## THE FELLOW WHO FIGHTS ALONE.

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It was certainly rather rough on + you were seen to go into the house of

the Rev. Reginald Bisgood that by an that bad woman yesterday, and to re-

act of the purst good nature he main with her for an hour and 16 min-

The fellow who fights the fight slone, With never a word of cheer, With never a triend his help to lend, With never a commade near. "Tis he has need of a staiwart hand And a heart not given to mean, He struggles for life and more than life— The fellow who fights alone!

should have been led into so awkward utes?"

under the Rev. Jeremy Priggleswade, tion

a complication. The Rev. Reginald

had recently accepted the post of cur-

ate at St. Matthew's church, Tootham,

vicar of that parish, and a typical spec-

imen of conventional plety and smug

The vicar of St. Matthew's expected

dentally, he also expected a more im-

living of St. Peter's, Tootham, the

mother parish of the town, had just

fallen vacant by the resignation of

the rector. The vicar of St. Mat-

thew's had, in fact, long looked upon

himself as the future rector of Tooth-

am, and he lost no time in forwarding

to the ration an application for the

vacant living, accompanied by a sheaf

Mr. Jenkins, the patron of the liv-

ing, although given up to social life

in London, had always shown a laud-

wishes of the parishioners. At the

time when his new curate, Mr. Bis-

good, arrived Mr. Priggleswade was

still awaiting the answer to his appli-

The new curate was strolling one

streets in the town when he saw a

very small boy making heroic but vain

attempts to reach the big brass handle

it, ch? Well, let me ring the bell for

you." And he gave the handle a mighty

tug, which set the bell clanging loud-

A smile of huge gratification expand-

ed the chubby face of the graceless

urchin. "Now, we must cut and run,"

he lisped. And he was off, leaving the

astonished cure alone upon the door-

Mrs. Robinson live here?" he stam-

mered, mentioning the first name that

came into his head, as the best way

out of the embarrassing situation.

But, to his amazement and dismay, the

"Yes, sir. Will you please walk in,

The curate stammered out his name;

some plausible explanation of his vis-

ly pretty and attractive, though some-

Does-does-Mrs.-

"Hallo, my little fellow! Can't reach

social rectitude.

of testimonials.

of a front door bell.

"I-I-ahem!

maid answered:

parish of St. Peter's.

She smiled and nodded.

what over-dressed.

awkwardly.

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step

sir."

Ah, bitter enough the combat is, With every help at hand, With friends at need to bid Godspeed, With spirits that understand; But dereer far is the fight to one Who struggles along unknown-Ah, benve and grim is the heart of him, The fellow who fights alone!

The fellow who fights the fight alone, With never a father's smile, With never a mother's kindly tone His sorrowful hours to gule, Who joins the fray at the dawn of day, And battles till light is flown, Must needs be strong for the fight is 'The fellow who fights alone! 'The fellow who fights alone! God bless the fellow who fights alone, And arm his soul with strength, Till safely out of the battle rout He conquering comes at length, Till friend and foe in the victor know The fellow who fights alone! -By Dennis A. BcCarthy.

think. Mr. Priggleswade, is it not? Will you walk in, please? vienr started. He turned pale,

In the pretty woman who stood confronting him he recognized that depraved person, Mrs. Robinson, "I-I-came is see Mrs. de Bracey,"

"And I am Mrs. de Bracey," she

smilled. "You are surprised eh?because you have known me in another name. Well, the fact is this: When I purchased the advowson of Tootham with the knowledge that the late rector contemplated resigning at an early date, the idea struck me that I would go down and live there 2while, in an assumed name, so that I might have a good opportunity of studying the local clergy, to see whether any were deserving to be appointed to the

er blank. He wished now that he had not been quite so hasty in his judgment of Mrs. "Robinson's" character. Further, he hoped with all his heart, that she had not heard of that little row he had had with his curate in connection with the latter's visit to her house.

"My rather Bohemian way of life appears to have shocked all the good people of Tootham immensely; and I won't deny that when I saw that I took a malicious pleasure in even going out of my way to shock them further. Still, I hardly think that they-least of all you clergy, who are supposed to be especially endowed will the virtue of Christian charityased have jumped to the conclusion

that I was a bad character. "Ch, I never thought that-" began

the vicar, in obsequious depreciation. "No?" she ejaculated, with a slight lift of her shapely shoulders. "Then I wonder why you dismissed that nice curate of yours for the iniquity of merely called to see me."

"Oh, that was a mistake-an unfortunate mistake-"

"A very unfortunate mistake, Mr. Priggleswade, as you are now to learn. Had you behaved differently, and as a minister of the gospel ought, I should probably have presented you the benefice. But, as is it, I have decided to present your late curate, the Rev. Reginald Bisgood."-London Truth

## QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A five hundred mile canal, projected to drain the great swamps of Florida, would reclaim 6,500,000 acres of land.

By ignoring fractional parts of a penny in paying dividends on government stocks the British government saves annually \$7500.

The pearl mentioned by Tavernier as belonging to the emperor of Per-sia, was purchased of an Arab in 1633, and is valued at \$550,000.

Swedish railway waiting rooms are provided with couches, and porters come around and wake slumberers 10 minutes before the train is to start.

Hat shops are opened on all the Hamburg-Anjerican liners. The stock will include all the best English, French, German and American makes

Three good washes are received by an Abyssinian during bis coreer-at his birth, on his marriage morn and at his death. At all other times he shuns soap and water,

Maurice Macterlink, the Pelgian author, has bought Wandrinne abbey, the old monastery on the banks of the Seine and, although it is 1300 years old, will try to restore it to a

Famine Tightens Its Grip. ing this expense.

Shaking Him Up.

gave her husband a sealed letter,

ran as follows:

self.

Tit-Bits.

A young married lady one morning

Cold perspiration stood in thick

"Our coal is all gone. Please order

a ton to be sent this afternoon. I

thought you might forget it for the

tenth time, and therefore wrote you this letter."

But he didn't forget that time!-

Medicine Spoon For Children.

The administering of medicine, es-

pecially liquid medicine, to children

is a delicate operation, generally re-

quiring the services of two persons.

In most cases more of the medicine

drops on the brow of the husband,

who was prepared for the worst. Tremblingly he read on:

Cannibalism in Its Most Awful Form is Reported From China.

## By E. R. JOHNSTONE.

When appeals for help for the famine-stricken Chinese were first issued to the American public it was stated that as the months went on destitution would grow more pronounced, starva tion would claim more victims, horrors would be piled on horror's head. It was further stated that no alleviation from the natural sources of supply-the farm lands-could be expected until late in June, mayhap not until the coming autumn.

There has been no reason, at any time, produced from any source, to change or modify these advance statements. Never has China's need been so great as now; never have the contributions from generous Americans been more welcome or desired: never has a dollar been so sure as now of saving a human being from death, destitution, suffering.

A few days ago the Christian Herald received the following cablegram from the North China News and Herald, published at Shanghai, and, as heretofore pointed out, the most conservative, influential and reliable paper in the Chinese Orient:

"Approaching period of severest pinch. Authenticated Instances of corpses having been exhumed for cannibalism. Foreign relief working ef- I finds its way to the floor than down



DESTITUTE CHINAMEN WORKING UNDER A MISSIONARY.

fectively and maintaining whole dis-1 the child's throat. With the assistance of the spoon shown in the ac-companying illustration, the inventricts until harvest." Here, in most succinct portrayal, is word picture of horrors at which

ance of "whole districts" - to the

As the famine advances and while

whether these avenues shall be used

glory of our national generosity. By hard work, the hearty co-opera-

cers of the army and officials at Wash-

army transport Buford is now en

route from Minneapolis, or from mill-

Ing points in Washington and Oregon,

will be assembled on the Government

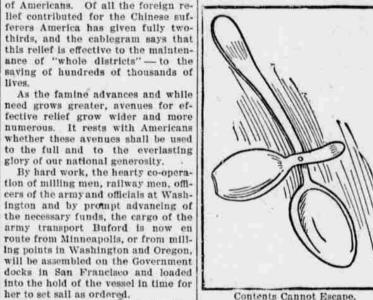
into the hold of the vessel in time for

The Buford is detailed by the Gov-

her to set sail as ordered.

lives.

tion of a Virginia man, the administering becomes a "cinch." The child the imagination revolts, and side by may struggle and fight, but there is side a companion illustration that has a right to make glad the hearts of Americans. Of all the foreign reno possibility of the fluid spilling out



# been advanced by the Christian Hers ald, and contributions sent to that paper will be appropriated to defray-

# DUN'S WEEKLY SUMMARY

Lateness of Spring Retards All Lines of Trade Except Iron and Steel.

which he was to read when he got to the office. He did so, and the letter Seasonable merchandise goes into "I am obliged to tell you something distribution slowly, which causes ac-cumulation of spring and summer dry that may give you pain, but there is no help for it. You shall know everygoods and millinery in the hands of dealers and retards collections, at the thing, whatever be the consequences. same time making operations of fall and winter much more conservative. For the last week I have felt that it must come to this, but I have waited At some points the last week of May brought pronounced improvement in until the last extremity, and can re-main silent no longer. Do not overcommercial activity, but the holiday retarded recovery. Progress is slow. Manufacturing plants are producing whelm me with bitter reproach, for you will have to put up with your share of the trouble as well as my-

at full capacity in most industries, or-ders covering outputs far into the future. More New England cotton mills employes have received advanced wages, making the change affect about \$5,000 hands. Another evidence of progress in cotton spinning was the increase in quarterly divi-dends at Fall River to 2.21 per cent, against 1.32 per cent last year and 2.14 per cent in 1902, the most pros-

perous of recent years. Current transactions in the iron and steel industry are of comparatively little significance, owing to the enorm-ous tonnage of business under contract that will maintain activity far into the future, some sales covering the output of mills for the entire year 1908. Yet new orders are constantly

1908. Yet new orders are constantly appearing, including much foreign business. Deliveries are made as near as possible to specification. The output of pig iro the probably beyond all precedent. Movement of ore is so heavy that congestion re-sults at lower lake ports and the in-adequate supply of cars causes much accumulation on the draks, especial-ity at Cleveland. Rail and structural orders are the most urgent in demand, for products

Ran and structural orders are do most urgent in demand for products of steel. Yet there is the evidence of cortailed plans because of unfavor-able crop reports of the difficulty ex-perienced in raising funds for new construction.

## MARKETS.

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#### To whom are you referring?" cried the curate, in astonishment and indigna-The lady went on: "Don't pretend ignorance, sir. You know very well," retorted the vicar. witheringly. "Whom should I mean but that abandoned creature who calls to get to heaven by this means. Inci- herself Mrs. Robinson-a woman

whose name is a by-word in the town, mediate reward. The very desirable and whose house no self-respecting person would be seen to enter-much less a minister of the gospel, like yourself?

"Eh? What on earth do you mean?

The curate looked much taken aback. Mrs. Robinson a bad character? Impossible! That she was vivacious had been obvious enough to him during their hour's agreeable tete-atete. But that there was anything seriously amiss with her he could scarcely believe.

"I did happen to go and see a Mrs. Robinson yesterday, under rather pecullar circumstances-" he answered. able disposition to fall in with the "Very peculiar, I have no doubt," interposed the vicar, with biting sarcasm

"My caling upon her, however, was the purest of accidents-

"Oh! of course," said the vicar, more and more sarcastle.

morning down one of the residential "I heg you will do me the justice of hearing me out," rejoined the curate, his color rising. And he told the vicar the exact circumstances

The vicar listened with offensive incredulity. "A very pretty and ingeni-ous story, Mr. Bisgood. I really don't know which to commend the moreyour ingenuity in concocting it, or

your effrontery in telling it." "Do you mean to say you don't believe me?" demanded the curate, beginning to grow hated.

The vicar laughed. "I wasn't born yesterday." he sail "and even of I had been, I should still have thought your story rather thin-especially your hitting on the woman's name accidentally, without any previous knowledge of her.'

"Robinson is a common enough name. And, likely, or not, it is precisely what happened," answered the curate.

Again the vicar laughed his scoffing laugh. "You must have heard of so notorious a person," he said. "A womit. If the house had been in St. Matthew's parish, he might have prean who is constantly visited on Suntended that he had called in the ordidays by flashy acquaintances-mostly nary course of his professional minismen-in motor cars, and who entertains them in the small hours with trations. But the house was in the music and feasting and reveling. Why, The lady was youngish, and decidedsir, the goings on are the talk of the town. And you expect me to believe that you had never heard of her. No! "Mrs. Robinson?" he murmured, no! Mr. Bisgood. Try that story on somebody a few years younger than 1 am.

"I'm the-the-new curate," he be-The curate was by this time in a

he stammered.

THE RING AND THE LADY.

benefice, when it fell vacant." She paused. The vicar looked rath-

gan." and I thought that as I was passing-"

"Quite so. Pray be seated," interposed the lady. "Very kind of you to call, I'm sure. Do you know, I've been here three months, and you are the cried, in a voice that trembled with first clergyman who has been to see me?

At this the Rev. Reginald expressed much surprise. He felt it, too. A rather susceptible young man himself, he should certainly not have neglected to call, with proper frequency, on so why the other clergy had been so backward.

"I don't know how it is," continued Mrs. Robinson, candidly, "but I'm afraid I can't be exactly persona grata ate. in Tootham. Everybody seems to fight shy of me. I'm not aware of having done anything to offend the worthy denizens of this highly respectable place. But such is the fact. I seem regarded as a sort of social leper. However, we won't talk about that. Let's talk about something pleasanter and more interesting."

And she at once led the conversa tion into impersonal channels. She was a good talker and a very pretty woman, and the Rev. Reginald found her society so agreeable that he prolonged his visit for more than an hour.

Now, as it happened, his visit to Mrs. Robinson had not escaped the lynx-eyes of a highly respectable maiden lady who lived just over the way. This was Miss Letitia Partlett, a veritable dragon of propriety and self-constituted guardian of the morals of Tootham. Before the day was out she flew round to St. Matthew's vicarage. where she had a lnog private interview. When the curate went next morning for his day's instructions, he was greeted by his superior in the sternest and most frigid of tones.

"Come in here, if you please, Mr. Bisgood," said the vicar, leading the way to his study. "I have something very unpleasant to discuss with you." The curate wondered.

"Be good enough to explain to me."

white heat of passion. "You're the first man who has ever dared to call me a liar; and I've a good mind to thrash you for the insult, you-you-smug Pharisee!" he

rage. The vicar slipped hastily round to the other side of his study table. He was not a warrior, except linguistically.

"You are not improving your position by insolence, Mr. Bisgood. Had fair a parishioner, and he wondered you been penitent and contrite, I might have given you another chance. But the sooner you leave Tootham, the better."

"I'll go today," ejsculated the cur-

The plous vicar was so much upset that it was some days before he recovered his equanimity. However, an encouraging letter from the patron of the living of St. Peter's, which the vicar received on the third day after the curate's departure, did much to coothe his rufiled feelings. The letter ran as follows:

"Dear Sir-Your application for the living of Tootham has been sent on to me by Mr. Jenkins, the gentleman from whom I purchased the advowson some months ago.

"Will you, if possible, call on me here the day after tomorrow-any time between 2 and 6 in the afternoon -and we can then discuss the matter. I am, yours faithfully.

"M. de Bracey. "1001 Eaton square, S. W., Jan. 15, 19-

The vicar lost no time in writing to say that he would, with pleasure, run up to London and see Mr. de Bracey, as requested. He saw himself already rector of Topthem.

When he arrived next afternoon at 1001 Eaton square, he asked the butlor whether Mr. de Bracey was at

"Mrs. de Bracey, sir," the butler corrected him. "There is no Mr. de Eracey; my master has been dead some years. Yes, sir, the mistress is demanded the vicar, "how it is that | at home. She is expecting you, I

habitable condition.

In the Neuchatel (Switzerland) courts the speeches of lawyers will in future be limited to 10 minutes, five minutes being allowed for cross-axeminations. An official time keeper will see that the regulation is observed.

The smallest railroad in England is the Garstang and Knott End (Lancashire) railway, which in the last six months earned a net revenue of \$2180. The half-yearly meeting of proprietors was attended by one person. the secretary.

John Marshall's house in Richmond, Va., in which he lived for 40 years, has been bought by the city and is in danger of destruction. An effort to preserve it as a memorial of the great interpreter of the constitution has been suggested.

#### Mail Carrier Unable to Read or Write.

Reno has a mail carrier who can neither read nor write, not because the Government desires this sort of clerk in the service, but because the postmaster cannot secure applicants for the position from the ranks of those who are making more money in other lines. The cost of living is so high in Reno that no one wishes to try his luck with the chance of promotion in the civil service. John Duvrey, recently over from France, has started to serve as mail carrier, and although he can neither read nor write he compares the numbers on the houses with the address and manages to hold down the job .- Reno correspondence San Francisco Chronicle.

#### Painless Cancer.

There is a prevailing opinion that cancer is always painful from the beginning, whereas it is really painless in the majority of cases. It is desirable to ascertain how far the pubtic ought to be instructed in the early signs of cancer, with a view to the adoption of earlier diagnosis, and con sequently earlier operation .- Hospital

ernment to the American Red Cross over the edges of the spoon. Pivoted to carry a cargo of flour to the stary- to the latter, adjacent to the bowl, is ing Chinese. The Buford will go first a cover which corresponds in shape to the Sandwich Islands and thence to the bowl of the spoon. The cover direct to Chinkiang, China, the port is cut away at one end, leaving a nearest the famine district and the small opening, while the other end



DISPENSING RICE AT SOUCHON, AS SEEN FROM CITY WALL.

seat of the Missionary Committee is formed into a stem. The edges of charged with the distribution. the bowl of the spoon are grooved to The flour is of the American sortreceive a projection on the edge of nutritive, healthful, desirable -- and the cover. When the two bowls are will cost \$110,000. The added cost brought in contact there is thus no of the donated transportation would chance for any liquid in the spoon to bring the total value to \$150,000, and escape except by means of the openthis value can conservatively be esti- ing at the end. The spoon can also mated at \$250,000 when the flour is be placed on a flat surface without delivered at Chinkiang. The entire spilling the contents .-- Philadelphia amount of the cost, \$110,000, has Record.

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#### Oil Markets.

The following are the quotations for credit alances in the different fields: Pennsylvania, \$1.75; Tiona, \$1.78; Second Sand, \$1.68; North Lima, ster South Lima, 52; Indiana, \$55; Somerset, S95; Ragland, 625; Can-sda, \$1.35;

#### Bill to Tax Whiskers.

A bill for the taxation of whiskers has been introduced by a New Jersey legislator. The proposed tax is to range from \$5 for ordinary whiskers to \$50 for a goatee, and red whiskers 20 per cent extra.

The railroads are raising the age limit of employes owing to the scareity of labor.

#### Worth the Price.

An English jury has awarded \$1,250 damages to a woman who before an accident could reach high C when she sang, but after it, could get no fur-ther than B flat. From this it would seem as if they thought the poor girl had been damaged. But this is doubttal. As a general thing reaching Migh C is much like what Dr. Johnson said about a dog's walking on his hind logs: "It is not done well, but you are surprised to find it done at all."--- Horton Herald.