TOO LATE.

What silences we keep year after year, With those who are most near to us and dear; We live beside each other day by day, And speak of myriad things, but seldom say The full, sweet word that lies just in our

Beneath the commonplace of common speech. Then out of sight and out of reach they go— These close familiar friends, who loved us so; And, sitting in the shadow they have left, Alone, with loneliness, and sore bereft. We think with vain regret of some fond word, That once we might have said and they have

For weak and poor the love that we expressed.
Now seems beside the vast, sweet unexpressed,
And slight the deeds we did, to those undone,
And small the service spent, to treasure won,
And undeserved the praise, for word and deed
That should have overflowed the simple need.

This is the cruel cross of life, to be Full visioned only when the ministry Of death has been fulfilled, and in the place Of some dear presence is but empty space. What recollected services can then Give consolation for the might have been.

-Nora Perry, in N. Y. Independent.

A TUSSLE WITH A TREE.

In the endeavor to place the bird and marked individuality, whether in hammer. men, women or oaks.

I wanted to put the boxes on the oak solidly against its massive trunk. Whichever way I directed that ladder ally to its aid. it fell against small but stout branches

these crabbed, obstinate little branches. moving machine at the ladder's foot, was expending much force in these vain efforts. For it was an old and very heavy ladder - a house painter's ladder. I saw that I must cut these branches

developed and necessary in this undertaking seemed to carry me farther from eggs for my own use, which cackle and the aim first sought—that of nailing the boxes to the tree. I had commenced with the endeavor to place a ladder as if they too concurred and heartily against the trunk, found mind and body seconded her opinion of me. intercepted by those obstinate branches, had left the branches and now found myself at work with a pick and shovel ladder, and put myself in position for nailing on the boxes—a work of some on the ground. I thought to myself: difficulty, since I was obliged to make "I wonder how far I must travel away my body conform to the shape and refrom those boxes in this fashion in order quirements of the tree and the various to get them? Is this one of those affairs in life, seeming so easy of accomplishment, really so difficult, which looks as if it could be done in a day, and which may require years? At all another I could not strike a blow with the hammer through the interference of a hostile little limb. In of a sort of game, or rather combat, be. another I could not pull the unils from my vest pocket. I found myself for the

getting a level base—now toppling as I stood on it over on this side, now on that in a decripit, helpless sort of fashion. It was a striking example, in its seeming efforts to overturn me, of what a friend cells table table arms and legs free for other uses. I

Being on the top board of the step-lad-der my footing was shaky and uncertain. The gimlet would not come to me. I der my footing was shaky and uncertain. I sawed, worried by the thought of a went by the old and usual route to the possible broken neck or leg, and ex-perienced great wear and tear of mind and body in consequence. Branch No. oat one's salvation must, like eternity, 2 required a change of location for the be infinite, and if one's charity must be its base. So did branch No. 3. By ing at times what I was working for.

way and all seemed plain sailing. 1 and admiration. I took away the ladder raised the heavy ladder against the tree. It rested securely against the land lugged it afar to a distant corner. I resurveyed the boxes and discovered trunk. I mounted it with one of the that one of them was hanging by a boxes in my hands, got two-thirds of the shred of bark shaking with the breeze, way to the ladder's top, heard some-thing crack ominously and found that wood of the tree, thus proving again the left ladder upright had a diagonal the total depravity of inanimate things. split running throught it, was threaten- I would not succumb. All my pride ing every instant to part, and that my and stubbornness was now aroused. neck was in greater danger than ever. I had ceased to regard the placing of I descended rapidly, but carefully, from those boxes on the tree as of the first

boxes on the tree had retired farther in ladder, refastened the box, and then | whas in der sky-blue suits for fourteen | investigation, and the more the distance than ever. I said then to waited to see what new ugliness on the myself: "I wonder where this under- oak's part would come. But none taking will carry me ere it is finished?
What new thing shall I find necessary
to incorporate into this job? Perhaps

During the week several house-hunting birds have inspected these apartit may bring me to the repairing of my ments. They seem difficult to suit, and hen-coop. It may take me to the city to get some needed article. It may I thought who carry me to Europe. I may be obliged to consult with lawyers and jurists, all through some indirect operation or development growing out of this blue bird box business. It has already cost me two and a half hours' labor, and I expected to accomplish it in thirty minntes." But I am how prepared for war.

ing braces both within and without the broken upright. I placed it in position and mounted it, carrying a bird box with me. Arrived at the ladder's top I the Concord School of Philosophy will found I could not climb the tree to the spot where I desired to nail the box will make them read even by the young. with the box in my hands. So I went down the ladder again and placed the box on the ground. Then I went up the ladder so far as it reached, and henceforth took to climbing. More obstacles presented themselves. Branches got directly in the way. Twigs scratched my face and tried to put out my eyes. Bits of rotten branches and dry bark dislodged and fell into my eyes. There was more cutting away.

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THE JOURNAL. and remounted. It was necessary to take with me a hammer, a gimlet and some nails. I tied the hammer about my neck with a cerd and put the nails and gimlet in my vest pocket. Arrived at the place where I would nail the box, I found it necessary to use the hatchet. Common sense or a few seconds' thought might have taught me that as the hatchet would probably be needed again it should have been stuck by the blade in the tree. No. I had pitched it from the tree on the ground. So I it from the tree on the ground. So I "Your pard? How did you happen went down the ladder again for the to lose him?" asked some one.

hatchet. These continual ascents and descents began now to alarm me. They seemed endless, and at the present rate I could vaguely see more and more in the dim distance of futurity before the boxes were fastened.

I finished with the hatchet and was turning the current of my thoughts on the hammer when, that instrument being tied, so to speak, by the neck! suddenly as I leaped over a branch turned a somersault, slipped through the knot and fell straight to the ground. It fell wonderfully straight through the branches, and on reaching the ground lay there with a dull, sullen "come down-from-there-and-pick-me-up" ex-

I did not come down immediately. leaned over the branch and swore at I imagined it would take me about that hammer. But it did not rise. half an hour to put up some boxes for Then it occured to me how amusing all the accommodation of the blue birds this might be to any third party who amid the branches of the magnificent had nothing to do but look on and see oak which stands in the rear of my the performance. I said: "Why should house.

I not be the third party?" But I re-This oak is the pride of my estate. minded myself that the third party had It is erect, lofty, symmetrical, now in nothing to do but sit down and be its fullest vigor-a temple not built amused, whereas I had all these perwith hands-more marvelous in con- petual ascensions and descensions to got there he opened the door and let struction than any palace ever erected, make besides being amused. The conand, in my brother man's estimation, tract was too large. I could not be good chiefly for firewood or railroad thoroughly amused and do all the work besides. So I descended again with what patience I could summon. I houses on it I find that perversity dwells among its branches. Or perhaps its desire is not to be meddled with in any wringing a hammer's neck? Naught "Were you ever in way-a feature of strong character save the necessity of buying a new

The hammer was picked up as it de-I wanted to put the boxes on the oak about twenty feet from the ground. I der. In the midst of an apparently erected a ladder against the tree. The speedy dispatch of the labors a new tree refused to allow the ladder to rest trouble presented itself. The tree had changed its tactics and called a new

This ally was a hen—one of my hens. —stout as steel springs. These fought the ladder and warded it off against too near approach.

I tried to incirculate the ladder between the ladde I tried to insinuate the ladder between my breakfast and threatening destruction with her awkward legs and claws They resisted intelligently all such tacto my crockery. It is this particular tics. Where the ladder's end edged in hen that annoys me in this way more a little on one side, a cat's claw of a than all the rest. While they are off branch managed to catch it on the foraging in the field she hangs around other. Meantime I, myself, the human, that back door bent on thieving and

I cried out "Shoo!" from above sev-"shoo!" She paid me no respectful atoff. I could not reach them from the tention whatever. She knew well off. I could not reach them from the ground so to do. Nor could I saw them off by getting on the ladder as it leaned against them, since to do this might be to saw myself off in a sense. The axe failed to cut them off because I could not get in a position to deal an effective blow. I had recourse to a handsaw. I would saw from the top of my stepladder.

I tention whatever. She knew well enough she had plenty of time to clear out of the house before I could get down from the tree. I made her several threatening remarks. She cocked up one eye, winked at me in a contempt out manner, and calmly went on pecking. I threw several twigs in the house to no purpose. I descended the ladder and wrathfully drove her out. She Posting the step-ladder at the foot of the tree proved another difficult operation, for the ground was uneven, and it was necessary to level off a place to give the base a secure hold.

Was necessary to level off a place to give the base a secure hold. At this time it occurred to me that I cry, as if she deemed it an outrageous was a long way off from placing those blue bird boxes. Every move thus developed and necessary in this underoutcry was re-echoed by the head roosters of her community in the field,

So rebuked I climbed once more the divergences and contour of its trunk tween myself and this tree, and I'm going to drop all hurry and anxiety to place the poxes and see which of us, myself or the tree, are to be masters of the situation."

In yest pocket. I found myself for the work immediately in hand constantly lacking in the requisite number of legs and arms. It seemed to me I could have kept then and there employed six the situation." or eight more of these members. I The step-ladder sided with the tree, realized then the great advantages for and was unreasonably particular in such kind of work possessed by certain what a friend calls "the total depravity of inanimate things." was so reflecting when I heard a tiny, modest drop to earth. It was the gimlet At last I mounted this ladder and for which I had immediate use. It had commenced operations with the saw on branch No. 1. The branch being green and full of sap, the saw stuck and hung in an obstinate manner.

fallen from a vest pocket. A few nails gently pattered after it. Then there was wrath. But to what purpose? Gimlets on the earth respond and rise

step-ladder and another secure level for its base. So did branch No. 3. By the time the three branches were off I I nailed the boxes in position. All found myself forgeting the original in- now seemed to work smoothly. I tent of all this work, and even wonder- finished the work and went down the The branches were at last out of my

I surveyed those four boxes with pride

ntes." But I am now prepared for war.
I will devote the whole day to this unmustard plasters on people's skins remustard plasters on people's skins remustard plasters. dertaking—perchance two whole days.

I repaired the ladder carefully, nailnot.—Prentice Mulford, in N. Y.

eyes. There was more cutting away to be done. I descended the ladder for my hatchet, got it, and trimmed a road up the tree. All as I supposed being the tree. All as I supposed being cigarettes were sold in 1863 than in 1862.—N. Y. Times. -A wholesale tobacco dealer in New such originality."

Fork City claims that cigarette smoking "Bill," said the manager, "make out

A Philosopher in Rags.

"Say, boys, did yer see my pard about here?" The speaker was sitting on a here?" The speaker was sitting on a stone wall by the roadside in Dorchester about dark last night. The speaker was of medium height and rather slim. He wore a skull cap and an ill-fitting coat. His shirt had probably been white once. His trousers had seen better days. On one foot was a congress shoe and on the other a large boot. His face needed to be shaved. He was a tramp.

"Well, yer see, we were sittin' on a fence up the road there and a cop came along and told us to git. Pard, he skipped, and I told him I would meet him down the road here. I wasn't afraid of the cop; I sat there and had a

chin with him. I guess pard will turn up. Have yer got any terbaccer?" Some tobacco was produced. "Yer see, boys," continued the man, "I arrived in town this morning: just came from Putnam, Conn. Came up on the New York & New England. Did ver know it? That's a good road to travel on. I met three of the old boys

on the train.' "Did you have to pay any fare?" "Well, I guess not; I came up on the freight. The brakeman on that train is a smart chap; he played a good trick on me. Yer see, I was on the roof of one of the box cars, and thinking that it would not do for him to see me, I crawled down into the ear as he came along. He saw me, and what did he do but lock the door, and of course that locked me up in the car. Bimeby he came along and asked me what station I wanted to get off at, and I told him Hyde Park, and when we me out."

"Yes; what are the best roads to ride on deadhead?" "The Boston and Albany is n. g.; so is the Providence. The Fitchburg is the bully road, and the Old Colony

"Were you ever in Boston before?" "Yes, plenty of times. Boston is the darling place to live in, if a feller has plenty of money. If I ever strike a for-tune I am coming to Boston to live." "Are you married?"

"Yes; I left my wife in New York. She was a tough un." "How did you happen to leave her?"

"She had three bad habits-eating, smoking and drinking—and it cost too much to support her; just the same with all women.'

"Do you ever do any work?" "Very seldom; the doctor says that work will injure my health. I had a job offered me about a month ago. A man down in Hartford said he would give me \$150 a month to run an eating house for him. You know I am just taking a vacation, and I didn't want to break it for any such position as that. Work and I had a falling out. I ain't lazy, but I guess I was born tired and never got over it."

"Do you find any trouble in getting enough to eat?" "Yes. I generally keep something ahead, though." Here the tramp unbuttoned his Prince Albert and displayed an inside pocket filled with food and cigar stubs. He began to analyze the stuff. "That piece of cake I bummed from a little kid up the street; those apples were given to me by the old man that keeps the bakehouse out near Hyde Park; that piece of bread I got from a philanthropic old lady who lives in the large, old-fashioned house up at a place called Mount Bowdoin. She asked me if I didn't want a job sawing wood out in her barn. I told her that I was in a hurry to get to Lowell to see my wife, who was dying of consumption. This touched the old lady's heart, and she gave me ten cents. I guess I have got enough for a couple of days."

"What do you find the hardest stuff to get hold of?" Tobacco and money. I can get along without money, but without the tobacco I am gone. The other day a man offered me a glass of whisky, but I told him I would rather have a chew. He didn't have a plug, but he gave me a dime and I bought one."

"Do you find any trouble in getting enough to drink?" "Canada is the place to get the pure old whisky and plenty of it; but over in Detroit the darned rascals make three barrels out of one of the Canada barrels. They adulterate it; but that is business. and they make money out of it.

"I started to go into that house there, but I saw a dog laying out on the back piazza, and I thought I had better skip. ain't afraid of dogs, but this one was ugly looking."

Where are you going to sleep to-"I have been down to the police station, but I don't like the looks of the ranche, and there's too many cops laying around. I guess I will go out to the Milton station house; they furnish a good feed out there; down here they don't. Milton's the daisy place for grub; there's none of yer brass-buttoned

peelers around there. "Where are you going to strike for when you leave this place?" was thinkin' of goin' over to Europe, but its hard to beat a passage on a steamer, and if they happen to ketch you they will make yer work yer passage. So I have kinder given up the idea. I guess I will go West. Well, boys, must skip; here comes a cop. If you see a chap that looks like me, and answers to the name of Jim, send him along. Good day."-Boston Globe.

On the Next Block.

After walking up and down several times past a Gratiot Avenue clothing dealer's yesterday, a stranger halted and said to the man at the door : "Do you remember me, sir?"

"Not shust oxactly, my frendt. Who "I'm the man who paid you twentyeight dollars for a suit of bottle-green clothes last October, and inside of a

week the moths ate 'em up!" "You doan' say so!"

dollars. If dot man on der next block keeps his in der pottle-green suits for twenty-eight dollars dot shas all right.

Richly Deserved It.

A man, with a decided expression of intelligence, went to a pension bureau the other day and said to the manager: "I think that I am entitled to a pen-

"Were you wounded?" "No, sir; was never in the army "Have you been disabled in any wa7 while serving the country ?"

"Then why should you receive a pen-

that the government should reward pension papers for this gentleman."-

-Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, defines that parental fondness which "love that has lost its wits."

below that minimum.

-The Connecticut Legislature has come under it .- Chicago Herald.

decide on its validity .- N. Y. Herald.

Buffalo Express.

represented by 1,000, then that of modtime. This quickening of the action of the heart is considered a dangerous symptom. - Chicago Tribune.

Durham."

duly honored .- N. Y. Mail.

the Hindoos of a certain class is to reatory to her being betrothed in marriage, to undergo the amputation of the first joints of the third and fourth fingers of her right hand. The amputation is performed by the blacksmith of the village, who, having placed the finger in a block, performs the opera-tion with a chisel. If the girl to be betrothed be motherless and the mother of the boy have not before been subjected to the operation it is incumbent on her to suffer the operation.

California several years ago, got dead broke, and was on the point of starving to death. He then joined the Pintes at the Pyramid reservation. He remained there until he had fully mastered the language and habits of his dusky friends, and then painting himself and assuming the garb of the red men went to Walker Lake, where, in coasideration of his able advice in the councils of the tribe, he was elected a chief and allowed three wives. He says that, although he sometimes longed for news from the Bay State, he was perfectly content to remain where he was, as he found the roaming, independent life of the Piutes just the thing for a man tired of the busy scenes of civilization. —
Boston Herald.

Faith in Popular Gullibility.

to be concealed for a certain time, and he actually made several thousands of doing an extensive business in adverbe sent on the receipt of postage stamps. Cases of this kind have occurred before, turn for the stamps. This genius, however, had made no provision whatever in that way. He simply appropriated the stamps, and refrained from answera swindle would seem certain to come have kept it up and made considerable profits by it for several months. He also pers, never paying them, but giving them references to aliases of his own, the ladder. Another instance of the total depravity of inanimate things.

There was nothing to do but repair the ladder. The placing of the bird boxes on the tree had retired forther in the ladder and the ladder and the ladder are festered to the ladder are fester

The number of swindlers who have waxed fat on similar but more care-No two men do peesness alike. Only, fully devised schemes is no doubt very if you go up dere I vhish you to tell him for me pefore you punch his head dot if he keeps his moths in der pottlegreen suits he vhill soon haf to shut up shop. Der shade makes eafery insect color-blind in ten days."—Detroit Fres offers of the kind, remembering the "good interest means bad security," ments in human nature. They select own knavery shuts their mouths when they find out the swindle. Probably no professional sharpers would enter upon so very bold a game as the young man essful, and that it should have been arried on for so long a time without

MISCELLANEOUS.

ruins so many children nowadays as -The constitution of Alabama for-

bids the formation of any new county of less area than six hundred square miles, or the formation of a new county of that size if it reduces any old county

settled it. A bill was introduced a short time ago to tax geese and bachelors, and was opposed by a Mr. Harrison, who said that there already was a bill taxing geese, and a man who had lived a bachelor to the age of thirty would

-Governor Cleveland, of New York, has signed the bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. This has created a breeze among the manufacturers of that article, who have large amounts of capital invested in the business, and who are loudly denouncing the measure as unconstitutional and unjust. They declare that they will defy the law and let the courts

-It is said that the scene of the recent Vedder-Pearson tragedy at Luna Island, Niagara Falls, is the precise spot, where, in 1850, a young man named Addidgton playfully threatened to throw the little sister of his bethrothed (who, with her mother, completed the party visiting the spot) into the rapids. The child shricked and sprang from his arms into the swift running water. He instantly jumped in to save her and both were lost.-

-From experiments made upon the pulse and temperature as affected by smoking, it has been found that the rate of both is increased. Let the average temperature of non-smokers be erate smokers would be 1,008, and while the heart of the former class was making 1,000 beats, in the latter there would be 1,180 in the same space of

-A Chicago museum exhibits a double-headed cow, described as follows: "This cow has two well-formed heads of e mal size and is well armed with four brass-tipped horns, The main head possesses all the features of a bright and intelligent member of the bovine family, but the other other lacks the expressive eyes. However, the animal sees, hears, and breathes with both heads, eats with one and drinks with the other. The bedy is perfect and hand ome, the cow being a full-blood -"Thar; I want you to collect that

and put it to my credit," said old Farmer Applegate to the cashier of the First National Bank of Manasquan, N. J., a few days ago. The cashier exam ined the faded-looking piece of paper handed to him, and found it to be a check for \$270, drawn by a New York merchant in 1872 in favor of the farmer. It appeared that the check had been given in payment for a load of cranber-ries, and had been hidden during the past twelve years in the farmer's feather bed. It was sent to the merchant and

-One of the bloody customs among quire every woman, previous to piercing he ears of her eldest daughter prepar-

-A Massachusetts Yankee went to

Faith in the exhaustible credulity of the masses has been the foundation of many a chariatan's fortune. At the time of the South Sea Bubble, when new projects of the most wild and preposterous character found promoters with ease, an astute and audacious adventurer advertised for subscriptions to an enterprise the nature of which was pounds out of it, the people paying for shares with blind eagerness. With this adventurer deserves to be ranked the ingenious but unprincipled American citizen who has just been arrested for tising all manner of enticing things to but then the impostors usually sent something, however fraudulent, in reing the letters; and though so reckless o grief in a short time, he appears to advertised largely through the newspa-

Duke of Wellington's maxim that yet there are always plenty ready to spring at any bait, if it is only gaudy and glittering enough. The so-called "sawdust" sharpers who pretend to sell counterfeit money, and send the victim a box of sawdust, act upon a shrewd knowledge of the baser elefor their dupes persons who are willing to be knaves themselves, and whose of the postage stamps played, for as hey mean to make their living by their rits they dare not thus openly adverse their dishonesty. But the fact that ich a trick should have been so such Setection shows that the crop of gulls nontinues to be as large as ever, and hat whatever else fails there is no prospect of "shortage" in that line of production. -N. Y. Tribune.

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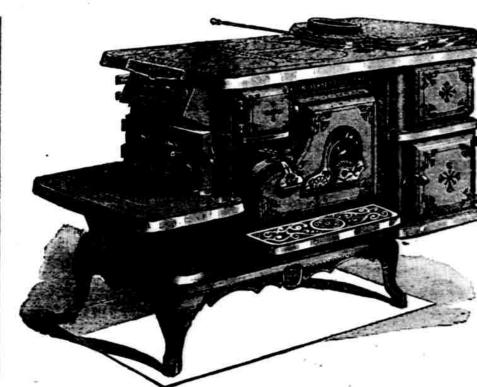
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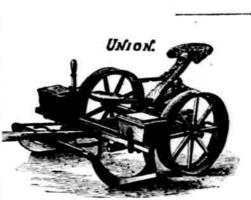
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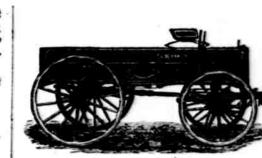
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