"The Match of the Season."

to kick over the traces at any moment. ed with laughter, her dancing robes What have I done that such a misfor- torn to tatters. The young enthusiasm tune should befall me."

morning, to her husband immersed in the most jaded beholder. the daily news.

"Eh! what's the matter now, Mollie?" with easy good nature.

"Laura was a model," she sighed, "she never gave me a moment of uneasiness from first to last. The belle of her set, she married advantageously in her first season; and as for thread. But Theodora-" and she threw up her hands in horror, as though the subject beggared descrip;

"Come, come, Mollie"-he pleaded; "let the child grow up in her own way; they can't all be alike it stands to reain Today, frank, fearless and honest as the sunlight; it would be a sin and a shame to cut, prune and pare her down them."

thos. "What can you know of the heart of a mother, the awful responsibility resting upon her shoulders; the sacred charge entrusted to her hands. All depends upon her coming out; by that she stands or falls; the verdict is final. And when I think how iil presequences, I tremble for her future;" and, with an air of tragedy she re-

At that moment the door burst open, a refreshing bit of femininity. and a young girl, in rough skating costume, with a mane of red-good hair like a shaggy pony, entered in whirlwind fashion, rosy, panting, radiant with health, spirit and abundant vitality, "a sight to make an old man young."

"Just in time for breakfast, and hungry as a hunter, too, I promise you!" in clear, ringing tones, and without ceremony she seated herself at the ta-

ble. tones, "when you should be abed getting your beauty sleep, in preparation for the great event before you."

"My beauty must care for itself," was the careless retort. "Must I coddle myseif all day because I'm to come out to-night? Come out!"-in scornful tones. "What does it mean, anyway, daddy?" and she turned to her father with a look of hearty comradeship and affection.

"Wed, Teddy, with most of you it means beaux and clothes, so far as I understand it; vanity and vexation of spirit, and ultimately marriage, when the right fellow comes along."

"Then I'll have none of it," and with an air of decision she turned to her breakfast with the vigor of seventeen.

No mother hen was ever more dismayed at the duckling in her broad than this punctilious leader of fashion at the daughter now on her hands to pilot through the shoals and quicksands of society, and at last anchor safely in the harbor of matrimony. Yet she was but a frank, high-spirated girl, who despised forms and conventions with all her heart; rebelled at maternal counsel and discipline, turned sentiment to ridicule with the carcless mockery of extreme youth. But she proved a pretty handful to the proud, scheming mother, whose aspirations soared high in the matrimonial line; a knotty problem to solve, which would tax her wits, temper and endurance beyond their limit.

view in all the costly simplicity of a Titian coloring and laughing dark eyes, corridors. the sylph-like grace of her buoyant out the trying ordeal.

in advance at maternal authority, was the wondrous galleries of art, played she proof against the pleasure of the at sentiment, yet, as if by tacit conher own beauty borne in upon her for querade. the first time, the incense of masculine | But at last, in the still, dim-lighted placed. Water soaks into the crevices out of the woods, with his nose close to novel charm of the occasion?

as this, would go down, in social parlance, even create a sensation, for a tentions, such as she cherished, would her cheeks were affame, her great dark Home Journal. rouse the wildest antagonista, cause the downfall of her fairest hopes and

dreams. So the season sped on, and the girl | Brute' "-"No, no-I cannot listen." was caught in the current of events by the racy wit and audaclous freedom of the daughter she so little comprehended, congratulated berself that she was safely launched at last, with

HE is no daughter of mine; | Where Teddy sat, talked, or walked, a madcap, a changeling, an was the central point of gayety in any unbroken colt who threatens assemblage; her speech was punctuatwith which she entered upon any oc-Thus lamented Mrs. Gainsborough casion was an antidote to duliness and over her coffee one sunny winter's monotony, a rejuvenating draught to

> She seemed to have the gift of universal popularity; even her rivals liked and would have copied her if they could, and with the men she was a prime favorite, they hovered about her like moths about the flame,

But here maternal criticism came in, and feared for the future. To the Dorothy, she could be led by a siiken men Teddy seemed more like a good comrade than a beautiful girl to be wooed and won; a divinity to be worshipped. Sentiment shrank from her frank presence and pitiless laughter, and more than one foolish swain had cause to regret the expression of his admiration. The lover who passed the son. There was a good boy spoiled Rubicon with Teddy must needs be a valiant one.

To this free-hearted maiden the stately Gerald Massey, the most eligiinto a doll of fashion like the rest of | ble match of the season, the cynosure of all eyes, the target for all matri-"Ch. you men-" in accents of pa- monial darts, was but "Jerry," a "jolly the use of electricity, the installation of good fellow," and the best waltzer in society.

That she bonestly liked him was manifest in word and act, though it must be confessed that his lack of sentiment and "nonsense," as she termed it, seemed his chief attraction in pared she is for the occasion; how will- her eyes. And the liking was recipful, untrained and careless of the con- rocal. It was many a day since this well-bred gentleman and invincible bachelor had revealed such interest in turned to her breakfast with renewed the most beautiful of debutantes; many a day since he had encountered such

> The best-laid plans o' mice and men Gang aft agley:

And leave us naught but grief and pain For promised joy.

Mrs. Gainsborough was a wise womor entreaty had passed; one scene of the kind with her rebellious offspring had taught her the wisdom of silence "Skating at such an hour, Theodora?" on forbidden subjects. Only the most protested her mother, in reproving winning diplomacy, such as had ruled her household for years, could avail, but that this chit of a girl could elude her influence in the end seemed incomprehensible.

Time brought its changes, and Teddy scarce realized the transformation that no stray percussion caps may be she had undergone in these winter brought into the mine. months that flew by as on wings. Still frank and freehearted in thought, word and act, she had gained in social grace and (act until she seemed another creature from the careless hoyden of a ple who had decided on matrimony affew months ago.

dissipation at mountain or seaside re- servant in a good house. sorts. This was the event of the seaamusements that had gone before; and ding, although with only the witnesses : "Well, cocky, you thought you'd pull

would play prominent roles. their fragrance, the most ravishing told her it would take his last cent for sleepy." gorgeous pageant streamed hour by that this was literally true, bour through stately hall and gallery, shifting and changing like the visions

maternal criticism could find no flaw longer the daughter of prosaic modern in the radiant vision presented to her Gotham, she was a creature of another | dollar gold piece. race, age and clime, with her pulses Worth gown, imported to grace the oc- attuned to love and romance, her cheerful husband, "but perhaps that wild animals in their natural surroundcasion. She had never realized her heart throbbing to the passionate Hunloveliness before; the piquant charm of garian music that swept through the

A stately gallant of the sixteenth | Mail and Express. figure, the childlike ease of her bear- century, bravely attired in velvet, silkfaithful cavalier throughout the even-And Teddy-though she might rebel ing; together they danced, strolled in

eyes sparkled as with tears.

"This from you, Jerry?" she protested, in the sorrowful accents of "Et tu,

But he would not be silenced, and, and whirled away; in the excitement unmasking, revealed a face pale with of ball, reception, theater, opera, the a resolution that frightened her. "Tedawakening knowledge of her own pow- dy, child-is it so strange that I should er, she was gradually changing day by love you? Have you not divined it in day into a striking, if unconventional all these months, when I have followed figure in social circles. And Mrs. as your shadow, lived upon your smile, Gainsborough, though shocked, startled your wit, the sunshine of your presand confounded in a thousand ways ence? Another had seen it long ago." "But we were such good comrades, Jerry," and she caught her breath

with a sob. "True, Teddy, and can be still; but, every prospect of a fair and prosperous chi'll though you are. I have fallen ed woman who said: "Oh, now you under the spell of your enchantment, hush!"

become entangled in the net you never threw. Dear," caressingly, "have you no word of kindness, of pity for me? L

will not ask for love-now." "I-do-not-know," she faltered, while her beating heart belied her speech. "It is all so strange, so dreamlike, so unreal; a part of the hour, the in expedients to evade the law. Their scene, the mask-in a moment I shall awaken."

"To a reality more beautiful than the illusion. Trust me, my child, and it shall be so."

And, shy in the presence of her newborn love, Teddy, the careless hoyden, the scoffer at sentiment, surrendered to the enemy like the weakest of her sisters, while the stirring music of the Hungarian Czardas filled the silence with passionate meaning.

When the engagement was announced in the spring, to the consternation of social circles, Mrs. Gainsborough bore herself proudly, as one who took no small credit for the felicitous termination of the season.

Yet to this day she has never understood how it came to pass; how this strange girl made the match of the season, alone and unaided. It remained to the end an unsolved mystery of the bal masque.-American Cultivator.

Dynamite in Coal Mines. According to United States Consul Brunot, at St. Etienne, a local inventor

named Albert has produced a successwith safety in coal mines where gas is present in dangerous volume, without disarrangement.

and to receive all flame and sparks round the barrel he went, whining and thrown off without allowing any com- dancing as if it were full of rats. munication with the atmosphere.

fuse to a depth of several inches. At gated the barrel, and found in the centhe other end of the tube is fixed a per- | ter of a liberal lining of fresh fish sevcussion cap, similar to those used in eral dozen plump partridges. "Fish" toy pistols, and lying against the side shipments from a certain Washington of the tube, which is pierced in its turu | County station has ceased since then. by a small hole. The distance between the extending end of the fuse and the percussion cap is only .07 inch. The end of the tube with the percussion cap is introduced into another cylinder, also of copper, which contains the firing mechanism. To operate the apparatus an in her generation, and held her the tube containing the fuse is held in peace; the time for counsel, scolding the left hand, while with the palm of the right a smart blow is struck on the button of the percutient, when the cap explodes.

The gas produced by the fuse fills the cylinder, says the Black Diamond, but cannot escape outside, unless extinguished, as the holes in the cylinder are covered with metallic gauze. In practice, the tubes are prepared outside, in the daytime, by the lamp cleaner, so

Waited Twenty Years. Twenty years ago a minister in a certain mission church married a cou-

ter a very short acquaintance. The would be seen struggling, now among and spring. Nothing will accomplish The season was to close with a bal man was a sailor, very much down at the horses and again falling over their this better than the system of surface masque, and 'hen came the Lenten the heels, who had just shipped for a comrades. period of retirement, prior to further long voyage; the girl was a thrifty | The fray continued until one or the

son, a grand finale to the lighter the vestry (for it was a church wed- marks at each other; society was stirred to its depths in an- required) and confided to him that he me off that saddle, did you?" ticipation of the coming spectacle, in was literally reduced to his last cent, | "Oh, it's all very well for you! You which beauty, wealth and fashion which he proffered as a marriage fee, haven't had fever. Wait till you get it, saying that if all went well with him and then see if you have any strength animal from moving backward or for-As by a touch of the enchanter's he would return some day and pay left!" wand, the noble mansion was trans- more. He was to spend a few days formed into a scene from fairyland, with his bride at her mother's, then in which the rarest exotics exhaled sail for a three years' voyage. He had music eloquently discoursed, while the the minister, but she did not know

the incident when, the other day, he have given back the saddle at once if received a call from a happy, prosper- I'd known. You can have it now if you To Teddy it presented all the charm ous second mate of a vessel of a big want.". of novelty; and in a rich Venetian cos- freight line, accompanied by his wife tume of the olden time, her lovely face | and a flock of five youngsters. The hidden 'neath the mystery of the call was made for the purpose of mask, she had a strange sense of losing | thanking the minister for his polite-Yet her debut promised well, and her identity in that of another. No ness about the one-cent fee, and requesting his acceptance of a twenty-

"It's worth more'n that," said the will help out on marrying some more ings once had an opportunity of seeing folks on the installment plan, a cent for himself an example of the cunning down and a dollar a year!"-New York for which the fox has become pro-

ing, which sustained her well through- en hose and slouched hat, was her Why Mountains Never Grow Smaller. a river one winter day, he saw a fox The mountains are always moving run out upon the ice and make straight down into the valleys. When spring- for a hole. At the edge of the opening time comes every stream will run mud- he stopped, turned, followed his tracks dy in its course. At this rate all the back to the bank, ran down the stream moment! the dangerous knowledge of sent, preserved the mystery of the mas- soil from the hills would soon be gone and paused to await developments. were not this soil being constantly re- In a little while a dog came tearing homage, the gay inspiriting music, the conservatory 'neath the shelter of of the rocks, and when it freezes it the ice and snow. Heran along the ice shadowy palm and trailing vine, with swells with almost irresistible force, with his head down, following the Though Mrs. Gainsborough trembled the low plash of a little fountain in | That a very little of it can crack an scent until he reached the opening. It for her perilous frankness, originality their ears, the gallant lost command of iron pipe most of us have found to our was then too late to check his speed; and possible gaucheries, it might be himself, and spoke to her in a language cost. Thus the rock is split, and the he plunged into the water and was lost that an odd bizarre character, such that startled her to a sudden realiza- pieces made in this way are again under the ice. tion of the truth-the language of love. broken into finer and finer fragments. The fox, meanwhile, had waited in For one breathless moment she list- until new soil is made to take the plain sight to watch the effect of his time. Beyond this she dared not look ened spellbound; then she tore the place of that which is so rapidly mov- little trick. After the dog came into or scheme; one hint of matrimonial in- mask from her face with hasty hand; ing down to the lowlands.-Ladies', view the fox remained perfectly mo-

Pert, but Patriotic.

"Sir Thomas Lipton is going to keep trying for the cup," said the young Englishman.

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "your country is going to keep on trying and ours is going to keep on succeeding."-Washington Star.

An Illuminated Bird's Nest. The baya bird of India spends its spare time catching mammoth fireflies, which it fastens to the side of its nest with moist clay. On a dark night the baya's nest looks like an electric lamp.

What has become of the old-fashion-

A DOG DETECTIVE.

He Is Useful in Spotting Game Law Violations in Maine.

The game laws of Maine positively prohibit the transportation of partridge and woodcock from the State, but "pothunters" if not sportsmen are fruitful persistance has led to the employment of "Scip," an "undersized cur of badly mixed lineage," belonging to one of the State game wardens. His duty, says the Lewiston Journal, is to examine certain trains that come down from Northern Maine.

As people alight from the train few notice the little dog dodging among them, sniffing at this hand-bag and that bundle. Soon his master hears a little bark. He knews what that means, and dropping everything, finds Scip nosing about the heels of a passenger. The warden closes in on the "game" pointed by Scip, quietly invites the suspect into the baggage-room, and questions him about the game which he has concealed about his person or effects.

The dog has never been known to fail in "pointing" game. He may possibly have missed some, but when he has made up his mind that there is a violation of the law he has always been correct so far.

But inspecting the hand-baggage is not all of the little detective's work, by any means. After the passengers are all out he hops into the baggage and exful apparatus for exploding dynamite press car, and applies his nose to everything in sight.

While making his usual inspection of the express car the other day he came which is always costly and subject to across a barrel purporting to contain fish. It certainly had fish in it. Scip The instrument seems to cover the ex- | sniffed at it, went on and then came posed end of the safety fuse, to fire it back and sniffed again. Round and

With a faith in the little animal born A copper tube receives the end of the of long experience, the warden investi-

Free and Easy Companionship of English Soldiers in South Africa.

The rough give-and-take and the freeand-easy comradeship of army life are pleasantly illustrated in Rennie Stevenson's book, "Through Rhodesia," wherein he tells some of the experiences of sharpshooters in South Africa.

On the march, he says, we had always great difficulty in finding the spot where we had left our saddles. At night we used them for pillows, and often one would be rudely awakened by a gruff voice at his ear, "Here, shift!

This is my saddle." "It isn't your saddle."

"It is "

"It isn't." "It is."

shift at this time of night."

"Aren't you? We'll see about that." Then in the moonlight two forms

other man was victorious. Then the The sailor called the parson apart in two generally sat down and threw re-

Then the whole argument would pres-

"Well, good-night, matey! I'm getting

"Good night, lad! I hope our row won't bring back the fever. I didn't The parson had forgotten all about know you felt the effects of it still. I'd

> "No, thanks, I'm all right as I am." "Sure?"

"Yes."

"Good night!" "Good night!"

How He Fooled the Dog. A gentleman who is fond of studying

verbial. As he was standing near the bank of

tionless until he saw his old enemy disappear. Then, with a look on his face which seemed to combine a good-natured grin with a mild contempt, he went nonchalantly off about his busi-

Effect of Philippine Climate.

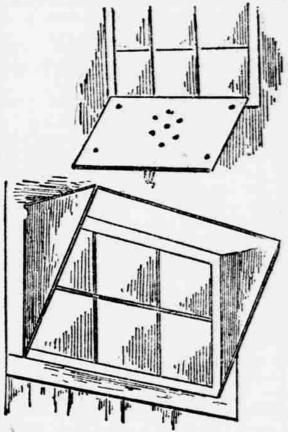
Medical men have noted the injurious to the animals and still lose none of its squills at a dose three times a day effect of the Philippine climate on wounds. The time for healing is much onger than here. In South Africa it s shorter.

Extinct Volcano in New York. A Harvard professor has discovered what he considers the remains of an extinct volcano at Schuylerville, N. Y., a small country place already famous in American history.



Protecting Stable Windows. To ventilate a stable without exposing the animals to direct drafts of air, take three half-inch boards and arrange them at the bottom and slides of a window. These side boards will cut off any window open a considerable space. Then take another half-inch board and ing inside, after boring a number of holes in it. When the wind is blowing strongly, drop this shutter, after sliding the window to one side far enough to admit what air is desired. In

the strongest blows a small amount of



PROTECTION FOR STABLE WINDOWS. air only will be forced into the stable. but always enough to give the animals a supply of pure air.-Indianapolis

Soil Culture in Fruit-Growing.

A few years ago there were few erers started out earlier owing to the farmers who had any faith in the artificial heat, and never returned. efforts of skilled experimenters to in The hives should, of course, be packed duce them to conserve the moisture in with some material so that the bees the soil by a system of shallow culti- will not suffer during the winter, but vation during the summer. One by all attempts to force them to gather one they tried the plan, many of them | honey before settled weather will rein desperation during a season of sult in disaster. drought, until now thousands have proved its great value. Fruit growers are becoming interested in the question and realize that with fruits that apsorb immense quantities of water from the soil it is absolutely necessary that ev-"Well, even if it is, I'm not going to erything possible be done to keep in the soil for the use of the tree during the summer all that is possible of the water that falls during the fall, winter culture during the summer. Then if this plan is followed by a cover crop during the winter to be turned under in the spring, the trees have every incentive to thrive, provided, of course, the soil is properly fertilized.

A Humane Stanchion. The old-fashioned, rigid stanchion, consisting of two uprights, keeps an

> ward, but it also confines the head so closely that very little movement of this is possible, while the fact that the stanchion has no "give" in any direction causes a good many bumps upon use of a stanchion. however, and yet

ment of the anistill confining its STANCHION. forward or backward movements to very small limits. The cut shows the construction. The upright post turns freely at the base and at the top. Two iron L pieces hold the swinging upright at the bottom, as the top holds it when shut. With such about from side to side with great free dom, while the swing of the stanchlon causes it to "give" a little when the

Tribune-Farmer. Cotton-Seed Meal as a Fertilizer. The plan of using cotton seed in variour forms as a fertilizer is not a desirable practice. It is generally admitted that we may add to the soil's fertility by the direct application of several crops, the legumes. for example, but in very many cases these crops could be made to answer a double purpose. This is the case with cotton seed meal. If fed to the stock in small quantities together with roughage of peat three times a day; also give a almost any kind, it will be beneficial teaspoonful of the compound syrup of manurial value. All sorts of plans may in a tablespoonful of common syrup. be tried in soil fertilization, but the fact still remains that the best results are obtained, all things considered, when such is used in connection with farming. That many dairy farms do not pay is admitted, but, on the other hand, there are few farms that are profitable if stock is not kept on them.

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cow is lying down or getting up.

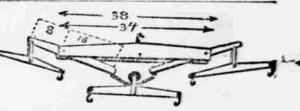
demonstrated time and again, there is no farm used for general work that would not be more profitable if more stock was added up to the number that could be supported from the farm.

Horse for the Farmer.

Speaking on the most useful horse for the farmer before the West Vin ginia Live Stock Breeders' Association, C. E. Lewis said in part: The side drafts and enable one to leave the heavy horse has a signal advantage in some farm operations. In plowing be operating a manure spreader or haulhinge it to the top of the window cas- ing the crops to the barn or to market the heavy horse is just what is wanted, but in harrowing he does not have an advantage proportionate to his size. For drawing a mowing machine the lighter horse is better. Hitch a heavy horse to the shovel plow or cultivator and start him up and down the corpfield, with scarcely room between the three-foot rows for him to put his ponderous feet, walking on two rows at once and breaking down more corn in each than a little horse could in one, and you will quickly decide that be was not made for that kind of work. Besides, to carry 1,000 pounds of surplus, useless horseflesh over the soft ground of the cornfield takes a great deal of energy, and that energy has to be supplied by an extra amount of feed. Then through the long winter months of idleness it requires a great deal of grain to keep the heavy horse's huge body in repair.

> Heat in Bee Culture. While it is possible to do many things with artificial heat, all attempts to hasten activity on the part of the bees by artificial heat have proved failures -more, have been fatal to the colony. Prominence is given this now in view of several Items going the round of the press advising the packing of hives in stable manure to furnish the artificial heat. In experiments brood rearing was hastened. It is true, and more bees hatched, but they were weak, and succumbed to the weather when they left the hives, and many of the honey gath-

Three-Horse Evener. To make a good three-horse evener take two pieces of hickory or red elm. or any tough wood one inch thick, six inches wide and thirty-eight inches long, for the main pieces, and a hook with an eye large enough for the center bolt to pass through. Then get two



THREE-HORSE EVENER.

sticks one inch thick, three inches wide and eighteen inches iong and a singletree eighteen inches long. A single tree with an iron pulley will answer for the middle horse A short twisted link chain should pass from the two ends of the eveners over the pulley. The illustration shows the manner of construction better than can be described. Iowa Homestead.

Feeding Skim Milk.

There is no doubt that skim milk will bring the greatest returns when fed to laying hens, provided one can get twenty cents or more a dozen for the animal's horns. | winter eggs, and if one has but few ears and shoulders | hogs and many hens the latter should when it is getting have the skim milk by all means. On up or lying down. It the other hand, it may be fed to hogs is possible to make with profit, and if fed with corn meal will easily be worth twenty cents a hundredweight. The trouble is that have it admit of not one feeder in a hundred feeds skim considerable move- milk properly. It usually goes into the trough at any time when convenient mal's head, while and is often mixed with other slop that is not so clean, and it is made to take the place of grain to some extent.

Pigs in Winter.

Pigs in winter take a great deal of care, and one of the greatest cares is to keep them in a dry, warm place, They must be fed different feed from shown, while a swinging iron clamp at what they get in summer time. They do not require the same amount of a stanchion the cow can move back and feed in summer as in winter. Pastures forth but little, but can move the head in summer furnish very much of their

Care of Stock.

Feed and management have much to do with the health as well as thriftiness of stock. Young and growing animals require feed which will make bone and muscle rather than fat. Bedding liberally with some dry material will add greatly to the comfort of the animals during the winter.-Kansas Farmer.

Sore Throat in Calves.

Put one ounce turpentine in a pail of boiling water, and hold this under the animal's head for twenty minutes; re-

Cowpox.

If a cow has sore teats and the sores look like cowpox. wash the teats clean with soap and warm water after each milking. Where dry, apply iodine oint ment of one-eighth strength.

Experimentation is being conducted Regular farming is meant not truck in Pennsylvania in the growing of Ha-

or, and tale one occur vana liker tobacco.