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BY GERTRUDE SMITH.

'Why, sister, isn't this our birthday?" "Yes, I suppose it is."

"I declare it completely slipped my mind, so much happening! I never failed before to stir up a cake. Did you remember it? "Oh. yes, I remembered it. I couldn't laughter and song. well forget it with such a fine present com-

The sisters were sitting on either side of a wide open fire in high back chairs. So the others had retired that he arrived. Amy exactly alike were they in form and feature was greatly amused and surprised the next and dress that only one who knew them well could have told them apart.

Their fingers were busy with knitting. Jane's work was a scarlet and orange afghap. Hulda was rounding off the toe of a pair of gray woolen stockings.

In the center of the room by the clawlegged table a young girl sat, apparently reading, though her eyes rested on the two figures before the fire.

What present did you get, Jane?" Hulda stopped her work and looked over her glasses. Jane smiled and nodded her head toward the young girl seated by the

The tall clock that stood on the winding staircase at the end of the long drawing room struck 1. The three started and looked around, and the girl threw down her book and sprang to her feet, laughing.

"Old Father Time has come to life," she "He objects to our being so quiet. Come, Aunt Hulda, let us do something to celebrate Aunt Jane's birthday. Aunt Jane, what shall we do to celebrate Aunt Hulda's birthday?"

The eyes of the two elder ladies were still fixed on the clock and they made no answer. The girl came and stood on the hearth rug, and, stooping, took Jane's face between her small, plump hands and kissed Then, catching up the afghan, she ran down the room and up the stair and threw it over the face of the clock. The sisters laughed merrily.

"That was the hour we two came into the world," said Hulda. "You can't say but it was rather startling to have the old clock ring out that hour. It hasn't made a move to my knowledge since you went away,

"Oh, well, it just happened, Aunt Hulda," Amy answered with the happy carelessness of youth. "Besides, it isn't 1 o'clock now. It is only 7:30." She danced across the room and seated herself at the piano. "Come, Aunt Jane, let us sing something."

"Why, child, I can't sing."

"You used to sing beautifully." "I'm afraid you forget that we've grown old since you went away. People don't sing much as a rule when they are 60," The girl wheeled about on the music stool

and shook her finger at the covered clock. "You have done this," she said. "You pretended to be sitting up there doing nothng all these years, but you've proven tonight that you're up to your old tricks, running away with the years."

The sisters laughed again. You used to stand and talk to that clock when you didn't come up to the drops of the weights, Amy," said Hulda.

"We've a long account to settle," Amy answered, shaking her head. "To come home and find you both so quiet and complaining of growing old, when we used to have such sit down in the corner and grow old, too?"

Hulda rolled up her work and stood up. "I suppose we do seem changed, child," she said anxiously, "What can we do to turned, amuse her, Jane?'

"Don't mind what I say, dears. You are make a sketch of you. 'We might dance the minuet," said Jane,

standing by her sister's side. "That used to the doorway. amuse her greatly when she was a child." about your doing that."

She turned to the piano and began the Romeo and Juliet!" merry music of the minuet. Daintily the two little old ladies stepped forward in time to the music. Their small faces at first were grave with the desire to please, but presently at the young people who had followed Amy the melody entered their hearts. Their faces into the room. "Well, we need both houses lost the dull line of years and shone with the pleasure of youth.

Jane's hair fell out of coil and hung in soft silver curls about her face. Hulda and across the road to his own home among picked up her skirts and tripped airily away, showing her trim little feet in blue em broidered slippers.

"You do it even better than you used to! Amy cried, clapping her hands as the music came to an end. "I never saw any one more graceful and pretty than you two are! Sixty isn't old! Why, you could go to Washington and be the belies of the season yet if you pect to be able to keep it all through the only wanted to! You have just stayed here in the country and you haven't any idea how lovely you are." The sisters looked at each other and

smiled. Jane slipped her hand into Hulda's. "We haven't been discontented, or I suppose we would have made a venture out into the world," she said.

"I wish you would make a venture this winter," said Amy, seriously. "There is no need of our staying here. Uncle James says he has invited you repeatedly to come to Washington. I said I'd stay all winter, but I don't believe I can, it is so lonely."

"We have never been lonely," said Hulda, after a short silence, "but of course we've always had the thought that you were coming to live with us when you finished school. It will be different when you go away this

Amy ran and threw her arms around

"It is a beautiful home, dears, and you know I love you both as though you were my mothers, but it is so still and solemn here, and you know I haven't been used

'We might recite her some of the plays. Huldo," said Jane.

"What plays?" asked Amy, eagerly. "Yes, I'm sure that would amuse her," said Hulda. "I hope you don't think, Amy, that we are women who settle down and spend all our time and mind on our work."

The two left the room, and Amy was presently surprised by their returning dressed in costume. With the first lines she knew they were dressed to represent Portia and Nerissa. With surprising ability in recitation and action they went through the well known scene from the "Merchant of ing more amusing than melodrama. What They could not have had a more appreci-

ative audience.

Amy recalled them again and again with a storm of applause

of their solitude and leisure in learning stepped. His first words held his listeners' from beginning to end a number of plays of attention: "He jests at scars who never Shakespeare, and for amusement had felt a wound." brought several chests of costumes, and behad acted many parts together.

an inner room they were in the costume of than they had in private study for their own Rosalind and Celia in the forest of Arden. part that it certainly entered the border-

"Brave!" cried Amy in great excitement. "We'll not go to Washington; we'll have Washington come to us. We'll send a lot sleighing was perfect. The wind had swept of invitations and have the gayest home the river bare for miles. Every morning a party that was ever known in the country. To this plan Hulda and Jane gave slow out between the wooded banks.

A month later every guest chamber in the fine old country house was occupied. The news of his sisters' wonderful accom- hood.

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for twenty years. They were mostly the brother's friends and Amy's, who made the place gay with But one room was reserved for a guest

whom Hulda and Jane had specially in-It was late one evening after all morning when she met on the stair one of the nearest neighbors-an old gentleman who lived just across the country road. "Why, Mr. Weston!" she exclaimed, "are

you the guest of honor?" He was a tall, handsome man with a

nost dignified bearing.

this house," he replied, holding out his between two. hand. "The girls thought I couldn't really be one of the party unless I closed my house and came over bag and baggage. Now, if you don't mind, Amy, just keeping was but a few rods ahead! Now Amy was it to yourself, let them think I'm a dignitary from some remote quarter of the globe, and they will appreciate me, but if they know I'm John Weston, who lives

across the road, I'll figure for a simpleton." "No, indeed, you wouldn't," Amy laughed. 'You'll be the life of the party. I hoped you'd come over every day, as you always do, but it will be so much nicer to have

Half an hour later, when the merry party had gathered at the breakfast table, the guest of honor was presented. No one had



ever a truer gift of conversation than John Weston. He naturally assumed the position of his long friendship with the family and it was noticed that Hulda and Jane de ferred to him in all things, as though they were used to depending on his judg-

The following day it was rumored that the sisters intended giving the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet" in their first ap pearance before their guests.

Amy had been out sleighing all the after noon with a number of the young people good times! Shall I get some knitting and and had not known that her aunts intended representing these juvenile lovers. The only way to conquer it is to pursue it steadfor the amusement when the party re-

so pretty and picturesque sitting there in winding staircase. "I'll have to run over cloth, which in any but judicious hands i fireplace I'll get my sketchbook out and bine," he was saying to the man who was

There was a burst of merry laughter in "Oh, Mr. Weston, what are you doing?

Jane and Aunt Hulda surely can't act "Can't they? Wait till you see them try it. You heard me say that I live across Flannelette makes the best dust cloths, and the road, didn't you?" he added, smiling squares of it are now sold ready hemmed for

to circle around in anyway." With a girl on each arm John Weston presently went down the snow-beaten path

the evergreens, "I asked Amy who lived here the other day," said one of the girls, "and she said:

'An old gentleman who spent all his time with his books.' I've been so interested vondering what you were like. What made ou keep it secret that you lived here?" "Oh, just for sport. I didn't really ex-

"But this is such a beautiful home!" "There isn't a finer interior in the counry." said John Weston proudly. 'Do you live here all alone?"

"Well, I'm over the way a great deal and they are over here." "Oh, how artistic!" the other of the girls

exclaimed as they entered the hall. "You've been abroad. Only people who travel have houses that look like this.' "I have been in every country that I ever heard of," John Weston replied, smiling. 'Now just roam around and make your-

selves at home." One of the girls wandered away, but the other sat down and fixed her bright eyes on the erect old man before her.

"Well, what is it, my child?" he asked, "Will you think I am very rude if I ask

"No, indeed; you may ask me anything "Do you love both of them just the same?

John Weston's face flushed like a boy's smiling, he shook his head. "Is that answer sufficient?" he asked.

"But how do you know? They are just alike. None of us can tell them apart." "They are no more alike than you and I,

he replied gravely "I suppose I shall know which it is if wait patiently," the girl said with a pert little toss of her head.

"Never!" John Weston answered quickly; but if you live long enough you may know what friendship is when it is free from sel-The guests gathered in the long drawing

room that evening were prepared for nothcould Jane know of Juliet's supreme surrender of love? How could a little old lady of 60 be other than amusing as the ardent young Montague? The room was but faintly lighted when

The two little ladies had used the years from out the garden thicket young Romeo

If Jane and Hulda Wainright had em fore the long mirrors of the drawing room ployed their years in earnest efforts to win the attention of an admiring public they When they again appeared to Amy from could not have succeeded more completely pleasure and improvement. The old house So perfect was their presentation of this rang with applause as the scene came to an

This was the beginning of a series of entertainments. Surely a month like this had never been spent in the country. party of skaters were seen gliding in and John Weston was the leader of the out-

door sports. Skating was a pastime he had clung to with the enthusiasm of his boy-It was good to see the bale old

gentleman in his fur-trimmed coat and cap gliding on before with an ease of motion that only years of river skating can per-

The mystery of untold love that hovered about him made him of continual interest to the young people. The girl who had dared to question him wove many pretty little romances, in which Jane and Hulda alternately appeared as beroines. She watched the sisters closely, hoping to read the secret in one of their faces, but the brown eyes of each wore the same gentle confidence whenever they spoke with their

One evening, when the moon was full, several of the party had gone down the river to skate for an hour or two. The later hours were to be spent in dancing, and the drawing room was being put in readiness. While they were buckling on their skates Amy proposed a race.

"I'll race the party," said John Weston. 'Age against youth. If one reaches the bridge before me I'll pay any forfeit he may

They rounded the wooded point, and were off for a clear half-mile to the bridge. After "I've always been an honored guest in the first few minutes the competition rested Amy and John Weston were speeding or

together. Shouting and cheers followed them. The white arch of the stone bridge in advance waving her muff above her head! A moment later they had reached the bridge and were resting in the shadow.

"Well, little girl, what is my forfeit to be?" John Weston asked laughing. "O." said Amy, breathing hard. do you love best in all the world?" "That isn't fair.

"Yes, it is," she laughed; "if you had won I should have paid any forfeit you asked.' "When you are as old as I am you will not make a jest of love. I'll pay my for-

feit, but I'm disappointed in you, Amy." He leaned forward and whispered the name in her ear, then turned about skated under the arch of the bridge. poor little victor flew after him.

"O, forgive me!" she cried, clinging to his arm. "It was all in fun! I didn't expect you to tell me!

He put his arm around her, as they still skated on, but made no reply. After a few moments they were overtaken by the rest of the party, and all joining hands, skated back up the river.

When the house was reached the dancing had already begun. Amy stood at one side, with John Weston's confidence heavy at her heart, watching her aunts in their pretty lilac silks, as they glided by her. They seemed more alike to her than ever before. But she knew even better than

John Weston how unlike they were. She knew, too, how inseparable was their love for each other. It was like reading a story, unfinished and very sad, she thought But afterward, in thinking about the near friendship the three enjoyed, and their life of study and close interest, it did not

seem so sad after all. Before another year had passed the name: of Jane and Hulda Weinright were widely known, and their home came to be in time mecca to all artists and students of Shakespeare.

HOW TO DUST FURNITURE.

Feather Duster Should Not Be Used. for There Are Better Ways. Dust is always a grief of mind to the careil housewife, who, like the virtuous woman of holy writ, looketh well to the ways of

her husband. It hath all seasons for its own, and the drawing room was being set in readiness ily, says the Philadelphia Times. A feather duster is an abomination except for the tops of pictures, etc., since it only stirs up the John Weston, acting as stage architect, dust from one spot in order to allow it to was hanging a painted screen against the settle on another, while wiping with a damp those high-back chairs by that grand old home and get my screen with the wood- apt to be a wet one, is too apt to smear the niture All furniture should be duste egularly with due regard to the corners

where most of the dust accumulates. The best thing for carved furniture is soft, thick paint brush, which will get into "Oh, do," cried Amy. "I'd forgotten Amy exclaimed, running forward. "Aunt all the interstices of the pattern. When these are clogged take another brush, wet with kerosene oil, to clean them out. After using the oil rub dry with a soft cloth. the purpose in our large stores.

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Anticipation of a Good Meeting of the Western Miners. SALT LAKE, Utah, May 24 .- (Special.) The following statement of the progress made in preparations for the International Mining congress in this city commencing July 6, has been made by W. D. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee:

"We are meeting with hearty suppor from all over the country, and the prospects are that the convention will be the largest of its kind ever held. We expect about 3,000 delegates, not from this country only, but from many of the leading nations of the world. The program committee is working hard on the program, which will be ready for publication in as few weeks. There will be several very important matters to come before the convention which will have a decidedly moral effect upon the mining industry. A committee was appointed last year to present to congress a plan for making a Mines and Maning department, the head of the same to have a position on the where a party defendant gave his promisfrom all over the country, and the prospects head of the same to have a position on the president's cabinet. That committee will report what it has accomplished,

"Another committee was appointed to codify the mining laws. This is a very important matter, as it is well known that some parts of the United States mining laws are open to reriticism. During the convention a movement will be set on foot to bring together the mining laws of the different states and districts. The idea is to have all the laws as near alike as possible. Concentrated action is wanted to bring about harmony. Some of the features of the present tariff that bear upon our products and mining machinery and also upon articles used in the concentrating of ores will be discussed and an attempt will be made to have them changed for the betterment of the industry.

"The convention this year will be unusually important as every line of mining will be discussed. Last year the convention confined itself to the discussion of a few of the most important precious minerals. This year every kind of mineral will be discussed, neluding iron, salt, aluminum, etc.

"Another feature of the convention will be the mineral exhibit of the minerals from our state. Specimens will be procured of every known mineral in the state, which includes, besides the well known minerals, salt, aluminum, mica, etc. The mineral resources of Utah are commencing to attract the attention of the outside world, and foreign capital is commencing to be brought

into the state for the development of them. "The Mormons have very kindly given as the permission to use their assembly hall in which to meet. If that will not be large enough we can use the Tabernacle. The entertainment committee is making extensive arrangements for the entertainment of the guests, one of the principal events being a concert in the Tabernacle, during which the Mormon chorus of 500 voices will sing.

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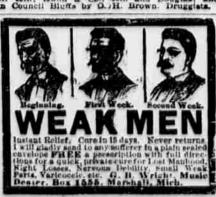
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He simply disavowed any intention of making more than one woman his wife and escaped before she rallied.

SUPREME COURT SYLLIBI.

County of Perkins against Miller. Error from Perkins county. Reversed and remanded. Norval, J.

The official bond of a county clerk is not void by reason of its being in joint form, instead of joint and several as required by

Error from Douglas county. Reversed. Ryan C.

Where a party defendant gave his promissory note in renewal of his past due note which had been given partly in consideration of the conveyance to him of certain lots by the payee named on both notes, such maker cannot defeat an action against him on the renewal note in the hands of an assignee thereof before due by showing that at the time when said renewal note was executed the payee promised to cause improvements to be made which would enhance the value of the said lots, the time fixed for the performance of such promise being subsequent to the date when the note was, in fact, assigned to plaintiff.

Alling against Fisher. Appeal from Dawes county. Affirmed. Irvine C.

In the review of cases by appellate proceedings in this court, the transcript being slient as to matters before the district court, it will be presumed that the facts there disclosed were of such character as to warrant the judgment rendered.

2. If a bill of exceptions discloses that important evidence has been therefrom omitted, authentication of the bill that it contains all the evidence will not control, and in such case the finding will not be disturbed as unsupported by the evidence.

Twinting against Finley. Appeal from Douglas county. Affirmed. Norvai J.

Evidence held insufficient to establish the defense of payment.

2. The failure of an assessor to attach his

Evidence and insuncient to establish the defense of payment.

2. The failure of an assessor to attach his oath to, and return the same with, the assessment roll are irregularities merely, which do not affect the validity of the tax.

Leeder against State. Error from Douglas county. Reversed and dismissed. Norval J.

In this state a decree awarding permanent allimony is enforceable in the same manner as judgments at law.

2. Ordinarily the non-compliance with an order for the payment of permanent all-meny is not punishable as for contempt of

court.

Darner against Daggett. Error from Dawson county. Affirmed. Ryan C.

In an action for damages because of false representations made by the vendor as to the correctness of an invoice of the goods sold, held there was no prejudicial error in permitting a witness to testify that certain goods were old when that fact was important in determining their real value tested by the invoice; and, that this was especially the case, in view of the fact that the court afterwards instructed the jury that it should not take such evidence into

account as furnishing a basis for recovery because of the quality of the goods in ques-tion being defective. Filger against Marder-Luse & Co. Error from Madison county. Affirmed. Harri

Fliger against Marder-Luse & Co. Error from Madison county. Affirmed. Harri son C. J.

In an action of replevin all who are parties are bound by the judgment.

2. The judgment in a replevin suit may award a part of the property to each of two or more defendants.

3. The obligation of the sureties in the undertaking, by virtue of which the plaintiff in replevin obtains possessien of property taken under the writ is to the party or parties obligees to whom the judgment on the issues accords a recovery.

4. In replevin, where there are two or more defendants and the property has been taken under the writ and delivered to the plaintiff after execution by sureties of the prescribed undertaking, if, by the judgment, the entire property is awarded to one defendant the rights thus accorded may be enforced in an action by such defendant alone, without a joinder of other parties named obligees in the undertaking.

Bush against State. Error from Fillmore county. Reversed. Ryan C.

A plea in bar is, by our statute, to be deemed a waiver of a plea in abatement, and this is held to follow where both pleas are presented by a single pleading.

2. Where the allegations of a plea in bar, librally and fairly contrued, substantially state that the prisoner has before, by a court having jurisdiction, had a judgment of acquittal, the truth of the averments of the plea must be determined by a jury. Simpson against State Bank of Ceresco. Appeal from Saunders county. Affirmed. Irvine C.

In an action of trover against a mort-

In an action of trover against a mort-gages of goods by one claiming to have pur-chased from the mortgager prior to the mortgage, evidence examined and held to sustain a finding that the contract relied on was executory and that title had not

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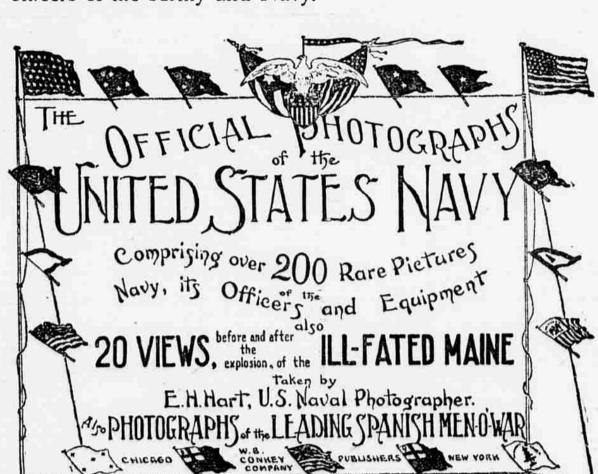
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