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Eastman? Not into the farm-yard, surely? 'Yes, Miss Lottie Mayell, I am going into the farm-yard, surely,' replied Isabel, with a mischevious light in her big gray eyes, and a charming smile on her prettily curved lips, as she opened the gate leading to that place. 'Nowhere else can we be confidential without running the risk of being overheard. The farmer's family are in the orchard; Charley and a half-dozen of his playmates are playing in the flower garden; there's a young couple in the parlor at the piano, he making love. and she not making music, and a

giggling in the bay-widow; auutie is in my room enjoying 'Splendid Misery;' and grandma is in auntie's room darning stockings. And so, if you really want to hear 'right away' why I am here instead of at one of my usual summer haunts, you must e'en follow me to the farm-yard. Besides which-speaking with increased animation-'I have lately,

still younger couple whispering and

yards.' 'It doesn't seem at all strange t me, my dear, for during our ten years friendship you've always been developing some odd passion or other. But I've never lost faith in

strange as it may seem to you, de-

veloped quite a passion for farm-

you. Lead on; I'll follow.' And stepping daintily and gracefully, unimpeded by trains or demi trains, the young girls threaded their way through the crowd of hens and chickens holding a loud and lively conversation preparatory to going to roost; past the cows waiting to be milked, and turning their heads to look after the intruders with great solemn brown eyes; and old Lowhead, the white borse, slaking his thirst at the water-trough-to the extreme end of the yard, where a pile of cabbages, neatly arranged in

the form of a pyramid, confronted 'Behold,' said Isabel, stopping bematerial would allow. Let us hope years!' that this flight of imagination may and at last be crowned with a wreath | host and hostess?" of laurel. Often from the humblest frivolity has lost you! And take a sphere. seat on the extreme base of the sods in this secluded corner, sacred

I go back to the commonplace.' 'Thank you, Bell dear, I'll share the sods with you, if you please. under any circumstances. And do go back to the commonplace, that's

an age ago.' 'An age ago! One year and it? And he was a pretty little fellow, with nice curly hair, and lovely | wild in the meadows.' blue eyes, with lashes long enough for a bang, small dimpled hands, and | Isabel?' not an idea in his little round head. My mother-with all due deference say it-and his mother-to whom accord much less deference-made he never loved me. How could he? We were the victims of circumstances and match-making mammas, and | sult from that? He'll never come to two mortals more unlike it would believe he has fallen in love with me.

new house, newly furnished. Good fests, .... 25 Cents. | Ledgings .... 25 Cts Mamma fretted and fumed and to fancy that he might be the least would probably be bung.

A PYRAMID OF CABBAGES. scolded, and asked me, with tragic bit confused when I first saw him at emphasis, how I could look calmly work in his red shirt, and coarse on and see so many thousands of very broad-brimmed straw hat, but dollars being lost to the family, for he saluted me as calmly as though he she was sure that artful minx would had been arrayed in the finest garpersuade poor dear Claude to elope | ments. And his name is Nathaniel or something; but I continued to -not as pretty as Claude, but it look calmly on, until one evening means the gift of God.' The gift of Claude, with a deep sigh, kissed God.' The gift of God, indeed, his Eda's hand as he bade her Good- old mother says he has been to her, would cover nearly two of our night,' when I turned suddenly upon | and so will he be to the woman he them and bade them follow me to marries. And that woman must be my room. There I forgave-quite a bee, not a butterfly. Lottie - with the many theories that have been in the manner of a stage parent-the sudden fierceness--'if ever you tell, broached as to the object which infatuated midgets their base du- I'll kill you. plicity, gave them my blessing, kissed them both; and as soon as they, beaming with joy, had departed, I also, beaming with joy, and not quite in the manner of a stage parent, except perhaps in a 'Pinafore' one, executed a pirouette-a mad, revolving pirouette, in honor of my newly-acquired freedom. Mamma was awfully angry, but they're awfully happy, and they've named the baby after me. My chains (they were never very heavy, I must confess) broken beyond repair, I flirted more than ever, all the time growing

as weary as could be of hearing the same compliments and making the same replies, and doing this thing in the morning, and that in the afternoon, and the other in the evening and at last I fled from the old familiar throng precipitately one rainy day, leaving my maid to pack my wardrobe and follow. And I determined that this summer I would try pastures entirely new. Auntie had often told me of the pleasant, old-fashioned farm-house which she discovered years ago, and I coaxed namma—promising to take Charley our youngest, who is the 'worrit' of her life, with me-to let me spend three of my four out-of-the-city months here. And, Lottie, I have never been as happy before, and I am firmly convinced that here I have found the kind of life that would suit me best. I was born to love

cows and chickens, to make butter, to build pyramids of cabbages.' 'You!' laughed her friend. fore it, 'how Nature lends herself to think I see you in the dairy, in neat Art! (That sounds well, though I cambric dress, with sleeves rolled to don't know as it means anything.) the elbows, stamping the pats of This mighty structure, formed of the butter with your monogram-for green and succulent cabbage, is no that's as near as you'd ever come to doubt the work of some humble churning; and in the hennery, scatfield-laborer, who, having read of tering corn to the chickens from a the Pyramids of Egypt-incited dainty white apron, a curiously thereto, no doubt, by the newspaper shaped rustic hat meanwhile shading paragraphs about our own dear your rose-and-cream complexion Obelisk-has sought to vary the from the sun. You born to love monotony of cabbage life by build- cows and chickens!-you who have ing as close an imitation as his reigned a city belle for four long 'And for three been most ready to lead to a higher one, and that the abdicate. By-the-bye'-with assum- ment. cabbage man, like the butter woman, ed carelessness-'have you seen the may meet with public recognition, young farmer, the only child of our Eastman, a lovely blush mantling

proachful tone-'why do you break | can see him in 'my mind's eye'--tall, | bow-wows what was the matter. in upon my eloquence with rude and ungainly, and speaks through his unseemly laughter? I was about to nose; eats with his knife; says repeat to you Longfellow's last 'How?' and stares at you as though

'And if I did, what harm could re-

be hard to find. He was the most He is so different from the softconventional of men, and would voiced, perfumed darlings by whom have nearly died if at one of those I have been surrounded all my life, dreary dinner parties in which his to use your own words, with a diffsoul delighted somebody had whis- erent application. I stare at him as pered to him that his back hair though he were a being from anothwasn't parted straight, while I have er sphere. The young farmer reads, often been strongly tempted to Lottie, and reads books which, tho' shock the full-dressed guests, at the printed in our native language, very start, by asking for more soup. would be Greek to you and me; and 'Well, last June, at Newport, my he numbers the poets among his diminutive friend, Eda Smythe, with friends. I peeped into his room one a head the exact counterpart of day, and saw them all, in blue and door nearly off its hinges, in which Claude's, appeared upon the scene, gold, on his book-shelf. He is an condition of neglect it had been left

WHOLE NO. 565.

'My dear, when I do, you may Isabel, I begin to suspect that you are really in love with Nathanielanother of your odd passions-and that beneath your butterfly wings lurks the spirit of the bee. And I may live to see you helping the pitchfork Apollo toss the hay, build obelisks and pyramids of cabbages, copy celebrated sculptures in beets, and heap turnips in imitation of

classic old ruins. 'I fear me not, Miss Mayell. For though I would be proud to share in each and every one of those occupations, as soon would I expect that compact mass of green to suddenly tremble to its base and then topple over, separating one huge body into a hundred or more heads, as dream that Nathaniel Leigh would ever

care for me. The pyramid trembled to its base, and its apex tumbled to the ground. The girls rose quickly from their throne of sods, and with little shricks fled to a safe distance, then turned to look again. It toppled over, its many heads rolling in every direction, and in the place it had occupied stood the young farmer. I bless your brother for building

a pyramid to-day, Miss Eastman,' he Said, though he did unload one of the market wagons all ready for the purpose. And I bless the happy ehauce that kept me from the orchard, and sent me here to fall asleep behind it, to waken at the sound of your voice. Spell-bound I remained concealed, half believing that I was still dreaming, to prove the falsity of the old proverb, 'Listeuers never hear any good of themselves.' But can I-dare I hope that grains of earnest mingled with your jest, and that the pats of butter in our dairy may some day bo stamped with our monogram? Stand my friend, Miss Mayell, and you shall not be forgotten when we make the beet statues and the turnip ruins."

'Well, 'pon my word!' exclaimed Miss Mayell, with a frank glance of admiration at the handsome young fellow, and a smile that threatened to become a laugh in another mo-

And 'of all things!' said Miss her face; and then youth and fun 'Certainly not?' and Miss Mayell conquered all three, and they laughsources spring the greatest works of glances at her watch. 'I only arriv- ed until the farmyard resounded, genius. Burns - Lottie'- breaking ed two hours ago, and have seen no and Lion, the watchdog,came boundoff suddenly, and assuming a re- one but you and your aunt. But I ing toward them, asking with loud

## A Strange Thing.

Some four years ago a negro man poem; now I won't. See what your you were a being from another died at Lauderdale Station, as was supposed, of hydrophobia. The 'Your mind's eye needs an eye- day of his death he was a raving pyramid (I prefer the mound of glass, Miss Mayell. Its vision is maniac. It was thought best to conweak. Tall, broad-shouldered, and fine him, but there was trouble in to somebody's rake and hoe), while gainly, if I may use the word as I getting anyone to undertake the mean it. I saw him tossing hay dangerons and difficult task. At to-day, and he looked like an Apollo last Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Webb and B. who had exchanged his lyre for a T. Bush volunteered to undertake it. have an idea that a cabbage would pitchfork, and profited by the The man's wife assisted them, and prove a very uncomfortable seat change. And his table manners are with great difficulty they succeeded as exquisite as your own, Miss in fastening handcuffs upon his Mayell; and he has a deep, full voice, wrists. He died that day. The a darling, for I'm dying to know and does not say 'How?' and has wife soon after went raving and what has happened since we parted scarcely looked, let alone 'stared,' at died. Within the last six months me. I have an idea that he regards the three white men engaged in the girls of our ilk with a quiet scorn, struggle with the negro to handcuff half exactly. I was then engaged to and thinks of us, if he thinks of us him have gone crazy-two of them Claude Venner. Pretty name, isn't at all, as hot-house flowers, not to be sent to the lunatic asylum, and the compared with the daisies growing third, Dr. Webb, is on his way there. There is much remark upon 'How long have you been here, the coincidence. And now we hear for the first time that it was rather a suspicion that the negro had been 'Quite long enough, I think. You'd bitten by a mad dog known to have better go away. You are regarding been prowling a month previous, this young farmer, who never looks than a fact resting on certain proof. the match when I was eighteen, and at you-I don't believe that, how- The singular circumstances makes I unmade it at twenty. I never ever-too sentimentally. You might food for reflection. It may be a snimals. The bill is a real necessity. loved Claude. How could I? And come to believe that you had fallen mere happen so, but could not hap- Nebraska Farmer. pen so again once in ten thousand millions of times .- Meridian (Miss.) Mercury.

Among the replies to an advertisement of a music committee for a candidate for organist, music teacher, etc., a vacancy having occurred by the resignation of the organist in office, was the following: "Gentlemen, I noticed your advertisement for an organist and music teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for a number of years, I offer you my services."

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## A Visit to the Land of the Pharonhs.

The last and greatest wonder of lower Egypt we were yet to see. The pyramids of Oizek are probably the oldest monuments in the world. Of the several names of the oldest, the best known is that of the pyramid of Cheops. This massive pile Washington squares, and it is twice as high as Trinity church spire. Of these mountains of stone were intended to subserve, the most plausable is that of Pliny, who says that they were "an idle and silly display of royal wealth." That so much time and labor were expended for astronomical purposes, for which the smallest fraction of their cost would have sufficed as well, seems to me preposterous; and the ingenious theory of Professor C. Piazzi Smith. that the pyramids were built to preserve the sacred cubit of Moses, is not strengthened by the fact that this cubit of the ancients varied in every country.

Hurrying up the Nile with a pas-

sing glance at the catacombs of Beni-

Hassan and a hasty visit to the well

preserved temple of Dendera, we

came at last to hundred-gated Thebes. This city was looked upon by the ancients as the oldest city in the world, and it is said to have been capable at one time of sending into the field 600,000 foot soldiers and 27,000 chariots. The principal remains of this giant metropolis are the temples of Karnac and Luxor on the eastern bank of the river, and the Ramesium, on the western bank Everything about these temples is of colossal size and stupendous grandeur. The world renowned temple of Karnac was the greatest of the Thebian prodegies. This prehlstoric temple, erected by a succession of monarchs from Osirtesen I. to Danes III., each of whom tried to outdo his predecessor, is the most magnificent architectural relic of which either the ancient or modern world can boast. The forecourt, 1,279 feet in length and 330 feet broad, leads between two colossal bylons to the majestic Hall of beauty, unsurpassed by anything in antiquity. In the neighborhood of the Ramesium is the celebrated vocal statue of Memnon, which my love for the beauty of the ancient myth of the Son of Aurora led me to visit at the hour of dawn. Arrived at the foot of the image, just as the sun bathed the brow of the Mempon in a flood of radiance. I was almost wild with delight to hear a strain of delicious melody proceeding from the stony colossus. Gazing intently upward, I saw a little bird warbling its matin melody from a crevice in Memnon's shattered neck; a moment more, and with a hourse croak, like the voice of an unexpected oracle, the innocent songster was seized by a hawk, whose discordant notes were sweeter to me than any heathen oracle, for did not the bird of prey symbolize the god of light, Horus, whom the Egyptians always repre-

Senator Turner, of Platte county, has introduced a bill to protect hedges, timber claims and orchards -a sort of an amendment to the herd law. It also provides that a strip one rod wide, broken around hay land, or land not cultivated shall be a sufficient notice to all herdsmen not to trespass on the land thus embraced; said strip of plowed land shall be cultivated once each year. etc. The Farmer trusts that the bill will become a law. To some it will work an inconvenience; those who have perpetually herded their cattle on the open lands of their neighbors will now be compelled to pay for pasturage or herd on school land, railroad lands, or on lands owned by non-residents. To those who ask for nothing but their own, it will be a God-send; they will not be compelled to keep a horse saddled at the door all hours, and keep their neighbors cattle out of their meadows, as the penalty is severe enough to make every owner of stock look after his

sented as hawkheaded?

Near Paris a peasant girl was deserted by her lover, who had promised to marry her. Some time afterward he called and found her washing clothes in the garden near a well. They had been chatting a while, when suddenly the girl, as if by accident, dropped a cloth in the well, and exhibited great grief over the loss of it. Her companion volunteered to lean over the well and fish the garment out; but while he was so engaged the girl caught him by the legs and threw him in. In reply to his cries, she told him if he promised to marry her she would pull him out. He promised, but no sooner was he out than he brought a suit against her for trying to murder him. Then at last he withdraw it and married her.