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tor's knock. BECKER & WELCH,

he said, crossing the threshold.

little catch in her voice,""and you-" "Don't you know me?" he cried. pose I'd changed so much that an old friend wouldn't discover some familiar look about me. I should

"I'm glad to see you, John," she said, giving him her hand, with a very suspicious moisture in her eyes. "I've been thinking of you, for they said the new minister's name was Ashley. It can't be that you're the

"I'm the man," he answered, with twinkle of humor in his eye. "I don't suppose it ssems possible to you, or any one else that used to strange to me as any one else, but I honestly believe God had a work for must give up?"

"I'm glad of it," she answered. "I always said you'd steady down, but gain-you!"

undertaken."

yourself for an hour or so till I set about them like a benediction from there are flowers within the house quiet and stillness of sleep. - Scien- learn to take care of the money they 897 the things out of the oven. Then beaven.

I'll be at liberty and we'll have a good, old-fashioned visit."

can talk and you can work at the

Miss Payne was 35 if a day, but she had managed far better than many of those who were girls with her to keep some of the old freshness in the roses of her cheeks and the old brightness and luxuriance in her brown hair.

HESTER'S LOVE STORY.

She was thinking of old times this morning as she rolled out her flaky crusts. Fifteen years ago she had been getting ready for a picuic, just as she was doing now. But there was another in the kitchen then-a young man with a handsome face and laughing eyes, and she remembered how saucily he interfered with her work, and how she threatened to shower him with the contents of be flour-bowl if he didn't behave himself; and he had dared her to put her threat into execution and she had kept her word. She could see him now as he stood that morning looking like a veritable miller with his eyes full of mischief as he begged so humbly for her to dust it off. And she remembered, as if it happened yesterday, how, when she had undertaken the job, all of a sudden he took her in his arms and kissed her; and when she shook herself away from him she was such a sight to see, with powdered hair and snowy eyebrows and cheeks as white as any ghost's. And just then her father had come in and stopped in surprise on the threshold, looking from her to John with a twinkle in his eye.

And all he had said was-"Seems to me you forgot to powder a spot on your cheek, Hester," and then he went away chuckling, and Hester had proceeded to brush herself up, with sundry threats of dire retribution directed at the laughing culprit who had retreated to a position outside, where he felt

And the next day the quarrel came which had set his feet in paths far away from that in which she had trod for 15 years, and in which she had expected to tread until the end. And she thought it all over this morning with a little sigh here and

safe from feminine wrath.

Her romance was not forgotten if it was kept out of sight of curious

Yesterday she had heard that a new preacher was coming to the o'that he's a sittin' round here, an' picnie. He was to preach his first Aunt Hester an' he's a-talkin' the sermon on Sunday, and every body said he was a "powerful preacher."

'And his name was Ashlev. "But of course it can't be him," she said to herself, as she clipped the edges of her pies; "for he was one of the wildest, most rattle-brained fellows I ever knew, and I'm sure there wasn't any thing about him that could be made into a minister. But he had one of the kindest hearts in the world, and I was the one to

blame." "Some one coming here," called Daniel Faucette, out Susan, her niece, from the bed-

room up-stairs. Every thing was in baking-day confusion, and the room wasn't swept out yet, and she couldn't attend to visitors until her cake was

Click went the gate. Miss Payne dusted off her hands, smoothed her shining hair, gave her collar a twitch and was ready to answer the visi-

Something in the laughing eyes which met hers as she opened the door made her start and turn pale. "Hester Payne, I'm pretty sure,"

"Yes, sir," she answered, with a "I'm John Ashley. I didn't sup-

know you anywhere." one, can it?"

know me, that I have become a min- know ourselves better than we did ister, but it is so. It seems as then. Can you help me in my lifeme to do, and I'm trying to do it as best I can," he added, earnestly:

I never thought you'd be a minister,

friendships and do the work I've Payne, too!

explained Miss Payne, "and I'm busy and kissed her with a long, lingerjust now, so you'll have to entertain ing kies, while the moonlight fell for others. If there are children, the house the state of rest, of cumstances and of the poor should explained Miss Payne, "and I'm busy and kissed her with a long, linger- you are working for yourselves, not

A Western Woman's Pluck .: A letter from Chicago to the Mad-"I'll come into the kitchen and we

ison (Wis.) Journal contains the following:

close to the table, where he could watch her to the best advantage. For there seemed to be something wonderfully attractive to him in her face. How the morning flew! It was ioon before Miss Payne knew It. But then they had talked so busily that they could keep no note of time. Susan from the kitchen door, far enough back to be out of sight of John, aroused her by making all sorts of mysterious signals, pointing tirst at the minister and then towards the road, to which she added a series of appalling performances by opening and shutting her mouth. which was afterwards ascertained to be a representation in pantomime of the way that young woman supposed horses ate. Unable to understand what she wanted to communicate, Miss Payne went out to find out "There's his poor old horse

standin' at the gate the whole mornin'," asserted Susan, with indignation, "an' he a-settin' here an' laughing. If he was a horse now -- " But Miss Payne didn't stop to hear the metaphysical argument Susan

was about to announce. "Why, John!" she said, coming back into the kitchen; "don't you know you've got a horse out there? I'd forgotten all about it till Susan spoke of it. Just you take it round and turn it out in the pasture, and I'll have dinner ready by the time

She watched him as he went down the path, with a soft light in her eyes and a strange happiness at her heart. She didn't know why. She couldn't have told if she had tried to analyze it. It must be that she felt the gladness near at hand as the trees know when spring is coming.

"I'd like to know if that man's goin' to stay here forever?" said Susan to the old brindle cow that night, as she drove her up from the pasture. "I should s'pose he'd feel it his duty to visit other folks. 'Stid whole endurin' time, an' he aint said a word about any of them things all the other ministers used to, as I've

heard." But old brindle didn't seem to be able to enlighten Susan on any point | ing in size. At the railway station, and that young person went to bed feeling that ministers weren't what 140 acres, on which are a good they used to be.

The minister and Miss Payne sat lory, corral, etc., all in perfect order. year. and talked quietly in the still twilight. He told her all about his life since she had known him 15 years ago, and how the change had come into it which transformed him into a minister. And then there fell a little silence about them which neither broke for a long time. By and by he spoke.

"I don't know why I came here part I've been thinking of you and longing to talk over old times with you as I have done to-day. And some way it seemed to me as if God had a plan to carry out in stationing me over here. I don't know what you think about it, Hester, but I believe I could do better work in the world if you would help me. We've been parted for a good many years, but I've never loved any one else and I never shall; and it seemed to me to-day that I took up life just where we left it 15 years ago-in this old kitchen. I've always blamed my self for what happened afterwards, and I want to confess it to you now whether you think as I do about what I have told you or whether

vou don't." "No, John, I was the one to blame," she said. "I was telling myself that this morning, not half an hour before you came. I saw it

"Is it yes or no, Hester?" he askwork without regret for what you

"I will help you!" she cried, her whole face aglow. "I shall give up nothing but loneliness, and I shall

What a speech to make to a min-

same time," said John; and without waiting for any reply he proceeded to do so, and put himself a chair

> more diligently to her business. She Sundays-sometimes in a buggy, but troubles she kept to herself. Her help or her neighbors did not know but she had a bank to draw upon for all the money she wanted.

"At the end of the year she sent for the father of her late partner, and they divided the herd equally and settled, with a loss to her of over partnership dissolved. She then borrowed \$6,000 to enable her to pay some small debts, make some What did such a man know? Who mprovements in buildings, and start | was he, anyway? afresh, entirely unembarrassed. "At the present time her liabilities

are only \$3,000. She has a herd of over 1,000 head of cattle, has an abundance of convenience for them, and no stock farm or range within 100 miles is provided with as good barns, sheds, corrals and ranges for \$6,000 a year, and constantly increaswhere she resides, she has a farm of dwelling, barns, sheds, cheese fac-The farm is all under fence; she buys all lumber used herself, and has every improvement, large and small, made under her own eye and as she directs. In truth, she is her own superintendent, and personally looks after everything both on the farm and at the cattle ranch. At the ranch she has a comfortable house, which she occupies when her busifirst, Hester. I suppose I ought to ness confines her there. She visits have gone to Sawyer's, but I couldn't the ranch about five times a week, get by here. From the time I knew generally on horseback, and goes I was going to be stationed over this and returns the same day. No business man in Nebraska is in better credit than this enterprising and

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Hon. George Barstow gave good advice in a speech on the subject of 'Home." He said e ery man should own his home if he can. That philosophy which tells a man to drift over this uncertain life without a nome of his own, is wrong. The man who owns not his own home is like a ship out in the open sea-at the hazard of the storm. A man who owns his home is like a ship that has arrived in port, and is moored in a safe harbor. One man should no more be content to live in a home that is not his own--if he can build one-than one bird should take the risk of hatching in another one's nest; and, for my own part, I would rather be able to own a cottage than fortify the exhausted brain an unto hire a palace. I would say to wise measure. The best possible ed, tenderly. "We're old enough to every man, buy a home if you can, thing, he says, for a man to do when and own it. If a wind-fall has come he feels too week to carry anything to you have home with it. If you through is to go to bed and sleep to you, buy a home with it. If you as long as he can, This is the only bave laid up money enough by toil, recuperation of the brain power, the buy a home. If you have made only actual recuperation of the brain money in stocks, buy a home. Do force; because during sleep the not let anybody tempt you to put brain is in a state of rest, in a condi- habit of saving. No matter if a boy all your earnings back into the pool. of nutriment from the blood, which Take out enough to buy a home and take the place of those which have buy it. Put the rest back if you been consumed by previous labor, will. Gamble on it if you must; since the very act of thinking burns "That's right," he said heartily.

"That's right," he said heartily.

If Susan could have heard it she but buy the home first. Buy it and would have become an immediate sell it not. Then the roses that John; I'm the same man you used convert to the theory of total de- bloom there are yours, the clematis the fuel in the furnace. The supply to know, come back to renew old pravity. And to come from Miss and jasmine that climb upon the of consumed brain substance can porch belong to you. You have cles in the blood, which were ob- commenced life without other ad-

and without. Buy a home.

What Washington Didn't Know.

would like to ask. What did our "Six years ago, a gentleman who stance, did George Washington would find out that he was a fool had been a war governor of one of know? He never saw a fast mail made nothing by the experiment. the Upper Mississippi States, was train; he never held his ear to a tel- He was considered a fool because he afterwards minister to a European ephone, he never sat for his picture did not talk on some subject or othcourt, and subsequently at the head in a photograph gallery; he never er. Everybody must have someof one of the most important de. received a telegraph dispatch; he thing to say, or give up society. Of partments of the government, and a never sighted a Krupp gun; he nev- course, the topics of conversation member of the National Cabinet, er listened to the "fizz" of an electric | will relate to the subjects of knowldied, leaving a wife with from \$15,- pen; he never saw a pretty girl run edge. If a man is interested in 000 to \$20,000, and this mainly in an a sewing machine, he never saw a science he will talk about science. unproductive homestead in South- self-propelling engine go down the If he is an enthusiast in art, he will ern New York. Through the ad- street to a fire; he never heard of talk about art. If he is familiar vice of a supposed friend of her evolution; he never had a set of with literature, and is an intelligent husband, this lady was induced to store teeth; he never attended an and persistent reader, he will natsell her property and put the pro- International Exposition; he never urally bring forth literary topics in ceeds in a herd of cattle in Southern owned a bonanza mine; he never his conversation. So with social Nebraska. She came out to look knew "Old Prob;" he-but why go and religious questions. "Out of after her investment, and finding the on? No; when he took an excur- the abundance of the heart the condition of the herd unsatisfactory, sion it was on a flat-boat. When he mouth speaketh." That of which assumed \$13,000 of liabilities and went off on a train it was a mule the mind is full, that with which it bought out and took the manage. train. When he wanted to talk with is furnished, will come out in exment into her own hands. In a few a man in Milwankee he had to go pression. ed fiddle and an insane clarionet. down and never left off yelling. When he got out of teeth he mumbled his victuals. When he wanted an international show he sent for Lafayette and ordered his friends up from Old Virginia with the speciof gold from an Indian chief he felt \$3,000, which she paid to get the rich. When he wanted to know anything about the weather he con-

Smoking by Boys.

sulted the ground-hog or goose-

How few persons realize that the money spent on tobacco in this country, would feed and shelter every poor family in the land; that thousands of finer organizations cattle. Her herd is clearing her over to the consciousness that their brains are being gravely affected by the use of tobacco, only to struggle in vain which is practically incurable. Let against its fetters; that, directly and the young cure it while they may. indirectly, tobacco hastens the death

> With these facts in view, parents should remember that the habitual use of tobacco has reached down to mere boys, many of whom strut the streets with cigars in their mouths, while others think it manly to have their smoking-parties.

ing the period of growth, smite fearfully at the very foundations of future health and life. It is well known that Germans are assure them that, though she was an inveterate smokers. They are often pointed at as a proof of the harmlessness of the habit. But a correspondent of the London Times affirms that the authorities in Germany are taking measures to arrest the practice among the young, on the

Now, excesses of every kind dur-

physicians, that it incapacitates them for the defence of their country. "Smoking," he adds, "weakens the powers of the stomach at that important crisis of development when the largest quantities of food have to be assimilated to build up the frame. It lowers the vitality of the heart. Muscle, energy, endurance, indeed, all that makes the man and the soldier, are thus at stake." Not only parents, but boys themselves, should heed this warning.

ground, as attested by the German

Recuperating the Brain.

An intelligent writer on this sub ject thinks the use of stimulants to only be had from nutritive parti-"God bless you, Hester, and may planted them and seen them grow. tained from the food eaten previous-"I'm getting ready for a picnic," you never be sorry for this," he said, When you are at work upon them, ly, and the brain is so constituted

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months the herd was in a good and there. When he had his picture The very simple reason why the thriving condition. But at the same taken it was done in profile with a world is full of gossip is, that those time she found herself suffering piece of black paper and a pair of who include in it have nothing else from pecuniary embarrassment, and shears. When he got the returns in them. They must interest themappealed to her Eastern friends for from back counties they had to be selves in something. They know aid. They looked upon her venture brought by a man with an ox eart. nothing but what they learn from as a visionary one, and declined to When he took aim at the enemy he day to day in intercourse with and assist her, but advised her to give it had to trust to a crooked barreled observation of their neighbors .up, save what she could from the old flint-lock. When he wrote it What these neighbors do, what they wreck, and return to them. She did was with a goose-quill. When he say, what happens to them in their not believe there was any such word had anything to mend, his grand- social and business affairs, what they as fail, and applied herself all the mother did it with a darning-needle. wear-these become the questions When he went to a fire, he stood in of supreme interest. The personal rode to the herd every day, except line and passed buckets. When he and social life around them-this is looked at a clam he never dreamed the book under constant perusal. generally on horseback-16 miles it was any relation of his. When he and out of this comes that pestifereach way-and gave the most min- went to a concert, he heard a crack- ous conversation which we call gossip. The world is full of it, and it When he had a tooth pulled, he sat a million houses, all over the country, nothing is talked of but the

personal affairs of their neighbors. What is the cure for gossip? Simply culture. There is a good deal of gossip that has no malignity in mens carefully labeled in bottles. it. Good natured people talk about When he once got hold of a nugget their neighbors because, and only because, they have nothing else to

talk about. Gossip is always a personal conbone. When-but why go on? fession either of malice or imbecility, and the young should not only shun it, but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptation to indulge in it. It is low, frivolous, and too often a dirty business. There are country neighborhoods in which it rages like a pest. Churches are split in pieces among men, awaken in middle life by it. Neighbors make enemies by it for life. In many persons it degenerates into a chronic disease

Loving Home. of large numbers of persons every Nothing appears to us so beautiful in human experience as the reciprocal affection of parents and children especially after the latter have attained maturity, and, it may be, form new relations in life. We have seen the loving and lovely daughter, after she had become a wife and mother, seize every opportunity of visiting the parental home. to lavish her affectionate attention upon her parents, and, by a thousand graceful and tender kindnesses,

idolized wife and a happy mother,

her heart still clave with every strengthening fervor to father and mother, who watched over her infancy and guided her youth. It has been our privilege to know such, and as we have witnessed the outpourings of love and happiness between these devoted and glowing hearts, we have felt that surely much of heaven might be enjoyed here if all families were equally attached. And would that every daughter knew what pure joy she might create in the parental bosom by a constant keeping alive of the spirit of filial devotion, and seizing frequent opportunities to make it manifest in little acts of gentleness and love, notwithstanding the child may have become a parent. The child never grows old to a fond parent. It is always the dear child, and

its earliest years .- Gilfillsan. Learning to Save.

The first thing to be learned by a

never so dear as when it Keeps up

the childish confidence and love of

boy or young man, or anybody else having the least ambition to become a useful member of society, is the or girl has wealthy parents, cach should learn to save, if for no other reason than that riches are well known to "take to themselves wings and fly away." Few are so well-todo as to be sure against poverty and want. The children of the wealthy parents are often miserably poor: while men of large means have vantages than habits of industry coupled with the disposition to save