MYSTERY OF A LABORATORY

When I was a young woman I was eamstress in the family of Doctor prominent and attest doctors in Philadelphia; his home was a three story house in Walnut street below. the houses at that time with a back house in two. On the second floor was a large bathroom and adjoining this the doctor had a smaller room mine, the other two occupied by the

Like most young girls I was in-tensely afraid of the inhoratory, and usually ran past it, holding my tales of the grewsome contents of a hyemlike inf behind, and, look-the bottles and jars on the shelves, of the skeleton of a man hanged in with a straw but, an his finned Moyamensing, of skulls of notorious criminals and the thousand and one things that only mean horror to a chirpin', "Go it. Rube blake hay young girl. Only once did I look while the sun shines!" into this chamber of borrors, and that was on a clear winter's after-noon, when I had run upsiairs for something forgotten. But all I saw then was a detached bath tub which stood near a door on the opposite side of the room. This door, I learned, opened on a narrow stair-case which ran down the opposite wall of the house into the yard.

When I reached my room at night I was usually too thred to worry ach about what might be going or in the room below me. One night in the winter I was even more than usually tired. I locked my door as usual, fastened my one window, which looked into the yard, turned out the gas and got into bed. I had some curtosity: not slept long when I heard some "W one call, "Mary! oh, Mary!" in such dear? a troubled voice that I thought it suddenly III. I jumped out of bed and answered, "Ves. I'm coming! What's wanted?" I opened my door What's wanted?" I opened my door "Well, mammes, you don't need to and looked into the hall, but could be sorry," was the reply. "All the see no one; nebedy was about on my other mammes had theirs wrong.

I decided I had been dreaming, went into my room again, fastened my door and got into bed, determined to go to sleep at once. I lay with my face toward the wall when some insistent and irresistible force compelled me to turn toward my door. A light was always burning in each half of the house and there Low, referring to his former place as sufficient coming through the of abode. transom over my door for me to see clearly all the familiar objects in my room. As I looked I saw distinctly a woman standing as though she had just come through the door, though I knew it was locked. She had on a white bed gown, quite short (for I could see her white stockings and black cloth low shoes), a black petticost and a little gray shawl across her shoulders. Her hair was white and her face was the most pitiful I had ever seen; it was pailed and wasted as though with a long sick-ness, and as I looked at her she wrung her poor, thin hands and sald, "Mary, ob, Mary! don't let them"and that was all.

jumped from my bed again, lighted the ges and turned to see what she wanted me to do, but she was gone. My door was fastened, so was my window, and there was no other way to get in or out of my I again went into the hall, but it was allent and empty.

There was no more sleep for me that night, and I determined to leave my place. Next morning I went down stairs about five o'clock, and as I passed it I noticed that the door of the laboratory was open. Impelled by the same force which drew my eyes toward my door the night be-fore, I went to the tub and looked in. And there lay the woman I had seen in my room. Save that her eyes were abut she was as I had seen her, dressed in the short white gown, the white stockings and the low out cloth shoes with the same pitiful white face framed in white I ran acreaming from the room, and the cook had to call the doctor to attend me, for I went into a violent fit of hysterics.

I left my place that day, but I

have always wondered who that poor The cook said she had died of a rare discuse and her body had been brought to the doctor's house been traught to be dead when they brought her there and placed her in the tub and did her soul have a tenderness for the body that had the date of sidewhiskers. As the ear cradled it as long and have a hore rounded a curve the box robbed cradled it so long and have a hor-rounded a corve the box rubbed for of its being dissected? Why had against him again and he growled: she come to me a stranger? I have pever found an answer to any of these questions.

Ice in Harvest.

Ice is regarded with a superstition reverence in Duly, Finnes and Eng-Common watters are not allowed to touch the precious product. Instead the head watter hands it out In infiniteelmal fragments with a pair of sugar-tongs. Recently the London newspapers have been clamoring for the advent of some enterprising American with an ice plant. Most of the London editors are Americans or have been in America, and their palates yearn for long, cold things with straws in them in preference to the yourly British hear.

A Dutch Proverb.
Much would have more and tost all.—From the Durch.

Moral and Material Responsibility. Private life should be walled and shared, but public life has such right. All public existence are ated by great public interests creates a responsibility, and this responsibility is moral as well as material. There is no sainsaying this, and all public functionaries admit they are responsible for their personal actions.

JUSTIFICELE

New Evidence Which Influenced the Jury to Acquit St.

Earn-I heard St Plummer got a verdict of just sled homerside for killin' that summer boarder last August, an' everybody sayin' it was sech a cold-blooded crime, too.

evidence at the trial. Fust, Sl'a wife told how, when the feller came, he sees a patch on Si's treasers an' ses, "I see you got a sitch in your aide." Then Si's little gal sot up an' evidences how the feller fellered "Dear you know honest's the heat polercy?" Finely, the bired man swore how, on the day of the mur-der, after be an' SI had pitched hay from S.E. m. to s.p. m. with the temwith a straw but, an' his diannel tronsers rolled sice an' cost, with a refreshin' bottle in his hand, an' he

A Common Delinquent.

The dean of a normal colege, in a talk before the student body, was leploring the practice common among children of getting belp in their less. He are tried to drive her toward the door, but she dodged him, and still clucking vigorously, and still clucking vigorously. Then the deacon select his umbrella sons, and the igndency among parents to give it too generously. As an illustration he told the following her toward the door, but she darted

Chicago school had struggled through the problems assigned for the child's next lesson, and had final-

"No mamma," routled the child.

"They were all wring."
"All wrong!" repeated the smared parent. "Oh, I'm so rovry!"

A Class of Walt.

Judge on the charge of stealing a ride on a train to Dazupau, accord-

"In Mantia," was the reply. was waiting."

"Waiting for whom?" "Just waiting."
"What were you waiting for?"
"To get my money."

"The man I was waiting for."
"What did he owe it to you fer?"

"For waiting." "How did you start in waiting?" "By beginning to wait,

"What do you mean? Explain "I thought you knew I way wait-"Oh!" gasped the Judge.

A MODERN APOLLO.



Queenle-Why do yes always wear hem stand-up collars fer, Chimmie? Chimmie-Cause doy match me Greeko-Roman style of beauty.

When the Little Man Scored-A meek-incking little man with a large pasteboard box climbed on the As he did so he bumped all shilly into a sleepy, corpulent passenger with a self-satisfied look and two lit-"This is no freight car, is it?" over with black metallic p. "Nope," ruturned the banck little fore the wires runt through.

Not Open to Everybody.

"A most peculiar effect was produced by an announcement in the there is in operation the largest pearl advertisements of a county fair to farm in the world, where the cultivation of pearls has been taken up to be a county fair to farm in the world, where the cultivation of pearls has been taken up to be a county fair to be considered on the county of the man Champ Clark "Among other things, the annuancement said that 'attractive features of this great this farm requires the isler of a Fair will be highly amusing donkey thousand persons, including the Fair will be library cavering density thousand persons and pig-races. Then, to the amazement of the hubrious, this nave been completely revolutionized note was added. Competition in these two contests will be open to ed in this new industry. Pearl farmed in this new industry. citizens of the county only !

"Yes," said the mild-mannered man; "I have been where the bul-lets fell thicknet." "A war veterant"

"No. Guide in the slatue woods."

Her Abiding Youth. "I am afreid I never will grow up and look like a woman," posited the within. Following this discovery bride to-be. "The other day, while I was having one of my new walk- then opened was desired." bride-to-be. The other day, while contivated until the proper time and then opened was deviced. From the time of planting the ergs to the harvest hat it would have to be finished this week the faller again me. When does your state of the transfer of the week the taller asked mer When does your strong open?" And that fruck is a pure of my trongerant?

CAUSED MUCH

They have had more trouble at |

COMMOTION

our meeting house. Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Moody was just beginning his sermon and had uttereds the words, "Brothren, I wish to direct your attention this morning to the fourth werse of the twelfth chapter of Saint-" when a hen emerged from the recess bepeath the pulpit. As she had just hald an eag, she juterrupted Mr. Moofitted up as a laboratory. There were SI out to the yard when they was dy to announce the fart to the continue rooms on the upper floor, one washin' the milk cans an' yells, gregation; and he stopped short as gregation; and he stopped short as she walked out into the aisle ecreech ing! Kult-kult-kult-kult-te-ko! Kult-hult-kult-kult-te-ko!"

Mr. Moody contemplated her for a moment, and then concluded to go breath and keeping my eyes shut perature like Haydays in the shade on; but the sound of his voice seemtight; the other women had told me an New York in the sum; they beers she put on a pressure of five or six pounds to the square inch, and made such a racket that the preacher stopa pod aguin and said.

move that disgraceful chicken from

The deacon rose and proceeded with the task. He first tried to drive her toward the door, but she dodged into a pew, hopped over the parti-The mother of a small pupil in a tion, came down in the opposite pew, along a school had struggled and in the side cisle, making a noise the child's next lesson, and had finally obtained what appeared to be satlistactory results. The next day,
when the little girl retarced from
school, the mother inquired with
Then the boys in the gallery laughed
and the deacon began to grow red in like a steam planing mill. The dea-

At last Mr. Binor came out of his pew to help, and as both he and the deacon made a dash at the chicken from opposite directions, she flew up with a wild cluck to the gallery and perched on the edge, while she gave cited expression to her views by emitting about 500 clucks a minute The deacon flung a hymn book at her to stars her down again, but he miss-ed her and hit Billy Jones, a Sunday A man who called himself George school scholar, in the eye. Then an-Arnold was before a Police Court other boy in the gallery made a dash at her, and reached so far over that be tumbled and fell on Mrs. Miskey's summer bonnet, whereupon she and out loud that be was predestined to the gallows.

The crash scared the hen, and she flow over and roosted on the stove-pipe that ran along just under the ceiling, fairly howling with fright. In order to bring her down the deacon and Mr. Binns both beat on the lower part of the pipe with their umbrellas and at the fifth or sixth knock the pipe suparated and about 40 feet of t came down with a crash, emptying a barrel or two of last winter's soot

over the congregation. Thera were women in the congre-ation who went home looking as if they had been working in a coal mine and wishing they could stab Descon Grimes without being hanged for

The hen came down with the stovepipe, and as she flew by Mr. Bibns he made a dash at her with his umbrella and knocked her clear through a \$15 page of glass, where upon she landed in the street and hopped off clucking insanely. Then Mr. Moody adjourned the congrega-

They are going to expel the owner of that hen from church when they discover his identity.

Around and in the House If the cellar is damp, leave an open barrel of lump lime standing in The lime will absorb moisture will gradually slake, and in the fall it will be in good condition to

put on the lawn or garden to sweet-Examine the furnace and pipes Look for pin-holes, especially on the under sides of smoke-pipes, and have them repaired while you think of it.

To keep the house cool in pro-tracted hot weather, open all the windows and doors in the cool of the morning and thoroughly air it. As the outside air becomes heated, close all the doors and windows tight except one or two in the top story or a skylight for the sake of ventilation. Be sure all cellar windows are closed and all other openings in the lower part of the house through which warm air may enter. Screens and screen doors that show signs of rust should be painted

chap with the box, "and when you Preserve eggs for winter in an S come right down to it, it aim't any or 10 per cent solution of sodium cuttle car, either, is it?"

Preserve eggs for winter in an S come right down to it, it aim't any or 10 per cent solution of sodium cuttle car, either, is it?" silicate (water glass). Used boiled soft water and sterilized stone jars

as a practical industry. To harvest the annual crop of pearls raised on thousand persons, including the modern pearl divers, whose methods tog, as originated by the Mexican company which owns the big Lower California farm, is the result of the ceruing pearl bearing molluaks. After twenty-five years of study and experiment it was discovered that the shell loses its gem after it is two years old, and unless opened at the proper time there will be no pearl

A BIT OF DRIENTAL HUMDR

& Walter in a Broken Voice Told of as Untimely Demise

The only drawback to a tropical whoter is the files. In the hot sun of a January day in Egypt, Morocco or Algeria the files are an incredible post. You see them in the corners of the eyes of native children, and men lie asleep in sunny places with files crawling over their lips.

The natives don't mind the flies. In fact, they like them. At a boorj, or native inn, in the Sahara, a traveler said to the watter, pointing indignantly at his stew of barley and

How comes this dead fly in my

conscous?"
"Monsieur," replied the waiter, "I can not tell you. Perhaps the fly had not eaten for many days, and, throwing itself ravenously on the conscious, fed with too great heartiness, thereby contracting an inflammation of the stomach severe enough to cause Seath. The poor little thing could never have been strong. When ing and bumming merrily on the ource. Perhaps—this idea has just esented limit to me—it endeavor ed to swallow too large a piece of meat. The mornel stuck in its wind-pipe. A terrific roughing fit, inaudisoon all was over."

The walter wiped his even and said in a broken voice: I can account in no other way for

the poor creature's death. And the Prayer Was Answered.

Little Dorothy at the age of 6. vas very thoughtless regarding the care of her clothes, and the many admonitions she had received about neatly arranging her clothes on a chair each night before retiring were

One night, just as she was ready for bed, her mother came in and, finding the little garments in a heap on the floor, as usual, said, "Doro thy, you may say your prayers, and then mother will have to punish you for not minding her about your clothes." Having said this she signped into the adjoining room and partially closed the door.

In a few moments she heard Dorothy, who was a firm believer in the power of prayer, repeat, "Now I lay me," and after the "amen" she heard this appeal, "And, dear Lord, if ever you wanted to help a little kid, now's your chance."

Telephonic Hospitality. Mr. Brown had just had a tele-phonic connection between his office and house and was very much pleased with it.

"I tell you. Smith." he was saving "this telephone business is a won-derful thing. I want you to dire with me this evening, and I will notify Mrs. Brown to expect you." Brown (speaking through the tele-phone) - "My friend Smith will dine with us this evening."

Now listen and hear how plain her reply comes back. Mrs. Brown's reply came back with startling distinctness: "Ask your friend Smith if he



"EASY TO DO."

Theire.

Two Scotch travelers, a merchant and a farmer, were discussing politi-After a while the merchant filled his pipe, lit it, and settled back for a comfortable smoke. The farmer took his pipe from his pocket and, after gazing longingly at its empty bowl, asked his companion for a match. The merchant selected one from a large boxful and handed it over. Said the farmer: "I am afraid I've come away wl'out my baccy pouch." "Well," said the merchant, bolding out his hand, "then yo'll no be in need of that match."

In a street of Edinburgh one day dusty soldier went up to a little notblack and told the boy to brush his boots and polish them well. The lad looked at the big Scots Gray and shputed blithely to another boot-

'Haw, Sandy, come over an' gie us a haund!" with his hands curved ound his mouth to form a speak "Se wha's here I've got an army contract."

To Get Rid of Mosquitoes covered a new way to get rid of mosquitoes. He says to rub alum your face and hands. When mosquite takes a bite, it puckers his down in, a damp place, tries to dig the pusher loose, ratches its death of cold, and dies of passumonia. Minneapolis Journal.

An Inherited Falling. A native of Annam, Indo-China, outenced in Paris for theft, wrote the following apology to his employ "All Annamites, whether

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The Old Codger Tells How Young Dr. Smart is Transformed.

"When I used to be alling bad spring fover, say, or some such paltry complaint." bullescruminatingly said the Old Codrer, "I'd sand for young Doctor Smart, whose office hours were from 9 to 1 and from 2 to 4:50, and he'd come sufp-stepping, dogskin-gloved and eye-glusned and give me a little something late and scientific, and say considerable about therapeuties and auto-suggestion and sauttation, and all such, and shut his melicine-case with a conclusive susp, and with all cure me, and send his bill around promptty on the first.

ging for dear life, I always sent for old Doc. Pilisbury, who didn't have an office hour to his name, but would come boging along, any time day or night, no matter how deep the snow was or it was raining plichfolks with the times down, and flop down his old saddle-bags, faithful relies of the days when he couldn't afford a bugmy and traveled on horseback, and grin at me like an aminble and gimme a dose that would lift my hair. And away along towards morning, when I'd wake up feeling better, I'd see pudgy old Doc. hump-ed over fast asleep in the red rocker, where he had sat all night waiting to see what the medicine would do When I'd speak he'd jump wide awake, and kinda grin and say that he didn't know as it was really worth while to try to mave such a triffing reprobate, anyhow, but he'd got the habit and couldn't quit. And, likely as not, he'd forget to send the bill at all.

"Well, nowadays I'm employing Pillsbury has gone to get his pa the saucer. It was storming like all fury that night, so I presume old Doc. didn't feel at all surprised when the last call came, and—well, anyhow, Doctor Smart sin't as nippy as he used to be, and wear mittens in cold weather now, and is getting gray, and has no office hours an more, and is generally called by us who are best acquainted with him, and is talking less about there peutics and giving us a good deal

bigger doses than he used to.
"Eh-yah! It ain't the office hours or the Latin on the diploma, but the 'Doc' and his faithful, unswerving self-sacrifice, that makes the doctor after all."-Tom P. Morgan, in Puck

John (looking at a drop of water through a microscope) -"It is won

Janet-"Come awa', John! What would come of us if the horrible

omething to eat instead. I'm and egg sandwich, please!

Oratory. "Gentlemen of the jury," erupted the attorney for the plaintiff, ad-dressing the tweive poers who were sitting in judgment and on their respective shoulder blades, in a dam-age suit against a grasping corporation for killing a cow, "If the train had been running as slow as it should have been ran, if the bell had been rung as it ort to have been rang, or the whistle had been blown as it should have been blew, none of which was did, the cow would not have been injured when she was killedt"

the cat had eaten the pie that she had baked for him. "Never mind, my dear," replied the husband, "I will get you another cat."

PANAL SO YEARS Scientific American.

But when I was really sick, when I was down and under and weakly scrabbing for straws and up-gag-

where all debts are liquidated in full with the surplus running over into

RECKLESS.



things should brak' out o' the wa

Taking His Medicine.

Professor William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, recently told this story at New Haven's Chamber of Commerce banquet. A hard drinker was told by his doctor that he could be cured if every time he felt that he must have followed the advice and was cured, but the habit of asking for food had become so fixed with him that once he was nearly locked up as a lunatic. was stopping at a hotel, and, com next to his, he peeped over the ransom to see what the matter was. He saw and rushed madly down to the office and shouted to the clerk: The man in 153 has shot himself

A Deadly Meal.

Marshall P. Wilder tells the story
of a wife who told her husband that

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