### AN INTERRUPT ED ROMANGE

Rathryn Wilber was taking the longest way home from the village. A quarter of a mile or so remained be fore the would reach her destination wing, near the fork of two roads, she paused opposite an old oak tree. As she stood there a far-away look was in her face; just what that expression ment, the old tree might have told, but that was as slient as Kathryn her-

Kathyrn had left her reminiscences hark at the old tree, and nothing espe-eisly recalled them till a week or two later when she took up the village paper and then the heading of a col-umn "Whose Letters Are These?"

pertual of the article, which read:
"Ifany of our townspeople are
doubtless familiar with the ancient oak tree which, until a few days, stood near the crossroads in the eastern part of this town, but few, if any, prob-ably know that at some time, who can tell when this tree was put to a use substituting the rural delivery boxes of to-day? A few days ago this old tree was cut down, and within its hol-low trunk was found two letters, yelow with age, but still remarkably well preserved. Of whose romance are hey a part? Who was Kitty? Who Dixy? It is doubtful if any of our rs know. Whether in their anxiepush the missives in beyond the discovery of others they placed then too far in till they fell within the ho low trunk, or how it all happened, who can say? Below we give the let-

Dear Kitty-It is no use, your father and mother will never consent as things are now, so I am going away. If I come back with something more than myself to offer you it may make a difference: anyway, I am going. If you for me, as I hope, meet me on Thursday, to-morrow, at 5 o'clock, at the oak tree, and tell me so. If you cannot come at 5 write and leave it here to say that you will wait for me till I come back. I am going Friday. Hopefully yours, DIXY.

"The second letter runs thus:

Thursday. Dear Dixy-I have had the hardest work to get away long enough to write this for we have our letter is waiting for me in our postoffice. I am going to take a rencil and finish this after I reach the oak tree, and have read your letter.

No letter here! Oh, Dixy, you No letter here! Why write! Why said you would write! Why haven't you? I will wait a little while, perhaps you will come. It seems to me that I have been here hours. I dare not wait any longer. I shall be missed.

Don't disappoint me to-morrow. Yours,

KITTY Kathryn Wilber sat for a few mo ments unmoving. The years seemed to have rolled backward, she was a g. again, young and happy in the love of Richard Holman, for these were their letters-his and herswritten 20 years ago. Her father had other plans for her marriage and would hear nothing of this penniless young man, and they had corresponded with the old oak as a receptacle for their letters, placing them where the decaying trunk formed an opening. Kitty and Dixy were their names for each other unknown to any besides themselves. Kathryn's eyes filled with tears as she recalled the hear ache of that day, and those following. when no letter came, and at lengtl she heard that Richard had gone "out West," and still she did not hear from him. Ah, well, he had no doubt mar-ried long ago and would never know why she had not been at the old oak to bid him good-by.

A few weeks passed, when one bright morning Hulda came to her mistress' room with the announce-

Reaching the parier she saw nothing familiar about the tall, broad-abouldered man with a sprinkling of try to make something of these young gray in his hair, and he regarded her ones that you will find floating about with a keen, eager glance before he R will be good practice for you in the "Have you forgotten me,

the years seemed to roll away, as with a quick breath she exclaimed: "Rich-

It was Richard Holman, and a little later he was telling his side of the story. "I waited till dark at the old tree that day," he began, "and then as you you did not come and I could find no letter, I told myself you had listened to your father and no longer cared whether I went or stayed. The next day I left Edgement and have never cared to come back, till I chanced to see a copy of the village paper, and there in black and white was not only my letter to you, but your reply. Then I could not get here quickly enough, for I knew you were still unmarried. Tell ms. Kathryn, is it for my sake you have wait-

You must know it is, Bichard," she answered, the color warm in he

"Then we wall walt so longer," declared the man, a glad ring in first voice, "it has been too long already." And Kathryn agreed with bim.-ELLA M. BANGS.

Four Votes for Her Candidate. Cook-Ye'll vote like I vote-you and the young leddles or I'll quit ya. "Merciful heavens! And the Van Damms expected on Thursday!"-

Beyond Resson

There be two individuals who can-not be reasoned with a girl in love and a man who is determined to run for an office. New Origans Pleasung.

## Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

RETTER THAN TABLE CANDLES. New Electrical Device for Utility and Decoration Without Wires for

Dining Room Use. Every woman has realized for so time past that the use of the candle as a table decoration was attended by danger and other short-omings and a substitute has been eagerly sought. The solution of the problem has not been found in electricity, for the renson that lamps of this character lacked the feature of portability and their ment nothing till, reading on, the coors suddenly left her face, as, with a little gasp, she began once more the a little gasp, she began once more the signed a piece of table decoration which takes the place of the candies which takes the place of the candies.

on the dining room table in the home as well as the hotel and cafe. The device is a pretty design em holding a single-storage cell. The battery stores sufficient energy to keep



Displaces the Candelabra. the lamps agiow for 14 hours, and the Elimination emanates from three tungsten lamps supplied with switch for controlling them. Fitting neatly over the stand is a shallow glass dish containing out flowers and water. The former are supported by a cast-glass disk with numerous hotes into which the flower stems, etc., project. The lamp thus serves as a flower vase as well, and the effect of the light pass-ing through the glass and water and playing around the flowers and leaves le very pretty indeed,

A LITTLE TALK TO GIRLS.

Qualify Yourselves to Diffuse Inspira-

tion, the Thing Our World Needs Most. As you come to full growth and get out of school, of course, being American girls, you want, properly enough, and attain, more freedum of action Gradually from telling you what to do your parents advise you what to do, and presently you consider whether you will take their edvice or not, and if you don't want to, it will be hard to make you. And as the years go on you return their kindness probably, by advising them, and in time they get to rely a great deal on your counsel. Well, so much of freedom as con-

alsts in ignoring your parents' advice when you don't like it will come to you pretty soon, but as their control of you diminishes you will find it necessary to substitute for it control of another sort. If you don't, you will have a hard time. Of a girl who got nervous prostration and went to a sanitarium to rest one said the other night: "Oh yes; that's not surprising. She was the girl who said she never did any thing she didn't want to.' You see there is no tyrant so despotic as an endisciplined mind that resists direction and is still unqualified for self-direction. The price of freedom is sub-mission to something. It may be some-thing within, but it must be something

that stands for duty. And I do beseech and charge you that as you look about for something to take care of and thus fulfil your destiny, you will take such charge as you may of men in general, and especially the young ones of your own gen-"A gentleman to see you, Miss to make something of them that will be an advantage to the country and eration, and try, in so far as you can,

most important duty that falls to thryn?"
The man was no longer young but their employments unless you have to. All the college presidents wall over the young men because they can't get enough of them interested in knowledge. If you have some knowledge, feed out a little to them, sugarcoated, and if they have any, get it out of them. Most of the inspirations that men get, they get from women. Do qualify yourselves to diffuse in-spiration. It is the thing our world needs the most. Material things im-mensely abound, meens can be got for anything that deserves them, but the fire that touches the spirits of men is somewhat to seek. Money's a-plenty; bricks, stone, food, books, and all that,

> per's Bazar, Never put salt into soup when cook until it is skimmed, as salt pre

but insulration is scarce. Have it to

If too much sait has been added to soup slice a raw potsto and boil it in the soup for a few minutes. The potato will absorb much of the salt.

Foolish to Worry.

"Oh, dear," she sold after the must-ale, "I'm so mortified that I don't know what to do! I can't imagine t caused my voice to break as it it never happened before. What

must Mrs. Waddington's guests think of me? How can I ever explain it?" "Don't mention it," her friend advised. "They were all so busy talking while you sang that probably nebody noticed it."

### THE WEALTHY BROTHER

The hopk-konk of an automobile ar rested the attention of Silan, and in-terrupted his penceful reverse. He did ot, however, recall his thoughts sufficiently to realize its preximity, but cutinued to drink in the scope before im with as much delight as if it were he first time in his life he had watched that giorious spectacle. Honk-honkcold broke impatiently upon the vening quiet. Slian rone from the coustomed seat, but he did not turn sellind Craggy Point, marshalling Into the ranged peaks jutting the horf-He a caravan crossing a desert, ouetted against the opaline light a dying day. Then he acrambled n the precipitous path and instinct tively made his way through the un-debrush to the open. Honk-honk! again disturbed the stillness as Silas energed from the shadowy recesses of the barn.

"Horacet" he advanced with aluerity, extending a culious, strined hand, which was lightly graspby the gloved hand of the auto "Glad to see you; come right baven't been to supper, have yer?" clogetically: "Sorry to have kept waitin'; I's up an old 'flat rock,' en s to me I never see Croggy Point ex a no powerful grand as she did to-

unions there's something there an be turned into money. I'm on business; I have an opportunto put you on easy street, if you'll ten to me Sil. I'm interested in a ber company and they'll buy all your standing timber, just as it is.
The price they'll pay will make you interardent for the rent of your life; now what do you say? I've got to get back," consulting his watch, "they'll start cutting in two weeks' time, if Silas' rough hand stroked his chin

characteristic gesture when he was nobled or in deep thought "You mean the 'East lot,' Horace!" I mean that and all the other. You

ratand they'll take it all-every of timber you've got on the Those trees are han'som'-an'som-

"They'll pay you all they're worth.
You ought to have confidence in me,
Sit. I tell you what; I've made money o lot of it; but there's a lot more got be made, too. It costs to keep up

o the mark there days." i got confidence in yer, Horace, tith't that. I know yer powerful smart in business, too, and I'm thankful to yer; but I can't jest bring myself to low those trees to be cut, yet-You see Marthy sets a sight by those trees. She watches 'em the whole year round. Fust they're jest a little green, then the get greener and denser, an so on, all along. Marthy watches 'em and talks 'bout 'em e ery day. They're han'som'; yer jest

ought to see 'em now! That side hill's a flame o' color." "I dare say, but," carcastically, "de you ever think of the color of the money you would get for those trees? Believe me, Sil, it's a snap. This lumber business is a side issue with me, but I'm in a position to give you a good show something you might not get if you had to sell to a stranger. It's like finding money, only better a don't have to pick it up; it's hand-

"I know, Horace, I know; but you money; this old farm gets us a good

talk if we can't do any business, but square strips of the same dimensions it's mighty disgusting to a man to as floor, bore 1-2-inch holes to correo'd farm when he might get out into get 15 her round spindles 24 inches the world and live if he would only long and place upright from floor to

ferred it to Martha.

Yer could go anywhere yer want-

"I den't know as I want to go anywhere, specially; and if I had all the things Horace's wife has I'd be bout razy with the care o' 'em, I'm onichi as it is. Silas, scems to me

Silas didn't stroke his chin; inthat evening when he claimbed to his cent on "flat rock" to watch the sun sink behind the ragged peaks of Crag-gy Po'nt, he knew the answer to his would go unchanged. LENA SPALDING.

Best Seal for Envelope. When you seal an envelope with he white of an egg it is impossible

UNIVERSITY ON A NOVEL PLAN. The Methodists Are Slowly Building

It at Washington. The American University at Wash ligion, D. C., is beginning the erec lon of buildings to cost \$2,000,000. The Methodists hope to crown their cational system with this post-

hate institution. In two respects the American Unicornity will be unique, says the Edu-cational Review, in that it will be the only educational institution in the United States which will confine its struction to post-graduate studies and will not have any undergraduate schools attached to its scheme of edu-cation, and that the university will not enroll any students until every building is erected and the total as-cels, property and endowment amount to at least \$10,000,000. The buildings now being constructed are for the law repartment, the colleges of medicine, technology, art and a great museum.

## Of Interest to Women

Miss Makel Boardman to Be Unofficial Arbiter of the White House - With Energy and Tact, She Has Placed the Rad Cross Society on a Bound Basis.

Miss Mabel T. Borrdman is the un official social arbiter of the White House. She has long been a particu the President and Mrs. Taft. Mrs. Taft, contrary to most of her prodeces-sors, has no rocial secretary.

Her long residence in Washington which has covered most of her ried life, placed her much more to militarly in touch with society person ages and mages peculiar to the social life of the copital than any of the first ladies of the land who have graced the White House in a generation

Miss Boardman is a state-in-in-of Senator Murray Crane of Massa-chusetts. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boardman, are wealthy. Their bome in Washington has long been renowned as a meeting place for and boundless hospitality dispensed

Mr. Taft, who is president of the National End Cross Society interested Miss Boardman in the work several years ago. With energy intelligence. and tact characteristic of the Ameri can girl who starts out to do things Miss Boardman virtually breathed breathed the breath of life into the Red Crous its affairs fell during the Spanish War. Mainly through her efforts, says Hampton's, the society was reorgan ired and pinced upon a highly efficient and prosperous basis.

When the news of the Messins earthquake reached Washington Miss Beardman within half an hour took prompt action for the relief of the sufferers. In recognition of her work the Hallan Government decorated her with a reproduction in gold of an ancient Roman civic crown. It was bestowed through the Italian Ambassador in Washington.

Miss Boardman has a desk in the offices of the Red Cross Society in the War Department in Washington. Except for a few weeks in summer she is there daily from morning until all the work in sight is disposed of.

It was Miss Boardman who got up the while plague Christmas stamps 22,000,000 of which were sold. Their sale was conducted by the Red Cross.

A Cage for the Baby.

Our baby care was a home-made erved our three babies and was then eg'n to tell what a great belp it vas o me, but any mother who has to do ser own bousework with a croefing aby pround will know how to appre e it. The "man of the house ild easily make one at home.

Take a board 2 feet 6 inches long by 2 feet wide, for the floor of the ge; nail it onto 2 cleats across the



ends, so as to raise the door above draughts; make a frame of 1 1-2-inch his brother dradging away on an spond in top of floor and the frame; make up his mind to do so. I say, frame: mine were about 4 faches SI, I'll keep the offer open till to-mor npart; p'are casters on bottom; mand-row night. Think it over. You may paper the whole cage well and give coat of cherry stain; when that is Siles did think it over. He looked dry apply a cost of varnish, and the at it from every point of view his case it orns ental as well as useful. posgination could call to mind, and I made two pads for bottom of cage of nally, as was always the case, he re cheese cloth and cotton batting, close ly tufted, so if baby fell he would not get burt, then I had a sofa pillow with ed to and have most anything yer wash covers that gave me a change see yer wanted." he reminded while of pads and pillow covers, as both are they were talking it over. can be moved around easily from room to room or outdoors, yard or plazza. who rever mother may be. Put baby's toys into cage and as soon as he is able to be will begin to pull bimself we're pretty well off: 'course we ain't rich like Horace, but I never thought of it before."

up to a standing position and hold onto the trame, so you see it helps him to waik as well as taking good care of him. Baby is better to stead, his rough hand sought his handling and mother can work around wife's and held it contentedly. And without fear of falling over him or hurting him. Ours was made 15 years ago and was as good as ever when we gave it away three years ago.-Mrs

The Boy Suffragist.

A mother in Miles City, Mont. ing about women's rights one day, and my youngest boy started up and said. fool'shness, anyway?' We asked him what he meant, 'Why, the foolishness of not letting women vote. They know as much as men, and sometime more." -- Woman's Journal.

A True Republic.

The only country we can think of where republican traditions are pro-erly followed out is the little state of Andorra, and there they have no pollticians, everybody works.—London Saturday Review,

Hindop Playing Cards. The itindee playing cards are nearly oil circular, and each card represents some historical or religious ovent-

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using good stock in a dairy." C. H. Eckles, professor of dairy husbandry at the University of Missouri, said. "At the present price of milk in Columbia, 7 1-2 cents a quart, she would have brought her owner \$590 for this year. A cow with a record like that is worth about \$1,500. Her feed cost \$80, leaving a profit of \$510. This is more than 40 per cent income, looking at it as an investment. Princess Carlotta produced as much milk as five ordinary farm cows. The five cours probably would cost \$200 to feed. The same advantage is gained as by using an efficient machine instead o an ordinary one. The upkeep is great er, but the results are worth it.

"A person's average daily consump-tion of milk is one-third of a quart. On this basis Princess Carlotta could seventy-five quests."

Natural Monuments. Although the objects are offen only such as would be called "sentimental." there are no stronger supporters of movements for the protection of re-markable satural phenomena than scientific societies and individuals de-voted to scientific work. Prof. John M.-Clarke calls attention to the lead that Germany has taken in this mat-ter. There a hundred motives induce interference for the protection of "instural monuments." In the forests of Leneburg an old guaried fir-tree is guarded "for its very age and fasci-nating ugitness." Near Hamburg a putch of dwarf birch is protected as a rare survivor of the postglacia flora. Schleswig has set aside a low knob crowned with a huge glacial boulder Branderburg cherishes a swamp wherein rare botany specimens are found, and Marienworder a little lake in the woods where rare water-birds nest. Professor Clarke remarks upon the richness of our country in such ments, and the constant danger

Life in An Oasis. The opening of a railro point near Luxor into the Libyan de sort has rendered easy the approach to the oasis of Khargeh, which is regarded as a typical example of these isolated centers of life. For three years just past Mr. H. J. L. Beadnell has resided in this casis, studying the phenomena of springs, moving sands wells, and so forth. The Libyan case are deep depressions in a lofty pla teau, which has a maximum elevation of nearly 2,000 feet, but the bottoms of the cases are only from 100 to 300 feet above sea-level. They are underlain by bads of sandstone which are the urces of the water-supply. Artesian wells 400 feet deep form practically inexhaustible means of irrigation, and such deep wells of sandstone probably has its sources in the Abyssinian highlands.

Frank L Cobb, the chief editoria writer of the New York World, was ce when Joseph Pulitzer sent Cobb

a cipher message.

Presently a country operator drove In to the Colb camp and handed Cobb the message, which read something like this:

Simplicity griffon — gerald — rolerick — hop-scotch — humfat — publicity." "There's a dollar to collect for deivering that message," said the opera tor, "but I have to take it. Somebody along the line got it all balled up, and there ain't no rense to it."

Champagne. It is said that when Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Gladstone's physician, recemmended a patient to drink wine the latter expressed some surprise saying he thought Sir Andrew was a temperance doctor to which Sir An drew regilled: "O- wine does some times help you to get through work for instance, I have often twenty ters to answer after dinner, and a pint of champagne is a great help." "In deed," said the patient "does a pim of chan pages re lly help you to answer the twenty t ters?" "Not not" said Sir Andrew, "but when I've had a pint of champoine. I don't care a rap whether I answer them or not!"-Westininster Garette.

Salmon's Rapid Growth. It is said that a twenty pound sal-non which was caught in Scotland not

long ago had attached to one of its finds a small silver plate marked, '935B." Ugon inquiry it was found that this label had been put on the fish by the Loch Lomond Angling Im-provement Association in December 1907, in a river feeding the take. The records show that it weighed ten pounds, and thus in the ee of eighteen months it had don bled its weight.-Forest and Stream

Concrete Buildings in China. The construction of houses and walls of concrete in China was instituted several centuries ago, and is peculiarly common and extensive in Swatow, where it originated in the building of a chapel by a French priest. The absence of any brick

structures or walle give ample poof the stability of the concrete. More than \$58,000,000 worth of soap is made and sold in the United States every year.

Out under the trees five-year-old

Rens was amusing one-year-old John-nie. A man noticing their merry an-tics halted to ask, "Is the baby a boy or a girl?" Henn, clutching her ab-breviated skirts, scrambled to her feet excited at the astonishing news she had to communicate, and announced, "It's a girl now, but mama says that when it gets hig it's going to be a boy."—The Delineator.

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Faked Flags.

The Swins are alive to the weak-ness of English and American thur-lats for things ancient. An Innsbruck paper says that one of the popular manufactured antiquities is the Swiss fing of a hundred years ago. A new one is made to resemble a centenarian by a process which includes fading the colors in the can, beauttering I with tallow, and laying it in the gra ary, where the mice soon give it t no estary intered apearance. Finally it is subjected again to the rays of Father Sun, is mounted on a worm eaten, broken staff, and is then ready for the English or American tourist in search of centennial trophles.—Dun-

A Virginia Belle's Wit. Two examples of Miss Guid's quick-ness I can personally vonch for, Shortly before her marriage she was at a dinner in Richmond with several law-rers, one of whom was a noted Munchausen; he was also a desperate drinter and held long sessions. He was boasting of one case in which he had earned a \$30,000 fee and then apent it on a single spree. Her table neighbor asked Miss Ould if she credtied the story. Her answer was prompt: "I might doubt the storied earn, but he's all right for that am-mated bust!"—De Leon's "Belles and

Beaux."