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MY MIBBOR'S TALE.

The looking at myself to-night, Upon my mirror's face. It iss feelish thing to do, And yet I may find grace, M, in any inquest heart, Tamew I march for faults this glass may sho

The not a lovely face I see, Not winning and not young: It shows the lines and traces of A heart by anguish wrung. A face o'er which the storm-cloud past, To leave it calm and clear at last.

The rosy bloom of early youth, That once had rested there, Bas gone; a few gray threads shine in The darkness of my hair. This tells me I have reached the stage Where youth blends with maturer age.

I wonder, as I gaze at R, Noting each feature there, How some, in loving tenderness, Have dreamed to call it fair. Ket love can find a charm and grace, To beautify the plainest face.

Image upon the truthfull glass, Showing myself so clear! Tell me—have low'ring clouds of doubt Left deathless traces there? Are lines of cold and cynic pride Seen on the face I stand beside?

Have lightning blasts of care and woe Blackened the heart within, And pictured in the dark-gray cycs Glimpses of guilt and sin? O, tell me may! For I have tried To cast all wicked thoughts aside.

Much have I suffered; but those days, I trust, have purified My soul; and driven from my heart All foolish thoughts of pride. Closely I scan my mirrored face To find upon it saving grace.

I care not for the partial lack Of beauty that enthralis. If on my face the glowing light Of truth and culture falls— If in my eyes the spark divine Of love for all mankind will shine.

Twill not ask for rediant orbs, If in my own'l see The flash of true intelligence. Of wit and repartee. I only wish for eyes that glow With pity for another's wee.

I'll pass in calm indifference O'er crimson flash and hue, If health but glows upon my cheeks, If curves of lips are true, And shadow forth a soul too pure To speak false words framed to allure.

And thus I'll scan my mirrored face Bach day; and hope to find— Upon the tell-tale giass to see— A meek and gentle mind; If, like a yell of priceless face,

sweet peace upon my face

-Liette Clayton Bernheim, in Demonst's Monthly.

OUR SPELLING MATCH.

"I must tell vot, my dear, how much I enjoyed the spelling match in your in-law, was the one that first suggested school one afternoon; it reminded me the dividin' of the deestrickt, and did so much of when I was young. I'm more to bring it about than any other right glad they have spelling matches man; which was natural, for the deesagain in schools. When I was a girl trickt was so big and the school-house we young folks thought a great deal of the spellin's we had, and this one of could not go to school in the winter yours brought back that old country time.

"I tell you, twenty-five dollars was a old, but not as tall as some boys of nine years. He was very thinly dressed for such a sharp night, and they had large sum of money in those days, and when it was known that the prize had been offered, there was more studyin' walked fully two miles.

at our old blue-backed spellers than there over had been before. We used "I felt sorry for them, they looked so pltiful in their shabbiness; for every-body else in the school-house was at to take them home every night, and our least warmly dressed, and a good many fathers and mothers would give us all the hard words, like 'daguerreotype," and 'phthisic' and 'receipt' and those with silent letters in them, and we had smart ribbons and hats and founced dresses.

"Old Squire Hepner was sittin' in a chair on the teacher's would spell them over and over again. platform, and I saw a dark frown on whole township in a commotion, and his face when Mis' Waitely and Sam. nothin' else was thought of or talked about. The Red Haw and Jack Oak destrickts let it be known that they came in. But I spoke up at once, and tuk Sam on my side. It happened to be my turn to choese, and I was bound would try for the prize, and they had the poor fellow shruld not be slighted, whether he could spell or not. "He had half a mind not to spell, but

some good spellers in those schools, speshly in the Red Haw. "But none of them had a better recsaw his mother reach out her hand and gently push him; and then he hob-bled down to the end of the line and ord than Harriet Hepner. and they say that in those six weeks she studied her stood within a foot of his Uncle Hepner. peller night and day. "Folks who had passed the Hepner house at midnight deciared that through the winders from the road "Then the spellin' commenced. It blush to tell it, but I actually missed; the very first word given to me, and that was 'mermaid.' I spelled it 'm-u-r, mer.' I knew better, but I was they had seen Harriet sitting on a stool up ag'in the fireplace, leaning her head sgainst the wall and the squire sitting in his old hick'ry chair, spellin'-book so nervous I could not collect my thoughts. So I had to take my seat. in hand and a tailow dip in the other, and of course I had a little cry all to myself.

givin' out words to her-and ev'rybody else was in bed. No wonder the girl "But I nearly laughed so as to be became thin and peaked. "You see the squire fairly hated the heard all over the room when Azraiel Whitehead missed 'goose.' He spelled it 'guse.' and he had told me in confi-Red Haw deestrickt, and about everybody in it. The Red Haw and ours had formerly been one deestrickt, and he'd dence that he half expected to get the prize, and had been studyin' his speller for weeks.

opposed their being divided; because he owned lots of land in both deestrickts, "Electa missed 'emanate.' She and he knew that if they were divided spelled it with an 'i' instead of an 'a.' "Cindy Patch missed "tranquillize." there would be an extra tax for a new I think she knew how to spell it, but school-house, and a new school fund, she was excited because seven or eight and it went mightily against the grain had missed it before her. The Jack for him to have to pay extra taxes for a Oak scholars looked very sober when school that he did not get any good of. "But at the town-meetin' the Red Cindy had to sit down.

"But you ought to have seen old" Squire Hepner's eyes twinkle and his Haw folks carried their point against the old squire, and were set off as an independent deestrickt. Always after grim face look grimmer when Abimelech Abers, the best Red Haw scholar, that the squire seemed to hate them. They laughed at him and twitted him missed 'phytochimy,' and Harriet spelled it without hesitation. 'Bimeabout havin' extra taxes to pay, so that lech got confused, and thought the last the squire really had some cause for letter was 'e' instead of 'y. feelin' hurt. But then, there was no

"The Red How people did look mor-tified, and the Four Mile folks were excuse for his bitter spite, and snappy ways towards ev'rybody. highly pleased, and showed it, too; for "The squire had a sister livin' in the all the best spellers were out on both Red Haw deestrickt, but unnatural and sides, and only Harriet Hepner and five sinful as it was, he had not spoken to or six others were left. Four of them her for years, and would not allow his folks to look at or speak to her or her missed 'micaceous,' and Harriet was just going to spell it, when Mis' Waite-

ly, in a scared, timid voice that could "The poor woman had, in the first just be heard, said: place, married against the squire's wishes. That angered him. Still he "'If you please, teacher. Sammy hasn't spelled yet.' poke to her when he met her, though

ohildren.

"Sammy stood down at the end of they did not visit back and forth any. "Mr. Waitely, the squire's brotherthe line and they had overlooked him. But the teacher replied:

"'O indeed! I thought he was down long ago.' "I thought he said it sneeringly, and

he gave Sammy the word in a tone that said plainly: 'You can't spell it, any-

> Wav "But what did Sammy do but spell it

Rural Education

There is no working man whose conreniences and facilities for self-educa tion are better than those of the farmer. By using the term education we do not have any reference to the curriculum of the schools. Acquaintance with the dead languages and with the literature of Greece and Rome are not worth as much on a farm as expertness in handling wheat, corn, hogs and horses. To know how to calculate an eclipse of the sun is an accomplishment, but are corned. The season for curing meats for it is not worth as much to a farmer as

family use is now at hand and a few know how to make good hay. It is not to the learning of the schools we suggestions on the subject may be welcome to readers who are inexperienced. Do not slaughter hogs in mild, damp refer, but to that more substantial and weather or during extremely cold weather. A dry, frosty day is best for this work. After the hogs are killed serviceable training which fits a man for successful agriculture. This includes some knowledge of soils and manures, of grains, animals and the and dressed have the carcasses where art of feeding, of climate, and its ef-fects on animal and vegetable life. they will cool through previous to being out up 'and packed. Remember that Then he needs to have knowledge of the animal heat must be dissipated or political affairs, of history, of economthe meat will spoil. In the endeavor to c questions which affect public intercool and dry carcasses, avoid exposing

them to an atmosphere so cold as to cause the outside to become frozen be-And all these things we say the farmer has better opportunities for learning than any other class of workingmen, fore the animal heat has all escaped. Freezing the outer surface of the dressed and among working men we include all workers, without regard to their meat surrounds the interior of the fiesh with a wall through which the animal articular avocation. Mechanics, merheat still remaining in and around the bones cannot escape, and the result will be souring and speedy decay at the hants, clerks, have little time for rest, because they work so many hours of the day, and when relief comes, tempcentre of the hams, shoulders and the tations lie on every side to lure them inlike, which outwardly appear in good to idle pleasures or dissipation. The condition. farmer works hard and long in the For pickled pork the usual plan

growing season, and in harvest time: among farmers who care meat for home but all along through the winter months use is to cut the middles crosswise into he has many spare hours after the sun has set. These he may improve as he pieces about five inches wide, taking out the backbone and ribs, which leaves will. The theatre, the dramshop, the the mest in convenient condition to cut bowling alley is not next door to him, in suitable pieces when required for use. within whose influence he goes every time he steps outside his door. The New barrels or tubs are preferable, but old ones may be employed repeatedly if clean and sweet. Avoid using, howpure air of heaven surrounds his dwelling; he lives in an atmosphere of health and sobriety, where children grow strong in good qualities of head and ever, old pork barrels for beef and the beef tub for packing pork. Salting with and without lime are heart, and where families are trained in both satisfactory methods when propall the virtues. When the shadows erly accomplished, but the preference

grow long and night comes, the noise, din and bustle of the town are not near to disturb the quiet of his home. His surrounding are all favorable for study and repose.

Under such encouraging conditions the farmer has a good time to study. If ally with coarse salt of good quality. Pack the pieces on their edges, forming he does not improve his opportunities, a ring around the inside of the barrel. he alone is to blame. We have often with the skin outward; fill the ring in wondered why so many young men in the same way until a complete layer is the country have come to believe they gained, then press or pound it down gained, then press or pound it down gently if necessary. Next apply a gen-erous layer of salt, follow this with a have no time to study. During five months of the year, even here in Kansas, two and a half to three hours may laver of meat placed according to direcbe had every day after sunset. Take tions given for the first one, and so on out two evenings of every week for busuntil the barrel is filled, taking iness or pleasure, and there still remain care that the last layer of meat i twelve to fifteen hours for study. In well covered with salt. If the weather these twelve to fifteen hours three hun- is cool the meat may stand several dred pages of an ordinary sized book days in this condition, but, as a rule, it may be read. In one hour a good lecture | is safer to at once add the brine, which may be heard; in two and a half hours should be made strong enough to float the programme of a good lyceum may an egg. Let the senm rise to the top be completed. In the five working and skim it off before applying the nights of one week, an earnest student brine. Cover the meat entirely, and if

SCHOOL AND CHUBCH.

The trade in fresh pork meats has greatly mercased within the past few -Church communicants in this coun-ry, the New York Independent reports. after careful inquiry, number 17,067,-568, of whom 6,832,954 are Catholics. years and this gives to farmers in the vicinity of basiness centers a ready market for all those parts of the anima -Just be ause the widow's mite was which are not salted or otherwise cured. so highly praised there are lots of people Tenderloins, ribs, chines and hocks are who pride themselves with never put-ting more than a penny into the con-tribution-box. -- Chicago Tribune. sold fresh, as a rule, although rubs and chines may be cured in the same manner as hams, and sometimes the bocks

Pork-Pack ng.

-A Manchester boy has played trunat uninterruptedly from October, 1882, until the present time. His parents thought he was attending school and his teacher believed him to be at work. -Boston Post.

The suit brought by Rev. Edward Jones against the Rev. Miss Anna Oliver in Brookly for \$800 he gave the church, now claiming that it was a loan, while she insists that it was a gift. has been decided in her favor. - Brook-lyn (N. Y.) Eagle.

A recent return of the Financial Board of Cambridge University puts the incomes of colleges at \$1,156,000. Trinity has the largest, over \$231,000; Magdalon the smallest, \$23,500. The colleges contribute \$26,000 to the common university fund-two and a quarter per cent., about.

-At Bacup, in England, recently, a girl aged seven died from inflammation the brain, brought on by overwork at school. The medical officer in reporting the case strongly condemned the practice of making young children do home lessons at night. He said it worried them and made them restless in their sleep. — Chucago Herald.

The Superintendent of the Akron (O.) schools, says: "Education is a difficult and delicate art; it requires an ntimate acquaintance with the nature of the human mind, and the best way of operating upon it; it requires a knowledge of how minds are influenced by moral motives, as well as how both moral and intellectual operations are acted upon by outside influences."

-It is reported that in the town of Noyou, where John Calvin, the great Genevese reformer, was born, the very is generally given to the latter, as the name of Protestantism has been almost brine or pickle insures immunity from forgotten, and that the name of Calvin insects during the pickeling process. When the pickle is ready for packing was unknown. M. Cadot, the Baptist pastor of Channy, has succeeded in sprinkle the bottom of the barrel liberopening a small room for the preaching of the Gospel in that place. M. Cadot says he found a hearty welcome, and that his meetings were attended by some of the leading families. The re-sult of his visit will be the founding of a new church.

-At a recent meeting of the Science Association of John Hopkins University Prof. Sylvester bade farewell to the association, saying that he should leave for Europe before its next meeting. He hoped that steps would be taken to make the valuable and interesting meetings of the association accessible to the general public, and to print reports of them in some scientific journal. He thought it desirable also that verbal and impromptu reports be more often made, in addition to the papers read, and "the well-known American bashfulness" thus overcome.



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eyes and see it as plain as the day. "It was placed on a little rise of ground, right at the edge of a big dreadful hard words. grove of hickernut and walnut trees. Old Squire Hepner gave the ground for it out of his wood-pastur lot, and in summer time the grass grew thick, and full of flowers down the slope in front them as if they were the dirt under his of the house, to the rail fence that shut feet; and that, too, after Mr. Waitely off the school ground from the road. died. We used to eat our lunches in the fence-

corners on spring days. "You can't think how thick the grass was, nor how bright and green the but a shabby roof over their heads and moss was we'd find on the old rails. three or four acres of scrabby land. teacher's table.

such a poor excuse for a house as you never could do any physical work. might think, either.

or at best, floors of rough boards.

"Some of the other deestrickts were became more and more intense as the that joined ours was one of the jealous last came the old Four-Mile schooldeestrickts, and the folks in it used to house was a sight to see. say that they didn't care if we did have such a fine house, they could spell our school down any time if we'd only give bright lamps in the sky. The sleighing "Squire Hepno

"Well, Squire Hepner had heard that snow-bank. the Red Haw deestrickt folks was "I remem makin' their boasts that they could was wet with cinnamon drops, and that out-spell ours, and it angered him. His he gave me a handful of peppermint and danghter, Harriet, was the best speller cloves. in our school, and they say her father "I re offered her the best cow on his place if went up and down hills and through she'd spell the Red Haw school down. long white lanes. singin' and laughin' "One Friday afternoon the old squire at the top of our voices. We made the came stampin' into the school-house old woods and the valleys ring. Yes, when our school was havin' a spellin'- and the sled upset, too, and we were all

match. He was the director of our thrown out in a ditch. deestrickt, and the boldest scholar "I remember how t deestrickt, and the boldest scholar would be mute and meek enough when he appeared. He had two little jet black eyes that seemed to see right through you. He could make almost any scholar wiggle in his seat by fast-enin' his eyes upon him. "The squire was the richest man in Four Mile, but he never serve and the appeared of the school hone. "When we got to the school hone."

the next six weeks.

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school-house where I got the little "But that didn't make the least differ-learnin' I have, so that I could shut my ence to Squire Hepner. He was furi-"But that didn't make the least differ- correctly, without the slightest hesitation ously angry with Waitely, and on town-

"Then the others who were standin' missed 'dromedary,' and that left Sammy and Harriet alone. I tell you, meetin' day he and Waitely had some you might have heard a pin drop then. Everybody was half-crazy with excitement

"Old Squire Hepner did not move a muscle. He had the money, five gold five-dollar pieces, in a fancy purse, and was to give them himself to the winner.

"The poor man got caught under "It seemed to me that that poor crippled boy got help from on high that fallin' tree and was killed, leavin' hi widow with four children, and nothin night. I never saw anything like it! At first he was so shy that his voice three or four acres of scrabby land. "She had a fearfully hard time almost trembled; but when he and his And all along the edge of the grove, and peepin' up so shy and sweet and modest-like, was the violets and daisies weet and daisies but the squire never never like of the squire never spoke to, stood up there alone, and his fierce old uncle children, but the squire never like there alone the there alone th and bluebells and yaller butter-cups for helped her. And there were times little fellow raised himself to his full us to place in our hair and pile on the when she and her children would have height, and from that moment never been on the county if it had not been flinched.

teacher's table. "Then in winter, we'd have such gay times coastin' down the slope, and skatin' on the pond jest acrost the road. Me and my little brothers and sisters walked two miles to go to that log school-house, and thought nothin' of it. "Don't Fremember well ev'ry one of those old logs! I think I do! It wasn't meth a noar avenue for a house as you

her said she got one of his hands in "It kept the poor woman hard at hers and held it, while the tears "Indeed, 'Four-Mile school-house,' as work night and day, tryin' to buy books streamed down her face.

"Indeed, 'Four-ante school-house, as it was called, was about the best one in Greenaway township; for it was of hewed logs, mind you, and had a pine floor and a plastered ceilin', and most of the school-houses were of rough logs, with the bark on, and had dirt floors, with the bark on, and had dirt floors,

"At last the teacher gave the word 'tyrannously.' Harriet spelled the first "Well, the spellin'-bee excitement syllable, then stopped and stammered, jealous of our school-house. The next time drew near; and when the night at looked imploringly at her father and then tremblingly went on and spelled it with one 'n.

"How did you spell it, Harriet? Did "The night was one of the clearest I

school down any time if we'd only give them a chance. But, of course, we knew they couldn't. We believed we could out-spell them, even if we did have the best school-house.

have the best school-house. "Old Squire Hepner, he always took a great interest in our school. He was a peculiar kind of a man; folks would call him 'cranky' in these days, I sup-pose. He was so gruff and sullen that you'd think he'd snap your head off. "Eddication' was the old squire's hobby. He had no learnin' himself, and used to tell us how he felt the need

"'Eddication' was the old squire's hobby. He had no learnin' himself, and used to tell us how he felt the need of it. He thought people could not the set of all awkward hows he was the and of a word he reserves the set of the reserves the set of

and used to tell us how he felt the need of it. He thought people could not be oducated, unless they could spell clean from b-a ba, to 'incommunicability' in the speller. To know how to spell was to him the foundation of all knowledge. That was one of his curious notions. "Well, Squire Henner had heard there. this has been a fair and square match,

and my nephew deserves the prize.' "I remember that his handkerchief "Without further words he took his hat and marched out of the house.

"Well, the Red Haw people actually carried Sam home on their shoulders, with Mis' Waitely close behind, cryin' "I remember, too, how we all of us as if her heart would break with joy and nervousness. But she had on a long, warm plaid shawl that I saw Mis Squire Hepner throw over her as she stepped out of the door.

"One of my sisters went home with "I remember how the edge of the the Hepners that night, and she said that Harriet cried all the way home, and was in mortal terror at the thought of meetin' her father. She stopped on the doorstep a long while, and when she did finally step into the room, tremblin' and fairly

moanin', her father, who was sittin' Four Mile, but he never gave any "When we got to the school-house with his head between

may learn a great deal that will be use- in open package weight it down to keep it from rising above the pickle. Supful to him.

There are so many ways in which rural ply enough salt so there will be some education may prosper that it seems not dissolved in the barrel when the strange our farmers are not generally | meat shall have been used up. better informed than they are. Our The brine extracts blood and other readers know that this paper advocates juices from the meat which rise to the education of the masses, and we have surface, and in bone meats it sometaught self education to the people. We times decomposes these and contamidon't believe in sending every boy to nates the contents of the cask. To college. Nine out of every ten would avoid annoyance in this direction, farmbe no better off for the training a uni-versity could give them. We believe in more liable to occur, are advised to oc-

schools and in students attending them, casionally draw off the brine, boil it and but these great educational endowments skim off the impurities. Then, after are not intended for all. All men can- the brine is quite cold, pour it over the not grow up in the school-room, and meat again. When barrels containing there is no good in such a thing if it pickled pork are headed up it is best were possible. What we urge is self- to lay them on their sides and turn education, whether you go to school or them over occasionally. not. We hold that any smart boy may Bacon, as it is commonly termed, is

climb to heights occupied by others that the same portion of the hog that is used have gone up before him. The living for pickled pork, though differently teacher is a great help, a sustaining powtreated. For the pork barrel there is er, but he is not absolutely necessary to no danger of too much salt, but as the the acquisition of knowledge. When one best bacon is that presenting alternate can read understandingly the world of knowledge is open to him the same as to any other person. The dead have left Dry salting is often resorted to in Dry salting is often resorted to in their thoughts to us. Achievement of making side bacon. In dry salting, mind in former years and ages are the property of all who read. The world's whether in barrels, boxes or piles, without the additton of water to form a mowledge is the common inheritance of brine, it is of the utmost importance man. No child is excluded from the that no chance be afforded for flies to feasts to be had from these exhaustless deposit eggs or maggots or to come in stores. Let the young man's ambition urge him on to achievements where othcontact with the meat. If flies have had access to the pork it cannot be used until at once put into brine. A simple

ers no better than he succeeded. Every boy and girl on the farm onght to cultivate a habit of reading and study, way in which to dry-salt any portion of the hog's carcass is to spread a layer of reading something useful, and by that half an inch or more of salt on a platwe mean instructive. There is more form floor or the bottom of a large box useful information in Dick's four volor cask, then a layer of meat, on this a umes than there is in Dickens' fifteen. liberal application of salt, and so on Let every leisure hour be made profitauntil all is packed and the top well ble in the crop of learning it yields. A covered with salt. reading habit once acquired never needs The smoked breakfast bacon, so farenewing. It has staying qualities of wonderful tenacity. Parents ought to encourage their children in habits of vorably known in the Eastern States, is a choice article made from thin brisket pieces and mildly cured.-N. Y. study. It is most profitable employ- World. ment. These long, cheerful evenings

may be made the most profitable of the year in everything that relates to our intellectual growth.

Farmers must educate themselves and their children largely by methods of their own, and within the influences of home life. The district school is a good assistant. Some day it may be better than it is now-we hope so; but it does not do much toward fitting a man or woman for the active duties of real life. What we all need in this matter is energy in the direction of learning. Every farmer's dwelling ought to be a schoolhouse where every member of the family is a constant student. Rural education would thus become so common and so easy that the schools would be shadowed in comparison.-Kansas Farmer.

Fashion Items.

Cherry red and ochre yellow are the eading colors in millinery just now. Ball or hoop earrings set with gems of various kinds are very fashionable. Belts and chatelaine bags, made of finely embossed leather, of entirely new designs, are again in high vogue. Long pelisses, made of finely checked

tweeds or cheviots, and trimmed with elergyman came to a sudden standstill five-inch bands of fur, will be worn upon the promenade this winter.

Silver clover leaves covered with tiny diamond chippings, made to resemble ... I beg your pardon," cried the

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-If conscience is what makes cowards of us ali, there ought to be a great many brave men these days .-Philadelphia Call.

-Counterfeit silver dollars are floatng about the city.-Hartford Times. Those that float are not good, of course. -Philadelphia Record.

-"The idea of my being jealous of Miss Smith!" exclaimed Mrs. Brown, indignantly; "the idea of my being ealous of her, when I think so much of ner!" "Yes; but what do you think?" asked Brown. - Boston Post.

-"Yes, sir," said Jinkins, "Smither s a man who keeps his word; but then he has to." "How is that?" asked Jones. "Because no one will take it." -Oil City Derrick.

-A lady was reproaching Mr. William Warren at a recent reception for going into society so little. "You ought to let us lionize you a little," she said. "I never heard of but one man," replied the veteran actor, "who was not spoiled by being lionized." "And who was he?" "Daniel."—Chicago Tribune. -A social calamity: Mr. Jones-"You seem to be in great distress, my friend." Tramp-"I, am sir, in distress-in great distress. I have just been married, and I am on my wedding tour, but from lack of funds

have been compelled to leave my wife behind." A spirit of chivalry prompted a donation. of course-N. Y. Mail. -A country clergyman who recently preached in an Austin church is an ad-

mirer of the writings of Charles Dickens, and quotes from his novels almost as often as he does from the Bible. He surprised his congregation by winding up a gorgeous peroration with: "It is thus you see, my brethren, as the Scriptures say, 'Barkis is willin,' but the flesh is weak."- Texas Siflings.

-A precocious Child, while Engaged at his thanksgiving Repast, remarked to his Indulgent Mother that he Believed he was not as Thankful as he Ought to be. "This shocking Condition of atlairs," added he, "may, however, be somewhat Remedied, by another Piece of Mince pie and a large Slice of Cheese."-Chicago News.

Evening Amusements.

Roll up a piece of paper so that it hall make a tube as large around as a two cent piece and as long as your hand; take this between your thumb and two ingers of your right hand; hold it to your right eye; place the other end between the thumb and first finger of your left hand, holding the back of the hand toward you; keep both eyes open, and look at some ob ject about three feet from you, and there will appear a hole right through your left hand. The effect is very curious. When you get the tube started around the room (for, of course, every one will want to try it), get your box of matches and place fifteen of them on the table, making this figure:

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A Preacher's Troubles, A man bearing a very large bunch of suspenders, the loose ends of which dangled about as he walked along, was going up Washington in the neighbor-hood of School Street. On the same thoroughfare, coming the other way. was a gentleman who was recognized to be one of our noted divines -a man who not only fills his pulpit ably on Sunday, but is well-known for his good

deeds and uprightness. As he meandered about among the passers, he talked earnestly to himself and emphasized his sentiments by an occasional gesture with his right hand. Whether he was in the midst of the sixthly of his next Sunday's sermon or was only laying down the law to the wicked politicians is not known; but it is known that when he got opposite the man with the suspenders, in the course of an elaborate gesture he thrust one of his fingers

through a buckle of one of the dangling suspenders, and nearly succeeded in getting away with the article. That suspeader, however, chanced to be fastened to a ring in the man's hand, and the result was both he and the

about the same moment. "O, no you don't-not this time," said the man with the suspenders.

money away, and that made it all the we found it packed so full that we the fire, got up and walked over to her surprisin' when, just before the could but just crowd in. Young and and actually kissed her, there before school let out that night, he got up and in his short, jerky, gruff way said: "You've spelt pretty well this aft-ernoon, scholars, and I'm glad of it; for, to my thinkin', spellin's the most important thing a body can l'arn. and bangle bracelets.

In fact, it stan's to reason that ship. his sister's. No one ever knew what you've got to be good spellers "'Lecta Plumb and I 'chose up.' I happened there, but it ended in Mis' 'fore you can be good readers, or real got first choice and took Harriet Hep- Waitely and all the children going home good in anythin'. It's all well enough ner. She was pale as death, and with the squire. to know how to figger correctly, and I looked nervous and frightened. 'Lecta "He declared

"He declared that it was an honor reckon grammar's well enough, tho' I took Abimelech Abers, the leadin' spelnever tuk much stock in it. Geog-raphy and algebray and history and all that is good enough in its place, but, 'cordin' to my notion, spellin' beats 'em "Then we chose everybody in the to know a boy that could spell like Sam. "Then we chose everybody in the rectly the longest word in it.

room who would spell at all. I think ... The squire was the strangest man "And now to 'ncourage you in bein' we had more than fifty on a side. We on the subject of spellin' that ever I good spellers, and to stop the braggin' stood in long rows on both sides of the heard of. Nothin' but Sam's knowin' of some deestrickts not fer from here, I'm goin' to make it an objeck fer you to studdy your spellers like sixty fer from a drippin' candle.

"We were about ready to commence than to have Sam and Harriet spell "'In six weeks from to-night we'll spellin', and ev'rybody had become than to have Sam and Harriet spellin' have a spellin'-match in this house; and quiet, when the people who sat near the stretch." J. L. Harbour, in Youth's door made way for some one who had Companion.

"Now, take your spellers home to-night and do something else with 'em with that the Squire 'made ene of his stift hows to the teacher and marking door Sem was then about fifteen years Rutland Hereld.

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drops of dew, are among the new designs clergyman, coming in.

and bangle bracelets. Lillian Russell poke bonnets are quite the rage. These have wide, protruding brims and little or no trimming at the back, but a vast quantity of soft, wavy back, but a vast quantity of soft, wavy feather tips falling over the edge of the dressed old reprobates as you that do brims. The ends of these feathers are all the mischief. But you can't soft held by long, slender buckles studded with glittering stones. This stylish head covering is adopted by those, who wear

the hair arranged a la Langtry. Ladies' cloth of darkest cardinal, made with the skirts laid in wide panels with kilts intersecting, the panels covered with Russian embroidery in colors of cardinal, green, and gold, compose one of the most stylish and elegant walking costumes of the season. The long apron overskirt is caught up with colored sllk cords, and the cardinal velvet shoulderstuck up in every rogue's gallery, I ain't a talking. But you struck a snag when you struck me, now, by thunder!' "But, my dear sir-" cape is lined with plaided surah in colors

matching the shades of the embroidery. Many plush capes are worn just now, and, with a good deal of wadding, they are nearly as warm as fur. The collars are high, and the half sleeves set in the fashionable way. In color they are expected to match the costume worn are expected to match the costume worn with them, or, otherwise, to correspond to that of the dress trimmings. A new shade of plush, very thick and heavy. exactly matching the color of natural beaver, is much used for pelerines and shoulder capes. These come with jockey caps and muffs to match

Then say to the company, "There you see five perfect squares, take away "O, of course, of course," said the three matches only, and leave three perfect squares." And now is a good man with the suspenders. "Everytime to study characters, some will see it at a glance, others look a little while. don't see it, and lose interest in it; others don't see it, and insist on being told the solution; others again don't see it for some time, but stick to it till they do find it out. If you want any work one give it to the latter; they are the "Seen me before!" gasped the minis-

kind you can depend upon. Of course you see which matches to remove, the ter, looking around upon the gaping two lower ones on the lower left hand crowd with apprehensive annovance. corner, and the center one on the top "Yes, sir. I've seen you before, and I row, leaving a figure like this, know you of old; and if your face ain't

"O, go 'long," said the man with having three perfect squares .- Cincinthe suspenders, sternly. "You ain't nati Enquirer.

going to give me any of your taffy, now, don't you forget it. You jest go right along and keep your mouth shut --and you fellers keep your eyes on your pocket-books while he's around. --S. R. Whiting, son of Congressman Whiting, of Massachusetts, has been fined fifty-seven dollars for an assault on Harry B. Osborne, a fellow-student If I weren't in such a hurry I'd run at Williston Seminary, Northampton Mass. Osborne was a new student and Whiting insisted on his treating all hands. When Osborne refused a fight passed, and Whiting broke Osborne's nose and otherwise damaged him.---Socion Globe. him in, dashed if I wouldn't!" And the man with the suspenders, giving the minister a last withering look. passed on, swelling with the triumful of a righteous victory-over wickedness -Boston Globs.

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