

CHAPTER IV.

THE STUDIO.

A few mornings after, as the Doc was leaving his office to go the rounds of his visits, he met his sister, who said she was going up to Lucille's studio and begged him to accompany her. He demurred at first, but could seldom refuse her requests; for she had such a pleading little way, so he

replied.
"I will be good to you, and let you ride up with me; instead of you rid-ing on the car, but dearie I can only stay a very short time."

Maude, talked incessantly, on the way, and mostly of Lucille. When they arrived, they found several friends who had come down to greet the young artist in honor of the opening of her studio. Mr. and Mrs. Rem ington who were a wealthy couple and had made numerous trips sbroad; Prof. Alden. of the Art School Scot MacDonald, a handsome debon sir Scotchman, whose principal occur pation just at the present moment seemed to be feasting his eyes on the blonde stateliness of Miss Denton; three young Ladies, Misses, Whittier, Adams, and Belgrave, completed the

little party.
When Dr. Hastings, and sister, entered, every one greeted them cordi-ally and declared they were just in time for tea and wafers. "But what will my poor patients do," began the Doctor; but his protests were drowned in a babel of merry voices and he had to gracefully yield.

The guests were seated at small tables and were treated to a regular French way of serving. Two maidens



The Guests Were Seated at Tables.

in picturesque caps and aprons, the costume of the French waitress, brought in the light refreshments. Prof. Alden proposed a toast to Woman in Art" in honor of the gralous hostess. It was responded to

y the young Scotchman who, of ourse, paid a high tribute to the calling, and, in the present instance, to its "fair follower."

The Doctor humorously added, that there were two different mouldings, or carvings, of the human form divine! One! by the painter's brush; the other, by the sculptor's chisel; but there was still another method of carving which many people did not seem to appreciate, namely the sur-geons knife, and if they wished any practical demonstrations, they had only to furnish a suitable subject.

the cold hearted doctor's horrid suggestion, etc. So! amid the merry making the friends of Miss Denton mingled congratulations upon her entrance into the society and fraternity of artists. and her career had begun. But how long she was to be wedded to her art will probably be told in later chapters. The 'Hub" had accepted her into its cultured circles, and the path was open before her for future

Immediately there arose merry pro-tests from all the ladies at once at

success. Our little party of immediate friends took their departure as other began to drop in, for Miss Denton received informally all day. Maude went to the "Conservatory" and the others to their different destinations. The Remingtons invited young Mac-Donald to dine with them and as they were driven away the conversation naturally was about the young

"She is a charming girl" said Mac-Donald. "I wish it could have been my great fortune to have met her she was in Europe. I fancy I could have added to her pleasure dur ing her short vacations, at least. I ometimes entertain a party friends at my shooting box in the Highlands during the hunting season mother and sister always rusticate there and they would have welcomed any triend of mine. We had a lovely family there last season. A Grayson-wife-and daughter, By the way, he is a countryman of yours, but his wife is French.

He made a stake, as you call it, it some mining investments, in the West -Mexico-I think! and then his wife became possessed of a valuable extate in France, by the death of some While in Scotland, she spent most of her time equipped with sketch book and roaming up and down the beautiful highlands. Fine little sketches, she used to make. I hardly believed such places existed in our own land as she portrayed on her

would please me so well, as to welcome you all, as guests, during the shooting. Before I return in February, perhaps it can be ruary, perhaps it can be arranged. "I will answer for Mr. Remington." said his wife "It would be delightful. I have always loved the mountains, and blooming heather of bon-nic Scotland."

That settles it," said her "Well! husband, laughingly. She always has her own sweet way. like most of the fair sex.

CHAPTER V.

GAIETIES OF THE "HUB."

The Winter festivities, were beginaing to be numerous with concerts receptions, opera's and the like, Remingtons, Miss Denton and Mac-Donald were nearly always to be seen, in the same party.

Poor little Maude Hastings, was apparently downhearted about something. Finally, her brother, the Doctor, noticed how extremely quiet she seemed to be. He thought of her health and feared she was taxing her strength in pursueing her musical

One evening he chided her for having such a sorrowful little face, and then the pent up secret came out. They were going to hear the divine Patti who was, according to the papers, making one of her farewell

"Oh! brother; instead of taking your poor little sister, you should be going with Lucille. Do you know I cannot endure to have that Scotchman seen constantly dancing attendance upon her. When she returned from Europe, I had set my heart, upon your liking her, nay, even more, in fact, falling in love with her, for she was always so dear to me. now, of late, you have such a dignified manner, that I think she surely has noticed it and has been repelled. At least you are not the good friends you were of old. Why, can you not like her? I do not want you to become a crusty old bachelor?"

The Doctor laughed heartily, and catching his sister up in his arms. of (for she was a tiny woman), he kissed her-

"So. Ha! Ha! Maude has been scheming as matchmaker without even consulting the principal."



very dear friend, but not in the way you have planned for me. But, my dear, you can assuage your tears, your friend and schoolmate ever having a broken heart on my account.

"For, if one only uses her eyes, not blinded by self interest and love, as yours have been, she can readily see that the admiration between MacDonald and Miss Denton, is mutual. And really, she would not do so badly, as he is the heir to quite valuable estates, in Scotland, and is truly, a very nice fellow. So let the greeneyed monster jealousy depart from you, and believe that your big brother can take care of his own heart, and would rather play, the gallant to his little sister than any other fair maiden vet seen."

Just then the carriage was announced. By the time they arrived and were ushered to their seats in the opera house the brightness and prevailing beauty of the scene around

her had brought a glow of color to

Maude's delicate face and many com-

pliments were given (unknown, of course, to her) upon her appearance. The anticipation of the great treat in store filled her musical soul with rapture, and when she turned to look around the house and saw the Remingtons, in one of the poxes, with Lucille and MacDonald, she did not even feel a pang of bitterness, and could look with smiling face and re-

turn their greetings. For! After all, perhaps brother knew best, and if he did not care why should she. When at last the curtain was rung up and Patti soon appeared, in the role of the "Bride of Lammermoor."

The troubles of a nation might have been awaiting her decree, but, have appealed in vain, for she was as one in a dream and lost to her

surroundings. Patti received a perfect ovation, and was recalled before the curtain time and time again, responding with some favorite song, which came from her wonderful throat with exquisite relative; so they are well fixed, finan-cially. For the last year they have resided in the suburb's of Paris to matin songs. She might have repregive the daughter advantages of the sented a Flower Queen as well as art school-for she has talent in that Queen of Song, so surrounded was she with the perfumed offerings of

devotion at her shrine. When the last note was warbled and the curtain went down upon the sad scene of Lucia, Maude still sat as if entranced until the Doctor, quietly reminded her that they would soon be

CHAPTER VI.

THE CONFESSION.

The night nurse in the hospital met Dr. Hastings in the upper corridor, and conducted him to the cot, where lay the poor unfortunate. As soon as his professional eye caught the expression of the man's face, he knew that the man was doomed, and that his duty would only be to relieve suf-fering, while life lasted. He was terribly crushed and while no vital part, had been injured, the shock and inability to stand it, on account of his age, were against him, and he was slowly sinking. As the Doctor approached the bed side he opened his eyes, and made an effort to speak. Thinking he might have a request to make, the doctor gare link, and he seemed to rally.

Do not deceive me, for I have a confession to make, which I will only reveal, if I know I am on my death

"Well, my poor man, since you want me to be candid, you have but a short time to live."

Then for God's sake, get some one to write down what I have to say, for cannot let an innocent man suffer wrong any longer, or keep him out of his just rights."

The Doctor, hastily summoned the young pharmacist and gave him pen-cil and paper, and calling one of the nurses and the he se surgeon as witnesses, told the man to relieve his mind of its dread secret

Dr. Hastings sat by his cot and administered a stimulant, from time to

The gray hair and wan face upon the pillow, with its almost agonized anxiety, made a deep and lasting impression upon those around him. Several times the young man who was writing, stopped to clear the mist from his eyes, which prevented him from seeing clearly

The poor man had been an example a devoted father, screening a worthless vagabond son, who had died just three weeks before, of consumption, brought on by neglect and dissipation, but carefully tended to the last by the poor old father, who now iny nearly ready to meet his Maker. His story was as follows.

(To be continued.)

DUG UP A KETTLE OF GOLD.

Occasionally some startling bit of old Indian history leaps out of the past and appeals to the modern citizen of Michigan. Sometimes there is an ele Michigan. Sometimes there is an ele-ment of mystery attached, and this makes it only the more enchanting. This is the case with the story of the

he at once began digging with his hands. Only an old rusty iron kettle, upside down in the earth, met his gaze. But as he lifted it out of its hiding place what appeared to him a fortune

Dazed and bewildered and half believing himself in a dream. Dillenbeck began counting the coin. There were scores of pieces of gold of \$20 each, and nearly 200 of \$1 each, besides some silver coin, amounting in all to \$7.493.

After counting the money 150 to \$7.493. silver coin, amounting in all to \$7.493. February. Some special features will After counting the money, Dillenbeck be introduced at these institutes. A became frightened and more than ever under the impression that he was the leadership of Mrs. Harriet S. MacMurat last convinced himself that he was awake did not lessen his alarm at being in the possession of such a large sum of creted a long time and for some pur-

This is made evident by the fact that he did not at once make known his discovery, but instead buried the treasure again, in another spot on the farm.

After a while the story of Dillen-beck's find leaked out, and the neighbegan offering theories as to its ry. Some said it was probably the history. booty of robbers who had buried it and forgotten the location, but others recalled the time, long years ago, when an old Indian chief came and settled in that vicinity after selling a large tract and getting a great deal of money for it.

RETRAYED BY A SPEAKING TUBE. When you are making love remember the speaking tube.

It is infinitely more dangerous than walls, for while it is admitted that walls have ears, they don't repeat things, certainly not kisses, and speak-ing tubes do. Mrs. Ida L. MacIntosh ing tubes do. has learned this in sorrow. She has declared that she will never again live n a house that has a speaking tube Either she or the speaking tube must

Mrs. MacIntosh may not get a divorce simply because she had a speaking tube in her house. Mrs. MacIntosh applied She accused her husband. Frank H. MacIntosh, of cruelty. angered Mr. MacIntosh, who brought a counter suit. This he might not have ione had it not been for the speaking The speaking tube Wain, or Mrs. Maggie Wain Maggie and the speaking tube, are Mr. MacInosh's sole witnesses.

Wain happened to be at the speaking tube one day. It does not appear just why Mrs. Wain hung over the speaking tube, but she declared under oath that she did. She said there sped down the speaking tube from Mrs. MacIntosh's flat to her own a stronge

out oddly familiar sound.

Mrs. Wain likened it to many sounds he had heard. Steam escaping from he pipes, the gentle swarming of bees, the soft shrick of a whistle, the rattling protest of a teakettle that has "boiled iry," the whirr of a rising wind, or the listant rattle of an electric car. "Then I found out it wasn't that,

" Mrs. Wain stopped and looked as though made numb by horror.
"And what was it, madame?" tiently demanded the lawyer.

"It was sir. It was kisses. That's what it was," said Mrs. Wain in tones of conviction.

canvass. So you see I am rather partial to artistically inclined young isdies."

Mrs. Remington smiled, for she had noted his interest in her young friend, Miss Lucille Denton.

"I say, Remington," continued Mac-Donald, "why not plan a party for next season to go over. You have made your plans already, and I beard Dr. Hastings say only this of the opera from his memory and of conviction.

Then the willy lawyer proved that there were no babies and no cats, and not a dog, nor a parrot, not a live thing, in fact, but what a cyrile philosopher calls "the most unkissable animal in the world," a man, in the Mac-Donald, "why not plan a party for next season to go over. You have the sorrowful, the made your plans already, and I because of that horizon that there had been two calls from St. Stephen's Hospital, to come immediately to attend a man who had been hurt in the railroad yards.

So, as this world is ever taking us from the gay to the sorrowful, the it is expected that Mrs. MacIntosh will not win her suit all because of that horizon that there were no babies and no cats, and there were no babies and no cats, and there were no babies and no cats, and there were no babies and not a dog, nor a parrot, not a live thing, in fact, but what a cyrile philosopher calls "the most unkissable animal in the world," a man, in the Mac-Intosh fiat that afternoon. Therefore, the sorrowful, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal the world, a man, in the fact, the most unkissable animal in the world, a man,

Farm and Dairy.

Colts and calves are frequently given little attention, because they are little attention, because they are little things and are overlooked. It is desrest, and, I firmly believe, the possible to spoil a good horse or a fine most wonderful children in the world, steer in colthood or calfhood. The man but having once heard a remark to who always has good horses and catwho always has good horses and care
the knows how to get them through the
first winter, and the readers of this
paper would like to hear from all such
through the Special Farmers' Institute
mothers injudicious dissertations. edition. Tell what you know, for there are no secrets in this great family of farmers. We are all brethren and we want to be mutually helpful to each other. other.

see forks, hay knives, baskets, etc., strewn promiscuously over the feeding room floor. It is not so much a matter of tidiness as it is safety, for certainly no one cares to run his foot against the sharp tines of a fork lying on the floor. Keep them in places provided for

better their condition, socially, morally and intellectually. Let us all help do this:

Sometimes any place or every place will do very well for wintering hogs. Sometimes they will not do so well. It would be a good plan to study their wants and try and meet them by mak-ing the best arrangements for wintering them. This paper has given some very good and economical plans for wintering hogs and wants more of them. Sanitary conditions should be regarded as well as economy.

After repeated trials I have concluded that it does not pay to make rag carpets or patch work quits. I have watched the work in this home, com-puted the cost, watched the gain, and the result of my conclusions is that it works up some rags, and that is all the gain there is to it. As for employing time, that might be done in some other more profitable way.

There never was a better time than right now to have that memorandum book loaded, and the very first day that the weather puts a stop to corn husking it should be consulted for something and then there will be no neglecting things that should have This is the case with the story of the kettle of gold which was discovered last spring in Barry county. Michigan.

Charles Dillenbeck, a farmer, while running his plow through a "dead furrow," was startled by suddenly striking comething that you should have done row," was startled by suddenly striking and to be compelled to say, "I forgot that."

The kraut barrel ought to be loaded ere this Just now it ought to be emitting its load of bad odor, getting e dy for use. People who do not like

victim of a delusion. The fact that he phy, will be conducted for the first at last convinced himself that he was time and the departments of dairying. stock feeding, soil tiliage and horti-culture will be made unusually strong Several professors of the State uni versity have volunteered to devote portion of their time to the institutes.

GROWING DAIRY HEIFERS.

All improved stock breeding rests upon the influence of heredity as a large factor in the work of continuous and cumulative improvement. A helfer make a better dairy animal under like management than a calf that has no such heredity, but it can be spoiled by calf with a good dairy inheritance will the treatment it receives from calfhood so that it will make a poorer cow than an animal without such inherited ad-In like manner a calf that is without much inherited milking capacity may become a very creditable milk cow if properly handled. Mr. E C. Bennett, the well known dairy wri ter, tells of an incident that occurred a title last meeting of the lows Im-proved Stock Breeders' meeting bearing upon the point. One of the finest shortin heifers, from one of the best herds in the state, had been brought to the meeting as an object lesson. He asked Dairy Commissioner Norton what he would be willing to pay for her to put n his dairy. Mr Norton, who is a very uncessful dairyman and a good judg of a milk cow, replied that he would can to get hold of her younger if he cas to have her in his herd, thus emphasizing the importance, in his mind, of the early management necessary to make a beiter calf grow into a milk

course, be best created by management and feeding through a series of generations to that end, but this does not pre-ciude the possibility of doing much, one way or the other, with the individual If we feed the growing calf food calculated to develop bone and muscle, and give an abundance of coarse fodder to develop a capacity for digesting and as similating a large amount of food, we can reasonably expect to improve any helfer calf in the direction of milk neifer call in the direction of milk given, even when by inheritance it is poor in this respect. If, on the other hand, we feed a calf largely on fat-forming foods and develop in her a tendency to fatten easily and to make that we of liberal feeding, we may just that use of liberal feeding, we may just as reasonably expect to reduce the milk producing value of the future cow, no matter how good her dairy heredity may be.

Miss Saber Rouse of Cherokee county. Kan., was run over by a railroad train fifteen years ago, when she was only two years old, and thereby lost a leg. Now her father has just brought suit for \$30,000. It may be that the plaintiff is at last convinced that the eg will not grow again, but the tardiness in bringing action would seem to circumvent the recent ruling of a court that damages in any large amount for injury to a child of tender years are not collectible because of the uncertainty attending the maturing of the inTRYING TO PLEASE

"You can't please everybody,no matter how you try," was the philosophic dircovery made by a pretty matron recertly. "For six years after my marriage we lived in the west, and then

luncheon in my honor I accepted joyfully. I knew they were all strong-minded and advanced, with a high regard for women's rights and a decided fact, one of them had written to me gently intimating that I had lost my 'soul's individuality' by marrying, over which bit of information my husband and I made very merry.

floor. Keep them in places provided for them.

Happy is the family that has a good store for winter. The proper place is filled with all kinds of stores that may come in handy in winter. Only a few this expensive them.

filled with all kinds of stores that may come in handy in winter. Only a few things not grown on the farm will have to be bought. Many homes do not have stores of anything except trouble, and a great deal of that is brought on by invitation. One part of the store comes handy in case of company; it is honey. A quick meal can be provided and a nice cake of honey placed on the table and the company is provided for. The provident farmer will have a good store of almost everything that is eatable.

Farmers are engaged in a laudable calling. Should they go on a strike the world would soon know what it is to be hungry. There is no probability of such a thing ever happening and I am glad of it. I would like to see farmers as a class more contented and make their calling one of studying how to better their condition, socially, morally and intellectually. Let us all help do this.

"The girls, I could plainly see, were politely surprised at my well set up figure and dainty attire—a sneering reference to that 'dowdy Mrs. Brown' childed me with a suspicion of their undoubted expectations of my appearance. One of them asked, patronizingly, about the 'bables.' Very well, thank you,' I answered, and continued the interrupted conversation on the correct the interrupted conversation on the possible benefit of liquefied air to the world at large, one of the few subjects I had not studied up, and which I monentarily expected to prove my mental undoing.

"I finally bade my hostess goodby and sallied forth, quite pleased with the impression I had made and feeling satisfied my reputation was safe in their hands. They were doubtless chagrined at the discovery that matrimony is not always a destroyer of the 'son's individuality.' I thought.

matrin ony is not always a destroyer of the 'soul's individuality,' I thought, gleefully and sped home to my neg-

lected infants.
"Within three months our return to the west had been decided on, but be-fore my departurs a kind friend tum-

bled my pride in the mire.

Why Nellie Blank, she exclaimed, 'whatever did you say or do at

ed, 'whatever did you say or do at the iuncheon to give the girls such a faise idea of your character?'

'I gasped in mute astonishment.

'Why,' she continued, 'I heard that you had changed so, grown utterly frivolous and worldly, laced outrageously and dressed like a fashion plate. all of which might be forgiven but for your heartless indifference to your children. They said you never men-tened them, and when some one asked how they were you showed ab-

solutely ne interest in the subject. of course, I explained matters, but after all my self-sacrifice did you ever hear of anything like that?" And the little woman's eyes filled with tears of vexation.-Enquirer.

Train Robberles.

More than twenty times a year railway trains in the United States are held up and robbed. The criminals held up and robbed. The criminals who follow this dangerous pursuit are fearless, and it is said that there is but one possible measure that will go to check their vicious careers.

Few travelers know that since the year 1890 there have been 230 hold-ups in this country, with more than 80 and the possible of the poss

persons killed outright and nearly as many wounded. The desperadoes usually work in gangs, and are difficult to run down. After committing robbery they terrorize the country for miles about, and do not hesitate at killing a man who may be a witness against be held in different counties in the them. In consequence their atrocities state during the months of January and are seldom punished, and the wretches who have slain women and stolen property live and flourish, waiting for a

perty live and hourish, waiting for a fresh opportunity for crime.

As it is always express cars that suffer fro mrobbers congress was not long ago petitioned to grant federal protection to the express companies. Mail cars are, it is alleged, rarely attacked by robbers, for the reason that such robberies are crimes against the United States, and are promptly brought up in the federal courts, promptly where the culprits receive severe sen-

tences and no mercy.
On th other hand the robbers who attack express trains commit a crime not against the nation, but against a corporation. Their conviction, there-fore, has to be looked after by the state, and when a crime is committed so near the border of one state that the criminals can escape by running into the next, long legal complications are likely to ensue, which often end in the robbers going free. At all events, unless something is done by congress the present danger will continue to threaten every train that runs.

A Dummy Deck.

"A rather amusing thing happened at a fishing camp at which I was last summer," said R. R. Reynolds, of Hartford, at the Hotel Manhattan, New York. "One of our party, while otherwise a thorough good fellow, was an interminable talker, and, as such an awful bore. The description, once applied to a certain statesman. he used to set his mouth going and go away and leave it talking, fitted We stood it for a couple him to a T. We stood it for a couple of days, and then we put up a game on him. After supper, when he startnake a helfer calf grow into a milk or him. After supper, when a same producer.

Dairy type is a creation. It can, of some produces be best created by management saw the point and gracefuly yielded saw the point and gracefuly yielded to the inevitable, although he swore poss to that end, but this does not prerevenge. About this time we found that we had no playing eards with us and telegraphed back to the club twenty packs, which arrived in due time, and that night we had a game. After we had played some time the conversationalist dealt the cards. I held the age, and when I picked up my hand I held four tens.
"The next man simply stayed, so

did the next, but the next two whooped her up for the limit. The dealer dropping out, I raised again, and so did every one else in turn. This went on until we all go tired, and then came the draw. Some stood pat, and the the draw. Some stood pat, and the balance drew one card each. After the draw we went it fast and furious. All the chips had gone up long since, and the falling of I. O. U's looked like a snowstorm. It finally resulted in snowstorm. It finally resulted in a show down, and every blessed man present laid down four tens. When we present laid down four tens. When we recovered from the trance we were at first thrown into we looked for the dealer. Wise in his day and generation he had disappeared and returned no more that night. It took about an hour and a half's hard work to get that pot straightened out. It seemed that the dealer had been alone in camp when the cards arrived, and all the 20 backs happening to have the same back uggested the idea to him, and he put to the dummy pack, which he held in s lap. The substitution was easy, and we did the rest."—N. Y. Tribune.

Out of the Ordinary.

Americans pay \$7,000,000 a year for Paris millinery.

Great Britain eats her entire wheat crop in about thirteen weeks.

The Indians of the interior of Bolivia wear shirts and hats made of the bark of a tree, which is soaked in water to soften the fiber and then beaten to make it pliable.

The night watchman of the Pennsylvania house of representatives gets \$3 a night from the state for his services. He pays another man \$1 a night to do the watching, while he himself runs a saloon in Philadelphia.

A new cure for rheumatism has been A new cure for rheumatism has been discovered in New South Wales. It is called the whale bath. The treatment consists in depositing the patient in the body of a dead whale. Almost invari-ably the patient is able to climb out unassisted.

Milton Stewart is building an ark on the top of West Rock, near New Ha-ven, Conn., in the belief that the world is to be visited by another deluge. Mr. Stewart makes no definite prediction as to the date of its coming.

Even though the velocity of light is 192,000,000 miles a second, the distance of some of the fixed stars of the twelfth magnitude is so great that it takes 4,000 years for their light to reach us. If you don't believe this go and measure it yourself. and measure it yourself.

Quite frequently mention is made of the value of the shares of the Chemical National bank of New York, showing how much above par some fancy stocks are held. But there was a sale a few days ago of some shares of the Mississippi River Logging company which breaks the record. The par value was \$1,000 a share, yet a single share sold for \$149,500, the six shares sold aggregating almost \$900,000. It was sold to loss up an estate and by public auclose up an estate and by public auc-

tion. The Norwalk (O.) Chronicle claims that it was Mr. F. R. Loomis, its editor, who first applied in its columns, on May 19, 1881, the term "Nickel on May 19, 1881, the term "Nickel Plate" to the railroad thus popularly known, and that in consideration of his ingenuity Henry Monett, the gen-eral passenger agent, sent Mr. Loomis the first complimentary pass issued by the company. This pass a subsequent general passenger agent asked for that it might be preserved in the general offices of the company, and a duplicate was issued to Mr. Loomis.

The Ohio Hotel association will ask the legislature to eliminate the require-ment that a dead-beat law be posted in every room; to allow hotels to sell baggage left by guests within reasonable time and apply the proceeds on the bill of the departed guest; to require presenters of checks to prove their innocence of intent to defraud; to eliminate the provision that if the andlord allows a guest to delay pay-ment he is estopped from prosecuting for fraud, the hotel men desiring the privilege of allowing a guest ten days in which to settle a bill, with the right to prosecute upon failure to pay at

that time. The smallest farm in the United States, if not in the world, is to be found in Molina, Ga. It is owned by a stock company of six men, and contains one foot of land. It is known as the "doodle farm." A few years ago an exciting local election was to be decided by the vote of freeholders, and decided by the vote of freeholders, and a politician deeded one foot of land to six men jointly, thus giving each of them a vote. Six men can vote by virtue of owning one foot of land between them, but the woman possessing in her own right the largest landed estate in Molina has no vote. This is one of the anomalies that the Georgia Equal suffraga association is trying to recti-Suffrage association is trying to recti-

As to whether republics are ungrateful or not, the case of Jack, an ful or not, the case of Jack, an army mule, is in point. Jack was born thirty-five years ago, saw a great deal of active service and was finally turned over to the engineers removing the rocks in Hell Gate channel in New York harbor. After working three years underground the job was finished and Jack was sent to Willet's Point, L. I. It was a long time, however, before eyes could get used to the light, but when they did he worked faithfully until three years ago, when old age made him infirm. The government stood the financial strain of feeding Jack these three years, but last week gave orders that he be killed, and it was This will help to cut down the annual defeit.

Labor and Industry.

Wisconsin's tobacco crop will yield \$5,000,000

About \$50,000,000 worth of rubber was exported from Brazil last year.

During the present year over \$20,000,-000 has been invested in the zinc and lend mines of Missouri.

sented in the next Ohio legislature by twenty-three farmers, a puddler, a older, engineer, metal polisher, miner and a carpenter. Co-operative factories in Great Brit-ain last year made profits aggregating over \$1,000,000 on a capital of little over \$11,000,000. This is more than 10 per

It is said that labor will be repre

ent on the investment. Large quantities of Alabama coal are being shipped down the appl river for points in Louisiana and over Mississippi, more especially to lew Orleans. The traffic bids fair to New Orleans

e maintained through the winter. The annual report of Factory Inspecfor James Campbell of Pennsylvania for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1899, shows that there were 182,270 more persons employed in the manufacturing stablishments under the supervision 1898. Mr. Campbell says that if the demand for skilled workmen and laborers could be supplied the increase would be

While one group of investors is at work on liquid air as a motive power, with a temperature enormously below zero, another makes a claim of re-markable merits for superheated water in light and heavy transportation. The water is heated in upright steel tubes to 150 degrees above the temperature of steam in a locomotive. When released into an engine it expands nearly 1,000 times and performs the service required

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of a storage power,

Many lose their souls to save their

Spiritual vision is not material blind-It is a mistake to be forever copy ng copies.

The roses drop from sin, but the thorns remain. The simplest patriotism is the hardest to practice