

THE BROOK.

I know where its stream first sees the day, Far back in the rock-bound walls; And it softly creeps on its sinuous way, A thread of light through the pebbles gray.

HER SON-IN-LAW.

"I kind of hate to let that furniture go, Betsy Jane," said Mr. Piggott. "Well, I wonder why?" slowly enunciated his better-half, who stood with her hands upon her hips, and a big white apron pinned around her by no means slender waist.

"But Moses and I don't want a wedding, father," affectionately urged Jimmy, patting his cheek with her slim brown hand. "We love each other, and being willing to rough it together. Why should we want to add to your expenses and troubles?"

"There's a good deal of sense in what Jimmie says," observed Mrs. Piggott. "Moses Raintree's only a farmer. Wait until Lucilla marries young Warburton. Then I'll show you what a wedding is!"

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the Government and the suppression of this wicked rebellion." The adjutant gasped, stared and stood irresolute, but being accustomed to obeying orders implicitly, he said nothing, and the prayer-meeting was held.

A BRAVE WOMAN.

The Heroism and Terrible Trials of Mrs. Grimwood in India. The English people are very proud of a little lady whose heroism equalled that of any male hero who ever wore the medals of honor.

At last the ammunition began to give out and it was decided to retreat. The little band had dwindled till there were scarcely enough to carry the wounded. Not a man was left behind on that dark night when the Residency was abandoned by the luck away, and the frightened but brave squad plunged into the thicket.

But Mrs. Grimwood cheered on the men. Her words of encouragement and hope remained to the weary fighters and they struggled on. During the day Colonel Butcher, in command, gave out all the cartridges he had, and he was left with one for himself and one for the lady, to end their lives in case of capture.

Lucusts in Europe. The appearance of locusts in Southern Italy and the country near the mouth of the Rhone reminds the correspondent of a German paper that this is by no means the first time that the latter district has been visited by them.

Cattle at the World's Fair. It is gratifying to learn, as we do from recent announcements, that the cattle department of the proposed Columbian Fair at Chicago is receiving much attention throughout the world; and it will probably constitute the finest exhibition of cattle ever made.

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Ho Wanted to Sleep at Night—Mildly Sarcastic—Ode to the Celestial—Good Cause for Assault—Right, Etc., Etc.

HE WANTED TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. "A party was surveying for a new railway," said Marshall P. Wilder to an interested group the other day. "It was in the country, and the best line seemed to be one that would necessitate the removal of a big barn. As they were studying the situation, the farmer came out and said: 'What are you fellows doing?'

THE QUEER STORIES TOLD ABOUT A Washington Rancher. Among the visitors to Seattle the past week was Peter Gallagher, a rancher living three miles from Renton. Mr. Gallagher is one of the pioneers of the sound country, and has lived on the same place for twenty years or more, taking up a quarter section as a homestead from the Government.

WHERE HE HAD THE ADVANTAGE. "That chimney is smoking all the time," said Dockins. "Yes," said his grandmother; "but it isn't such a fool as to smoke cigarettes." —Puck.

HE WANTS TO STAND SOME SHOW OF FINDING HER PECKET. "I wonder why Dick Fortunatus encourages his rich wife in dressing so much like a man?" "He wants to stand some show of finding her pecket."

TO KEEP INSECTS OFF TREES. The tying of a piece of wool round a tree stem to keep down the bugs and vermin is a poor idea, because it is based on the supposition that all these nuisances ascend from the ground, whereas, in most instances, the eggs are laid in the foliage above the supposed guard.

A DESPERATE ORDER.

Noodles—Say, there, bring me a professional burglar! I want to see if he can break into this spring chicken. —[Truth.

NOT AT ALL SURPRISING. The man who weds the Summer girl in some capricious whim, Ought not to be surprised if she Should make things warm for him. —[Yonkers Gazette.

LETTING WELL ENOUGH ALONE. Simpson—Why didn't you take a chance that the cat at the church fair? Were you afraid? Sampson—Yes; it was one my wife barked. —[Brooklyn Life.

THE GREAT THROUBLE. "How do you get on with your bicycling?" "Oh, easy enough. It's the staying on that is troublesome." —[Truth.

WANTED THE PREVAILING STYLE. Architect—A modern seaside cottage built on this plan would cost you about \$1,500.—Millionaire (disgusted)—That might do for a dog kennel.

UNHAPPY TIME. Miss Budding—Oh, Mr. Jagsen, you looked so sad and unhappy while Mrs. Chumpleigh was talking to you. I suppose she enlisted your general sympathies for some poor sufferer at her hospital. Jagsen—No, worse; she was telling me bright sayings of her children. —[Elmira Gazette.

WHEN STRYCHNINE WAS DISCOVERED. Suicide, by means of strychnine, recalls to mind the discovery of strychnine in 1818, by the French chemist, Pelletier and Caventou. They called the new poison Vaudequeline, in honor of their former master, the eminent chemist, Vaudequin.

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