THE DECORATING MANIA.



You needn't purchase things," says she, With a superior smile.

"I'll use your common household goods, For them are all the style." And with a fittle gitt and such, She fixed us up so fine, That when I looked about the house I hardly knew 'twas mine.

Well ! pa and me, at first, were pleased, But pa soon cried in wrath, Well & Soon cried in wrath, Well was to make a path." And there it was a' painted up With many a bud and rose, And hanging on the parlor wall By sky-blue ribbon bows.

And soon it was my turn to fret When ironing day came round; I had two favorite flatirons, But only one I found. I went into the sitting-room And there I found the mate All glided up to look like gold, And made a paper-weight.

And when p paget weight. And when pa bought a steak, i found Of proller I had lack; The gridlow was fixed to be A fine newspaper neck. And all the tims for jelly-enke Had been well washed from grease, And painted up like plaques, to stand Upon the mantel-place.

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But when passions inside process. But when passion is old arm-chair That hugged the kitchen free. A the way some folks admire. And standing in the sitting-room, Too nice and fine to use, He said that fashionable styles He henceforth should refuse.

Bo pa and me we both agreed That fashion hadn't paid, Al that we'd use our commentation we'd use our commentation So down came showels, down came pans, And off came every boy. And things are now more comfortable, If not so much for show.

ADVENTURES OF A SPY.

STORY THAT READS LIKE A AGE FROM A WORK OF FICTION.

rkable Career of Major W. C



The period at Perryville, in 1862, be-fajor Gorman. I received orders to re-fajor Gorman. I received orders to re-defajor Gorman. I received orders to re-erlar. I liver, between Spirita and Gal-Forrest at Murireeshoro, which I did. Forrest wished me to undertake a com-on entirely foreign to the duties of a ess for my commander. I went to St. and Stiver, in which I participated my battalion.

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that, which three a number of incidents on my hacking. The number of incidents on my full returned to General Forcest's com-mant and asked him for a pass. In his ruff way he said: "Go to h-1 for a pass y ou can't steal through the Confederate mes," you can't steal through the Yankee mes."

If you can't steal through the Confederate lines, you can't steal through the Confederate lines. Istured on foot from Franklin, Tenn., for Hiekman, Ky., making the trip in ten days, and stealing through both lines, the transmission of the trip of the trip of the main steal of the trip and ragged from swimming streams and elimbing through and over bushes, I went to a hotel and ate striper. That nicht I heard music in the striper. The nicht I heard music in the striper of the plane. I show the young of the plane. I show that if they were Conied-maked their assistance to get me a pass by feamboat to St. Louis, as the stop-son of Judge Fitzgeraid, of West Tennessee, and I sked their assistance to get me a pass by for easilist the Federal soldiers had con-find lief. for St. Louis, I claimed that I was on my way to Kanass to thist relatives, and that I was a Union man. The boat was poind with Federal soldiers have were going hom on furloughs or for the purpose of re-solitong. I way well suppled with money, and whield away the time playing who I was, owned have thot meand thrown my body in the river. My money was that bills, but in those days as 5 bill could be ut in two and each end was good for \$2.50: in fact, chance was secare, and was gener-bill was erol for 51. e, and was gener-Each end of a \$2

for \$1. ched St. Louis I had my West oney and \$1,600 in greenbacks. ingham, Wright & Co., with bill was goo When I re When I reached St. Louis I had my West Framesses money and Wohl & Groue with whom I had transacted the private business for Gen. Forrest on my provings trip. Here I had all of my money changed into gold. The question then was, how to got out of St. Louis--a man could not leave the city not even obtain work in the city without a loginate. I was not going to take the oath, and finally devised a scheme. Going down to the leves I mot an honest Irishman by the name of Murphy. I got in with him, made him drunk and tought his certificate or so. Define an Irishman mysell was by the name of Murphy. I got in with him, made him drunk and tought his certificate or 560. Being an Irishman mysell was house and bought a horse for 560 and left town. When about four miles out I met two young lattes and saluted them. They were red and white ribbons around their neeks. Targing my horse, we went to the bring man the adults of Prices regi-ment, and their home was the hot bed of blasturi.

man, but it took five kegs of peer to finally convince them that I was loyal. The Eng-lish-speaking people in that section were +K. "MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND."

"MARTLAND, MY MARTLAND." usually friends, but these Dutch were bit-ticr enumbes of the Stourn. I learned that Colonel Kable had a broth-there atter swimming two swollen creaks and having two battles with Craighill's daughter had married a Sergesant in Gen-troops had carged her from her bed while in a delicate condition, and had burned the outse. I learned that Colonel (Kible's daughter had married a Sergesant in Gen-troops had carged her from her bed while in a delicate condition, and had burned the butch. I learned that burned the outse on the day previous. When I learn-ed this I made up my mind to teach the Dutch a learnet. This gave Murphy a hotorious character, and the quicker I got out of there the better for all concerned. I took two men with me, Cumberland Kibble and John Andrews, and started through the Gen, Odin Guitar was at that time com-

and John Andrews, and started unrouge up country. Gen. Odin Guitar was at that time com-manding the Department of North Mis-souri, with headquarters at Columbiaville. He issued an order that no person should earry firearms except those engaged in

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-----Love by Wire.

Love by Wire. Said a Maine telegraph operator to the writer the other day: "You wouldn't think that spoony lovers would resort to such public means of correspondence as the telegraph for the transmission of their sweet little messages of love and devotion, would you? They do, just the same. Wery often a certain young man in this place, if he does not regularly re-ceive a letter from the future source of his joy and happiness, rushes here with a crestfallen countenance and files a message like this:

a message like this: ""My dear, why did you not answer my last letter? Yours devotedly, "Perhaps you don't believe that such a message as this was ever sent, but I would show some of them to you if it wasn't against the rules. "We fellows on the wire enjoyed quite an amusing incident not very long ago, in which Sophia sort of gave away john's brilliant scheme of popping the question by wire. We surmised that this brace of folly's victims had been conducting a correspondence for some time, which the artful John culmi-nated with the following dispatch, which was evidently intended to draw forth an answer to an entirely differ-ent question: "Soetna: Did you preceive my last

forth an answer to an entirely differ-ent question: "SopHIA: Did you receive my last letter? JoHA: JOHA: "Sophia, in her eestatic delight, evi-dently understood the query in a dif-ferent sense from that which the ordi-nary reader of the epistle would, and, with joy and exultation depicted in every lineament of her countenance, she proceeded to the telegrapher's sanctum and left the following to be forwarded to the flower of her affec-tions:

tions: "'JOHN: Yes. How about next Christmas? SOPHIA.'

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at Lexington: 2.007 cavility at Georgetown, 5.000 cavalary at Frankfort, all under marching orders for Lexington.
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"Get down. Capt. Gorman: we know you." said one of them, and 1 saw that I was in the hands of the Hadey brothers. They them, and cold the Hadey brothers. They then are considered in the hands of the Hadey brothers. They them, and cold the Hadey brothers. They them, and the same some sense of the twenty-fifth Michigan.
"Get down. Capt. Gorman: we know you." said one of them, and 1 saw that I was in the hands of the Hadey brothers. They them, and the same some sense and the order of the twenty-fifth Michigan.
"While in a room disposible, one of them picked up my coat and heard some paper rustie. He ripped I topen, and found some maps and a lot of letters directed to Presite and the cold. Riley's outloor, who asked it could not the same short the next morning at suntration of the same south and the same short the next morning at suntration. Such a strength of the same short the next morning at suntration. Such a short on Appliting the number of the short on Applit, the same short morning at suntration. Such a short on a short is could and that save my life. Instead of having me short the next morning at suntration. Between the such short the short short we had a price is the same short morning at suntration. Between the more such short and that course on the short on Applit. The in a chain was fustened from the one which built outload the same fustened to the short on applit for the same short of a short so that it would not fault we were suchled and the same with whole as short for a short show the garment was hadened with due and some such we show the short on a shor

called, and we went to the far side of the plantation, where we took refuge under a straw stack. At 6 o'clock that morning Mrs. Bulord, Miss Wiley George, Miss Canfield, and Miss Harris rode out over the plantation on horseback, finally coming to the straw stack and producing from their long riding skitts the best breakfast I ever atc. They had not been gone half an hour when the section was literally swarming with Yan-We had been transd to Versatiles, where all eine had been to the rower of darkness we left for Frankfort, where Shivers left me, and I have never seen him since. I heard that he was killed by Jack Goodwin's bush-whackers.

at the Yankees had cap-to Wall's, opposite Madi-CHINESE CHILDREN. HOW BOYS AND GIRLS ARE REARED AND EDUCATED.

racter of Chinese Village Schools-udies of the Young-Their Games and nusements - Tales Which Edify the abryo Mandarins-Selections from a pular Chinese Story-Book.



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A CHINESE HOME.

A CHINEBE HOME. The seful plant which grows in the Flow-ery Kingdom. Its young shoots, much like great asparagus plants, are used for food, and out of the wood of the trees are made kitchen and table utensils, chop-sticks, tables, chairs, and umbrel-las, and masts, sails, and cordoge of boats. All the parental love which girls in China miss is lavished upon their brothers, upon whom devolves the performed at the graves of their ances-tors, and the Chinama's ideal of per-fect bliss is "much jor, many sons, and great wealth," an ideal which they ex-press by a term meaning "threefold happiness." The youngsters of the Orient are not hacking in names, and some of them are saddled with titles which an Amer-ient would lose no time in ridding him-self of by application to his Legisla-ture. Among the superstituous high-sounating names are supposed to arouse the envious wrath of evil spir-tik, and their children often bear such applications as "Little Dog," "Hill Dog," and "Old Cow." The more re-finder and intelligent of the Chinesso the and intelligent of the Chinesso they are all the ornespond to the pet-ner have what are called "milk names," which correspond to the pet-names," which correspond to the pet-names, "which correspond to the pet-names," which correspond to the pet-names, "which correspond to the pet-names," which correspond to the pet-names, "which correspond to the pet-names," which correspond to the pet-names, "which correspond to the pet-names," which correspond to the pet-names, "when the boys enter school they have a new name given them by they first-born, of course, being "Num-ber One." When the boys enter school they have a new name given them by their matters, such as, for instance, "Priest Talent," "Dutiful Obedience," PEROR. Illustrated, but these books are sold so cheaply that the illustrations are usually cheap and far inferior to the book illustrations of England and America. The cuts reproduced with this sketch are fac-similes of pictures published in Chiza in a toy book con-taining one hundred and two stories, and faithfully represent the condition of celestial pictorial art. The stories are told to illustrate and emphasize the apothegms of the Chinese moral-ists and will remind American readers of the Sunday-school books of a gen-eration or two ago, in which the heroes and heroimes were always preternatur-ally good and always dressed in the bulging cap or prudish pantalets of Jacob Abbot's Rollo and his sister. A few of these odd moral tales are here reproduced that the joys of the little Chinese may be fully appreciated.



weaving and making gold and silver tinsel-paper for use in the worship of gods and the spirits of their ancestors. Reading and writing alone of the three LETTERS FROM THE CORNERS.

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Than see you hed some forty grais took, an every buddy aroun here wunts one. So good-by. Frum yure frend, GRAN-MAW MARCH. Willam Henery wus jest on pins to pit home an find out who Ben's best pal was. But I felt more conserned about my ducks a dyin off with the straddles, etc. An so we cuncluded to extra ducks a dyin off with the straddles, etc. An so we cuncluded to the same town. Mis Boggs an her bow set out on to the safes a talkin an estin penuts, tell supper time, an then arfter supper thay went in to the parlor an he stade tell most mornin. "He see the cood," ses I, kindy dry. Bo no more at present frum HESTER ANN SCOOPER.

Thanks, Elihu.



Editor-It's no use-I'm desperate ! Enere's no support in this one-horse own for a live paper, anyhow !



reproduced that the joys of the little Chinese may be fully appreciated. "In the Chow dynasty there was a man named Laon Lai-tsze. When he was 70 years old he used to put on bright many-colored clothes to attract the attention of his aged parents and play like a child to anuse them. Some-times he would carry water into the hall, and pretending to stumble would fall flat on the ground. Then he would ery and run to the old people, all to make them forget their age and imag-ine that he was yet a child." IL "There was once a boy named Woo Mang, or Brave and Talkative, 'who, when only eight years old, was very duiful to his parents. They were very poor and could not afford even mos-quito curtains for their bed. So the little boy used to get into his parents' bed early in the evening and let the mosquitoes bite him until surfeited with his blood. Then he would sur-render the bed to his parents that they might sleep in peace." "There was once a man named. Han, Iditor-(twenty minutes later, writ ing)-Business is booming. Our pub lic-pirited fellow-townsman, Mr. Elihu Backlots, has just left a gallon jug of prime hard eider, in payment for six mothy's subscription. Thanks, Elihu.

When I kissed her that night in the hallway 'Twas so dark that nothing was plain; And not being sure but I'd miss her, Why, 'twas right I should kiss her again.

There was darkness on everything round us; I was reaching in vain for the door, And while I was seeking an exit It so happened J kissed her some more, And I wasn't quite sure that I left her As to whether she liked it or not; But I know that I sighed to be back there The further away that I got.

And the next time I called it so happened That we stood in that hallway once more And the gaslight fell over and round us As I quietly moved to the door.

But her red cheeks so roguishly dimpled, And her eyes shone so wickedly bright, That I guessed where her thoughts were a stray. ing, And I reached up and turned out the light.

The Chatelaine Fad.

In the Dark. -DE

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twenty-eight of them being commissioned officers. 1 loft he next morning, soing through the south of the river, making in proports through the mail at Paris, Bl. My next exper ences of interest were in St. Charles County, where I met with Craichill's Dutch Home Guards. At War-renton, while eating dinner, twenty-six of them eame in to arrest me. I showed my certificate of oath, pleaded Union sonti-ment, cursed Jefferson Davis and the whole Southern. Consideracy as an boneast Irish-

Hensell. I was for receive \$73 a month. I staid six days, for which the Government still owes me, leaving the boat at Baili-me. The array comming the was in Washington. Where I met United States Senator Powell, of Kentucky, delivering to him aregular commission as lloutenant general in the foreas north of the Ohio Hiver, and with authority to as me commanding all the foreas north of the Ohio Hiver, and with the poissing the senator of the ohio tween Washington and the mouth of the river, the condition of fortifications around Washington, and other valuable informa-tion. I left for Cincinnal over the Bailtimore and Ohio Railroad, and was arrested at Beliarie, being guarded by three Jirkshmen. Join Burke, of Pontiac, Mich, Join Doyle whose name I have fourfort. For \$10 and a quart of whisky I bought a Yankee over-coat and got away. Iffrat went to Colum-bus, Ohio, where I met George Zoney, and a trible to 500 as design and were sworn Condedrate soldiers. I swore them into service with George Zoney as colonel. They afterwards did valiant service in the transform of the structure of the structure. When and best equipped of any of the cop-perined organizations, and were sworn Condedrate soldiers. I swore them into service with George Zoney as colonel. They afterwards did valiant service in the transform of the structure of the tructure. When I reported they wanted me to re-turn to whick I seriously objected a skiff and floated down the river, then stole a skiff and floated down the river, then stole a skiff and floated down they anted me to re-turn to whick I seriously objected, as my description was printed everywhere. The truct areached Richmend safely. When I reported they wanted me to re-turn to whick I seriously objected, as my description was printed everywhere. The truct areached Richmend safely.

"GENERAL, I AM A COTAL INISIMAR." General thanked me, became satisfied as to my loyaity and gave me a pass, with which lay recognized me. I returned to Pra-they recognized me. I we have an inter-st. Joe with Craightli's Datch, in which Conway lost an arm and I was shot through the shudler; nine of the Datch being Then succeeded in getting to Paris, III. where Mr. and Mrs. Farrel nursed me back to Bichmond, where I reported to Senator I. where Mr. and Mrs. Farrel nursed me back to Bichmond, where I reported to Senator I. where Mr. and Mrs. Farrel nursed me back to Bichmond, where I reported to Senator I. where Mr. and Mrs. Farrel nursed me back to Bichmond, where I reported to Senator I. where Mr. and Mrs. Barley Mrs. Mrs. M. Start, St

"GENERAL, I AM A LOYAL IRISHMAN."

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for ma. Winder insisted on one more General Winder insisted on one more trip. I started, crossing the Potomae half way between Muthias Point and the mouth of the river. Hailing an oyster schooner I paid them 350 to put me on the Maryland side. Went to Washington and Columbus.



"JUMPED OFF WHILE THE TRAIN WAS IN MOTION.

I went to Madison. Carlinville. Spring-field, Aurora, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Washington, returning with copies of the

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BEAUTY is skin deep, that's why it doesn't show much on the rhinoceros.

ARDEN A CHINESE VILLAGE SCHOOL. A CHINESE VILLAGE SCHOOL. etc., which is written on the class-books and copy-slips. In the north of China the summers are very hot and the winters very cold. There, in summer time-especially in July and August-the children are scarcely clothed at all. Little cotton garments and sometimes gauze tunies compose their full dress. In winter they are nearly smothered in clothes. As the people light fires even in winter merely for the purpose of cooking food it becomes necessary to increase the clothing as the cold intensifies, until in midwinter the children of the poor in their multiplied waded cotton jack-ets look more like bolsters, or even balls, tigan like human beings. Almost every village has a school which the sons of the rich and poor at-tend together. Rich people have pri-tate tutors for their clader boys and sometimes for their daughters, who are ever allowed to atting the suffice

y of vate tutors for their clder boys and tany sometimes for their daughters, who are never allowed to attend the villago school. The education of Chinese girls is comprised in learning to cook, sew, embroider, and sometimes to play awy it the guitar, read, and write. Their chief occupation while young is gilk-

might sleep in peace." III. "There was once a man named Han. Whan a boy he mischenared himself very often and his mother used to beat him with a bamboo rod. One day he cried after a beating and his mother said: 'I have beaten you many a time and you have never cried before. Why do you cry to-day? "O, mother,' he replied, 'you used to hurt me when you flogged me and I did not cry, but now I weep because you are not strong enough to hurt me.' "If makes me weep," says the Chi-nese moralist, with unconscious humor, "even to read this story."

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