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The sunshine seemed unusually man about the place, and I a woman pleasant that bright spring morning. I've always likes your looks and be-How good it was to be out! How lieve we could get along pretty comthe buds were swelling and how busy fortably together. What's to prevent, the birds were, hopping about from us getting married? We could both place to place choosing sites for their have a home then and not be shoved unimer cottages. All nature seemed from pillar to post, or made to feel Jolcing that the long, cold winter that we're in the way," and a great longing crept into his voice while his

Old Mrs. St. Leger tood for a mor eyes grew moist. ment ha the open door way, enjoying "There's a good deal of truth in it all; then she noticed a bit of vine what you say, James Crosby, but-J which the wind had loosened from wonder if we could get along tothe trellis. She stepped on a chair gether?" "To be sure we could if we made

and stood on tiptce to put the truant back in its place, when she over-reach- up our minds to do it. I'd be willing ed and would have fallen had not the to sacrifice something if I could only strong arm of a passerby caught her sit at my own fireside once more. and deftly placed her on the veranda I'm tired of being shoved around from floor.

"Lucky thing I happened to be passing or you would have had a nasty fail if not a broken limb."

"It was indeed fortunate for me and I am very grateful to you," she said, as she looked at the tall form bending over her.

'What were you trying to do? Bring me a hammer and some nails and i'll fix that broken trellis for you. It's not the handiest thing in the world for a woman to do that kind of work."

"Seems as though the place needs quite a bit of fixing. I guess I'll have to get a man in for a day or two."

"You're a bit like myseif, I see, You miss your partner and I miss mine. Bet you're better off than I am; you're in your own home, while I've had to give up mine and go and live with my children. None of them want me. so I have to "live round" with them. Do you understand. Stay with this one a while and then with that, always feeling that I'm not wanted and in the way." A mournful tone had crept into his voice and a shade across his kind face.

She sighed 'r sympathy as she id "r keer, and that's what I'm coming to. The children say that I can't stay here another winter. Last fall I had to sell my cow and through the winter I killed all my chickens. I hate to give up my little home where I've been so comfortable al! these years. This living with the children takes away the independent feeling that makes one so contented."

ITS WINTER SLEEP BROKEN. Are Recognized and Ver

Big Catfish Disturbed by the Intrusion

of a Lot of Buffalo Fishes. The Aquarlum's big Mississippi rivr catfish, which in winter lies on the oction of its tank motionless for a cent in Minneapolis. ceeks at a time in a state of hibernaion, woke up in great shape on Monay last when some other fishes were introduced into its tank. to the court if I haven't been done For years this big catfish has had a irk all to itself; but when the fighes from the St. Louis exhibit, a big lot. earnestly tried to persuade the teller were received on Monday, it was necof the Northwestern National bank to essary to double up the stock here in cash his checks. The largest check few of the tanks, and then the buffafor \$99.999.99, was signed by "John o fishes, which have been in the Aquarthe Eaptist" and indorsed by "St. ium about six months, were placed in Peter." Another for \$85,260.14, drawn the tank with the big cat. on the National bank at El Paso. Tex-The buffelo fishes came from the as, was signed by "Adam." once prosame waters as the big catfish, but the prictor of the Garden of Eden. Two

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catfish regarded their coming into its tank as an intrusion, for all that, and it got up out of bed-out of its bed of sand on the bottom of the tank -to say so, chasing the buffalo fishes about with a liveliness quite unworted to it at this season. The buffalo fishes are sizable specimens, but not

nearly so big as the catfish, and they fled at its approach. When it had driven the buffalo lishes all into the upper waters of the tank, the big catfish went back to fair price for it, and I sold." bed again, and once more settled down and wert to sleep. And so it has since remained, the buffalces keeping well away from it.

Apparently it is now sleeping well resentative at Rome. and soundly again, but when dreams-if catfish ever do dream-its sleeping visions doubtless take the shape of those unmannerly buffalo fishes, which so rudely broke in upon its long winter slumber .- New York Sun

CHARITIES OF HELEN GOULD.

Her law school course illustrates another trait in her character. She is careful, judicious, an excellent busiiess woman even in the bestowal of her charities. The misdirected fervor of the sentimental giver of gifts is not hers. She is fortunate that it is not. Emotional philanthropy would long ago have made her a bankrupt. Her fortune, at a conservative estimate, is about \$15,000,000; if she compHed with all the requests for money which she receives it would take her something less than two years to dispose of it. She receives about 100 letters a day askir, for sums which make a weekly total of about \$159,000. She is asked to huy yeasels for old sea captains, to raise mortgage: on western farms, to train the voices of embryo Pattis on the prairies, to educate young men for the miristry, to contribute to ladies' aid society fairs in country villages, to endow all sorts of institutions. Herself a strikingly unextravagant woman in matters of dress and all personal expenditure. she is asked by prospective brides to prayers on unsophisticated kindness -Harper's Bazar.

NAMES NOT GOOD ON CHECKS. WATER TOWER NEVER USED.

Intended for National Soldiers' Home Which Was Not Built.

where Except in the ks. Though he carried checks aggregat Located far up on the hills to the ing more than \$200,000, Julius Redwest of Lake Assawampsett, in Lakemond of Granite Falls could not raise ville. Mass., stands a water tower, built about twenty years ago. It is "This man, 'John the Baptist,' has an imitation of the old stone mill at Newport. leceived me." protested Redmond. 'I'll have him arrested and leave it

About twenty-five years ago, according to the story, the national soldiers home, located at Quincy, was to be Redmond was arrested after he had moved to Lakeville. A tract of about



The Tower.

100 acres was secured there, occupy ing a beautiful position, from which every lake in the great chain was clearly visible. Plans were made for the erection of buildings. fca's greatest orchestra leader. After

The first requisite was water. Ac cordingly a 60-foot well was dug. A place to store the water was nerneeded, and this came in the form o the old tower. It was built of field stone, cemented together. Six column were constructed with arches between and a big column in the center t support the whole. Above these en umns the massive stone tank was built, which would contain thousand of gallons of water. An arched root was added and it was attractively set off with a weather vane.

was born in Essen, Hanover, Oct. 11, 1835. His father, a viclinist, gave him Shortly after the completion of th his first instruction in music, and the tower, work on the home was stoppe boy made such progress that he made and it has never been renewed. successful public appearances at the

age of 6. The family immigrated to America in 1845 and his education was American Precious Stone Sold. The great 133 Farat aquamariu finished under the direction of private found in Stoneham, Me., and probably the most valuable gem ever found of instructors in New York city. Thomas was educated as a violinist the American continent, has recently and began his musical career as a perbeen bought as a valuable acquisition former upon that instrument. He was to the crown jewels of Germany. Th first violinist in some of the leading German prince, while in this country saw the gem of Chicago and admired i orchestras, and was for several years so much that the government has bee a member of chamber music associations. Mr. Thomas played in the ornegotiating for it ever since. At the World's fair at Chicago the gen was chestras which accompanied Jenny

Prehistoric American Art.

valued at \$30,000



Thomas interested himself in orches-One of the carliest examples of American designing is shown in the ----accompanying illustration. This interesting work of art is many centu STATE GOVERNOR WORKS HARD. | INDEPENDENT OF THE EAST.

lieve they can trace in the motive

of the design a relationship with

Spaniel Tossed on Locomotive Pilot

Engineer George W. Jacques, who ins into Kansas City, has a per

When about five miles this side of

which he secured in a very peculiat

Gak Grove one morning the pilo

of his engine struck a water span

iel. Instead of throwing the dog un

der the wheels, as is usually the case

the canine was lifted into the air sev

eral feet and came down safe and

remained, too badly scared to move

until the train pulled into the Union

World's Sugar Production.

Asiatic peoples.

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DEATH STILLS HAND OF **GREAT MASTER OF MUSIC**



Mr.

The last note has been sounded, the | the Central Park garden for the Letter last chord struck in the life of Amercontinuation of his work.

In 1869 Mr. Thomas took his or chestra on a tour through the country and made similar journeys with their during the two succeeding years.

Mr. Thomas' work was largely done tral work upon a large scale, and organized an orchestra for summer concerts, which he began in Terrace garin the middle west, and a good portion of it in Chicago. The first concerts of the Thomas orchestra in Chicago were given in 1869.

In 1872 Mr. Thomas directed the first musical festival in Cincinnati and had been the conductor in these great musical events, occurring biennially, from that time. He was the director of the Cincinnati College of Music from 1878 to 1880, and was the director of the New York and Brooklyn Philharmonic orchestras from 1889 to 1891. He directed the performances of the American Opera company, organized by Mrs. Jeannette Thurber, from 1885 to 1887. In the '80s he took his orchestra on a tour from New York to the Pacific coast, giving concerts in all the larger towns on the way.

In 1891 the Chicago orchestra was Lind, Sontag, Mario, Grisi and other organized, and Mr. Thomas has given singers whose names are upon the roll the best efforts and achieved the of the world's most distinguished and crowning success of his life in that honored musical artists. He also played city. He brought the efficiency of the in seasons of Italian grand opera in organization to the highest standard which these singers took part, and of art.

> Last season the desire of his life was fulfilled. The Orchestra hall was made a certainty, the building was by gun May 1 of 1904, and it was dedre cated to its use Wednesday night, Dec. 14, of the same year.

in the early '60s of the ninetcenth cen-His loss is a stunning blow to mu-From this time Mr. Thomas was sical art and his death almost at the known almost solely as a conductor, moment of the culmination of fifty years of work and the realization of and made for himself a reputation that is cosmopolitan. In 1866 Mr. the great longing of a lifetime is one of the most pathetic incidents in muden, and a year or two later engaged | sical history.

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"Be ready, Mary, in half an hour." one child to another and wanted by

"I've not come to that yet but I will next winter if something isn't done.' "As I've said, I've always liked your oks. I'm sure you're not hard to get along with." "Well, I'd do my best to make the

home comfortable for you, and, as 1 rather like your looks, but-what will the children say?"

"They need know nothing about it nat of the Dawes until it is done. I'd leave you enough when I died so that you wouldn't have to live round. The children ought to be glad that they wouldn't be bothered with us." has made. "That's so. We could live here, couldn't we. "Yes, if you like, Mary. I'd buy a cow and some chickens; then I'd look after the garden and provide for the house." They were sllent for some time,



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provide sums ranging as high as \$2,000 for their modest trousseaux. Parents write her entbusiastic letters describing the charms of young Helen Miller Gould Smiths or Joncses and saying how gratefully a nucleus for these young ladies' future dowrles will be received. In one banner week the begging public-including, of course, the respectable beggars for worthy charities, as well as the mere asked for a million and a half dollars

Woman Rules Snake Indians. Alexander Posey, interpreter and

OF PORT ARTHUR AS TCLD IN ITALY.

ated Every

other checks for about \$50,000 were

drawn on the First National bank of

West Superior, and were signed by "Peter the Great." All were indorsed

"These grain men have fooled me,"

the flowing hand of "St. Peter."

said Redmond, as the tears came They said the checks were good, and

could be cashed any place. I have

worked hard all my life, and last Feb

ruary I had thousands of bushels of

wheat on hand. They offered me a

On the backs of the checks were

the replies of the various bank tellers.

and many of them would hardly be approved by the indorser and his rep

"That it does; I'd rather live on tess and have it under my own roof."

They sat awhile in silence. The warm spring sunshine fell on their locks, whitened by the snows of many winters: their toil-worn hands lay idly in their laps. The tabby cat was taking a nap on the old lady's skirt and his dog Rover, which followed him everywhere, lay curled up at his feet. They had spent useful lives and had looked forward to a winter of quiet content, which, alas! seemed to have slipped from the grasp of each. Her's was a cheery disposition, however, and she strove to look at the bright side.

"Well, I've one more summer in the old place anyway. My tulips and croes are looking fine. Horace used to say to me, 'Wife, yours are the and earliest tulips on the street.' He loved to look at them as he sat at the south window. Just around the corner I've a bed of panstes and alrealy the buds are show ing.

'You've a clump of daffy-down-dillies, somewhere," he said, catching her spirit. "I always like those for they remind me of England and my childhood's home."

"Listen, do you hear the bluebirds n yonder grove? See that inquisitive



robin: I do believe the same robin builds in our apple tree every spring." They sat enjoying the pleasant

pring sunshine, the balmy air and chorus of song from God's little A quiet, restful feeling oiristers. ad to take possession of the old an who presently said:

"Mrs. St. Leger, this is a pretty and neat little home: you would hate to laave it as 1 disliked leaving mine. We are both well-to-do. Both have grown-up children, and both without

thinking of the future; then he reach-ed over and took her hand as he said: "Think of having a home, Mary where we could do as we pleased, and not feel in the way. Think of the

comfort, the joy of one's own home!" "Ves it would be nice I wouldn't have to go and live with the children. I'll do it, James, and try to make you so comfortable that you'll never regret it," and she looked up into the kindly face beside her.

"I'm sure you will, Mary," he said, as he kissed her. "I, too, will do my best to make your life contented and happy. Now we'd better go to the

minister's at once, before the children get knowledge of it, and have a chance to make a fuss."

"But, James, I'd like to clean the house up a bit, and-"

"You can tidy up the house, Mary, while I clean the yard. Just think of having a home; I feel ten years younger at the thought. Now, I'll go up street and get the license while you get on your bornet. Then we'll go over to the minister's and get married; we'll come back to our own home for dinner. After dinner I'll get a pony and carriage and we'll drive out into the country and look after a cow and some chickens."

He stooped and kissed the bright. cheery face of the old lady, and said. as he walked to the gate: "Be ready, Mary, in half an hour for I'll be back then.'

Roche's Strenuous Career

Jim Roche, the man who smuggled a torpedo destroyer out of England into the service of Russia, is a man of varied and exciting experience. He has led a revolution in South America. has had a tombstone erected to him somewhere in northern Europe, stood as a model for the late Sir John Millais, struck oil in a southern state and at one time was an ally of Ernest Ter rah Hooley, the south African promoter.

Photographs Wild Animals.

The African explorer Shillings has brought to Berlin an extraordinarily interesting series of photographs of wild animals taken by themselves.

His method was to attach to a piece of meat a string, which, on being touched, brought on a flashlight exposure. Leopards, hyenas, lions, apes. zebras and other animals were thus home, or nearly so. Now you need a taken in the most diverse attitudes.

who recently spent some time among the Snake Indians to secure evidence needed in making record of Creek Indians, tells of a strange discovery he

Among the fullblood Snakes he found a woman who is the modern Zenobia of her race. Her Indian nam is Fahnee. She can not speak English, but is considered a woman of

not been a council of war, or any other matter of import to the tribe at which she has not been present and given advice.

She is always listened to by the men of the tribe, and seldom has her judgment been at fault. She has been in sympathy with the faction, which has always resisted the allotment of lands. She has never led a band of Indians in a fight, but she has taken a

very active part in shaping the policy of the tribal government for the last twenty-five years.

Japanese Retort Courtecus. Nagahaki, the celebrated Japanese

juggler, was a great favorite wherever he went, and just before the present war broke out he was performing in St. Petersburg. When hostilities commenced he had

to clear out, and his admirers, among whom were many officers of the garrison, gave him a farewell supper. they

At the close of the banquet were wishing him "Goedby" when some of them exclaimed, "Not goodby, but only au revoir, for we shall be drinking your health in champagne in Tokio before the year is out."

"I am afraid not." replied Nagahaki, gravely. "Japan is a poor country, remember, and I fear we shall not be able to give our prisoners chamnagne.

The Voyage.

The Voyage. Each night I langth my carged Upon the soundless sen of sleep; My sails with freshening larges swell, I cleave a pathway block the deep; And, sick of mind. I knye behind The old world, weary grown, and sad. And on and on I sail to find The stranger coast, the islands glad!

At morn the voyage ends-I wake! Look through my cabin window. (That's Right near my led! The sun doth break In silver spilnters through the stats!) What strange new hand lies there at hand! hand! What gladness fills the wondering sight! What lengues of sea I must have spanned From that old world of yesternight! —New Orleans, Times-Democrat.

White Cattle to Be Sold. A herd of aboriginal, wild white attle, which has been confined for

nearly seven hundred years in Chartley Park, Staffordshire, England, on the hereditary estate of the Earl Ferrers, is to be sold. The park, consisting of nine hundred acres, is to be divided up. The herd has numbered as many as forty-three, but numbers now

only nine. It was shut up in 1248

-L' Illustrazione, Italian

Literal but Deceptive Truth.

They had finished the parish tea and the curate stood up to say a few words to the recipients before they dispersed. He spoke in eloquent terms of the impecuniosity of curates in genwisdom among her tribesmen. She is eral and then went on to say in ap-50 years old, and for years there has parently touching tones: "Why, even as I stand before you now I have only half a shirt to my back." A few days later the reverend gentleman received a parcel containing half a dozen new shirts, accompanied by a card bearing the name of one of his fair parishionors. At the earliest opportunity he called upon the lady and thanked her for her gift and then proceeded to ask what had prompted the kind action. "Why," she replied, "you told us the other night that you only had half a shirt to your back." "True." answer-

Women Drudges.

front."

The Khyberee women are the hew

ers of wood and drawers of water to

Newspapers of the World.

the population of the whole world

there is one newspaper to every \$2.

600 persons. The United States sup-

record with 3,000 newspapers, of

which \$09 are daily. France has

Mill Makes Only Wagon Hubs.

The hub mill at West Sebols, Me.

is in full operation. The mill at West

in New England, nothing but wagon

It has been calculated that, taking

their village communities.

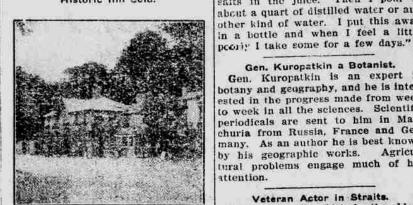
nearly the same number.

hubs being made.

Journal. ed he, "but the other half was in

The total production of sugar throughout the world is about 2,000 who is 75 years old and declares he 000 tons per annum. Of this quantit will live to be a centenarian, was a nine-tenths are afforded by the sugar caller at the White House the other cane 25,000,000 tons of which are re quired to produce the above quantity day. of cane sugar. The total value of the cine that will keep him alive for sugar in the cane, if it could be extwenty-five years. This is the formutracted, would be about \$200,000,000 and add to this five tablesponfuls of but one-half is lost in the process of manufacture. sulphur and the juice of four large

Historic Inn Sold.



At this famous coaching house, the Burford Bridge hotel, which has just brated his sixty-eighth stage anniverbeen acquired by the Surrey Trust sary in New York. At one time he Company, Nelson was staying when was a star and at present acts as an

While out looking over his traps one writer operator employed in an Indianlay recently Uranus Stacy of Saco, apolis factory. He is rapid and accu-Me found two victims in one of them. They were a .air-sized mink, who had rate in an unusual degree, and because of his inability to correct errors has in his mouth an cel which he had just captured. The mink evidently got Sebois is one of the few of its kind caught while trying to find a suitable his sight two years ago as the result and physicians, but the counters is of a fever. ocation to eat his catch.

ries old; just what its age may be i a matter of dispute. Scientists be New Hampshire Chief Executive Tells of His Tasks.

New Elixir of Life.

Gen. Kuropatkin a Botanist.

an illness of less than two weeks The-

odore Thomas, father of the Chicago

orchestra, and one of the city's most

beloved men, passed away on Jan. 5.

Death waved the baton for the last

novement of his life and the splendid

tones of his soul were merged with

Theodore Thomas' Life Work.

eminent figures in the world of music.

often conducted the performances.

After making a decided success as

a player, Mr. Thomas organized an

orchestra for the purpose of giving symphony concerts. The first of these

was given in Irving hall, New York,

tury.

union

Theodore Thomas, one of the most

the divine beyond the grave.

West and South Amply Able to Finance Their Own Affairs. Nahum J. Bachelder, on retiring

The West and South are now financfrom the office of governor of New ing their own industries. In former Hampshire, gives out a review of his years New York and the Eastern administration showing the amount of money centers were annually drawn work involved in meeting the deupon for funds to move the crops. mands, mental and physical, made handle the cattle shipments and perupon the executive of the granite state. It appears that during his adform all of the service in the keting of the products of the West ministration Gov. Bachelder has taken and South. As a natural result when part in 265 public functions, has made shipping time arrived the producers 166 formal addresses and has partaksent their shipments to the East most en of fifty-five dinners elaborate and of them being necessary to discharge dignified enough to be properly styled obligations for money advanced. The banquets, in addition to twice as men who had loaned the money were many less formidable gastronomical interested in the railroads leading sound on the top of the pilot, where it festivities. In the two years he has toward the Atlantic and thus drew traveled, in round numbers, 50,000 double tolls from the producers. All miles on railroad trains and steamthis has been changed to a very relepot. Mr. Jacques found the dog boats, in automobiles and stage crouched down against the head of coaches. His range has been from markable degree within the last few years. The West and the South have the engine, shivering with the cold, Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore., and their banks filled with money seeking and took it to his room .- Kansas City he has traversed more or less hastily investment and are able to finance half the states and territories of the their own affairs.-Washington Post.

> Takes Kindly to Civilization. Menie, a Greenland Eskimo boy, is James W. Buck of Portland, Me., one of the most interesting of the pupils in the public schools of New York city. He was brought to New York by Lieutenant Peary, and has been trans-Mr. Buck says he has a mediformed from a blubber-eating arctic nomad into a clever young American bright in his studies and captain of a "I buy one pound of Epsom salts baseball team. The tribe to which he belongs is very small, comprising less than 250 people, and they are the lemons, dissolving the sulphur and northernmost known inhabitants of salts in the juice. Then I pour in the globe, dwelling in complete Isolaabout a quart of distilled water or any tion on the barren shores of Smith other kind of water. I put this away sound, on the west coast of Greenland in a bottle and when I feel a little -a region of indescribable desolation and gloom.

> Lost Life Through Good Deed. Gen. Kuropatkin is an expert in Lawrence Jones, a Jewell county, Kansas, man, recently saw a nail botany and geography, and he is intersticking up through a board. Remark. ing that someone might get hurt on it he gave it a kick to bend or break it. Instead, however, it went through his shoe and gave him blood poisoning, from which he recently died, a tural problems engage much of his victim to his thoughtfulness for other people.

Indian Sachem an Author. Richard C. Adams, hereditary sachem of the Delaware Indians and a descendant from Chief White Eyes, who aided Washington in his campaign in Pennsylvania, has just published for complimentary distribution among his friends, a souvenir volume of "Poems and Reflections on the Ancient Religion of the Delaware In-

dians.

Germany's First Titled Dentist. Countess Helene von Schweinitz has just passed a most satisfactory examination in dental surgery. Germany learned to make very few. Raper lost has many titled practicing lawyers the first titled dentist.

Booth.

he received his last Admiralty sailing "extra super" at a very small pittance. orders that sent him to sea and to He began his career with the elder

of which 800 are daily. England

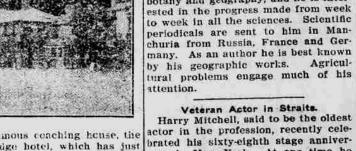
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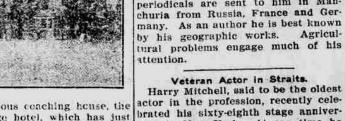
ports 12,500 newspapers, of which 1,000 are dailies, these being round figures. Germany has 5,500 journals.

takes second place in the European

Trafalgar.

Blind Man Operates Typewriter. Mink Caught With His Dinner. George W. Raper is a blind tye-





Harry Mitchell, said to be the oldest actor in the profession, recently cele-

