes," he replied, "but there are other flowers which I should rather see you wear." "Pray tell me what they are," said she, always anxious to please, "and I will wear them for you." "Orange blossoms!" he cried. So now it's all settled.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Education in France.

In France there are now sixty-eight lycées and colleges for girls, whereas, previous to 1880, with the exception of private schools, there were no institutions for higher education for girls. Of the sixty-eight mentioned forty-eight are lycées supported by municipalities and twenty-eight municipal colleges. The lycées for girls in Tunis is included. The teachers for this institution are trained in the higher normal schools at Sevres.

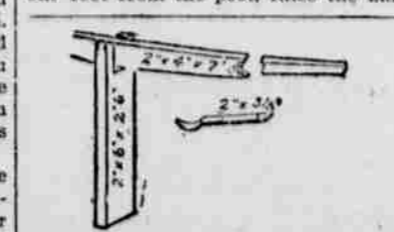
During last year there were in the lycées 8431 and in the colleges 3563 pupils. In many provinces boarders are taken, and all the lycées take day boarders. Those who board out of the school are under supervision. Some live with their parents, others at the houses of teachers, or in boarding houses recommended by the institutions or under their supervision. But many more girls received their higher education in convents than in the schools mentioned, the former being regarded as much more conservative.

Tree Growing in Kansas.

Fifty years hence Kansas and the States planting trees to-day will be supplying California and the coast States with timber. One need not be particularly gifted with foresight to predict such an event. It is an indisputable and lamentable fact that at the present rate of forest denudation on the Pacific Coast it will be but a short time before all the timber on that section of the coast has gone. The Government will realize when it is too late the great loss this despoiling of our forests means. Kansas has formed an organization for the preservation of the trees which other States would do well to join.—Chicago Tribune.

A Device for Pulling Up Posts.

A post-pulling device which I have found very satisfactory consists of a lever of two by four inches oak, seven feet long, placed in an upright of two by six inches and two and one-half feet long, as shown in the illustration. The lever is fastened one foot from the end. A pointed piece of steel bent slightly in the form of a hook is fastened to the end of the lever. To use it put the upright in the ground, about one foot from the post, raise the han-



A POST PULLING DEVICE.

dle and force the sharp steel point into the post and pull down on the lever, which will raise the post out of the ground. I find it one of the handiest tools on the farm. One man can pick it up and carry it anywhere on his shoulder, and it takes but an instant to put it into position for use.—New England Homestead.

Mrs. Jones—"The true disciples of Confucius go to church twice every day." Mrs. Smith—"Well, they can afford to. They have coins in China worth only one-tenth of a cent!"—Puck.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED.

Tarentum Has an Industrial Boom—Darn and Contents Destroyed—A Washington County Mine Closed Indefinitely.

Pensions were granted last week as follows: Elizabeth Lowman, Blairsville, \$8; William M. Schrock, Somerset, \$15; Samuel Schrenk, Dayton, \$12; Adam Sides, Blairsville, \$8; William Reed, Bellefonte, \$17; Steele Hunter, Bellefonte, \$12; Emanuel Kurtz, Coraopolis, \$6; Samuel B. Laird, Coal Center, \$12; Catherine Gesner, Berlin, \$8; Susan McGowan, West Elizabeth, \$8.

The Pittsburg Coal Company has posted notices at the recently purchased White coal mine, near Washington, stating that the mine will be closed indefinitely in a few days. The White mine is one of the oldest in that district, and has, with one exception, been operated steadily for a long period.

The committee in charge of raising the \$25,000 to locate the Penn Place Glass Company's plant at Irwin, is meeting with considerable success, and already over one-third of the required sum has been subscribed.

The large barn of Murray Simpson, near Huntingdon, was burned, with three horses, two cows, 900 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of oats, 60 tons of hay and a large quantity of agricultural implements. The loss is \$2,000; insurance, \$1,700. Incendiarism is suspected.

The fact that work will be started shortly on the new steel mill at Tarentum has caused a property boom in the town and minded residents are planning to erect a number of new dwellings. The mill is to be a large concern employing about 500 men. It is reported that a large tin plate plant will also be erected.

The city of New Castle will ask the coming Legislature to pass a law empowering municipalities to compel telegraph, telephone, light and power companies to place their wires in conduits constructed by the municipalities. It will also ask the Legislature to empower cities to levy a tax upon wires so placed.

Rev. I. S. Hahn, of New Kensington, failed to appear in court at Greensburg when his suit for defamation of character against the officers of the First Presbyterian church of New Kensington was called and a non-suit was granted.

At Titusville the Elm Street schools have been closed to prevent the spread of diphtheria in that section of the city. Eleven cases have been reported to the board of health, three of which have already resulted fatally.

Mine Inspector Stein and the Mill Creek Coal Co. are censured by the coroner's jury for an improper system of ventilation. The inquest was an severe victims of the Mountain mine explosion.

Mrs. Shrum, of Latrobe, was in the act of blowing out the light when the oil ignited and exploded the lamp. Her two daughters ran to her assistance and all three were badly burned before assistance arrived.

Fifteen thousand acres of coal land in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, were purchased last week by a New York syndicate. There is great activity in Somerset county and much railroad building is projected.

Eliza Patterson has secured \$3,500 damages at Uniontown, against the Cambria Steel Company for damages to her farm through the removal of coal which permitted the surface to sink.

Three months in prison for manslaughter was the sentence in the case of H. E. Sollenberger and Harry Sheets, Philadelphia faith curists, who tried to cure an infant, which died later.

Ralph Osmeider, 15 years of age, accidentally shot himself while hunting near Oil City, and is at the hospital, where it is thought that he has little chance of recovery.

Preparations are being made to start three more blast furnaces at Sharon and Sharpville. Nearly 500 hands will be given employment by the resumption.

Washington county farmers say the model road, near Canonsburg, is most expensive, the half mile costing \$1,500, and that it would bankrupt the township, to build all its roads at such cost.

A B. & O. freight train, whose crew had lost control of it, dashed into other rolling stock at Hyndman, wrecking six engines and several cars. No one was hurt.

A charter has been granted to the Warren & Sheffield Street Railway Company, capital stock \$60,000, to build a line 11 miles long from Glade Run, Warren county.

Safe robbers attacked the safe in Carnahan & Co.'s mill, at Apollo. Before the charge was exploded they were driven away. Harry Carnahan and C. H. Arb were injured in the face and hand while getting the explosive out.

The postoffice at Badger, Lawrence county, will be discontinued on December 14, owing to the establishment of a rural free delivery route in that section.

According to the report of Mine Inspector Davis 17 accidents occurred in the fifth anthracite district during the year up to December 1.

The Carnegie library promised to Connelleville will be built at once at a cost of \$20,000, the town to shoulder the cost of maintenance.

A new National bank is to be organized at Natrona. It will be known as the First National bank of Natrona and will have a capital of \$25,000.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

SECOND DAY.

The ship subsidy bill was made the unfinished business of the Senate, instead of the Spooner Philippine measure. Mr. Frye, of Maine, chairman of the committee on commerce, gave reasons why it would be cheaper to pay American shipbuilders than to send the draft to foreign countries for ocean traffic.

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, introduced a bill for the admission of Oklahoma as a State.

THIRD DAY.

Mr. Frye concluded his speech in favor of the ship subsidy bill. He said the subsidy could not amount to more than \$9,000,000 per year.

The nomination of W. Irvin Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be consul general at Singapore was confirmed.

FOURTH DAY.

The Senate spent most of the day in consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in executive session. Senator Morgan insists that the United States should build the canal regardless of treaties or the wishes of Great Britain.

FIFTH DAY.

No business of importance was transacted by the Senate in open session, practically the entire legislative day was consumed by an executive session, after which the Senate adjourned until Monday. The developments of the session were: An agreement on the part of the Senate to vote on the amendment offered by the committee on foreign relations providing for the policing of the canal, an amendment offered by Senator Teller striking out the treaty prohibition against the fortification of the Nicaragua canal when constructed.

HOUSE.

SECOND DAY.

The Root army bill was reported, and two sections were added which provides for Generals Shafter, Lee and Wilson.

Mr. Driggs, of New York, introduced resolutions requesting an investigation of "hazing" practice at West Point.

Representative Sulzer introduced a pro-Boer resolution, proposing arbitration.

THIRD DAY.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, introduced bills providing for the admission free of duty of articles controlled by trusts and for the refunding of the tax collected on raw cotton in the event that the supreme court holds to be unconstitutional the law under which the tax was collected.

FOURTH DAY.

The House devoted the day to the army reorganization bill. Eleven of the 25 pages of the bill were disposed of before adjournment.

The House passed the army reorganization bill by a vote of 165 to 133. By a vote of 150 to 51 an amendment placing an absolute prohibition of liquor sales at army posts, was substituted for the canteen provision bill.

FIFTH DAY.

The Grant oleomargarine bill was passed by a vote of 195 to 92. The bill, as passed, makes all articles known as oleomargarine, butterine, imitation butter or imitation cheese transported into any State or Territory for consumption or sale, subject to the police power of such State or Territory.

Representative Taylor, of Ohio, has introduced a measure for Federal prohibition of polygamy.

Representative Graham introduced a bill to give ex-prisoners of war \$2 for each and every day imprisoned and a pension of \$12 a month in lieu of any pension now received.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

There will be an active indoor athletic season this winter in New Jersey. James J. Corbett, the pugilist, hopes to open a boxing club in Cincinnati next month.

Fred Mossom, the widely known trainer, died at Washington, of typhoid pneumonia. He was about forty-one years old and leaves a widow and one child.

Margaret Gast, recently broke the record of the cycling world for continuous century riding by making 2,600 miles in twelve days, eight hours and fifty-five minutes.

By winning the protested team match against the Newark Athletic Club the Hillsdale Club, of Plainfield, N. J., secures the team championship of the East Jersey Golf League.

The cycle racing game is now having its climax at Los Angeles, Cal., and all the cyclists in training are out there enjoying the summer weather and sun bathing in the dead of winter.

Connecticut and Vermont are awakening to the advantages of a sidewalk law. There is a strong movement organizing in both those States to secure a law similar to that in force in New York State.

Purses won for Mr. Drake, of Chicago, on the English turf last season amounted to \$25,000, which places him fifth in the list of winning owners. The Prince of Wales' horses won for him \$20,000.

The six-mile intercollegiate cross-country race, held at Morris Park, New York city, resulted in victory for Cornell. Yale and University of Pennsylvania tied for second place, and Columbia finished fourth.

In a fifteen-mile motor-paced race at Los Angeles, Cal., Gus Lawson defeated John Nelson, the middle-distance champion. Lawson won by a quarter of a mile and incidentally lowered the world's record by thirty-seven seconds, his time being 25:12.

Funerals in Hamburg.

The funeral in Hamburg is a novelty for the American. The big hearse has fancy curtains on its glass front and rear, of sky-blue cloth, is followed on foot by bearers like the knights of old in black jackets, white shirts, ruffled collars and fronts, knickerbockers, low-cut broad silver bands. A bier such as Napoleon used to carry the heads and each man a sword. One cortege that two open carriages filled with smoking, and this pastime was on with the hearse only six feet. The mourners rode in carriages. Drivers were dressed in bow-ties, tall silk hats with feathers, and top boots.—Union