"Well," was the reply, "peoples ideas differ in regard to what children need to make them happy. Now, my opinion is this, if my children have enough to eat and drink, dress as well as their mates, have a home as good as their neighbor's they have no cause to complain. I have no time to waste on flowers,' she continued, as she commenced basting the third ruffle on a light print fress, preparatory to stitching; on a farm one has enough to do. What with the care of a half dozen cows, chickens to feed, and such washings and ironings as I have to do. Ellen! to a girl of fourteen, who had just entered the room with a book; "you should know better than to borrow that book to read this time of the year. You can go over to Mrs. Foster's and get those pieces for the 'Log Cabin' quilt which she promised me. Don't stop to play croquet," she added, "for we must finish that quilt on the frames this week. As to walks and rambling in woods, it's not to be thought of," as the door closed behind her daughter; "clothes wear out fast enough without extra pains, and sewing accumulates fast enough on my hands as it is.'

Perhaps Mrs. Pearl did not wonder at her neighbor's remarks as she observed the work with which she busied berself, and knew so well that those ruffles be ironed after wearing them less than a half dozen times, but she only said: "With your permission I will relate to you how I came to change my mind in regard to this very matter, and you will not be surprised that I seem willing to devote so much time for the society of my children. "When Walter and I were mar-

ried," she continued, "we had no great abundance; indeed, what we consider necessaries now would have been positive luxuries to us then, but we loved each other truly, I think (with a little blush) and we were very ambitious, feeling sure that where two pairs of willing hands worked together and carried out the plans of two united hearts. great results would be sure to follow, and so after our day's toil was ended we would build pleasant air castles, and dream bright dreams for the future. We were blessed with prosperity, but as we counted the summers come and go, and our bank account increased, I do not remember that our sympathies were enlarged, nor did we obtain the comforts and luxuries so much coveted in the earlier days. Our argument then was that we must acquire more for one of these days little Walter and Elsie will need an education, but to expect others to keep it is for they were bright with their folly. books. Ah, me! well do I remember those days; how my little Elsie would coax mamma for a walk, for she was a great lover of nature, as well as a great 'mother girl.' 'Just come and see the little blue bird's nest down in the orchard, mamma,' or 'mayn't we go down to the brook and gather maple leaves for mamma and I,' she would say, for if mother was not along the charms were all need, or that one, having won your gone from her walks ; flowers faded utmost confidence, your warmest and bird notes lost half of their love, has concluded that he prefers music. 'Not now, Elsie,' I would answer, 'some other day;' or perhaps impatiently, 'don't tease me so much when I have so much to do;' and then she would sit beside me all the afternoon for the sake of my silent company. At the close of the sum- pain, a little longer hurrying and mer that marked her ninth year, a fever broke out in the neighborhood and among the first stricken was my darling. When in her delirium she would speak of violets plucked by her hands and presented to me, and lived over again our few rambles, you may guess of the prayers and vows I uttered in silence, that the gress should pass a law that no future should be more pleasant for

no future for me to redeem for her. Talmage's figures are a little wild. The violets have blossomed on her little grave for many springs, but, my dear friend, I have never for- there are capable of bearing arms gotten this lesson. While it is our | do dot always go to the front. This duty to train our children in the was abundantly illustrated during paths of usefulness and industry, we the dark days between 1861 and 1865. must cultivate an intimacy with | When the draft commenced, substidifferent tastes. Let them feel our tutes commanded a very high figure, sympathy for them every day, and and sundry parties, Talmage among never count time misspent that will them, neglected to enlist. We fear bind parent and child together with that the same state of things would a better and purer love, though it be exist should Talmage's bible war at the expense of elaborate clothing, begin. It's a book that, after it wealth which will not increase their | ages war .- Chicago Times. affection for us, nor bring back the wasted hours that might have been made as so many sunbeams.

her; but it was not to be, for ere

American Women.

American women take vastly better care of themselves than formerly. They have more acquaintance with hygienic laws, and hold them in far higher esteem. The days then, rising to the occasion, said: when they exposed themselves to dampness and wintry cold, in thin slippers and silk stockings; when they abstained from flannels next to the skin; when they pinched their waists to semi-suffocation; when they sacrificed comfort and health to what they conceived to be their appearance-these foolish and unhappy days have gone forever, have barely been known to the rising generation. Our women now have no mawkish and morbid notions as to themselves; they no longer think that to be unhealthy is to be attrac- dressed with "you're another!" fifty acres under cultivation, and sixty tive; that invalidism and interest- and that is when a dinner is given found, and under a portion of it is a ingness are synonymous; that pale to members of the press "and very excellent quality of brick clay." faces and compressed lungs are tokens of beauty. They dress seasonably; they wear thick boots and warm clothes in bad and cold weath- rapidly. They have just succeeded for stock; shed and yards for hogs; er; they allow themselves to breathe in photographing Occident while corral for cattle; granary; tool house, freely, and they find their looks im- moving at full speed. Electricity is etc., etc. Also proved, not injured, by the whole. the agent. some change. There are exceptions -many of them doubtless--but the rule is as we have described, and the asked an Illinois farmer of his boy. exceptions are constantly diminish- "Why," said the boy, "he's yelling city with easy and quick access to maring. It may be safely said that all at the top of his voice." sensible women are becoming, if they have not yet become, converts to nature, and that they heed her With fruit. How so? how with mands as fine a view as can be had of behests, recognizing the great prin- fruit? Why, don't you remember? the country, for twenty miles in every ciple that what is not natural can- he stocked it with pairs. not be beautiful.-Harper's Bazar.

As they passed a gentleman athletic sports would like to know whose optics were terribly on the when the much-talked-of Anglo- Anddress bias, little Dot marmured: "Ma, Saxon race is to come off. he's got one eye that don't go."

The butcher who sells ox-tails for a bad pen," has been attributed to a soup and calves' heads for dinners pig which is running away from

undoubledly makes both ends meat. home.

No woman will love a man the be proud. But give her love, ap- longing to an itinerant organ-grind- that they didn't notice his entry. preciation, kindness, and there is no er, seated upon a bank within the sacrifice she would not make for his grounds, and at once made a dash content and comfort. The man who for him. king. No less a here to her, though jacket and hat, awaited the onset | drawn out of a furnace. he is not to any other; no less a with such undisturbed tranquility king though his only kingdom is her that the dog halted within a few feet asked the old gentleman. heart and home. It is a man's own of him to reconnoitre. Both anitault if he is unhappy with his wife | mals took a long, steady stare at in nine cases out of ten. It is very each other, but the dog evidently exceptional woman who will not be was recovering from his surprise, he inquired, suspiciously. all she can be to an attentive hus- and about to make a spring for the

in their tenderness.

wilt be too poor to know.

art half a liar thysel.

that it will be a lie.

himself.

another.

is judge.

ten in calms.

own cause.

the good out of a laugh.

his own fleas he gets a dog.

Worth Remembering.

If thou art too lazy to think, thou

If then caust tolerate a liar thou

It takes more than one to get all

When a man gets too poor to feed

All men think well of themselves,

Mcn boast of their relations when

Never think of reasoning with a

but some have a queer way of show-

they have nothing else to boast of.

mule, whether it has four or only

Thou mayest tell the truth so

A knave cheats others; a fool-

Never relate your misfortunes to

The trial is not fair where affection

Vows made in storms are forgot-

No man should be a judge in his

reason they usually make up in

The heart is a crystal palace-if

once broken it can never be mend-

Bate Not.

while. Your life is not long enough

to make it pay to cherish ill-will or

hard thoughts. What if this man

has cheated you, or that man has

played you false? What if your

friends have forsaken you in time of

to consider and treat you as a stran-

ger? Let it all pass. What differ-

ence will it make to you in a few

years, when you go to that undis-

covered country? A few more

smiles, a few more pleasures, much

worrying through the world, some

hasty greetings, abrupt farewells,

and our play will be "played out," the injured will be laid away, and,

ere long, forgotten. Is it worthy to

Suppose, says Mr. Talmage, con-

bibles should be printed in this

country, thirty million men would

There are not thirty million men in the country, and such number as

Advice to young writers: If you

would be clear and forcible, don't use foreign words. Be natural. A

man never stops to hunt up foreign

words when he is stung by a hornet.

A political speaker accused a rival

of "unfathomable meanness," and

"I warn him not to persist in his disgraceful course, or he'll find that

" Ah!" sighed a hungry tramp.

" I wish I was a hoss; blamed ef I

don't. He's nearly always got a bit

in his mouth, while I haven't had a

bit in mine for two days."-Norris-

when a man is delighted to be ad-

Photographing is being perfected

"What's that man yelling at?"

The old saying, "Excuse haste and

two of us can play at that game."

-Oil City Derrick.

town Herald.

hate each other?

many days she was laid away, with be armed against such a law. Mr.

Hate not. It is not worth your

band, and a very exceptional one intruder. who will not be very disagreeable At this critical juncture, the monif she finds herself willtully neglect- key, who had hitherto remained ed. It would be easy to hate a man perfectly quiet, raised his paw and who, having bound a woman to him gracefully saluted by lifting his hat, made no effort to make her happy; The effect was magical; the dog's hard not to love one who is constant | head and tail dropped, and he sneakand tender, and when a woman ed off and entered the house, refusloves she always strives to please. ing to leave it until he was satisfied The great men of this world have that his polite, but mysterious guest always been wretched in their do- had departed. His whole demeanor ited with this not very brilliant mestic relations, while mean and showed plainly that he felt the play upon words. One day while common men have been exceedingly monkey was something "uncanny," he was being taken by a photohappy. The reason is very plain, and not to be medded with. Absorbed in themselves those who desire the world's applause were careless to the little world at home, the following story: "A farmer in did not hold the pen right, and

morning and found, it is solemnly your novels, Mr. Dickens, said he. asserted, instead of the pan of milk, "I see," said Dickens, "all of er a large bull-frog sitting in contem- twist." plative mood upon a roll of fresh butter. The sole explanation is that churned the milk into butter.'

A Monkey Story.

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The twain started, and came to the light with faces that bore every loves her well is her hero and her The monkey, who was attired in appearance of having just been

"Anything the matter?" grimly "I think we must have fainted," said she, in a whisper.

"Humph! what made you faint?" This was such a poser that she sank back exhausted, leaving her companion to carry them safely forth. With an awful wrench at his faculties he gulped out:

"I think there must be poison in the wail paper !" The old gentleman collapsed.

The late Charles Dickens is credgrapher, the result being the wellknown picture in which he is shown A paper of Middleton, Conn., tells writing, the artist told him that he while those who had none of this the neighborhood, having placed a suggested that he should take it egotism strove to keep the hearts pan of milk in a spring of water to more naturally in his fingers. "Just continue to sell Goods as good as the that were their own and were happy | coo! over night, went there the next | as though you were writing one of | best, and cheaper than the cheapest.

> A new-married lady, who, as in the frog had jumped from the water duty bound, was very fond of her into the pan, and in trying to ex- husband, notwith-tanding his extricate himself had, by diligent and treme ugliness of person, once said continuous strokes of his long legs, to a witty friend, "What do you think? My husband has laid out

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