HARGING the NEMY By Martha McCulloch-Williams (ht, 1991, by 4. S. Richardson ENEMY

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Old Gib Ezell went swinging and stumping upon his crutches down the street and up the steps of his store. It was the biggest store in town, though not the smartest. Joe Beenam, who not the smartest. Joe Beenam, who had opened up the spring before, just across the street, was running old Glb hard in groceries and hardware and leaving him out of sight when it came to knickknacks or dry goods pure and

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The derive a newly evolved drummer, had given what he would have called "a domprehensive order." Dr. Waters also chuckled as he answered, nodding his head by way of emphasizing his points: "Well, you see, it's this way: The hour struck for Joe when he saw Florrie Ezell swirling around, a blue tarlatan angel, in a waitz with Bob Act on at the Pattons' party. Florrie's a pretty girl anyway you see her. That hight she was particularly fetching. But that wasn't the thing, i his ist Joe's time had come. He knew it, Joe Florrie Call at was over he froze to row and the was particularly fetching. But that wasn't the thing, i his ist Joe's time had come. He knew it, Joe Florrie Call at yet a yard away. "It as a freezing the the saw at the was a set to be the saw at the was a set to be the saw at the was a set to be set a sard away. "It as a freezing the saw at th

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"That's like him," Dr. waters sud. "I tell you, boys, nature must work along a certain line of compensation. I'm sure she slapped into old Gib all the small meannesses due to two gen-erations of Ezells-it may even be three. His father was a fine man, and

his daughter is just as good a woman as ever was made." "About Joe, now?" Merton queried. Dr. Waters frowned. "Joe courted Florrie with such a rush that in a week they were engaged. Then fie went right in to old Gib and had it out with him-told him all about himself and his business, in and out, up and down-but the substance of it was he wanted Florrie for his wife, and would do whatever old Gib said if only he could get her. And then the old crocodile pretended to cry: said Florrie was all he had to live for; he hoped Joe wouldn't press him for an answer then, nor, indeed, talk of an engagement until he was either dead or himself again. You know how soft hearted old Joe is, and how he hangs on to his word once he passes it. Of course he promised, never mistrusting there you are! Florrie's worrying and loging color because Joe only speaks when they pass by, but don't come to the house. Joe's about desperate, and old Bib is fattening and getting ten years yourger-on spite aid crutches. What the end is to be nobody can guess." "Can old Gib be shamming?" Merton stheed. Dr. Waters shook his head. "I hought so at first,''he said. "But ff he is is beats anything in the books. There's certainly nothing wrong with his tegs, except that they're a bit flab-by. If's equally as certain he can't walk on them. I think sometimes he has hypnotized himself. If it was just deceit and what I call cussedens, I would have been able before this to take him of his guard. "Well, I can at least go over and con-dended back over his should stepping arrows the street. "And maybe sym-pathy will be worth an order," he called back over his should as he struck the store steps. "Athough it was late March, it was still inpping cold. A red fire roared in the base burner inside old Gib's store.

pathy will be worth an order," he called back over his shoulder as he struck the store steps. Atthough it was late March, it was still nipping cold. A red fire roared in the base burner inside old Gtb's store. Old Gib himself sat close beside it, his eye ranging all the miscellaneous mer-chandise which crowded shelves and floor. His three clerks had been on the jump all morning, but toward noon there came a luil. He was about to send two of them off to dinner when the door opened wide, and Merton came through, with Joe Beenam in his wake and Dr. Waters and Lew Bayne marching solemnly behind. Jee's face was white, his cycs brilliant, his figure tonse in every line. Indeed he looked desperate, and his voice rang hard as he said, stopping short three feet away: "Mr. Ezell, I have come to ask you, here in the presence of these witnesses, to release me from my promise. You know well how it was given—with a total misapprehension of the truth." "You mean you want to take my daughter, as well as my trade, and leave me, arcipple, to starve?" old Gib roared. Joe set his teeth. "I mean nothing of the sort!" he said. "Give me your

lawe me, as were as my task, and leave me, as were as my task, and leave me, as cripple, to starve?" old Gib roared. Joe set his teeth. "I mean nothing of the sort!" he said. "Give me yours I will serve and care for you as I would for my own father"--"You won't get the chance," old Gib sneered. Joe half turned to his friends and whispered sepulchrally: "Go away! Quick!" "Going to murder me, hey?" old Gib sniffed. Joe stood very straight. The others had slunk toward the door, with the awed clerks huddling after. They heard Joe shout: "It is not murder! I shall give my life to free Florrie from your intolera-ble tyranny!" Then they saw him fing wide the store door and dash into it what seemed like several pounds of gun-powder.

store door and dash into it what seemed like several pounds of gun-powder. Old Gib saw it too. With one wild, whooping yell he leaped from his chair, regardless of crutches, of everything but flight, rushed madly for the door, darted through it and did not pause until he came panting and trembling to his own gate. As he clung there the others overtook him, as breathless as himself betwikt running and laughing. Dr. Waters made a low bow. "If I had thought three pounds of black sand would be so effectual, I would have had you well long ago'he said. Merton dragged Joe forward. "If you want to kick anybody, kick me," he said to old Gib. "I put this lad," patting Joe's shoulder, "up to playing you that trick." "Humph! I knew he didn't have the brains for it himself," old Gib snorted. But, though he had found his legs, he was none the less old Gib. The fact was proved by his letting Joe and Florrie marry almost out of hand and presenting them with both his store and his blessing.

DRESS HINTS.

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Cover an old hat pad with crape and use it for brushing velvet and vel-veteen. Water in which potatoes have been boiled is the best thing with which to sponge and revive a silk dress. When buttonholing fannel edges, first run a linen thread about one-eighth of an inch from the edge. It will hold the buttonhole stitch and wear much better. Corsets may be cleaned by scrubbing them with a hand brush and warm sonpsuds after removing the steels and laces, then rinsing. When dry, mend carefully and put the steels and laces back in place. To renew lace vells dip them in new milk, squeeze dry and pin them to a firm surface to dry. Pick out every point of the lace and have the edges perfectly straight, and the lace will look like new when dried. Pink, cled blue or maure accessories ofter render a gray gown becoming to either fair or dark women, and, agah, a small amount of rich velvet, with the addition of some handsome deep ream lace, greatly improves a gray toilet.

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The shart to outmit the energy of artistic beauty in their arrangement. **Praise In the Home.** There is nothing better for a girl sometimes than a little hearty praise. Many good people conscientiously act on the direct opposite and seem to think nothing better than a little hearty blame. They are mistaken, conscientious in their blame as they may be. There are sore burdens enough in life, bitterness and pain enough, hard work enough and little enough for it—enough to depress us all and keep us humble, a keen enough sense of failure, succeed as one may, and a word of hearty commendation aow and then will lighten the load and brighten the heart and send a woman on with new hope and energy, and if she have any reasonable amount of brains at all it will do her no harm. Children are sometimes heart starved for a little hearty praise. Boys will act up to the estimate put upon them, or at least try to, if they are worth their salt. Hot Milk For the Skin.

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AN ORCHID CENTERPIECE.

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out- that is, unlife of thick table de-oration. Orchids are luxuriant. They would be if they grew by the acre, and one would, like Thoreau, be ready to take his hat off to every cypripedium, so in-tensely royal are they. Our design of an orchid centerpiece is rather prodi-gal, but the appointments of even a



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coloness, of withholding as well as of giving. Shoes as Nerve Restorers. Eastern travelers say the reason there are no nervous women in China is because they wear soft shoes. There is no doubt that the hard soled shoes of the western world are the cause of much nerve racking and mental and physical wear and tear. After a hard day much relief can be found in the slipping on of a pair of soft soled shoes. Tired feet and tired nerves will find much comfort in a warm footbath, with a handful of sea salt in it. Faddle about in this till the water cools, dry the cet carefully with a rough to change stockings for a fresh pair, it would be easier to keep the feet warm and to ward off thematism. Thed feet may be strengthened by bathing and then rubbing them with methylated spirits before retiring for the night, and another excellent plan is to swathe them with a bandage dipped in alum water.

economy to put needlework on inferior materials. – Lillan Barton Wilson in Collier's. How to Hold Up a Skirt. How few women ever attain the fac-ulty of holding up the skirts on rainy days with ease and daintiness! Al-though it is the rule to wear flounced underskirts that almost touch the ground, petitoants that reach only to the top of high boots have hitherto been the rule, and on rainy days these are still reverted to. When out walk-ing, the clever woman arranges her skirt, and then, with one hand or per-naps two, she lightly lifts it so that it fails evenly all round. This is where the knack comes in, says a writer in the Louisville Post. To hold up a skirt on one side and let it sweep the ground on the other is very natural, full sevenly all round and the frills of the petitocat are almost if not quite visible the effect is dainty in the ex-treme. One of the things that are tangth at a school in New York is how to hold up the skirt gracefully.

is to swathe them with a bandage dipped in alum water. Avoid Small Worries. Derhaps the secret of the sweet ex-pression and habitual serenity of the Japanese women can be found in their freedom from small worries. The frashion of dress never varying saves the wear of mind on that subject, and the bareness of the houses and sim-plicity of diet make housekeeping a mere bagatelle. Everything is exqui-sitely clean and easily kept so. There is no paint, no drapery, no crowd of little ornaments, no coming into the houses with the footwar worn in a dusty street. And then the feeling of living in rooms that can be turned into balconies and verandas at a moment's notice, of having walls that silde away as freely as do the scenes on the stage, and let in all out of doors or change the suits of rooms to the shape and size that the whim of the day or the hour requires!—Fearson's Weekly. The cosy Corner. Now requires —Pearson's Weekly. Woman's Influence In the Home. Love and happiness in the home rest more, far more, with the wife than the husband. It may perhaps be urged against this that there are some men whom no woman, be her domestic vir-tues what they may, could possibly be happy with, but even among such as these the majority would, I am con-vinced, be found to possess a good any well as a bad side to their characters, and the wife, if she be a wise woman, will set herself to find out that best side and, having found it, persuade the man to live up to it. Set up an ideal before a man, let him think that to you he is that ideal, and the chances are a thousand to one that he will try to live up to it. Women Doctors In England. Medicine as a profession for women in England is becoming exceedingly

The Cosy Corner. Cozy corners are dear to the fem-inine heart, but they have been con-demned as the homes of dust and mi-crobes. Draperles and canoples are to blame for this. These should be dis-carded. The couch should be placed a little diagonally, with a space behind it. The couch covering should be as rich as one can afford, but with noth-ing sweeping on the floor, the pictures and brica-brac simple and bright, the former of inviting landscapes and flow-ers, with no scarf or drapery across the tops or at the corners to gather dust and distract the attention from the subject of the picture.

the subject of the picture. A Knife Cleaner. To make a homemade knife cleaner cover an old knife board with a strip of brussels carpet. Thickly cover the board with powdered bath brick and keep an end of it wet. First rub the finish off on the dry. Knives are pol-fished well and quickly in this manner.

LAUNDRY LINES.

Black calico will look like new if rinsed in very strong bluing water. Laces or delicate materials which are soaked in borax water do not require rubbing.

All embroideries and colored garments soaked in borax water do not require rubbing. All embroideries and colored garments should be ironed on the wrong side whenever practicable. To fold table linen when ironing place the selvaged edges together and fold first in half and then over again once. When washing fiannels, shake and brush them theroughly before plunging into the water, as this removes the dirt in a more satisfactory manner and keeps the fannels white. Soda and ammonia have a tendency to make silk and woolen goods yellow if used in the washing, while borax tends rather to brighten. If clothes are not thoroughly rinsed, the color will al-ways be bad. A housewife with a penchant for the fragrance of orris root is said to place a plece of the root in the bottom of the boiler on wash day. The delicate odor clings to the clothes even when they are died, ironed and worn.

clings to the clothes even when they are dried, ironed and worn. The Reserved Girl. The average man-and we are not coldness-shall we canls, a tantally ing hint of stores of passion reserved, it may be, for future occasions or des-tined to be locked within the heart for-ever. Needless to say, I don't mean a disagreeable coldness-no man can en-dure that-or the cruel coldness of the heartless coquette who desires power above everything and would drag her lovers at the wheels of the car of Jug-gernaut if it would minister to her am-bition or her vanity. The coldness which piques a man to greater extremes of loving-which is as vinegar to the sulad of life—is far otherwise. Proba-bly-and herein lies its witchery-it is more or less assumed. A role which the bewildering woman chooses to play and which fits her so exquisitely adorns her with such manifoid new charms that, so far from regretting it, the en-raptured lover feels it is the one crown-ing touch needed to elevate passion to the realms of the sublime. Cultivate, then, this graceful, desirable habit of coldness, of withholding as well as of giving. Shocs as Nerve Restorers. Eastern travelers say the reason

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE Narser Window Seats.⁶ Window seats and boxes for the dren stay and play are useful in many ways. If there is even a slight jog to the window, they are useful in many and boarded up, the top fitted on a provided. If liked, the space be-peath one seat may have two shelves for the children's books and magnatnes, and wire or slender rod should fall the children's books and magnatnes, which case little curtains stretched in a wire or slender rod should fall the removable cushinos of the seats and washable material. Have the windows thoroughly protected with in these seats for hours at a time, in-from the the dudoer sights. Nothing more quickly induces serious colds than louncing in a drafty window. On they stripted the seat boxes will prove dudo protection from drafts that are used by boxes. Sure to come in around windows in our poorly built houses. Ham Baked In Cider. Try for the Thanksgiving feast ham baked in cider. This can be done the day before and warmed through when needed. Choose a good lean ham of about eight pounds. Wash thoroughly and over the feshy side sprinkle chopped onions, a little clove and all-spice, a teaspoonful of cinnamon and a haft teaspoonful of cinnamon and a haft teaspoonful of ground ginger. Make flour and water into a paste as thick as dough and cover over the ham. Put skin side down in the roast-ing pan with two quarts. Cook goan with two quarts. Cook slowly for three hours, basting every ten minutes. When done, take off the paste and rind and set away. An hour before serving return to the bak-ing pan, fiesh side down, brush the fat portion with beaten egg and sprinkle thoroughly with chopped parsley and breadcrumbs mixed and let the ham heat through in the oven. Boil the cide in which the ham was first roast-ed down to a creamy suce. Remove every bit of fat from the surface, re-heat and send round in a sauceboat with the ham. A Good Investment, beth is the team

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A Good Investment. It pays to have small bins built in your cellar for storing vegetables, for there is little loss from decay when bins are used. Place the bins against the wall in a slanting position and be sure that there are a few holes at the



VEGETABLE BINS. bottom, not only for ventilation, but also in order that any loose dirt may be brushed out frequently and swept up. If the cellar is not cemented, have a strip of wood for the lower front edge of the bins to rest upon. The bins should be about twenty-two inches long, eighteen wide and twelve or fifteen deep.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Treatment of Rugs. Treatment of Rugs. The manager of a Chicago carpet department whose knowledge brings him an annual income of \$10,000 ad-vised the following treatment for valu-able rugs: Lay them wrong side up on the grass, beat with a furniture beater, reverse and sweep carefully, a soft brush being the preference, or a good carpet sweeper. A little airing outside of the suir's rays is good occasionally, when they may be carried in the house. The average American house-wife wears out her rugs by continued sweeping and beating. The plan of putting them upon a line every two or three weeks or even once a month and then having them whipped is not to be commended if the rugs are of any value. When a rug is to be thor-oughly cleaned, it should be sent where the work is properly done or else washed at home.

Hominy. Hominy. Indian corn is coming to be more and more in use in this country and in for-eign countries. It is being used in va-rious forms and is much more palata-ble than rice or potatoes. One of the best forms is honiny, but not every cook knows how to have it at its best. It should be boiled a long time-eight or ten hours at least-and it should be put to soak over night before boiling. It requires care and close attention to keep it boiling and not to burn. It meed not boil fast. Water is as hot when it boils slowly as when it boils fast (212 degrees F). With butter or ham fryings it is delicious and a first rate hygienic.

Medicine as a profession for women in England is becoming exceedingly popular, and, though a comparatively short period has elapsed since women first obtained the M. D., the number of

first obtained the M. D., the number or registered facelical women who have obtained their degrees in Great Britain is already over 500. The list is headed by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, who was the first woman to obtain the M. D. in England.

rate hygienic. Minced Tenderloin, Creole Style, Cut six ounces of tenderloin of beef lengthwise, shape the slices into escal-lops an inch and a haif in diameter by an eighth of an inch in thickness. Saute them in butter. When ready, take the meat out and keep it warm between two dishes, adding beef stock, with part of its fat, some halved to matoes, peeled, pressed and fried in butter, and some green peppers sliced fine and fried in butter. Season highly, arrange the minced meat in a border of rice bolled in salted water, to which half an ounce of butter has been added, and serve.

Washing Colored Table Linen. Colored table linen should be washed in tepid water in which powdered borax has been sprinkled. Wash quickly, using little soap, and rinse in tepid water containing boiled starch. Dry in the shade, and when still damp irou.