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At the beginning of September some of the petroleum wells fired by a rio-lent thunder-steam near the end of June at Boryslaw, Calicia, were still burning, like torch fiames 40 or 50 feet in height. It is said that not less a wells are struck by lightning every FOF Catalogue year at Boryelaw, the cause being and special inforfrom coverings for all the fustaliations. The iron surfaces communicate with the system of metallic tubes, thus forming, during a thunder-storm, a port of Leyden jar, which provokes

By EDNA POSTER.

FORMATION

HER TRANS.

Monarchy has had quite a set-Tracy, leaning against the door of the fish house and supporting him-

self with one tattooed arm.

There was no response from the half-dozen men mending a big net which was spread out upon their knees; they did not cast the fly to catch the floating gossip of the tawn, but allowed it to drift toward them by the great law of chance. Captain Tracy was not dismayed by the sil-ence; he knew his listeners, and he stepped into the room and made ready to divide his spoils.

"Hymeny Bass has always been a terrible meek sort; she has had a large, wids idea of the cap'n and his judgment; she's believed he was so great that when he went east the west would tip up, and that his opin-ons were inside information from the very keyhole of the universe. Now I think his ideas on a subject are likely to hit about as near as the Farmer's Almanac' comes to getting the weather right. There is always a pretty wide range to allow room to turn. Hymeny hasn't bought a gard of calleo or baked a cake that he hasn't supervised for forty years. She would no more dare to set a bureau angling than she would dare tr set fire to public buildings. The shole house is full of ruts in the foors where she has stepped in her wn tracks.

"This is the beatenest net I ever electook to fix up," said Captain co, breaking a moment's silence. The remark was clearly calculated to break the tension of the room. which breathed curiosity unex-

But she's out of bondage now," tilnued the narrator. "She's gone p into the conning-tower, and Cap'n min is only firing when he gets the ngging an everlasting message of

It is a regular vamint of a net," rid Captain Ben, answering himolf and performing the act known is 'legging over.' Every man work-d industriously and dissembled

"It's all along of a present they not from the old Bass property. When the estate was divided there was a bed and two chairs for Elmiry, a pung and a ox-goad for Jonathan; but Hymeny wasn't named in the regular will, and she got only a longish kind of a looking-glass.
"The cap'n is tall, and he has al-

ways bung the mirrors so high that Hymeny hasn't seen herself since the was married, and when the cap'n came home and brought the glass he set it on the floor, tipped back against the wall, till he could get a chance to buy a cord. Hymeny, it seems,—according to Mary,—saw cerself for the first time in years. They do may she gave kind of a yelp and stood like one stunned; she had to get acquainted with herself all

so one day she up and away over

thir which all connected rates to the er to make her a false front.

"Hymeny is a changed being Boys, when that front came home, Boys, when that front came home, Hymeny perked it up on her head fine as you please, and Mary was in there, and said she seemed to undergo a kind of a transforming, blooming process. She sat up straighter, and the first words she spoke was to contradict the cap'n, and three times she upset him in aggermint, and then Mary very wisely got up and came home. ind came home.

"Now, did any of you ever hear any kind of a superstition as to false bair? Mary and I kind of remem-ber something to the effect, that if combings are taken from a person's hair unbeknowst to the person, that the person getting that ha switch, will develop all the traits of the person that it belonged to here-

"I guess you will have to say them words over again, and say 'em slow-er" said Captain Jed, nudging his

'Well, to put it plainer, the bair in that front piece belonged to Mis' Niram Gay, and Hymeny has seemed kind of possessed of her ways ever since. She has got the cap'n com-pletely cured of bluster. Why, she set out yesterday that he must take her to that menagerie that travels through here every year. Mary was there, and stood near them when they were looking at the bear. Hymeny took her sunshade and sort of poked into the cage to wake the bear y, and the cap's told her not to.

Mary said she sort of tipped up her bead and said, pretty firm. 'Cap's Bass, I have wanted to poke the animals for some years. This year I shall poke!' and she did.

The net was mended and the men rose to go to the shore. Captale Trucy was satisfied with the interest Trucy was satisfied with the interes-he had created, for, by a froemusonry of the eyes, he knew the sentiment of the little circle. Captain Ben lagged behind. "You-you don't think," he said, hesitatingly, "that this 'ere Betsy Spooner is going to work up much of a trade in this

"Haw! haw!" derisively laughed Captain Tracy, as he climbed the

"I guess it's nothing but his gossip," said the man to himself. is a comforting tone. "I don't a'poss, anyway, that Mia' 'Niram would have a whole lot of combings."

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is not a new invention. At Brest the demolition of subsqueous constructions has brought to light iron bars which were thus covered, and which have remained in perfect condition for 100 years. At Rochelle a bride erect of in the 15th century was found to contain cement-protected from the principal second making the metal had not suffered from the principal second making the product which is used advantaged in the 15th century was found to contain cement-protected from the principal second making the product which is used advantaged in the principal second making the product which is used advantaged in the 15th century was found to control the second making the product which is used advantaged in the principal second making the product which is used advantaged in the principal second making the product which is used advantaged in the principal second making the princi Coment-Protected Iron.

AND SHE COULD HAVE DECIDED AT ONCE

Might Have Saved His Breeth If He

Had Geen Sophisticated.
"Miss Superba," began the elderly mirer, "what I am about to say may surprise you, but I have thought long and deeply about it myself. I know I am a great deel older than you are, and that it seems presumptuous on my part to think that you have ever dreamed of me as a possible lover

Why, Mr. Wellup! 1-"Please hear me out, Miss Superba.
It seems unpardonable, I know, that I should address you in such terms as these, when so many younger and more desirable men have sought your favor in vain. Believe me, I am sensible of the disparity in our ages, and i do not flatter myself that I am what would be called a 'catch' in the matrimonial market, and yet—"

"Please say no more, Mr.—"
"And yet the depth and sincerity of my devotion must be my excuse. The fact that I am well off in this world's goods does not matter. I am well aware that it would have no weight with a young woman of your calibre. It goes without saying that my wife will be the mistress of a handsome es-tablishment, but that is a mere nothing. The only position, Miss Superba, is this: Can you learn to—could you learn to love me? No, pray do not answer now. Take a week to think it over, and at the end of that time—"
"I don't need a second, Mr. Wellup!" she interrupted with a gasp. "I

accept your proposal! That is what I was trying to tell you!"

Spoen Victusis. A certain well-known Bostonian has been married long enough to have ac quired the average man's cynical atti tude in respect of the written expres sions of devotion indulged in before

One day the Hubbite was going over with his wife a mass of useless papers that had accumulated in the household. They unearthed several large boxes full of love letters. After a hasty glance at them, the husband

"No use keeping this junk, I sup ose? Here it goes."
The wife was burt. "Oh, Clarence," exclaimed she, "how can you be so brutal? Surely you don't want to de-"Well, keep 'em, if you want 'em," cheerfully assented the husband, "but, honestly, Helen, these seem too soft to file!"

Suspicious Evidence.

At the recent meeting of the Ameri-an Bar Association, the subject unier discussion was suspicious evidence and how much it was worth, "Such evidence," remarked the new

president, Frederick W. Lehman, "re-minds me of the following incident: "A pretty girl in a hammock slung in an apple orchard awoke suddenly and frowned at the young man who

atood before her.

"'You stole a kiss while I was naleep?" she exclaimed. "Well, stammered the young man, you were sleeping so soundly—you looked so pretty, so tempting, I—yes, I admit I did take one little one."

"The girl smiled scornfully.
"'One!' said she. 'Humph! I count. DRAWING THE LINE.



Mrs. Waffles-Why won't you stand up a few minutes and let me drape my new skirt on you? Waffles-Look here, my dear, I always said you'd never make a model husband of me.

Aesop in "Little Italy." Accop in "Little Italy."

A school-teacher in the Italian quarter of an American city told her children the story of the fox and the grapes. Tony was especially delighted with the story, and eagerly sought his chum, Jos, who was in another class. By good luck, the teacher overheard Tony's version.

in his excited, broken English he told the fable much as it is written, until he came to the end. This was his rendering of the cilmax:
"De olds fox be way, 'Da grape no

good, anyhow; alla sour! I guess I go geta de banan'.'

Breaking it Gently.
A young artist once persuaded
Whistler to come at I view his latest effort. The two stood before the canvas for some moments in silence. Finally the young man asked timid-ity. "Don't you taink, sir, that this painting of mine is well—or tolerable?"

Whistler's eyes twinkled dangerously. "What is your opinion of a tolerable egg?" he asked.

The Coward

By ANNA YORRE.

Katrina turned slowly from be contemplation of Carraway's master piece, and drew a long breath. I was so wonderful to think ofwonderful that he, Don Carraway, in praise of whom the exhibition re school with well-bred murmurings, thould have once been her lover, who professed to have held nothing in thought lingered with her, and

thought lingered with her, and a mist slowly gathered over her eyen. Fue memory of their parting had suddenly ceased to be a bitter one Not that she was relenting. Unconsciously she threw her head back slightly. But the remembrance of his last words persisted in remaining with her. He had said, "You are cruel, Katrina. Remember, of my own free will, I have given you the right to judge me. I have been truthful with you. I have told you what otherwise you would never know, relying upon love to mediate your anger. I do not blame you for condemning me. My selfishness has been colossal; but, ob. little woman

Once be had been a coward-had Once he had been a coward—had run away from a danger when it was his duty to stay. leaving another to suffer the consequences of his act. This he had confessed to her, and for this ahe had refused to forgive him. Hers was a proud nature. Born of a brave race, sle had nover, ever as a child, known what fear was, and after his confession, her contents. after his confession, her contempt for Carraway had completely subverted her love, great as it was. So she had sent him away, a scath

ing denunciation upon her lips. And now—he was famous. The big world had accepted him without a question The lion of the bour, he had reached

every standard but hers. Her lips curved in a smile of fine irony. The room held no prettier picture than she made, as she stood raps one tiny gloved hand upon the braze protection rail, her attitude deeply thoughtful. A hard snow was fall ing outside, and the jaunty ermine which she wore was covered with feathery prystals, surpassed in brilliancy only by the gold of her hair, which glowed and scintillated in the light coming from directly

above.

Her revery was disturbed by the voices of two women, who had ap-proached and who now stood be hind ber.

"Beautiful, indeed," one was say lose Mr. Carraway's work. But the doctor states positively that he will never recove, the use of his arm. "What a pity. And the little Kent girl. Is she around again?"

"Oh. yes; Mr. Carraway's house i next to mine, you know, and see her every day, trudging up the steps and ringing the bell, her face as grave as one might expect it to be at 70, instead of seven. She is serious little mite, anyway, and the artist himself cannot feel any worse over his misfortune than she does particularly since his injury was austained while saying her life."
reply to these remarks in which she distinguished the words "brave fellow" and "solf-depreciatory." The ladies had moved on, and had paused

before another painting at some distance from her. In a daze she drew her scart tightly about her throat and left the building. A profusion of question-crowded themselves into her brain what should she do? Was she dreaming, or was Don really a hero
after all? Was he suffering much
and would she go to him? Every
nerre ir her body tingled an answer
to the last part of this question. Of

The sharp wind whipped a bright red color into her cheeks, as in her eagerness she half ran towards Careagerness she half ran towards Car-raway's home. Once she stopped suddenly. The thought that perhaps Don did not love her any more al-most took her breath away, and when she started again, it was less confidently. Ten minutes later when she arrived at the house, her courage was at its lowest obb.

Tom, the Carraways' old butler actually grinned with delight whe he saw her. To him the face of Mas ter Don's old sweetheart was a fami liar one. He ushered her into the library, answering all the while the colley of anxious questions poured out to him. And then he ran up-stairs in an unprecedented fashion three steps at a time, to announce her arrival to Mrs. Carraway. A few moments later Don's mother entered the room. The two women were old friends and embraced warmly. Then, without a word, the older put her arm around Katrina's waist, walked upstairs with her, and left her in front of Don's door.

it was slightly ajar, and Katrino It was slightly ajar, and Katriss made no sound as she entered. It may be that the man on the bed heard the beating of her boart, for he turned suddenly and regarded her. For a moment his expression was one of startled for. Then he held out his unbandaged hand with friendly courtery. "This is kind, he said. But Katrins had seen the expression, and her trapidation fied. "Donny," she breathed. And the next leafant a small availanche of

next instant a small avalanche of snow, descending from an ermine hat, fell upon Don and the counter-rane with commendable impartiality. And Katrina laid her cheek, rosy and cold, upon Don's warm, white one. -- Boston Post.

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