b If one find a four-leat clover"
(She said, sitting on the grass)

He can wish whate'er he likes to—
And that wish shall come to pass." "Mong the sorrel and cropt grass, Looked I for a four-leaf clover And my wish to come to pass.

Long I searched among the sorrel. Close beside me she searched, too; Now and then some commonplace Broke the silence—but it grew.

For my heart was full of yearning And my mouth of eager words, But I dared not give them utteran So I hearkened to the birds;

And kept looking, looking, looking, While beside me she looked, too— Two bent figures in the twilight, Green hills paling into blue.

"Ha! I have one!" "Yes, and wished for?"
"You! and shall it be?" I cried.

Eyes cast down, she asked, demurely:
"Hath the clover not replied?"
—Houghton's "Niagara and Other Poems."

MR. PIPER'S PROPOSAL.

"I'll ask her to marry me this very day. To be sure she's young, but it will renew my youth to have her for a wife. I must first speak to her aunt and get her consent. Uncommon fine woman is Miss Marcia. More suited to my age, I dare say, than her pretty niece; but Mollie I love, and Mollie I will marry, if she will have me. Strange that I should be such a fool over a girl at my age! Here I have lived single for fifty years, and have looked forward to spending the rest of my life in the same peaceful manner; but as soon as I saw Mollie I forgot all about that, I declare I fell in love with her on the spot! I'm an old fool, but, as I said before, I'll marry her if she will have me."

This conclusion was reached by Mr. Theodore Piper after many hours of anxious thought, during which he had viewed the subject from every stand-point, carefully reasoning away all doubts; for, in spite of the fact that for the first time in his life he was in love, he was not so blind that he could not dimly perceive the folly of his intentions. He had lived a bachelor all his dition, when fate, in the person of Miss Mollie Danvers, upset all his placid serenity, scattered to the winds his life, feeling no desire to change his con-

Mollie Danvers was the orphan niece my story opens, she took her doublyorphaned daughter, then a child of four years, to her heart and home. She never regretted her kindness, for with the coming of the bright little fairy to her quiet home came also a great source of pleasure into her lonely life, and she often found herself wondering what she should do without the mischievous child, who was at once the pride and torment of her existence.

Thus life flowed on, calmly and uneventfully, for ten years, till Mollie was fourteen, and Miss Marcia decided that she must go away to school, and receive the advantages of a better education than the village academy afforded; and she was forthwith sent to Mme. Blank's select seminary for young ladies, situated in a distant city, to go through a four years' course. During the last year of her absence at the school the population of Cherryfield was increased the arrival of Mr. Theodore Piper, who purchased a handsome residence next door to Miss Parmlee's pretty cottage, and settled down with two or three staid old servants to keep his household affairs in running order. Great was the excitement of the oldmaid element of the village-Miss Marcia excepted over his coming, and many were the efforts put forth to attract the attention of the wealthy bachelor, who, however, while polite to all, seduously refrained from asking any of the anxious fair ones to share his

He lived a very quiet life, avoiding society, as he was very bashful, and it was some time before he overcame his aversion to females sufficiently to be neighborly with Miss Marcia; but finding, after a while, that she had no designs upon him, and not being so much afraid of the kind-hearted, but somewhat prim, old maid as of the rest of the Cherryfield spinsters, he gradually became quite sociable, and often used to

urday. Only one more day of peace and said nervously:

and quietness. Of course she's a flighty "I—ah—called this afternoon—ah young thing, who will upset the whole neigh or hood with her tantrums. Just as I had got settled and was living quietly, to be tormented so—it is really its," continued he, gaining courage as lowed a standard of later days. The

Thus with great apprehension and many misgivings on his part, and much scrubbing, dusting and airing by Miss Marcia, Friday and Saturday passed, and just as the cool summer dusk was "To tell you the truth, Miss Marcia," falling, Mollie came.

and bustling around, see soon had Mollie seated at the well-spread table, to whose contents she did ample justice, while her aunt, with unusual volubility. proceeded to enlighten her in regard to Cherryfield affairs, not forgetting to mention Mr. l'iper, and asy "such a nice man, dear! only very bashful; I know you will like him."

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her niece to breakfast. From that time Mr. Piper knew n rest until he had called and been introduced to Mollie. He called frequently after that, and the neighbors began to wonder at the change in shy Mr. Piper. After two or three visits astute Mollie saw how the land lay, and resolved upon some fun to while away the tedious weeks until Jack should come to turn Cherryfield into an earthly para-

Although as desperately in love as old bachelors are apt to be when they finally do succumb to the charms of some fair one, Mr. Piper was so bashful that he hardly looked at Mollie, but spent his about deluding her aunt into the belief her such a splendid husband!" that Mr. Piper was "courting" ber. Two months later there was a qu descant upon his apparent devotion to prospects for the future. to become his wife.

of Miss Marcia Parmlee, who lived in a charming cottage on one of the many little attempts at personal adorn- good wife. pleasantest streets of the pretty village Marcia was in her youth quite pretty. ment on the part of her aunt. Miss widowed sister, fourteen years before and even now, at forty-five, few women of her age could boast such thick glossy hair, clear eves and smooth skin. She

seemed to be growing young again.

June passed, and July was drawing to a close, when Mr. Piper was called to the city on business. During his absence Jack Morris came, and proceeded to spend much of his time with his fair betrothed. He was duly enlightened concerning Mr. Piper, and, together with Mollic, pictured with great relish that gentleman's chagrin when he learned of their engagement.

After a week's absence, Mr. Piper returned, and proved the truth of the old saying that "absence makes the heart grow fonder" by realizing himself more desperately in love than before. He arose the morning following his arrival home, after spending a restless night considering the case, fully determined on asking Mollie to marry him, and while in this frame of mind expressed himself as at the beginning of this story. After breakfast, he took a walk in his

called out: "Miss Mollie, please tell your aunt that I am coming over, this afternoon, to see her on important business.' Mollie delivered the message in such a manner that Miss Marcia was con-

vinced that the important moment had arrived, and Mr. Piper must be coming At four that afternoon, as Mollie lay

swinging lazily in the hammock, a per-fect picture in white muslin and blue ribbons, she heard the gate turn on its hinges, and, looking around, beheld Mr. Piper coming up the walk, his face very red from the combined effects of the heat and his nervousness, and a look of desperation overspreading his features. He returned her pleasant "good-afternoon" in a flurried manner, and hastened into the parlor, where Miss Marcia, in her best black silk, sat awaiting his

Here Mr. Piper paused, but receiving

I am in love, and I came over this after-When she came into the pretty parlor, noon to ask you if you can give me any her aunt stood still and looked at her. hope that my love is returned. You Such a change as the last year had ought to be able to tell me."

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ment of her scheme.

"I never was so surprised in my life. To think it should turn out so. It time during his frequent calls in con- serves me right. I, and not auntie, am

Miss Marcia would not listen to a word wedding at the cottage, and Miss Mar-on the subject at first, but as Mr. Piper's cia and Mr. Piper were made one. visions of a peaceful future of single blessedness, and created within him a lieve that he really intended asking her and was so kind, sensible, and in every way suited to him that he never regret-Great was Mollie's amusement at the ted the blunder which gave him such a

Origin of Popular Phrases.

" A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss." -This quotation appears in Gosson's "Ephemerides of Philao," as "a rowl-

"No Royal Road to Geometry."-Euclid, who opened a school of mathematics at Alexandria, in the reign of the First Ptolemy, was once asked by that sovereign whether he could not extra the conditions of the cond

After breakfast, he took a walk in his garden, and seeing Mollie on the lawn Worthies' were three Gentiles—Hec-must seek a buyer for his land. tor, son of Priam; Alexander the Great and Julius Cæsar; three Jews, Joshua. conqueror of Canaan; David, King of Israel, and Judas Maccabeus; and three Christians, Arthur, King of Britain, Charlemagne and Godfrey of Bouil-

tes, called by Parusanias Polypæmon, on. - Farm and Garden. was, in mythology, a robber of ancient Greece, who placed on an iron bed the travelers who fell into his hands, which their stature was made to fit by cutting off the projecting limbs, or by stretching them to suit its dimensions; whence the metaphorical expression of "The

Bed of Procrustes." "City of Magnificent Distances."popular name given to the City of Washington, the capital of the United States, from the fact of its being laid out on a very large scale. The entire site is traversed by two sets of streets, from seventy to 100 feet wide, at right Hardly had his portly form vanished from seventy to 100 feet wide, at right within the door before Jack Morris angles to one another, the whole again

"We Recognize a Hercules from the family.

"O, dear!" he groaned. "To-day is Thursday, and she's coming on Saturday. Only one more day of peace and said nervously:

"Only one more day of peace and said nervously:

"To-day is drew his chair to Aunt Marcia's side, and said nervously:

"Size of the Foot,"—Pythagoras ingeniously calculated the great stature of Hercules by comparing the length of various stadia in Greece. All these courses were nominally 600 feet in its," continued he, gaining courage as he went along, "something of my feelings, and may be aware of my intentions."

with his own feet, while the others followed a standard of later days. The philosopher argued that by how much the Olympic course exceeded all others in length by the said proportion did in length by the said proportion did the foot of Hercules exceed that of men of a subsequent age: and, again, by the

same proportion must the stature of Hercules have been pre-eminent. "Prairie Schooner."—An American-ism for a large two or four horse immiher aunt stood still and looked at her. Such a change as the last year had made! Such a very pretty Mollie, blue-eyed and dimple-checked, with mischief in every flash of the bright eyes, and in every flash of the pretty mouth.

"Well, auntie, what do you think of me? Have I not grown, and am I not a very charming young lady?" said Mollie, with a merry laugh, as she tossed her hat in one direction, gloves and parasol in another, and without waiting for a reply to her question, proceeded to inform her aunt that ahe was desparately hungry.

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This awoke Miss Mareia's hospitality, and that I return your affection."

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ing her eyes with one hand from the sun, and drinking in the heanty of the sun, and drinking in the beauty of the no longer, and they hastly retreated to weeds. The fences are hedgerows of seeds freely, the seeds retaining their summer morning. Mr. Piper stood spell-bound before such loveliness. As he gazed, his previously formed prejudice against his fair neighbor vanished, and he was only recalled to himself by the summer of Miss Margin calling. the appearance of Miss Marcia calling | dered face over the unexpected denouejar." into which they throw everything the root to rot. If not salted the root "So, Miss Conceit, where's your that is not fit to be seen. In one place will send up shoots though cut lew in elderly lover now? Making love to the is a large brush heap, upon which the ground.—Denver Tribune. wrong lady, eh? You see that you trimmings of the trees in the door-yard were not the attraction, after all. You are annually thrown, and become an obmay as well give him up and content ject of fright to many a horse that colored chandeller, and there is no need yourself with your humble servant. passes by starlight. A little further on of having one in this condition when a Sorry for your disappointment," said is the log-yard of a farmer. The road- few cents and a little time can remedy ludicrous side of the affair, and, giving to year. In this brush the turkeys to the chandelier and make it look like way, laughed till she cried. When at build a nest, and behind the logs a litnew again. About the proportion in last she was able to speak composedly, ter of pigs first sees the light of day. she said:

new again. About the proportion in which they should be mixed ask the hold all the claims of their birthright. N. Y. Post. The next farmer has his barn "on the road." and with the tumble-down piles versing with her aunt. This just suited with her aunt. This just suited bloomed, and the stalks on the one to be laughed at. I'm real bloomed, and the stalks on the mischievous girl set blooming and the bed sufficiently protect has been entered into to dredge bloomed, and the stalks on the maritime canal; and more complete it, the passer by must either shut his blooming and the bed sufficiently protect has been entered into to dredge bloomed, and the stalks on the maritime canal; and more complete it, the passer by must either shut his eyes, and nose too, or be a witness to a tected in the winter there will be an study has proved that the obstacles to house is on the public highway, and the carriage track is daily sprinkled with the chips that fly from the slow and bulb, and this is not renewed in any it by M. de Lesseps is no longer a mat-

> way have no better farms than their Times. slip-shod neighbors on the other side of the village; they, perhaps, do not make any more money. But there are some things in which they are vastly superior. They live on a higher plane, and therefore a comparison is difficult to meanly the same, as far as temperature future progress of the enterprise.—St pands on the conditions required for propagating plants by cuttings or slips are very nearly the same, as far as temperature future progress of the enterprise.—St pands of great that of the 100,000,000 in 1886. It is true that of the 100,000,000 cubic yards of excavation not one appears to have been yet completed, but that only shows how rapid will be the future progress of the enterprise.—St pands of great that of the 100,000,000 cubic yards of excavation not one appears to have been yet completed, but that only shows how rapid will be the future progress of the enterprise.—St make, and not at all necessary. The and soil go, as are found to give the best

The rows of maple and elm trees that were planted along the good road fifteen | Verbenas, Petonias, Carnations and years ago cost but a trifle at the time, others of what are known as "greenbut are now so valuable that to cut them house plants" in a temperature averagdown would be counted a sin. They ing sixty degrees; but if we attempt to pay a good profit in the shade and beau-root Coleus, Bouvardias, Begonias and which they afford, while at the same other plants whose nature is tropical at "The Bed of Procrustes."-Procrustime the work of wood-making is going that temperature, they will be almost

The saying that farming is a slow business may as well be accepted, in comparison with the stock-watering possibilities of the cities, and that it is sure is undoubtedly true, when contrasted with the successful ventures of speculation or the investments in commerce or manu actures. We are repeatedly told that it is the destiny of at least nineteen in every twenty in mercantile life to fail at least once. However, it is believed in many cases to be withal a sweet and profitable destiny. There are few ab-

larger crop from some unmanured surface; he expects leanness, and gets a fat viold; he feels sure of a large reward, and reaps failure. Yet in the average he garners a fair return, and finds ful-

whether some pig-styres were to

will be quiet. Time enough for her racket yet."

As he finished speaking a female form appeared at the door, and fair Miss Mollie stepped out upon the lawn, making lie stepped out upon the lawn, making a charming picture as she stood shad-

side is appropriated as a place where the matter. If bronze powder is mixed the necessary rails are split from year with copal varnish, it can be applied

-If the roots of tulips and hyacinths of old lumber, interspersed with broken are left in the bed where they have nish the inhabitants with supplies; a thriftless, and even a disgusting scene. annual booming. The reason why be surmounted in cutting the canal wif Not far up the road things are even hyacinths that are flowered in water not be so serious as were expected. Us worse, for, instead of the barn, the glasses are exhausted and make so poor der these circumstances it is very reasmelancholy chopper in his boundless way. When grown in rich soil this exter of doubt, but a certainty. As this baustion does not occur and the bulbs date was stated in No. 22 of the Bulletin

"Ephemerides of Philao," as "a rowling stone gathers no moss." Thomas Tusser, in "Good Husbandry Lessons," has "The stone that is rolling can gather no moss."

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Better Late Than Never."—This proverbialism originated with Thomas Tusser, author of "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry," who put it into his "An Habitation Enforced." Tusser's writings are prolific of expressions. dy, as a heavier soil would do. But do twenty-five square miles. ser's writings are prolific of expressions which have long since become proverbial.

vehicles upon the highway.

The difference in the cost of keeping not suppose for a minute that sand is the two extremes of country road is in indispensable to the rooting of cuttings. favor of the one that is neat and pleas- for if the conditions of temperature are plain his art to him in a more compen-dious way, to which Euclid made the the same at the outset, are widely dif-ated. If of a hardy mixture, they will nervous system and rid yourself of that excelebrated answer that there was no ferent now. Though the fertility of the do nicely in a temperature averaging acres may not be far from the same. sixty degrees, but if of a tender or troproyal road to geometry.

The Nine Worthies."—The historic- the well-kept land is always salable at ical nature then the temperature should

grees. For example, you can very easily root cuttings of Geraniums, Roses, certain to fail, and success can only be complete at a temperature ranging from seventy to eighty degrees. Much depends on the condition of the cutting. I believe I was the first to introduce what the bent cutting would not root, but that

A recording from the most operation of the first and very tables with a portly form vanished from this own garden. Miss Marcia thought him "right ince man," and was stein beguilted out of her primess over the garden frome that see leaves the steeper in their respective domains, telling him for Mollie, and how pround she was of the part of Mollie, and how pround she was of the garden and prevented as a class. One morning in June, Mr. I's one?" said he. "It must be year of Mollie's stay at school dreve to a close. One morning in June, Mr. I's one?" said he. "It must be year of Mollie, and the province of the stay at school dreve to a close. One morning in June, Mr. I's one?" said he. "It must be well a severe of the contract of the stay of th the dangers of sewer gas and other impure air of cities by night, with whose condition even farm laborers would not be satisfied. But it is not proposed to argue this vexed question over again. Is agriculture r safe bus ness? Yes, decidedly. By the sweat of his brow the farmer does make his bread. The frosts bite, the winds wither, the san scorches, the waters drown, the insects devour, and mildews mysteriously blight. The sower scatters the seed, not knowing whether he will gather twenty or a hundred fold; he fertilizes, and secures the larger crop from some unmanured surin reality are placed in water, and will not wilt provided the water is not allowed to dry out. Still, the tender slip until rected will not endure a long continuation of very high temperature, and we would advise that propagation be done at such sea one that they may have no near as possible a uniform temperature ture of seventy-five or eighty degrees in the smalght. When rooted they should be potted in dry soil, such as is recommended for sowing seeds in. They should be placed in pots not expecding two and a half inches in diameter and treated carefully by shading and watering for two or three days.—Peter Header and the attenty of the carefully by shading and watering for two or three days.—Peter Header and the attenty of the other days of the attenty of the other days.

Levenz upon the rhimocuros: Professor—I must be given to give me your undivided attention. It is shecked; in attention. It is shecked, in at system of propagation, as the cuttings in reality are placed in water, and will not wilt provided the water is not al-

Jack Morris was the only son of Judge Morris, one of Cherryfield a wealthing and most influential citizens, and he and Most influential citizens, and he and Most influential citizens and he had been fired and played to like the wealth of the control of the cont take long for the delicate odor to per-

The Panama Canal.

Golden hopes continue to be held out to the shareholders of the Panama Canal. Indeed, the half-yearly report might advantageously be stereotyped, eave for the fact of the steady progress made in one branch of the proceedings -namely, the calling for money. As far back as July, 1881, half the share cap-Ital was called up; and now the share-holders are asked for leave to issue 250,000 "obligations," which, if for 190 france each, will raise to £7,000,000 the sum on which five per cent. has to be regularly paid. For the rest, the future tense is still for the most partemployed. Trees have been felled; the course of the canai has been decided on; ground has been selected for divers purposes; each station will have its hospital, with forty beds; the natives will build their huts around these villages, and will furbe told that the great work will be open

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Ir a maiden says she is twenty, yet looks fifty, add the figures together, divide by two, and you will 'aver age.

close application to the duties of a protracted revival, my health suffered severely. I took is known as the snapping condition of the cutting. That is, when the shoot of a Verbena, Geranium, Fuchsia, Begonia, Stevia or plants of that character, is bent, if it breaks or snaps clean of then it is in the proper condition for rooting; if it bends it is not. Not that a vacation and tried to win back health and strength, but I seemed to be sinking into a

it would take longer to root, and make a feebler plant when it did root than one that had the proper conditions for

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