M. L. THOMAS NEBRASKA RED CLOUD

As a star from the sea new risen, As the walt of an angel's wing, As a lark's song heard in prison, As the promise of summer in spring, The shadows that ring me round, The dungeon of years and illness Wherein my spirit is bound.

EYEBRIGHT.

She came with her eyes love-laden, Her laughter of lify and rose, A fragile and flower-like maiden, In the season of frest and snows.

She smiled, and the shades departed; She shone, and the snows were rain; And he who was frozen-hearted Bloomed up in love again. -New and Old

OPIUM.

How the Useful and Deadly Drug to Made. fixed salary, but a commission upon all the opium he brings to the Government have never seen, in their life, a Europeant and accept with easy credulity vigilance that illicit opium sale is frustrated. In this object he is associated of their Governors. No wonder is it with a native Government servant, who lives during the year among the people employed upon this cultivation. This official is thoroughly acquainted with the resources of the soil, the state of the crops, and the amount of opium each square foot of land is capable of the square foot of land is capable of the resources. The post vigorous rules

their means of a sure livelihood. Owing to the ever poverty-stricken order that nothing should be wrong.

the finger over the cuts. About five lenced in turning. The poorer the qualto six incisions suffice for the drawing ity the blacker the color and the thin-

one-sixth or one-twelfth of an acre, per- Francis: O Chroniele. haps; in a few isolated instances one man is wealthy enough to own half an

There are many reasons which con- King Kalakaua, of the Hawaiian Islto the Government. Irrigation is simple. A rude well is sunk, two posts and a cross beam, over which is placed dresses simply in a black suit, wears no the drawing of water. A rope is passed over the wheel and attached to it is a huge leathern bucket, which is let down upright bearing of a soldier. He looks wedding at home there are, first, the looks wedding at home there are said to

nany years' saving We can imagine how glad must be

patiently for the order to march with the fruits of his labors to the weighing station. It depends entirely upon the season as to when the cuitivators can bring their opium to the Government stations to be weighed. As a general rule the month of April

is the commencement of the weighing season. Intimation is ther given to the opium cultivators that they must present themselves on a certain day with their opium, in order to have it tested and weighed. In the districts where the poppy plant is cultivated all are astir, and grand preparations are made for a general exodus. The opium is collected safely in red earthen pots, which are put in wicker crates, and the whole family with burdens on their heads make for the weighing stations. The picturesque Indian lanes are crowd-Wz shall have to explain the status ed with these men, marching like sheep of the people who are engaged in the cultivation of the poppy. It will, per-during the night. The sultry heat of haps, be best to begin with the lam ar-dar or agent. This man represents shelter of the gardens and groves so the inhabitants of a village of liberally planted along the dusty highopinm farmers, who, of their own ways. Directly a halt is called and choice, appoint him as their head man. preparations are made for the daily It is his duty to speak and arrange with meal. After this is finished some lively

the Government officers, as well as to spirit starts a story recounting the savshow the reason why and how the outturn has been less than the probable
estimate. It is this man who arranges
all the transactions and money dealings
totween the cultivator and the Governmeet. For his services he receives no

of the money he is soon to disburse. Many of these ignorant cultivators

cing. The most vigorous rules by rascally natives, who profit by the and most efficient checks are enforced credulity of their countrymen in order o combat any attempt at fraudulent to extort money. These men represent ale, but the Government very wisely that nothing can be done without the precludes, by paying high prices, illicit bakshish or blackmail present, and they pium traffic. Not only that, but the are the agents for the sahib, sent by advantages enjoyed by the natives enhim to collect toll. If the ignorant gaged in poppy cultivation are so immense and of so tempting a nature picture to which the torments of hell that the natives, through fear of ever are but a trifle. The poor fellow, anxlosing their advantages, are not likely jous to escape such calamities as he is to sacrifice, even for temporary gain, threatened, pays the demand, and further presents his friend with a trifle in

the Government advances the and tests commence. Notice is given conditions. The bedroom is an unrewhereby he can engage in poppy to the entivators, and they proceed to garded place, a make-shift, a convenitheir en- the factory, ranging themselves in a gagements is about as follows: The long line before the examining officer. tvator undertakes to sow a bigka, or Some men connected with the departabout one-twentieth of an acre, with ment then mix up the opium and take poppy seed. For this he is given the out a small quantity for examination. requisite amount of seed. If a well has The officer, after inspection, marks the to be dug, he is not only given a sum, quality on the side of the earthen basin on loan, sufficient to carry out his pur-pose, but also money enough to buy bullocks in order to enable him to draw of iodine. If it happens that the cultifrom the well when it is finished. This vator has been attempting to adulterate is termed the first advance, and is his opium with farinaceous matter, the simply given him to prepare his land solution will discover the deceit. Exfor the sowing of poppy seed. The second advance is given when the plant this important duty, and it is expected begins to shoot above the earth's sur- of them to be able to distinguish the face, and the third when the plant is class of the opium as much by the feel about to mature. In January or Feb- and sight as by chemical analysis. The ruary the plant comes to maturity; in consistency of the opium is easily told that state the pods are lanced in the by a man who has been long at the afternoon. The opium is allowed to exude till next morning, when it is with his hand or with the aid of a knife. carefully taken off by an iron scraper. If the opium is of a first-class quality At the same time precaution is exer- the color is of a rich brown, and it is so cised to close the incisions by running stiff that there is some difficulty exper-

ner the consistency. The opium is placed in brass vessels, After the opium has been weighed slightly tilted, so as to drain off the and filled into separate jars according dew or any other watery substance. It to its quality, they are sealed up and is then manipulated and placed in new dispatched to the factory, where all the earthen vessels, and is thus kept till it opium is again mixed up to a certain not only does the flame exhaust the air, is brought to the weighing stations. consistency, and made into balls ready The cultivator of poppies does not employ labor. His holdings are mere After the opium has once been delivgarden patches; so all the aid he re- ered into the bands of the Government quires, from the sowing of the seed to office, the cultivator has nothing more the maturing of the plant and the gath- to do. He is paid so much by the ering of the opium, can be had from pound; his former advances are dethe members of his family. The whole of this work is done by himself, his raiat and Government closes. When wife, and his little ones. Many of the balls are made they are packed into these opium garden plots, worked by a boxes called "opium chests" and sent man and his family, amount to only down to Calcutta. - Calcutta Cor. San citement of the brain, the more reso- as the central sugar factory system,

King Kalakana Interviewed.

A RECENT San Francisco dispatch says: duce to this. First and foremost is that ands, who arrived by steamer on Saturthe native does not like to lease more land than he himself can plow and work. Even with the growth of opium, where so many untold advantages are where so many untold advantages are on February 8, and proposes to visit offered for extended enterprise, the I Japan, China, Bombay, Rome, Peris dian husbandman prefers to give his attention to a tiny garden rather than to spend several weeks at the East. He be put to the expense of working, with has a great desire to see Saratoga and paid help, a few acres. His outlay is Newport in the height of the fashionnothing; and thus he is enabled, at tre- able season. He also wants to inspect mendous profit, to grow opium for sale the municipal works in large Eastern a wheel, form the only apparatus for jewelry and no decorations. He is a which, although involving liberal ex- and many planters of the olden sort have and drawn up by bullocks. The water like an Italian, with rather heavy feat-invitations, which involve, as a rule, aya. Both these systems are said to is emptied into a reservoir; running ures, has a black beard and mustache two card-plates and a note-sheet printed work well, and hundreds of tenants from this are numerous drains, which carry off the water and flush the lands requiring moisture. The stronger members of the family are engaged in other lands would be deemed infants, make themselves generally useful in picking weeds and many other duties necessitating light labor.

ures, has a black beard and mustache and a very amiable expression. He speaks excellent English and is very cordial in his manners. He talked with nearly every one on board the steamer, and his free and easy manners were a source of great anazement to Proctor, the English astronomer, who was returning from a lecturing tour in Australia. Proctor thought Kalakaua was an additional \$5 for each additional

"An Exposition of Sleep,"

THE praise of sleep is universal. Art has loved it, Poetry has celebrated it, Music touches her softest and sweetest We can imagine how glad must be the raist when the poppy plant has begun to exude opium, and when his opium has all been gathered he waits patiently for the order to march with the fruits of his labors to the weighing guest, and cut ourselves off from her iner ministries, if we do not big her begone altogether.

To drop metaphor, which, like Malvolio's cross-gartering, "obstructs the blood," the commonest of modern disorders among the educated classes is an inability to sleep. Nor is this a slight matter. While the agencies of repair are ever at work to replace the constant wear of vitality, it is only in sleep that the rate of waste falls below that of replacement, so that there is any real accumulation of nervous force. And since nervous force is not only fuel, but driving-rod and stoker to this human engine, its wheels must turn slower and ly they stop.

Common-sense and knowledge are the greatest physicians since Æsculapius, though their practice is but small. Now knowledge explains that, paradoxical as it may at first seem, nervous temperaments do not require the same amount of sleep as phlegmatic ones. The dull, lethargic and slow organization makes a ponderous business of its slumber, as of the other affectments of life, and takes nine or ten hours to get through with it. The quick, electric, lithe, sensitive person, on the other hand, whose processes are swift as air, takes in his aleep, apparently, as he does his bless, at a figh, and finds his six hours' unconsciousness fuller of assimilation than his fellow's ten. The

temperament acts throughout. Moreover, from the days of Hippocrates and Araticus, science has declared that too much sleep impairs the forces of the brain, and with them all the vital powers. So that the nervous may take confort, sor be alarmed at an unseasonably late coming of the sleepy mood, or its unseasonably early flight. Some of the world's most efficient workers have been men who took incredibly little sleep, as John Hunter, the great physiologist, John Wesley

and Napoleon. But what slumber these toilers al lowed themselves was sound and refreshing, and that is the thing to be insisted on, especially with those of us of make Napoleons and Wesleys, while she has limited our capacity to sleep. And on this point Common-Sense would

be heard. There is no doubt that most bad sleepers, observes that eminent authority, pass their nights under bad ent receptacle for a bed. wash-stand, or perhaps a show-room of handsome cabinet furniture and lace cheerful, quiet, well-aired, well-sunned, wide-spaced temple of slumber which it should be. Any one who has searched for lodgings, or examined houses with intent to hire or buy, has been to do sore eyes good. shown innumerable inner rooms, or "alcoves," or closets lighted only from the top, with the information that "that will make a most convenient bedroom." Or the seeker for summer board has discovered that the chambers are on the damp and shady side of the

house, chimneyless, and with windows fixed at the top. These disclosures reveal the popular estimate of the dignity of the bedroom in the household order. But he who would sleep well must inhabit a room open daily to the free winds of heaven, sunned, also, if that be possible, clean with a spotless cleanliness (where no holstery harbor ancestral foulness), and disinfected as well with some of the potent and odorless prophylactics of the day. Especially should he not keep gas burning there for a long evening, or even to read himself to sleep. For oyster, but the effects of combustion linger long

after to disturb the sleeper. Again, the habit of going to bed early, that is, before eleven o'clock, is indispensable to nervous persons. Allowing the attention to be held and the faculties exercised after the natural appeal er and more potent the fascination of late hours, with their abnormal exthe healthful sleep will come, being pations of Louisiana, was founded by

to sleep. classified, it can, to a great extent, be of planters who did not care to be the strongest power in this world, and some large plantations in Western we have not yet begun to learn the lim- Louisiana now worked on the tenantry its of its action. - Harper's Bazar.

. York Wedding Costs.

that to \$12, which is regarded as embracing all the requirements that could possibly be asked for in a Fifth avenue residence. For a wedding breakfast, served in a very quiet way, \$1.50 per capita represents the lowest limit of capita represents the lowest limit of capital represents the lowest limit of the second cost the bridges factor to buy the materials and make provision for their preparation and service. It is not unusual, this winter,

however, on very quiet occasions, to be content with a service of cake and wine only. Wedding cake for one hundred persons, done up in pretty boxes, stamped with monogram, is furnished at from \$30 to \$50, according to the style of the box: for one of these dainty the lid, all satis and gilding, may be intered as expensive as a casket gold, or in the extreme of simplicity,

furnished for next to nothing. The trousseau, which, after all, is the largest item, rests altogether with the means of the parties; but when the slower without that supply, till present- cost of a baby's baptismal trousseau runs up to 85,000, as has occurred on occasions this winter, it may be concluded that, even with the greatest economy, a fashionable trousseau requires the expenditure of not less than \$2,500, and ten times that sum is not an unusual figure. The attire for the ceremony, the white satin, brocaded or not, with bridal veil, orange blossoms, and toilet accessories, may-exclusive of laces and jewels-be procured for \$500. It is thus, with the most exact and rigid supervision of items in every direction, a question of expending from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to give one's daughter in marriage according to the canons of good society .- N. Y. Tomes.

The Peacock and the Oyster-A Fable.

ONE day an oyster set out to cross neck of land to save himself a long swim around it, and as he journeyed along the dusty highway, content with the weather, the climate and his surroundings, he suddenly heard a barsh voice crying out for him to halt. As he rolled into the shade of a pigweed, a peacock advanced with lordly strut and demanded:

"How, now, sirrah? Where are you going, and what is your errand?" "I'm simply crossing from water to water, and tired enough I am. I believe I have been three good hours making half a mile."

"Three hours? Why, I could strut whom Nature unaccountably forgot to over the place in three minutes! Ah, me, but you don't amount to much for "No: a child can swallow me at

> "And you aren' the least bit pretty. "That's true. My shell is coarse and full of ridges." "And you can't sing?" "Not a note."

"Nor fly?" "Not a fly." "Well, well, I really pity you. Now, coverlets. But far too seldom is it the then, if you want to see something gaudy, just gaze on me " The bird strutted up and down, head up and tail spread out, and the oyster was compelled to say that it was a sight

"While you creep I walk, strut and

"While you whisper I sing." "Yes." "While you tumble around in the

mud and sand I reflect all the colors of the rainbow on the lawn." "I must admit it," sighed the oyster. "And while a pig-weed shelters you it takes a whole apple tree to give me shade. You see --- ?"

And the oyster saw. An eagle had been looking for a breakfast. The humble oyster, hidden away under the weed, escaped his piercing glances, but venerable wall-paper and ancient up- the gorgeous peacock was instantly seen and spotted. There was a whirr, a scream, and the eagle had ascended with the vain-glorious bird fast in his

"Come to think it all over," said the ovster, as he squinted his larboard eye aloft, "it is about as well to be an oyster under a pig-weed as a peacock in the claws of an eagle. I guess I'll move on." MORAL: Those who were born to strut should not exult over those who

were born to creep. - Detroit Free

Sugar Factory System.

THE new agricultural industry known lutely should it be resisted. Presently which is now established in many sectiently wooed. Often a very light sup- Messrs. Clarke & Steele, formerly of per at bed-time will enable the restless Springfield, Ohio. Their plantation and works at Lagonda are on a grand scale. Above all, the great remedy in the These gentlemen settled there ten years subjected to the rule of habit and an troubled with the operation or had not "absolute shall." The human will is the means to carry it on. There are system. Small farmers, in companies of five to twenty, are allowed to culti-What a Fashionable, but Quiet, New vate as many acres of fine sugar cane lands as they can, free of rent, and are paid four dollars per ton for all they This year tendency has been to sim-plicity and unostentations elegance, are now planting on the tenantry plan,

one that would be described plathers.

In Pagin a stronger, with a printing several and the prin

A Foiled Book Areat.

A TOUNG man with a large book under his arm and a seven-by-nine smile on his mug stuck his head into the ticket window at the Union Depot, and asked the clerk what the fare was to San Antonio.
"The dollars and fifteen cents" plied the ticket slinger. "Lam pining to leave Galveston but lock ten dollars of the tietet manege

However, that shan't part us. I'll make a partial cash payment of fifteen cents, and take the rest out in trade." "What do you mean by taking it out in trade?" "I am a book agent, and if you will

let me have the ticket I won't try to a fine library in his home at l'eters- when in houng boss fields of sky. self you a book. I stud't say book to burg, and many valuable pictures, and you once. This is the most liberal and has scholarly and artistic tastes. advantageous offer ever made to the THE late F. A. Sothern is said public, and yes ought to take advasabout mak so completely out if he senses in fifteen minutes that he wasn't even fit to send to the Legislature aft-

erwands. What book have you got?" asked the ticket agent. A beaming smile came over the book agent's face, and in a sing-song voice he

"I am offering in seventeen volumes Dr. Whiffletree's Observations in Pales tine, a book that should be in every cal College of the Pacific. family; a book that comprises the views of the intelligent doctor on what he saw in the floly Land, with numerous speculations and theories on what he did not see, altogether forming a complete library of deep research, pure theology and chaste imagery. I am now offering this invaluable encyclopedis for the unprecedented low price of mer sea. two dollars a volume, which is really It is good to know that Goorge Eliot

face, begged the eloquent man to keep period.

sgent myself before I reformed and voted to charitable purposes.

can treat a cash customer with common | match." politeness. You can't eapture my book on any terms, and if you will come out of your eage I'll punch your head in less time than you can punch a ticket." And he passed out like a beautiful dream. -- Gaiveston News.

The Waiting Philosopher.

Some people think it one of the hardest strains on human nature to be obliged to wait at a country depot for the train. A philosopher takes real pleasure in hanging around a depot for Brooklyn Union-Argus. three hours. During the first fifteen minutes he reads all the railroad cards hanging in the waiting-room. If he is near-sighted or a poor reader he can -Indianapolis Hera'd. of husbands have missed the top-stair

on, for an hour and a half. There is always a dog, a small boy and a lame man around a depot. A philosopher will make advances to the with a smile, and give him a cent to stand on his head. He will get up a reunion with the old man and draw him out. The old man got hurt by tumbling into a ditch when he was drunk, but a sharp man can start the conversation so that he will claim to have received the hurt while climbing Look-out Mountain

a rod ahead of Joe Hooker. Two hours and a half thus slip by on the wings of lightning. While the Jussy tat man with the carpet-sack has gone to sleep in despair, the philosopher has been having a bully time. The other half hour is a mere nothing. The philosopher put that in by asking the telegraph operator how long it took him to learn; by taking five or six drinks from the water-cooler; by walking up and down the platform, and counting the birds on the telegraph-wires; or by walking two or three miles down the track to meet the train and ask the conductor if his family are as well as usual. There is no earthly reason why any waiting passenger shouldn't take solid of many years ago. Governor De Witt Nearly all the scholars had babies at comfort around a depot. - Wall Street Daily News.

An English Tale of American Life.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

James T. Firther things that there are too many novels in the hands of the

TENNYAGE's new play, whose failure was so merally anticipated, has met with a great success. PRESIDENT McCostt said, the other day, that the Concord School of Philosophy is the literary "annex" of

PROFESSOR HUNLEY has been appointed to succeed the late Frank Buck.

And the dear inthe birds are dumb,

The break has a cold in her head. ish fisheries.

SENATOR MARIONE, of Virginia, has

have carned an annual income of \$157,-000, and it! is mided that he spent his money almost as rapidly as he made it. THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH lives in Punkanor, a quiet spot in the torm of Cartin, Mass, in an old-freshmed two-story horre, built at the beginning of the present century.

MISS LIZZIE SAUGENT, daughter of ex-Senator Sargent, of California, has been regularly admitted as a member of the medical profession of San Fran-

ont Generater, Mass, is a brown, two-story cottage. It is filled with remem-brances of her fell with remembrances of her friends, and with books year without a "mark," martly because he could scarcely drug them out of and pictures. Here the author of "The he really liked to be prompt, and part-Ga'es Ajar' spends her quiet invalid by because he thought it would days with all the cal uness of the sum-

After the book agent had kept this her. One of these is a "History of up for about ten minutes, be began to ideas of immortality," written several has left some unpublished works behind grow discouraged, for, instead of years ago. The other is a complete showing signs of weakening, the ticket | translation of Spinom's "Ethics," exeagent, with an ecstatic smile on his cuted during the Strauss and Feuerbach

KING OSCAR, of Sweden, has first The book agent stopped to rest his published a volume entitled. "Poems jaw, when the ticket man reached out and Leastets from My Journal." King his hand and said: "Shake, ole fel! Louis, of Portugal, has completed his Come inside and take a chair, and sing translation into l'ortuguese of Shakes-that all over again. That cheers me peare's "Richard III." The proceeds un like a cocktail. I used to be a book of the sale of his translations are de-

went into the railroad business, and A PRIVATE letter from a Boston lady that is like music to me. It soothes visiting Edinburgh to a friend in Hartme all over, It calls back hallowed ford, says: "Miss Isabella Bird, whose memories of the past, and makes me book on Japan you have probably seen, want to go out on the road again. I is a tiny, frail-looking creature, with would rather pay twenty dollars than great, startled eyes. One wonders at have you leave Galveston. You must the spirit and courage she had to excome around every day. I could listen plore strange regions without any lady to that all day, and cry for more." The book agent shut his book and March to a Dr. Bishop, a physician of El nburgh, who makes generous prom- Still no mother. Then he went to the "Some infernal hyens has given me ises as to her freedom in the future: door, looked anxiously that the away; but there is another railroad that but as she has nothing of the repent on. I'll not consent to travel on any sorry. However, there is a long, re- no one responded except the baby force upon the great glowing of road that don't employ gentlemen who mantic story connected with this

HUMOROUS.

CANNIBALS are captive 'afing creatures. - Steubenville Herald. "Inourning innocent?" Not plumber isn't the man who makes plums. He is the man who makes you swear. - Catskill Recorder. BUT, soft! what light through yonder window breaks? It is a snowball; and yonder goes the son of a glazier.

"Is live worth living?" is always who holds a free ticket to the theater. are talking about patterns and Christ-

put in half an hour at this. Every de- JANUARY is an "off" month that is, pot in this broad land has a front door. a swearing "off" month. But the shout ended in a big sob. A man goThe scenery from a depot front door is month is generally longer than the ing to lose his entire fortune couldn't always grand. There is the track each swear off.—Nerristown Herald. way; there is the water-tank; there is A PHILADELPHIA girl, who is an exoften a small grocery on the corner pert at handkerchief flirtation, thinks opposite, with two small boys licking she ought to be appointed Chief of the their lips before the jar of candy in the Signal Service.—N. Y. Express.

window. It is often the case that a A GERMAN emigrant girl, weighing depot is surrounded by houses. Here over two hundred, has been abducted is a great chance to speculate. If there in New York. A sort of high-weigh are, say, twelve houses within sight. robbery, you know. - Salem Santeam. the philosopher can wonder how many ... WHAT," asked the teacher, "was are under mortgage, what percentage the greatest obstacle Washington enin going down cellar; how many moth- And the smart bad boy thought for a half months old, and Elbert was nearly countered in crossing the Delaware?" minute and then made answer. "The toll man." - Burlington Haickeye.

THE train had just rolled into the and who commenced making weak restation, and little Charley stood listen marks, like "Why. Elbert!" and philosopher will make advances to the dog and manage to tie his hind legs together and start him off with a yell.

Westinghouse escape. Then, turning them, with no answer but his panting to his father, he said, "Pa, the enbreath, and reached the school house in

married her two danghters some years teacher. winter or a severe one, she has a box at the Charity Ball, and spends the next summer at Newport, or goes to the Charity Ball and spends the Europe, with one or other of her shawl. sons-in-law .- Chic.

Conversation between two school have my head felt by a phrenologist."
Second boy—"What did he say? First boy—"Oh, he said I had a great brain. but my body wasn't equal to it, and he told my Guy nor he'd order take me out o' school for a year, and just let me play to rest and develop my physique, and Guy nor's going to do it." Second her house.

The teacher was a good-matured young lady, and the lamphed so that also always drupped the baby on the floor, and then the whole room laughed, and single Eibert joined in: for he was to mind a lady of Buffalo's first society

Our Young Readers.

SUMMER WILL COME.

(the summer takes long to come,

And in borner grows, fights legion.
The closed thouse by and the admir-fined a life.
Then runner will ending I know.

Then arrend and over the secret With a flutter shif fift will go a redishing, fredicking breeze, and allow with a whick, bo, bo. 13/19

h, the blookens take long to come, And the leteles bong to get And the briefs fittle broad will from.

I know. Ho. St.

-II. U. Know less, to St. Nicholisa.

HE COULDN'T BE LATE.

Einter Control had mever been

many things to be done before the nineo'clock bell. There was the wood-box to fill, the canary to feed, and generally the cradle to rock, while the mother attended to such work as could be done gone to Richmond, sand Richmo

On this particular morning, however, sound the corner, for a cup of Yeart. At and had become so interested in a back, but the kind neighbor pervant recipe for chocolate cake, a pattern for him, and trok bles, muddy show at a Methodist minister's, and some new Whether mother had min ways for trinuning Christmantrees, that she entirely forgot the time of day. Meanwhile, little Eibert, with his overshoes and scart on, and cap in hand, rocked the craffe, and kept his eyes on the clock. Five, ten, minutes passed away. The long hand was again, - Our Lattle Ones. crawling alarmingly near last-bell time. He tied his scart, pulled his cap over his ears, and rocked harder than ever.

"Oh dear! dear! he exclaimed, as he their offert have been vain at rushed back to the cradle; and just then his expectant ears heard the first Thom sho are not leave a the slow cling-clang of the last bell. It through a to as ope and the when would ring for two aduction the aduction in through the was an free from spect of house was only three streets away, and only start. One thing was certain he would never leave his little baby sister. He remembered a story of a poor baby who was almost burged to death

because her brother, who had promised to take care of her left her and ran has sufficed to show the dark nu out on the street to play. He went to the door and shouted answered in the affirmative by the man of Casablanca. But when two mothers mas trees, who ever knew them to notice every little outside noise? Elbert's of a voicano seems puny. with that dreadful "tardy" mark hanging over his head. Then a happy thought flashed into his mind. Hunning to the eradic, he caught up the bally, scattering pillows and blankets right and left, bundled an old shawl over her, snatched her halffilled milk bottle, dashed out of the house, and ran off in the direction of that changing bell as fast as his stout young legs could carry him. The baby

six years, and large for his age. He met two women whom he knew. gine's all out o' breath, ain't it"'- such good time that the bell gave its Boston Transcript. last two clangs just as he handed over A PRUDENT and far-seeing mother his funny burden to the astonished

ago to a pinmber and an ice man, and "I couldn't leave her, and I couldn't now, no matter whether there is a mild be late," he said, as soon as he could get

And then the whole room naw a surboys: First boy—"I've been down to baby, still in her night-gown, one have

Second and finally Eibert joined in: for he was boy is now pestering his father to take him to the phrenologist's.—Boston Post.

The advent of Mrs. Malaprop brings Of course there could be no order.

Clinton was a guest at the family mansion, and this occurred at the dinner
table: The great Governor spoke of the
delightful climate of our then village.
"Yes," said the hostess, "we generally
hands and every turn of the small bald
"Yes," said the hostess, "we generally
hands and every turn of the small bald
you need, and before buying think Jack Finehart had one love affair, and only one. It was his sole romance in life, and he was very charry of talking about it. But I learned the facts, and they form a startling commentary on border life and the character of the man.

He and his brother both iell in love with the same girl, the niece of an officer in the regular army, then stationed cer in the regular army, then stationed cere in the regular army, then stationed cere in the regular army, then stationed cere what the disturbing the dead made them scream with laughter, until the principal of the school came into the room to see what the disturbing to the dead made them scream with laughter, until the principal of the school came into the room to see what the disturbing to look severe for five seconds, he laughed, too.

And while all this fan are the disturbing the dead made them scream with laughter, until the principal of the school came into the room to see what the disturbing the dear, remonstrated her husband, the General whether sum that the disturbing to the school came into the room to see what the disturbing the dear made them scream with laughter, until the principal of the school came into the room to see what the disturbing the dear made them scream with laughter.

Solution is probably a pretty trifle in dress, in the dear made them scream with laughter.

The scream and

gare her a lang, and said he was "glad didn't leave the baby, 'estes the might have been burned up, you know ... Harper's Young Prople.

How Robbie Rate they fits Party Ropage's father, was going city, and going on horseles-Robbie wanted to go very man's tie, so be caset stay at bome with

or. He watched his father rate and and be did not cry, to every leads had crest scholds east head After his tather was out of the Robbie looked around until he tohis stick horse. He dista't look has he hat, for he didn't like to wear in only kept it on because names and he did not, in most went a leasure

So, in his red drose, Habita He had made up his mind would go with father, and expected as ery moment to eatch up with him the stick-base treated brace the modely post. Father a beautiful good Brangh the mod Robber and

see the tracks of the house an

would not tern aside entire but

splashed along through every med mire place. His hands were seeand cold, too. Surety he would ... be so nice to see his name in the paper and father, so he trudged along at the end of the school year.

December had come, and the short and on horseback, too. But he was December had come, and the short and on horseback too. But he mornings were very lively ones in his coming towards Robbie. When mother's little kitchen, because of so he came up to the stickhorse and be ceming towards Rebbie When a to be ticed rider, he st speed

"Where are you going?" he asked a Robber going after father, and -Well, I wouldn't go any factor day beard the man The get un are

in front of me and we'll have a fee At first Robble did not want Whether mother had mixed li before he got back, I don't know the I do know sha was giad the said had not carried the little rider on Robbie was washed and views a petted, but he never rodo after fall-

A Mouth of San Storms.

The past month has been a store

the polished gold case of a match would be astonished at the change in their escopic appearance. It is new the the shield of a warrior, dented and pler sed by many flerce strokes. On some days an opera glass powerful enough to define the curve of an actress's eyebox a solar cycloge. Spots larger than the earth have appeared and vanished that

has been mottled ant wrinkled under the strain of forces so tremendous that in comparison with them the strength The spots have gone trooping seross the disk with the revolution of the mighty globs, in groups and rows singly and in pake. Huge groups have been seen to split up, smaller spots have been formed and destroyed in a few hours. Whether, as some have supposed, these spots are caused by the fall of enormous meteoric maters upon the sun, or are produced by the on the or down-rush of geneous matter, or the results of both these causes, the feet upon the observer is the same lie cannot escape the impression that the great fireball he is looking lat in the sport of elemental forces of the most gigantic power and activity. There have been only three clear days during January when, with ordinary spygiass, the sun's disk a peared unspotted. These sun scerns are not likely to decrease in fury for some years yet. The new spot period s just beginning, and before it astronomers hope to have fearned for more about this interesting and purzling subject than they know now there is a close relation between the condition of the son and the earth's

meteorology. Hundreds of telescopes are daily threed upon the sun from a quarters of the earth, and careful red rds of observations are kepts. There has been a vast advance in our knowledge of the great luminary since the second Herschel suggested, only some twenty years ago, that the curious bright spots in the sun known as will low leaves, might be gigantic living by ings, whose intense vitality made them, glow so dazzlingly. Yet what has been what remains to be learned with

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