THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME. The dames of France are fond and from

And Flemish lipe are willing. And soft the maids of Italy, And Spanish eyes are thrilling; Still though I bank beneath their smiles And my heart falls back to Erin's Isle, To the girl I left behind me.

For she's as fair as Shannon's side. And purer than its water, But she refused to be my bride, Though many a year I sought her; Yet since to France I sailed away. Her letters oft remind me That I promised never to gainsay The girl I left behind me.

She says, "My own dear love, come hos My friends are rich and many, Or else, abroad with you I'll roam, A soldier stout as any;
If you'll not come, nor let me go,
I'll think you have resigned me," My heart nigh broke when I answered

To the girl I left behind me.

For never shall my true love brave A life of war and toiling. And never as a skulking slave I'll tread my native soll on: But were it free or to be freed, The battle's close would find me To Ireland hound, nor message need From the girl I left behind me.

VICTIMIZED.

had been at the Climax Hot Springs for three days when the Widow Hendricks arrived. I had engaged quarters for a month, in order to boll the rheumatism out of my system, and there were a hundred other guests booked in like manner. The Springs were never a fashionable resort, but you will always find a lot of people there who are financially solid. was on the verauda when the widow drove up in the 'bus, and I sixed her up as follows:

'Age, about 27; fine figure; second year of widowhood; handsome face; intellectual and entertaining; probably got at least \$50,000 life insurance when Hendricks shuffled off; she'll do to cultivate."

I was a bachelor, you understand, and at liberty to firt, make love or marry. It was said that I was a good-looking bachelor, and though I was bothered with rheumatism in my left knee just then It didn't interfere materially with the grace of my carriage. I flattered myself that I attracted the widow's attention, and was glad to note that several other bachelors or widowers were a bit jealous of me. We got her history, or rather a few details, from one of the hotel clerks. She was worth half a million dollars, and lived in Cincinnati. Her sister and brother-in-law would appear later. She had twinges of rheumatism in her left knee, and would take a few baths before sailing for Europe to be gone a year.

For two days the fair young widow avoided us; but on the third day, to my great satisfaction, she was given a sent at my table in the dining-room. Not only that, but next to me; and she had not given the waiter her order when I turn, and the fact that we were both suffering from rheumatism in the same knee served as a bond to draw us together. I admired her from the start; by the time her posched egg was brought I thought I could love her; before her coffee was gone I had determined to marry her or pertah in the attempt. For two days I had the widow Hondricks to myself, and I was so selfish that I would not introduce her to any possible rivals, even though they got in the way a dozen times per day. She gave me to understand that she was glad I was at the Springs. She had inquired about me, she said, and found that I was a man above reproach.

was getting along awimmingly, when the widow gave me a sort of a throw-down. That is, she gave four or five others opportunities of introducing themselves; and one afternoon I found her promenading the veranda on the arm of old Jones, the man I despised above all the other guests. He was a merchant from some place or other, and probably a very nice man, but I despised bim because it was rumored that he was a widower who wanted to get married again. I chided the widow for walking with Jones and for talking Flame and Vanice with a voung squirt of a feliow named Hawkins, and for towing to a millionaire backing with rheumatism in the ankles; but she squeezed my hand, and laughingly re-

"Don't be a goose. Of all the men bere I think you the nicest; but a woman must render herself agreeable to all. you know. You just be a good boy, and don't get jealous.'

She permitted about a dozen men to cultivate her acquaintance, and while I was jestous of each and every one and ached to bang the heads of the whole I yet took a grim lot of pleasure in the feeling that I was boss of all, and had the joker in my hand. I even introduced to her two or three parties, in order to have the satisfaction of pitying them afterwards.

The women did not take kindly to the widow Hendricks, nor did she cultivate them. While woman is woman's worst enemy. It takes a woman to correctly size up one of her own sex. The women called Mrs. Hendricks superficial, firstious, conceited, and all that. They also said she was tricky, and but for fear of the law would have called her an adventuress. Perhaps some of them did, to their husbands, but if so the bus-

"Now, my dear, stop right there. You figure, but don't carry the thing too far.

that's all she's doing." The widow Hendr' iks had no rea-

began to revolve as soon as she made a train at the very hour she was to her appearance on the veranda, and it meet us, and with her had gone our was almost a fight as to who should cash. Old Jones called her au adventurescort her for a walk or into the dining room. In fact, things went so far that I got mad, and perhaps I should have paid my bill and suffered on with the rheumatism had she not sent for me to join ber in her private parlor. She knew I was put out, and she squeezed my hand and sat down close beside me,

"Now, George" (for the first time). "you are angry at me, and I can't tell you how grieved I am. I know you to be the dearest fellow in the world, and to prove how much I II e you I am going to ask a great favor of you. I'd die before I'd sak & of any other man on earth. George" (squeeze), "will you grant it? There is no one about, and I think you may-may-"

I kissed her, of course. That was twenty years ago, but I remember it tering a little exciamation of glad suryet. It was a long, lingering kiss on the cheek, and I did not feel my rheumatism for three days after. Then I told her to ask me for my horse, my dog, my razor, or my fortune, and ? would break my neck to save ber.

"That is like you, you dear old fellow!" she said. "Well, the truth is. I owe my dressmaker about \$600. I sent her a check for the amount before leav ing home, but she sends it back, and wants the money. You know how queer some people are; she probably never cashed a check in her life. If you

If I could let her have \$600 in cash she would express it to her dressmaker. Why, of course! I had transferred \$2,000 to the local bank, and she should have \$600 early next foremoon. Didn't she want-\$700-\$800-\$1,006?

"What a noble man!" she murmured When the bank opened next morning drew out an even \$1,000, returned to the hotel, and handed it to her with my compliments. She smiled and laughed and called me pet names, but when I offered to go with her to the express office she put me off. I dien't spy upon her, but I couldn't find out that she went out alone that day or any other

Next day after drawing the money ! wanted her to go driving, but she had a headache. I wandered off alone, and returned just in time to catch old Jones coming out of that private parlor, and to see the widow fitting ont of the rear door. I forced back my suspicions deemed them naworthy, and neve knew the worst until Jones owned up to M. She had sent for him to sek great favor. She had also squeezed bis band-a hand like a ham-and the old jay had also imprinted a long, lingering kiss on her cheek. She hadn't worked the dressmaker dodge on him; it was interest due on a mortgage, and she had forgotten all about it. Jones was a business man, and maybe he suggested her sending a check drawn on her own local bank; but if he did she had some excuse to satisfy him. At any rate he lent her \$750 and had to draw on his own bank for more.

A day later the little widow tackled that squirt of a Hawkins, Squirts don't introduced myself and managed to add have ready cash as a rule, but this one a few honeyed words to please her self- happened to have \$10,000 which had She gave me ber name in re come to him as a legacy. He had been and hand it over to the hotel safe; and though he tried to lie out of k I be Here he was easy picking. When the widow got him into that private parlor and called him Fitsy and squeezed his hand he went all to pieces, and when he was permitted to kiss her peachy cheek the infernal killot just ached to die for her. What she was after, however, was cold cash. One of her lady friends in Boston wanted a loan of \$2,000 for a week, and as the widow didn't have it by her, and yet awfully wanted to oblige, she was compelled to ask for a loan. She would give Fitzy \$15,000 worth of diamonds to hold as security-having them in the hotel safe -but, of course, he wouldn't think of such a thing. He ran down and got the money, and was so tickled to be of pervice that he would have stood on his head if she had given the sign.

> The millionaire bachelor with the swollen ankles was the next victim. His ankles were much better, but his heart was in a bad way. The wretched idlot had fallen in love with the widow. and he had just figured out to his own satisfaction that he hadn't one show in a million, when a little pink note was inced in his hand and he was almost noved out of his chair. He was asked to meet the widow in that same parior. and he didn't lose any valuable time getting there. As his first name was samuel suppose the woman called him "Sammy," and she probably squeezed his hand and made as big a fool of him as in the other cases. He wouldn't be confidential with the rest of us after k was all over and we were comparing notes, and so I can't tell what excuse she put forward to borrow money. He owned up that be handed over \$1,500 in the long green, and would have made it more had it been asked for.

Taken altogether there were eleven victims. One by one we entered that private parlor to be made fools of and plucked. The lowest sum received by the widow was \$300. The highest sum handed out was that of Fitzy, who threatened to commit suicide, but finally turned to cigarettes. The sum total was a little over \$10,000, but in casting it up we did not mind the odd bundreds

A quarter of a mile in rear of the hotel was a sylvan grove and a lake. Each and every one of us was invited to meet the widow beside the lake on a certain hour. We were on hand to the hist man. Some of us walked around are junious of her good looks and fine and glared at each other, and some of us sat down on the benches and smiled the has a right to amuse herself, and knowingly to ourselves. The hour passed, but none of us left. It was son to be disentiafed with the attenthree hours past the appointed time as she received. She was a sun then we moved to the bold in a body

a train at the very hour she was to ess and voted to pursue and arrest ber, but we voted him down by a large majorky, and decided not to make fools of ourselves any further. In fact, we decided to become liars instead, and during the rest of our stay we boldly denied that any of us had cared anything for the widow or had lent her a

Five years later, while I was at another spring-this time a cold one-for the benefit of my digestion, a lady and gentleman drove up one evening from the station, and I at once recognized the widow Hendricks. She was just as young and cute and pretty as ever. but I took it that she had been married since I saw her last. I didn't put myself forward at all, but after supper she ran across me on the verands, and utprice reached out both hands and said:

you do? Why! I haven't met you

rupted, 'but you seem to have made a mistake. "But you are are George?"

"No, medam. My name is Boggs-Abraham Boggs, Esq., dealer in grindstones, green hides and guano." "And you never lent me a thousand

dollars to pay my dressmaker?" "Never! That isn't Abraham Boggs."

"Boggs, madam-Boggs, I simply happened to look like Mr. Renfrew. was probably some sentimental idiot, and your mistake is excusable. Try come one else, madam-good-night."

RECENT INVENTIONS.

Metallic folding-beds are being made with the horisontal bars hinged in sev eral sections to close up and draw the footboard up to the head when the bed is not in use.

To indicate when a new bottle has been tampered with a metal ball is hung from the cork by a thread, which breaks as the cork is pulled, allowing the ball to fall to the bottom of the bot-

the head by a new fastener, which con- ated. The little device is not patented sists of a toothed comb, to be attached | and any tinsmith can make one. With to the under side of the hat brim and kerosene a small herd of cattle can be slide up into the hair, where it is held sprayed for lice or to keep off files in by springs in the crown.

An improved evershoe has a re-enforcement extending around the heel portion with a shoulder inside to engage the upper edge of the counter of the shoe and prevent the rubber from slipping off.

A Connecticut inventor has patented single spiral spring of heavy aluminium alley wire, the center of the coil Southdown rams with various inferior ping the bar to hold it in place.

raised letters attached to a wire frame, dark as the Hampshire, and some times against which the meat is allowed to rest until an indentation shows, when the meat is dried and hardened by larger animal. It is one of the best of smoke.

Rievele riders who smoke will appreclate a newly designed pipe which has the bowl attached to a shield to be pinned on the cost, with a curved stem which makes it possible for the smoker to use the pipe without touching it with his hands

An improved method of attaching the collar and tie to a shirt consists of loops formed on the coller, tie and neckhand through which a spring ring is forced, which extends nearly around the neck under the tie and prevents the slipping of collar and tie.

An Englishman has designed an electric for signaling apparatus, which has a large number of cartridge chambers in a metallic disk, with a firing mech anism on one side of the disk to fire a cartridge at stated intervals if a train is in the block shead of the signal, an electric current operating the signal.

In a new French apparatus for raising sunken vessels a number of cells of calcium carbide are maintained on board in such a position that gas is generated as soon as the vessel sinks and stored is collapsible bags under Its fleece is of the worsted class, and the decks, thus raising the ship immediately, which might be the means of saving many lives.

She Reared Her Husband. Mrs. Madison Smith, who died recently, after passing the century mark, many years ago enjoyed the distinction, it is claimed, of being the only woman in this section who literally theory of "the more feed the more raised her husband. Old man Smith is living yet. He said that his mother died when he was but one day old, and that he was given by his master to Miranda, another slave, to raise. She acted as a mother to him, her own baby having died about the same time. In after years both being manumitted by their master, they removed to the North, and were married at Brooklyn, St. Clair County, in 1850. They have lived happily together ever since. Old man Smith is 86 years of age, and enjoys the esteem of all who know him. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Onions and Complexion. The finest complexions in the world are said to be in the Bermudas. This is accounted for by the fact that the inabitants live chiefly on onions.

Nickel-in-the-Blos.

A recently patented nickel-in-the-slot machine polishes shoes, perfumes the closhing, opens a mirror, and gives the user a stick of gum in one operation.

Mohammed's Tomb. tomb of Mohammed is covere with diamonds, sapphires and rubles valued at \$12,500,000.



This is made by soldering in a pint tin cup the device shown in the lower "Why, Mr. Renfrew-George-how do part of the illustration. To the halfmon shaped piece of tin is attached the long rectangular tube. The short, round "Madam, I beg your pardon," I inter- tube at right angles to this reaches almost but not quite to the bottom of the cup. The top of this short tube is ou a level with the bottom of the long one.

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By partially filling the cup with any

SIMPLE SPRAYING DEVICE.

kind of an insecticide and blowing into Hats are prevented from blowing off the long tube a fine spray can be crea very short time. For house plants it is especially adapted and convenient. Pure kerosene must be used very sparingly on either plants or animals.-Orange Judd Farmer.

Oxford Down Sheep.

This is a cross-bred sheep, the progeny of Hampshire ewes and Cotswold a bicycle handle which is formed of a rams. It is the largest of the so-called "Down" breeds, the produce of the bulging outward and the ends grip but generally heavier races of ewes. . These were as a rule coarse, and un-Meats can be marked without stain- thrifty in comparison with the highly ing by a new device, consisting of cultivated sire. The face is not so merely spotted or smutted, nor is the body so broad or heavy as that of this made at the Experiment Stations, this breed made the second highest score for dressed weight of carcass, making over 60 per cent., the Leicester alone surpassing it, and making sixty-two and three-quarters per cent. It is an excellent breed for crossing on common range flocks, and is hardy as well at thrifty. It has the advantage, too, of



making one of the best kinds of ram for crossing on farm flocks or for farm ers' use in its pure-bred form. It is remarkable for the depth of its fore quarter, as shown in the illustration. which is a portrait of a first prize ram. used for a large variety of fabrics noted for their excellent wearing qualities. The fieece averages seven pounds.

Avoid Extremes. Extremes are dangerous. One class of farmers do not feed enough for profit, especially after grass is gone, while the other class believes in the product." Both are wrong. An animal may consume more food than it can digest, making the product expensive. Feeding depends upon variety. Too much corn or ground grain in the summer season will cause bowel difficulty. and an excess in winter without the addition of bulky material gives no corresponding benefit, as it is voided, Give the animals a sufficiency, but not exclusively of one kind of food.

War with Germany, The whole suggestion of a war with Germany is preposterous. Nowhere outside of Germany is the true German character better understood and appreclated than in this country, and our sure reliance for the continuation of our friendly relationes rests on our knowledge of the good sense and intelligence of the German people, who would be almost unanimous in their protest against the mere thought of so unnatural a struggle.

Grafting Pecans.

It is a mistake idea that pecans will not grow and thrive on high land. It is of the same class and nature as the bickory, and will thrive on any sell that the hickory will grew on. The pecan If you must have your ploture taken, may be successfully grafted on the food best or heaven's sake don't seem taken, hickory by sawing the bickory stock sary grit.

after the sap has started, so as to allow the bark to be readily separated from the wood. Cut grafts while dormant, and keep dormant until ready for use. | dead soldiers. These they much Shape the graft about one and one-half inches in all on one side, and take off the bark on opposite side just so as to touch the wood, and insert in the stock against the wood and between the wood and bark. Have the grafts about six or eight inches long, and mound up to top of graft with fine earth well packed on.-Exchange.

Value of Horse Manure. Different valuations are given horse manure, as it is made from many dif- with the Fifth Company of Louis ferent substances. It is estimated that a ton of manure contains about ten pounds of nitrogen, ten pounds of potash and four pounds of phosphoric acid. the value of which is about \$2. It will manure to consider whether it will pay to haul manure a long distance unless It is of the most variable kind. Manure from livery stables, which is composed mostly of straw, is not worth as much as that which is free from litter, hence when the farmer gives his labor and that of his team to haul a ton of manure a mile or more, as well as load and unload it, he may pay more for it than it is worth. Fertilizers are cheaper unless the manure is worth over \$2 a ton.

Our Corn Burplus. Explanation of the enormous increase in European corn requirements, evidenced in American exports, 206,500,-000 past year, is largely found in the extended use in Continental Europe of corn instead of barley and other grains for cattle. Frits Arneld, a leading German importer, says that with the cattle of Germany feeding on American corn there will be market for 150,000,000 in German agricultural districts alone, that a large share of the \$100,000 worth of corn that now goes weekly to Europe is for the German farmer, and that the rest of Europe is learning the same

Glen Mary Strawberry. The Glen Mary strawberry is rather soft, as are most berries of large size, but of good quality, form and color and exceedingly pro-



ductive. This variety requires good soil and clean culture to obtain size and uniformity, and for near-by market will pay for rich soil and care-

ful culture. The main objection is the time of ripening. which brings it into the market in midmutton sheep, and the lambs are excellent and thrifty feeders. In some tests The accompanying illustration is half the usual size of the berry.

Hene' Nests. Hens will "steal" their nests in sum mer and find some secluded location where the ground appears moist. The fact has prompted some farmers to be lieve that a moist location should be preferred for hens that are incubating. The selection of the nesting place by the hen is not because the ground may be damp, but because she desires a cool location or to get rid of lice in the poultry house. In winter the hen prefers a warm and dry nest. Experiments show that sitting hens will hatch out as many chicks from the eggs when the nests are up on a dry hay mow as when they are located on damp ground.

Rights of Contractors. A private corporation has a right to ollect from the people for gas and water and street car service and other public utilities only enough compensation to pay expenses and to provide a reasonable return on the capital actually invested. Every cent collected above what is necessary for these purposes, belongs to the city, and the time will come when it will be recognized as the value represented by a public franchise and figure the franchise itself as a part of the assets of the company .-Kansas City Star.

Poultry Notes. Do not allow fowls to drink stagnant

water. Soft shelled eggs are largely due to

overfeeding.

In fattening fowls cooked food is beter than raw. Be sure that the young chickens are

fat when sent to market. Always feed turkeys and ducks where you want them to roost .

laving. It is a waste of feed to keep more

breeding. Keep all of the best of the early

hatched pullets; they make the best winter layers. To grow as they should little ducks

require almost twice as much food as little chickens. More or less experience is absolutely

poultry keeping. When a fowl or animal is making rapid growth is the time to aid in order to make the most out of it.

One reason that fewls given a good range are healthler is that they receive food best for digestion, with the necesMUTILATING DEAD BODIES.

Mexicans Were Good at This and the The men we fought then were of

ame stripe as those Uncie Sam's

diers are fighting now, said a ve of the Mexican war recently. The like savages, and mutilated the b of our dead soldiers in the most berd ble manner imaginable. After a tus with them we would bury the bodies of the slain, including those of our en mies, but after we were gone th devils would sneak up to the bu ground and take up the bodies of too horribly to relate, and then prop ped them up naked along a road they knew we would travel. They would arrange the bodies in all kinds by pressing it with the shaped side of horrible attitudes, propping them with stones or sticks driven thron the fiesh and into the ground, so that they could not fall down. Why, x wee awful, and even now the remembrance of those terrible scenes makes my blood rum cold. There is one particular occa-sion which I will never forget. I was soldiers, which was what is now called cavalry, but was then known as the mounted men. They did all the touch work, and one day we were sent up to take the National Bridge, which is on be interesting for farmers who buy the road between Vera Cruz and the City of Mexico. It was guarded by two forts on high hills, and it was necessary that we should hold it. When we arrived near the bridge a party of twentyone men were sent ahead to scout, and they were cut off from us by a company of the enemy.

Several nights later, however, they made a hold dash and rejoined us, but several were killed. The next morning the main body started to take the forts. and I was in the front ranks. As we reached the bridge we saw the body of one of the poor fellows who had been killed the night before. It was naked and mutilated in a manner almost too terrible to imagine. None of us said anything, but we registered a silent row that we would not take any prisoners alive if we could belp it. The sight of that poor soldier's body had an effect on our men terrible for the Mexicans, and we none of us forgot it during the fight that followed. Yes, we captured the forts and bridge and held the town.

He Won the Bet

An uncouth old ranger from the San loaquin Valley was making his weekly trip to Stockton the other day, and chanced to be sitting with an impertinent drummer in the smoking car. The old man helped himself to the matches from the railroad box and tried to strike one and then another.

"You have to scratch them on the box,

uncle," remarked the drummer. "Oh, I guess I kin strike a match," replied the rancher, as he ripped one across a varnished panel of the car and broke off the head. The drummer laughed at his failure and gave him some more information.

"The only way to light those matches

is to strike them on the box," said he. "Oh, I guess I kin scratch 'em most anywheres," and the old man tried one on the sole of his shoe, another on the car floor, while the

laughed. "I tell you they are made so that they won't light unless you scratch

them on the box." "Bet you they will."

"Bet you \$20 they will."

"I'll bet you \$1 they won't." "I'll take it."

The wager was made, the old man took one of the matches, stood up, and, hitching his trousers up so as to make a smooth surface over his broad thigh. gave the match a deliberate scratch and It blazed up. Then he deliberately lighted his pipe and drew down the

The smart drummer does not know that the innocent old rancher pays his expenses every trip on that trick, for he has a side of a matchbox sewed in his trousers beneath the tall of his long. shiny coat.

A College Pun.

The class was reading Cicero, an author who gave the tutor in charge opportunity to indulge in little homilies, often drawn from far-fetched texts. On this occasion (it was just fllegal for a corporation to capitalize after a victory at baseball had been traditionally celebrated) the tutor put y and an every expression, and in solemnest tones inquired of the student who was reciting-

"Mr. Smith, which of these two words, 'contemnere,' or 'despicere,' would you apply to young men so selfishly oblivious to the proprieties and the rights of their neighbors as to light bonfires in dangerous proximity to buildings on the college campus?"

Quick as thought the student replied: "I should, sir, use 'contemnere'-to make light of."

Needless to add, the clever p brought down the house; and that tu In a majority of cases it will pay to showed that he was human by joining sell off the old hens as soon as they quit in the laugh. He afterward said that it was the only occasion in six years of service in that college where he gave a roosters than are actually needed for student the maximum mark for perfection in recitation.

The Tallest Volunteer.

Private Henry Jackson, of Company K, Second New Jersey Regiment claims to be and probably is the tallest soldler in the volunteer army. He is 6 feet 6% inches in height, but he finds consolation in the thought that even if necessary to making a success with he were sixty feet high the Spanish marksman couldn't hit him.

> No Electricity for the Turk The Turkish Government is the least enterprising of any in the matter of electricity. Enormous sums of money have been offered for electric lighting and telephone privileges, but they have all been refused.