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A BACKDOOR NEIGHBOR.

Household Liberty.

When the Corbys moved from A-City to B--- Center, the family succeeded in finding a house which in size, condition and surroundings suited them admirably. It was a pleasant frame door, still Mrs. Corby overlooked much, structure, sufficiently large for Mr. and Mrs. Corby, their three children and one servant, with an ample lawn Bround it and fruit trees and grape ar- running over to see Mrs. Jemson, as to bor in the rear. To the city-bred fam- make her entrance through the rear fly, the sense of extended space and door. But there was something about breathing room in these surroundings this mode of approach that shocked and the detached houses was an experience as novel as it was delightful.

the labor of which only those who have she gave it up. moved from one town to another can appreciate.

work and confusion, Mrs. Corby, her by way of the back door, but Mrs. Corsweeping cap, and clad in her oldest though the latter did not return one gown, which she meant should take a in ten of her neighbor's visits, Mrs. swift pilgrimage to the rag-bag the Jemson knew that she "was tied down duced to order-Mrs. Corby, I repeat, of her. heard a slight tap upon the back door. She opened it, wondering who could

ing a smiling-faced lady, faultiessly at- a faithful, conscientious housekeeper, tired, who carried a napkin-covered plate in her hand.

"Good afternoon; Mrs. Corby? Ah, yes! I am Mrs. Jemson, your next-door neighbor. We shall be great friends, I feel sure. Do excuse me for interrupting, but I came to tell you if you needed anything, and we could serve you, not to hesitate to ask. And as I knew you must be so busy, I was sure this cake for tea would not be amiss."

"Oh, thank you!" cried Mrs. Corby, in pleased surprise, blushing at the thought of being seen for the first time in so unbecoming a garb, yet wonderfully impressed at her new neighbor's kind generosity. "How very, very good of you."

"Don't mention it," Mrs. Jemson assured her. "It's a mere nothing."

"What a dear little woman," thought Mrs Corby to herself, as she put the cake carefully aside and ran upstairs to see how the work progressed there. It would be a novel experience having neighbors, and she was sure one like Mrs. Jemson would be delightful. She pictured to herself the grim city street from which they had moved, where for years they had lived next door to a family of whose members they knew nothing save that their name was Brown-and that only from the doorplate. Of the family on the other side they had not that information. She that Mrs. Jemson knew more about the herself or to her work. but it suddenly occurred to Mrs. Corby that city life was extremely selfish and cold, so withdrawn from one's fellows, and savoring so much of suspicion and distrust of the majority of human beings. We shall have delightful neighbors, I think, Harry," Mrs. Corby assured her husband, as they sat down to a rather hastily put-together meal. "The family on the left is named Jemson. Mrs. Jemson has been over already." "Great Scott! She didn't lose any time!" her husband ejaculated. A day or so later Mrs. Jemson made a more formal call. She came to the side door this time and had the grace to wait until most of the house had been settled. "I told Mr. Jemson," she chattered, Mr. Corby, one evening, after Mrs. "that I would try to be a little moremore in accordance with the usual rules. But I'm sure 1 know you well enough already to know that you aren't one of the painfully particular kind. Now do be real reighborly." In due time Mrs. Corby became acquainted with her other neighbors, all pleasant ladies, who seemed to "stand upon ceremony," for they waited until she had her carpets down. One by one she was informed of their characteristics and peculiarities by Mrs. Jemson, ing visits, running in quite informally fidence the entire history of the neighborhood. Mrs. A. was very nice, of endure almost anything rather than course, but-well, her religious views have a neighborhood trouble." were so peculiar. Mrs. B.'s house was mortgaged and, as Mrs. Jemson told solemnly, rising to his feet, and look- ciated.' And I would say: 'Mr. Jem-Mr. Jemson, it was a mystery to her ing down at her with feigned earnest- son, perhaps I will not, but I must do how they kept up so well on Mr. B.'s ness, "you might cover that woman my part.' They really seemed so nice small salary. Mrs. C. was forever go- with insinuations and not really offend a family at first, don't you think? But I ing somewhere, and it would be a great her. And why? Because she must be made up my mind some time ago that deal more becoming in her if she stayed intimate with some one. She is one of they were very peculiar. Mr. Corby is home more and took care of her chil- those unfortunate females who must be quite nice, but it's easy to see he's hen-Indians. As for Mrs. D., she was too die. The very thought of spending a house. And children! Well, I never saw much of a home body; was not neigh- half hour by herself has to her almost any like them. Perfect little outlaws! To Jemson, what was the good of having acid to other people. You might tell the family long ago. As for houseneighbors if you did not see them and that woman, point blank, that she ap- keeping, Mrs. Gray, if I told you of feel free with them. really was no more of a gossip than her eyes, in a few days she would re- living so close I couldn't help knowing. some women; she simply gossiped turn again, as if nothing had hap. As I told Mr. Jemson I never saw such oftener. She readily grarted favors; pened." she took Mrs. Corby riding; she was always running in with flowers and fruit | few mornings after, appearing "infor- | the price of the Corbys' liberty. There or some dainty. To be sure, she might mally" in the dining-room, and gazing has never been an open break between excuse for coming at all. And yet, you paper. I saw a man leave here yesterpathetic, and but for her absorbing pas- see what you were thinking of to allow all would have gone well. As it was well-you know, dear, is not desirable that a stranger smiling- quired for the room.

meal, when these aforesaid keen eyes ferent a room looks newly papered. are most certainly making an accurate of your breakfast, dinner or tea.

went half way and met her neighbor on her own ground. Whenever Mrs.

Jemson made her appearance Mrs. Cor- darkening to a frown. by gave her a smiling welcome, and, though her neighbor did come rather often and usually by way of the back because of the kindness she had received from Mrs. Jemson's hands.

She even went so far, once or twice, Mrs. Corby's sensibilities. It struck Their household effects arrived Tues- of intruding on privacy; and after but saw!" day morning, and then followed the one or two of these attempts to be unpacking, arranging and settling, all neighborly in Mrs. Jemson's fashion,

That lady, however, did not appear to care, one way or the other. She her-That afternoon, when in the midst of self had determined to be neighborly head well covered in a close-fitting gray by could do as she pleased, and, moment the chaos in the house was re- with her children and did not expect it"

By and by, these frequent and unceremonious visits became unspeakahave come, and found herself confront- bly annoying to Mrs. Corby. She was and Jane a servant above the average, but, nevertheless, there were at times little things, or certain holes or corners, not intended for Mrs. Jemson's eyes, which those eyes persisted in seeing because of her determination to be neighborly by way of the back door. But what could she do? Could she her visits were ill-timed, or that her mode of entering was not extremely

egreeable? She tried to hint sometimes that back doors were for the use of nected with the establishment; but Mrs. Corby was not good at giving an insinuation or Mrs. Jemson at taking

It was amazing how entirely the inner workings of the Corby family were brought to Mrs. Jemson's knowledge. She seemed to possess a sixth sense. She knew when a bushel of potatoes or the back door. She knew the exact inthey hailed from and what they had to

eat. She knew how Mrs. Corby managed her household and how she made over her last year's silk, and how much

your dining-room, immedately after a Jemson that it was wonderful how dife

Now it happened that the second time estimate of the variety, great or little, Jane was not in a particularly angelic mood. Something had disturbed her This is what happened at Mrs. Corequilibrium, and she was not in a temby's. Her city training and inexpe- per to be trifled with. The screen door rience had totally unprepared her to was hooked, and she did not hurry hermeet such a neighbor as Mrs. Jemson self to let Mrs. Jemson in. Indeed, so proved to be. In the first flush of that far as she was concerned, she would ady's excessive neighborliness Mrs. have looked on cheerfully while that Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Corby responded with enthusiasm. She lady fairly sizzled in the sun.

"Dear me, Jane, how slow you are!" exclaimed Mrs. Jemson, her usual smile

"There's a front door to this place, there is. I ain't hired to be a lettin' folks in the back way," Jane murmured, under her breath.

Mrs. Jemson heard, as Jane meant she should.

"I shall tell Mrs. Corby of your impudence," she cried, scornfully, sweeping into the dining-room.

"Mrs. Corby, how can you endure that insolent creature in your kitchen? She positively insulted me! I think her as trespassing on forbidden ground, she is the most independent piece I ever

"Indeed?"

"And wasteful! If you could see, as do, what she throws away. I should think she'd ruin you. Time and time again, when I've run over in the morning, I've noticed that she left enough oatmeal in the kettle to feed a goodsized family."

Mrs. Corby sighed, though not, as Mrs. Jemson supposed, at Jane's shortcomings. After a shorter call than usual, the visitor took her departure by way of the side door, conveying the im-

pression, in a few disdainful words, that she never cared to look on Jane's face again, and evidently thinking that she left Mrs. Corby in a quite anxious frame of mind, for fear she would allow Jane's unladylike allusions to interfere with future neighborliness, or cause her to be more ceremonious.

She stayed away for three whole days. It was delightful. Mr. Corby read for three blissful undisturbed tell her, with blunt truthfulness, that evenings. Mrs. Corby sewed and managed her household, for three never-tobe-forgotten days, herself.

But this, as they knew, was too good to last. The fourth morning Mrs. butcher and grocer boys and those con- Jemson appeared (at the back door) as smiling as usual. She beamed upon Jane as if nothing had been unpleasant between them. After that she was, if possible, more neighborly and less ceremonious than before.

At the time that Jane took her vacation, and Mrs. Corby was obliged to become for the nonce her successor, Mrs. Jemson was most kind. She a roast of meat was carried in through brought over a pie one day and a cake or a batch of cookies the next. That stant when Tommy Corby came down was really kind and neighborly, of with measles. She knew when her course. But she spoiled it by generally neighbors had company and who they following her contributions up herself were and what part of this broad land and spending a good share of the morning in the Corby kitchen.

"Don't mind me; go right on as if I weren't here. I'll just sit a minute." Mrs. Corby, flushed and nervous, Mr. Corby paid for his shoes. It was made a virtue of a necessity and went wonderful, Mrs. Corby often thought, on, but not in a manner satisfactory to

MR. HARRISON'S APOLOGY. The Ex-President's Weak Effort in His

Own Defense. silence. Mr. Harrison has uninten-Mr. Harrison is quite right in the tionally furnished an argument to position that an ex-president is not prove that sometimes, at least, an exnecessarily a political deaf mute-if he president had better be a political deaf has anything pertinent to say. But mute.-Louisville Courier-Journal. why does he describe himself as "a man who has been honored by his fellow-NOTES AND COMMENTS. citizens with the highest civil place in

----The republicans of the senate de-

sire to prolong the business uncertainty

with tariff hearings. Have they not

heard sufficiently from the whole coun-

--After Mr. Harrison closes his

California lecture course he might come

east and deliver another course on the

science of emptying a full treasury and

scattering a gold reserve.-N. Y. World.

-Mr. Tom Reed has already re-

-Those republican papers that are

----Senator Gray sums up the con-

try? - Philadelphia Record.

the government?" Surely he knows that his fellow-citizens, that is to say, a majority of them, never honored him with any such place. On the contrary, a majority of them went to the polls in November, 1888, and expressed the opinion that it would be best for Mr. Harrison to continue the practice of law at Indianapolis. It would probably have been better for his fame if he had done this; it would certainly have been better for the country. But the eccentric operation of our electoral machinery made him president against the wishes of the people. For that he was not to blame, but why recall it by saying that his fellow citizens did a

paign funds.-Chicago News. deed of which they are innocent? So far from objecting to Mr. Harrison's being heard in his own defense, every thoughtful American must feel that the time has come when he is bound to speak, or allow the judgment sidies, but they have all had their day of posterity to go against his adminisin court. It is the peoples turn now. tration by default. We say the judg--Indianapolis News. ment of posterity, because that of his contemporaries has repeatedly been calling the Hawaiian queen such ugly rendered against him. It began in his names, and accusing her of that which own town shortly after his inauguration most debases a woman, should bear in and from that time to the great overmind that she sat at the table of Minthrow in 1892 there was an almost unister Stevens and was an honored guest precedented series of votes of want of whenever accepting his hospitality. confidence. His contemporaries have Race prejudice seems to be carrying spoken. It is only the judgment of hissome of the g. o. p. organs clear off tory that is not yet pronounced. If their feet. - Detroit Free Press. Mr. Harrison desires to be heard on a motion in arrest of judgment, it is time

duct of Stevens at Honolulu with pre; for him to speak. Mr. Harrison's administration found cision and moderation. He maintains the treasury full, and left it empty. It that Stevens should have adhered to found the currency enjoying the confi- our constitutional principle of nonindence of everybody, and left it in so terference. "Here were avowed revo-



SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

-There are four women missionary physicians in Persia.

-Teachers in the Mexican public schools are paid \$30 to \$40 a month.

-The Band of Hope in Australia has a membership of over 2,000,000 of young people, and an annual income of 10,000 pounds, employs 29 lecturers, and last year sold 1,240,000 publica-

-The Catholic laymen, having in charge the proposed memorial to the Maryland legislature asking for state aid for parochial schools, have been requested to drop the subject, and several Catholic members of the legislature say that no bill will now be introduced for a division of school funds, as the opposition to the project has been too pronounced.

flected upon the fact that the old ban--The course of instruction in naval ners and signs reading "The Man from Maine" could be used in 1896 with a the Massachusetts institute of technolgreat conservation of time and camogy provides for a thorough training in the theory and methods of devising -The protected industries have had and building ships, together with a all the "hearings" to which they have study of the properties requisite for any right. The representatives of the safety and good behavior at sea. It is sugar, whisky, glass, steel and other arranged to occupy four years, and trusts could no doubt make eloquent leads to the degree of bachelor of pleas against a reduction of their subscience:

> -Mrs. A. H. Clough has recently given the sum of £1,000 to Newnham college for the purpose of endowing a scholarship, to be called by the name of her husband, Arthur Hugh Clough. It is intended that the scholarship shall be awarded each year to the best-qualified candidate, who, having studied at Newnham college for three years, wishes to continue her studies there for a fourth year.

-According to the statistics in the annual report of the Japanese mission (American board), there are 109 Congregational churcher in Japan with a total membership of 10,960. The number of additions by confession last year was 1,096, an increase of fifty-six over the preceding year. There are 129 preachers and 22 Bible women. The contributions for church purposes were \$25,709, a gain of nearly \$5,000 over the year before.

-According to a London Daily Chronicle telegram from St. Petersburg, the exiled Baptists and Stundists in the governments of Tiflis and Elizavatpolsk continue to be persecuted, and almost every week fresh families of nonconformist peasants arrive to swell the army of those who are now suffering in exile for their faith. Last year the Baptists owned a meeting-house in Tiflis, but this has now been shut up by the police. They are, therefore, obliged to hold their meetings outside of the town in the mountains, where they meet in secrecy.

-John Berridge, one of the great preachers of England, was not content to preach only in his own parish, and was often reprimanded by his bishop. At the end of a dialogue, in which the witty Berridge foiled the bishop at every turn, they parted with these closing sentences: "As to your conscience," said his lordship, "you know that preaching out of your parish is contrary to the canons of the church."

universe have been changed and effects now precede their causes. Such a defense as this is something worse than

family than she did herself. Upon the occasions of Mrs. Corby's

visits to her old home (Mrs. Jemson thing concerning expense, route and her neighbor instituted herself a comtectives out of ten. Mrs. Jemson knew the exact number of times that Jane had company, how often she played

part of the house and just what hour Mr. Corby came home of evenings. She told Mrs. Corby afterwards. "Confound that woman!" muttered

Jemson had been over (for the second with a dilute conversation concerning what she had said to Mr. Jemson and what Mr. Jemson had said to her.

Mr. Corby had been aching to take up an interesting book and had been an unwilling martyr to "neighboring." Perhaps he will be pardoned for his expression: "Confound that woman!" "O Harry! what am I to do with her?" asked Mrs. Corby, helplessly. "We are being neighbored to death. If it were not that we are so near, I and end it all. But we are so close tothrough the back door, told her in con- gether, it would make it very succom-

"Mrs.Corby," responded her husband, Mrs. Jemson had her good parts. She though she might go home with fire in you wouldn't believe me. You see,

"Papering?" inquired Mrs Jemson, a will admit, that it was kind of her. day It's very pretty, I'm sure. I told from Mr. Corby to Jane, in their atti-She was naturally generous and sym- Ms Jemson only the other day I didn't tude toward the Jemsons. As by insion for neighboring without ceremony, that old paper to stay on. It was so gloomy. Why didn't you get ingrain?"

housekeeper, how it is. You try to answered, making up her mind to be as that she is willing to forgive and forkeep things spick and span, yet the uncommunicative as possible. Yet be- get, but if the Corbys can help it she kitchen floor is not always izamaculate, fore her visitor left she had found out | will never have an opportunity. nor does the range invariably shine where the paper was purchased, what like burnished silver. At such times it it cost and how many rolls were re- are neighbors and neighbors. She has

ly appear, equipped by nature with the Mrs. Jemson ran over in the after- she will promptly nip in the bad the means, in the shape of keen eyes, of noon to see what progress had been first symptom that may appear in any. taking in all domestic loose screves and made. She also ran over the next one living near her of being neight culinary preparations. Nor do you en- morning, quite early, to note the effect borly by way of the back door .- Mary joy a neighbor making a runway of of the finished work, having told Mr. E. Child, in Good Housekeeping.

Jane came back in two weeks. She was rested and in good humor and all was apparently going well. But one having full and complete data of every- day, by accident, she spilled a panful of grease upon the floor. Housekeepers wardrobe of the lady and her children) will agree with me when I say that was just the moment to leave Jana mittee of one to look after the Corby alone. But Mrs. Jemson did not know. premises and kept her eye upon things Just at the evil hour that the girl was in and out of the house in a manner trying to repair the damage Mrs. Jemthat would have put to blush nine de- son appeared at the screen door. Jane was-well-Jane was furious.

"I wish folks would come visiting as they had ought, to the front door, like on her mistress' piano, the occa- Christians, 'stid o' poppin' in on you sions of her sweeping the front mornin' noon and night," she muttered, as she slowly rose to her knees, in a voice carefully pitched so that every word reached Mrs. Jemson's ears. "Never saw such people as are in this town. Never know when they're about a-pokin' an' a-pryin' an' a-mindwell-not ceremonious, you know, but time that day) and had regaled them in' everybody's business but their own.

Mrs. Jemson heard. Mrs. Jemson fled. She remarked to Mr. Jemson that evening that she had always felt that Mrs. Corby came of poor stock, but a woman who kept a servant like that was common-positively common. She, for one, Mr. Jemson was assured, did not think she should trouble Mrs. Corby very soon again.

"Mrs. Gray, if you knew what I had done for that family," she said, solemnwho in her frequent neighborly morn- should do something desperate, decisive | ly, giving her version of the affair to another neighbor. "I have actually put myself out often, to be neighborly, fortable to have any ill feeling. I will because they were strangers. More than once Mr. Jemson has said: 'Susie, you will have your trouble for

your pains. You will not be appredren, who were growing up like wild going to some place to cackle, or else pecked. It's Mrs. Corby that rules in that borly one bit. As she often said to Mr. as fatal a result as a drop of prussic tell the truth, I became disgusted with pears in our domicile too often, and some of the things I saw in that house. a family in all my life."

For all that, only eternal vigilance is have been accused, perhaps justly, of meditatively at the few lengths of paper the ladies: Mrs. Corby is far too well often coming full-handed simply as an already in place. "I thought it was wall bred. But there is a decided frigidity in the manner of the entire family, stinct, each knows that Mrs. Jemson will pounce upon the faintest overture with avidity and be as neighborly as "We prefer the figured," Mrs. Corby before. Indeed, she has shown plainly

> Mrs. Corby has learned that there gained much experience. Hereafter



MAKING IT LOT FOR THE GRAND OLD PARTY. N. Y. World.

of an excessive supply of the neces ity of legislation, combined with the allowed to dictate legislation for a | Herald.

pecuniary consideration, had for once in human history neutralized the extraordinary bounty of heaven and snatched from the mouth of toil the bread which its hands had earned. While production had outrun the wants had been so altered by iniquitous laws that distribution sat down by the side of abundance, and died of starvation of unsalable food.

These changes were made, not by Mr. Harrison alone, but by laws which received his assent. Thus much was done; much more was attempted. An effort was made to take the control of elections from the people and hand it over to a clique of petty despots, holding office for life, who would have understood that they were appointed for the purpose of counting in republican candidates. The republican party had resolved that in future it would do its own registration, its own counting, its own certification. When it had secured that privilege, it calculated on an eternal lease of power. Along with this revolution in our domestic affairs it attempted a reversal of our foreign policy. It proposed incessant interference in the affairs of other nations, a reversal of well-settled principles of international law, and the forcible annexation of such foreign territory as contained American adventurers who desired to obtain bounties from our treasury. These revolutionary designs

plished to leave the country in a most deplorable condition.

failure of confidence produced the al- objects. He did not rebuke them nor most unparalleled spectacle of a coun- try to dissuade them, but he promised try's suffering from want in the midst just what they asked." Mr. Stevens will need three more columns in the saries of life. The folly and criminal- salmon region journal he conducts to meet that concise statement of his greed of the monopolists who had been | duty and his violation of it.-Chicago

---Some impressive truths were uttered by Gov. McKinley at the Lincol day banquet in Columbus. He told the truth when he said "the people are tired of this tariff-tinkering, bond-issuing, debt-increasing, treasury-depletof the people, the course of distribution ing, business paralyzing and wage-reducing" work. They are weary of it. Maj. McKinley's swindling tariff law made tariff tinkering a necessity. His under the shadow of storehouses full party made the issue of bonds and the increasing of debt necessary by its depletion of the treasury. It paralyzed business and reduced wages by trade restrictions and heavy burdens.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

--- The chief soloists in the republican chorus have now been heard. The keynote is sounded. Reed, Harrison and McKinley have lifted up their voices, and Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart know the concert pitch to which their cries must be attuned. When the hubbub of the chorus has subsided consideration should be given to a few facts that are relevant and important. The Wilson bill will be passed. Industry will revive and prosperity will return under it. Wider markets will demand enlarged production, and this in turn will increase the employment of labor.-N. Y. World.

Indisputably Decided.

The vote by which the McCreary resolution was adopted in the house-177 to 75-probably represents very fairly the sentiment of the country on the course of the present administrawere defeated; but enough was accom- tion and of that which preceded it in relation to the Hawaiian business. It

was a party vote, to be sure, and there Such are some of the leading counts, is, no doubt, a disproportionate repreimperfectly pleaded, in the great in- sentation of the democratic party of dictment preferred by the American the country in the house at present, people against the administration of but the division among the people on ex-President Harrison before the bar this occasion is not along the party of impartial history. If he has any- line, and we have no doubt that if the thing to say that is pertinent to his de- single issue could be put to a popular fense he should say it. His speech at vote, after a fair discussion, the course Indianapolis would seem to imply that of the Cleveland administration would what he has to say is wholly irrelevant be sustained by fully the ratio of 177 It is only a plagiarism from the wolf in to 75. There never was a question Esop's fable that accused the lamb down seriously disputed upon which the merstream of muddying the water. Mr. its were so clearly on one side, and all Harrison joins the republican press in the posing and pretending of the polithe assertion that the present distress is | ticians in congress would fail to upset not due to anything that has happened, the plain common sense and sense of but to something that is going to hap-pen. In other words, the laws of the States.-N. Y. Times.

Berridge replied: "There is one canon which I dare not disobey, and that says: 'Go preach the Gospel to every creature '

-The resignation of Rev. T. De Witt Talmage of the Brooklyn Tabernacle will, it is believed, and the existence of the church. No other man could fill the vast auditorium, holding as it does five thousand persons, every Sunday. The tabernacle was built especially for Dr. Talmage, end without him it must be closed. This is admitted by Leonard Moody, president of the board of trustees, who says that if Dr. Talmage leaves the church it must be sold for the benefit of the two creditors. Mr. Sage, to whom is owed, with interest, '\$175,000, and Mr. Willis, to whom is due, with interest, \$32,000. making a total of about \$207,000. The church property as it stands costs \$450,000.

A Small Matter.

A Detroit man, noted for his very serious and earnest manner, went out not long ago with his wife to find apartments. After a time they found a pleasant place and had agreed to take it.

"By the way," said the landlady, "I forgot to ask if you had any children 2" "We have a boy," responded the

mother.

"Indeed? I'm very sorry," protested the landlady, "but I can not permit any children to come into my house."

"Oh, that will be all right," said the gentleman encouragingly, but with great seriousness. "We can fix that with very little trouble, indeed. We will just kill the boy," and they went on to other places which, like Heaven, suffer little children to come unto them and forbid them not .- Detroit Free Press

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Little Johnny-Mamma, won't you get me a double-rij per sled?

Mamma-I knew a little boy who had a sled of that kind, and the first time he used it he crushed three of his fingers so that they had to be taken off. How would you like that?

Little Johnny (anxious for the sled) --Well, I think it would be sort o' convenient not to have so many finger nails to keep clean .- Good News.

-Muggins-"See that poor devil in the rain without any umbreda? Every rainy day I see him in the same predicament, and on clear days he always carries an umbrella. Who is he? do you know?" Buggins-"That's our local weather forecaster."-Philadelphia Record.

-Jeremisquan, Duck Trap and Pequawket are some Maine names which have been swept away by the besom of reform. But the beautiful Chesunabungamauglaronticook remains .- Lewiston Journal.

-In the middle ages the value of a count as a fighting man was £3 per month; of a baron, £' 1; of a knight, 13 shillings; of a man-at-arms, 3 shillings; of an archer, 6 penca

