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A LAZY GIRL'S WISH. The second of the second secon

Pour by soul stoging As, upward wingens. I sought the blue, its home for a bird? No, a bird is two busy. And a plar might get dirzy. So, I'd ba hather-now, don't say a word?

"d be addier-now, don't say a wo Prey, or for suppose that Losenis and because on mit Byte great what?" This ever a bear she in but fur for that she can be? -And the with her there there in ' Mak the b pare, a Burden ao bear, a ble in life? O go! not one.

I've read the story Of the King in his glory Who "was not arrayed like one of these. "Twas Solomon; still he Couldn't equal a liv-A red field liv; that damas in the brock.

Bo, if I could choose use, With mode to refuse me. The lot I d like best of all on the sarth. "Twould be that of the flowers Who all through the hours I have nothing to do from the bour of their birth.

There are no traces On their fair faces Of sickpass serrow, of grief or sint Their only duty On earth is beauty-

"They toil not, neither do they so a - White Areaks,

LUDDINGTON'S NERVE.

The Story of an Amateur's Brush With Wall Street.

OHN LUDDINGTON was a filteen dollar clerk in Griggs & Co.'s store. Neveral years before the time now referred to ho had rec-omized his obligaons to society b marrying pretty Alice ing to accumulate a wating family

Will around him. He had now two children, George and Ethyl, and by the excellent economy of his wife and his own patient industry and self-denial in the own patient industry and self-denial in the matter of beer and eigars, the hopeful pair had succeeded in putting 500 into the sav-ings bank, which it was the young wife's dream to have presently go into a pretty home. Her hope neverfaitered, but John's, it must be confessed, sometimes did. It seemed very slow and very hard work to

save money out of a salary of \$15 a week and support a family besides. John got to thinking that there must be John got to thinking that there must be faster ways of getting on in the world. About this timo the stock market began to attract his attention. He spent odd mo-ments in reading the reports from Wall street, and found it quite interesting to compare the prices of the leading stocks from day to day and nots their fluctuations. A New York paper published a diagram each month tracing the upward and downward course of slocks for the month preceding. twenty dollars of clear profit on less than . which, it seemed to John, threw a grea

deal of light on the subject. In the course of two or three months he fancied that he had discovered a kind of law which He could afford to tell her now. And Allee seemed to operate with a certain degre of regularity, and believed he could deal

before which a number of men were sented and stauding. To his constornation he saw that a general decline had saken place. Northwestern was 125% (he had bought it at 135%). Almost #20 of his \$50 was al-ready gone. A drep of another point or two would sweep it all away. His heart beat hard and he felt a momentary distinces come over him. Steadying himself, he asked one of the men. who seemed thoroughly posted, what he made of the market. The man was evidentity a "heart" market. The man was evidently a "bear." for he said very promotly and with em phasis that storzs were bound to come down; that they had been too high for

up, and he had been looking for a grand tumble in them. Stree states - the famile E Nikon. IWENTY OF HIS PIPET DOLLARS ALTERAD nox8. At this the place assigned very close an oppressive to Luddington, and he got out into the fresh air as fast as he could. He did not feel hungry and was able without inconven ence to save the ten cents which his bow

of bread and milit usually cost him. He whiled the linch time away thinking "My luck?" he faitered. "My luck! I had no business going into it. I have preached a calbat it all my life, and my concionce told me it was wrong. I deserve what I am getting." He thought whether he should not go back order the stock sold, lose the 939 and save

the other \$30 before it should be too late. "No," said he, "I will not do it. That h inst my trouble. I never have nerve enough I give up too quick. For once I will try what nerve will do. If the thing noes it can all go." And he thought bitterly that that the chances were many to one that it all would go. The experience he was going through was

far from pleasant, and he resolved that whichever way the thing turned out he would let speculation alone thereafter. It was disgulating to the nerves, kept one in constant approhension, made it hard to sleep at night and disagreeable to wake up in the

morning. Next day the market was better. Northwestern had recovered its loss and had crept up to 1954. He could close out, make 85 and be out of his worry. He was tempted to do it. But a rising market now clated him as much as a declining one had depressed him the day provides. Like all amateur specu-lators he was a "buil." He could see no reason why stocks should not continue to rise. Perhaps in another day or two they would go up a point or two and then he would "feel like kleking himself" if he sold ow. Again he expressed the conviction that it was a proper time for the exhibition of "nerve" by holding on. So he held on. For some days the market was "firm but inactive." Stocks would neither go up nor lown, and Luddington suffered more anxiety and montal strain than several times fifty dollars would pay for. Then one day there was a little rise. Northwestern got up to 12114, the point at which he had or-

and I can't long keep it from hor. Fortu-nately I have 5,600 incurance on my life." He spont the afternoon as usual at his work, and when he reached home his wife was busy getting the supper. He kissed her with a peculiar tenderness which she noticed, but did not guess its meaning He could hear the voices of George and Ethyl playing in the back yard. He went ip stairs quietly to his wife's bed room On a piece of paper with which he had proided himself at the office for the purpose he wrote with a pencil a brief note to his wife. This he folded and labd on the dresser placing the hand mirror on one corner to hold it down. Unlocking a cabinet that some time, there was nothing to keep the ung against the wall, he took from the top shelf a small, ivory handled revolver, which he had owned before his mar-

visica he had owned before he has ringe and which was renerved as a keepsake and as a defense against burglars. All the barnels were loaded He lifted the barmer partially with his thumb and turned the cylinder with his fingers. The weapon seemed to be in perfect order. He stood for a few moments reflecting whether there was and thing else that he quight to do. Hd could not think of any thing. Just then he heard Ethyl's voice in the room below singing one of her buly songs. It sounded marvelously sweet, and was approaching the stairway. Evidently she had heard that papa was home and was coming to find him. Without sound of any footstep on the stairs or in the had, the door was suddenly pushed open and Alice spring into the room. "What are you doing, John!" she asked. with an inquiring glance at the pistol. "Wh "O, nothing," he answered, carclessly

"I was just looking at the revolver to see if was allright in case of an emergency." moved quictly towards the icked up the note and slid it into his pocket. "Well, is it all right?" "Yes, I reckon. It scens to be." "Well, then, put it up and come down to

upper.' And she remained in the room until her ders were excouted. John's appetite was not ferecious that

coning, but he mude shift to swallow a few nouthfais. After suppor he said: roing out for a little walk. I feel the need of a little exercise." He was really going out to think, and he ighted a cigar (something he rarely did) to

assist him in the operation. (How do men think who have never learned to amoke?) He used, to light it with, the note which he had taken from the dressing case, and which he carefully held in his fingers until it was all consumed. He walked and smoked and thought for a long time. His thoughts ran

something after this fashion: "I never can tell Alter that I lost that monay. Yet how can I keep her from know-ing it? Linust get it back some way, and how the deuce am I ever to get it back on a miary of fift en dollars a week!

A score of projects rushed through hi-mind, but each in turn was dismissed as impracticable. At length a new thought evened to strike him

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WHAT ARE FOU DOING, JOIN !! "There's that banged old house out at Calcutta," he sold aloud. "I do wonder if any thing could be got out of that by this time.'

The banged old house at Calcutta was a

iece of property heavily mortgaged, which

addington had taken in a trade, before his

marriage, in a small country town, and which, more than once he had been tempted

o surrender to the mortgages for his debt.

WAGGING THEIR TONGUES. VALUE OF HONEY-COMBS. Three Minutes' Conversation of his Girls Overheard by a Quiet Seribe. The Practicability of Saving Thom for Several Years' Operation.

"What on earth did you do with my cedle, Lou?" "It wasn't me. I had Lillio's, Don't

pull the flows like that!" "Can I help it? Do move your chair little so I can get my feet up." "Jen's shoes are just like yours!" "Mon's shoes never saw the day they'd ok like mine; nor Jen's feet, neither, "Just see how my hands are tanned. he sun was biazing on the water." "You had gloves on."

"I hadu't. "You had, too. I suw them." "What! yesterday?"

"Yes yesterday. "No such thing -not yesterday." "Well, I've got eyes, I hope. When ve stood on the pier there, before you ot into the boat. you had those long rowa chamois."

"That was Thursday." "It was yesterday! Maud. didn't Lil ave gloves on yoderday?" "I guess you are thinking of me. ore old dark ones.

"I'm positive Lil had gloves on when ve stood on the pier any way."

"No, that's a mistake. I didn't really, My brown gloves were in my gray cost . pocket. Hoaor bright!" a day. "O, I suppose I've got to believe you.

must have been hallucinated then, for certainly saw those gloves." "No; you saw mine; your brain's all

right so far, Neil. You mistook the hands, that was all." "There goes the 'Maggie.' Who took

her out this morning?" "That isn't the 'Maggie.""

"Will Manning took her out." "Of course, its the 'Maggie.' I should think I ought to know the 'Maggie.'" "You ought to, but you don't. That's the 'Mystery'

"O listen-the 'Mystery!" It's the Maggie." "

" It's the 'Mystery.' "

"It's the 'Maggie,' and Will Manning. He's got those Reilly girls on board. 1 hope he'll steer them back to their antive tale."

"Will Manning couldn't sail 'Maggie.' He couldn't sail a tub."

he could, Miss Lil."

out with him."

"L. too."

"Well, that's too bad, girls. wants us all to go. He told me to ask my party and he'd run as down to Cliff House for lunch."

place for lunch-lots of Yale boys. But, of course, if you are all afraid" ----

"Who's afraid?" "There isn't any dangee in the 'Mag- to the bees, which which will soon fill

"I'll go." "I'm going."

snid I was."

UNCLE SAM'S TREASURY. A Bighty Tough Neet for Thieves, or Reas Mot to Creek.

If one of those giants, about which It has long been a question with beekeepers whother honey-combs could we heard so much in our younger days, was to develop a modern Bill not be used for repeated filling, thus Sykes tendency, and select the Treasury saving much time to the busy insect. A correspondent of the Germantown Department as the scene of his opera-Telegraph considers the question as settions, he might make a pretty good tlod, for he has thoroughly tested the haul, provided the small army of watch-

experiment in his own apiary. He says: "A bee-hive should contain men allowed him to get away. Suppose all the money in the Trens. ury was piled up in one room. about eighteen hundred or two thousand cubic inches to the brood chamgiant burglar would find at his hand ber, which will require one and a \$234,000,000 in gold and silver. \$220,-000,080 in bonds, and an addiquarter pounds of combs to fill it (if tional \$100,000.000 in new silver dolproperly arranged as the bees will do), lars if he happened to time his visit this being a fact as every one who when the new silver vault in the main any thing can testify. It requires at courtyard is full, and a silver stream least twenty-five pounds of liquid. sweet or honey as the case may be, to of \$500,000 a day is steadily flowing make the one and one-quarter pounds into that subterranean treasure house of combs, which it also requires at Here is nearly \$600,000,000. Just think of it! More money than can be least fifteen days' time for a good swarm of bees to gather and secrete found in any of the banks of Europe. The Bank of England has only \$101. into wax in order to build the combs from, which is to supply the brood 000,000; the Bank of France, \$452,000,-000; the Imperial Bank of Germany, chamber. It is also a fact, not success-\$237.000.000.

fully controverted, that a good swarm This little "wad" of \$500,000,000 is of bees, say twenty thousand strong, nominally in charge of James W. will gather at least eight or ten pounds Hvatt, the United States Treasurer, of honey in a day if the honey season who, by the way is a very bright speci-men of a Connecticut Yankee. Mr. is a good one. We have often had swarms gather double that amount in Hyatt has to give a bond of \$150,000

for the safe-keeping of that money, not At first thought, those who think but a cent of which he ever actually hanlittle about the true value of combs can hardly believe that it takes twenty. dies, but he doesn't stay awake of night counting his cash and the cares tive pounds of honey for the bees to

produce a pound and a quarter of of office sit lightly upon him. Massive from safes, imbodded in solid combs, yet this statement is true, and any one who can figure will find that masonry, protected by time locks and every other kind of anti-burgtar device bees will store at least one hundred pounds of nice honey in a senson in known to ingenuity of man, guard this combs given them to start with, and treasure, and, in addition, a force of combs given them to start with, and the watchinen patrol the building the column vowed that he would pre-not compel them to use up the best and armed watchinen patrol the building serve it for a lucky pleas for everyone. It was the first time a policeman had steal any money out of the Treasury he combs. We have often contended and are still of the opinion that the best would have a pretty hard time of it. 1 don't remember now of any attempt of honey is gathered about the time that the kind having ever been made, alfruit blooms come out, and especially ways excepting the firm of T. J. Brady when the white clover and other & Co., and some other gentlemen of carliest blooms are in full vigor, which the same kidney, who planned a very is usually the time our bees here in the successful raid. But they had the com-North do their swarming. They are bination at that time, and since then we too often placed in an empty hive or have changed all that. gum to build new combs and shift Any one who has been abroad is at for themselves, or, as it is usually

once struck by the armed sentries concalled, luck, while we are very sure stantly on guard in front of the govthe old sinner luck has for many years ernment banks. If you should happen been a failure. As before stated, the first honey is our best, and in order to to pass the Bank of England any night about five o'clock you would see a deprocure the best we must save our combs from stocks that may have tachment of the Grenadier Guards march into the bank, and there they died or in some other way left their remain until nine o'clock uext morning hive which is done too often by spring There isn't a sentry, not even as much dwindling. These combs are truly as a marine, to be seen anywhere round valuable to the live bee-keeper and can the treasury, but at every door sits a be turned to good account by saving vigilant watchman, and he sharply them for another year's operation. scrutinizes all comers, especially those Don't melt them up for wax, for surely who are strangers to him. He doesn't there is but little pay in the wax to the look very flerce, but the drawer of the desk at which he sits contains a heavy cents per pound, while the combs in Colt's revolver, and at a given signal many instances can be turaed to good he would immediately close his door account by giving them (nicely transand stand on goard, revolver in hand. ferred and fastened in movable frames) At two o'clock the department is closed to visitors, and a light iron gratthem with the best of all sweets-that ing serves to bar out the general public. Only persons armed with a pass are

of honey-which you can with very little expense extract and return the then admitted. At four o'clock the combs to the bees for refilling, and thus employes leave and the building is make a saving of at least one hundred turned over to the night watch to repounds of nice extracted honey worth, main in their possession until eight as a rule, fifteen cents per pound. o'clock the next morning. Fourty-four "We know whereof we speak when

we state that in the year 1882 we took from one stock of Cyprian bees 718 pounds of nicely extracted honey, which

MISCELLANEOUS.

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-Pullman says he can build elseping cars containing six nice bedrooms. but passengers would have to pay six dollars instead of two dollars per night. -Somebody has said of Volspuk that it can be learned in five minutes. Professor March replies: "It may be so: it can certainly be forgotten in five conds.

-In five hundred years from now. said Dr. Pohlman in his recent address at Buffalo on "Changes in the Falls of Niagara," the work of retrocession will have so far progressed as to oblitenute the present American Falls entiroly and convert Goat Island into a peninents.

-- It is a matter of rensonably author. tle history that book illustrations in this country originated with Benjamin Franklin, who cut with his own hands the plates in "Poor Richard's Alma-The first professional engraver In America was Alexander Anderson. who first hung out his sign in New York in 1794.

-A Yale graduate, who was a stordent about thirty years ago, said, in speaking of changes that had taken place since his time; "I never knew whether to attach any significance to it or not, but when I was there the law school adjoined the juli, the medical college was next the cemetery and the divinity school was on the road to the poor-house."

-The New York Sun records an extraordinary occurrence in city life. It states that one day a polleeman took a bag of pennets from an Italian fruit stand and actually offered five cents in payment thereof. The Italian who received the money, made a mark on the colu and vowed that he would preover paid him for any thing.

All readers of "Lothair" will Secall the famous pearls that had to be opened and aired to preserve their pale luster, but few, observes the New York Commercial Advertiser, understand that almost the same care is needed by the mock pearls now so plentifully sprinkled through the handsomest head garnitures. "Yet such is the fact and it is well to know. also, that a layer of the antiseptic cotton used for dressing wounds is the best possible covering for them when not in use.

-"My young friend," said old Mr. Surplus to young Mr. Giddlboy, "did you not think that you were rash to ask my daughter to marry you when you are not able to support her?" "Well," said the young man, craftily, perhaps I was. I admit my fault. and throw myself on your generosity. sir." "That's right," declared the old gentleman. "You shall not lose by it, assure you. There, sir, is a nickel to pay your car fare home. No thanks. if you please. Good-day, Mr. Giddi--Chicago News. boy."

-A seedy-looking man came into the office of one of the largest soap manufacturers in Philadelphia the other day and said: "Mr. ----, I'm a needy man and would like twenty-five cents." "Well, now," remarked the man addressed." I consider that cool. You might have fared better if you had asked for a few pennies." With a look men comprise the night watch in two of real indignation and a voice almost reliefs, each of which is in command angry the applicant said: "Now, see of a lieutenant. The night watchmen here, Mr. ----, you know your business

"The idea of being afraid. I never "Well, he's putting in now." "Goody! sure's you live." "Let's go down to the pier."

"O. let's." Rustle, scamper, general stampede

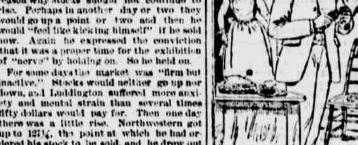
"He'd be a mighty clever seaman i "So would L"

"I know I'd be awfully seared to go "I wouldn't dare go out with Will Manning. Would you, Laura?"

"O my! he didn't. Did he, really?" "Yes, he did, and it's the jolliest producer at twenty and twenty-three "Afendd?"

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happened that at that particular time stocks were tending upward and had been for some months. All the talk from Wall street was "buillsh." It was said there was a practical certainty that stocks would be higher. The argument in support of this view seemed to be conclusive. Never before had stocks been so low in comparison with real estate and other values. John Luddington looked into the matter, read the financial papers, got points from the brokers, and the more he studied it the more satisfied he became that there was money in stocks if one oper ated with care and intelligence. He concluded at length to try it in a small

One day when he was out for his lunch, he went to the bank, drew out 200 and hurried to a small those establish-very large name-one of those establish-ments that are known in common parlance 500 and hurried to a small "exchange" with "bucket shops," although he tried to coneven from himself the fact that it was such an institution that he was patronising. He tried to exhibit the coolness of a veteran "operator" but the effort was a failure. He was in a tremble of suppressed excitement. Ho had sottled upon Northwestern for a trial effort and bastily scanning the blackcoard where quotations were marked, with his head all in a whirl, he hastily went up to the deak and left an order for the purthese of twenty shares of that stock.

"Common or preferred !" was the prompt outry of the clerk in charge as he glauced

John had been contemplating common se upon him. He thought of his faithful hard adily that he had actually ignored the working little wife, cooking, washing drudging, danying and saving and he forred stock of the road and was nonplus thought w' at a life he would give her could tor a moment. The obliging young man halped him out. he but suc ced in the stock market. would come the long-dreamed-of home, its handsome furniture, its horse and carriage

"I suppose you mean common-the active stock, do you not?" John admitted that that was what he had

nade up his mind to buy. "How much do you wish to deposit !" was

the next query. "Pifty dollars," said John, and the money was planked on the counter. Ho had no mind to put up the ordinary dollar a share margin and have it swept away if the mar-fet should happen to fall a single point. He would margin for two and a half points and be safe for a little "shake up" at least. The clerk looked a triffe surprised but took the money and gave him the usual memorandum of such transactions.

money and gave him the usual memory and of such transactions. John Luddington did not sleep well that night. He had a secret in which his loyal little wife was not to share, a new thing for him. But he had determined that she should him. But he had determined that she should not know of this transaction. If the vensurprise to her; if otherwise, a knowledge of it would only cause her unnecessary anxiety.

It was with a feeling of apprehension that he picked up the belated paper next morn-ing and turned first to the stock market. Had a fire burned up Chicago during the Had a fire burned up Chicago during the night he would not have stopped to read even the headlines until he had seen what the bulls and bears in Wall street had done the day before. His pulse best more calmiy when he saw that Northwest-ers had not declined and read the confident predictions of the bull brokers that the market was "strengs" and would cartainly ras "strong" and would certainly trat was soon and strangely anxious to know at stocks were doing. He could with culty concentrate his thoughts on his is, thinking one moment what he might to and fearing the next what he might can't go lower than it is now.

When twelve o'clock came he did not stop h but hurried first to the "exchange, resolute a ho d, as on previous count Through a hotel entrance and com-from the rear. He had not yet lost frequent sufficiently to enter boldly in the front door. With ill-concepted smess he approached the blackboard

was in a sense pleased. She was glad of the clear gain to the small bank account. And John had expected She seemed to be a lit the troubled about the manner in which this easily got money was carned, and asked some troublesome questions. Her husband explained the matter in such a way as to refleet a good deal of credit on his sugarity and nerve as a stock operator, but Alice somehow seemed disposed to attribute his success to accident. She advised him to be thankful for his good luck, put the money in bank and let stock alone thereafter, for she had beard that it was not a safe business. He half promised that he would do so And this promise he kept for awhile. But he contlaned to watch the stock market, noted its fluctuations closely and made

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But of all these wild dreams he said not a

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went down to 117, snuffing out John Lad-dington's \$500 margin as a whiriwind suffs out a candle. When he went into a

broker's office and saw what had happened be turned pule, but he was cool and col-acted.

lew York Stock Exchange. Northw

living!

Then he shared his secret with his wife,

veek's investment.

But Alice, with a woman's impracticability in business affairs, had always personded him to "hold onto it a little longer" in the hope that "something might turn up, you know, John," and so John had kept holding on year after year, although nothing ever had turned up, or indeed second ever likely to. It was to this property that the worris man's thoughts now turned as to the provorbial last straw of a drowning man

"I'll tell you what," he said aloud, for he imaginary investments to see how they had a babit of talking to himself at time would come out. They came out so well that he came to believe that possibly he was when no one else was by. "I'll go out there day after to-morrow and see about it." He got leave of absence for a day and a great financier in disguise, a man who might be rich if he had a little more nerve, went to Calcutta without mentioning the fact to his wife. And wont at an opportune insteal of a fifteen dollar-a-week clerk for Griggs & Co. He studied comparative moment. The little old town looked duller and more desolate than he had over seen it ables of stocks and found that loss than a before and the particular house in which he was interested looked especially neglected year before Northwestern common had been lown to 110. To think of that! Why, if and woe bogone. But the natural gas exhe had then bought 500 shares, as he could ave done, and held on to it, his \$550 would been found at Argentine, only a few miles away, and the well at Calcutta was nearly have swelled to \$5,500, a sum that he could never hope to get by keeping books at \$12 a week. The thought made him fairly dizzy. down to Trenton rock. The people were full of expectation and wild hope. If gas Having scored one small success in Wall street it was not likely that this intoxicated should be found at Calentta the town would young man would keep out of it. The idea take a "boom."

And gas was found at Calcutta, sure A few days later the drill went into the Trenton limestone and there was an outrushing of gas that blow things high into the air. It was "a gasher" and no mis take, and Calcutta's "boom" had arrived. Luddington's little old tumble-down house in the amplified vision of excited Calcuttan bound up as prospective business property of considerable value. He was promptly s good time "to hold on" a little longer, as

word to patient, loving, hoping Alice. He had surprised her once. Might he not soon mothing asomed to be turning up. His seven, eight thousand were the offers that give her a grand surprise! She should yet rapidly successied one auother. But Lud-dington recalled the advantage which cknowledge his abilities which somehow "nerve" had been to him in his first stock

deal and refused to noll. "I will take \$10,500 for it," he said to him-self, "Ten thousand for the property and five hundred to cover what I lost in stocks." And when the offer of \$10,000 came he And when the other of status came no judged that Calcutta's "boom" had neared the bursting point, and coolly adding the \$500, let the "banged old house" go. When Alice was signing the deal she The they railied, stendted, gained a little and an-other turn downwards. By and by the

market seemed to settle and Northwestern was fully five points lower than when Lud-dington had made his lucky purchase. The oked up inquiringly and said : "I thought you said the price was ton thousand, John ?"

"Yes, so I did." brokers were ananimous that there was

othing to make them go lower. The panic "But this says ton thousand five hundred." was a mere scare, the result of manipula-tions by the bears and the circulation of idle "That amounts to nothing, madame," ex plained the accommodating notary. "The consideration in a deed is often stated to be gossip and false rumors. Never had there een such a chance to make money in stocks arger than it really is."

Thus assured by a gentleman whose busithey said. They were bound to go up, and up a good deal higher than they were beness it was to know such things Allee had

fore. Our amateur speculator thought he recognized his opportunity at last. In a nothing more to say. And so it was that Alice Luddington never knew that her busband had lost their moment of uncontrollable impulse he drew money in speculation. Once, years after, when she recalled the circumstance of his out all the money in bank. This time he would play for a big stake. Instead of 20 he bought 300 shares of Northwestern comnaiden effort in the stock market and suggested that it was so fortunate that he had never tried his hand again. it was on his thought. "I will try it again. Surely it tongue to make a full and free confession, but he had not the nerve to do it; or, to And the very next day was the day on which the great break in Manhattan Ele-

spoak more truly, perhaps, he had the nerve not to do it, and so held his peace. ISAAC HENR.

-There is an old porpoise that has been in the harbor of St. Augustine, Fla., years and years. The porpoise is particularly tame and frolicsome. He is called Old Ghoul, and is known by

and grateful silence.-Madeline Bridges, in Judge. ---

LIFE IN GOSSIPVILLE.

Where Rumor Is a Divinity Worshiped by the Old and Young

There are many Gossipvilles sentered about the country. One can careely go lifty miles in any direction without plumping into a Gossipville. From some cause or other, the name has been omitted in the gazetteers, and intraveled persons may possibly consider this circumstance prima facie evidence that the places referred to belong only to the topography of Dream-

and. But as we know that many villages described and depicted on paper have no existence in fact, why should not villages that exist in fact be sometimes uncatalogued on paper?

That last suggestion is thrown in for the benefit of inductive philosophers. Practical mon are well aware that every county, to say the least, has its Gossipville. The specimen of the genus we rummaging around among some old law have in our mind's eye at present it is innecessary to locate. We will merely girl who secured her freedom by learndescribe the peculiarities of the in-

habitants, and any community that the cap fits is respectfully invited to put it

The misanthropic individual who acquired a fortune by minding his own of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and business would be out of his element in he knew nothing of the case until he Gossipville. There the inhabitants nagnanimously neglect their own afairs, to attend without fee or reward to those of their neighbors. The womankind are so unselfish that they will eave the most pressing household work unfluished, to canvass confidentially, in committees of twos and threes, the say ings and doings of their dearest friends.

Rumor is very potent in Gossipville. place, "whom all in public and in must be proved. That could not be private worship." Exaggeration is sultivated there as one of the fine arts. and the legend of the three black crows would be considered a very feeble attempt at amplification by the Gossipvillians.

Render, if you have over been among them, we need not tell you what a deep, not to say enthusiastic, interest they take in the private concerns of the stranger within the gates; how skillfully they examine and cross-examine him; how they watch his incomings and outgoings, and what unpleasant theories they get up in relation to his antecedents, his means, his motives and his morals.

Dr. Franklin, who knew the Gossipvillians well, was accustomed on entering their territory to display a card which forestalled inqury. On it were inscribed his name and age, manner of life, the object of his visit, and such other information of a personal nature as he supposed to be in special request at Gossipville. This is a very excellent plan, and we heartily commend it to all who may have occusion to sojouru

be turned puts, but no was cool and cor-having one fin gone. He often plays "There is only one more thing to do," he around the fishermon's boats and his said. "I can't tell Alice what I have don,e presence always augurs a good catch Ledger.

netted us twenty cents per pound: this we could not have done had we not have saved our best combs and used them as before stated, saving both time and honey in the early part of the season, giving the bees the full benefit of a splendid honey harvest. Again let me say look well to your bees and they in return will richly repay you for all the trouble you may be at in their care. Time in bee-keeping may be as valuable as any other calling on earth. and he who will not heed its demands must expect to make slow progress.'

A REMARKABLE STORY. Novelist Cable Tells of a Louisians Ro

mance of Mayers Have. George W. Cable said to a newspaper

reporter the other day: "It is interesting that so many short stories have rifles and bayonets, the same number their scenes laid in and around New of cartridge belts and five hundred Orieans and Louisiana. It is a romantie country. A friend in New Haven rounds of ball. told me some time since that while a very safe thing for a mob to try and loot the Treasury. -Washington Cor. reports he found an account of a slave Roston Glabe.

ing that she had no colored blood, as she had always herself supposed. It was a noted case at that time, but had passed from the memory of the present

generation. I applied to an ex-Justice searched and found it in the records. The case was first tried in the lower court, which declared the girl a slave. The Supreme Court reversed the finding at once. Its decision substantially said that if the girl was black that fact would be proof enough of her slavery, but as she was white the girl could not be compelled to prove her right to freedom, but she must be assumed to be In fact she is the tutelar divinity of the free, and her negro blood and slavery

> done and she was no longer a slave. The court records I possess by courtesy of the court to which I must return them. These records of the case tell a fascinating story of the girl's life. In company with her parents and a sister she came to America from the French province of Alsace. The ship

> > father was killed. The mother died soon after landing, and the daughter experienced various adventures among the Indians, where they were cast by the mutineers. They finally were sold into slavery and became separated. She was at last recognized by some of her relatives, who had followed her family to America. Her identity was proved by a startling resemblance to

shape of blackberry simis upon the inside of both legs, just above the knees. I believe that she is still living, an aged woman, in Sacramento, Cal., where she has a family, and where her strange history is unknown. -- Nashville American.

-Potatoes should be well dried before storing, that they may not gather moisture sufficient to docay easily.

and I know mine, but if you think you carry their 45-caliber revolvers in their belts, ready for use at a moment's no- can give me any points on begging tice. The first thing they do when just start out and try it." He got the they go on duty is to see that every quarter. room is properly locked and all fires

-Two stories, illustrating phases of mind cure, or Christian science, or are "banked up" for the night, then whatever it may be called, come from they turn the keys into the office of the Boston. A lady called to see a friend captain of the watch, where they are hung on a big board. The men are whose mother is a firm believer in Christian science. The mother came distributed round the various floors to meet the caller, and remarked cheerand assigned to certain corridors, and fully as she entered the room; "My every half hour they turn in a signal daughter has a belief in a boil and from a watchman's box. The big money can't come down." The second story vaults are never left unwatched for a is told with evidence of sincerity: A moment during the entire night, and indy strong in the faith fell down a in a case of necessity the guard can long flight of marble stairs, and while immediately summon assistance by she was in the air bethought herself turning in a signal from his call box. and said: "Here is a chance to apply my truth." She did so, landed gently. Three men patrol the building on the outside. In the captain's office is a and rose and walked unharmed. case containing thirty-five Springfield

-It is pointed out by Darwin and others that certain kinds of birds have a remarkable appreciation of beauty.

and that in building their nests they use materials possessing the most beautiful colors, which they interweave in such a way as to give an artistic and picturesque character to their abodes. The hower birds of Australia construct a large assembly room shaped like a hower, (hence their name of bower birds) every spring, where they assemble at pairing time, "when every male bird in his best plumage attends and disports himself in the way which to him angrily rejoined the rigorous master, seems best calculated to win the ob-

ject of his affections."

Wash-Board Statistics.

A traveling agent of one of the largest wash-board factories in the United States gave a reporter the fol-

lowing interesting statistics and infor-Partly in fun, partly from curiosity, mation. He said that millions of the Roman sat down at the master's wash-boards are made and sold in the feet and began studying, and as he pro-United States every year, and at least 7.200.000 are sold yearly between the eeded his interest grew. He learned admire the religion he had made a Allegheny mountains and Missouri river. There is one factory which

turns out over a million, and at least two factories which make 700,000 and \$00,000 a year. There are at least twenty varieties of wash-boards, and the hest are made in the West. The Eastern factories make their washboards out of pine. Hard wood is undoubtedly the best. Pine is soft, and white pine is too expensive. The out the promise to me of once wearing poorer kinds can be bought as low as S0 cents a dozen wholesale: these are single wash-boards for family use. The better kinds cost \$2.25 per dozen

wholesale, and double washboardsthat is that have zine edges on both sides-cost much more, retailing at 50 cents apiece for the best. Laundry sizes of this description cost much more. The first wash-boards were made entirely of wood, and our wash women used to pound the dirt out of the board. The first wash-boards made of sinc were put upon the market about twenty-five years ago. -- Clereland

Leader.

the High Priest's vestments for which I "Rat

stipulated when first addressing you?" the Roman said, reproachfully. "To be sure, I could not offer you what was forever denied to myself," was the master's mild reply. there is a High Priest's robe accessible

to you and to me, more precious than the costly apparel which adorns the chosen descendant of Aaron. It is the priestly robe of noble manhood, of irtue and righteousness. This I did | clothes with a stick, by laying them on not want to withhold from you should

All things considered. it wouldn't be

THE NOBLEST PRIESTHOOD.

Wearing the Robs of True Mannood, Vir-

To Shammai a heathen once came,

maying: "Promise me that I may some

day be invested with the High Priest's

robes, and I will become a Jew."

and drove him off.

aughing-stock of.

von.

"Away with you, heathen mocker!"

He next applied to Hillel, and the

iberal minded teacher said: "My son,

do you expect to become High Priest in

Israel without being familiar with the

law? First study, and I will instruct

After some time he came across the

vords of the law: "No one who is not

rom the house of Aaron may enter the

holy of holies, or he must die." "Is this

tue and Righteonanosa

you aspire to it." The heathen was satisfied, and he become a loyal Jew .- Dr. Kohler, in American Hebrew.

the law?" he asked, with quivering was captured by mutineers, and her lips. "Not even King David, with all his power, would have been exempt from he rule," sharply answered Hillel. Then how could you at the start hold

her mother and by birthmarks in the