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 NEW WAGON SHOP. WHEELWRIGHT SHOP,

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## MRs. smith's PEDDLEE'S TRAP.

ChrisMAs wana day of mjoleling in the Bmith family. The good lady
of the house had juit succeeded in per. of tie house had Just suceeded it pere
fecting an invention which lis uitimate. Iy destined to revolutionize the great branches of Industry known by the
term "tilinernut," and to deprive hoots term "Hitineruut," and to deprive hotsts
of men of a lucrative employment.The domlecle of the Smiths is located on Mrislon street, just tee weent. Hoo mas be
Gardens and the ecty front. It may very pecolliar canvas apparatus whioh tir attenched to the freuce. Thits piece of
canvas stretches from the top of the canvas stretches troum the top or her
fence to palr of poles nrmly fastened
to clined piane, renching nearly to the round, which bears a olose reeemblance
to the neting used, th gymnasiums and bircuseas as a mafe receptacle for falling acrobats. This can vas arrangement is
only a portion of the great Invention al. luded to, the principal part of which is
located beneath the dooratep. For sev eral yeara past Mras. Smith, in common with her sister housewlves throughout
tie eity, has been harased by the visits of peddiers, sewing-machite sgents,
medical canvasaera, vegetale venders,
traveling tin smiths, tuaurauce sollotitors traveling tin smiths, inaurauce sollicitore and a host of the other gentry who anpopulation of the eity. Mrs, Smith,less fortunate than many housewives, Is
without a servant and has hitlierto been compelled to make all the way from 300
of 400 trips a day to the front door. fact, the bell rang, tinkled, buzzed and
nutued almost contlinu ally, and so great rutled anmost continu ally, and so great
was the straln apon the tintinnabulating apparatus that a new wire has to be
put in two or three times a month, and put in two or three time a month, and
even the knob wore out quarterly. This
stant of aflirs was state of afthirs was not only expensive
and troublesome, but it was gradually reducing Mra. Smith to a skeleton, and
she dally waxed weaker and more attenshe dally waxed weaker and more atien
wated. Ble calculated, and calculated six to eleght milles a day In her tramps
io the front door. At last Mra, Bmith,
. to the front door. At last Mras. Bmith,
Insprired by desperation, hit upon the
plan which has since proved so effeceplan which has since proved so effec-
tive. A skillful machintst was immedintely employed and directed to conpact and powerful apparatus connected with a spring on the laside of the thresh.
hold, which, when pressed by the IIght hold, which, when pressed by the light
foot of Mrs. Smith, would suddenly bring into play the great forces of the hidden machinery and press the door-
teps upward with such terrifle velocity that ite occupant would be hurled into space. The filing pedder was supposed,
after beling prevplptated from the doorafter beling preesp ptated from the door-
step, to describe a graceful parabolin
which would have lis termination ta the depths of the canvas. The receptacte being an thelined plane, was expected to
sently drop the involuntary acrobat to the sidewaik below. At last the ingeni-
ous apparatus was completed and the ous apparatus was completed and the
mechani assured the inventres that her
俍 thus unconsciously inverting an old expresion. He also expressed hits confl-
dence that the aforesald canvas would invariatly be the phace of descent. On
the day before Christmas Mrs. Smith
phaed placed a chair naear the door and serene-
1 y watited the fingle e whlch would indi-
ante She had not long to walt. Before ten minutes had expired the bell gave a pre--
monitory tinkle. $O$ Opening the door monitory tinkie. Opening the door
Mrse, Smith smilied on the outsider with more complaizance than she had mani-
feeted for years before. She did noc forget, however, to place her foot in cow-
venient proximity to the little spring be fore mentloned.
"Madam," "ngenuously anked the un-
"nselous intruder, may I sell you a ewing"
He wnes,
He was, however, called away so sud-
lenly that he had no time to complet. his question, for Mrs. Bmith pressed the spring, the step flashed upward, and to
he poor sewing machine man disappeat
. ed. Alas or human ing menuity, howeave.
er, he reappeared at the wrong place, er, he reappeared ite wrong place,
and linstead of fulling into the canvas
so struck against the fence with great tlo-
lence, Just after completing his third lence, Just
tomersult.
The neighbors thought that an unfortanate erropuut had been pitched from a
balloon, and flocked to the ppot in scores. The poor fellow had a leg fractured, and
the doctor acroses the street added anothor to his list of patien
The machine was immediately perfect-
ed, and by Christnas morning operated with benutiful accuracy. During the
moraing Mr. Smith morang Mr. Smith advocated the re-
moval of the canvas on the ground that moval ot the eavenas on the ground that
intruders deerved to enffer. In the wee sma' 'hours of yenterday morning, how-
ever, he reched his house in a condition of semi. neebriety which made his footsteps uncertain, and while entering the
door he was fucastious emought to phace his right foot on the little enpriug terore he remaved his left foot from the doorstep. The result was a rapid erinil ilight,
a fall into the canvas, a silde on the
sidewalk and a walk back to the door:-
This little incident removed the objectlons whitch Mre. Bmilth had formetly to the cauvny, nind yeterday he watehed
fify or sixxty pediers and canvasers practice muscular contortion durling their
illghto from the tep to the canvin wit out feeling the ellghtest regret that they were uninjured. It will be proper in
conclusion to loform the pubtio that Mrs. \&mith has reesved the patent righo of her wonderf

## A LITTLE GIRL'S SECRET

$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE first disy of the New Year, and }}^{\text {the chilltren were quarreling }}$ bad beginning
Hogwork, Ungwork. John and Herry, you may
ench bring nine armfuls of wood tuto ench bring nine armfrus of wood
the wood shed. Mabel you may take the wood sied. Mabel you may tane
your slate and write, and 1 guess 1 I, they are let alone, the two bablea will take care of themselves. Now for half an
hour, let us have silence. If any body speak there was silence in the kitehen, e mother made With her ple-making and the oecabional
pratte of the two batbee. There was
generally a good deal of noise nt Num. generally ngood deal of noise nt Num.
ber Thirteen; and sometimes-pretty offen - It wasn't pleasant nolse. The
ctildren were nll young, and all wanted thelr own way. But they had learned to mind their mother.
Little Mabel sat with her slate on her knee, looking thoughtful. She wrote
and erased, and wrote again with much and erased, and wrote again with mueh
palina taking labor. At last the seemed satisfed, and going to her mother sald
 May 1 have a llttle plece of white
paper and pencil ont of your drawer?
I want to copy somethlug." Want to copy something.
" What in it? Jet me see," mother.
Mabel h h
Mabel hesitated and blueneded, but beld it
up to her, saying." You wont tell wit you, mother ?"
Her mother read it twice over; tears gathered in her eyes. "You won't tell anybody, will you? entreated little Mabel.
"No, no, certalinly not! It shall a little eecret between you and me." She got a nice plece of paper, and
sharpened the pencil anew for the child, nithough hhe was ple-making. Maber copled it very carefully, and kerchief tox, sayling:
"Ihall see It often there, and nobody
goes there but mother and goes there but mother and I,"
But tit lepened Hene day that Harriet But tit liappened one day that Harriet
was sent to distribute the pile of clean handkerobiefs from the troning into the
different boxes, empery, shexesw, the writing. It
ehort that she took it in at a gla Resolved to Alwas spek pleasant when
Somehow it fixed Itself In Harriet's momenow ind ined iseif in Harriet's
mind ndthat evening she was suay with
pen and ink. The result was w writing in Harriet's handkerobifeftbox, writh a
resolutlon written and resolution written more nentily, but the
same effeot:
Resolved:-that I will try thls year
to return plenant worts for cros ones It madea difference that was enos. see, when two of the chlldren began to
practice this resolution. There was lem practice this
of quarrellig.
"That', mine! You better mind
your own businesa!" suld John to riet one day, when she took up his top
and was putting it in his drawer. "But, John, mother wants me to olen up the room," " maid Harriet.
"Well I want the top
said John, obstinately.
"Well, perliaps tit, no matter.
toy len't much ilter,", pald Harriet, toy sisn't much litter,", eald Harriet,
pleasanty.
John was fully prepared for a conteat. John was fully prepared for a contest.
Yom afrald he would rather have one.
He stared. Then he looked asthamed. He etared. Then he looked asthamed.
Then hespoke. "What made you say that, Harriet ?
Harriet laughed and colored a Ititle. "Tell me! what made you?" John
insisted. "Cone here, and Ill show you,
sald she.
She took him to the clothespress where was a row of pretty handkerShe opened litlle Mabel's and took
out the clean, sof plile of handkerchiete. "Look there!" suid she. John read.
"The good little thing! she ne does quarrell, any yow ", gaid John.


## Workhgmen.

Before you begh y your heavy spring
work after a winter of relluxation, your system needs cleanstigg and strengthenIng to prevent an attack of Ague, Bill-
tous or spring Fever. of lous or Spring Fever, or some other
Spring sloknees that will unst Spring slekness that will unft you for a
season sowork. You will save time
murb slokness much siekness and great expense 1 y you
wil useoue botite of Hop Biters in

## A Darkey Preacher on Walking

B el Comer Bell, of the Colored Bell $\underset{\text { at a prayer meeting }}{\text { B }}$, few nighta elinee at a prayer meeting, took occaston, in
the course of an exhortantion dutlen of life, to tire a passing apot the the walking manta, now so provaleni nud development some fuets, in revelation to pedestrian fentat that seem litherto to have escanped notice. He sald
" Myy beloved bredren
 Is one ung $T \mathrm{~mm}$ bound to say to you beff de exercizea dls nite, and dat don't you takte no stook in dha yere
walkin' lisnem. Let dem white trumps men and wimmin, alone ; don't you spen' your money and your preatuas
time runnin' round arter them $\{$ and for de Lord's sake, and your own, don't
you try to make foolts ob yourselfa by tryin' to do likewle. You men will find plenty ob ex cercise In atending
your work, an' you wimin muln ober your wash tabs an' nusin', your aber your wase.tus an' nusin" your
bables, instead ob trampln' roun' and roun' de saw.dust, day on an' day off
 frens, all de braggin' dat dey dux 'bou
dere ' long walke, dere 'Iong walks,' 'long times' an' what
dey calls ' $\operatorname{Hzzaltal}$ endoorinee,' wuth shucks, when you comest to com pare dem whid one puffrormance dat tuk
phace thousand of peurs
 of dese sportin' folks eber read dare Bi-
Hes. Well III tell your when an' it's de greatest 'sportin' mateh,' as of dils calis 1 , dat eber came of on de fue of diss yearf. None of your 'hilppy
drum' bisneas heah. sahh ' Farar heel an' toe walkin'-Juagei appointed, track measured, time kep made - yes, an a reekord dat can't bo de-
nied , canselt it preshus book! Now Jlas turn ober your Bibles, my frens' an' 'ook at aft chapp
ter ob Genesis, twenty second vus, an' what do you fine e Why, you fine dat
'Enoct - Walked (atter he begatted Mreefoosaly) -Lthree
hundred yearat) Three hundred yeare! Dar was a walk for you. Jise shut y eyes and 'fleet on It1 Three hundred years 1 l Besdides, de reckord anys dat
when de ole man made dat match, and had dat chilie (who kep' on IIvin' until years ole-monsus good stuff in dat fam ily 1) - 1 say when, de man made da match, an' had dis chille, he was sixty Ave years ob age, and den walked three hundred years endoolnee alk bout yo' 'fizziki 'pluck' an' yo' grit' after dut ! Why de now adays blowers at flat as a dend ahad So much for dis 'straordinary
nince,' But dat ain't all ob it. $\begin{aligned} & \text { purform. } \\ & \text { Dere's }\end{aligned}$
But mo' yet. If you'll jises look at de twen will fine, my b'loved frens, what a orfic warnin' 's in dat vuss, to po' foolish
creatures who has de concelt to mak sich one ekall matches. Did any goo Did he dale man tooch's walk? my bredern and sisters No No, No lost by It -he lost eberything by it -neber 'peared in dering ngain- in fack, he
'went up' Jise reed de vases: 'An'
(dat is he warn' ne nowar,) for Goo tuet' tek he tuck him! He was bound to be tuek! He helt out for a long time, de ole man
did: he was game to de last; he doing his level best, bat 'Oh Marster de wind gin dentre, an toe sound in last run, Yes my bloved frean, an'
will thke anybody dot tries dat game
him



## What io in a Niokle.

It may not be generally known that We have, in the nickle five cent plece of
out coinage, a key to the tables of linear mensures and weights. The diameler of thls coin is two centimeters and the
weight is five grammes. Five of them phaced in a row will, of course, give the
length of the decimeter, and two of leng will,weigh a decagramme. As the kiloiter is a eubio meter, the key to the

 pooket the entire mee
weights nud measures.

## The Errors of History

One by one our lllusions vanish. Kidd had been beld up for nearly two hundred years in songe and ballads as a

 hay carefuly examined the whole mat
ter ,hat Kidd sof far rom bening itmeif
a pirate, was abrave and loyal seaman, a pirate, was a brave and loyal seaman,
whoo faithily endenored to suppress
freebooter in the Enat Indles.

SUMDAY READING

## Lltte Duties.

A letter carrier in one of our larg
 round of dellivery, " letter in hils bac. that he hed over looked. It wonld have taken him hair an hour (or return ani gry. The leter was an ordinary unim portant looking miesive, Ho thrust I
nto nimit round next dis.
What consequences followed? Fo Want of that letter a great frm had fail
ed to meet their engagementa, their notes had gone to protest; B mill eloged and hundreds of poor workmen were Chrown out of employment.
The letter.earrier himeeif was dis charged for his overight and negleot
Hia family sulfiered during ine for many of the neecesarien of ife, by his lose was of emall account comparei to the enormous amount of misery caued by hita tingle fatilure in duty. ben out of work a long time in New small sum due to him. The gentlema who owed it, belng annoyed at some trifie, Irritably refused the money. The man went to his wretched home, anc maldened by the slight of his hungr: wifo and dhildren, wen
yard and hanged himse
The next day an old employer sent
offer him a permanent was a life loet and a family leff pauper becmuse a bill or a dollat or two was no pald at the right time.
The old Spanith proverb eays, "There
tis no sueb thing as a trifle tay 19 no ouch thug ass a trifle in the worla.
When we think how inextrieatly the lives of all mankind are tangled toeath er, it seems as if every word or netio moved a lever which set in motion
giguntic machinery, gigantic machinery, whose effort
wholly wholly beyond our control.- For thi
reason if for no other, let as be caretal to perform promptly and well the dutte of ife-even the most trivial. - Youth: Companion.

## Not as it Was.

Thereis a creed nbroad that a young man is better ulone, free from all incum brance of wife or children; but in the
old times it was not so. Then chilldren old times it was not so. Then chilldren were esteemed "a heritage and gift the luxury, woridiliness and the love of ward show have brought our young me -ay, and some women too-to such pass that they feel, nay, openly declare my; and marrase, my; and marriage, instead of bein
"honorabie" to all, is a folly, A der sion, or a dread. 'Why is this? And it the men's fault, or the women's
Both, perhaps; yet 1 think ebiefly th womens. Feeble, useless, haf.edacated Laught to believe that Ignorance -
amusing and helpleaneesa wonder the other sex sthrintractive; ; no ing upon ittelf, not a help, but a burde charming enough before marriage-ba after? The very man who at frrat ex
uited In his beautifal ornamental wife his sweet, humble Circassian slave, wil
by.and-by be the firat to turn around by.and.oy be
and soorn ber

My Witnesses.
"Ye are my witnessen," saith th
Lord, " $\mathrm{Ye}_{\mathrm{e}}$ shall be witnesses unt me," satd the Saviour on Mount ol . Ivet in his last utterance before the
ascension, "both in Jerusalem, in all Judn, and lu Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This evidendy apppes ${ }^{\text {ab beinevers, and through }}$
nll time and in every part of the earth "till none shall know him." Now a
wituess must testify to facts as he knows
. them-"the truth, the whole truth, and

- The cergy of various denominamovement againost extravagance at fanerals, of which there have been a fev east. A circular was prepared, sent ou and iggned, which sets forth that there
has often been observed in funerals need less confusion and pain owing to the unwise action of well-meaning friende and that cuatom has inelined to mati,
them more and more expensive, until, in some cases, the desire to render lov.
ing tribute to the dead or to conform to what tis thought to te erequiled, involve a burdensome out lay. Accordingly, 1 funerals be from the house and wiat the serviceas
ment.
- The soul that is full of pure and into its own angelic ilikenes, ss the rose

