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(TT is pretty." Mrs. Swan lifted the end of the long strip of linen which lay nissed icross Althea's lap and looked admirat the open-work embroidery ingly with which it was adorned.

of its barbs.

barn door.

since we kept house wasn't fit to house

the walls were full of mice and roaches

and bugs unmentionable. I didn't feel

was out Rube bought the land and run

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his line fence within ten feet of 62"

blamed me; although the next year,

when we got ready to buy, we got bet-

ter land for less money on the other

side-good smooth farm land, while

ways seemed to rile Hiram.

months ahead at Long's now.

Mrs. Swan rested her chin in her

hand and relapsed into a moody si-

lence. Althea folded her work and

went up-stairs to get the money. A

great many things that had puzzled

her before were made plain by Mrs.

Swan's confidence. She had often

wondered why Mr. and Mrs. Swan

treated each other with such studied

coldness. She had also wondered at

the meager furnishings of the house.

The house itself was a handsome and

commodious farm-house, but the fur-

niture was the same that had been

used in the old log shanty. And Mrs.

Althea liked both Mr. and Mrs.

Swan. In the eight months that she

had made her home with them she

had, in spite of airs. Swan's peculiari-

ties, come to esteem them highly. Mr.

Swan as director of the school district

in which she had taught, had especial-

He had seemed to her almost an

ideal officer, entering heartily into all

her schemes for the improvement of

the school, and showing no sign of the

parsimony of which his wife accused

As Althea opened a drawer to get

her purse, a photograph lying face up-

wards confronted her. She lifted the velvet case and looked long into the

pictured face. The clear eyes seemed

to gaze back at her with a new signifi-

It was Hugh, dear Hugh, who was

working so hard and so patiently to

prepare the little home for her com-

ing. Althea saw the dear face through

the mist of an almost overwhelming

desire to see him at once. She wanted

to lay her arm around his neck and

Swan loved pretty things.

ly won her respect.

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"Hiram was mad, and, of course,

wanted to build a house. Althen smilled assent and went on anipping and drawing out threads. It was a hot June afternoon, and, for the sake of the slight breeze. Althea had brought her work out on the Rube Thornton would. For companionship Mrs. Swan porch. "I had my heart set on the house. had followed her, and sat nursing her The old shanty that we'd lived in ever

arms on the top step. Every few moments Mrs. Swan would arise and hurry into the kitchen to stir somethat was bubbling and boiling thing on the stove. Every time she moved her clean, crisp calico dress rustled. "Althen," she gasped, as she sank down and wiped her face on her apron

"I want you to loan me a dollar."

Mrs. Swan made the request with evi-

dent reluctance. She went on quickly

before Althea could reply, "You c'n

"Why, certainly," said Althea, in

amazement, "I owe you more than that.

I can let you have more than that. I

"No." interrupted Mrs. Swan, "one

"Long's haven't the right kind.

"I did ask Hiram for it last night.

gold piece. I thought of course

I asked him about it, he said no, it

was all right; he hadn't made any mis-

take, and kind of grinned, and that

Mrs. Swan paused and Althea knew

was all I could get out of him."

But instead of giving me what I

take it out of your board money."

wish you-

increase of freature after one of these hurried journeys to the cheapening of food the hot kitchen, "Althea, I'm going to ask a queer favor of you 'Yes?" questioned Althea, in surprised interest. She had never known Mrs. Swan to ask a favor of any one.

scally believed abroad that and boat is superior to the submarine types, but as the e being improved all the time a na if they would forge ahead. itish experts are much interin the French achievements, for that is claimed for them proves tive a peculiar and mysterlto French naval de-

dollar is all I shall need. I want to get a piece of linen like this. I want to make my sister Sue a bureau scarf ess of windfor a birthday present." nistic colony Mrs. Swan smoothed the shimmering been surface of the linen with caressing finof gers. want the dollar to go to Went's and nd the get a piece just like this." l been al-Althea drew out a long shining sesharesare thread and wound it around her hand. Town officers "I know you think it strange that I from now on should ask you for the money instead verned like of Hiram." continued Mrs. Swan, looking suspiciously into Althea's face for century some sign of inquisitiveness. But Alhis Gerthea bent placidly over her work.

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wanted, what do you suppose he did?" Althea bit off a thread and made a on in one slight negative motion of her head vernor of She knew Mrs. Swan's peculiarities too ashingtor well to risk a verbal reply. A word, the effect especially the wrong word, might have n a case disastrous results. "He took a piece of money out of his s season ocket, laid it on the corner of the posses mantel and went off to bed without St-bed of saying a word. This morning when I

prous ap looked at the money I saw that it was ires has that Hiram had made a mistake; you American know a \$20 gold piece and a silver dolbeen sur lar are about the same size and heft. subjects and it is rather dark in the room; for, ing, even since daylight lasts so long we hardly ever have a light. But at noon when

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that some response was expected from her. A person unacquainted with the intricacies of Mrs. Swan's mind would have been sure to blunder. Althea ut begun. might have been consumed with curiofity as to what happened next, but be losses she only threaded her needle with ome seems great deliberation and remarked casuas thus far "Well? What actually did happen made Alondition of thea catch her breath and shrink away de than that from Mrs. Swan as if her friend had , where con struck her. somewhat to "It's just Hiram's meanness!" exnder it less claimed Mrs. Swan, bitterly. "And it's readjustment just like him. He thought it was foolsh extravagance in me getting the the condilinen. He thought if he gave me one th of the dollar I would spend it for something Amerithat didn't amount to anything, but if d to a he gave me twenty dollars I would put sent it in the bank and save it. Save, save; get sick and tired of saving. over Althea's eyes sparkled with indigna-tion at what she thought to be an unjust accusation. She opened her lips says. to speak, but thought better of it and closed them again. Mrs. Swan, blind to everything but ease danher own grievance, went on with her tirade. "It's just stinginess. He knew has been I wouldn't break into a \$20 gold piece oit. The matjust to get a little piece of linen. It e advice of wouldn't be over 60 cents, and I which had counted on getting the thread besides refusal of a with the dollar. I've earn-' A loud hissing sound, mingled with v an order of the odor of burning fruit juice, came port all cases from the kitchen, warning Mrs. Swan al diseases are that her supper needed immediate atas contagious, tention. of "other like

wouldn't care one bit if you spent every cent of it for bureau scarfs." Althea laughed a little nervous laugh at her own absurd suggestion, and the awful lines about Mrs. Swan's lips relaxed a little. Althea's hopes arose. After a long pause, during which Mrs. Swan seemed swayed between the two extremes of anger and remorse, she said abruptly: "But \$20 is a great ence, but to the sharpness and tenacity deal of money. What could I do with 'Well," continued Mrs. 5wan, "the so much?" spring we built this house the 40 acres

Althea felt that the battle was won of land enclosed by that fence was for If she could only be discreet now all sale. Hiram wanted to buy it, but I would be well. To say the right thing We had in the right way was what she must money enough to do one of these do. The \$20 gold piece was a peace things, but not enough for both. Hiram offering, and the success of its mission thought the house might wait a year. depended upon herself. Wellington but if we didn't buy the land at once marshaling his hosts at Waterloo was not more circumspect than she.

"Oh, you can get rid of it." she said brightly, "never fear as to that part of She picked up her work, and went cattle in. It was leaky and dirty, and on in the most matter-of-fact tone You can get your linen for one thing, and you can get one of those gingham as if I could live in it another year. So we built, and before the summer dress patterns that you thought so pretty. Then you might make Swan a present of an arm-chair with part of it. Hasn't he a birthday or an anniversary of some sort coming soon that you can remind him of in this way?

Mrs. Swan vouchsafed no reply te these bold suggestions. She sat stift and unyielding, but Althea saw that she was interested in spite of herself, and went bravely on.

"You ought to subscribe for a couple of good periodicals for Rob. He needs them. It would help keep him away from the saw mill. Haven't you noticed that he never goes the evenings my magazine comes?"

This last was a very adroit move on Althea's part. Mrs. Swan's life was made burdensome a great share of the time by her only son's predilection for haunting the dangerous neighborhood of the saw mill, and by his association with more or less disceputable charactors who frequented the mill.

Then there is always the fibrary fund," went on Althea gayly. can give a dollar to that. I had planned to solicit 50 cents from each family. But to help you dispose of this troublesome \$20 gold piece, I will let you give more. Then with the vast sum which we expect to realize from our grand last-day entertainment, we will be quite rich."

Althea had planned to close her career as a district schoolteacher by laying the foundation of a library in the Swan district. And lightly as she ing surgical appliances for use in case spoke of the project its success was very near her heart.

"Well," admitted Mrs. Swan, after another prolonged silence, during which Althea vacillated between hope and despair, "maybe I have been stubborn and blind. If I have, I've been well punished for it. I'm going to think it over. Anyway, Althea, you're a good girl." And Althea was more than satisfied with this meager admission of Mrs. Swan's forgiveness.

For three days Mrs. Swan went about her work with the jerky abstraction of one inwardly perturbed. Every morning when Althea came down to breakfast she cast a surreptitious glance at the corner of the mantel where the \$26 gold piece lay in serene purity of metal.

On the fourth morning she caught her breath with a little gasp of nervous uncertainty when she saw that the vellow disc was gone

Mrs. Swan was cutting thin slices of ham for Althea's lunch. She glanced quickly at Althea when she came into the intercollegiate record for feats of

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY. This was a busy day in the general assembly, and the house bore the brunt. Legislation in triplicate, as ex emplefied by morning, afternoon and evening sessions, cuts down the calendar, but it is not a popular innovation. As an evidence of good faith the house fell upon the Leard local option bill It was the first bill on the third read-ing calendar and fell by the wayside by a vote of 78 to 73, less than a constitutional impority. Mr. Reynolds, of Lackawanna intro-

duced in the house a bill prohibiting the employment of children under 13 years in and around mines, breakers and washeries.

Mr. Colville presented a bill for the establishment of a state naval militia in connection with the national guard, to consist of a captain on the Governor's staff, who shall be in charge of the militia.

The order of busines in the house was bills on second reading. The sen-ate oleomargine bill passed the stage

and was then referred to the commit-tee on agriculture for a hearing. The senate bill providing for the commutation of sentences, and the

house bill empowering town councils of boroughs to pay a portion of costs and expenses of grading, curbing and paying sidewalks, which were defeated last week, were reconsidered tonight and laid aside for further action. The house bill forbidding parents from locking children under 10 years of age in rooms during their absence was reported with a negative recommendation.

THURSDAY.

An interesting debate was held in the house on a bill to repeal the acts of 1876 and 1899, which exempt planos and organs from executions for rent Mr. Mayne, of Lehigh, spoke in opposi-tion to the bill, but the house was of the opinion that music dealers were seeking a monopoly and a big major-

ity voted for the passage of the bill. The original Guffey callot bill was The original Guffey callot bill was passed on second reading in the house, The bill will now be dormant for two weeks' and a conference with Senator Quay is expected before the end of that period. Other similar bills passed secand reading and all logislation on ballot reform is now on the same footing. The Voorhees resolution providing au appropriation of \$2,000 for codification of school laws, was killed by the adoption of a motion to indef initely postpone action.

These bills passed finally:

Senate bill anthorizing school boards to grant the use of school houses for ceums and other literary purposes. Providing that there shall be kept at the bottom of every slope and shaft in the anthracite region a chest containof accident.

The baseball players have begun practice.

Blocks for the cup challenger, Sham

Professional exclists made \$100,000 in prize money during

It is now proposed to open a racethe American style.

bridge half a length in the 'varsity boat race, rowed in a gale.

The Country Club, of Brookline,

LABOR WORLD! Musicians in Reading, Penn., have organized a union.

A textile labor union has been or ganized at Ephrata, Penu.

In Chicago the metal polishers have established a co-operative shop. The wages of iron workers in Scot-land will be reduced ten per cent. Coal operators at Lick Run, W. Va. will try to use none but non-un men.

President Mitchell will be asked to settle the strike in the Indiana soft coal district.

There are 30,000 cosl miners idle in Scotland owing to the strike for an eight-hour day.

Coal hoisting engineers at Massillon Oldo, want an eight-hour day, and threaten a strike. Ohio, Indiana glass manufacturers will

close all their plants from May 11 un-til late in the fall. New York City hank clerks are or-

ganizing for instruction by exchange of personal experiences, strike of dockers at Naples,

which began in sympathy with the Marseilles strike, has come to an end. Blast furnace operators of Youngstown, Ohio, have vielded to employes demand for twenty cents a day creases.

Five thousand cotton mill operatives at Danville, Va., have refused to ac cept an eleven-hour day from April to October. The Washerwomen's and Scrub-

women's Union, at Reading, Penn., organized some time ago with twen-ty-seven members, has concluded to disband, the members having lost all interest in the association.

Labor Union No. 30, of the National Union of Brewery Workmen, at New York City, reported that one of its members had been suspended for join-ing the National Guard. No explanation of this action was given in the report.

Due to Female Sufferage.

In proportion to its electoral votes, now four, Colorado has a larger popular vote than any other state. It was 189,620 in 1896. South Dakota has four electoral votes and a popular vote of \$2,000. Washington, with four electoral votes, had a popular vote of 93, 000; Florida, with four electoral votes, had a popular vote of 46,000. The ex-

planation of the apparant discrepancy is this. There is female suffrage in Colorado.—New York Sun.

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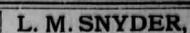
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SPORTING BREVITIES.

The London Dog Show to be held in Crystal Palace has 12,121 entries.

ock II., will be made in the United States.

past year.

ourse in Havana, Cuba, conducted in

The Association football match be-

Roy Wirt Allis, a student of the

while Rube's 40 will never be fit for anything but pasture. But, somehow, the site of that fence so near has al-'I said then that I'd never ask him for another thing that I could possibly get along without, and I never have until I asked him for that dollar last night. I've paid for all that we've eaten and most that we've had to wear with butter and poultry, and I'm six

Althea heard her lift a basin from the stove, empty the contents, and orted by physicarry them to the ice-box. It was The sustewed cherries, and the delicious dicially know spicy odor filled the air. agious, like

When she came back Mrs. Swan seemed a little ashamed of her anger. She sat silently gazing at the horizon for a few moments with haunted, burning eyes. When she spoke gain it was with moderation.

is contagious "Now I've made such a fool of mythe intelligence self," she said, "I suppose I might rred from the ared that conas well tell you the whole story as to the way Hiram and I fell out on money matters. It began five years ago last spring, when we built this house. See us disease ason of any that wire fence out there by the side of the barn?" yet that the

failing to re-Althea was well aware of the existto be danger ence of that fence. She skirted it twice daily on her way to and from school, and more than one rent in gown and jacket testined not only to its exist-The judge

listen to his heart beat, while they made their vows all over again.

Would they, could she and Hugh ever come to be to each other what Mr. and Mrs. Swan were? The suggestion was altogether abhorrent to Althea. She had not presumed to hope that their united lives could be all sunshine; sickness would come, and troubles and worries common to humankind; aye, even death itself might

for a time separate them. But not this other Althea laid the little picture down on the bureau and bowed her face upon "Not that,' she murmured: "oh. it. anything but that." It was almost a

prayer. Althea walked slowly down stairs and laid the dollar in Mrs. Swan's hand.

"I guess Hiram's afraid we'll all die in the poorhouse," Mrs. Swan remarked facetiously, as Althea resumed her work.

But Althea could not make a jest of it. To her it was a very serious matter. She tried to see her own future from Mrs. Swan's point of view and it frightened her. She looked up quickly, almost defiantly. She must speak.

'Mrs. Swan, you are mistaken. Your husband want's you to have that \$20 gold piece." Althea's voice was very Etern.

"Wha-wha-at did you say?" gasped Mrs. Swan.

"He wants you to have that money for your very own. He's sorry that he was cross with you about the house, and he wants to make it up in some way. Oh. Mrs. Swan, please forgive me for speaking. But you have all been so kind to me, and I cannot bear to see you misunderstand each other in this cruel manner."

Althea was getting incoherent. The instant the words had left her lips she would have given worlds to have recalled them. Mrs. Swan was very angry. Her lips were set in a straight line, and Althea was conscious-stricken at the effect of her interference. She knelt on the floor and slipped her arms around Mrs. Swan's waist. "Please forgive me," she pleaded. "I

know that Mr. Swan meant for you to have the \$20 gold piece to do with as you like. He didn't say so because he didn't know how to come at it; men are such proud, stupid preatures. He

the room. Her cheeks were quite pink, and her eyes were suffused with a new, soft light.

Next Tuesday's our wedding anniversary," she said in a low, joyous "We've been married just 15 tone. years. I'm going to get Hiram one of those arm-chairs at Duffey's. I'll hitch up and come along by the schoolhouse this afternoon about 4 o'clock, and you can come along and help pick it out. Which do you suppose he'd like best, the leather or the plush?"

"The leather, of course, you dear little woman," said Althea, as she walked around the table and kissed Mrs. Swan on the forehead .- The Ladies' World.

Animals in Fable.

Every one will recall the Aesopic story of the lion and the mouse; how the life of the mighty monarch was saved by the small creature whom he once had spared, says George S. Hill-man in the Atlantic. To our recognition in this story of a truth universal in its human application is due, almost entirely, our interest in the mouse and the lion. In our eyes they are not a mouse and a lion, but two men teaching the lessons that the mighty shall be humbled, that nothing is too insignificant to be of some service, and that it is good to cast bread upon the waters. We do not stop to consider whether a lion understands the mouse language, or whether a mouse is given to gratitude. They are merely convenient forms, essentially human, and they show animal char acteristics only very secondarily, when at all. In the Indian tales where animals figure as chief characters, the method is the same, though there is often the added purpose of doctrinal instruction, feasible because

of the Buddhistic belief in the transmigration of men's souls into the bodies of beasts. The Bible shows a similar use; and perhaps in all literature there is not a nobler instance of the introduction of animals to teach ethical truth than is to be found in the parable of the lost sheen.

National Telephones in Norway. The Norwegian government has purchased the private telephones of the country and the telephone service of the kingdom is now in the hands of the government.

strength.

Critics believe that the pennant race in the National League will be a onesided affair between Brookiyu and Pittsburg. E. NEFF.

The annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Association will be held at Philadelphia the first week of October.

Walter Camp has been made a mem-ber of Yale's University council. The council has full charge of Yale's ath-letic relations with other universities. The supporters of the English Government profess to be surprised that volunteer wheelmen should be so shy of response to the call for eight companies for South Africa.

Representatives from five New Eng-land cities met in Boston and formed a temporary baseball organization to be known as the New England League. The five cities represented were Man-chester, Lowell, Haverhill, Bangor and Lewiston.

Has Thirty Palaces.

The emepor of Japan has thirty palaces to choose from for a summer re-sort. Of these, however, he has never occupied more than three or four, and some he has never seen. He lives principally at Tokio, spending a short time every year at Hroshima. The palace at Tokio is almost an ideal country place. It is situated on a vast estate, which is right in the center of the city. There are hills, valleys, lakes, woods and the beautiful losus everywhere.-Los Angeles Times.

Still Performs Good Servica.

Bray, the pretty riverside parish in Berkshire, the charms of which so fascinated the accommodating vicar celebrated in song, has unearthed a vener able relic. This is a fire engine 163 years old, which years ago was superannuated. The parish council, how ever, has had it overhauled without depriving it of its primitive features. and has pronounced it thoroughly fit for service by a neighboring fire bri gade.-London Daily Mail.

Work of rebuilding the Rochester Tumbler works, at Rochester, which were recently destroyed by fire, has begun, and will continue day and night, The Ellis blast furnace at West Mid-diesex, Mercer county, which has been idle for six months, has gone into blast giving employment to 100 men.

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