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othose who have dragged him out of the mire and placed him on the throne he mow sits. This is one thing which cannot be said of some of the men who are opposing him in his efforts to elect his brother-in-law, W. J. Rooney, as receiver of taxes. Martin's most bitter opponent is Editor McClure, of the Times, who is stopping at nothing that will help to defeat the leader who befriended him. While Martin allowed McClure's

opponent is Editor McClure, of the Times, who is stopping at nothing that will help to defeat the leader who befriended him. While Martin allowed McClure's brother-in-law, Dave Gratz, an incompetent nonentity, to draw \$10,000 a year as receiver of taxes from Philadelphia's treasury, Martin was an immaculate statesman in the eyes of the Times. When Martin drove out the horde of McClure's relations who were gorging themselves at the public trough, Martin suddenly became a terrible menace to the city, if the Times can be believed. The disgraceful spoils system of politics which rules Philadelphia was all right while McClure's family reaped the major portion of the spoils, but when the editor's relations found themselves out of office the Times goes in, not to change the system, but to change the boss.

This Philadelphia contest may not interest our readers, and it is not with the intention of interesting them in it that this is published. The Thimeurs merely wishes to add a little further proof to the claim it has frequently made, viz., that the metropolitan press, composed of great independent newspapers like the Times, is governed in its actions, political and otherwise, by motives which cannot bear examination. The country journal which would change front as often as the city press would be driven from the community, for here a creditable reason must be shown when an enwapaper departs from its policy. In the cities the proprietors can hide their individuality behind the powerful machines they control, and a flop from the support of one party to another or a change of views on questions of the day is trumpeted through the country as independence. This independence, in a majority of cases, is nothing more than a cloak to shield the petty spite or mercenary desires which possess the men who control the metropolitan press.

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The recent order issued by Director Riter, the head of Philadelphia's police department, that all shoes worn by members of the force while on duty must be purchased (at the policeman's expense) from a certain store in that city, has caused some tail kicking. The entire force has been equipped with the contract footwear, at a price per pair of not less than 50 per cent above the charge of other stores for the same quality of goods. The police quietly protest that the shoes are not comfortable and do not fit them, and small dealers denounce the order which has diverted a profitable trade from them to their wealthier competitor. Notwithstanding these objections the order remains in force. It is almost unnecessary to state that the chosen store at which the police must buy is John Wanamaker's, and if John should champion Director Riter for the mayoralty a year from now people who watch Philadelphia politics should not be surprised.

The New York Sun, which has long

The New York Sun, which has long been noted for the excellence of its diction, has this to say in a recent issue:

"There never was an English grammer that didn't darken understanding. The whole pack of English grammers is but a set of fossilized rules and obiter dieta about this wonderful, illimitable, and passionately living speech. Use your English grammer, if heaven has been so harsh to you as to give one, for fuel in winter, or for cigar lighters in the furnaceless and grateless months. Burn it. It is an ignorant and a presumptuous heretic and sinner against our sacred English speech."

The attention of such of our people as may feel charitably inclined is called to the urgent necessity of doing something to relieve the distress which exists in the homes of many families in Freeland and surrounding towns. To mention specific cases publicly would not be welcomed by those who are in want, as it would expose them to much idle curiosity, but a quiet investigation by each who wishes to help will reveal where good can be done. There are families here today suffering for the necessities of life who never knew poverty before.

THE RED GIRL.

A Little Incident of the Great West.

BY ELSIE WHEELER

THE sun was shining as only a Coliorado sun can shine, beating down into the little town with an almost cruel intensity. Trees are a luxury in the west, and the few small specimens outlining the principal thoroughfare offer but little shade, so the street, with list rows of low frame buildings, is now hot sient and descrited.

There is just one exception to these buildings, and that is a pretentious stone editice. The first floor has "Banking Co." in great gill teiters on its windows; the second is devoted to offices, and is consequently descrited, for the air is too invigorating to be wasted, and business in Colorado is largely transacted on the street; the third floor is the most important of all; it is thrown into one great hall, and here it is that all the balls, fairs and meetings of the town are held. It is not a juritealizy attractive hall. Bare walls, upon which the flager of time has gleefully traced strange dust pictures, about 50 chairs and a rather jingly plano, compose the entire furnishings.

At present some of the windows are open, and suddenly a note floats down into the stillness of the street, then another and the "fire marching from the plano under the touch an almost superhuman master hand. The fire seems to be dying, now the "slumber song" sobs and sings, and then once more the crackling comes, and then once more the crackling comes, and then once float of the summony of sound.

In the street below, door after door has softly opened and dark forms have stolen across the street, until the unconscious player above has collected a breathless, admiring audience beneath her windows.

The music comes to a sudden stop, there is such a sweet serenness and the numbers of the proposition of the street of the summon of the sum

girl?"

The girl's eyes fill with tears, but she silently shakes her head. "You are so true, dear, and I love you—but what good has it ever done you?". The man tries to interrupt, but she passionately continues: "I have brought trothing but sorrow into your life—I want you love, I want you—but I never can marry you. I cannot say 'forget me,' for it would break my heart if you did—I know I am spolling your life, and yet I am too selfish to let you go: and you won't go, dearest, will you?" turning suddenly to him, her hands nervously clutching his coat and arms.

"Wild horses couldn't drag me, little girl," the voice was supposed to be cheerful, but there was a suggestion of a break in it that made the girl move closer to the man's side, and the sympathetic silence was not broken until they reached the little brown house perched on the side of a hill, with "Rocky Rest" apelled in white stones on its terrace, then turning an April face, the girl playfully pulled the man on to the porch.

"Mother, here is your best sweetheart," she called. "He's going to stay to tea, and then he is going to make music with that flute of his," and still talking and softly laughing, she pushed him into the house.

The man was a good musician, and the sweet music, with the soft piano accompaniment, caused many couples to pause and listen that night as it floated through the open windows.

They played until the man grew tired. Putting down his instrument, he leaned over the girl and lifted her hands from the keys. "I believe the dingels do assist you," he said, haif seriously: "you are petfectly inexhaustible to-night."

The girl did not smile. "I feel they are with me," she said, softly, and followed him on to the porch.

After he had gone she stood motion-less. It was moonlight, and the surrounding mountains with their mysterious dark shadows almost told-he secret of the universe. The light fell upon the girl, throwing her pale face and vivid red dress intro strong relief, and causing her to look weird and unreal. Suddenly, with a pa

and the wonderful, glorious life in death!"

Carried away by her emotion she sank upon her knees, and when she finally arose there was an inspired, exultant look upon her face.

The next day the little town was set talking, for word was passed around that the Red Girl, who never had so much as touched a harp, would give a concert in the evening and play en-



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tirely upon that instrument. When
questioned by the woman with whom
she lived, one of her adopted mothers,
she had answered, simply:
"I prayed for some sign, some proof
that I could give the people of the exstence of angels, and they told me i
should soon play upon a harp."

By eight o'clock the big hall was
crowded. Friends and scoffers alike,
all had come to see the miracle. The
harp stood waiting upon the little
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The people, who had been growing restiess and impatient, suddenly became silent and interested, for a man, with a face so white and drawn one hardly recognized him, had stepped upon the stage.

"Friends," he began, vainly striving to steady his voice, "our little Red Girl said the angels promised her she should play upon a harp. The promise has come true, I think. She died half an hour ago."

The next night the moon looked dow on a strange, unusual scene. Upon the almost inaccessible peak of Red Chief was a crowd of people—a silence has just failen amongst them, and a man comes slowly forward until he stands beside a deep, new-made grave. He raises his hand: "May the love of God and the peace that passeth all understanding be with us—as we know it is with her—now and forever."

Once more the silence fails, broken only by uncontrollable weeping and the sound of working spades.

Then, one by one, the people move away, until a long black line is swinging down the mointain. The steady tramping of their feet and the cracking of the underbrush sings a dreary requiem ast it is borne through the night to the lonely man who, lying face downward, is fighting the great battle of almost unconquerable grief and despair—Leslie's Monthly.

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Washington Star.

A Warning.

The Customer—I'm tellin' yer, now!
De nex' time yer try ter choke me I'll
come around here an' wring yer neek!
The Laundryman—Me choke? Me
no chokee!
The Customer—Yes, yer did! Yer
gev me fourteen-an'-a-half collars when
I wear fifteen-an'-a-half; an' I didn't
find it out till Sunday an' couldn't get
no odders!—Puck.

"Just 33 years ago to-day," said the old soldier, 'the top of my head was grazed by a bullet."

"There isn't much grazing now, is there, grandpa?" was the comment of the youngest grandchild, and as the old gentleman rubbed his bare poll, he had to admit the correctness of the assertion.—Tit-Bits.

why He Was Worried.

"Do I not detect a trace of brandy in this mince pie, madam?" asked the tramp at the door.

"Yes, my good man, you do," replied the good woman; "but don't be alarmed, there's not enough to intoxicate you."

cate you."
"That's what I am alarmed about madam."--Yonkers Statesman.

madam."--Yonkers Statesman.

Quite Delicate.

Mrs. Gabb (hostess)—Your little son does not appear to have much appetite.

Mrs. Gabb—Co. he is quite delicate.

Mrs. Gabb—Can't you think of anything you would like, my little man?

Little Man—No'm. You see, mom
made me eat a hull lot before we started, so I wouldn't make a pig of myself.—N. Y. Weekly.

Had he already run through her rea state?--Detroit Journal.

Quite a Difference.

Algy—I just complimented Miss Ole-timer upon her looking so young, and she seemed offended—I supposed wom-en liked to be told that they looked

roung.

Reggy—And so they do, Algy; but complimented upon it.—Puck.

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A Heavy Lond.

"The coroner and six men sat on him for two hours," read farmer Jones from the newspaper.

"Well," exclaimed his wife, dropping her knitting, "if he ain't dead by this time, he orter be."—Atlanta Constitution.

Their Longevity.

City Man—This must be a very healthy place, judging from the number of old people I have seen here!

Native—Healthy? It's so blamed healthy that I guess a good many of em will have to be shot on the judgment day.—Puck.

The Married Man.

His wife now in a passion flies;
His tone no love awakes.
He speaks about the pumpkin-ples
His mother used to make.



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AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.

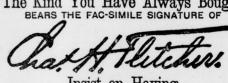
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