HER QUANDARY.

Mesing she sat in the mosplight,
Sat thinking of exquisite things,
Resting her face upon a hand
That flashed with beautiful rings.
Wistful and pure I thought she seemed,

"O love, could I share in your thoughts?"
"Frank, dear, you would not understant
"I know too well I am rough and dull,
Only one of the coarser band;
But if you would let me try," I said.
Sighing, she sadly shook her head.

And I saw that pitying glance,
And the far-off-look in her eyes,
"If you were only a woman, Frank!
For a man, when he hardest tries,
Can never be made to feel or share
Buch anxious doubts as now I bear;

"If you were only a woman, Frank,
You would comprehend my fear;
Men are so different. I dare say
You would feel like laughing, my dear."
"O sweetest, no. Though coarser and dull,
I love the pure and beautiful."

"All day I've thought of nothing else,
I waked and thought all night.
What should I do if I were wrong?
Yet still I think I'm right."
"You can't be wrong." "Well, think so, dear;
But then men's tastes are rather queer.

"You can't judge as a woman could."
"I know, Celeste, but let me try."
"Well, Frank, then tell me honestly,
If you were me which would you buy. That hat just like my suit we saw, Or some sweet thing in lace and straw?"

MR. HALL'S MISTAKE.

pinched and worried expression which Carson; perhaps she can button 'em for her blandest smile could not wholly ob- me.'

Her boarders were five in number and were all gentlemen. Mr. Hall, an old bachelor of fifty, had

average of once a week. Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Crane and Mr. Stowe were salesmen in a large drygoods house. They occasionally pre-sented their landlady with gloves, handkerchiefs, or the latest thing in neck-wear, in return for which kindness she darned their stockings and replaced

missing buttons. he was six feet tall, there was Mr. Fay, a young lawyer who had taken a room before. immediately under the mansard roof, and who spent most of his evenings of it!" exclaimed the landlady, drawing the rheumatism two years ago. Yes, it reading ponderous volumes that his from her pocket a bunch of keys, atlandlady declared made her head ache tached to which was a small button of the large stores on State street and

At first Miss Carson was inclined to was so handsome, so quiet and reserved. smiled and redoubled her efforts. Was he somebody in disguise, or was he months passed on, however, and noth- Mr. Hall gave vent to a prolonged ing startling was heard concerning him, "o-h!" which sounded like a false note she ceased to think much about him, in Mr. Stowe's song. merely regarding him as a rather un-

Stockings had beaten the Bostons, or some other thrilling item of news connected with the National idiocy, she strength into the street, after which he roguish smile.—Chic go Tribune. some other thrilling item of news connected with the National idiocy, she would exclaim: "I am surprised!" or went to he room for a fresh pair: "What a pity!" with an interest that was only equaled by her ignorance of the great American game.

One cold winter evening the landlady did not appear, as was her usual cus- looked stunning to-night. I shouldn't of a peculiar mottled leather was seen tom, behind the coffee-urn at the dinner- mind taking her myself.' table. "Old girl sick?" asked Mr. Wilkins of the company in general. "No," replied Mr. Crane; "she has haughtily

What is that in front of you, Stowe? A meat pie of course! Meat pie is an invention of boarding-house keepers to save scraps. Miss Carson says she He wore light blue and crimson ties manufacture of alligator leather began never gives us hash, but she either puts it between crusts and calls it meat pie,

lar day. Is there any creed that insists house on Prairie avenue himself by the on codfish-balls for Sunday has fast?" lat of May.

As no one volunteered an answer to the old country. Here is a pocket-book; American alligator skin forms the outside; American calfskin the country of the old country. Here is a pocket-book; American alligator skin forms the outside; American calfskin the limit of the old country.

this question Mr. Hall finished his din-ner with the remark that he hoped soon "In love!" exclaimed Miss Carson, ner with the remark that he hoped soon to take his meals where he would be served as a gentleman ought to be, and not be fed like a tramp. Miss Carson's boarders were rather niece.

surprised to find her niece a full-grown young lady instead of the little girl they had expected to see. It would be a difficult matter to describe Flo Sheldon. She was not a beauty. Her nose was a where we are? Didn't he go to church trifle "tip-tilted" and her mouth a twice with us last Sunday—the first serlittle too large, though her teeth were mon he had heard in years? glory of her face. They were large, please you. To court the whole family dark and bright; they were shaded by is an old trick of lovers. I am the only

breakfast-table. "I can scarcely real-ize that this tall young lady is the little would be the prince of uncles." girl in short dresses I parted from five years ago. Ah, well! I have changed a Flo's words the more firmly convinced for his after-dinner sleep he falls a vicgreat deal in that time myself."

sudden and most unaccountable attack | thought. of politeness. "I assure you you look as young and as er—er—rosy as you did six years ago. Time has not put silver threads among the gold, or er—er—triffed with your appearance in any way." This was true. Miss Carson's hair was drab, and her complexion matched it. Time could make no start-ling change in either.

Mr. Hall became jealous of Mr. Stowe, of Mr. Wilkins, of Mr. Crane, and madly jealous of Mr. Fay. That the latter was the handsomest man in the house he could not deny, and Mr. Hall hated him bitterly.

Finally matters—came to a climax.

Mr. Hall peeped into the parlor one ference between the six-foot skin as ference as ference between the six-foot skin as ference as ference between the six-foot skin as ference as ference as ference beginning to grow scarce.

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A gradual but very perceptible change came over the house after Flo's arrival. She was a very industrious girl, and knew how to employ her time. The curtains were looped less primly, the curtains were looped less primly, the parlors had a more comfortable, home-like appearance, while delicate puddings, flaky pies and delicious coffee anything about Fay? Who knew that the parlors had a more comfortable, home-like appearance, while delicate puddings, flaky pies and delicious coffee anything about Fay? Who knew that the parlors are properly in the parlors of the properly in the parlors of the p showed her acquaintance with the culi-

"You are certainly the personification of youth, health and happiness combined, Miss Flo," said Mr. Fay, as he found her late one afternoon singing gayly as she was spreading the cloth for "Well, nothing definations."

gayly as she was spreading the cloth for dinner. "It does one good merely to look at you."

"Well, nothing definite, but Mr. Hall there are other imperfections in the skins. The demand for colored goods helps us out, however, as the coloring material when his advice was needed, she would be think know.

"Well, nothing definite, but Mr. Hall there are other imperfections in the skins. The demand for colored goods helps us out, however, as the coloring material to be a supplied to the first observation you made, I can say that I let him know.

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"Oh, that was not the trouble. We live in the country, and my father could not afford to take his six daughters to a city merely for a pleasure trip. You window pensively darning that has laid on while growing rich thermal and the country and my father could improve the condition of labor, and, while growing rich thermal and and the country and my father could improve the condition of labor, and, while growing rich thermal and and the country and my father could improve the condition of labor, and, while growing rich thermal and and the country and my father could improve the condition of labor, and, while growing rich thermal and the country and my father could improve the condition of labor, and, while growing rich thermal and the country and my father could the country and my father c

THE JOURNAL. to notice the various expressions. Why, the object of my attentions to your even the noses are a study." she connose.' But you must not stay here or I thumb. shall never get my work done in time to

dress for the opera.' She appeared at the dinner-table in her best dress, a black silk with knots of scarlet ribbon at her throat and waist. but lately--Her black hair was wound in heavy braids about her head in a most becoming style, and a rich color dyed her piest man in Chicago.' cheeks. Never had she looked so pretty, "And I am the happ time that he would like to woo and win I suppose I ought to call you now. his landlady's niece. But thoughts of shall do all in my power to be a good love and marriage were not for him, wife." for a moody stroll and a smoke. When and wept. There was an awful silence.

to the opera. Probably this was the "You must excuse me." said Miss cause of her excessive happiness that Carson, wiping her eyes. "But the afternoon. Mr. Fay resolved to seek his news of Flo's engagement and everyroom and forget his unpleasant thoughts thing connected with it rather upset me in hard study. Mr. Hall stood at the to begin with, and this coming, too, foot of the stairs with an opera-glass was too much. under his arm while he strove to draw over his fat hands a pair of pale lavender in a voice so hollow that it startled

What an insufferable puppy Stowe Miss Carson came to Chicago before Why, he howled for a mortal hour last was obliged to send a part of what the great fire, or, as she always ex- night and kept her pounding away for money he made to support his widowed pressed it, the "great conflagration." him all the while. Confound these mother. The same day that he pro-She kept boarders, and the struggle she made to at least come out even at the the human hand and not in the shape end of the month gave her face a of a bird's claw? Here comes Miss by an uncle in Philadelphia."

> That lady smiled obligingly and made several ineffectual efforts to make the glove meet across about two inches of Mr. Hall's swollen palm.

boarded with Miss Carson for six years, though he threatened to leave on an are too small," observed Mr. Fay, "They are not," snapped Mr. Hall. "Are they, Miss Carson? "Oh, dear, no, not all," said Miss

Carson, faintly, as she tried to make the obstinate button meet the still more he wished it or not, he was engaged to obstinate button-hole. the glove; something is evidently the call his words. Possibly in his confu-Last, though by no means least, for matter," said Mr. Wilkins, who had sion he had proposed. Well, she was a

"Why, how strange I never thought

said Mr. Hall. "Ah, I have sighed for rest!" sang

"You have dragged my whole palm sociable young man totally wrapped up through that button-hole, I think. Miss Carson made it a point to always glove a vigorous wrench and split it "No, i Miss Carson made it a point to always glove a vigorous wrench and split it "No, no; of course not. Here cor show a ready sympathy with whatever across the back. Mr. Hall said noth- Flo. Give a kiss to your uncle that ing. He probably thought he could to be, and forgive me formeddling was If Mr. Stowe told her that the White not do the subject justice. He made a your affairs. You see I was so devoted

> "Old Hall is crazy about that girl," observed Mr. Stowe to Mr. Fay that "I don't blame him, either. She

to being taken by you," returned Fay,

gone to the Twenty-second street depot to meet a little girl, her niece, who is coming here to live."

"If she is going to take a child to raise that settles it with me," growled Mr. Hall, in a deep bass voice.

"I shall leave at the end of the month.

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or she adds onions and calls it an 'Irish would refuse him. He had twenty goods saw there was something in it. thousand dollars well invested and a "A rose by any other name would handsome house on Prairie avenue. He smell as sweet," observed Mr. Wilkins. was neither young nor good-looking, "To-morrow will be Sunday," con but surely Flo was too sensible a girl to natural color of the leather is attractive, tinued Mr. Hall, "and that means cod care about the mere personal appearance aside from the heauty of the markings. fish-balls for breakfast. Will somebody ance of a man of property, and, better still, a man of intellect. He balls and Sunday morning, that they was so sanguine that he even hintshould appear regularly on that particu- ed to his tenant that he might want the in a manner superior to the best work-

making a great blot on her account-

"Yes, and with you," continued the "With me?" murmured Miss Carson

blushing. "Anybody would know it," said Flo.

white and even; but her eyes were the "He took me to the opera just to long curling lashes; they were such al- member of your family that he knows, luring, provoking, bewitching eyes! and he wants to get me on his side. It is evident that Mr. Hall has become con-'little' niece," said Miss Carson at the vinced of the fact that he can't live with-

Mr. Hall became jealous of Mr. Stowe, reptiles are beginning to grow scarce.

Mr. Hall peeped into the parlor one ference between the six-foot skin as be there alone. He heard the word hide. The skins are packed in lime for "Darling"—he saw Mr. Fay kiss her two months to remove the horny scales.

hand! he had not a wife already? Miss Car- of alligator leather?" son agreed with Mr. Hall as a matter of course. She was severe with her niece skins. No lime will soften the horas for the first time.

Mr. Hall became wretched. He re-

tinued, laughing. "Did you ever look! She tried to speak, but the words about you in a street-car and notice the died in her throat. She made an effort variety of noses? The insignificant to thread her needle. Anxious to enlittle nose, the sharp prying nose, the sly hooked nose, and, as Dickens says, the 'composite or mixed clamation as the needle pierced his

"Flo suspected this," whispered Miss Carson. "Ha! She did? What did she sav?" "Oh, she liked you very much then,

"Oh, I know I have been a fool, but with your consent I shall yet be the hapcheeks. Never had she looked so pretty, and I am the happiest woman," she and Arthur Fay realized for the first murmured. "Oh, Mr. Hall, or Jacob,

and he must put them aside. As soon In her agitation she covered her face as dinner was over Mr. Fay went out with the stocking she had been darning he returned Flo was playing an a com-paniment while Manatowe sand The his an awful dream? Or was he going latter was doubtless to be he seed and?

"Flo's engagement!" said Mr. Hall.

"Yes, they have been engaged ever is," said Mr. Hall, in a confidential since the night you saw them in the growl. "He knows that Miss Flo is parlor, but Flo would not tell me begoing to the opera with me, but he cause she says I was unjust to Mr. Fay. keeps her there playing in order to show off that wretched voice of his. Fay's affairs. He was quite poor and

> Mr. Hall waited to hear no more. He seized his hat and rushed from the house. His tenant was waiting at the office to see him. "You intimated that you wanted the house, Mr. Hall, but called for a definite answer before

"I don't want the house. I am going to leave Chicago. I'll make out a lease for five years if you like. Call this

Left alone he buried his face in his hands and reflected deeply. Whether Miss Carson. He tried to remember "Well, then the hand is too large for just what he had said, but could not reappeared on the scene a few moments good woman, and might make a better wife than her niece. He remembered how kindly she had nursed him through bought a handsome piece of velvet for "Trust a woman for helping a fellow a dress. "She shall have a pair of acres composed the heart of the newly- wheat on poor land that is very poorly with a chuckle. His tenant called in the afternoon. Mr. Hall told him that suffering from an unrequited love? As Mr. Stowe from the parlor. Suddenly he had again changed his mind. The tenant left, deeply disgusted.

"Elizabeth, I really meant what I said this morning," he said, as he laid his presents in her lap. "Do you suppose I doubted it

Alligator Leather A large variety of pocket-books, cardcases, hand-bags and other articles made in a Chambers street show-case. A "Perhaps Miss Sheldon would object long narrow piece of the same kind of leather hung over them. It was rounded at one end and tapered away to a

with a stiff brim turned up with satin. alligator leather was tanned as a curi-As sack coats were worn short, he or- osity. Few articles were made of it. dered the shortest that could be made. About four years ago, however, the and the latest style of collars and cuffs. in earnest. First a few shoes were made He could not see why Flo Sheldon of it, and the manufacturers of such It is a peculiarly beautiful leather. There are no two skins marked just alike, and it follows that no two articles made of the leather can be alike. The aside from the beauty of the markings. It finishes soft and flexible. It is conceded that Americans tan and finish it the lining. Any judge of such goods will say that it is by all odds the handsomest as well as the best leather of the kind in existence. Sixty dollars a doz-

en for such goods, small as they are, is "While the beauty of alligator leather is its chief characteristic, its durability is of hardly less importance. These "Doesn't he make every excuse to be gripsacks of alligator leather will outwear their owners, no matter how vouthful. With these two things in its favor, it is no wonder that the sale of

> "How many alligators were slaughtered to satisfy the demand last year?" "Not less than half a million. "How do you get the skins, and where

alligator leather is increasing."

do they come from?" "Most of them come from Florida and the other Gulf States. The alligators are shot with rifles, and the negroes eat deal in that time myself."

And all," said Mr. Hall, with a true it is that the wish is father to the one dollar apiece for alligators. The hunt is carried on so vigorously that the

The remaining process is much like that

"The frauds are in using imperfect that have stood the attrition of red-hot "What do you know against Arthur sand for half a century. Those skins do do not wear well between the scales.

goods, pay a fair price, and you will get

-The matter of securing foreign im-"Your parents do not approve of that mass only firting with Fay. He found to make a vigorous effort to attract sethis landlady seated at the dining room there. The Charleston News says: "We "Ok, pa, city merely for a pleasure trip. You have no idea how glad I was to get my aunt's invitation to come to Chicago, and how much I enjoy myself when I go down-town. It is stale to city people, I suppose, but I like to watch the general welfare of the same as shrewd woman," he resounds, to study the different faces, and

Coal-Oil Johnny's Luck.

A letter from Harrisburg, Pa., says: William McNulty, better known as Johnny Steele, or "Coal-Oil Johnny," who made a large fortune during the oil fever, and squandered it almost as fast as he made it, turned up in this city on the Fourth. He said that he had come to the capital to celebrate, and that he was at present working in Mc-Cormick's mills, in New Cumberland. He pulled out a bundle of papers from his pocket, and handing one of them to an auditor said it was a claim to the Continental Hotel, in Philadelphia, for which he paid \$480,000 in his wealthy days. He asserted that the hotel would again come into his possession. The paper reads right enough, and bears the ear-marks of age about it. He further said that he was prospecting in New Cumberland, sinking shafts for copper and iron. He showed some ores which he said came from the shafts in which he was experimenting. He expressed his confidence that he would become as wealthy as Vanderbilt yet.

Being asked where his family was. e said that they were in Waymert, and added that he recently sent them \$25,-000. He had been up in Williamsport, he said, about six months ago, and hap-pened to be at the Crawford House. Somebody was talking about a package containing \$25,000, "left there by a fellow named 'Coal-Oil Johnny,' about '65 or '66," to remain there until called for. He went to the bank and succeeded, after some difficulty in estabishing his identity, in obtaining the money. "Coal-Oil Johnny" is still quite attractive in appearance. His face is pleasant and genial, and well browned by the sun and weather. His eyes are olue, and he wears side-whiskers in the English fashion. His clothes are oldfashioned and much too heavy for the weather. Bundles of papers hung loosely out of his pocket. He is now about thirty-nine years of age and pos-sesses considerable intelligence, being able to write his name legibly, a feat he could not perform in the days of his prosperity. He is hunting for evidence to get back some of the money which was illegally taken away from him.

When the oil fever broke out in Northern Pennsylvania, about twentytwo years ago, McNulty owned twenty acres of land in Venango County, which he had cleared for himself. Strangers came one day and began to prospect around the neighborhood. What was liscovered oil-field, and from that time bought elegant turn-outs at a fabulous price, used them for a single ride and hen gave them away. He traveled from city to city, and wherever he went fleeced him of his wealth. Enormous as his fortune was, it could not stand these drains made upon it, and when it had disappeared "Coal-Oil Johnny went to work to retrieve his fortunes in a manly way. The story of the past fifteen years, from the time when he took a situation with John Sherry's New York Theater at six dollars per week salary to the present time, is a story of genuine American pluck and perseverance; and his friends, and he has many proved and tried foul-weather friends, will be glad to know that he is

once more on the road to prosperity. A Young Lady as an Itinerant Jeweler.

"Have you any jewelry that you wish mended, or clocks to repair or regu-It was a young woman neatly dressed who asked the question at the front door of a house on Taylor street re-

The mistress of the establishment repin lacking and handed it over to the If the tree is large, two or four strong itinerant jeweler to operate upon. Her actions showed that she was an

adept at the business. In a neat box, about fifteen inches long and five high, were ranged a full kit of jeweler's tools, including a spirit lamp and blow-pipe. A new pin was speedily attached to the brooch and turned over to its owner. "How much is it?"

"Twenty-five cents," was the reply. Having paid the amount the inquisitive lady of the house asked the traveling jeweler whether she had much work "Oh, plenty," she answered. "Ir ome houses I am kept nearly a day

overhauling clocks and doing little odd obs of mending. In some places l have fixed as many as a dozen clocks.' "Do you have much regulating of clocks to attend to?

"You would be surprised if I should tell you how many people there are who do not know how to make a clock rur faster or slower. But there are very many. There are some people, too who have expensive clocks who do no care to tamper with them, and in suc! olaces I am always asked to look afte

"How do you manage to make re pairs where it is necessary to dril

"Oh, that is simple enough. I hav drills and a small lathe that I can attack to a sewing-machine, and there is scarcely a house now that does not possess one of those useful articles." "Are there any other ladies engaged

in the work you are?" "Not in this city that I know of. But I expect that there will soon be plenty length are now killed. The choice skin is six feet long. There is as much dif-But we can all find plenty of work, evening when he knew Flo and Fay to there is between a calf skin and an ox guess, as there is an awful amount of breakage in jewelry, and we can, if worst comes to worst, always work for less than men with big establishments and high rents to pay."—San Francisco Chronicle.

James and the Pears.

"James!" "Yes, pa."

"There were seven California pears in that cupboard. Six of them are gone. Do you know anything about

"I never took one of them." "Sure?" "Certain, pa. Wish I may die,

"You wicked, bad boy; how often have I told you never to use such an expression. Here comes ma; let us see if she knows anything about it." Mamma says she saw James take at least five of them.

the wayward girl, who perhaps after all missioner of Agriculture, who proposes only this little one with the grub-eaten

A Neglected Crop.

Considering the ease with which it that always exists for it, buckwheat is neglected to a greater extent than any grain produced in this country. In 1881 the entire amount of buckwheat produced in all the States and Territories was only 9,486,200 bushels. The largest crop ever produced was in 1880, when it amounted to 14,617,585 bushels. This crop was produced on 822,802 seres of land, and was worth \$8,682,-188. About four-fifths of this crop was produced in the States of New York and Pennsylvania. Scarcely any was raised in any of the more Southern States, and very little south of Ohio. The greatest vield reported was in Maine, where it averaged twenty-five bushels per acre. OLD POINT COMFORT. It readily sold at \$1 per bushel to local millers. Considerable was imported from Canada, where the value of the crop is better appreciated than it is in this country. But a small proportion of the article sold in city markets as buckwheat flour is pure, or true to name. It is generally a mixture of the meal of white corn and various kinds of inferior flour. Millers and dealers often state that it is impossible to procure grain enough to supply the demand for buckwheat flour. In all Northern towns buckwheat cakes are held in high esteem as a breakfast dish. The use of buckwheat in the country is limited, as farmers generally do not raise it and the flour is not kept for sale by local grocers. Farmers and country millers from Chicago to Baltimore and return. would do well to take advantage of the demand for genuine buckwheat flour. It will sell readily in town and country at the price the best quality of white winter wheat flour commands, if it is put up in bags weighing from twentyfive to fifty pounds. By judicious management the sales of buckwheat flour could be greatly increased in all parts

of the country. fowls of all kinds. It is also a very good food for hogs and sheep. Beekeepers can not afford to be without a field of buckwheat. The blossoms furnish a large amount of honey at a time when little can be obtained from other sources. Soil is not impoverished by raising buckwheat upon it as it is by raising most kinds of grain. The plants produce a very dense shade during the hottest part of the season, which greatly benefits the soil. The crop can be sown and harvested at a time when ordinary in appearance to him was other annual crops require little or no very extraordinary to them. The pe-culiar look of the water was a familiar vield is obtained from an inverted so thing to him. He had seen the sight on which a crop of grass has been often and did not mind it. To the grown and cut the same season. It is strangers it was hidden treasure. The often practical to raise a good ercp of more they looked over the farm the buckwheat on land that was too wet to more they wanted it. This led to ne- plow and sow early in the season. It gotiations and McNulty woke up one may often be raised to advantage where morning to find himself the possessor corn or small grain was drowned out. acres composed the heart of the newly- wheat on poor land that is very poorly forth he became known as "Coal-Oil that is too poor or too wet to prepare Johnny." This turned his head. His for any other crop he is likely to sow reckless extravagances are a matter of buckwheat on it. It is the general history. He scattered money around opinion that any kind of soil, prepared wherever he went. He purchased the in any sort of a way, will produce a Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, fur- paying crop of buckwheat. While it is nished a colored bands with gorgeous true that it will grow on inferior soil suits and soldid silver instruments, that is poorly prepared, it is also true that more and better grain can be produced on good land that is well prepared as for other grains. In this latitude it is customary to sow buckwheat was followed by a cloud of sharpers, who from the 1st to the 19th of July. It will be ready to harvest before the occurrence of frost. It may be cut with a sickle, cradle, mowing-machine or common scythe. It is easily thrashed with a hand-flail. If hens are allowed to run over the land after the crop is harvested they will pick up most of the grains that have fallen from the stalks. -- Chicago Times.

Transplanting Trees in Japan. Before transplanting trees, two pieces of paper or cloth are tied to the branches on the east and west, or north and south sides of the tree, so that it may be planted as it stood before in retaken in removing the tree. Large roots which extend so far into the ground that it requires a great deal of labor to dig them out are cut off at certain points, either by the saw or any other cutting implements, fibrous roots being carefully protected. The spot where the tree is to be planted is dug a little membered that she had a brooch with a larger than the roots absolutely require. posts or stakes of convenient size and length are set about it before digging, and are connected by one or more horizontal slats. The stem of the tree is wrapped in straw matting, and tied firmly to the horizontal slats. Where two horizontal slats are used they are fixed to cross each other at the point where the stem is tied. The tree is thus in a suspended condition, therefore though we dig around the roots quite deep, it may not only be prevented from falling down, but its ibrous roots, which would otherwise be injured more or less by the heavy

pressure of the whole tree, can be save to a large extent. After having removed the tree to the desired place, particular care is taken in covering the roots well, and also in watering, especially if the soil is rather light. Press the dirt, which is thrown into the hole a little at a time, firmly around the roots, taking care at the between the two cities. Trains run at same time to set them in their natural | least every hour. position as far as possible. On the contrary, if we throw in dirt upon the roots all at one time and carelessly, all the roots, large and small, are crowded Baltimore and one hour from Washington. together in one mass, many of which will be injured, even if the tree is not killed. This is especially true of those at Baltimore take place at night, there trees whose roots are rather stiff, as, for | will be abundant opportunities to visit instance, the Persimmon trees. After the tree is planted it is examined from all sides to see that it has been planted straight, and then it is tied to three posts which are so set about it as to protect it from the wind. The tree is generally planted not as deep as it stood in the previous place, but earth is heaped around it to some extent above the

February is generally considered the Mystic Pageant. best time for transplanting trees in Japan, though some hold the opinion that November is better than any other month for that purpose. As a general rule, however, it is believed that any tree may be safely transplanted just at the time when its leaf buds begin to show a little green color. Other things being equal, never transplant trees behind the proper season, though the earlier planting may do no harm to the plant. After planting make a sun screen which should be taken away reiny or cloudy days. At planting was being equal, never transplant trees be-hind the proper season, though the rainy or cloudy days. At planting watering is considered important. Spreading a little wheat bran on the bottom of the hole before planting the tree is said to make it grow vigorously.—S. Arakaoffers more inducements for a visit than
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