

when the troops are marching home again with gay and gallant trend. But to look upon them proudly with caim and steadfast eye. For her brother was a soldier, too, and not affail to die

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not afraid to die. And if a comrade seeks her love, I ask

her in my name, To listen to him kindly without regrei or shame.

And to hang the old sword in its place (my father's sword and mine) the honor of old Bingen, dear Bengen on the Rhine." For the

His voice grew faint and hearser, his grasp was childish weak, If is eyes put on a dying look, he sighed

-and ceased to speak. His comrade bent to lift him, but the

spark of life was fied. A soldier of the Legion, in a foreign land was dead.

And the soft moon rose up slowly, and

calmly she looked down. On the red sands of the, battle field with

bloody corpses strewn. Yes, calmiy, on that dreadful scene, her pale light seemed to shine, As it shone on distant Bingen, fair Bin-

Two Points of View.

BY MARY MARSHALL PARKS.

(Copyright 1901: by Daily Story Pub. Co.) A mocking bird, drunk with sunshine and the scent of apple blossoms, was fiving from tree to tree and carol. ing ecstatically-an animated spring song gone mad.

house at the head of the orchard shoot the dog." emerged a wee, rosy malden, herself as dainty and sweet as an apple blos-

"I d-don't-you-think-I-er-that 14" . . .

said, complacently. "I know just how it ought to go.' "Grown people are so commonplace," she sighed. "Do you suppose we'll

ever be like that?" "Land, no!" said he, as he slouched back to his book. "If I thought I'd ever be such a fool as that feller, 1'd From the door of the little brown trade myself off for a dog and then

A mocking bird, drunk with moon-

of building small branch lines to open were then feeling blue over the duil up tracts of the character named, and condition of trade, agreed with a proit is evident that here will be a rich moter to sell out their holdings, plants field for development work by both and all, for \$7,000,000. Today these railroad constructors and real estate same people, who compose about 80 operators. Take Mississippi as an il- per cent of those engaged in the red histration. Off the line of the rail- cypress industry and own at least that roads there are thousands and thou- proportion of the available, merchantrands of acres of timber, which will able red cypress timber standing.

cut from 10,000 to 26,000 feet to the would hardly sell for \$25,000,000, and acre, and when cleared they will pro- red cypress timber lands which could duce a minimum of a bale of cotton to be bought for \$6 or less then are the acre as well as other crops. These snapped up now at \$12 per acre.' **Europe Wants** RECOGNIZED AS A SUPER-IOR ARTICLE BY MANY Our Coal NATIONS. The prospects, as seen by impartial | Wales and France the labor demand is observers after several months have gradually raising the price of coal, so,

elapsed, indicate that American coal, even with occasional strikes in our both anthracite and bituminous, is in a coal regions, we are not obliged to infair way to win a permanent demand. sert in a parenthesis "other things be-Our consuls in Europe report that the ing equal." in calculating on the for-London gas companies are pleased with eign market for American coal. The their experiments with our gas coal. great trouble is not in the quality of Fifty per cent more gas has been our coal or in the danger of strikes yielded per ton by some samples. Not- here, but in the ocean freight rates and withstanding a considerable margin in the thoughtlessness of American coal favor of British coal in the matter of men, who fall to study European cusprime cost, the demand for samples is tonus as to size of coal and the metrigrowing, and our anthracite coal, which | cal system of measurement and analyhas been heretofore unknown in Eu- sis. rope, is found superior to any mined in Even in Russia American coal equal

to the best Welsh coal is selling for a

native deposits. American coal is just

Current Topics

A Daring Woman.

Of the three strangely different plays Clyde Fitch has given to the stage since the new year began, the most singular is "The Climbers." A play which starts its action with the return of a family from a funeral ceremony is at least an oddity. When, in addition, it contains a dark scene, which a defaulter demands in order that he may confess without too much of a shame, and when the gloom of suicide is given to the last act, it is sure to have a shivery if not a pleasantly entertaining interest. Moreover, the production of such a play requires daring. The persons who attend the theaters this day desire to be amused more often than they care to be saddened. It is not surprising that Mr. Fitch's managerial patron, Charles Frohman, read the play and then suggested to the author that he was at liberty to dispose of it elsewhere,

But an actress who wanted to be an actress-manager was willing to take the risk. She was Miss Amelia Bingham. She bought the play and collected about her a company which included in its membership Frank Worthing, Robert Edeson, Ferdinand Gottschalk, Madge Carr Cook, Annie Irish, Minnie Dupree, Clara Bloodgood and Ysobel Haskins. Then, on Jan. 15. she produced the play in the Bijou theater, New York. The reviewers said it had strength and might succeed if its seeming excess of shadows did not doom it. The play continues to be shown at the theater, and apparently its career thus far has been prosperous. Miss Bingham has one of the few roles written without satirical intent. As Mrs. Sterling she is one of the climbers of the play, but, unlike her mother, who looks and struggles toward social heights, and her husband, who becomes a criminal in his race for riches, she only hopes for peace and happi-



AMELIA BINGHAM. Little of either is vouchsafed her in the play, though when her husband takes his wretched life in the last act there is an intimation that the love of a better man may in time be thrown around her.

Gold of Gen. Prentiss.

Gen. Benjamin M. Prentiss, one of the noted characters of the civil war, died at his home in Bethany, Mo., last week, after a long illness. Gen. Prentiss was prominent during McKinley's first campaign for the presidency, and after McKinley's election the general. although he had been offered a more remunerative position, was content to accept the postmastership at Bethany. He had persistently refused to accept a pension. During the last year he has



GEN. B. M. PRENTISS. been unable to attend to the duties of postmaster.

He was born in Belleville, Va., on Nov. 23, 1819. From 1835 to 1841 he spent on his father's farm in Missouri, whither the family had moved. In 1841 he went to Quincy, Ill., where he learned the trade of rope making and afterward engaged in a commission business. At the time of the Mormon troubles in Illinois in 1844 and 1845. Prentiss volunteered in a company formed to march against the Mormons. and was elected first lleutenant. In the Mexican war he was captain of volunteers and distinguished himself at Buena Vista. When President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers Captain Prentiss reorganized his Mexican war company and offered it to the government. He served at the court martial which tried Fitz John Porter in 1862, and on July 3, 1863, while in command at Helena, Ark., defeated Gens. Holmes and Price. He resigned from the army in October, 1863.

The Second Lady.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who was Miss Edith Kermit Carow, is a young woman still and a very attractive one. Rather above the medium height, she has a slender, graceful figure and a fine, intelligent face. She has very bright eves and the beautiful teeth that are characteristic of the whole Roosevelt family. Her hair is light brown and

som. Her hair was primly brushed back and tightly plaited, and her gingham dress was a miracle of crisp starchiness.

She ran down the steps, across the yard, and peered through the Illac hedge. A lanky, slovenly boy of fourteen was stretched upon the grass, deep in a book.

"Rob," she said, in a stage whisper, "come here."

"What do you want?" drawled the boy, without moving.

"Come here! I've something to tell you.'

He arose slowly, shaking back his uakempt hair, shuffling his uplaced



"Bob," she said, in a stage whisper. shoes into place, and slouched across the yard.

Mr. Ames proposed to Aunt Lucy last night, and I heard him."

'Oh, go 'way!' "He truly did."

"What'd he say?"

You see, I was in the hammock in

the grape arbor, and they didn't know I was there "Listening!" said the boy, scorn-

fully.

"I was not! I was listening to the mocking bird. It was spinning among the apple blossoms and singing like a crazy thing, just as it is doing now. I think it sang all night, for I heard it whenever I 'woke. What do you suppose it does that for?"

"I dunno. Bee stung it mebbe. Get on with your rat killing."

Well, I didn't notice a word they said until I heard a chair scrape across the porch, and he cleared his throat tremendously. Then 1 peeped through the leaves. He was sitting very close to her, and he said:

"Miss Phillips, 1-1-you must have

light and dew, was careering from tree to tree, singing madly, and sending showers of pink petals down on a couple who were wandering through the orchard.

Her hair was a golden tangle, and the soft folds of her gown fell with studied carelessness from her ivory throat. His manner was the manner of a young man deeply, devotedly in love with the dearest girl in the world. From his high, shining collar to his polished shoes, all was immaculate, irreproachable. Not a hair on his glossy head was out of place,

They were silent. He, because his tongue refused to speak the words that were clamoring for utterance. She, because she was sorry for him. It was not maiden shyness that lurked behind her demure face and downcast lids, but pure perplexity. No master of diplomacy ever faced a more delicate issue than that which confronted her.

"It's exactly eight years since Uncle John asked Aunt Lucy to marry him." she said at length. "It was in appleblossom time, and the mocking bird was singing in the moonlight. The odor and the song always bring it back to me."

"By Jove! Eight years-" He was struck speechless by the contemplation of so much bliss.

"Do you remember how we laughed over the proposal? By the way, you never showed me the one that you talked of writing."

"I never wrote it," he said, with a grin that was almost a grimace. Then with a tremendous effort, "1-d-don't you think I-er, that is, w-we could d-dispense with anything of that sort, Lucy ?"

The situation for the next several moments did not admit of connected conversation, but as they strolled towards the house a little later, she said, with an arch look. "We've grown up quite as commonplace as the rest of the world, after all, haven't we?" "Commonplace!" he elaculated, fervently. "Well, if this is common-

place, 1----Another pause, a lengthy one.

"Do you remember wondering why the mocking bird rioted among the apple blossoms and sang like a mad thing?" he asked, solemnly, after a little. "I know now, If I could do cold. She nursed it to life, and it bethe same it wouldn't begin to express my feelings."

When after several pauses, they finally reached the lilac hedge, the young man itartled the nestling robins with a sudden guffaw of laughter. With his mind's eve he saw a lanky boy on his knees in the grass beyond the hedge.

"A half-grown cub of a boy is sev eral kinds of an idlot," he said.

Great Britain. There is, however, a disposition to insist on 70 to 80 per slightly lower figure. Prices in Austria cent of carbon, as European coal of are excessively high, and Italy, too, is lower percentage than that is simply feeling the scarcity severely, having no inexhaustible.

France produces 32,000,000 tons and Britain, Belgium and Germany. Carresults for steaming purposes. In both | gas and steam purposes,

A Great Lover

invading Spain and Algiers, and in consumes 42,000,000 annually. Hereto- both the consumers find it equal in fore she has imported from Great quality to what they have been using. Honesty and common sense in pushdiff coal does not break up into as ing the American product are certain small lumps as American coal does; to result in a great European market but Pocahontas coal gives almost equal for both anthracite and soft coal for

Was Gen, Marmaduke, for Four Years Governor of Missouri.

"Goy, Marmaduke was a single some of the rooms, and played hob man," said Uncle Jose Fuller, an old- | with the furniture, but they were the time resident of Jefferson City, who governor's friends, and that settled it. was telling the other day of some of "I remember once meeting Gov. Marthe characteristics of Missouri's gov- maduke on his return from a trip to ernors. "He was a graduate of West New York. He told me he had bought Point, stood six feet three, and had a a magnificent picture to hang in the Goy. Marmaduke didn't mix none in society to speak of, and there were about children. He loved 'em all until they got into long dresses and trousers, and the children had the run of the house while he was in office. On festival occasions like Jackson's birthday, which is always celebrated in Mizzoura, the governor gave a children's present. The children about ruined the billiard table and the carpets in career in the civil war."

of Children

MARY'S LAME.

Incidents Connected with the Writing of Well-Known Verses.

The poem entitled "Mary Had a Litthe Lamb" is founded on facts. The incidents which suggested the verses are as follows: When Mary E. Sawyer, the heroine of the poem, was a little girl in Stirling, near Worcester, Mass., where she was born, she found a new-born lamb almost dead with came very much attached to her. It was her constant playmate, and one day her brother suggested taking it to school. Arriving before the opening. it was put under the seat, where it lay contentedly. Mary being called to a recitation, the lamb ran down the aisle after her, to the great surprise of the teacher. It was put out of doors, bdt waited until Mary came out of school, on her way home A young er the light, and let it shine.

fine Confederate record as a soldier, mansion; said the place needed a little artistic toning up. Then he showed me the picture, and what do you think it mighty few shindlys for grown-up was? Gen. Washington? No. Jubal folks at the mansion during his time, Early? No. Col. Mosby? I reckon not but it was lively around there just the by a jugful! It was a copy of that same. The governor was simply crazy femiliar painting of a couple of little children wearing paper soldier hats, one playing a trumpet and the other heating a drum. The governor thought it was one of the finest scenes ever depicted by an artist. It went right to his great big heart to see those children playing at being soldiers, all inparty, at which he was the only adult nocent of the horrors of battle, such as he had witnessed during his stormy man named John Roulstone happened

to visit the school that day; the incldent set him to thinking, and he composed the first three verses of the poem and gave them to Mary. A Mrs. Townsend added the others. The lamb became a sheep, and from the wool Mary's mother knitted two pairs of stockings for her; these Mary kept until she was 80 years old. When the ladies of Boston undertook to raise money for the Old South Church several years ago. Mary contributed a pair of these stockings, the yarn of which was unraveled and wound on cards inscribed with her autograph and sold. Mary E. Sawyer became the wife of Columbus Tyler, and died in Decem-

Do not talk about the lantern that holds the lamp, but make haste, uncov-

Millions in New Ships.

Contracts were let in the last month for fourteen warships aggregating 187,-354 tons in displacement and costing \$49,944,600 for hulls and machinery, In the list are included five battleships, six armored cruisers, and three protected cruisers. Three of the battleships are to have a displacement of 15,000 tons and two of 14,600 tons each. Three of the armored cruisers are to have a displacement of 13,800 tons each and three of 13,400 tons each. The three protected cruisers are to have a displacement of 10,000 tons each, or are to be nearly twice the size of the cruiser Olympia. The new battleships are to be named the Georgia, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia; the new armored cruisers West Virginia, Nebraska, California, Maryland, South Dakota and Colorado; the protected cruisers St. Louis, Milwaukee and Charleston.

Italy's Retiring Premier.

Joseph Sarracco, the retiring premier of Italy, is nearly 84 years of age and has been in public life for more than half a century. He is a Piedmontese by birth and honest to the core. His principal characteristic shown in all the offices which he has held, from mayor of his native town of Acqui to member of the cabinet, is close-fistedness. For this he has been loved and hated, praised and caricatured more



GUISEPPE SARRACCO than any man in Italy. It is said of him that when his town decided to erect a monument to Cavour he ranto have a big inauguration at public expense he stole a march on his townsmen by rising before daybreak and inaugurating the monument with the all its forms, can scarcely fail to inassistance of some municipal em- augurate a new and better era in the ployes.

is arranged simply without a wave or a ringlet. Everything about her speaks of grace. She is an aristocrat to the



MRS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. tips of her fingers. Her manner is that of a gracious lady, tactful, kindly, certain of her rank, but conscious also of the old world obligation of rank. She dresses extremely well. That she will fill her position at Washington in a way of which few women are capable none will doubt after seeing her. The Roosevelts are not rich, as riches are counted in society. They will not be able to entertain on any great scale of magnificence, but at their home in Washington foreign visitors will have an opportunity to see the very best type of an American home.

To Stop Hazing by Late.

The congressional committee that investigated the hazing evil at the West Point Military Academy has made an intelligent and exhaustive report revealing the vicious extent to which the practice had grown. While it failed to find conclusive evidence that the death of Cadets Booz and Breth was caused by the hazing to which they were subjected, it found abundant proofs of harmful brutality. The whole code of unwritten laws governing the relations of the upper class men to the fourth class men, as revealed by the report, is vicious in its tendencies and tyrannous in its results. It culminated in a disgraceful system of fighting which would be held felonique in some states and be condemned sacked the country for some cheap everywhere as shamefully unfair. A plece of sculpture, which he finally pro- | stringent bill prohibiting hazing in the ured for a song. When it was resolved academy has been drawn up and this "

should be enacted by Congress. This law, supplemented by the pledge of the cadets to abstain from hazing in militar / scademy.

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