It sought the bare sweep of the sicid,
The borders of the wood—
The shrubs that in the breezes recled
Now firm and sturdy stood;
It bade the sullen, leafless boughs
That their harsh tones must cease,
And over all, from fields to sloughs,
It scattered silent peace.

This was the song that had no sign Of music nor of work-

Yet grass and shrub and oak and pine
And hill and valley heard.
Then came a wind that smoothed the snow
With drowsy pat and sweep
And whispered, in the moonlight's glow,
"The world has gone to sleep."
—W. D. Nesbit, in Chicago Tribune.

BY MYRA HAMILTON.

As the girl spoke she drew down her all the world talk of and marvel at the load, and, gathering a large handful of White Princess!" the soft flakes, she looked at it curlously; but in a few seconds she threw from her in terror, for the cold did not heed it, but went on eagerly white snow had become massed together, and now showed itself to be wee white man, who chuckled at of breath, she paused to look around. uer discomfort before he spoke.

a fortunate girl! You have only to express a wish once, and it is grati-

'A wish!" gasped Lu-La, in terror.

"What do you mean?"

"Did I not hear you desire to use snow as a garment? 'he asked. "You thoug't the snowflakes would make a fascinating costume a little while ago," he reminded her. "Have you forgotten what you said?"

you cannot help me in this, I am to wait upon her; but not one spoke

"Henceforth the power shall be yours to mould the snow into any shape you want. At your bidding it shall form your dresses, your home, and everything you require. There is nothing you cannot have made in pure, very content. What is the matter

"You forget," said Lu-La, "that the snow melts in due season, and then her considerably. She ran to the win where would go the pretty white dow and looked out, but she quickly things you speak of? How all the drew back, for there, just outside would mock when my snow frock began to melt, and the beautiful me you describe thawed and fell about my ears. I am tired of this old this way, but a few gracious words red skirt and shawl, it is true, but it is better than the coverings of which

" said the wee white man; "I am one of the few Frost Faries left in the The mild winter has driven many of us away; but I am still here, and willing to give you the power I possess. Henceforth you will be able In my palace dwells a king, my to do as you wish with the snowflakes. They will be your servants, to be commanded in every way. None will whom one has heard so much?" Lu-La guess your secret, and you will be asked curiously; but before he had

at her new friend very suspiciously. "I am
"You don't believe me," he said. parts."

"Well, test my words for yourself. I will sit on this bough while you ask tached to your service who would aid little maid; ask away."

though much bewildered, understood what she was to do so she sank eagerly upon her knees and held out her hands entreatingly. "Snow, I pray you come in, and w. Snow," she whispered, "my hands are take of some food together." "Snow. bare and cold. Will you cover them

In an instant her rough, brown fingers were incased in smooth white gloves that she could take on and off wished; and, oddly enough, you would never have known of what they were composed.

"How marvellous!" exclaimed Lu-La. "Dear little Frost Fairy, I can never thank you sufficiently for such a gift. But, tell me, will this power last for-

"It will." he assured her, "unless you are loved and love in return. The moent your heart is warmed by the glow of true affection, your snow possessions will melt away, and you

will become just an ordinary morta! "Then." Lu-La declared "I am quits safe. Nobody will ever care for me. Who is there who would think tw the orphaned child of a wood crifter?

These old rags are enough to frighten any suitor away."

You forget," said the Frost Fairy. "It is in your power now to change all that. The wood cutter's daughter may be held to be of little importance, bu many there are who will woo the Princess he had accidentally dis-White Princess, But, remember, your will be as cold as your surroundings; your frigidness will chill all vho see you. Well, I won't now linger here, but let my words remain in your sesses you, you will retain your power. terest in her surroundings, her appear-Good-by, good-by."

the girl stood thinking deeply about air that heralded her approach. Once what had occurred, and as she did so, only did she meet her new acquaint- done more in the last decade to do one expression he had used came back ance as she drove along, and then she away with burglary than anything else to her mind, and she found herself re- gave him such a cold look that the has done in the last 1900 years."-New peating it over and over again. "The Prince felt most upset, until he deter- York Press.

I wish I could be rich | White Princess, the White Princess, and have fine clothes to she mused. And then she gave a little wear!" sighed Lu-La, the scream of surprise and clapped her maid, as she hands together. "I will test my power trudged home, bearing her now to its utmost," she cried. bundle of faggots upon her head. "If Snow, build me a palace fit for a White

only I could weave the snow into fair Princess to dwell in. Make the rooms garments with which to clothe my large and shapely, and stock them body, how happy I should be! See, with snow furniture; let snow servants there it lies, covering the ground with dwell within to wait hand and foot its white embrace, and looking more beautiful than any material mortal with raiment suited to my new posi-bands can make; and yet it is useless tion, fill the stables with snow horses. the grounds with snow flowers. Let

> As she uttered these commands a cold shudder ran through her; but she clamoring for more and more to be given, until really exhausted for want

Yes, there was everything she had "Ha, ha!" he cried, "you are indeed asked for. A huge white palace stood glistening in the sunshine, and its handsome white door was thrown open as though waiting for her to enter. For one moment Lu-La hesitated, but when she glanced down and noted her new apparel she quickly made up her mind. Slowly she mounted the white

steps, and entered the capacious hall, but it was many miuntes before her courage returned sufficiently for ber "No, no," she replied nervously; "but white clad, pale faced servants hurried or showed any signs of life, nor did "Oh, there you are wrong," was the their pallid lips make any response when they were addressed. And for many days Lu-La lived happily among her frost possessions; but as time went on she felt the terrible silence was

even more than she could bear. At last, one day, as she sat feeling that snow. But you do not seem in spite of her wonderful power, she would have been happier had she remained a simple country maid, the tootling of a huntsman's horn startled stood a stranger clad in green. "I entreat you to have no fear," he said.

"I am only a huntsman who was lost from your lips will soon set my feet upon the right path. I seek the "This is the palace," she rejoined,

"the White Palace. I am the White "Really." he replied politely. "But I

seek a palace very dierent from yours.

"Are you the Prince Roland, of time to nod his head she appeared to Lu-La could hardly believe the truth have lost all interest in the matter.

"But surely there is someone at omething you want. Ask away, me," he pleaded. "I am lost without vour assistance."

> "My servants are dumb." Lu-La said "But, though I cannot direct your path, I can show you some little hospitality. I pray you come in, and we will par

The Prince gratefully accepted th invitation; but, oddly enough, each time he attempted to enter the palace door some invisible bond seemed to hold him back, and, though he strove and strove, it soon became obvious to both of them that he must remain out-

Lu-La watched his efforts in scornful silence, but when he appealed to her to stretch out a hand to help him she shook her head. "I cannot." she said: you must come to me unassisted; and the Prince, seeing how indifferent she was, decided to give her up.

"Dear lady," he cried, "farewell Perhaps in our next meeting I shall be again? Are you always to be found

"I and my palace are one," she toid "Come if you like. "Nay, he responded, "that is no in

vitation. Won't you bid me welcome? But she carelessly shrugged shoulders, and moved away without

making any sort of a reply. When the Prince Roland reached his own home in safety, he instantly made aquiries about the mysterious White covered. But though a few people had seen and spoken to her, he was able to learn nothing. Occasionally she passed through the city in a car riage drawn by four white horses; but as she never showed the slightest in ance in the streets was hardly ob-When the little man had vanished served, except by a chill feeling in the bedside, and up flashes the light.

mined to journey again to the White Palace to see if they could not become

This time he found the Princess seated in the garden-a strange white garden, full of colorless flowers and garden, full of coloriess flowers and trees; and though it was the height sons fell the giant Lombardy poplars of summer the Prince began to tremble with cold, and drew his cloak more

Lu-La inclined her head when she him a chair she utterly ignored him. In vain he strove to amuse her with his conversation, for though he talked brightly upon a variety of subjects. he produced a great cluster of crimson roses he had brought with him. She extended a white hand for them, but the Prince only gave her one small for a moment from their labors, it is blossom at first, and as her fingers touched him again he shuddered. She raised the flower languidly to her nose and smelled its perfume, but ere she had finished the rich red color faded from the petals, and the flower became dead and shrivelled.

"Look!" cried the Prince in astonishment. "What mystery surrounds you, when not even a rose can live in your presence? See how it fades and dies! Poor little blossom! Oh, Princess, speak and tell me the secret you so unless I hear the sound of your voice in my ears. I came hither to ask you such that the words freeze upon my lips, and, like yonder rose, I can feel myself changing. Is your heart of ice. fair one? Will nothing warm it? Dear Princess, be merciful; for I love you, I

The White Princess began to fremble violently, and when she rose to her strange noise startled her considerably. Drip! drip! drip! sounded from all parts of the garden. Little streams of water began to run from the palace walls, and her own spotless robes hung limply upon her. But before she could move Prince Roland stepped forward and seized her hands

"Princess," he said fondly, "I love you, and I am going to give you a kiss, even if you have me beheaded for it afterward. Perhaps that will make you more human. We'll see."

And as he drew her toward him she east an anxious glance over shoulder. What she saw evidently decided her, for she twined her arms around his neck and laid her cold cheek upon his.

"I too, love you," she cenfessed; "but what will you say, I wonder, when you find I am no longer the White Your words have thawed in and broke his leg. my heart and driven my power away. I am only a poor, peasant maid. See, my palace, my garden, even my lovely ing the little boy appeared before the whife robes, have melted, and I am in meeting to deliver the speech from my old rags once more. What will you do now?

pretty little face, upturned so anxious. Diegans, behind us lies the past; ly toward him, "I care naught for fore us lies the future." grandeur. I love you, and you alone dear one—so I will give you the kiss ture while the left pushed back the just the same."—Cassell's Magazine. past. "'It has been nobly said that just the same."-Cassell's Magazine.

Uncovering a Mystery.

long ago have taken up their year brings its new sowing; what do abode in an apartment house. The suite is small and their wants are not exacting, and so the young woman loes her own work. Naturally does her own marketing as well, and the child to proceed. being of an economical turn of mind tries to buy so that they will have all they need without any waste. More especially is this admirable trait shown when she buys her meats, her steaks eing diminutive, but most delicious.

The other night she had a personally selected porterhouse steak for dinner, and it occurred to her to get out one of the wedding presents for the oc this statement, and stood looking this reason in the matter that this statement, and stood looking the new friend very suspiciously.

"I cannot help you," she said coldly. If am not acquainted with these her new friend very suspiciously.

"I am not acquainted with these case. She laid the broad and shining carving set that had hitherto reposed in its velvet lined case. She laid the broad and shining was a time when we despaired of your that is so poor. That is the solution of the wedding presents for the occurrence of the trio. If the wedding presents for the occurrence of the trio. The wedding presents for the occurrence of the wedding presents for the occurrence of the wedding presents for the occurrence of the trio. The wedding presents for the occurrence of the wedding presents for the occurrence of the wedding presents for the occurrence of the trio. The wedding presents for the occurrence of the trio. blade of the knife across the platter and then called her husband.

"Come, Henry," she cried, "and test your Uncle John's gift on a juicy

Henry came and stared at the plat-

"Why, where's the steak?" he asked. "The steak?" echoed the young wife. Why, it's right there-why, where is

And she stared at the platter, too. "Are you sure it was there?" cried

the bewildered husband. "Of course I'm sure. It was there noment ago, and-

And just then the husband raised the carving knife that had been stretched across the platter. And there

Eurglar's Electric Foe.

"One of the greatest blows to the burglar's trade is the electric light with push button appliances," said Detective Charles Heidelberg, recently. It is not far out of the way to say that the electric light has driven at least 30 per cent. of burglars out of he business and the remaining 70 per eent, has had to learn their business

"The whole art of burglary was based, in the past, on darkness hopeless darkness as regards the vic tim. There was one feat-a peculiar way of crouching, striking a match above one's head, and tossing it to left and right-that took the burglar weeks to learn. It was valuable because i showed him what he wanted to se while it misled the victim, who might be armed, as to the burglar's location The trick is now worthless, for th victim, instead of cowering in black darkness at the burglar's mercy, now reaches over, touches a button at his

WITH THE HUNGARIAN GYPSIES

against it.

DISPOSING OF ADIPOSE TISSUE

Down in some grassy valley about and here the mother sews and putters gypsy land, says Felix J. Koch in the Pilgrim. These trees, be it said to saw him approach, but after offering is now selling to the gypsies at an average price of \$2 apiece, for the nomads to fell and cut up into timber, to be sold to manufacturers of wooden wares.

with their long hair braided across the top of the head, so that approaching en. Others are horse trading, as are most of their kin in Turkey proper (not a few are itinerant smiths be sides), whom one meets traveling the roads with long trains of steeds that take one back in fancy to the Arabs of the desert, or with a portable bellows

A man has actually appeared upon carefully guard. I cannot be happy the scene who says that he has hammered off his adipose tissue with a mallet and at the same time hardened to be my wife, but your coldness is his flesh to the proverbial consistency of nails. It is rather difficult to feel convinced of the truth of this state ment, in view of the fact that a similar kind of xylophone gymnastics is daily practised upon all beefsteaks of the boarding house variety for the purpose of rendering them juicy and tender. Though the mosquito may seem entirely irrelevant to the forego ing, it rather obviously pops up and into the argument, and in so doing suggests the question as to whether or not this winged auger could penetrate the leathern envelope of a subject so hammered into the pink of cast iron perfection; and also if an expert

with a pair of antifat mallets could

not, while discoursing impromptu

moonlight fantasies on his anatomy

cause them to explode and scatter to the misty realm of otherwhere. It is rather a difficult question to answer satisfactorily on the fly and without a considerable investment of thought. In fact it may be regarded somewhat in the light of a recondite proposition in view of its importance from both a physical and a hygienic point of view; for when the performer gracefully carroms on himself and the persistent pest he rids himself of worthless fat and destroys a natural conservator of malaria, thus killing two birds with one stone, or rather two mosquitoes with one hammer. It only remains to awaiting the man who can find in the above a suggestion upon which to produce a hammer which shall prove to all lovers of good government an in strument with which the fat can be ruthlessly whacked off a political sinecure while it flattens the skulls of the human mosquitoes that would convert with the same, hit the mosquitoes as the body politic into a fountain of unthey light upon him, and thereby adulterated financial joy .- Exchange.

"'The choice is worthy of considera-

word, every gesture as he had heard

and seen. "'The whole country will

hail the day," he cried, and finally,

"'Arise, San Diegans; I stand here

before you to emphasize-to empha-

He turned cold with fear. He could

right foot, struck it over and over,

but the gesture did not bring the

"Oh, I didn't hear no more," he said,

his cheeks. "Oh, if I could only say

it anyway? I'll be an all-right govern-

or's son and he'll make the best gov-

not remember what came next.

pikes. Now and then the women come

into the villages to beg or barter, or

as the village folk hint, to steal; tell-ing fortunes to those who may harken,

Seated on one of the crude rock

walls that hem in the flats of corn

land in the shadows of the Lombardy

poplars, these gypsies, men and wom

in their curious lingo, ever tempt the

en, smoking their pipes and chattering

much-abused camera. For background

there will be some old Magyar castle,

its turrets peeping through the aisle

of trees, and with the sentinel at its

gate-a soldier in uniform but a gypsy

at heart, for while they pay no taxes in Hungary, they are forced to do mil-

Less and less each year grow the

number of the gypsies, less and less

frequent their visits, until it will doubt-

less not be long before, like the Arabs,

they will have folded their tents for

all time and silently stolen away.

as incentive to other business

HIS FIRST POLITICAL SPEECH

size-

words.

"Spatters's" father was to deliver a tump speech at San Diego in his own tion," the speech flowed on, every behalf as a candidate for governor of California. While practicing speech, mounted on a hogshead, he fell

Spatters had been a rapt listener to his father's eloquence and in the evenmemory

"Gentlemen, I know the speech and "Do?" he echoed, looking into the It's a corker. This is it: 'Friends, San His freckled little right hand stretched to the fuwe shall reap as we have sown; in many cases, therefore, we must reap the fruit of poisonous seeds. But each

we now choose to plant?" The crowd was surging toward the platform in its enthusiasm, but Eary and Bill held it back and motioned to

pincott's Magazine.

"We are proud of you, papa," said the man's three handsche daughters. "Ah, you are?" he said, beamingly.

"You have acquired taste in art," our tuition, until you can pick out the really beautiful every time. Instead of admiring the razzle-dazzle, topsy-turvy designs in architecture and decorations that formerly pleased you, you now choose the simple easy lines of pure art."

"Thank you, my dears," said the man. "I am glad you kept hammering away at me so persistently."

HIS ARTISTIC TASTE IMPROVED

room the man took off his glasses and rubbed them thoughtfully. "Well, what do you think of that?" he said. "I have become artistic, have I? And why? Because my eyeever appreciating the classic. Thank appeal to me because they hurt my goodness, you have improved, under eyes. I am driven to classic lines in self-defense. Most people of my age are. I once heard an art dealer say that half the people who thought they had developed the artistic tempera ment with years, had only ruined their eyes and needed glasses. That is my case exactly. I like those outlandish patterns in wall paper and carpets and things as well as ever, but I wouldn't have the girls know it."

CONVERSION OF JOHN TEMPLIN

Once upon a time in Tennessee there lived a man named John Templin. He seldom did any work, not even chores. was the porterhouse steak hiding be- He was called the laziest man in Bledneath the broad blade! - Cleveland soe county. He had no pride, and would rather beg than work.

Now there was an exhorter preacher named Fentress who occasionally filled various pulpits, and on one occasion he filled the pulpit where John Templin worshiped, when he was not too lazy to worship. Rev. Fentress opened the Bible and began reading the 36th chapter of Exodus. When he came to the 19th verse, he stopped everybody saw by his demeanor that was going to say something unusual, and then he read that verse

"And he made a covering for the Los Angeles Times.

tent of rams' skins dyed red; and a covering of badgers' skins above

"There, brethren," shouted Fentress "I was sure that it was in the Old Testament somewheres. You see what they did to beggars in those wise old days. They skinned 'em. Now, I ain't namin' no names. Now, then, I ain't a white sauce and add sugar with vamakin' no 'sinuations. But I'm just thinkin' that in this neighborhood there's at least one that goes about beggin' 'stid o' workin'. An' I'm ony thinkin' that mebbe a good skinnin' on a moonlight night mought be a good thing for this neighborhood. That and looked hard at Templin, until kind o' folks ought to be skinned, and stuck up on a pole, too.'

John Templin went to work the next day. He never begged afterward .-

THE MARRIED MAN'S LAMENT

A wonderful feliow was he whom I sing,
So courteous, manly and clever.
Who scorned to retort with a sarcastic
fling
And spoke with cold irony never;
Though, of course, you have ne'er with
this paragon met,
Since he lives in a past that's been
buried,
His virtues you're never allowed to forget—
The man whom your wife might have

get—
The man whom your wife might have married.

He never spoke crossly, he never com-When things weren't in apple-pie order.
And when she was worn, languid, nervous or pained
He sat on anxiety's border;
Her wish was to him inexorable law

And her cares on his shoulders he You've been taught to believe that he hadn't a flaw—
The man whom your wife might have married.
He was gifted indeed, he could both play and sing.
And 'he sketched with the art of a master.

master.

He could fashion a verse of most metrical swing.
Or carve has reliefs out of plaster;
Since you've often been thrilled when,
in pets, she'd repeat
His list of accomplishments varied,
What a pity it is that you can't hope to
meet
The man whom your wife might have

The man whom your wife might have married. -- New York Press.

Household

Have the inside of the oven kept ecrupulously clean. Wash the entire nside of the oven-not forgetting the roof-at least once a week. Remove the shelves and door before commencing operations, and scrape off any burnt substance with an old knife. Let the oven be kept open till quite dry and all smell of soap has passed off.

Hydienic Redroom.

The hygienic bedroom is the latest novelty in furnishing, says the London Express.

itary service, much as they rebel Fresh air enthusiasts see in the old fashioned, luxurious bedroom a serious menace to health, and they have come back to town to throw out carpets, curtains and cushions, and any other little aids to comfort that catch their eye. Feather beds, they say, are hopelessly unhygienic, germs lurk in the folds of the portiere and in the warm rugs on the floor, while costly bed hangings

Keeping Up the Supplies.

The convenience and time saving of having little things at hand can scarcely be overestimated. It works exactly on the same principle as the old saying

It's not enough to have a place for everything, and everything - unless you happen to be out of it-in its place. It's the careful planning so that plentiful supplies of all the little things are always on hand that counts so greatly.

So often you haven't the right buttons, or you run short of tape, or hooks and eyes, or the color of sewing silk you need, and you have to postpone the moment you'd seized for getting all such things out of the way. In the meantime, before you've remembered to get the little things, perhaps you have to wear the very thing that needed mending, and pins have torn it

It's the same way with everything. if you have to stop and go out for stamps, you probably don't bother to write that important letter until it's at least a little late.

Making things do is almost as badusing too small a hook to bear the strain of a skirt-fastening; or too large a one for the delicate blouse it disfig-The best way to avoid it is to go

over, at periodic times, all your supplies, making a note of everything you're almost out of, and replenishing it at an early moment.

Salt For Butter.

Are you very careful about the salt struck the platform savagely with his that you use in your butter? If not, contains a hint that it would be well Then he remembered why, to keep in mind all the time.

It used to be thought that any salt forgetting the paternal warning.
"That was where dad fell into the was good enough for butter so long as it would dissolve in a reasonable hogshead." Big tears began to streak time. It was only little by little that men found out differently. Farmers the rest I could make you vote for us Review says: Not till people began sure," he burst out, "but won't you do to get particular about the flavor of their butter did the special butter salt appear on the market. The old salt had been the cause of much butter be ernor you ever had 'cause he's an A No. 1 dad."-Sarah Comstock in Liping rejected. One grocer kept his salt near a pile of dried fish. As the salt was in bags and the fish in piles the very decided smell from the fish permeated the salt. Every farmer that used the salt and sold his butter had When his daughter had left the complaints about the fishy smell in his butter. At last some bright fellow traced the fish smell to the pile of salt fish alongside of the pile of salt bags. Another community had trouble with its butter smelling like kerosene, and traced the trouble to the sait, which was in an open bin alongside of several kerosene barrels. Now the handlers of salt for dairy purposes are on the lookout for just such combinations in the groceries, and warn their patrons that the salt must be kept sealed from outside smell. We doubt not that much of the complaint with farm butter comes indirectly from the salt. which has been stored in all kinds of places in the farmhouse, and has taken in some of the numerous smells that belong to the farm vegetables.



Butter Sauce-Melt an ounce and a half of butter and one ounce of flour till smooth. Add parsley or chopped Sweet Melted Butter Sauce-Make as

nilia or other flavor, using milk instead of water. Anchovy Sauce - Make like melted

butter sauce, with anchovy essence. Mushrooms chopped fine instead of anchovies make a delicious sauce. Sauce Hollandise-Heat flour, but-

ter, stock, salt, lemon juice and a tablespoonful of brown sugar. Boil all five minutes. Thicken with yolk of egg, one to each half pint. For fish

Sauce Tartare-To a pint of mayonnaise sauce add a teaspoonful of onion juice, one-fourth cup each of finely chopped capers, olives and cucumbe pickles and two tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley.

Spiced Wafers-Cream together twothirds of a cupful of butter and one and one-half cupfuls of confectioner's sugar, and add one-half tablespoonful each of ground ginger and cinnamon and just a dash of ground cloves. Stir into the mixture one-half cupful of cold water and two cupfuls of flour sifted twice. Roll to wafer thinness, cut into shapes and bake in a very moderate

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