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THE DISPERSION OF MANKIND.

Stately on Shinar's ancient plain
Uprose a mighty thought in stone.
The thinkers scoffed in pure disdain
Of forces mightier than their own.
Full many a moon had waxed and waned,
Full many a brain and hand had striven
To pile a tower, which, unrestrained
By bound or bar, should smite the heaven.

BARWELL'S MAID.

I used to have several customers in Silverado. It is only a pleasant ride out from here in the beautiful summer morning, long before the sun begins to peep above the Sierras and when the dawn is just beginning to break bright and fair, as dawn never does show anywhere except in this semitropical clime.

The first time I saw her she came out with the milk can. Usually it stood on the stoop waiting to be filled, and I would pour in the milk and leave it standing there for the first servant who was up to come out and get it.

"Hello!" I said.
"Yes," she replied, quite as a matter of course. And then I saw what a very thin and white little maid it was.

Various sanitariums and private hospitals are using "the salt rub," and it is becoming so popular that some Turkish bath establishments are advertising it as a special attraction.

Once when Mrs. Barwell happened to be up early to get a picnic party successfully off her hands I saw her seize the little maid and drag her into the kitchen.

"But neither course seemed quite feasible. I picked up my whip furiously and looked around for something to lay it onto. As I could see nothing available for that purpose but my patient, good tempered horse, who never gave me the slightest excuse for savagery, I put it down again with a resolution to making things more even some day, though it never entered my ridiculous head in what particular way I could accomplish the leveling process.

drive off, which you might say was a much more convenient way.

But as day after day and week after week passed and I did not see her it did not seem so very comfortable after all. I wondered if she were ill or had gone away. I remembered how she used to look as she stood in the faint light of the morning, holding the big can in her arms.

So it went on till one morning just as I had filled the can and was going down the path the kitchen door was thrown open with a bang, and the little maid rushed out, Mrs. Barwell had after her with some heavy thing in her hand, lifted up high to throw at the girl.

Presently the little maid looked up at me with a face so rosy that I should not have known her had I met her anywhere else. There was a look, half frightened, half confiding, in her eyes, and as I met that look I knew all of a sudden why it was that I had missed her so, and why I had wondered so much about her eyes and her face.

I bent over her and shouted: "Will you marry me?" for the horse was galloping, and the wheels were crunching, and the cans were rattling, and if I had whispered the question as men in stories and poetry do she would never have heard me.

Put a few pounds of coarse salt, the coarsest you can get, sea salt by preference, in an earthen jar, and pour enough water on it to produce a sort of slush, but not enough to dissolve the salt.

The ancient church dedicated to the pious memory of St. Helena, who, tradition saith, went to "Jerusalem, my happy home" and found the true cross at Helland, is a comfortable hour's walk from Bodmin town.

At the last moment, however, and after the rector had been wired to return, a worthy cleric named Smith, who had come to Bodmin as a witness in an assize case, volunteered his services as a locum tenens.

"Smith has gone to Helland. You stop where you are."
When the messenger boy handed the orange enveloped epistle to his reverence at the other end, the latter tore it open and read with astonishment:
"Smith has gone to Hell and you stop where you are."—Christian Adviser.

Blessing In Disguise.

Bad Boy (gleefully)—I had the earache this morning.
Good Boy—What good is that?
Bad Boy—Me mother put cotton in me ears, and now I don't hear 'er when she calls.—Good News.

A German student wrestling with the English language rendered a text as follows. "The ghost is willing, but the meat is feeble."—Educational News.

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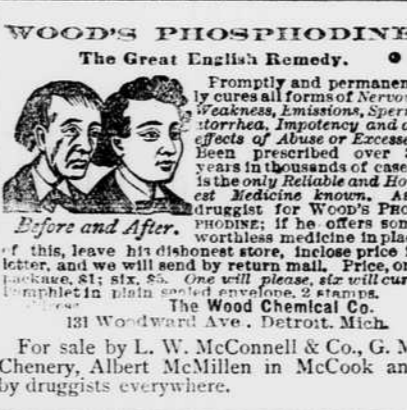


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