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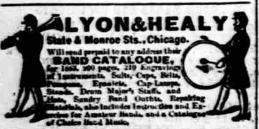
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"Ies, he did, replied Captain Ciancey.

"And did he provide you a mattress in the car?"

"He did," was answered.

"And did you, being unable to speak,

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make signs for a pencil, and did the A Baby Asleepon its Mother's Breast. train move just as he was handing the pencil to you, causing him to jump from

the car?

was that boy!"

Captain Clancey was on his feet.

"How came I to know? Why, sir,

For a moment—a brief moment-

father's face had indicated.

look into her face, said:

"Miss Clancey, I beg to recall a speed

There are many fair things that adorn this In the great fields of nature, of science and

And each day newer beauties spring up to delight us.
Which charm the senses and gladden the heart; But the sweetest sight this earth affords, Mid its craseless changes and great unrest, is to see, with its rosy face, dimpled and soft, A baby asleep on its mother's breast.

The fired mother, weary from toil of the day, With plenty of care for the coming to-mor-The child by her side with its innocent mind, Unconscious of later life's joy or its sorrow. Calmiy asleep in its mother's embrace, Like a little bird shelicred and safe in its

Oh! surely there's nothing on earth so sweet.

As a baby asleep on it's mother's breest.

Often I've thought do they wander gether Away in the mystical region of sleep; For I've seen baby smile as if playing with

quest,
And feit in my soul there's no lovelier sight
Than a baby asleep on its mother's breast.

—James Wallace.

THE COURIER'S BRIDE. n Event Born of the American Was

erals Sherman and Johnston were confronting each other at Atlanta. The sun's intense heat was intensified by the sulphurous breath of musketry

At ten o'clock, General Hardee, a Confederate corps commander with a mounted escort, was on an elevation, observing the position of the enemy. One of the escort was a youth of sixteen,

an ambulance containing wounded con-

courier, observing that there was room

for another, asked that the wounded

captain be placed therein, offering to

see him delivered to the train guard in

ed. Following the ambulance on his

horse, he paused at General Johnston's

headquarters to deliver a dispatch, and

then, when the Confederate wounded

had been removed from the wagon, ac-

companied it to the train, which was

about starting for Andersonville. After

giving the prisoner his own canteen

freshly filled with water, he purchased

from a store near by a narrow straw

the train guard for the wounded cap-

tain to lie upon it. The latter's face be-

ing so swollen that he could not speak,

he motioned with his hand for a peneil-

perhaps for writing thanks to his bene-

factor. Before the pencil was produced.

the train moved, and the young Confed-

erate sprang from the car. The prison-

ers proceeded toward Andersonville

while the courier returned to his com-

mand. That afternoon the Confeder-

ates made a charge in which the courier

was painfully wounded, and that night,

while the Union captain was placed

within the prison stockade, the young

Confederate was lying in an hospital.

other, but it is not likely either antici-

In July, 1874, at a popular resort on

a western lakeside, society commented

upon the marked attentions paid to

Miss Emma Clancey by Henry Ross, &

gentleman from a city in Alabama,

whose winning address had made him

a aniversal favorite. The young lady

was easily accorded the position of

reigning belle at the resort, and, her

father owning a residence, she was en-

abled to hospitably receive her friends.

There were a number of gallants whose

frequent calls indicated admiration for

the fair entertainer; but it was apparent

that mone a re-received with such favor

On the evening of the 22d., Captain

Clancey's parlors were filled with visi

tors, and, as these included married

friends, he and Mrs. Clancey were with

tacir guests. There had been an hour

of masic and dancing, when some one

easaally remarking upon the pleasant-

ness of the occasion. Miss Clancev re-

sponded: "Yes, this is always an anni-

versary occasion, July 22, in our home.

It celebrates the scar just above the

beard on father's face, and it reminds

me of one with whom I am in love, and

She had spoken with an air of such

cleasantry as to call for cheery exclama-

tions, especially from the young gentle

ideal," she said, answering an inquiry

of Mr. Ross, "for I do not know it, and

I have never seen him. Yet I love him,

and what would I not give to meet him!

I remember, though I was but three

years old, my father's return home from

the army, and of his telling how, on

July 22, he had been wounded, and

how a young Confederate soldier, a mere

boy, he said, had procured for him sur-

ness which probably saved his life.

When he had spoken I believe I pro-

voked laughter by throwing my arms about his neck, and telling him that I

loved that young Confederate, and that

when grown to be a woman I intended

Some one remarked this a romantie

story, and asked that she tell more of it.

"No," said she, "but father shall, for it

Others supplemented the daughter's

request, and, responding to it, Captain

Clancey, in a narrative way, grown

easy from frequent recitals, recounted the events already noted in the first

chapter. He had told of his wounds

being dressed where the prisoners were halted, of the courier having had him

placed in the ambulance, and of his

reaching the Andersonville train, when

Miss Clancey, who chanced to glance at

Harry Ross, observed an agitation of

manner quite foreign to his native com-

"When he assisted me into the car,

Captain Clancey was continuing, when

"Hold a moment, please," he said,

"Yes, he did," replied Captain Clan-

and permit a question or two from me.

Did the courier you speak of hand you

Harry Ross interrupted:

is his pet theme each July 22."

being his wife."

"I cannot give the name of my beau

men, surrounding her at the piano.

as the cour: Harry Ross.

who is to be my husband.

paced ever meeting the other again.

mattress, and obtained permission from

the fulfillment of its proposition. Will you be the wife of the ex-Confederate courier?" While the general was noting the re-Those who were present tell of another spell of silence falling upon the ports of a civil engineer, a squad of Union prisoners were marched up and parlors, of a blushing face and downhalted. One of the number, a captain, cast eyes, and a response, in a voice so soft and tremulous, however, as to be sank upon the ground exhausted from loss of blood, a ball having entered his inaudible to any other than the one left face and, ranging upward, passed nearest her. But it must have been conout through the right, shattering the senting, for the newspaper report of archeek bone. The young courier, obrivals at the same resort in July, 1885, serving the wounded man, asked that a Buckeye Mower, combined, Self surgeon be directed to attend him. An Harry Ross, on a visit to the latter's anodyne was administered and the rather, Captain Clancey .- Cosmopolitan. wound dressed, when the prisoners were ordered to resume their march. The Union captain endeavored to obey, but

A Way to Quench Thirst.

staggered in the effort. At that moment The agony of thirst at sea-when mid-ocean calms or disasters that leave federate officers drew up. The young sailors afloat but shipless, have deprived a crew of their supply of fresh water-is aggravated fearfully by the the city, whither he had just been order-"Ancient Mariner" exactly expresses the situation:

"Water, water everywhere. And not a drop to drink." Nearly a hundred years ago, Dr. Lind suggested to Capt. Kennedy that thirst might be quenched at sea by dipping the clothing into salt water, and putting it on without wringing. Subsequently the captain, on being cast away, had an opportunity of making the experiment. With great difficulty he succeeded in persuading part of the men to follow his example, and they all survived; while the four who refused. and drank salt water, became delirious

In addition to putting on the clothes while wet, night and morning, they may be wetted while on, two or three times during the day. Captain Kennewent off, and the parched tongue was cured in a few minutes.'

After bathing and washing the their sad berevaement .- St. Edward clothes, we found ourselves as much re- Star. freshed as though we had received some Possibly each gave some thought to the actual nourishment.

> Growing Vines For Window Cultivation.

Growing vines are the loveliest of al plants for in-door cultivation, and reclinging, tender ways, and soft shadows. Pictures, plaques - in fact everthing decorating the wall-are enhanced by the caress of a string of foliage. There are certain varieties of free-growing trailers that thrive excellently if their roots are placed in water. A largecoal in the bottle to keep the water pure; as the water evaporates add more, but never renew it all at once, as the

perhaps wounded. Where there is not | Picayune. room for pots this is an exceedingly convenient and cleanly way to grow vines. The brackets and pockets of pottery which appear in such great variety in china shops may be filled with watervines with fine effect. English ivy will grow in water, but so slowly that it is better to keep it in earth, where it will climb in-doors and grow luxuriantly. Periwinkle is another slow grower water. Tradescantia or spider-wort is the fastest runner of all the water-vines. The T. repens vittata, T. aquatica, T. zebring, and T. multicolor are the best water-filled. Sweet potato vines are ornamental and require but little attention .- Fannie S. Benson, in Good

We Pause to Hesitate.

When it becomes necessary to call a larger man a liar. any dogs concealed under the house. When an undertaker asks us to patronize him as liberally as possible. When the clergyman hints that he

with us. When a bore enters our office, puts his feet on the table, and expects us to spare his life. just settle that little matter now and be

done with it. When we are asked to join a temper ance society by a man whose breath smells like free lunch and a brewery. When we are expected to eat the same old hash three times a day and lay

aside the nails and things we find in it. When our beloved wife requests us to get up and light the fire about three ours before daylight on a cold morn-When the dentist attempts to beguile

us into his parlors where the painless system is in vogue. It is universally conceded that nothing hurts so much as painless dentistry.

"God help the stranger that is taken sick there," writes an officer of the United States steamship Galena, speak-ing of Aspinwall. "It is not uncommon for people to lie down in the street and die in broad daylight, and when dying receive no offer of assistance, even in answer to an appeal for a drink rade of methyl. The operation is of water. The people appear to be said to be applicable also to facial heartless, as if their familiarity with neuralgia. death had made them callons."

HAVE A GARDEN.

An Enjoyment Which No Farmer Should Dony Himself.

Farmers of all classes should enjoy "Yes! yes!" he exclaimed; "but how came you to know of all this?" the luxuries of a garden, yet the majority of them do not grow enough fruit and vegetables for a table supply, there was utter stillness in the parlors. and in some sections they buy them But when, stepping quickly forward, from the cities. They can not buy as Captain Clancey grasped Harry Ross by the hand, his face indicating uncertainwell as they can produce. There is Surplus and Profits. quite a difference between fresh vegty whether to break into a laugh, a cry, or a caress, there was an outbreak of etables from the garden and those handclappings and cheering more sughandled, bruised and shipped to disgestive of a theatre than a drawingtances. The farmer who is satisfied room. Mrs. Clancey advanced, and to sit down to his table with pork without a word of apology, threw her arms about Harry's neck and kissed and beans as an every day diet simply him, while Emma, who had taken his denies himself the enjoyments which other hand in both her own, appeared his calling allows him. As the busy to be in that state of uncertainty her season of spring sets in, the farmers For several minutes there was a buzz are usually too engrossed to give of congratulations, as the guests pressed their attention to so small a matter as about the ex-Union captain and the ex-Confederate courier. But there was angarden, but we can assure them other sensation in store for the delightthat, insignificant as a garden may ed party. When Captain Clancey and seem, it contains more that adds to Harry Ross had managed to move a litthe enjoyment of life on the farm tle apart, the latter turned to Emma, than anything else produced upon it. and, with a half-earnest, half-mirthful The gardenless farmer knows nothing of delicacies. He satisfies himof yours made a few minutes since. You self with very little, and compels his stated that, when three years old, you heard this story from your father, you family to do the same, yet is surhad thrown your arms about his neck, prised when his children seek occusaying that you loved the Confederate pation in the city where they find conrier, and that when you were a wommore enjoyment and live upon a an you would be his wife, and expressed a desire to meet him now. You have variety of food. The farmer has an met him. Now, in the presence of these advantage over his city brother for other auditors of your speech, I claim enjoying luxuries. The strawberry, raspberry and all the varieties of fruits may be placed upon his table daily if he will have them, but he overlooks those things that are within his province, and allows others to enjoy what he should have in abundance. Farmers, do not overlook the garden. Devote a space to the garden even if some other crop must be escrificed .- Farm, Field and Stockman.

A Sad Accident.

On Wednesday afternoon last, two young sons of Quin Bulla, living about five miles south of town, wen: hunting. They made a cover out of corn stalks and waited until a flock sight of the very element they long for but cannot enjoy. As Coleridge in his of geese came along when the elder, of the two, about fifteen years of age, drew his gun and fired. Just as he fired the younger, aged about thirteen years, raised his head and looked out to see where the geese were and received the load of his brother's gun in the right side of his head. The shot penetrated the skull, carrying away part of the bone, leaving a hole through which part of the brains oozed out. Dr. Flory was immediately summ oned but could do nothing for the unfortunate boy and he died about three o'clock Thursday morning. His remains will be interred in Correspondence solicited. Address, the cemetery east of town to-day dy goes on to say, "After these opera- (Friday). The parents and relatives tions we found that the violent drought of the unfortunate boy have the sympathy of this entire neighborhood in

Right Kind of Religion.

Many years ago, on visiting Yarmouth Port, his native place, my father met an old friend, who said to him: "Mr. H., I've got religion since quire the least care. There is an inde- I saw you." "I'm glad you have." scribable charm in the vine, with its said my father; "but have you got a shed at the meeting-house to put your horses in on Sundays?" "No! I have not." Well! I think you had better try again. I think you have not got the right kind of religion." necked bottle or hyacinth glass is useful This was long before the day of sofor this purpose. Put a piece of char- cieties for prevention of cruelty to animals; but I have no doubt it had a good effect, for the story was told roots in the glass will so be chilled, or "along the street."-New Orleans

I told the Senator that this re minded me of an "old chestnut" that was told of Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, and Frank Price. when the latter was senator from New Hampshire. He was noted for his politeness and courtesy as wel: as for his genial ways. They were out to a dinner party and dined weland wined liberally. On their way for in-door cultivation. Umbrella ferns | bome Cushing fell and couldn't get (aspedistra cyperus) thrive well in vases up. He said: "Frank, help me up." Frank replied : "Caleb I can't; but I will lay down with you," and they did rest on the besom of the earth until a friendly hackman rescued them. -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PRESIDENT ADAMS of the U. P. When the assessor asks if there are | complained in the annual meeting of stockholders of the harsh treatment the U. P. company received from our government. He said: "that the would not be averse to eating dinner present policy of the government was disgraceful, disreputable and embarrassing." This is about the style in which every criminal uses to vent When the butcher asks us if we won't | his spite against the officers of just ice, when they catch him by the collar, and propose to punish him for bis crime.-G. I. Independent.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to try and induce the U. P. to run a passenger train on our branch. According to the railway report the road of the same length up to Albion is receiving more money from carrying passengers than any other road in the state. and its patrons very naturally object to riding with the freight any longer. -Albion Argus,

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It is well known that the fauna of America, especially that of the higher animals, presents a large number of

mice are not at all abundant, so that at times naturalists can secure specimens of many species only with difficulty. The most inconceivable increase and abundance during certain years, to such an extent that they become a national calamity, is thus the more remarkable. In the colony of Lourence one of these remarkable visitations has thus been described: In the months of May and June, 1876, they suddenly appeared in enormous numbers. They invaded the maize fields in such great numbers that the corn seemed literally alive with them, destroying in a few days every thing that was edible; and where but a short time before bushels of grain might have been harvested not an ear remained, and the noise produced by their nibbing and climbing was audible for a considerable distance. After the corn-fields were devastated the potatoes next received their attention. Only the largest were eaten in the ground; such as were transportable were carried away and hidden in hollow trees, or other retreats, for future use. Gourds and pumpkins, even the hardest, were

In the house the struggle for existence of these long-tailed invaders was truly amazing. In many of the dwellings hundreds were killed in a single day. The cats could contribute but little aid fighting such a plague, for not only were many of the rats so large that it would have been an unequal contest, but by their great number they drove the cats actually from the houses, not to return until the plague was passed. Nothing except what was composed of iron, stone or glass was from their destri furniture, clothes, hats, books-every thing bore the traces of their teeth. They gnawed the hoofs of cows and herses in the stable, literally ate up fatted hogs, and often bit away the hair of persons during sleep. They penetrated all apartments and gnawed their way through boards and walls of houses. Ditches that were dug about granaries did not suffice; the mice would climb over each other in some corner or-other, and thus reach the

eaten out.

The foregoing account of one occurrence in Lourence will suffice to show to what an extent the plague reaches The same province had suffered simiilarly in 1813 and 1863, and in all probability will again in 1889. Our astonishment at the strange appearance and disappearance of such swarms of animal life is greatly increased when we perceive in what a close relation of cause and effect it stands with the presence or absence of food supply; and probably nowhere among the vertebrate animals is the relation more apparent Japanese Ware, Small Bronzes or Silver

than here. This food supply is derived from the seeds of a large bamboo grass (Taquary or Cresciuma) growing throughout Brazil. This grass grows in dense thickets to the height of thirty or forty feet, and bears a very large quantity of seed. Its natural history is remarkable. At regular intervals, varying in the different species from six to thirty years, it matures and blooms and then lisappears. Yet more remarkable is the uniformity with which it attains thing Japanese is liked, for it is a conmaturity throughout an entire province, f not the whole southern part of Bra-

Similar plagues, though far less in xtent, have occurred in Europe, in which the field-mice unaccountably appeared in greatly increased numbers. One may well think what would be the result were these little, almost insignificant creatures everywhere in such wise to take the ascendency. When one considers that on an average of every one or two months from five to eight young are born, and that these young become mature in a few months themselves, he will not be surprised to know that a single pair of common field-mice, in the course of a single summer, would increase to twentythree thousand individuals. Could all the conditions which now keep them in check be removed, every living thing upon the earth would be consumed in

HELPING THE POOR. How a Young New York Girl Withou

Money Was Able to Do This.

two children, not much more than ba-

bies, were fretting; the poor, mother

come to help you with the baby.'

miles to do it. - Boston Journal.

A young girl was lamenting that she could be of no use to the poor because she had no money. A philanthropic gentlewoman present said: "You are a fine reader, why do you not read aloud to the poor of whom you happen to know?" "Oh, they do not want any one to read to them." "Try it and see," was the answer. "I have several families in mind who would be Blankets, Curry Combs, Brushes, trunks, delighted to hear reading while they attend to their darning and patching. trimmings, &c., at the lowest possible There are mothers, also, who would be very thankful to have some one to take up the baby when they are hard at work. Indeed, there are many ways work. Indeed, there are many ways of helping the poor other than with would be fewer antiquities in the world.

—A country boy applied to an editor for a position. "Have you ever done money." The young girl, full of the abode of a poor woman who had a young baby. . Returning after two hours she was radiant and told the friend who had suggested the plan of action that she could never be sufficiently grateful to her for her advice. "Oh!" she said, "you should have heard the wearied voice that bade me come in. When I entered the room there was the poor baby crying as if its heart would break; the other

teen dollars. "From Chicago." "And who from?" "John Williams."

"Ahem. I guess it is all right." "Oh, I know it is!" she exclaimed as she signed her name. "He used to be of his friends said to him: my husband. He offered me fifty dol-

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has given \$33,000 to the Girls' and Boys' Aid Society, with which to erect a building on the lot donated by Senator Fair. -William K. Vanderbilt contemplates retiring from business and spec-ulation and erecting near New York one of the linest country residences in

the world .- N. Y. Herald. -There is a smart little girl in Cedar Rapids, Neb. She is nine years old, and the other day she wrote an account of a children's party, set it up in type and corrected the proof, and the work

was well done, too .- Chicago Mail. -Miss Kato Kin, a daughter of Kato Kiyoto, a Shizoku of Tokyo Fu, Japan, has been ordered by the Department of Education to visit the United States to study the routine of normal schools and nursery establishments for three years. -Isn't it a little singular that the two typical Southern poets - Albert Pike and George D. Prentice-a typical Southern orator-Sargent S. Prentiss

Hiram Warner-should all have been born at the North?-Atlanta Constitu--Albert and Maria Harris, colored, aged respectively seventy-two and sixty-six years, were reunited at Marshall, Mo., the other day, after a separation of thirty-seven years. They were slaves in Kentucky and were separated when sold, never hearing from each other

- and a typical Southern jurist -

until quite recently. - Chicago Inter Ocean. -Mrs. Jay Gould, the wife of the railroad millionare, is rather short in stature, though plump and comely. Her face denotes intelligence, and was doubtless very pretty when she was young. She is thoroughly domestic in her tastes, and has devoted her time to her home and children. She spends two hours a day with her three small books they read.—N. Y. News.

-Captain James Blackstone, of Bradford, Conn., who died recently, aged ninety-three, was a direct descendent sula now occupied by the city of Boston. The first Blackstone in this country was the pilgrim, who landed in the year 1625. He was a minister of the Church of England; was the first churchman of Boston, and the founder of the city. He once owned much of the land now covered by Boston.-Boston Herald.

-Mrs. Tom Ri John, who was, not many years ago, a well-known figure in our streets as she walked Broadway, in coat and trousers, selling her husband's paper, the Volcano, is now living in Frankfort, Pa. She still wears the trousers, but the Volcano has suspended, and the Tom Ri Johns are engaged in the cologne business, the wife manufacturing the perfume, and her husband selling it by the bottle. Many friends will be pleased to learn that the children - Retaliation and

> Avenger-are thriving .- N. Y. Herald. **HUMOROUS.**

-It is strange, but nevertheless true, that the inn-experienced make the best

hotel servants. -There is an art in putting on gloves, ays a fashion paper. Come to think of it, you have to get your hand in, as it were, in putting on a glove properly.

-"My dear, have you read what Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has written about 'silence as a weapon?' " hubby; I am not interested in military matters."-N. Y. Mail.

-Boston lady (to policeman)-"Why did you shoot that poor little dog? Was he disordered in intellect and beside himself with violent mental excitement?" Policeman "No, mum. That dog was mad."-Boston Post.

-An exchange says: "Last week a stranger came to our town with a ors or silvered, are liked as gifts; and turned-up nose and run-down boots." no matter how small, a use can be A town with a turned-up nose and runfound for them—a reason for giving, if down boots can not hope to become a one is necessary. Liliputian bronze great commercial center.—Arkansane

-Woes of the Farmer. -A farmer once called his cow "Zephya." She seemed such an amirable hephyr. When the farmer drew near, She kicked off his ear.

And now the old farmer's much dephyr. -Goodall's Sun.

-A lawyer, on being asked by a lady the meaning of the term "fee-simple replied: " Fee-simple, and a simple fee, And all the fee's entail,

Thou best of fees, Female, -An American in China writes: "We are going out ku kiunging this evening." That's right. We like to see an American enjoy himself whom he is in China; and if he doesn't go

garded as a failure. By the way, what in the dickens is ku kiunging? - Norris--The following incident happened in one of the public schools in a neighboring city: Teacher-"Define the

out ku kiunging his visits may be re-

asked. "Naw, "replied the boy, "but I ken do it." Then noticing the editor tearing wrappers from exchanges, he said: "I ken do that sorter work bet-

-"Doctor, what do you think is the matter with Johnny?" "Well, madam, I can hardly tell just yet, but I think the trouble is with the pharynx." "I knowed it! I knowed them rinks was the cause of it all, and I don't care

The Duke of Wellington was modest, though self-reliant. Being at a dinner-

him, and this is the second installment. is it you are thinking so seriously

have never met them; they have beaten all Europe. I think I shall beat them. but I can't help thinking about them." The situation could not have been more modestly stated. - Youth's Com-

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A New York lawyer tells a story of a

MOUSE PLAGUES. A YOUTHFUL FRAUD. He Issues a Divorce Decree and Poc a Twenty-Five Dollar Fee.

recent occurrence in his office by which his boy made twenty-five dollars, but peculiar types. came near getting two people into a Under ordinary circumstances fieldvery unpleasant predicament. A plain-looking man and woman walked into the office one day in the absence of the attorney. His boy greeted

the callers cordially and asked what they desired, adding that Mr. -- was out, but that he attended to matters in his absence. The man explained that he and his wife did not get along very well and both wanted to be released from their married relations. "Oh, that can easily be arranged," remarked the whilom attorney, and looking wise he ostentatiously examined a lot of law-books, and after a few minutes proceeded to draw up an agreement between the man and his wife to disagree. He framed it in the language of the law, putting in the "saids," "greetings" and "aforesaids," as well as an alarming array of references to "parties of the first part" and

"parties of the second part," and even to "a vinculo matrimonio," the latter being intended to properly impress his clients. Large seals were added to the documents, which the boy indorsed with a flourish and gills of red ink; then the agreement was duly signed, the boy adding his name as a witness. gnawed through and eaten. Of green The man was very grateful, and asked what the fee was. The small boy said food, such as clover, oats, barley, not a leaf was left standing; even weeds fifty dollars, and to the plea that this were cut down and the inner parts was a good deal to pay for so little work, answered: "But see what I have done for you, and, anyhow, we never scratch a pen here for less than fifty dollars." The man had only twentyfive dollars, but he paid that, and promised that he would return in a few days and pay the remainder. The following week he put in an appearance, and the boy being out, saw the attorney himself, and remarked cheerfully that he had come to pay fifteen dollars on ac-

> "On account of what?" asked the attorney. Why, the agreement I had drawn up here last week," replied the client. of the first white settlers on the penin-"What agreement?" asked the at-

The man produced the paper and handed it to the lawyer, and, as the latter read it, his eyes grew like an owl's at night. When he at last reached the clause: "Know all men by these presents, that John - and Mary -, having agreed before me as a witness, they are free to marry again in this State," the cold perspiration started to the lawyer's brow as he blurted out: · For Heaven's sake don't tell me you

are married!" "No," answered the man. "I'm oing to be married next week and Mary will be married to-morrow.' The lawyer quickly explained the ease to the man, and two trials for bigamy were saved from our already overcrowded courts.-N. Y. Commer-

FASHION IN GIFTS. Spoons the Proper Things.

There is just as certainly a fashion in the giving of gifts as in every thing else. Who does not remember when the preferred articles were the fanciful box of perfume, with its bottles decidedly more desirable than the odors they Boston Courier. contained, the note-paper put up in a gorgeous way and the white spangled fan. Just now there is a change-any tribution to the Japanese room; and from the fans and porcelain to amulets and coins (to be used as seals) the Jap-

cause there is much that is costly and ngly, as well as much that is cheap Small bronzes, either in natural cololdiers may be utilized as paperweights, birds of bronze with outspread wings will hold the wax, seal and taper for the writing-table and there are also candle-sticks, antique lamps, ink-stands and pen-racks of fine bronze, beautifully designed and yet not large enough to make the recipient conscious of hav-

anese gift is considered most delight-

ful. This field offers a wide choice, be-

ing been presented with a too valuable China, in small and large pieces, quaintly framed mirrors and uniquely carved bits of silver or ivory are worth having, and, therefore, well worth giving; and, people who have even a single room that means home are glad to arrange about it the pretty things that are shown from the wee box that will just hold a few chocolate wafers to the

enormous punch bowl. Housekeepers should be glad to learn that spoons are fashionable gifts-not many spoons, but one spoon. The chosen one is preferred because of its curious shape, which may or not be old; but as collections are in vogue, it is easy to understand why a single silver | word exeavate." Scholar-"It means spoon is considered desirable. How to hollow out." Teacher-"Construct odd it would seem to our grandmothers! And yet in their day they did not hesi- erly used." Scholar-"The baby extate to will small pieces of jewelry or cavates when it gets hurt."-N. Y. Inbric-a-bac-in fact, if it had not been dependent. Certainly there would be fewer about which some grand-aunt could tell a long story and promise to bequeath the special piece to the descendant most in favor at the time and whose chance would be about even with ten or twelve others. Gifts, if they have to be bought, should show a little ordinary and some special thought, even it it does take one into the by-ways searching for curios or their imitations. - De-

It Was All Right.

was washing and every thing seemed "Where do you expect this money desolate. I said: 'Mrs. Brady, I have from?" asked a clerk in the moneypoor woman replied: 'And shure, Miss, what would ye do with him? For he's order department of the post-office of a woman who presented an order for fif-

good-bye, her hearty God bless you Miss; you have helped me a great bit,' made me feel quite happy, and : mean to keep up my visits without money."

—N. Y. Times.

town Herald. a sentence in which the word is prop-

ter'n the next man, for I allus wuz a boss hand at shuckin' co'n."-Arkansaw Traveler.

wether it's the far rinks or the near rinks, he'll never be let to go near another one." - Chicago Ledger.

True Modesty.

party, just before his departure for Portugal, where he was to encounter the French, he was so silent that one "Sir Arthur" he was then Sir Arlars if I would throw up all claim on thur Wellesley-"you don't talk; what

I'll probably get the rest in about two about?"
weeks."—Detroit Free Press. "Of "Of the French," he answered. "!