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THE WHITE OWL. The Story of 'Toinette, a Little Breton Maid.

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Open the cage."

rival," was the answer.

voice broke the silence.

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the gruff tones of Matre Lachaudel saying:

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'Toinette was 7 and 'Toinette was naughty. The naughtiest little girl (said her adopted mamma) in all the broad province of Brittany. But much of her naughtiness-which was in truth only thoughtlessness-was condoned by the simple Breton peasants of Cahusac, among whom she dwelt, because of ber birth and blood.

For, let it be known, 'Toinette was no mere daughter of the soil. She was one of those waifs too common in modern Brittany, the last offshoots of an ancient but impover-ished race. In the days of the French monarchy her ancestors had been lords of many castles and broad domains. In fact her real name was Marie Antoinette de Lacherois-Jarnac, and her father had been a grandnephew of the famous "M'sien' Henri' the gallant Marquis de Larochjacquelin.

But poverty and the republic had done their work upon the family of Lacherols-Jarnac. Men said that far away in Paris or some such distant place there still lived a Comte de Lacherois, but poor "Toinette's branch never heard of or saw him. Kindly peasants reared the orphan child. Mere Bihan adopted her after her father's death; and so she was brought up in the primitive sim-plicity of a small Breton.

In spite of the kindness displayed by these In spite of the kindness displayed by these good people, it must be owned that 'Toinette was not quite happy. Through some strange respect for her rank, old Mere Bihan would not allow the child to associate with the other little folks of the village. Conse-quently 'Toinette had no playfellows-at provide the source of the series of how. quently 'Toinette had no playfellows-at least no human ones. There arrived, however, one fair summer, a strange fr end at house of Mere Bihan. Roger, 'Tolnette's adopted brother, captured in the woods



'TOINETTE AND HER PET.

hardby a great white Breton owl, who looked as though he had lived ever since the days of the Druids, so grave and venerable of It was said, indeed, that aspect was he. he represented the very last specimen of the old Brittany owls. 'Toinette also being of old family nobody was surprised that the two became cronies. "Monseigneur" (such was the owl's name) seemed always happlest when alone with 'Toinette, and 'Toinette seized every opportunity to spend her hours with "Monseigneur."

Roger Bihan fashioned a huge oaken case for Monseigneur, with baize curtains around the sides, so that the light could be shut off when necessary. From far and near the peasants came to view this wise bird, and strangers even arrived at intervals from Brest, Morbihan and the coast towns with the same purpose in view. It was even rumored that the Abbe Bonnard, a very learned antiquary, had written a paper for the Breton Folk Lore society about the owl, and that the paper had been published in the

Parisian newspapers.

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water. The pips at the end of the cart is in gilt, and yields eagerly when in motion. A delightful scheme for the morning hours. Its value is \$5 target for the lawn is in full sway and the numbers sold show its popularity at

all times. A game as much in vogue for elders as for little people. There are tall and small ones, some three or four kinds, each one increasing in size, decorated with bright tints and as inviting looking as pos-Among the smallest is the Punch This affair is made of wood, the sible. some kind of vehicle. This vehicle did not target. This affair is made of wood, the ball being thrown at a hole in the lower jolt, however, but went easily like the cure's gig at Cabusac, and its voyage was a brief For the third time the lifting process part of the target, opens a door at the top was gone through, and 'Toinette recognized the gruff tones of Matre Lachaudel saying: "Gentle now-gentle! Carry it into the morning room. Has Monsieur he Comte But the real fine turn-ut is the true donkey morning room. Has Monsieur le Comte cart, an expensive affair, which brings \$20 It is built on a very elaborate plan, the seat le Comte is waiting monsieur's arhandsomely carpeted and much gilt orna-mentation, which, of course, adds to its

value. This cart is of unusually large size and is designed for either donkey or pony; The cage was carried still further and then is not easily upset and a delight to a family set down upon what sounded like a large of growing children. table. A strange and rather agreeable FOR SAILORS FOR SAILORS AND FISHERMEN. As for ships, they are of all kinds, from M. Lechaudel-welcome! You "Aha! M. Lechaudel-welcome! You have brought me my white owl? It is well. cat boats to yachts. Boats which cost a mere triffe, rough affairs, which sell for 20 cents

and twice that sum. Large size schooners, with sails, and larger ships whose magnifi-One by one the ropes were cut. 'Toinette's the green baizs was dexterously plucked aside and a flood of light poured into the crace. For a minute the could be and the could be and the could be and the could be and the could be co For a minute the child was dazzied. please a boy's heart and give the amateur a dieu!" exclaimed the kindly voice, sailor lad pleasure. which belonged to a tall, very grizzled old gentleman. "What is this? A little child?" Fishing outfits, whose bright poles filled the buyer with admiration, reels, lines, hooks,

Maitre Lechaudel was even more aston- sinkers, floats, flies-all for the sportsman's ished than the count. It was some time pleasure. There may a word of advice be before he could find breath to answer. Then said to the buyer. Buy at the shops in which e blurted out: "This, M. le Comte, is a title Breion peasant girl. "Toinette flung open the door of the great migrate every season to the seashore, to the hillside and to the mountain tops, where "I am not a peasant girl, M. Lechau-l," she exclaimed, "Mere Bihan says my restore faded cheeks, poor appetites and loss of strength. For in these days there are symmer toys as well as winter ones, and all

to suit everybody, however poor, however rich and at all ages. THEOPHILE GAUTIER'S CATS.

some Wonderful Animals that Belonged to

the Great Novelist. Theophile Gautier, one of the most famous

and artistic French authors of the present century, had an especial fondness for all animals, but cats were his particular favorites

ing suddenly to the table he cagerly de-manded of the shrinking child; "What was your father's Christian name?" he describes his household of pets. One of the first was Childebrand, a short manded of the shrinking child; "What was your father's Christian name?" "One of the first was Childebrand, a short-"His name was Henri Gaston." sobbed 'Toinette, who sat dangling her sabots over the edge of the table. "But he has gone to live with the good God. I reside with the old Mere Bihan. I have no friends but her and my white owl. Oh, please, please, do not take away my white owl." But M. le Comte was not listening. He had turned aside to examine a great parch-ment scroll which hung upon the wall. His finger soon rested upon a certain portion of the scroll. "Come here, Lechaudel," he cried. "Here is the very name. Died at

cried. "Here is the very name. Died at Cabusac. Does not mention any children. Where did you pick up this little creature?" He tells an amusing tale about her and a times stole attractive bits from his plate. He tells an amusing tale about her and i Briefly the bird fancier told all he knew about 'Toinette and her love for the white owl. "They said at Cabusac," he added; parrot left in his charge for a short time by an absent friend. Madame Theophile had never beheld a parrot and it astonished her greatly by its gyrations with beak and claw "that she was of good family, but I paid no attention to their ramblings. Is it possible that she can be a cousin of M. le Comte?" and the strange motions of its awkward green body. She sat for a long time as still "It is more than possible," said the count, it is probable. This very day I shall send as an Egyptian mummied cat watching it

with meditation, for she had never witnessed a lawyer into Brittany to inquire. I thought myself the last of my name and race, Lech-audel. It seems as though heaven had sent such a peculiar example of natural history Finally she seemed to say. "I have it now: this little Breton fairy." Then turning to 'Toinette once more he said: "My dear child, it seems that we are it is a green chicken!" Meanwhile the par rot watched the cat with increasing alarm. rufiling its feathers and whacking its beaks namesakes, if not cousins. I am the Comte le Lacherois-Jarnac-a childless, friendless old man. Years ago I knew your father, uneasily against its cage. Presently the cat seemed to say: "Well, even if it is a green chicken, very likely it is good to eat.'

when we were both boys. Will you let me be your father in his stead?" "Toinette put her thumb in her mouth and "I watched the scene," says Gautier, "he paws gradually spread and contracted, she gave alternately purs and growls, and prelooked at the count steadfastly. "Yes." she said, "if you will let me keep my white owl all to myself." pared for a spring. The parrot, perceiving the danger, said in a deep base voice:

"Mademoiselle, my little cousin." said the old coust, kissing her tenderly, "the white owl is yours." 'Have you breakfasted Jacquot?' A blare from a trumpet, a pistol shot, an "Toinette clapped her hands for joy, while "Monseigneur," just as though he understood earthquake could not have frightened her All her ornithological ideas were more. the whole conversation, uttered a triumphant

upset, "What more," said the parrot, "the king's roast beef?" GERALD BREMAN. The cat's face expressed terror. "He is e is a mon

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home.

they'd eat 'em.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

It was at dinner, and there had been

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM.

all these the chaste and gentle Diana moving in luminous majesty across the face of the heavens; these, all these, make up the glory of night. Our order is not, however, a matter of

pared for its work. The intellectual store-Thomas of this city, who spoke as follows: houses of the world are in no small measure filled with the garnered fruits of its experi-ence. The moral fields of life have known its cultivating hand. Through thinking it has gained the power of thought; through doing it has acquired the strength of action. Every epoch has its questions and its The dull routine of time is often crises. broken by heroic actions and brilliant achievements. The different stages of progress in society and government are con-stantly presenting different phases of even entire body of delegates marched in procesthe same general issues. There is always sion through the streets of the city and pre-present the tireless struggle between the sented a fine appearance. In this the Ne-right and the wrong. Error crushed in one braska delegation was strictly in line, for form, defeated in one purpose, reappears in another form, bent upon yet another purpose. each member had supplied himself with a whistle that had a remarkable capacity for To drive it from one to another of these screeching and these were blown two or three times in each block, drawing attention

generally less hideous than its predecessor, but this is not ultimate victory. It does not remove the cause. There are evil actions in the world be

cause there are evil hearts; there are acts of injustice because there is a perverted sense of justice; there are insults and indignities there are spirits cruel and vindicbecause. tive. The development of a higher and bet ter civilization is largely a question of char-acter. When all hearts are just and generous, animated by the spirit of fraternal love, rejoicing in the joy of others, the world may indulge a new and rational hope. Then catching the confident spirit of the great laurente, we may exclaim:

Not in vain the distance beckons, Forward, forward, let us range, set the great world spin forever, Down the ringing grooves of change

In this great work those who live in the light of the lofty precepts and ennobling examples of Freemasonry cannot but take their part. The all that the principles of our order have accomplished can never be told or even known. Those principles have wrought upon lives, and those lives have wrought upon the world. The chain of human influence is endless and conserva-tion's law is as true of moral as of physical energy. Shining pebbles of kindly thought drop into the great ocean of human feeling. Their waves never cease to ripple the surface of that fathomless sea till they roll with gentle undulations upon the infinite shores. under the handleraft of its builders. It crossed the Mediterranean, and Roman mag-nificence felt the inspiration of its presence and the priceless vaule of its labors. The Somewhere a brotherly sympathy has en-couraged a drooping heart. Somewhere a kindly word has revived a dormant energy. Somewhere the magnetic touch of fraternal interest has revealed the possibilities of genius and the efficiency of its inventive skill. Temples and cities rose to its glory and remained its monuments. It toglory If we may look with justifiable pride upon

the past of our order we may review with the same feeling the promise of its future. The forces which have been so long at work for the weal of the world are still active and The broadening spirit of brother tireless. illimitable field. True, new questions must

minimum to present themselves, gave issues must continue to arise, but the fiercer the struggle, the closer the competition of life, the greater the world's need of moral forces, molding genemerged from the operative. Its builders of the speculative field for fraternal actions. Every new field of man's enterprise will be another field for fraternal achievements. Every new lad within it the elements of growth in the second seco erous impulses and fraternal acts. buildings became builders of character. It city will be another of its strongholds, and had within it the elements of growth, just as its craftsmen, in the earlier days, had aids the growths of the world into a larger welcomed to their lodges the skilled of every people and molded their arts from the ex-ternal spirit. In the language of one of the

country's sweetest singers let us exclaim; Build thee more stately mansions, O, my

socially, morally, physically and financially Grand council No. 10. There is also one it in an economic way, and had I to do it over South Omaha, Garfield council No. 6. again knowing what I do, I most certainly would join today if I were not already a mem-Active preparations are already being made

knew what I do they would join as well."

was sickness in his family.

Among the important pieces of legislation complianed was the organization of an ex-

Slayton, Minn.; head watchman, E. C. Burkhart, Mexico, Mo.; head sentry, L. E. Mentch, Carey, Ill.; board of directors, J. G.

City, and W. A. Doran, Monticello, Ia.

The Junior Order of United American Me-

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if nothing more.

for the annual sessions of the sup America, ple of the Patriarchal Circle of America, "I am a Mason because I like the order, all which will convene in this city on July 10, and will continue for three days. A large atits ceremonies and objects, and if others tendance is expected, arrangements I made for from 379 to 500 visitors to city during the convention week. I being to the The delegates from Nebraska to the session of the head camp of the Modern Wood-men of America, which convened Tuesday, Large delegations are coming from Milwaukee, Chicago, Bleomington, Ill., Richmond and Chicago, June 4, at Madison, Wis., have returned. The delegation was almost fifty strong. The Elkhart, Ind., and other points.

delegates met here on the Saturday preceding the opening of the session, were enter-tained during that evening and on the follow-Omaha conclave No. 334, Improved Order of Heptosophs, will meet in its lodge rooms in The Bee building tomorrow night. A number of initiations are on the program, ing afternoon, and then traveled on a special train to the place of meeting. On the reand these will be followed by an entertaining turn the delegation held together until Chiial session. cago was reached, and then the delegates chose their several ways of getting home.

The supreme conclave of the order met n New Haven two weeks ago, and at that ime reports were read showing that the The Omaha delegates report that they were royally treated at Madison. The city was practically given over to them. Of the 271 membership was growing rapidly There are now over 25,000 members on the rolls. members who were entitled to vote in the convention hall only two were absent, one

Lifeboat lodge No. 150, Independent Order because he was dead and the other because of Good Templars, will give its first picnic of the season next Wednesday night at Bemis park. Invitations have been sent to It is considered that this is a remarkable showing. all members of the order in the city. The women are expected to bring along basketa of food and the men fruit. Supper will be ved at 6 o'clock, and then the the evening will be spent in other forms enjoyment.

Wolfenbarger of Lincoln, one of the delegates from Nebraska to the international three times in each block, drawing attention supreme lodge, which meets in Boston on June 26, has left for the place of convention. The other delegate is the chief templar, Anna M. Saunders,

ecutive council which is charged with the administration of the order, the organization On Monday evening last the members of of a legal department and the changing of the Omaha lodge No. 200, Order of the World, celebrated the second anniversary of their salaries of some of the head officers. Here after the head consul will draw \$3,600 annu-Although the weather was very lodge. ally instead of \$2,000, the head clerk \$3,600 instead of \$2,500, and the head banker \$2,500 instead of \$600. After considerable discusstormy and threatening, every available space in their large hall was filled and it sion the camp refused to agree upon the emergency fund. Considerable new territory was taken into the jurisdiction, it consisting is estimated that over 500 people were pres-ent. A fine literary and musical program was rendered. Irving G. Baright, district of the states of Ohlo and Indiana and that portion of Missouri south of the thirty-eighth superintendent, in a very neat speech presented the lodge with the prize banner ofparallel, excepting the river counties. The principal offices of the order were changed from Fulton, Ill., to Rock Island, the refered by the supreme lodge to the lodge in this district making the greatest increase in membership during the year. A. A. Buchanan, president of the lodge, accepted moval to take place as soon as practicable. A building to cost \$50,000 will be erected in the banner in behalf of Omaha lodge. Thi that city for headquarters. Dubuque was chosen as the place for holding the next biennial session, which will convene on the banner now becomes the property of the lodge, having been won for two successive years. A. A. Buchanan presided and T. L. first Tuesday in June, 1897. The new officers who were elected are as follows: Head consul, W. A. Northcolt, Greenville, Ill.; head advisor, Benjamin B. Smith, Mankato, Minn.; head clerk, Charles McDonnell was chairman of the entertain-ment committee. The entertainment was a complete success. Ice cream and cake were served in the dining room after the entertainment. Dancing followed until the small W. Hawes, Fulton, Ill.; head banker, A. H. Hollister, Madison, Wis.; head physicians, R. hours of the morning. E. Beach, Vandalia, Ill.; C. A. McCollom, Minneapolis; J. B. Hibben, Topeka, Kan.; A. O. Faulkner, Lincoln, Neb.; E. Porterfield, Indianola, Ia.; head chaplain, F. F. Farmilee, Rockford, Ill.; head escort, W. H. Dawson, Clautico, Minn. head escort, W. H. Dawson, Clautico, Minn.

The district convention of district No. 2 was held at Minneapolis, Minn., on June 8 and was largely attended. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, past president of Nebraska lodge No. 93 of Lincoln, Neb., was elected representative to the supreme lodge, which meets in Wheeling, W. Va., July 8. The Omeha delegates to the convention report that they had a fine time while in Minneapolis

Johnson, Peabody, Kan.; A. R. Talbot, Lin-coln, Neb.; J. N. Reece, Springfield, Ill.; J. W. White, Rock Falls, Ill.; Marvin Quacken-The Ladies Circle of Golden Rod Grove, bush, Dundee, Ill.; auditing committee, C. D. Sharrow, Michigan; D. I. Thornton, Kansas Woodmen of the World, will give a literary and social entertainment at Myrtle hall, Continental block, on Thursday, June 20. Refreshments will be served. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

nual session in this city next Tuesday morn ing. Between 125 and 150 delegates are ex-pected to be present, representing nearly every state in the union. The large hall in Mecca Court No. 13, Tribe of Ben Hur, held a very interesting meeting Friday, June 14. Bestles taking in thirty-one applicants ing has been obtained. Tuesday morning the delegates will be welcomed to the city. The headquarters of the supreme council will be at the Millard hotel. On Thursday evening a banquet will be served to the delegates One afferment the delegates headquarters of the supreme council will be at the Millard hotel. On Thursday evening a banquet will be served to the delegates. One afternoon will be devoted to a carriage drive about the city. The session will last a banquet will be served to the delegates. One afternoon will be devoted to a carriage drive about the city. The session will last three or four days. There are three council of the order in this city. Washington council No. 1, Columbia council No. 3, and U. S.

See our line of new things for the

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the j star that makes the night resplendent, but Masonic grand lodge of the state of Nebraska was held in the Masonic temple in this city gorgeous Orion and their peers, and among was held in the Masonic temple in this city last week, convening Wednesday afternoon. This year all of the 266 blue lodges of the state were represented and more than 600 delegates were in attendance. The oration history only. It has to do with the living, moving, throbbing present. Nor is it unpreto the delegates was delivered Wednesday evening by Grand Orator Benjamin F.

Few are the institutions that live to look upon the graves of successive generations of empires. Against the adamantine walls of one, however, the restless waves of time have vainly rolled and dashed. Back of the pomp and splendor of modern kings, beyond the glitter and show of feudalism, before the

worldwide empires of the early Christian era, back of that dim period when the father of history first recorded the acts of men, even before the great Pythagoras wrestled his truths from the boundless realms of mathematics, the principles upon which our order is based were assuming tangible form and the great fraternal institution of the ages was slowly lifting itself into being and nfluence

Since then principles have contended, prevalled and been forgotten; arts have flourished and decayed; nations have risen, prospered and fallen forever. That which has survived must node possess a vital and enduring principle, must be animated and sustained by an ennobling spirit and must be grounded upon truth eternal. Free Masonry is in closest touch with

every human sympathy, and sympathy is as wide as earth and as deep as human feeling. Free Masonry lives and grows because it cultivates and encourages the spirit of brotherhood, because it molds human hearts together. From the expanding spirit of brotherhood in the race comes the good will of man to man and the world's hope in that It stays longed for era of universal peace. the bitter strife of selfishness and teaches the world the priceless joy that comes from the

ald we give to others Welcoming all beliefs, opening its doors to all nations, it gives to life a large horizon and a liberal spirit. It touches lives with nobility of purpose and gives to thought a

liberalizing tendency. In such an institution progress is the law of life. It grows with growing civilization. More than that, liberal and progressive, it helps to mold civilization itself. It is at once an effect and a cause.

As operative, it touched the art life of antiquity, and the stateliest structures rose and remained its monuments. It touched, beautified, transformed the operative world.

But every stage of human history has its seculiar function to perform. The higher forms of social and political, as well as of plant and animal life, spring from the lower. The growing centuries fill the world with new thought, spirit and purpose. The progressive elements of the old rule in the formation of the new,

So Free Masonry lived through the dark ages. It gathered new life when the world again came into the light. A new career opened before it. The mental and moral succeeded the mechanical; the speculative cellences of the art of all, so in this new age, the architects of character welcomed open-armed from every rank of life, minds tempered by refinement and hearts touched by the nobility of nature. It was broad, be-cause it held men of varied attainments and life attainments and hearts touched by the nobility of nature. It was broad, be-cause it held men of varied attainments and open-armed from every rank of life, minds tempered by refinement and hearts touched by the nobility of nature. It was broad, be-

velopment because animated by a liberal Till thou at length art free, differing convictions. It was capable of de-

little Breton peasant girl. cage and stepped forth. dol." blood is the oldest in Brittany." The elderly count glanced from the eager little face to the clumsy sabot's and burst Into amused laughter. "What is your name, then, mademolselle?' he asked. "They call me 'Toinette," responded the little maid, "but I am really Marie Antoinette de Lacherois-Jarnac." The count dropped his eyeglass and stared at the bird fancier. M. Lechaudel stared back at his patron. "Is she poking fun at me?" demanded the ormer, "or is she an idjot?" Then advancformer.

nudel.

"Tu-whit! Tu-whoo!"

But 'Toinette did not care about the fame of her pet bird. She loved him, for him-self alone, and because he was her only playfellow. So the two held long secret playfellow. So the two held long secret confabulations under the green baize cover-ing of the bg cage, "Tolnette telling her little sorrows to "Monseigneur" and "Mon-seigneur" blinking back at 'Tofnette in sil-ent sympathy. More Bihan rather approved of the strange friendship than otherwise. "After all," she would say (for your true Breton peasant is an aristocrat at heart) "after all it is natural that a De Lacherois should have much in comenon with a bird

should have much in common with a bird who knew all her great ancestors. It is better than running wild with the canaille of the village." So the intimacy grew and became very pleasant for 'Toinett

But pleasant things rarely last long.

II. One day a positive bombshell in the way of news exploded in the Bihan farm house. Maitre Lechaudel, a bird dealer, it seemed, came all the way from the Rue des Petits-Freres in the great city of Paris, to buy this wonderful white owi. The price offered seemed fabulous to Madam Bihan and her neighbors. But Maitre Lechaudel explained that he was merely acting as agent for a neighbors. But Maitre Lechaudel explained that he was merely acting as agent for a very great and very rich nobleman, who desired to add this rare specimen to his world-famous collection of birds. Poor "Toinette heard of the negotiations and bastened to implore Mere Bihan not to sell "Monseigneur." But Mere Bihan was

and nastened to impore and for final not to sell "Monseigneur." But Mere Bihan was poor and money is a specious argument. Maitre Lechaudel conquered, and it was ar-ranged that the bird, cage and all, should be shipped in his care to Paris on the mor-

row. That was a woeful night for 'Toinette. She did not trust herself to visit 'Monseig-neur' before retiring to bed. Her pillow was wet with tears and her heart ached with unutterable sorrow. Suddenly, about the still hour of midnight, when the yellow moon peeped through the lattice, like one of those hateful louis d'or which had tempted Mere Bahin, a great project sprang in the child's brain. 'Why not go to Paris with Monseigneur? Why not share the cage with her beloved owl?'

Monneigneur? Why not share the cage with her beloved owl?" Trembling with excitement 'Toinette slipped out of bed, and hastily robed herself in her simple short kirtle, warm stockings and hooded cloak. Then grasping her wooden shoes she hastened into the deserted kitchen where stood the cage of "Monseigneur." Quickly withdrawing the curtain she found the great yellow eyes of the owl fixed upon her with what seemed to be a look of pleadthe great yellow eyes of the owl fixed upon her with what seemed to be a look of plead-ing. That settled the matter to the little girl's mind. The cage was large enough for three 'Toinettes; so unbolting the door she elipped in among the straw, and wound her arms around "Monseigneur's" downy neck. The green baize curtain fell once more and all was darkness. But 'Monseigneur' ut-tered a single, solemn "twiloo!"--prohably a note of owlish gladness. a note of owlish gladness.

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orth it. Then there is the toy piano, a delightful when she awoke the uneven motion had Then there is the toy piano, a delightful little bijou of a present. This small instru-ment is made of cherry, finely polished. The hand board is elaborately carved, like those of the old-fashioned spinnet. The keys are all on good hammers and the tone excellent. been exchanged for one of great ease and comfort. Unknown to her the cage had been placed on the express train for Paris. been placed on the express train for Paris. "Monseigneur!" she called, to make sure that all was well, and the bird answered by a soft rustling of its feathers. He made a quiet fellow traveler, did the white owl. "Very cramped and sadly hungry was "Donette when the even onward motion finally ceased, and she heard around her a confused roar of voices that sounded like the mate along the Breing const."

finally ceased, and she heard around her a confused roar of volces that sounded like the sea along the Breton coast. "Can this," she asked, "be Paris" Paris in fact, it was; and after a long interval the cage was once more lifted by men who growled about its weight, and carried it to a source the men and when filled holds at least two quarts of the rest two quarts of the graduation alleeves.

SUMMER TOYS. Amusement for Roys and Girls During

Vacation. the bed. With the summer comes the outdoor games for children-those special novelties which great French lady, being especially fond of perfumes, but patchoull and vertivert would present themselves in the toy bazaar-and nost of them well worthy of mention. Every throw her into ecstacies. She liked music, too, but sharp, high notes affected her and sort of amusement is ready at hand for boys and girls of all ages, with a cheapness in price that is unrivaled, and one which meets the requirements of any purse, however slender.

For the seashore there is the wooden box, square in form, filled with good sized sand molds, in which shovels and a small wheel-barrow quite completes the outfit. These range of all sizes, from the small sum of 20 Navarre. cents to \$1.50.

But the genuine sand mill seems to be in the lead this season. One of those gorgeous and taking affairs of ladder effect which, after the pail is filled, lifts itself through the mill house by means of a wooden pipe. ready to be bagged and sold. This clever invention brings \$5. Another of rough construction is a ladder

candle was lit scamper ahead like a page. dull red. By a handle in the back the water pours out for daily use, and the pails, num-His companion was a beautiful puss, white as snow, and owing to her celestial purity



continued the teacher, "who can give me a sentence with girls—piural, remember?" This time only one hand was raised, and that belonged to a pretty little miss. "Please, ma'am," she said, with all the assurance

of primitive reasoning, "I can give a sen-tence. 'Giris, are my hat on straight?' " HER GRADUATION SLEEVES.

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Somerville Journal. Why does the sweet girl graduate Seem so preoccupied? Why does she haunt the dressmaker, As if she were a bride? All day, and half into the night, Her fancy visions weaves: She's putting her whole soul into Her graduation sleeves.

Maybe she has an ensay, too, On some important theme, Like, "How to make home happy," or "Are things just what they seem?" But that which, till a troubled sleep Her active brain relievos. Absorbs her thoughts is what she'll have For graduation sleeves.

spirit. Its movement was upward because it The green creature then sang a touched the loftlest sentiments and inspired French couplet about good wine, and the the noblest purposes of the race. It was cat, fleeing for her life, took refuge under strong because its whole structure was sup-

Madame Theophile had all the tastes of a ported by the Corinthian columns of manly character. The spirit of Free Masonry was in accord with the times. In this era a new lease of life had been given to the intellectual and moral forces of the world. Physical might

too, but sharp, high notes affected her and she would paw upon a singer's lips when such a high note distressed her. A third favorite was brought to Gautier from Havana by a friend. This was an Angora, white as a swan, the founder of the angora of the the part of the the part of the the the part of the part of the part of the part of the the part of the part o from Havana by a friend. This was an Angora, white as a swan, the founder of the "White Dynasty." He received the name of Peirrot, and as he grew older and more digni-fied this was extended to Don Pierrot de the difference of the same of the sam He always loved to be with peo-It lived for the world's betterment new. ple, adored Goutier's literary friends, and Every means devised to improve and uplift used to sit silently when they discussed humanity was an instrument in its hands used to sit silently when they discussed on one side and occasionally making a little cry. He used to play with books, turning over the leaves with his paws and going to sleep on top of them. Like Childebrand he used to sit by the author when he was at user and watch his nen move across the work and watch his pen move across the paper with intense interest. He never went to bed until Guatier returned home and no matter how late it was, he would bound out of the dark to greet him, and so soon as the

literary emulation and in social intercourse, the fraternal spirit has quickened, deepened, intensified, until in busy marts, in legislative halls, upon the bench and in every she was named "Scraphita" for Balzac's useful and honorable walk of life throughout Christendom our brothers discharge their delicate duties and honor their high posi-

Mamma-Here is an English cousin, dear, whom you have never seen. Little Girl (whisperingly)-Shall I have to speak English to him, mamma? Teacher-Can you tell me, Johnny, why

Teacher-Can you tell me, Johnny, why Satan goes about the earth like a roaring lion? Johnny-Cause he can't cut any ice in the place where he lives when he's to home converge. The stronger and more persistent influences must chiefly determine the result Into the various channels of human ac-

Into the various channels of human ac-tivity our ancient order has ever been pour-ing the streams of purest influence and highest purpose. Guarding carefully the cul-tivation of the mind, it has yet bent its chief efforts upon the heart. It has labored Johnny-Maw, I should think it would be a heap more careless to cast pearls before chickens than to cast 'em before swine. His Mother-Why so, Johnny? Johnny-'Cause

chicken, of which the little daughter of the house had partaken with great freedom. "I want some more chicken," said Frances. "I want some more chicken, said Frances. I think you have had as much as is good for you, dear," replied Frances' mamma. "I want more," and Frances pouted. "You can't have more now, but here is a wishwidening throughout the world, touching hearts, moulding lives and ennobling men. In its onward march Free Masonry has al-ways, like every other agency for good, been bone that you and mamma can pull. That will be fun. You pull one side and I'll pull the other, and whoever gets the longer end onfronted by one tireless opponent in the world. Human selfishness is the great re-tarder of progress and destroyer of peace. can have her wish come true. Why, baby, you've got it! What was your wish, Fran-ces?" "I wish for some more chicken," said Frances promptly. She got it this time. It enters the home and every social delight is marred, duiled and deformed. It enters the church, and Christian influences are A teacher of one of the lower grades of a ity school was endeavoring to impress upon weakened by wrangling counsels. It takes its place in social circles, and content and confidence flee at its approach. It her pupils the fact that a plural subject takes a verb in the plural. "Remember this," she said; "girls are; a girl is, a boy is. Now and connecte here at its approximate the connect here will be an its approximate the statesman's life, and the general welfare is swallowed up in individual interests. Against this tendency the fraternal spirit has always stood pitted. It draws mearer the hearts, and do you understand it?" Every hand in the room was raised in assent. "Well, then," dency the fraternal spirit has always shoul pitted. It draws nearer the hearts, and makes more uniform the purposes of men. It adds to the ploiding toil of life the in-spiration of a common purpose and a com-mon hope. It lifts men out of the narrow-"Please, ness of their lives alone, into the breadth and scope and purpose of many lives. It enlightens the mind and liberalizes the enlightens the mind and liberalizes the thoughts of men. Selfashness is the spirit of darkness; fraternity the spirit of light. The one is morose, discouraging, grasping; the other cheerful, encouraging, generous. The one smiles at its neighbor's weakness; the other rejoices in his strength. The success of the one is the sogrow of many; the victory of the other is the signal for general rejoicing. The one worships at the altar of self; the other kneels before the shrine of truth. The one battles against the world, the other for it. Selfishness be-longs to time; fraternity is linked with eternity.

Before this spirit of fraternity the barriers alike of rank and nationality fall. Pledged to a common object, imbued with common principles, the distant may be brothers. At instructs the member, some may join for come a member, some may join for reason. and brain work to the same high end, there is abor "The best reason I can give for being a "The best reason I can give for being a solution of the order is that I thought I s stands revealed in the result of their labor the strength and beauty of united efforts.

Leaving thy outgrown shell by life resting sea.

Free Masonry is fitted to every possible delopment of the world, to every po sible improvement in the conditions of life. It voice will ever be on the side of such develo; Its ment and its efforts will contribute to such improvement. Secure in its past, watchful of its present, hopeful of its future, it will continue its victorious march, clad in the mystic armor of truth, down through the long stretch of the conturies.

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Masonic grand lodge of the state of Nebraska was held in this city last week, nearly 400 delegates being in attendance.

Work in the past master's degree begun Wednesday evening, when fifty candidates were the object of attention, and was completed Thursday evening.

Much of the time was devoted to the con-sideration of the reports of committees. An important feature was the report of the committee on codification of laws, appointed at the last session. It was recognized as an able and thoroughly meritorious report, the aim of the committee being mainly to simplify the law as before worded by eliminating all unnecessary verbiage and con-densing paragraphs. So well was the work done that no discussion preceded the unant-mous adoption of the report, and copies of

mous adoption of the report, and copies of the new code will be ready for distribution, it is thought, in thirty days. A decision by the grand master within the year that all appointive officers of a subordinate lodge must be appointed by the master, found favor with the committee on marter, hound have what he commute on jurisprudence and as great favor with the grand lodge. Heretofore it has been the custom that one of such officers be ap-pointed by a superior officer other than the master. Fraternal responsive greatings were received by telegraph from the grand lodges of South Dakots Vermont Wisconsin Oreof South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, Ore-gon and other states. The election of officers resulted:

Grand master, Henry H. Wilson of Lin-coln; deputy grand master, Charles J. Phelps; grand senior warden, James P. Dinsmore; grand junior warden, Frank Young of Broken Bow; grand secretary, W. R. Bowen; grand treasurer, Christian Hartman.

A prominent New York Mason gives this statement as a satisfactory explanation why men still join that society:

"Men join that famous order or society generally unsolicited, because they have formed a favorable opinion of it from what they have been told and what they have read about it, and very few ever leave it volun-tarily. It possesses the attraction of fellow-ship with men who have been found worthy to be accepted in its ranks, and who, there-fore, will be pleasant companions. It is based on allegory, and teaches many valuable les-sons in morality, and its tendencies are to-ward the knitting together of a brotherhood of man. As it is in all societies where men are brought together in intimate relation, each one feels a responsibility for the suc cess of the fraternity resting on his shoul-ders. Unworthy men may get in, but they soon find that they have wandered into the wrong fold and will get out again The order is so organized that if a man joins for mercenary motives he soon bed mes marked, and is either radically cured of his error or drops out. Many men join because they believe it to be a good thing to belong to an order as universal as Masonry is, and which gives him the privilege of visiting kindred lodges all over the world, with his Masonry as a practical letter of introduction to those who would otherwise be strangers. Others desire to find a body of men with whom they can become intimately acquainted and maintain pleasant relations.

"Undoubtedly there are many people igno-rant of the order and its objects who have many erroneous notions about the order, such as, for instance, the supposed immunity from punishment for wrongs committed by aid of the order and protection given by the members. This is absolutely faise. On the ntrary, the order will punish wrong-doings by its members, and will not conceal a ber's misdoings.

"As everyone cannot join the order, and therefore it is a mark of preferment to come a member, some may join for that

the strength and beauty of united efforts. What Freemasonry has done for the world is what its craftsmen of character in every land together have achieved. It is not one



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