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then he received only a few letters Now for a story, Aunty, said pret- from Earnest, who still remained ty Grace Harrison, one bright sum- there. And after a while we never mer day, as she was sitting with her | heard from him again, and now it is Aunt in a pretty back parlor doing eighteen years since all this happenfancy work. Well, dearie, then I ed, but I love him yet and shall till will tell you my love story. It is I die. Two years after Earnest left an event that has darkened all my when my brother Frank returned life, till your poor mother died, and | from India, I married the Squire. I you came to live with me to cheer never loved him as I did Earnest, my life a little, (for poor Grace was but I believe I made him happy. I an orphan, and after her mother's hope so, I wished to be a good wife death, had come to live with her to him, for he surrounded me with Aunt.) Well dear, continued her comforts, and made me a good hus-Aunt, I had a very stern proud fath- band, and he lived five years and temporarily, a Mrs. Nixon, whose er, my mother was dead, and one died with his head on my breast, husband, for some time previous, brother, your Uncle Frank. There blessing me as his good true wife. had been in Wisconsin. About sewas a rich young Squire living in Yes, I see now that my sacrifice was ven months ago the absent man the village that used to pay great good, for I saved my father from became the father of a little girl attention to me, which my father poverty in his old age, and made my baby, as plump and rosy a little always encouraged, which used to husband happy the few years he was babe as one could wish to see, and vex me because I thought him a cold permitted to live. My father died a few days later the wife of Hiran taken by surprise I could only stammer out, but Earnest, father, I love him, and then unable to control my emotions burst into tears, he looked grieved, but said kindly,

hearted man, and could not love five years ago, and I was very lone- presented him with a little girl, just him, perhaps it was because I loved by then till you came, my little as handsome and equally as plump another whom my father could not Gracie. Some months after this, as the babe of his friend Nixon. say anything against except that he there was a loud knocking at the Nebraska babies have the reputation was poor. Earnest Dean was the door, and Gracie rushed in saying. of being fast growers and the deson of good and pious parents, and Aunty. I believe your Earnest is velopement of these two was so I loved him with all my heart; he here. I smiled at her fancy, but rapid as to not mar the reputation was tall, had dark, curly brown hair, hope never dead, made my heart of the State in this particular, and and honest brown eyes, he seemed beat. I saw a tall, bronzed, manly so closely did they resemble each indeed, the sunshine of my life. form, and I knew him directly. He other, in size, form and facial ex-Earnest bad never told my father of held out his arms-"Ruby, my dar- pression, that had it not been for our love, fearing his poverty would ling, I have come back to you, I the difference in dress, the mothers never gain his suit, he was soon know you are free, and now, noth- would often have been puzzled to going to India, and in two years ing evermore shall part us." Oh tell which was which. Mr. Nixon, hoped to return and claim me as his the joy of that meeting, what lan- naturally anxious to see his little wife, but our happy dream was guage can describe it, or the happy daughter, wrote his wife, a few days suddenly broken. One day my time that followed it. Years have since, announcing his intention to father called me into his study and passed since then, happy years. return home immediately, designatsaid, Ruby, child, you must have Gracie has left me for a home of her ling the day upon which he would noticed the Squire's attentions, he own, and we have a wee Gracie of arrive in Schuyler, and requested wishes to marry you, and it is such our own now, to brighten our home that Hiran should meet him. The an advantageous offer that I hope -and after many years, peace and time came, and Hiran set out to you will gladly accept it. I was so happiness till my heart.

Injury to School Children. A German physician of the highest reputation, Dr. Treichler, has recently sounded a note of alarm to child. I do this thing for your future the effect that ill-directed and exgood, and I hope you will thank me cessive brain work is inflicting for this some day. I think your serious injury to school children. mother would have been pleased In a paper read before the German had she been living to see her child association of natural historians and in such a good position in life, bephysicians, he claimed that habitual sides this, if I die, I shall see you headache was greatly increased of well provided for, Earnest is poor, late, among boys and girls, and and it may be years before he is "that this headache not only deable to make you comfortable. You will forget this fancy when he goes away, and love the Squire, as he deserves. Never, father, I said, I shall love Earnest as long as I live, he is so good, so noble. Then my father gravely said, child it must be so. I had hoped your heart was the Squire's, but your hand must be given to him or your father will be ruined. I owe him a very large amount of money, Ruby child you can save me. I had never seen my father so moved, and it touched my heart, and I said, well father, your nervous tissues are both seriously to receive the child. Mrs. Nixon, child shall not disappoint you. I will marry the Squire, but not yet, give me time to try and forget my love. My father kissed me with tears in his eyes, and said in a broken voice, Ruby child, I believe I am doing this for your future good, or I would take the consequence even now, I kissed him tenderly and left Excessive and especially nocturnal in attempting to rob her of her "darthe room. Oh, how I then longed labor "produces a state of exhaus- ling ittle, wittle, tootsy wootsy," or for a mother to pour my heart's troubles into her tender ear, and tion of the brain in which the mole- words to the same effect. cular changes necessary for the weep on her loving bosom; and the reception and assimilation of learngreatest sorrow of all I had to tell ing are not completed; so that new Earnest. I had promised to meet ideas cannot be really grasped, and him that very evening, and had been looking forward with joy to seeing | confusion is produced at night with regard to subjects which have been him again, for the time was drawing learnt in the day." The Chicago very near now, when he must depart Tribune notes it as a little remarkafor India, and now I dreaded the ble that an eminent American phyinterview, for was he not going to sician, who has long been interested work for me, and when he came in educational matters, recently gave back would see me another's bride. I had told him so often I would be expression to almost identically the same views. As the same paper true to him. I tried to nerve mysuggests, the concurrence of such self for the last parting, for I dared authorities ought to induce educanot trust myself to meet him again. I went, and shall never forget the tional officials to give this matter agony in his face, when he told me serious attention, to ascertain if we are cramming the brains of our I had made his life a wreck, and children at the expense of their begged me, oh so earnestly, to mar-

ry him now before he left, and then | health. he would come back and claim me Grand Island Land Office. It is a pleasure to do business at tal or physical difference between separate us again but death; oh it nearly broke my heart, but I was the Grand Island Land Office. Any the two, that it was immaterial true to my promise to my father; at information desired is cheerfully which particular baby either of them last, finding all persuasion useless given by the gentlemen who con- should have. It was decided that he said well, God help me then, to duct the business of that office, and bear the rest of my lonely life, for is a pleasing contrast to many public Ruby none else shall ever fill your offices of the Government. A favor, methers to come in at the same time place in my heart; he pressed one granted in a genial manner, no mat- and each select her own child, the long last kiss upon my lips and left ter how small, leaves a kind impera- matter should be considered settle me. Oh, how can I tell you how I sion upon him who receives it, for good. The plan was put in exsuffered, for days and weeks I went which is not soon forgotten. A around as if in a dream; I saw noth- kind word costs no more than one ing of the Squire in these days, my charged with bitter sarcasm, and tently for a moment and then each father wisely told him to leave me exalts those who utter them in the rushed forward, caught up a child. to myself for a while. Earnest left estimation of their fellow men, a and nearly smothered them with for India a week after our last in- reward every true man should be kisses. The women have very senterview. Oh how my heart went emulous of obtaining, and the chief, the best of friends again .- Stanton after him as he went out on his long as well as the employes of that office | Register. lonely voyage with no hope to cheer | demonstrate in their manner of conhim. My brother Frank was going ducting business, that they entertain out to India, too, so I hoped to hear the same opinion .- Shelton Clarion

some news of Earnest through him, and I did; he was working very Domestics belong to the higher hard. Frank said, but did not seem | class of seclety.

GOT 'EM'MIXED. The Sad Outcome of a Practical Joke.

The following account of a woman's attempt to perpetrate a practical joke may be considered by some too sensational to admit of truthfulness, and while we do not youch for its correctness, yet those who read it, and are inclined to doubt, will do well to remember that "truth is oftimes stranger than fiction.

In the north part of Colfax county lives a family by the name of Hiran, and with this family was stopping, transport his friend home. Mrs Hiran, whose love for a joke, it would seem, often gets away with her good sense, proposed to dress if the fatherly instinct of Mr. Nixon would lead him amiss in selecting

the babies exactly alike, just to see his own offspring. Mrs. Nixon agreed to the plan willingly, and it was carried out in every detail, and the mothers were in a high state of gleefulness at the close and remarkable resemblance they bore to each other as they nestled side by side in the cradle. So minute was the likeness that a stroys much of the happiness and small red bow was loosely pinned cheerfulness of life, but that it pro- at the throat of one of the babies. duces impoverishment of the blood Mrs. Hiran went out to do up the and loss of intellectual tone." "Un- chores and when she returned Mrs. known the prisoner?" doubtedly," he says, "the principal Nixon had one of the babes in her cause of the headache is intellectual | lap, and the red bow lay in the cra- inches." overtaxation, entailing work at dle with the other infant. Mrs.

night, and the insisting by parents | Hiran looked intenttly at both inon the too earnest taking up of a fants, and then to Mrs. Nixon's survariety of subjects, music among prise and indignation she curtly in- swered the question. I knowed the the rest." Another case is "a state formed her that she preferred to prisoner when he was a boy two of dilation of the blood-vessels of tend her own baby and that she did feet long, and a man five feet tenthe brain, by which the removal of not thank Mrs. N. for meddling effete material and the repair of the with it, at the same time advancing impeded." - He also says that "the thoroughly believing that she held method of instruction now-a-days her own child, snappishly replied pursued is not only a cause of dis- that Mrs. H's "brat" was in the craease, but also perfectly useless, be- dle and that she was at liberty to do body over the table, and said. cause, instead of increasing knowl- with it as she pleased; that the child edge, it produces mental confusion, she held was her own, and then and becomes simply a Danaides, or gave Mrs. H. to understand that she like carrying water in a sieve." showed herself anything but a lady

The women quarreled as only enraged women can quarrel, and then ensued a hair-pulling and facescratching matinee for the possession of the coveted babe, which resulted in a victory for Mrs. Nixon, who took the child and sought refuge in the house of a near neighbor. The husbands, who have been the best of friends from boyhood, arrived an hour or two after the fracus, and were greatly grieved at what had transpired. Hiran soothed his vanquished and enraged wife as best he could, and Nixon left immediately to join his "better half" in an unenviable state of mind and scarcely believing the story he had just heard. The two men met on the followingday and-good-naturedly talked the matter over. They concluded that as there was a baby apiece, and there not appearing to be any menboth babies should be placed in a room together, and then permit the

to the supreme satisfaction of all

concerned. Both women gazed in-

Old Master.

ecution, and strange to say, worked if he ain't the thick-headedest cuss I

stand upthe box. Witness retires muttering, 'Well,

ever laid eves on .' -- Des Moines Register.

is to be of straw. It will be knocked in on the front, jammed in at the back, shoved in on each side, and kicked in on top. Then the rim will be jammed up all around to make the whole effect harmonious. The

After the horse went South I did not see him for two years, then being in that section and within eighteen miles of his home, I hired a team and drove out to see him; I had not forgotten the kind and gentle pony. I found him in a large box stall, twenty feet by twenty, and just eating his oats, it being noon on my arrival. The man in attendance not knowing me, said that such a horse was on the plantation and he would lead him out; I informed him that I preferred to go into his stall alone, to which he objected, saving he was not fond of strangers, but a friend being with me said he tho't there would be no trouble as I had owned him before he came South. Therefore I was permitted to enter his stall, they closed the door, and I found the horse eating his grain from a box in one corner of the stall, and took no notice of me on entering. I stepped into the opposite corner, when, on calling the horse by the name given him by the family, he immediately left his grain and came bounding toward me like a child to its parent, smelled me over from head to foot, laid his head on my shoulder, closed his eyes, and commenced handing up one foot and then the other to shake hands as I taught him years before. No mortal ever expressed more joy and gladness to meet a long-lost friend than was manifested by the horse; he would not return to his feed, but followed me about the stall, kept as close to me as possible, and when I eft the stall followed me to the door and tried to push out the door. He watched me as long as he could.

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kindness and affection for those hav-

ing him in charge exceeding any-

thing I ever witnessed in any animal.

The Guileless Witness.

then called after me, and kept run-

ning from one side of the stall to the

other, hoping to escape, that he could

meet me again .- Cor. Household,

'Do you know the prisoner well?' asked the attorney.

'Never knew him sick,' replied the witness. 'No levity,' said the lawyer, steru-

'Now, sir, did you ever see the prisoner at the bar?" "Took many a drink with him at

'Answer my question, sir,' yelled

From two feet up to five feet ten

'Will the court make the-' 'I have, jedge,' said the witness,

'Your honor-'

'It's a fac', jedge, I'm under my oath,' persisted the witness. The lawyer arose, placed both hands on the table in front of him, spread his legs apart, leaned his

'Will you tell the court what you know about this case?" 'That aint his name,' replied the

'What ain't his name?' 'Case.'

'Who said it was?' 'You did. You wanted to know what I knew about this Case-his name's Smith.'

'Your honor,' howled the attorney

plucking his beard out by the roots, will you make this man answer?" 'Witness,' said the judge, you must answer the questions put to you." 'Land o' Goshen, jedge, hain't I

fire away. I'm ready.' 'Then,' said the lawyer, 'don't best about the bush any more. You and this prisoner have been friends?" 'Never,' promptly responded the

been doin' it? Let the blamed cuss

'What! Wasn't you summoned here as a friend!' 'No, sir. I was summoned here as

Presbyterian. Nary one of us was ever friends-he's an old line Baptist, without a drop of Quaker

'Stand down,' yelled the lawyer in

'Hey?' 'Stand down.' 'Can't do it. I'll sit down or

'Sheriff, remove that man from

The coming summer hat for women

sibly buried all animosity and are

How a Horse Remembered His I owned a very gentle stock horse | desired condition can be retained by for two years, which I sold to go taking one of last year's hats and South in 1858, and for intelligence, letting a freight train run over it.