Slarr T. Holmes.

Among the writers of fiction no name is better known or better loved than that of Mary J. Holmes. She is an in-defatigable worker, and while the hours from 9 until 12 are usually spent at her desk, it is no uncommon thing to see her wandering among her flowers in her large well tilled yard; the latter separated by a trellis from the smooth, even lawn in front. It is very pretty, the low, broad cottage with its broad piazza, its cosy nooks and corners, its bay windows, its ferns and flowers, with white marble statuary gleaning through the trees. We enter first the wide halt with its warm lights and birds and pass from these to the drawing rooms; the arrangements of the rooms are wholly unconventional. Here we find rare and costly paintings, from foreign lands; there a rare bit of china, so fragile that we fear lest it melt like a snowflake and vanish from eight. We enjoy to the utmost our first visit to Brown cottage, and we listen to the full, soft, rich tones describing a visit to Vesuvius and the buried city of Pompeii, we are charmed by our charming hostess and come away delighted with our visit.

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At last, dear loving heart with thee! How sweet to know this dust of ours. Minging, with feed the seli-same flowers-The scent of leaves, the song bird's tone At once across our rest be blown. One breadth of sun, one sheet of rain

Make green the earth above us twain; Ah, sweet and strange, for I should be Atlast, dear tender heart, with thee. But half the earth may intervene

Thy place of rest and mine between-And leagues of land and wastes of waves May stretch and toss between our graves bed with summer light be warm, While snow drifts heap, in wind and storm, My pillow, whose one thorn will be, Beloved, that I am not with thee.

But if there be a blissful sphere Where homesick souls, divided here, And wandering wide in useless quest. Shall find their longed for haven of rest. If in that higher, happier birth We meet the joys we missed on earth, All will be well, for I shall be, At last, dear loving heart, with thee. ELIZABETH AKERS ALLEN.

"MISS ANNA"

Coffee had just been served and the room was filled with smoke and that genial afterglow of pleasant, remniscent talk that always follows a good dinner, and especially a dinner where old friends have met, old friendships been revived and old stories told. These men had been comrades in war and served under the same flag, held the same political opinions and sufturned towards him and said: "Well, Harrison, we are waiting

Harrison smiled deprecatingly,

gazed into the fire, and then began the third at eleven. After this period the following in his soft, Southern drawl: Well, my story happened when we were in Georgia, just outside of Marietta, and our mess consisted of six men-two Georgians, one Alabamian, a Virginian, myself and a Creole with

trees, named, singularly enough,

that would charm the birds from the

I shall never forget the broken, were busy with the men who had fal-tender, deprecating little reply that len in the day's fight. In the farthest came from Parsons, and how we con. Corner of the room lay Parsons. I knelt down by him and took his hand. sented at last to sing. His face was He smiled faintly, reassuringly and so rapt as he sat beating time with whispered: his forefinger and occasionally quav-"It's not so hard-it was so quick,

men and their charge.

"Miss Anna!"

der, wifely kisses.

ering out an effective" Dying To-night, Dying To-night," we sang as if our very life blood was ebbing away, that I began to realize the absolute long, Harrison, that I thought every-Dying To-night," we sang as if our very life blood was ebbing away, thing very clearly out, and I'm sorry. cowardice of ridiculing a perfectly innocent, unconscious man. I began How could those fellows know! I am afraid I lost my temper. I'm such a to try and shield him from the fundevil of a fellow when I lose my temmakers, and was finally joined by Orphee, who became and eloquent partisan. As for Parsons, he grew rison, I beg pardon, old fellow-but, almost to worship the handsome, Miss Anna! His eyes apologized amply for this inquiry, and I went in search of the

sweet-voiced ad. One luckless afternoon, Parsons, Orphee and I strolled off together, leaving "Miss Anna" to the mercies of our mess; but tormented by some vague presentment of evil, I induced and moved through the door with my companions to return a little earlier than they intended. As we have been a strange sight, a halfneared the tent my ear caught the dozen men and a goat marching solsound of derision that came first from | emnly up the aisle of the rude cabin, our Virginian, and were then finally but to the credit of human nature, be caught up by the others and then it said, nobody laughed or seemed to ended in peal after peal of laughter. observe the humorous side of the We pushed eagerly in. Alas! "Miss situation. Anna," decked out in the most ridic-

ulous toggery, had been tied between four stakes driven into the ground and the men were engaged in pricking her with pine burrs until the poor animal fairly writhed with agony. In a minute we had freed her and Parsons held the poor bleeding creature close to his breast. His small, square figure seemed to rise and dilate with a certain sense of superior power, as he turned his blanched face and blazing eyes upon the crowd.

"You call yourselves gentlemen, he said harshly, "you who have tortured a poor, dumb, defenseless creature left in your care. Thank God, my meaning of the word is dif-old frank smile of appreciation he ferent! You have no excuse. You are all supposed to be men and hon-orable men, men who are fighting The river rushed and sang, the orable men, men who are fighting

for the rights of their country, and yet you can amuse yourself with rowful pines, but distinct and clear such senseless cruelty as you have rose the voice of Orphee, that sweet practiced this afternoon. You have high tenor, thrilling with tears and branded yourselves as cowards and liars, for"-and here his voice reached the chorus, and the "dying broke suddenly-"I trusted you." There was an ominous, threatening stir in the little tent, and several close to his breast. The woarded men stepped out towards the speak- men turned on the rough floor, the er, picturesque in his very unpictur-esqueness, whose grotesque figure and one little fellow, his breast shot

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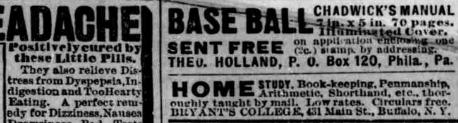
ness of the Parents-How Parents, by a Lack of Precaution and Care, are Responsible for the Deaths of their Children.

Lost! Not in the streets of the city, not in the woods, but lost to the parents through death! The report of the Board of Health in New York shows that more than one-third of all deaths during the summer are children. Cholera infantum, teething, ummer troubles, unripe fruit-all are at war with



Omaha, Neb.





summer are children. Cholera infantum, teeting, summer troubles, unripe fruit-all are at war with the little creature whom it is the parents' solemn duty to protect. Nearly all these sad deaths might have been avoided. Parents thoughtlessly neglect their children, but they are none the less criminally responsible. Watch the tender child that heaven has sent you. Do not wait for the approach of sick-ness, but fortify its little body against the terrible evils of summer. Millions of disease germs are con-stantly attacking and find an easy home in the child. Kill the germs. The simplest and surest way to do this is always the best. Put two drops of Ferry Da-vis's Pain Killer in the child's liquid food. This will kill the germs-will prevent disease. It is wonder-ful what an effect this simple precaution has. One mother, writing on the subject says: "Money could not tempt me to go through the summer without a bottle of Perry Davis's Pain Kill-er close at hand. I lost one child that I am certain could have been saved hnd I used this remedy, and I have always felt responsible for its death. None of my children have since been sick during the sum-mer, which is due to my care and the Tree use of Pain Killer." There are thousands of parents following the same course, and the constant health of their children is their reward. No parent can afford to risk the life of a child when so sure and simple a means of safe-ty can be secured. Authority in the Gov't Printing Office and U.S. Supreme Court. Sup'ts of Schools and the leading **College Presidents.** ushed in this country are based upon

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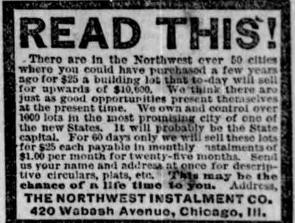
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"Miss Anna," too, walked or biscuit in the house. came a subject of never ending spec-Enables one pair of hands to do the In France they have applied electricity up and down uneasily, sniffing the "Oh, well,' says old Jones, 'pies ulation to the mess. He was very to the playing of organs. work of several ; millions use it ; millair and rubbing her nose against any quiet and unobtrusive, never resentand cakes will do. Opium in China. convenient shoulder. As we sat thus ions more will when they learn its value. ing, although contriving to evade, impertment questions, and bearing "An' pies an' cakes it had to be. A Yellow book, recently published by our lieutenant called in to me: You can read, write, sew, wash order of the inspector general of cus-"Harrison, step here a minute." everything with a good nature toms in China, discloses an enormous Vaccination. dishes, prepare the meals, care for the I arose and went out a little undevelopment in the native production amounting to stupidlty. As for the Vaccination, which is compulsory WASHING COMPCUND THE GREAT INVENTION FOR SAVING TOIL & EXPENSE of opium. There are ten districts in baby while Pearline is washing the goat, she became the hapless butt of steadily. which the native article is largely in "Parsons was hurt last night on in England, is optional is France. the whole division. We called her clothes for you almost without the aid use. In some cases it has driven the guard, and has asked to see you. derisively "Miss Anna," treating her Post hoc, the smallpox death averforeign opium out of the market, and in of hands. It cannot hurt the most deliwith an amount of mock considera-Go now; there isn't much time I'm many the two are blended. In one dis-VITHOUT INJURY TO THE age is 0.31 per 1,000 in the large cate of hands or fabrics. It saves your tion that made Parsons' eyes fairly | afraid." trict the annual production is estimated cities of France, as against 0.04 in He turned to lead the way. glisten with appreciation. The at £6,000,000 in value, and the funny hands one-half their work, in fact, when this country during the same period. "I may tell them?" I said. thing about it is that this all goes on in second night after their arrival we "No use,' he answered shortly, as you have anything to wash or clean. Of course this looks conclusive, to spite of government prohibition. At began to sing, as usual, when the this rate the opium trade difficulty in Orphee's stricken face appeared in the ordinary man, in favor of our Virginian rose, and in a speech, the you will find sooner or later that Pyle's India is in a fair way to settle itself. the doorway. own practice. No doubt, however, delicate humor of which I shall not PEARLINE is the best thing with -London Truth. Well, I followed him to the rude hut the anti-vaccinationists will give attempt to reproduce, begged that Albert Burch, West Toledo, Ohio says-"Hall's Catarrh Cure saved my life," which to do it. quite another reason for the differ-"Miss Anna's rest should not be selected for our hospital. It was Many hands are engaged in peddling imitations of Fearline-or goods which they claim to be "as good as Pearline,"-IT'S FALSE-Pearline is not peddled. 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Orphee. We became a very tuneful them back. The goat turned and set under his inspiration, and ex-Ad. | much generosity. Our favorite air was that famous camp song, "Tenthis anger, everything, and he whising on the Old Camp Ground." You pered to her in soft, caressing tones. should have heard us sing it. Orphee's tenor, my baritone, and the three other fellows chiming in softly, until the very pine trees stopped to us through the water, and it was whispering to listen, and the fire your milk that kept us alive. Everyburned softly in admiration, and war thing then depended on your somehow did not seem so hard and strength. We called our baby after cruel. Well, one dark night we were sitting around the fire, discussing with unwearied enthusiasm the prosnot forgive this day's work. Be pects of the cause, when we heard irregular footsteps outside, and paused

in our talk to listen. "You can turn in here until further orders," said our Lieutenant's cheery He stopped a minute, drawing in voice, and a minute afterwards a his breath in short, quick little sobs short thick-set man entered. He and threw out both hands with a formade an apologetic little bow, shook lorn gesture of abandonment. himself like a dog, and, taking off his "Oh! great God! I was so lonely large wideawake, disclosed a dark, when wife and babies all were dead, square face, with shy, dark eyes, and I loved Miss Anna then; I love blue-black hair, and a wide, firm mouth. He smiled tenderly, giving that beautiful, vanished past. Then an air of great sweetness to an otherthe war came and I tried to leave wise sombre face. He sat down on a you, thinking it would be best, but blanket, Turkish fashion, quietly you followed me to be ridiculed, dehoped he was not disturbing us. and spised and even tortured. All the conthen dropped his eyes meditatively duct of the past week breaks over on the ground. Silence reigned. We were too disconsolate to be polite, been.' and so listened uneasily to the slow indefinite stirrings of the wind through the trees, when suddenly a new sound arose, as of stealthy, unlieutenant. The men, now thoroughly certain footsteps coming nearer and ashamed of themselves, came nearer nearer. The newcomer pricked up and were about to offer some hearthis ears, and his face wore an exprestelt words of apology, but Parsons turned away, and delivering "Miss Anna" over to Orphee, said pleadsion almost approaching guilt. "A spy," was my first illogical conclusion, as I rose to my feet and waited exingly: pectantly. "If anything should happen to me,

The flap of the tent stirred slightly, you will take care of her?" cautiously; the wind rose and swept Orphee's eyes filled with tears as he the darkened landscape; the rain pressed the extended hand. poured down with a rush, as if to give a tragic significance to what was Parsons strode out into the dark. about to happen, for-something did happen-the flap was suddenly pushsaid our Virginian, disgustedly. ed aside, and a goat walked in and "I would rather face a million Yanwent straight to the stranger, who kees than hear that man's story told received her with an indescribable in that voice again," said another. tenderness of look and gesture. "A That night was a weary one. We rum go," said the Virginian under his breath.

could not forget the solemn figure, the dark, patient face, the broken, From the New York World. We all agreed, but contented our-Weber, Haines Brothers, Bush & Gerts, Sterling, and Pease Planos. Packard Organs. Sheet Music and Noveltles. Mail orders solicited. If you want an instrument of any kind it will pay you to write us for PBICES. harsh, tender voice, and the pines selves with staring at the strange "When I used to run a gristmill above the river far away seemed to spectacle of a man and a goat fondover in Scrub Grass township," said mingle their grief at our cowardice ling each other with uncouth marks Uncle Silas Bowersox, and old skin' and brutality. Meanwhile "Miss 207 So. Eleventh Street, Lincoln, Neb of affection. After a while we resumed Anna" slept peacefully on the best flint named Ab Jones always managed our old lazy positions and silently blanket of the mess, while we lay Early and provident fear is the mother awaited further developments. The to go home to mill just in time to be Piso's Remedy for Catarrh is the Best, Easiest to Use, and Cheapest. there sleepless, thoughtful, unhappy, invited to dinner or supper, as the little man signed the goat to a reeven the greater issue of the war Buy Union Soap and make a guess. Ask case might be. This went along mote spot, where she lay down, and momentarily forgotten. most all summer, when the old then, turning towards us, said as if FOR CONSUMPTION With the dawn came action. The woman got mighty sick of it an' told They are as sick that surfeit with too taking up an unrepressed thought: Sold by druggists or sent by mail. 50c. E.T. Hazeltine, Warren, Pa. Yankees were upon us, and we fought | me I musn't invite him any more.

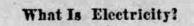
stood out sharply against the bit of to pieces, crossed himself involuntalandscape showing through the open- rily, stirred by the sorrowful sweeting in the tent. But his face awed ness.

Again Parsons spoke: "Be good, boys, to 'Miss Anna.' moaned pitifully, rubbing his nose No better, truer sweetheart could against Parson's coat with mute inyou find. Say with me now, God bless 'Miss Anna.'" sistence. His face softened wonderfully, be seemed to forget the men, And we said it with him

"Amen," he answered solemnly, and with a spasm of pain he was ly-You have followed me through ing there quite still, smiling tenderly thick and thin, Miss Anna. When as of old, with "Miss Anna" close to the overflow came and we were starying, it was you who struggled back

"And 'Miss Anna?" asked the host. "Was shot down the next morning in the first charge."

There was silence for a few minutes, and then Harrison raised his glass you and when the poor little one and looked wistfully around. In an died it cut me cruelly, cruelly. Icaninstant the glasses were refilled, and with reverently bowed heads and brave, Miss Anna, be brave," and hushed tones the whole room drank putting his cheek on Miss Anna's head the tears fairly rolled out of to the memory of "Miss Anna."-his eyes.



As the use of electiricity becomes more general there is increased curiosity to learn what it is, says The her now as the one relic left me of Electric Power. It is considered a mysterious force, because in its normal condition it cannot be seen. The wire which conveys the current gives no manifestation of the energy which is passing through it. Just as the me and I see what a blind focl I have poet said, "We take no note of time save from its loss." So with electri-"Parsons, you're to go on picket | city, it must be measured as it flies. duty to-night, and you had better | It is true, however, that its laws are start now," called in the voice of our perfectly understood. Isit necessary that we should know what it is? Nothing is more familiar to us than the action of gravitation. We know that it is the attraction of the earth. It holds the atoms of the earth together and enables us to perform all of the operations which make up our daily life. It is, however, a mystery, but its laws are as well known, and if we violate them by jumping off a precipice should we consider the force of gravity necessarily dangerous? Steam is also something of a mystery. It has been familiar to mankind since the dawn of civilization, yet how many people know that it is transparent and therefore invisible until it comes in contact with the air?

Willing to Compromise.

