#### TWO METHODIST BISHOPS SELECTED.

J. H. Vincent, of Illinois, and J. N. Fitzger. ald, of New Jersey, the Gentlemen Chosen. New York dispatch: At the session of the general Methodist conference to day the report on the selection of a second bishop to India came up. Before he actual voting began much time was taken up in settling the question as to whether ballots counting less than the required number of names should be counted or thrown out. After much discussion it was decided to count them and the voting began in earnest.

The total number of votes cast on the first ballot was 447. The number necessary for a choice was 208. Dr. J. H. Vincent received 215 votes, the highest number cast for any one cadidate. There were twenty candidates who received less than a hundred votes and each. On motion the time in which to elect bishops was extended.

A second ballot was taken and the

At the opening of the evening session the second ballot for bishops was announced as follows: Vincent, 283; Fitzgerald, 274; Newman, 229; Joyce, 217; Goodsell, 212. Cranston, 144; Payne, 137; Butts, 116; Kynett, 110. No. one having received a sufficient number of votes to be chosen another ballot was While the ballot was being counted Dr. Frank Bristol, of Chicago. addressed the conference in favor of the the minority report of the itinerancy committee providing for the extension of the pastoral limits from three to five years. This report was adopted after a spirited discussion. The result of the third ballot was then announced, as follows: Total number of votes cast, 450; necessary to a choice, 206. John H. Viucent, Illinois, 311; J. N. Fitzgerald, New Jersey, 310; J. P. Newman, 299; J. W. Joyce, 200; D. A. Goodsell, 250; R. Crauston, 143; C. H. Payne, 148; H. A. Butts, 111; A. J. Kynett, 108. Revs. Vincent add Fitzgerald were declared elected and balloting for the remaining three bishops to be chosen was proceeded with. The fourth ballot resulted in no choice and the conference adjourned before the result of the fifth ballot was announced.

Bishop Vincent was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 23, 1832, was educated at the Newark Wesleyan institute and the Milton and Lewisburg academies, has held pastorates at McVeytown, Pa., and various places in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Illinois. He was last located at Rock River, Ill., and represents that district in the conference. He resides at Plainfield, N. J. He is one of the most learned men in the ministry, a noted authority on religious antiquities, author of various works and was with Lewis Miller founder of the

Chautauqua assembly Bishop Fitzgerald has for twenty years been presiding elder of the Newark conference. He was educated as a lawyer ar Princeton and studied in the out preferences. office of the late Secretary Frelinghuysen, but abandoned law for the pulpit. He is about forty-five years old and a very learned man.

## MATTERS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Manderson, from the committee on military affairs, reported favorably the bill to increase the appropriation for militia from \$400,000 to \$600,000.

W. L. Baneroft, of Port Huron, Mich., has been appointed general superintendent of railway mail service, vice T. E. Nash, resigned. Bancroft has accented.

Among the bills introduced in the senate on the 31st was one by Blair to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week as a day of rest, and to permit its observance as a day of religious worship.

Among the bills reported on the 21st from the committee and placed on the senate calendar were the senate bills authorizing the construction of bridges neross the Missouri river near Nebraska City, Neb., and the Mississippi river near Alma, Wis.

The department of agriculture bill passed by the house creates an executive department to be known as the deportment of agriculture, under the supervision and control of the secretary of arriculture, and provides for the appointment of a first assistant secretary to the English government. of agriculture. It also transfers the wenther service of the United States, the signal office bureau, from the war department to the department of agri-

In response to a resolution calling for information on the subject, the secretary of the treasury sent to the house reports from Supervising Inspector General Dumont and the commissioner of navigation on the overloading of Pa., has taken a vacation in Canada on steamers on the great lakes. General Dumont says during the last year but one vessel, the Vernon, was supposed to have been lost by overloading. He stated also that there is no statute law amind overloading vessels on the lakes, but the board of navigation has issued a set of rules which, if properly enforced, would prevent trouble in that

The further consideration of the tariff bill has been postponed for ten days in order to give both parties a chance to harmonize on the proposition to take a vote upon it as it stands without considering the proposed amendments. The situation is rather peculiar. On the democratic side there is a minority who want the bill amended in several particulars. On the republican side the conditions are the same. Three-fourths of the members are in favor of taking a vote upon the bill as a whole instantly and leaving with the senate the responability of revising it to suit the repubhean policy. But there is a faction who want the chance to vote upon amend-

A New Wyoming Railroad.

Chevenne (Wyo.) special: The Wyog Midland milroad company filed windo ar iries of incorporation with the secretary of Wyoming to-day. The trustees are Nelson W. Baswster, Jacob Hitchcock, Douglas Smith and Charles F. Boberts, all of New York city. The capital stock is \$5,000,000, in 50,000 shares of \$100 each. The home office of the company will be in New York, with a branch in Lander, Wyo. The road which will be a branch of the Northern Pacific, will be constructed from the northern boundary of Wyoming and Clark's Fork southeast to the Big Horn river near the mouth of Grey Bull river, then up the Shoshone reservation to Lander on the Big Horn river, a distance of 200 miles.

Buluth's Visible Supply.

Duluth special: There is in store in Dulth to-day 7,413,970 bushels of wheat and about 210,600 bushels of corn and oats. This is a decrease of 1,691,631 bushels of wheat for the week, showing a shipment of 1,799,600 bushels, and 40. 909 bushels of corn. The flour receipts for the week have been 60,702 barrels and the shipments 64,350, leaving in first international exposition ever held hore ber one berreis.

### A FATAL DOSE OF MORPHINE.

Express Agent Salle, of Fremont, Found

FREMONT, Neb., May 25 .- [Special to the Omaha Bee. ]-William R. Salle, for ports have been printed in a great many | the state committee. A. A. Powers was some time in charge of the Pacific ex- papers to the effect that a council of In- chosen chairman and made a brief adpress business at this place, was found | dians had been held a week or two since | dress. dead in a room at the New York house on the reservation, at a point called at about 9:30 o'clock this morning. A Clear Creek, and that Sitting Bull, paper containing morphine was found Standing Horse, Gaul and many others near his bed, and other evidence is con- had decided not to sign the treaty, and clusive of his having taken morphine thus prevent the opening of the great with suicidal intent. He was usually a Sioux reservation. Your correspondent quiet man and well thought of, but of is in position to know that there is late he has for some unknown cause in- absolutely no truth in the report. Even dulged in the use of liquor, and while if such a meeting had been held, it is in no way a defaulter has been negli- not at all probable that the correspondgent of his business. He registered at ents who sent out the stories from points the hotel at about 11:30 last evening and on the edge of the reservation, many went to his room where he was found miles from the alleged place of meeting, dead in bed as above stated. The de- would know anything about it. over fifty who received but one vote ceased was about thirty years old and Man, White Ghost and a number of the had friends living in Chillicothe, Mo., leading men of the Sioux tribe have who have sent for his remains. been interviewed within the past few

A second ballot was taken and the conference then took a recess until 7 the verdict returned was that the deceased had died from an over-dose of morphine, taken while ill and laboring what the Great Father asks them to do." dency. The verdict was in accordance with the facts, though great difficulty is In addition he said: experienced in accounting for the despondency alleged. Some attribute it to real estate debts in Omaha upon which he found it difficult to make his payments, others to a hopeless and unjusti-fields attachment which it is alaimed. Then it was given out that the bill would fiable attachment which it is claimed Salle had formed for a married woman and then the conference committee of this city in whose company it is known that he passed many hours. The same people claim that the hus- facts were directly contrary to the reband at length objected to Salle's attentions and threatened to shoot him. At ports. nights in the hotels in the center of the evidently been to the office the express company late

> tant, C. E. Main, yesterday morning found the office key and the safe combination on the counter. This circumstance is looked upon as an evidence that Salle had premeditated suicide. It was shown at the inquest that he had purchased morphine but twice in town, and that an interval of three months had passed between the purchases, which would go to show that he was not an habitual morphine eater. Yesterday E. W. Bennett, of the Pacific office in Omaha, came here and took temporary charge of the office, and to-day the assistant, C. E. Main, was appointed agent. His father, mother and a brother reside prove their condition. in Chillicothe. They will be met at Omaha by another brother, George, who is agent for the same express company

WHISPERS FROM THE WIRES. The Vatican exhibition at Rome is to ages of rats.

at Beatrice, Neb.

Frank Woodruff & Co., iron and steel mechanics of New York, assigned with-bill is only one year. A little patience committee on appropriations. At the

from his pleurisy. His doctors treated to come by September or October. him with coffee and strychnine. Colonel A. Wilson Norris, auditor gen-

eral of Pennsylvania, died at his home

The week's interstate drill at Nashthe afternoon. Judge Truax, of New York, granted

label on his cigars.

Girard college dropped dead from apposion in Philadelphia.

Over 5,000 persons attended the Walreceipts netted over \$2,100.

The Australians are up in arms against Chinese emigation, and monster mass meetings are sending protests against if

The Maine Fourth district democrate nominated Thomas J. Stewart for congress and J. P. Bass and J. W. Madigan to the St. Lous convention.

The republican committee announce vention hall as only 7,000 and as a con- and debate that also. sequence tickets will be limited.

Peter J. Quinn, chief book keeper for Christian & Co., contractors, Pittsburg. account of a shortage in his books.

Dr. Schweinfurt writes that he feels certain that Stanley is all right and waiting at some half way point for Tippo Tib's reinforcements and supplies.

Adelbert Krieger, "the Bundes Unele," and delegate from Dayton, G., to the North American Turner Bund convention, died of appoplexy in Chicago.

Gilbert Stoddard Roosevelt, and other trustees have petitioned the New York supreme court to dissolve the American Dramatic association and dis-

tribute its funds, amounting to \$55,802. Ravished by a Black Brute. A Wichita, Kan., special says: About

2 o'clock this morning a negro entered the house of a widow named Sophia her. A five-year-old child was the only grounds by the National Guards. other occupant of the house. Mrs. Stanley was awakened by a noise at the jump through the gauze screen. Before she could cry for assistance he had seized her by the throat. She is a slight woman, and was unable to make much resistance. The negro's fingers consciousness the negro had vanished.

Arrived at Barcelona. nouncing his arrival at Barcelona. He says that the space allotted to the United States is very desirable, and that he has taken steps to have the exhibit put in place. The Spanish anthorities, he adds, express great pleasure in the fact of America's representation in this the

## OPENING OF THE SIOUX RESERVATION.

The Indians Will Do Nothing to Prevent the CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., May 24.- Re-

Sitting Bull, Standing Heart, Big under an attack of temporary despon- John H. King is here, and upon being interviewed gave the same information.

> "The reports about the Indians not signing are totally without foundation, and entirely sensational, as were those could not agree, and finally that a veto would end the bill; and all the time the

all events Salle has stopped several Indian department and all the machinery "The Indian Rights association, the city and on one of these occasions slept until four o'clock the next day. He had I know from unquestionable authority that Sitting Bull is perfectly satisfied with the provisions. Besides, the In-Wednesday evening because his assisdian Rights people, Senator Dawes, the Indian committees of the house and senate are unalterably committed to the policy that if the Indians refuse to confirm this treaty upon proper presentation of it to them, the bill shall be passed at once and become a law without the submission clause.

The provisions for two cows, one voke of oxen, a wagon, plow, harrow, hoe, axe and seed, as well as \$20 in cash and a cash annuity, and the erection of school houses, are provisions so full of good things that the Indians will promptly accept the opportunity to im-

It is believed here that the signatures will be secured within ninety days from the date of presenting the bill to the Indians. As soon as that work is finished have preference in filing on the be closed at once on account of the rav. they may locate on when the land is soldiers and sailors in the late war. As is all that is needed. Those looking for The emperor of Brazil has recovered homes on the reservation may get ready

A Caucus of Republican Senators.

Washington dispatch: There was anin Philadelphiat of nervous prostration. other caucus of republican senators this Twelve thousand Quakers have ad- afternoon, occupying over two hours. dressed a letter to Mr. Gladstone It was held for the purpose of hearing their lives for the perpetuation of the strongly endorsing his home rule de- statements of members of the committee | republic and its institutions, and your on foreign relations on the subject of George Thomas, a Cincinnati, O., ped- the fisheries treaty. The republican dler, shot and killed a woman named senators are solidly against the ratifica-Margie Wise and then suicided. Cause, tion of the treaty, but some of them are not so well informed on its general and specific features as they desire to be, ville, Tenn., opened in a rain storm, especially in view of the approaching but a grand parade was indulged in in debate upon it in secret session, and they ask for information so that the two hours to-day were taken up in discussion of the treaty. The democratic an injuction against Adolph Moonleis senators are in favor of disrestraining him from using the union cussing the treaty in open session, but the republicans, several of The wife of Professor Gregory of whom are strong friends of the secret sessions system, have opposed plexy at the Women's Presbyterian mis the proposition so earnestly that they have succeeded in carrying their party colleagues with them, and the consideration is to be behind closed doors and lack testimonial performance at the New | will begin some time this week. It is York Metropolitan on the 21st and the thought the rejection of the treaty will not be on strict party lines, there being some democrats who take exceptions to provisions of it, but whether they will carry their objections to the extent of casting negative votes is a question.

One of the senators who engaged in the fight for consideration of the fisheries treaty with open doors states tonight that the caucus finally decided to discuss the measure with open doors. He says that the caucus further agreed to bring into the senate a report on the the seating capacity of the Chicago con- investigation into the southern outrages

A Monument to Confederates. Jackson (Miss.) dispatch: More than six thousand persons witnessed the cerwar veterans and a large Masonic reprein the Battery park, N. Y. A card on at the state capitol building Miss Win-Clermont, Adler Brewery, Altoona, be given to her father. It is the gift of the divorce. three Mississippi gentlemen, and its presentation was unexpected, not having been announced in the programme. The laving of the corner stone with Masonic ceremonies closed the exer-Stanley, in the north part of the city, cises of the day. This evening a grand and committed a criminal assault upon military parade was held, at the fair

# A Troublesome Ticket.

been officially notfied of their nomina-The neighborhood was alarmed and the tion, and consequently none of them police notified, but every effort so far have officially declined. If Mr. Wacker has failed to find her assailant. Three finds that his business interests will not she could not identify any of them as mittee so, the executive committee of the man. The excitement is intense, the state central committee will not and is accompanied with the usual talk | presume to name another candidate, but will lay the matter before the meeting of the whole committee and such action will be taken as will be satisfactory to Washington dispatch: Secretary all. Certainly neither committee is go-Bayard has received a letter from ing to encroach upon any rights of the United States Commissioner Blumm an people." Official notifications were sent to the nominees to-day.

Palouse City Burned Out. Portland (Ore.) dispatch: A fire broke out last night in Palouse City, W. T., and destroyed a large portion of the \$250,000; total insurance, \$75,000.

### Maine Democratic Convention.

Augusta (Me.) dispatch: The democratic state convention met at 11:15 and was called to order by S. S. Brown of

Powers closed by a reference to the administration of President Cleveland, and made an appeal for its continuation, saying if selected to-day he would vote for the re-election of Grover Cleveland. The speaker said in his election they went in for reform in civil service, retrenchment in public expenses and personal worth and integrity. The temporary organization was made permanent and a short recess was taken.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted on the death the past year of B. Bradbury, Eben Pillsbury, Edmund Wilson, Wm. A. Cromwell, J. H. Webster, John W. Varney, Isaac Reed, and G. L. Bounton, all prominent democrats. The following delegates at large to the St. Louis convention were elected: First district, Payson Tucker, of Portland Second, Arthur Sewell, of Bath; Third, E. C. Allen, of Augusta; Fourth, Jame Tobin, of Bangor.

W. L. Putnam, of Portland, was nominated for governor by acclamation, amid tremendous applause, and he ad dressed the convention.

# Making a Sure Thing of Suicide.

St. Joseph (Mo.) special: Dr. W. T Gaston, first assistant at Hall's sani tarium, committed suicide at the Commercial hotel in this city by taking a heavy dose of morphine and leaving both gas jets in his room turned on. Dr. Gaston is well known in St. Joseph, and came here March 1, 1887, from Peoria, Ill., where he was superintendent of a sanitorium. He took a room at the hotel at 12 o'clock last night. His absence both at breakfast and dinner caused the clerk at 2:30 o'clock to go to his room, which was found locked. Dr. Gaston was dead when discovered. Two letters were found, one addressed to Dr. W. D. Hall, proprietor of the sanitorium, and another to his father, A. H. Gaston, of Lacona, Ill. In the letters Gaston had referred to the "storm which had burst open" and said that he had no apologies to offer for his suicide His suicide was the result of a scanda with which he was connected. Gaston, who is twenty-eight years of age, was engaged to be married to a young lady in Illinois. He was the graduate of an eastern college and was a thorough physician.

The Resolution of the G. A. R. Washington special: Senator Manderson, from the committee on Indian affairs, reported back and asked to have the president will issue his proclama- referred to the appropriation committee tion, and the land will be open to set- a resolution of the G. A. R. of Wiscontiers to make settlement, and they will sin, asking that an appropriation be made for headstones for graves of exsurveyed and the plats filed in the land appropriations for this purpose have office. All talk about two years' time is already been made the committee say committee on appropriations. At the same time the committee indorse the appeal in the following language:

Your committee connot refrain from commending that patriotic spirit of the G. A. R. of Wisconsin which very prop erly and zealously guards the memories of those who from wounds, disease and disability incurred in the late war for the preservation of the Union, gave up committee express the hope that liberality of appropriations may render future resolutions of this character unnecessary.

## Rates on Live Stock.

Chicago dispatch: The general managers of the western and northwestern railway lines took action to-day looking to the establishment of rates per 100 pounds on live stock arriving at Chicago on and after June 10. Commencing on that date all stock will be charged for at

actual weight instead of by the car load. The Western States Passenger association met to-day to further consider the question of Iowa rates. Before the new railroad law went into effect in that state it was customary for the railroads to carry state troops and firemen to and from their annual encampments and tournament at a rate of 1 cent per mile. although a higher rate was charged the general public. The association de cided that this custom would have to be discontinued on the ground that it would amount to discrimination under the Iowa law.

The Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road has given notice that on June 1 is will put into effect the same rates that have been adopted by the Chicago, Burlington & Northern on through business from New York to St. Paul.

# Lily Wants a Divorce.

San Francisco special: It is generally understood here that pleadings for divorce of Mrs. Langtry, who is now playing an engagement here, are in the emonies connected with the laying of hands of a local firm. Her denials have the corner stone of the confederate little weight against evidence that she monument here. At 11 o'clock a pro- is endeavoring to acquire residence in cession, headed by carriages containing this city as speedily as possible. When distinguished visitors and state officers, she was here last summer and declared moved from the city hall and paraded her intention of becoming a citizen of through the principal streets. Eight the United States, she took a house and military companies, a number of benev- fitted up at great expense. She only olent associations, about an hundred occupied it for a couple of weeks and then went east; but she left her servants An unknown immigrant shot himself sentation were in line. Upon arriving here, and they kept the place as her home during her absence. This was his person bore the address, "Gustave | nie Davis was conducted to the library | necessary in order to give her legal reschamber and formally introduced to a idence during her wanderings. Fred large crowd by Governor Lowry. The Gebhardt arrived here last Thursday, ceremonies at the monument followed, and it is the opinion in club circles that and were opened by the reading of a he will marry Mrs. Langtry as soon as letter from Jeff Davis explaining his she gets her release. The expected and absence. Colonel Charles E. Hooker announced appearance of Langtry's delivered an oration, and at the close husband is taken by many as an indicapresented Miss Davis with a crown, to tion that he will make a fight against

# The Dog and His Master.

Duluth (Minn.) special: The steamer Ossifrage, which left this port last Seturday for Port Arthur, returned to-day, having failed to reach her destination on account of the solid blue ice which intervenes. She encountered twentyone vessels firmly frozen in the ice, and took off some people and brought them Chicago dispatch: When Secretary to Duluth. In passing Victoria island Maize, of the democratic state central the keeper of the light house, accompacommittee, was asked to-day what was nied by three dogs, walked out on the going to be done about the refusal of ice, the animals finally reaching the Os-Charles E. Wacker to stand as a candi- sifrage. The keeper was out of food and had been for some days, and the gradually closed on her throat until she date for state treasurer, he said: "In dogs made a most dismal howling until was unconscious. When she regained the first place the candidates have not their appetites were satisfied. One dog of the three, however, took the first piece of meat that was given him, and making his way back to his master, laid it at his feet and then returned to negroes have been taken before her but permit him to run and tells the comtain Inman supplied the keeper with enough food to last until a supply boat could reach him thror oh the ice.

# Simply Did His Duty.

Washington 'dispatch: Manderson from the committee on military affairs, to-day reported adversely upon the petition of D. D. Dana, formerly provost marshal of the Third brigade Twentysecond army corps, praying allowance services performed in capturing the as sassins of President Lincoln. In its report the committee says that as provost business houses. Seven blocks in all marshal it was the duty of the petitioner were burned. The total loss will reach to capture the assassins without reward or hope thereof.

### THE COLDEN RULE.

Nay, speak, no ill, a kindly word Can never leave a sting behind: And oh, to breathe each tale we've hear Is far beneath a noble mind.

Full oft a better seed is sown, By choosing thus the kinder plan; For if but little good be known, Still let us speak the best we can. Then speak no ill, but lenient be

To others' failing as your own; If you're the first the fault to see, Be not the first to make it known For life is but a passing day.

No life may tell how brief its span;

Then oh, what little time we stay

Let's speak of all the best we can.

## Brother-in-Law's First Wife.

Frona W. Colvin in Yankee Blade. My Sister Agnes had made what I rying a widower. Not that I had any when he used to come to our house, before he was my brother-in-law, and I don't know but I thought, at that ten days Mamie came home from time, that it was very commendable school. in him to pay such tribute to his departed companion; but there came a was preparing to drive to the sta-'Maggie' made me disgusted.

I have often heard my father say that it was never safe to marry a too good for number two; and to efwell to marry a widower unless his number two would get informed that school-girl slang. the only thing lacking to cause her to do likewise was a chance.

Henry Mayne was holding a pre- there nearly a week. emption next to our claim when we first made his acquaintance, and about all we knew of him was that he was an honest, industrious, prosperous farmer, was a widower, with one child who was staying with his mar- up nose!" she exclaimed. ried sister in Chicago, till his younger sister, Mamie, should finish her education and come to keep house for him, and bring his little girl. He informed us that Mamie had made her home partly with him and partly with the other sister since she was filteen, at which time they had been left orphans.

We had known Mr. Mayne over a year when it came time for him to make final proof of his claim. On a pre-emption one can make proof at any time, after living on it six months, within thirty-three months. Mr. Mayne had stayed the entire time, but now that the limit was reached he made his proof. I was never more surprised in my life than when Agnes, having followed me one morning when I went out with the herd of cattle, informed me that Henry was going tarther west to take a homestead and timber-claim and she was going to be married to him and go with him. had no objection to the man, but I set before her the difficulties of a stepmother. I consider the rearing of other people's children about as thankless a task as anyone can undertake.

"But someone must take care of her, and I don't know but I, am as capable of doing so as anyone" urged Agnes.

"I never for a moment doubted that, my little sister. You will be a model step-mother; but the question is, how about the child. Will she prove a model step-daughter?"

"Henry is good-natured, and he always says his first wife was a saint," replied Agnes meekly, "so I think the child ought to have a pleasant disposition. Father and mother think it will be a good match, and I am twenty-five, you know."

Well to make a long story short, they were married and went to Kansas to take more land. I was twentyone pretty soon after, and as they knew I intended taking claims when I should have reached my majority, they wrote me to come there.'

They had been married six months when I went. Henry had been after little Becca instead of waiting till her name into the conversation in Mamie had graduated, as he at first | most uncalled for places. intended, and it was just as I feared,

she was a little terror. that evil temper from," said Henry, help calling these things to mind when a few minutes after I arrived, when you intimated that Mag was of an Becca threw herself on the floor and angelic disposition." kicked and screamed and then held I could have embraced Miss Mamie her breath until she was black in the for these utterances. However they face because I would not allow her to may have wounded her brother's pound my watch with a hammer. "I feelings, they were balm to mine. I am sure Agnes will bear me out in will even admit that they were impusaying that I never display my tem- dent and irreverent, but I thought per, and as for the child's mother - they were deserved, and they had the an angel of any woman I ever saw. I novance of hearing anything more may say, she was the very best per- about the "departed angel" for some

son I ever met." I glanced at Agnes. There was an gie's" praises sung often, but she looksaw how annoyed I was at hearing them. her husband praise another to the disparagement of herself.

remarked, nettled Henry glanced first at me and then

at Agnes. "I was not making my comparison," was not for herself.

At supper I praised Agnes' biscuits. They were made of sour cream and I too, I knew she must have remembered my partiality to that kind and had made them expressly to please me.

enough," observed her husband. and I was the only person he felt will-"Maggie made the lightest biscuits I ing should have it," exclaimed Agnes, ever saw, I think."

Agnes looked at me imploringly, so I said nothing, though I awfully longed to. I was discusted at his overlooking the perfections of my excellent sister and constantly whining about the former Mrs. Mayne. If he thought so much of her, why had he not been | Agnes' submission annoyed me. true to her memory and remained a widower? It seemed to me it would ridiculous about his first wife," bave been more to the point to have Mamie said, after Agnes had quitted pital.—New York Graphic.

goodness extolled till I was sick and not to, and every day kept reminding me of my promise.'

"He does not mean anything offensive. It is right enough for him to est looking specimen of the human love and admire his first wife. I am race I ever laid my eyes on. She love and admire his first wife. I am sure, if I had been a first wife it wore a black dress sewn with would have been a pleasant reflection | white thread, a pair of shoes that certhat, if my husband survived me, he would still admire me and remember my virtues, even if he married again," was the way she excused him.

woman ought never to mention a should call the great mistake of mar- first companion in a way to cause Jezebel, let me tell you. jealousy on the part of the secondfor if you were like the majority of spite against grave, good-looking Hen- human beings, you'd be perfectly ry Mayne, yet he was not the sort of green with jealousy by this time. man that I could ever bring myself to | I'll venture to say, now, if you had "love, honor and obey," if I were a been Mrs. Mayne No. 1, and Henry course it reached our ears. Henry had extolled you to 'Maggie,' supos- still held up for Mag, declaring she was woman, even if he had never been ing her to have been Mrs. Mayne the not at all like the rest of her folks till married before. He was always wont second, to the extent he has her to one day mamma gave him her opinto repeat the good qualities of his wife you, she would have flown into a ion, that it was possible, yet hardly rage, and pulled every hair out of his probable, that a dove could be reared

head long ago."

"You'll find Mamie somewhat gid-

dy," Henry remarked to Agnes as he time when this constant allusion to tion to meet his sister. "She was always so in spite of Maggie's wise counsel and good example to help her." I devoutly hoped that, giddy or not a house of her own. He not only had she would not join in the refrain when to provide for her, but for all the rest widow unless her first husband had Henry chanted the former Mrs. Mayne's of the family who made it a point to been hung, and even then she was praises; for, hard as she struggled stay either at his house or at old Mrs.

liable to declare that hanging was against the feeling and tried hard to Pigeontrot's all the time. was making Agnes' life miserable. I fect this remark, I will add right here, | was prepared to detest Miss Mamie, that in my humble opinion, it is never | bat I was agreeably disappointed in her. She was a spirited brunette, suffered at that woman's hands. whose only tendency to giddiness-at first wife has eloped with some other least all I could discover—was a habit most slovenly housekeeper I ever saw, man, and even in that case, perhaps of laughing unrestrainedly and using yet I have heard him brag about her

'How awfully much Becca is growing to look like you," she said to can do to hold my tongue, it aggrav-Henry one day when she had been "Do you think so? Now I think she

more and more resembles her sainted mother every day." Mamie looked puzzled a moment then, burst out laughing.

"Fancy the Madonna with a turn-"I don't understand you," said Henry.

"Didn't I understand you to say she looked like the Virgin? You said 'her sainted mother.' ' "I mean her natural, not her spirit-

ual mother." "Well, I reckon you wouldn't try to what would you call Agnes?" she ask- | the bridge gave way." ed, with a frankness that seemed to annoy her brother.

"Agnes is a good woman, too," he replied, gravely. "I should think so!" exclaimed

house during her lifetime." with a very red, embarrassed countenance.. "I have tried to be very dit-

ferent with Agnes." "Well," laughed Mamie, "It does that he is at fault about anything, but I can't say I entirely agree with you in this case. Now, there was that time she hit you over the head with the skillet because you insisted upon her wearing heavy shoes in wet weath-

er. I don't really think-" "Maggie is dead, you must remember," broke in Henry. "Would it not be well to let her rest peacefully in her grave?"

This same thought had sometimes occurred to me, during my stay there, when he had been constantly dragging

"I know it's customary to say nothing but good of the dead," re-"I can't see where the child takes | plied saucy Mamie, "but I couldn't

well, Maggie came the nearest being good effect to save me from the an-

One morning when Henry had gone expression on her face which caused to town, I sat in the sitting room me to believe she had heard "Mag- reading, Agnes was combing Becca's hair, and Mamie was idly turning ed very much embarrassed when she over the books and looking through

"What an odd creature you are!" she exclaimed, suddenly turning to "If she was better than Agnes she Agnes," "Here, you've got Mag's pic-must have been sufficiently good not ture next to Henry's in your Bible." to need masses said for her soul," I "That was hers. Henry gave it to

ie a few days after we with a request that I leave it just as it was," replied Agnes.
"What did he give it to you for if

he said, probably observing that I he wanted to keep it undisturbed? To was jealous for my sister, even if she | be aggravating?" inquired Mamie, indignantly. "If ever I have a husbandyou can bet your basic shekel no, other woman's picture will have a considered them delicious. Then, place next his-request or no request. What excuse did he have the cheek to make for such a request, anyhow?"

next to-to-his first wife, and he "Rather too rich to be light gave me the Bible because it was hers, embarrassed. "And you didn't throw it at his

"He said he should always love me

head?" inquired Mamie, wonderingly. "Well, I must say you are a—shall ! say a saint or simpleton, Mr. Harlen?" she asked, turning to me.

"Both," I said, half impatiently. "I don't see what makes Henry so

bestowed a meed of praise upon the the room. "I can see that it hurts living wife occasionally, instead of Agnes to have him always making constantly canting about the virtue out that Mag was superior to her; but of her predecessor. But in the first | she wasn't by a long way. When they ten days of my stay I never heard a were first married she did seem real single compliment paid to Agnes | good, though no one could ever conby her husband, and if I tried to vince mamma that her goodness was make up the deficiency myself, "Mag- | sincere. She always declared she was gie was always lugged in, and her a hypocrite, but she and Henry got along all right till old Dame Pigeondisgusted. I would have called him trot-that's Mag's mother-put in to order on the first night of my ar- her appearance. I'll never torget rival but Agnes had made me promise | what a spectacle she was the first time she came to see them. They were over at our house and she came there to see them. She was the hardtainly never had been blacked, and they were laced with wrapping-twine twisted and doubled. Her dress came "Stuff and nonsense! A man or the floor behind her. But her looks were the best part of her. She was a

"Henry would have given anything to have kept us from finding out about her at home, but it was the talk of the neighborhood what a disagreeable old woman she was, and of in a hawk's nest. You see we had When I had been with them about heard about how the old lady was so aggravating, and set Mag up to such meanness that Henry had been obliged to ask his mother in law to leave; she had refused to do so, he had insisted, and when he went outside to work, Mag and her mother locked the door on him and kept him out until he agreed to maintain the old lady in

"Mamma died about a year before Mag, and I hved with them part of the time, and I must say I can't see how Henry can forget the abuse he She was the poorest cook and the being perfect in both respects to Agnes since I've been here. It's more than I

ates me so to hear him. "It is natural," I replied "to think and speak only good of the dead, though I am like yourself, I cannot see the justice in it. I presume the tragic manner of her death affected him greatly, and I have noticed in such instances a tendency to endow the dead with only good and forget all faults and failings "He told you about her being

drowned, then?" she inquired. "Yes." "I presume he didn't tell you how it

came about, did he?" "He said she was going to her mother's on horseback, and when crossing make Mag out a saint? If you would, the bridge across a deep narrow creek

"Oh, yes; that's all true. But her own stubbornness brought it about. Becca was only three weeks old at the time, and it had been raining all day: so when Mag took a notion to go to Mamie, "Why, if you had made re- her mother's in the evening, Henry marks about the pancakes to Mag as | didn't want to take the baby, nor you did to Agnes this morning, she she either into the damp air. He would have thrown the whole plate. told her the bridge was rotten and ful in your face. So would I, for that | they would not dare cross it after matter. I shouldn't have been sur- such a deluge as had been that day, prised to hear you call her a and they would have to go four miles saint, but I think you must be losing around to the other bridge-too long your memory if you imagine Mag a journey for either herself or the to have possessed any such thing as child on a stormy night. Well, she saintliness. My goodness, how she flew into a rage when she found he used to rake you over the coals!" rat- was not to be ever-persuaded, and tled on the young lady, greatly to my | raved and stormed and pronounced amusement and Henry's discomfit- | all manner of imprecations upon the ure." I should think you'd miss baby for ever having come into the something out of your life if Agnes is | world to bother her, and finally tellalways like she is since I've been here. ing me to mind it went out doors. Never a day went over but you and | Pretty soon we heard the sound of a Mag had a quarrel when I was at your | galloping horse and Henry ran out and saw her riding away towards "I was entirely at fault," he said her mothers. He followed in hot haste, hoping to reach her before she got to the bridge, but she beat him by a few rods a rode right on though I could near him me good to hear a man acknowledge screaming to her not to venture clear to the house. The horse got out all right but it was too late when at last they got Mag's body. She was dead.

"When the tidings was carried to Dame Pigeontrot, she wanted to have Harry arrested because she declared it was all his fault. She pretended to take it awfully to heart, though she and Mag always quarreled and fought so before Mag was married that she couldn't stay at home. She finally contented herself by carrying away everything there was in the house, and even raised a row because she couldn't find Mag's fine shoes. I expect she thought Sister Callie or I hid them back, but they wouldn't have done either of us any good, as we both wear number three and hers were sixes, though I heard Henry tell Agnes last week that Mag wore twos and a

"When 'Mother Pigeontrot' found Callie and I were to take charge of the child, she was in a fine rage. She wanted Henry to let her keep it and pay her four dollars a week for doing so. He wouldn't do it, and she only shows herself once a year since. She pertends to come to see Becca, but really to get a few dollars from Henry. I heard she and her son were out west some place holding claims."

Not long after this bit of information was given me, Madame Pigeontrot appeared at Henry's in all the glory of a Mother Hubbard made c' curtain calico, a pair of plowshoe her hair done in a knot the size of walnut, underneath a brown walking hat trimmed in green. She rode & lean, patient-looking broncho and affected the manners of a man. She, insisted that now, since Henry was married again, she should be intrusted with the care of Becca and be paid twelve dollars a month for her "keep," as she termed it. When Henry refused to comply with her demand, she heaped upon him, and Agnes likewise, epithets which were neither well-chosen nor elegant, and rode away shaking her fist at her ex-son-in-law and consigning his soul

to the shades below. He could scarcely look any of us in the face for a week or so, and, from that day to this, I have never heard

### his first wife's name pass his lips. Feeding Wild Birds.

An English family has a custom of feeding wild birds regularly after breakfast. Opening the dining room window, they ring a bell, and immediately all kinds of birds, and sometimes even squirrels, come to the feeding place. A curious result of the custom is that numerous applicants are seen each morning waiting the sound of the bell, like many patients at a hos-