OLD-TIME FAVORITE.

LONG AGO.

By Eugase Field. I once knew all the birds that came And nestied in our orchard trees; For every flower I had a name-My friends were woodthucks, toads a I mbess, the third in yonder glen Whatta wold soothe a sto Whatta wold soothe a sto

bruised toe-Oh, I was very learned then-But that was very long ago.

I knew the spot upon the hill Where checkerberries could be found; I knew the rushes near the mill, Where pickerel lay that weighed pound!

pound! new the wood—the very trae— Vhere lived the poaching, sauey crow, d all the woods and crows knew me— but that was very long ago.

Ard, pining for the joys of youth, I tread the old familiar spot, Osiv to learn the solemen truth; I have forgotten, am forgot. Yet here's this youngster at my knee Knows all the things I used to know; To think I once was wise as he— But that was very long ago.

have had that treat every evening for the past seven months, and imagine we have East, having all kinds of good ings." "Godbye, daughter, don't let the children go outside and play," admon-tished the father, his heart filde with for a good trained and play." admon-tished the father, his heart filde done of his neighbor, a quarter of a mile class of the heart filde the with events of the heart filde the with events of the heart filde the with events of Michigan seven months be-fore this, in the hope of founding that at through the forest. "Now, children, had come info the with events of Michigan seven months be-fore this, in the hope of founding that the heart filde the with events of Michigan seven months be-fore this, in the hope of founding that the heart heart the furthest of hardship and toil, the last house was be finished on this day, and on the morrow core was to be planted in the and been calle to cless. "Now, children," said the older sister, fight, 'ff you see an Indian coming to fas your feet will take you. If see them first," she went on, with hear on the fire-place three times, and they not the fare-blace three times, and they not the table was soon about hey not the table was soon about the subje time was they on the table was not the table was soon about the structions, she was soon about the subje time based was usually called for the state that the time was drawing for the heather to return, Abigai to out the kettles, hung them on the struction the table was usually called for the the table the was making a brave for to be happy in a wilderness, subje three sharp blows were struck to be happy in a wilderness that the little frightened forms which was reserved for times of sub-thant the little frightened

a young girl quietly dropping handfuls of yellow meal into the holling water, appeared at the door. A nod was ex-changed between the girl and the chigftain, whose entrances was followed by another and another, until six In-dians stood in the room, each with painted face and decked in the trap-pings of war. The silence was un-broken for several minuides, sive for the steady movements of the iron spoon, which was grasped in Ablgal's quivering ingers. At length Nakomis, who had hithesto held himself triesdy toward the whites, advanced a step and said in a heavy, guitural tone. "White man home? Nakomis-would have speech with him." Makomis spoke a little English, and had taught Ablgall the fow Indian words she knew. "My father," replied the young girl, looking the brave straight in the face." is not far off. He will be here in a moment. What do you want with him?"

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The settlers, avoided me a day of two hay bettings, and I'm afraid it all means trouble to the whites." "But, father," wents on Abigail, "Mr. Grey and all the other neighbors have been so kind when you needed house where the site of an electric car swoeps through the you can't stay away to day when they are to finish putting up the house with this day's work. You know I'm on pretty good terms with our reduce they are to finish putting up the house with this day's work. You know I'm on pretty good terms with our reduce they are to finish putting up the house with this day's work. You know I'm on pretty good terms with our reduce they are to finish putting up the house are a protection to me andther, if rouble happene, if is a comfort to far apart and we are a protection to do to day. You will be home before I'm half ready for you, and now, sit, 'she sidd, houking at him anray and the area ere going to farse for you, and now, sit,' she said, houking at him anray and the area to yeven and the after. 'You just forget that meet or you, and now, sit,' she said, houking at him anray and the area to yeve and the there are a protection to far apart and we are a protection to an another, if rouble arises." 'Now, daddy,' laughed Ahigail, "stor looking for trouble. I have so much for the putpose. Thereas were not far apart and we are a protection to an another, if rouble arises." 'Now, daddy,' laughed Ahigail, "stor looking for trouble. I have so much have for you supper to alight? I'll give the there and the area the series and which was the nowere the failer or you and heart fild with a merry pario in said to have competed such for the putpose. Thereas were and that treat every evening for the pasts even months, and magine. ''You just forget that and the the the antimble who and shore' in Piymouth County, and a portion of the timber used in what was then looked upon as a mammoth vessething when had that treat ev

A Ship on Shore.

A ship on Shore. Mensa, a native African, who accom-panied Mr. A, R. Freeman on his jour-ney through Ashanii and Jaman, seemed to regard all the hardships and disconforts the party enconnered as a joke. We had once been a laborer ou a steamer, and was very found of personating a ship, to the annusement of the other carriers. Mr. Freeman describes this joyouts African as fol-lows: As he sat on the ground dovouring a sembled company that he was taking in argo; then he would sit for a while and get up steam, and when the bugles sounded the advance he would rise and take up his load and start himself with a great ringing of imaginary bells and loudy spoken orders to go full speed ahead, and finally trudge off with his machinery clauking and his propeller thumping an imaginary sea. When we waded across the streams he usually took soundings with his soluting in genuine nautical style: "And a half-dre," or whatever he con-sidered the depth to be; and once, when he slipped over head and exer into a swamp, he emerged dripping and grinning, hawling. "No sound-ings!"-Youth's Companion.

Noted Shakespeare Follo Defaced.

mark from the East-was making a brave py in a wilderness. In Royal Library has discovered that commenced to bub-lobus were struck first Fello, which the Emperor Wil-nad at the same in-frightened forms been completely mutilated by a care bale under the floor, less or malicous reader. The whole of red for times of such "The Comedy of Errors" has been cut se plank was quietly placeable, as the remaining copies of e quick eye only saw the First Follo are in private hands.

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STHMUS OF TEHUANTEPEC. bort Route For Ships East. ents to the

The completion of the extensive port works at Contzacoalcos, on the Gulf, and Salina Cruz on the Pacific side connected by a well equipped railroad across the narrow Isthmus of Tehuan-tepec, provides a short route for abipments to Pacific coast ports and the Par East that will be an im-portant factor long before the question of an isthmus canal is settled. The co-operation of the Metican Government in the building of this transcontinental the is a satisfactory guarantee that the settled of the construction of a connection between the great oceans is a question that does not af-fact to a successful end. The locality of a connection between the great oceans is a question that does not af-fact to any great degree shipping be-tween North Atlantic and Southern Pa-eife ports, but when the saving in time between Atlantic and Gulf points and Central and North American const clues and in shipments to Asfa are considered the advantages of the north-ern route are stirking. The Panama to Salina Cruz the dis-tance is 1303 miles, which is a clear saving for freight to northern ports shipped via Tehuantepec. The saving ywill be made upon all shipments to Central American ports, varying in im-portance from 454 miles to Junta Are-nas, Costa Rica, to 1002 miles to San Jos de Guatemala. From Salina Cruz to San Francisco the distance is only 2170 miles, and shipments to the Orient will gave over 1000 miles by the use of the Mexican rafi transfer to the Pa-effic in preference to going through a Panama canal. It is a fact not gene-ally known that from New Orleans to San Francisco by the Mexican istimus it is 100 miles shorter than by the line of the Southern Pacific Railway. With such shipping facilities as it is intend-od to establish the Mexican short cut across the backbone of the continent will doulfiess divert much commerce from all-facil lines. It will from the start furnish an attractive route for the growing export cotton trade of the Southern American States to the Orient, and it will at once become a powerful

Mexico. Wise Words.

Life's reals depend on religion's ideals.-Eam's Horn. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.-Emorson.

is the best day of the year.-Emorson. The read to ruin is a down grade, not leap over a precipice.-United Pres-byterian. The sweeter music is not in orations, but in the human voice when it speaks from its instant life tones of tender-ness, truth and courage.-Hiram Car-ces. To be everywhere and everything in sympathy and yet content to remain where and what you care-is not this to know both wisdom and virtue and to dwell with happiness?-E. L. Steven-son.

Nothing can lessen the dignity of hu-massify so long as the religion of love, of unselfshness and of devotion en-dures, and none can destroy the altars of this faith for us so long as we feel eursaives capable of love. — Amtel's Bourasi.

Curseives capable of love. - Amlel's Joursel.
The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest budgens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns, whose relates on the right of the second of the seco

truth in mind as we pass judgment on our fellows.-Sunday-School Times. The Wesping Willow. "Did you know that all the weeping willows in this country are descended from a twig planted by the stepson of George Washington at his place at Abiagdon, a few miles from Mount Verwon?" asked a tree-lover who has just returned from these Interesting estates. "It was this way: Yoong Custie, as a member of Washington's military family, sometimes carried mesages, under a fag, between the beligerent commanders. In this ser-vice he became acquainted with a young British officer, who, like others. had come over with the impression that the rebelion' would speedily be erushed out, and that he would then settle on the confiscated lands of the rebels. He had even brought a twig from the weeping willow near Pope's villa, at Twickenham, carefully wrapped in oiled silk. As his visions of a castie in America faded away he gave the twig to John Parke Custis, who, on his return to Abingdon in the spring, planted it near his house. If grew and fourished, Just how it mul-tipled may be noted from one end of the country to the other."-Philadel-phia Becord.

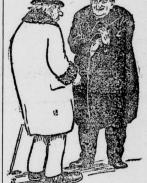
bile Record. Grant Trains. A number of Parisians who were in the siege have decided to crect a monu-ment to the memory of the pigeons that carried the dispatches that kept up communication with the outside world. It will consist of a pedestil summount. ed by a bronze vase, on which will be cast a group of the birds that proved of such utility to the French. The committee includes the names of many well-known literary and scien-tific people. The granitude comes some in question were sold by auction and commemorated in pigeon pies.

Nothing to Boast Of. "I'm a solf-made man," he proudly said To a cynic sore and grim. "And a mighty poor job it was, I think," The cynic said to him. --New York Sun. BOTH PLEASED. "So they are really in love?" "Yes, indeed. Each of them regards the other as having been captured un-der difficulties."—New York Sun. PROFESSIONAL COURTESIES.

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Old Doctor-"How many gullty men do you suppose you have saved?" Old Lawyer-"How many innocent men do you suppose you have killed?" -New York Sun.

NOT FOR TRANSPORTATION

'He says he keeps horses "Figs." "Perhaps he does, but the horses are all nightmares and the carriage is the 'stately carriage' mentioned in covels." -New York Sun.

HOW SAD ! Mr. Wiggins—"It tells here how a cy-clone out in America swept away an entire town in one minute." Mrs. Wiggins (gloomily)—"And it takes Mary Ann helf an hour to sweep the front steps."—Tit-Bits.

CLEARLY A NOVICE.

CLEARLY A NOVICE. " "This author doesn't seem to have made his mark as yet?" "What makes you think that?" "The picture doesn't show him with an elbow on his deak and resting his brow upon his hand, with a far-away, thoughtful book in his eyes."—Chicago Record-Herald.

UNREASONABLE.

"I don't believe that man ever de-ceived anybody in his life," said she eathasiastic friend. "And yet," said Senator Sorghum, "you want me to give him employment. You don't suppose I have time to teach him the rudiments of the business, do you?"-Washington Star.

A COMFORTING ASSUBANCE. "Do you think that I am competent to fill this dovernment position?" said the conscientious man. "Don't have a moment's doubt," an-swered the friend, who is rich in world-ly experience. "Anybody who is smart enough to get a political place nown-days is smart enough to fill it."—Wash-ington Star.

AT THE BOOKSELLER'S.

AT THE BOOKSELLER'S. "I don't doubt that the readin' of it's all right," said the customer, "but it ain't the book I'm looking for-the cover don't suit me." "My dear sir," said the bookseller, "will you kindly describe just the book you're after?" "Well, to be plain with you, I want a book that'll do to put in a handsome new house."-Atlanta Constitution.

NO HARM DONE. - ALA

"Oh, lady, yer dorg just bit me..." "Don't take on so, my poor man. We were goin' to pizen that old dog anyhow."-New York Journal.

"What," asked the Coerful Idio, "Is the difference between a man who is irregular at bis work and the tail of a wealthy mai's carlinge horse?" "I don't know," wearly responded his vietm. "Because," replied the Chesrtan Idiot, without the slightest encourage-ment, "one is docked because it's bo-sent and the other is absent because it is docked-Ha, ha?"-Baltimore Amér-ican.

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