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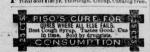
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Open the door of the heart, let in Sympathy sweet for stranger and kin; It will make the halls of the heart so fair That angels may enter unaware. may enter unaware. Open the door. —Philadelphia Times

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fringed and braided after true frontier style. "Mighty soft snap for somebody," said one of the men, snipping off the top of a swaying sunflower with the lash of a long, sinuous "snake whip" he carried in his hand. "'He'd ought ter dev thought forther'n that." "Probably clean forgot the date," was the comrade's reply. "Mighty likely place he's got here."

homestead that was to be our future home. John had "taken it up" the spring before, but had done little work on it, and I confess that the place was bit-terly barren in my eyes, used to the improved homes of the Eastern and Middle States. I call them so for when one is at the foot-hills of the Rockies, Illinois is far, far east. But I did not show my foolings, and when John asked, "Do you like it, sweetheart?" I reassured him so hearti-ly that he did not even repeat the question.

was the comrade's reply. "Mighty likely place he's got here." "Ya.e.s. not ter be 'proved upon." "Lived on it long enough, sin't he?" "To the though sol." "To that the way of it?" with a vig-orous out of the whip. "The time fer breakin' is up to day." "Know it. Was around by McClar-ens yesterday an'he entered th' same time this foller did an' his time was out ter-day. The was workin' his horses ter death gittin' enough sod broke by tor night." Who were they talking of? A sus-ploin that they might mean our place came over me and it was made a cer-tainty by the next word: "If he don't get her dong to -night we'll be ter work bright an' early in th' mornin'. You go to the land of-floe an' enter the claim an 'll it start the plow."

work by ter work bright an early in the morini. You go to the hand office an' enter the claim an' I'll start the plow."
"How much breakin' is lacking?"
"Oh, not much; about half an acro, I guess. That strip yonder behind th' house'll make it. The margin's small but it'll do ter throw him out."
The men tightered the saddle-girths and remarking that a big storm was coming up mounted and went cantering easily away through the prairie grass and scon were lost to view.
How could John have been so careless? After all our work and homesiskness and trouble we were to lose our home.
Then an undeided how to act. But then it was John! Perhaps I was mistaken in my surmises. Thow for an distance. But how? I had never plowed a foot in my life, nor did I have any means for doing it even if I knew how. Then I thought of old Major in the shed. He was big and strong; would be nuclet and start was to a pair of John's boots and typic of old Major in the shed. He was no silt would step in the work was done, and I had the strong my heat I discuss the power was the store me?

when John asked, "Do yon like it, swootheart?" I reassured him so hearti-ly that he did not oven repeat the question. Still it was lonesome. No neighbor was nearer than three miles, and when the little work of the cabin had been performed I would go out to the field where John was turning over long ribbons of turf and watch him, just because I was so hungry for company. And then when summer came and he used to drive to the nearest town, Coronado, to find work the days wore like months. I could not go with him, and I could go no where else, because I had no way. Our only other horeso beside the team driven by John was a heavy work animal, utterly unsafe for a woman to handle. When John would come home he would pet me and promise that "some day" we would be fixed so that I could go where I wished myself-but he nover mentioned how, and was off be-fore daylight to the town again. I twas the height of summer and the warm pratrie winds racing as if from a noven mouth northward shock and rattled the slenderly constructed cabin in a manner that brought a fre-quent fear to my heart that the whole house would go roling over and over neross the plain like the tumble-weeds that scurried along before the door in a never ending train. I had just fin-ished my loneseome dinner when an unusual rattle to die that that scome one was at the threshold. Opening the door alant, shock-head-dy outh, the son of a neighbor, stood before me holding out a souple of pa-pers. He passed our cabin in going to the prairie postoffice and usually carried us our mail. "You are early to-day, Clay," asti I, and to hove some one to talk to. "Ya as'm, but I went clean down tor th 'etty, though." "Indeed I That must have been a long ride for yon," as I looked quick-jy among the local news of the paper, which had come from my old home, picking on there and there a familiar iname. "I seen yor husbun', too, Missis i ho's havir a right the time time. animal to the lightest plow on the place. As we started for the strip I was nearly taken off my feet, and I saw that dark masses of cloud were arising in the west, while feathery advance couriers sourried ahead of them, fleck-ing the blue skies. I lifted the plow into place and spoke to Major. Would he mind me and pull the heavy lead? It needed two horses, but porhaps the one could stand it a little while. Major shook his head and did not start. Trembling with nervousness, I went to his head and almost pleaded with him to help me. name. "I seen yer husbun', too, Missis he's havin' a right fine time."

The paper was forgotten and eager ly I questioned him as to his mean-

If i questioned him as to his mean-ing. "Why, nothin', only he was ridin' with th' han'somest ladv I ever saw-that is, in town," a rude gallantry causing him to make an exception on account of my presence. "I don't know who 'twas, but they was in a phaston an' druw up tor a beautiful yeller honse."

welled up in my heart and I could not control myself. The thought of John Triding about the little city with the stream of the state, while it is the store was upon us. Desperately I darkness was upon us. Desperately I state, while it is city and control myself. The thought of John State, while it is city and the store mould prove merciful, and the store would make the half there are and blindly anxious to as our out to be sure, nothing was neglected at home-but his inder about the store it wood or sering and there it. I did not know what he was doing. To be sure, nothing was neglected at home-but his work and it scoled him sharply, and down that would go beak to mother and so the store. The store was a while of the solar and the store was a while of the solar and the store was a shift of the solar. The solar and the store is and charged by the store was a while of the store. The store was a while of the store is and charged in the neighboring slower and to do be and the store was a while of the store. The store was a while of the store is and charged in the neighboring slower and the store is and charged it was far, far into dreamlate. The scould, cowboy-like plains at far and the dream as and solar it was far, far into dreamlate. The store, while big bearded lips presed against my checks to dhe the is store. The adding the store is the store. The state is and solar it was its and the store while big bearded in the store is and solar its as and solar its was then. The state is the store is the store is the store is and solar its is the store is and solar its as and solar its in the neighboring slower is the store is

been mistaken," said John, interrupt-ing mo. "They-they said they had looked on the records," still sobbing. "They must be right," admitted John, musingly; "I remember now that the ontry was made just six months ago. I meant to have seen to it-but didn't, and it remained for for you, little wife, to save the claim. But to think I was away off in Coro-nado-"

for you, little wife, to save the claim. But to think I was away off in Coro-nado--" "-At Widow St. Clair's," I pnt in before I thought, for I had not intend-ed to montion the news I had heard that day. "Why, who told you--" began John, in a hurt voice, while I hid my face on his shoulder. Did he suspect anything? I do not know to this day but he suddenly wrapped me in his overcent, which was near and, opening the door, bore me straight through the heavily ponr-ing rain to the barn. He set me down, and there before me was-the hand-somest phaeton I had ever seen, while a gentil-looking pony was a new addi-tion to the stable list of inmates. "For you, Tite," whilepred John, reverting to an old pet name of our courtship daya. "How could you?" I asked wonder-ingly.

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"It was this way, pet; the widow wanted some earth hauled upon her yard and would pay me in this rig, but not in money. I have been working overy spare day to complete the job. To-day I finished it."
It is not necessary to relate what followed, but I am willing to admit that I confessed every hard feeling that lad occupied my mind that day and received a full and free absolution from my husband-confessor.
There was no more storm when our interview was over. The last cloud had drifted away to the east, and the ynarke was a mass of sparkling pearls gleaming in the sunlight.
John laughed a little at the plowing Thad done, but it passed muster at the formal "proving up" of our hone-stead, and I was content.
The prairies are more thickly setted now, and in an hour's drive in my pheeton I can visit a dozen rich farms, but none is so prosprous as our own; nor is any family happier, for since the day when I did my first and last plowing not a bitter thought has entered either my own or John's breast.
A Notorious Parrot's New Habit,

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A Notorious Parrot's New Habit, It is well known that the kea, or mountain parrot, of New Zealand, has become notorious from its change of habit, from living on insects, fruit and berries, to attacking living sheep, being reported to have developed this carnivorous habit within the last thirty years. It appears, however, from further first hand observations by T. White, that the kea lives high up on the mountains a long distance nob et forest line, where there are no berries or fruit, and only linchens and a few insects occur. Still, the kea tears open the bodies of sheep, and though it may not disembowed them to get at and devour their kid-neys, as commonly reputed, it is now thought that it does this for the sake of the blood of its viotim. Mr. White states that the roason why this bird so frequently pierces the body of a sheep in the region of the kidneys is due to the position it takes on the back of its viotim to maintain a strong hold. Sheep with long wool are more fre-quently attaked than these with short wool.

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MINE ENEMY Tireless enemy have I, Who, with arch inconsistency, Maketh without sign of cea Keen attacks upon my peace. Sad my plight, who never know If by night or day my foe Will, with his strategic art, Storm the ramparts of my heart.

Through delay and dearth and doubt I have kept the forman out; But I fear the fort must fail, And his banner top the wall. And I pine in long duress, If no friend heed my distress;

Who will come and cause to flee Love, that is mine enemy? —Clinton Scollard, in the Century.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

In autobiographies there is no such ord as fail.-Puck.

Word as rai.—rusk. How lacky it is there are no taxes on air castles!—Life. "I can see through your tricks," said Photog, as he applied his X rays to the magician's sleight-of-hand per-formance.—Norristown Herald. "When Y Loss are little thing little

"When I lose any little thing like that I know where to look for it." "You do?" "Yes; it's nearly always in baby's mouth."--Chicago Record. In baby's mouth."--Oncago Record, His Mama--"You children know more nowadays than they used to in my time, Freddy." Freddy--"That's coz there's more to know, ma."-Rox-bury Gazette.

bury Gazette. Higgles-"Old Bilson called in four doctors in consultation over him when he died." Miggle-"There is no danger of his being buried alive." -Brooklyn Times. Friend-"What did you find the most difficult thing when you wroto your first poema?" Poet-"To find some one who would let me read them to him."-Fliegende Blaetter. Lady-"Is it true that you havo

Lady-"Is it true that you have fallen in love with the princess?" Lieutenant-"Quite right. I just wanted to see for once how hopeless love feels."-Fliegende Blaetter.

"Can you lead me 105 marks?" "That's singular amount to ask for, What do you want of the old five?" "I wish to demonstrate my honest in-tentions by paying to you at once five marks on account."—Fliegende Blact-

ter. Benny Dictus-""There is an article in to-day's paper I should like you to get my wife to read, but it is no use asking her." Sam Singleton-""Til tell you how to do it. Gut the piece out and put it in your pocket."--New York Herald.

York Herald. Sportner—"You must have had great fun when your football team played Vasear." Jack Tackle—"Fun? I guess not. I am engaged to the ampire, and she ruled me off for hold-ing in the very first scrimmage."— Frinceton Tigor. The Quantity: Old Carper—"It takes an enormous amount of material

The Quantity: Old Carper—'the takes an enormous amount of material to make a fashionable gown nowadays." Mrs, Carper—''Oh, no! Why, you take the sleeves, and take the mate-rial for one sleeve and make the skirt; that is all."—Puck. Insufficient Data "You are" an av-

Insufficient Data :"You are an ex Insufficient Data: "You are"an ex-pert, ars you not?" said the caller. "Yes, sir." "Well, I wish you would take these two papers and tell me whether they were written by the samo person." "Is it a matter of litiga-tion?" "Very possible." "Then it would be really impossible for me to comply with your request; not until I have learned upon which side I have been retained."—Washington Star.

No Necromaney About Invention. One of the great inventors of the age is Mr. Edison, who has been called in terms of well intentioned, but doubtful, complianeat "The Wizard of Menlo Park." There is no spirit of neoromancy to be found brooding umong the vast collection of apparatus in Mr. Edison's laboratory. The whole place is devoted to invention as expressed in the good old Latin root meaning of the word: "to come upon," and hence to find. Invention, in the ease of Mr. Edison, is search ; and the search is presented along multitudinous lines with a persever-ance which may have been equaled, but has never been surpassed in the history of the world. Speaking of himself and his work, Mr. Edison has said: "In my own case but five, and those the least important, of my in-ventions owed anything to accidents. Most of them have been hammered out after long and patient labor, and are No Necromancy About Invention. Most of them have been hammered out after long and patient labor, and are the result of countless experiments, all directed toward attaining some well-defined object. All mechanical improvements may safely be said to be inventions, and not discoveries." It is not the man who dreams of better mechanical ways of doing work, but he who by intelligent ex-periment works out the mechanical forms that translate the dream into a reality, who is entitled to the name of inventor, --Scientific American.

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