Histion fee and may perhaps be obliged to ever, lifty seven seconds lowers the world's ride a "goat" like the ones used in some record for one-eighth of a mile track. ering 100 miles, in order to become eligible

o membership.

Since the passage of the exposition bill possed and that the exposition was a go, Since the passage of the exposition bill possed and that the exposition was a go, the national meet of the League of American Wheelmen in 1898, the year the exposition This will bring thousands of wheelmen to this city who would otherwise not attend the show, and with the Commeradent that the meet can be obtained, and that it will be a banner year for Omaha in cycling circles as well as other lines of

pleasure and business. The Young Women's Christian Association Wheel club will give a "leap year" sycling party to Fort Crook and return fortunate enough to receive an invitation will be insured a good time, as the ladies composing this club have long since established a reputation which any club might hished a reputation which wanty club might be proud of as entertainers and never fail to derive much real enjoyment from their evening rides. In this connection, the Young Women's Christian Association Cycle club has adopted a rule which other wheel that and the Commercial club has promised to furnish banners, badges that is to start promptly at the time schedbeyond the time specified, while other like exposition will be a big attraction and many organizations have been known to wait for wheelmen would like to attend both the trumpet, only a few wheelmen were ready meet. With such a host of attractions as to start and some would be dispatched to will be here in 1898 to draw the multitudes might sit around and wait until they had to adopt the example set by our sister cy-clists and that the result will be a larger The club might as well commence first as last.

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Barnum has evidently secured the racer
in little Maxwell that can take them all
down the line. His defeat of big Fredrickmeans let us get the big meet for 1898. son was both signal and complete.

The prominence given the "Stearns" bleycle by its riders winning both first and prizes in the recent six day race has largely increased its already popular demand. Most of the good local racing mer awear by the "yellow fellow," and Wm. Lyle Dickey & Co., the sellers of Stearns' been unable to supply the de-

> Whisperings of the Wheel. THERE are but two

short weeks left for tocal wheelmen to make preparations to attend the eighth annual meet of the Nebraska division, League of American Wheelmen which will

be held at Lincoln July 3 and 4. Each spring this meet is looked forward to by Nebraska wheelmen as the banner event of the season, and every mother's son of them who can raise money enough makes it a point to be in attendance. All of the best racing talent in the state assembles at these mile sti test their speed, and new champions are brought to light here each year. The first Nebraska state meet was held at Lexington, Neb., in 1889, and the ordinary champion ships were won by C. C. Peabody, while the safety events were won by H. H. Rhodes, both of these being Omaha men. In 1890 Omaha held the meet and C. King Denman. Louis Flescher and Bert Porterfield won the championship events. In 1891 it was held at York, when Mockett and Holton won the championships. In 1892 Hastings had it, and here again Mockett proved to be the champion. In 1893 Lincoln held it and it was at this meet that the ordinary state championships were dispensed with

and only safety events were on the program. Pixley won the quarter-mile, Russell Condon the mile, and Lester Holton the two-mile championships. In 1894 Kearney held it and promoted the best state meet that had been held up to that time. Barnett and Fredrickson won the championships. In the best one that has ever been held in the state was the result. Here Pixley and Gadke state records. Out of the nine men who have won championship honors at the seven division meets held in this state, seven of them were residents of Omaha, while the other two were Lincoln men, therefore when Omaha sends racing men to the state meet they are almost always sure of winning at least one of the championships and usually they take the whole three of This year, however, chances are against us as we have but two good men whom we can depend upon to win champion-ships for us, nearly all of our fast men having joined the professional ranks, which will of course debar them from division championship events. The two men who have been picked as our best amateur rep resentatives are Gadke and Edwood. are both showing good form, and the writer has every confidence in their ability to win. In the professional events we will have Maxwell, McCabe, Fredrickson and Pixley as representatives and local wheelmen may rest assured that this quartette will bring back most of the money offered. Probably 100 wheelmen from this city will attend the meet and if it was not for the fact that quite a bit of ill leeling and jealousy exists be tween Lincoln and Omaha on account of Lincoln's having secured the meet, there would be at least three times that many attend. However, it is hoped that by the tim

The Fredrickson-Maxwell match which came off at Charles Street park on Tuesday evening last proved to be a good drawing card, as the big grand stand and bleachers were packed with cycle racing enthusiasts, all of whom went away feeling that they had got their money's Maxwell proved to be too much for "Fred and won from him easily. It is the writer's opinion that Fredrickson was beaten before the race started, as everybody who has ever seen him ride knows that he is capable of doing much better work than he did last Tuesday evening. Maxwell simply had him scared out of the race before it was started "Fred is a good man against time, but when he rides in races against fast men he seems to lose heart and it is very seldom that he wins, with the exception of when he gets in races in the country towns, where competition is easy.

of the meet all feeling and jealousy will be

laid aside and every wheelman in the city who can will go down and cheer our racing

men on to victory.

O. O. Hayman, the young Grand Island flyer, arrived in the city yesterday and will begin training for the state meet, where he will ride in the amateur events.

Homer Fairman, the Chicago rider who came here two weeks ago to repare for his match race with John Lawson, another Chicago man, left on Thursday for Sioux City where he will continue his training. It seems that Omaha wheelmen did not pay him as much attention as he thought his reputation merited and therefore he left for

E. E. Mockett, Lincoln's fast man, was in the city on Tuesday last. He came up to witness the Fredrickson-Maxwell match and to size up Omaha's racing men gen-

local racing circles several years ago, has begun training again and will enter the class races at the state meet. ready showing good form, and, as he was at one time Omaha's fastest rider, it will be well for the locals to keep an eye on

Chief Consul Edmiston will act as referee of the state championships and other events at the division meet, July 3 and 4.

McCall, Fredrickson and Maxwell left for Kansas City Thursday evening to at-tend the national effeuit races which were

It was announced in the daily papers that the one-half mile ridden by McCall and Pixley on a tandem in fifty-seven seconds ing tied the world's record for this distance This was an error, as the professional record had a tendency to keep out a few who take for this kind of a ride is fifty and two-fifths no pride in being a member of any club, seconds, made on a one-mile track. How-

Since the passage of the exposition but and the people of Omaha are assured of push, began to work on a scheme to get the getting the mammoth show, which they have been longing for for some time, the wheelmen have commenced to consider the wheelmen have commenced to consider the wheelmen have commenced to consider the advisability of making an attempt to get advisability of making an attempt to get authorized to go ahead with the matter and authorized to go ahead with the matter and authorized to go ahead with the matter and to secure the meet if possible, and they would lend all the assistance possible. Mr. O Prien immediately began organizing a club to attend the national meet, which is to be held in Louisville, Ky., early in August. The organization will be known as the Omaha '96 National Meet club. There will be no dues, and any one who is thinking of attending the big meet can join without cost. The object of the club is to attend the meet in a body and thereby secure lower hotel and railroad rates then they could were they to go as individuals. Also to make a they to go as individuals. Also to make a good impression on the league members present, so that when Omaha puts in her bid for the '98 meet she will receive their support. The total cost of the trip has been figured at from \$35 to \$50 per person, which clubs might emulate with good results, and and all advertising matter, as the club's obto start promptly at the time sched-They never wait over five minutes anything else. In view of the fact that the several hours. When the appointed time national meet and the exposition, it would be came to start and the bugler sounded his a good thing for Omaha to go after the arouse their companions and the balance it should be an easy matter to secure the ht sit around and wait until they had meet. If we were to get it, it would necessitate a good deal of hard work to bring it to a successful issue, but with such a lot of hustlers in the wheeling ranks as O'Brien Fitch, Henderson, Johnston, Dickey, Bouk Deright, Russell and many others. would be an easy matter. Let everybody put their shoulder to the wheel, and by all

> Ramblers-There have been more Ram lers sold in Omaha for \$100 straight than my other wheel on the market.

> J. W. Parish of the Tourist wheelmen who, while out wheeling on Sherman avenue one evening recently, was run down by a ouple of drunks in a carriage and badly outpie of drunks in a carriage and battly injured, has entirely recovered. He suc-seeded in finding out who the men were that ran him down, and on Wednesday last had them arrested. Mr. Parish will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law, and is hoped that they will get the limit Maybe this would be a lesson to some of the individuals who are allowed to run loose about town and think wheelmen have no rights on the streets.

> Delegate Fitch of the Associated Cycling clubs has succeeded in inducing the chief of police to make an effort to abate the nuisance of broken glass and other obstruc-tions which are liable to injure bicycle being placed in the streets. A book will be placed in some prominent down-town place, where wheelmen and others who happen to see these nulsances may make a note of them, telling just where they are, etc. This book will be examined hourly by the policeman upon whose beat it is placed, and he will report to the chief of police, who will immediately detail an officer to abate the nuisance. Delegate Fitch de-serves a great deal of credit for his work in behalf of local wheelmen of late, as it has undoubtedly been productive of a great deal of good. Since he began his crusade against the glass nuisance there has not been nearly so much of it found in the

Ramblers-Cost more money to build than any other wheel in the world.

Charles Barnum invites everybody who is interested in cycle racing to visit his train-ing quarters at the old fair grounds track any evening during the week, between the hours of 5 and 7, and on Sunday between il a. m. and 1 p. m., to watch the string of cyclers who are in training there. The coming week's work will be especially interesting, as the men will begin putting on the finishing touches, preparatory to going to Lincoln July 3 and 4. There are fout Fredrickson won the championships. In tandem teams pacing the men, who number 1895 Kearney again secured the meet and about twenty-five, among whom are such fast ones as McCall, Maxwell, Pixley, Fredrickson, Hayman, Gadke, Edwood, Brewer, Miles are ridden every day in puarters in twenty-nine seconds, and eighths fourteen seconds, all of which is very ast time, considering the condition of the

There is every indication that the publiwill be treated to a match race between Maxwell and McCall in the near future, and as these men are both fast and very evenly matched, to witness a trial of speed between them would be worth a long jour

C. Y. Thompson will ride for the Cross Gun company this season, and not with standing the fact that he is comparatively a new rider, ever since winning his novice race last fall he has never failed to get a 'place" in any of the races he has since participated in, although he has ridden ome of the best men of Nebraska and Iowa He has not had the proper care and train-ing that is essential to the racing man, but this year expects to get in fine condition and do some good work. Mr. Thompson is 29 years old and a perfect gentleman and cannot help but be popular. Everybody expects to see Thomp and his "Pink" wheel in the "bead push" this year, and wish him every possible success.

Ramblers are ridden longer and will stand more hard usage than any other

Messrs. E. Shafer, W. Kaiser and C. P. McDonald took a spin to Shenandoah, Ia on their wheels last Saturday, returning late Sunday evening. It was a pleasant trip, with the exception that Mr. McDonald with a slight accident, from which he is slowly recovering.

The preliminary work on the Examiner-Journal Yellow Fellow relay ride has developed the question as to amateurs and profes-sionals taking part. The matter was sub-mitted to Robert M. Welch of the National Racing board, who said that as the riders were not competing, one with another, the question of amateurism did not enter into it. The most prominent men connected with cycling in the east have volunteered as couriers, it not being considered necessary to have great speed, the main object being that the packet be kept in continual motion. W. Lyle Dickey, who has charge of the here, will name his men within a few

Ramblers-The lightest running wheel ever

ASSOCIATION OF CYCLING CLUBS

What it is Doing and Intends to Do in the Future. What is the Associated Cycling clubs do

ng? This interrogatory remark is occasionally asked the delegates by other members of their clubs and it is a just and proper question and should not be answered lightly or in a slighting manner. Each b should be thoroughly informed just what the Associated Cycling clubs is do ing in order that they may have an opportunity to make suggestions, etc.

Firstly we might say that had it not been for the Associated Cycling clubs, that all wheelmen might now be compelled to carry lights and bells, and to those who ride a wheel this would call for an outlay of several dollars and the results attained by their use is generally conceded to be of little value in preventing accidents, for various reasons I will not take the space at this time to discuss, as they have been oduced through the columns of the press

ime and again. Secondly, the road race held in this city on Decoration day was held under auspices of the Associated Cycling clubs. was a pronounced success in every detail and was a credit to those who had the race in charge. The numbers were probably not quite so large as they might have been had the entries been open to Tom, Dick, and Harry, but the restrictions placed on participants and the clause providing that all who took part must be members or help-ing to support some club which had a rep-resentation in the Association Cycling clubs

meets, looking only to their own interests. year these gentlemen will see that in to enter in the annual road race they join one of the many clubs in this Almost as soon as the news reached this ity, and the action which was taken this car it is believed will prove to have been good one for the racing fraternity and the city that the Transmississippi bill had

Cycling public in general.

The Associated Cycling clubs also hopes through the aid of the proper authorities, who are also advocates of good roads, to build cycle paths to different points leading into Omaha, and to this end the matter was taken up at our last meeting held Monday evening. June 15, at which time Delegate Fitch offered the following resolution, viz. Whereas, A resolution by the Hon. William I. Klerstead, is now pending before the county commissioners of Douglas county, Neb. to appropriate certain funds of the ling public in general. Neb., to appropriate certain funds of the county to the setting apart, building and

establishing of a cycle path between Omaha and Florence, and Whereas, On account of the large number of riders who travel the road between Omaha and Florence it is necessary to set apart a certain portion of the road to insure the safety of wheelmen as well as teams, teamsters and drivers, and

Whereas, There are now 3,000 wheelmen who are voters in the city of Omaha, who are desirous of seeing a moderate, fair and ust appropriation for the establishing of

aid cycle path: therefore, be it Resolved. That we endorse the actions and forts of the county commissioners who avor said plan of establishing said cycle oath, and pledge our support to them in this cause and to their efforts in procuring said appropriation for whatsoever amount may be necessary to establish said cycle path, and we pledge the support of all heelmen in this association to the endorse ent of the efforts and course of the honorable Board of Commissioners, so favoring end voting for the appropriation for the ald eveling path, as aforesaid.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution e sent to the county commissioners of Dougas county. Nebraska, requesting them to use their efforts in securing said cycle path. Even to a casual observer the necessity such paths alongside of our public highways is made apparent when the large numpers of wheelmen are observed constantly coming and going and the danger which is offtimes encountered in passing teams and vehicles of all descriptions on the country

Associated Cycling clubs has also aken up the matter of defects in the streets and public highways, and asks the hearty co-operation of all wheelmen or others who may observe places which endanger wheel-men to report them to the secretary in order that he in turn may bring them to the atention of the proper authorities. been suggested that some down town place be designated as a kind of central station for reporting the throwing of glass and other articles in the streets, where such com-plains could be filed, and the following esolution was also presented and passed upon at the last meeting:

Whereas, Under ordinance No. 4072, approved September 27, 1895 (providing and naking it a misdemeanor to throw, put or allow glass, nails or rubbish to remain upor the streets after notice thereof to the adacent occupant of the property), it has ecome inconvenient to report such nulsance to the proper authorities, on account of

Whoreas, It is necessary, essential and equisite that such nuisance, obstruction or indemeanor be immediately reported to the roper authorities for action or redress, herefore be it

Resolved, by this association, That we avor the plan of keeping in some central and accessible point a register for the ourpose of registering the kind of nuisance r obstruction, the locality, the time dis-overed, the names of the persons reporting t and the club to which he belongs, and that we favor the appointment or detailing of a special officer, who shall examine such register at least three times a day, and im nediately notify the person, persons, company, corporation or individual opposite and which such nuisance or ob struction exists to remove the same as pro vided for in said ordinance No. 4072, and to take such further action and course as the proper authorities may deem necessary or

Resolved. That we ask the city clerk to furnish such register and that the same be the property of the city of Omaha and under the authority and supervision of the police utnorities of the city of Omaha.

The resolution as read when passed upon carried, and it is confidently expected that before long some place will be designated where such complaints may be entered. Thus, with the combined efforts of all dehe wheel if proper are made and duly sent in, cycling me more of a pleasure when riders need not constantly harbor fears of running over glass and other things which are liable to ncture their wheels or otherwise injure

One of the most perplexing question which at present confronts the Associated Cycling clubs is the present mode of street sprinkling, which endangers wheelmen to a greater or less degree. To ride over the streets while wet the wheel is liable to slip under the rider and thereby seriously injure him. It has been suggested that one side might be sprinkled at a time, leaving he other for the wheelmen to come and go rom work in the morning and evening, but his would naturally be attended with more or less risks by riding on the wrong side of the street.

Another plan which has been offered and put to practical test is to leave a small, amount of space, say two or three feet, next to the street car track during the morning and evening, but property owners along the line of street insist that they pay for baying the entire street sprinkled and also insist on having it done. Now the question arises how this can be remedied. What mode of procedure can be followed whereby the wheelmen and the property owners may ooth be satisfied? Have you any suggestion to make?

The Associated Cycling clubs is open fo any ideas or suggestions from wheelmen in general for the betterment of the various riders and clubs in this city regarding the improvement of our present streets and highways or other matters pertaining to a highways or other matters pertaining to a wheelman's welfare. Every club in the city should come into the organization and join with us in these matters, which are of vital interest to every rider of the "silent steed." The association seeks to benefit each and every individual rider in the city and in this should receive their hearty co-operation to that end. Respectfully Yours.

W. C. BOUK.

Secretary Associated Cycling Clubs. Ramblers Why will people pay \$65 for a so-called high grade mount when they can own a Rambler for \$100.

A JUNE WEDDING.

Boston Journal. The velvet sward sprends like a vernal sea, And fleecy clouds roam over field of blue, The laurel's crown of bloom is deep with

dew. And breath of roses hallows all the lea, At nature's shrine love weds this season Earth's perfumed incense is the bridal

prayer. Mid roses garlanded and blossoms massed in fabrics rare, with visage bright, semusic weaves her strands about

the scene, monster walls wait the assembly vast, load of all eyes, center of every smile, the bride and her fair train pass up the What heart can now its inspiration miss, Whose soul is tuned to light and melody What pageant with this reverent scene can vic.

maids in white, bow at the feet of lives before the altar their troths In the sublime yet simple marriage rite. The old, old words whose fashion changeth

said, the bridegroom leads the bride away.
Elsewhere the throng congratulations pay,
Itar and flowers are for a time forgot.
But where pure lips late spoke the low,
"I will,"

impress of a young life hovers still. o, golden hair caught from the years' flood while we gaze melts like the falling Oh, love fast plighted while the blossom blows. At winter's hearth more queenly to preside! As when a stone falls in the deep lake, still

Broaden the circles of that clear, "I will." Bucklen's Arnten Salve. The best saive in the world for cuts, ruises, sores, uicers, sait rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin cruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money re-

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and sarcastic. WARMING THE HEART. When his brothers had departed, each by

THE FROZEN HEART.

A FINNISH FAIRY STORY. \*\*\*\* (Copyright, 1896, by the Author.)

clared Sars Sandaker, as he came into the room stamping and blowing his fingers. "A dog's nose, indeed," cried pretty Bertha, the foresters daughter, who accompanied him. "Take my word for it, if the lad who could never learn to shiver and shake. Mother Skaw tells us about in one of her stories, were to step out of the house

It was blowing and sleeting out of doors.

"Cold and wet as a dog's nose," de-

"That may or may not be," said old

Mother Skaw was a Fin. She was low of stature and had the wide, flat, good will natured face and high cheek bones and bright eyes slightly indined inward that belong to the race. ourse, nothing would satisfy the children who were cracking nuts on the wide hearth efore great blazing logs that lit up the place with a warm old fashtoned fine light so beloved by story tellers, until Mother Skaw agreed to tell them the tale of "the frozen heart." which it seems they had yet heard. Perhays my readers yould like to know what a Finnish fairystory is really like, and so I will write it as nearly the words in which it was told as I can remember them.

THE PRINCESS. "Birgen Jack," said Mother Skaw, taking another pinch of snuff, "was the first king of the Tavastians. He had a daughter who never laughed or wept. What her real name was is now forgotten, but that is of little consequence, for she was so cold and white and silent that no one thought of calling her anything else than Frost-flake. It was very sad, to be sure, the girl was little better than a beautiful image of snow and Birgen Jack when at home from the wars, which it must be confessed was not very often, because lighting was going on pretty much all the time in those old days was lonesome in the great castle built at Tavastehus, where he lived in sol-itary state with his daughter.

He had no other children, and though his

wife died when Frost-flake was born, he would not marry again. And so it happened at lant, as the girl grew up without any change for the better, that Birgen Jack made proclamation by heralds throughout all the north lands that whoever would be the daughter Frost-flake laugh or all the north lands that whoever would make his daughter, Frost-flake, laugh or weep should have her for his wife, and at the father's death reign in his place over the Travastian people, for he knew that if she could be made to laugh or weep the spell that held her would be broken and she would become as other maidens are, alive to ould become as other maidens are, alive joy and sorrow.

THE RAVEN.

Now it chanced at that time there lived at Rojajok a man named Knutson, who had four sons whom he called North. West, South and East, but the last named the youngest, was always known as Askeladen. When these four lads heard the proclamation and promise of Birgen Jack they gave their father no rest until he consented to allow them to go to try to break the spell under which the king's daughter suffered, though they certainly had not the slightest idea how this was to be done and were obliged to trust their good for-tune and their grandmother to find out. Their grandmother, who was a wise woman, lived where four roads met at the borders of a forest through which they had to pass

When they arrived at her house, which was two-thirds underground, they saw a raven on the grass-grown roof that had some way caught and entangled one of its claws in the thatch and could not escape. It had a collar of gold about its neck, a golden crown upon its head and the sign of the hammer in gold upon each

replied Mother Skaw, "you mean those referred to by the raven. They were pagen gods in Suomi or old Finland. Alte was the God of water, Ukko of the air and Taplo of the forest." She then proceeded with her story.

THE FOUR LADS. The eldest of the brothers fitted an arrow to his bow to shoot the bird, that he might oast of having killed the king of the ravens; but the second brother suggested would be worth more to take it alive and sell it to the king, who would without doubt pay a great price for it. The third doubt pay a great price for it. The third brother, however, restrained them both, for he said the raven was so far from being an ordinary bird that he believed, for his cart it was not really a bird at all but the said the raven was so far from being and claimed that for all their big words and wise looks they lacked common sense an ordinary bird that he believed, for his part, it was not really a bird at all, but and a some one their grandmother had for purfolks.

ta different road, which, however, all met

again at the castle of Tavastehus and Askeladen was left alone with his grand-mother, she took him by the hand and led him into a series of vasi underground vaults filled with shelves, upon which rested an innumerable collection of vases, each of which contained a human heart of hearts. Some were swollen with pride, some withered with selfishness, some were drowned in wine, and others embedded in a mass of coins of different sorts. At last as they passed on they came to one that was as of her stories, were to step out of the house tonight he'd shiver and shake to his heart's content." beautiful and pure as crystal, but it of not palpitate like the others. Indeed showed no signs of life; it was as cold showed no signs of life; it was as cold as ice and as hard as adamant. It was frozen It was frozen-"That may or may not be," said old This, said Askeladen's grandmother, "I Mother Skaw, taking a pinch of snuff from Frost-flake's heart of hearts. I shall give a box made of reindeer horns, but, bless you, the weather can never be as cold as the heart of Frost-flake, the snow maiden of Sport. do this the heart of hearts transformed into a harp rs into a song. The gods be and yours into a song. The gods be with thee, grandson, for thou hast fed and loosed their raven. Farewell."

Askeladen found his horse had been taken

away by his brothers and was obliged to make the long and dangerous journey to the castle of Tavastehus on foot. Frost-lake's heart of hearts next his own although it sent a chill through him, as 1 will try again. There! See how the of ice that will not melt. This coldness, sounds: however, only excited his compassion, and once when he took the poor little frozen thinks she has been in school pretty stead thing in his hands his eyes filled with for the last four years, so he has decided to curred the heart of ico seemed to seften not feeling very well and the doctor thinks

## Our Summer Vacation.

By CICIL GRAY.

My roommate had studied hard that year end at the end of the last term she was tired and worn out.

"A trip to California and a long cest will to her more good than anything in the vorld," said her physician. The case was submitted to Mr. James, Mar-

garet's father, and it was decided she should go to California. We had arranged to spend the summer ogether. Now all our plans must be

"What will I do without you, Margaret?"

aid 1. "Do without me? What do you mean child? You are going with me to Califor-

Oh, I hadn't thought of that. If I only only could! Don't I look rather pale and careworn?" and I glanced at myself and my rosy cheeks in the mirror. "If I only could make papa believe that I am sick, I am sure he would let me go."

I went to my writing desk and took out my pen and ink. will write to him, anyhow, and se

what he says. How does this sound? "My Dear Papa: You know Margaret and I have studied pretty hard this yearthat I would not injure my health studying.

'My Dear Papa: Margaret's father When this oc- let her go to California for a rest.



BEFORE THE PRINCESS.

and threb faintly for a time. thought it grew warmer beneath his We-I mean Margaret-can rent a cottage touch, but it quickly froze again and he could not persuade himself it was really any really won't cost very much. She says she more alive than when it rested in its vase n his frandmother's vaults. One day he fell asleep as he rested by

the wayside and awoke to find a wolf more attracted by the crystal heart would be especially of hearts than by the sleeper, trying to California together. tear it from his bosom. He was terribly torn and bitten before he could draw his knife and stab the fierce animal, which immediately vanished. Askeladen knew stek if she doesn't go, by this it was no true wolf, but a troll or "But I must close, wood demon. Faint from pain and loss of tell me when the control of the contr wood demon. Faint from pain and loss of blood he could searcely drag himself further When he came to look at Frost-lake's heart of hearts he was at first ismayed to see it stained with his blood, but how great his surprise and delight that all coldness and hardness had departed from it, and that it lay like a frightened bird, warm and palpitating in his hands.

THE CONTEST. In the meantime Birgen Jack had assembled many heroes from Denmark and Sembled many h the dais where she sat and retired to her own spartments, for she said the contest-ants were little better than wild beasts, that they might tear each other to pieces if they liked, but she did not care to see them do so, nor was she at all interested to know which was the strongest, flercest and cruelest among them. Such speeches grieved her father, for he, too, was a hero, but, dismissing the warriors, he called to his court wise and learned men to converse with her thinking that learning might perhaps prevail where valor failed, and the most learned there was Askeladen's second brother. Frost-flake. and knew very little more than common

poses of her own, transformed into a raven. Once again Birgen Jack tried to please and fastened to the roof of her house, and his wayward daughter and brought together that he thought it much safer to take no all the wits and verse makers and jesters



THE RAVEN ON THE ROOF

notice of it. But Askeladen, much against from all countries within a month's journey The four brothers were greatly surprised She

and a moment afterward their grandmother let them in at the door. GRANDMOTHER'S GIFTS. "What do you want?" she asked.

We wish you to aid us in making Frostflake laugh and weep," they replied.
"First you must tell me truly why you wish to do this." "Hecause," answered the first brother, "I shall by marrying Frost-flake acquire

power. I am ambitious." "I shall by marrying Frost-flake acquire great wealth. I also am ambitious."
"Because," answered the third brother shall by marrying Frost-flake secure

myself in a castle of great strength and live in peace and safety guarded by my soldiers I am not ambitious."
"Because," said Askeladen, "I once saw the princess as she fed the poor at the castle gate and I care so much for her I would give all I have and all I am to take away

the shadow that darkens her life."
"The grandmother then presented Askeladen's three brothers with gifts which she said would procure for them what they wished for the most. To the first brother she gave a sword whose edge could not be turned and would never dull, but would cuthrough the toughest steel as though i were parchiment. To the second she gave a small bag of walrus hide containing sever gold pieces that never became fewer, no matter how many were taken from it, and to the third she whispered a magic word that would secure him from any bodily danger when he pronounced it. Corresponding mental gifts accompanied these presents. The sword rendered its owner the bravest of the brave, the bag brought a magic wealth of learning to its possessor, and the word made him who pronounced it

his brothers' wishes, filled his drinking horn at a neighboring brook, and, taking food from his scrip, gave the raven meat and water and gently disentangling its claw, alare apes and magpies, a congress of fools declared they played with words as to see it, after virgling about in the air jugglers do with eggs, and neither two or three times. dart down the chimney nor cared what they were talking nor cared what they were talking about. Last of all, however, came in a youth in tattered garments, weak and wounded, who held in his hands a magnificent golden harp encircled with priceless gems. ASKELADEN'S VICTORY.

Striking the strings of his instrument he sang the story of his life from the day he saw Frost-flake at her castle gate to the very moment he now stood before her. pouring out his heart in song. When she first met Askeladen's gaze she blushed and turned aside her head. When he sang of his toilsome journey and the perits he en-countered she wept, and when he sang of difficulties and dangers passed and of his safe arrival at the castle, and his hope that as he touched the strings of his harp the music would be echoed in her soul, she laughed with delight. Great was the joy on all sides, and especially keen was the joy of old Birgen Jack that the heart of his daughter had become a warm, living, human heart, and that he had with his daughter gained also so worthy a son. Even Askeladen's brothers did not envy his good fortune, for had they not all they wished for without the princess! And as for the grandmother, although she was over 90 years old, she danced at the wedding as ively as the best.

"Do you happen to know, Mother Skaw, what became of the sword and the little bag of walrus hide and the magic word?" asked Sars Sandaker. "They would be handy to have in the family."

"Oh, as to that," said Mother Skaw, "I imagine such things would be found of little use outside of fairy stories. The first brother's sword was of no avail to save him from the waves; he perished at sea. The second brother was killed by robbers, but he said, "ther his magic purse was never found. And as the northwest for the third brother, he was jester at his have a storm." brother's court until he lost bis memory

Askeladen it would not be safe for her to go alone really won't cost very much. She says she won't enjoy herself a bit if I do not go, but I believe she will. Mr. James thinks would be so nice if Margaret and I could t together this summer and he thinks that would be especially nice if we could be in "Margaret says now that she won't go

at all unless I go with her. I am so worried about it, for I am just sure she will be down " But I must close. Write very soon and tell me what you think about Margaret's going to California. Your loving day

"'P. S .- My face is so red; I hope I am not feverish. Perhaps it is because I am worn out and in need of rest and a change

"That's all right! Mail it quick before

the postman comes." How eagerly we waited for an angwer to my letter! At the end of the week it came "As long as your health is so poor, I guess

Mr. James secured a small cottage e scashore and a kind-hearted June. motherly woman to look after us. Then

being assured our happiness was complete How shall I describe the delightful days that followed. Our cottage was small, only furnished with necessaries of life. But to us seemed a palace. Every morning we were up at 6 o'clock. If we were very hungry we would run over to Mrs. Brown's cottage and eat breakfast with her. But more often we preferred to get our own lunch and start for a ramble. On and on we would wander, exploring every nook and crevice, gathering relics to add to the col lection we were making. A little after 12 we returned to our cottage, tired and worn out. How tempting the hammocks

"I thought your papa left us in the care

of a woman, not an angel," I said to Mar-"She certainly is an angel. What can we do for her?" "Do for me, honeys?" came from a voice— and the robust form of Mrs. Brown ap-peared in the doorway. "Law, don't you suppose I am paid every day by seeing your happy, rosy faces. Just you have a good time; take a good rest now, and I'll run over home and get some magazines for you

'You will have to go home with us, Mrs. Brown, and we will spend the rest of our lives trying to make you as happy as you have made us. This remark brought a hearty laugh from the good lady, as he hurried off to find

"Oh, delightful!" we both exclaimed at 'Well, you be ready, honeys; there's quite a party going. Some nice young not in the crowd, too; you won't object to that

Not in the least," we assured her "Then my old man and I will see you down to the occan and on board,"
At 2 o'clock we started for the steamer. We found a jolly crowd of young people we found a jony crowd of young people waiting our arrival—four girls and six boys. "How strange that there should be just two extra boys," I said to Margaret. We learned afterwards that Mrs. Brown

planned the excursion just for our What a jolly crowd we were. While the others had been waiting for us they had spent the time in writing descriptions of Margaret and I. These I insisted on having read aloud. The young man who was Margaret's escort had written the following description of her: Straight, red hair done up in a little knot on the top of her head, adorned with a large butterfly bow of pink ribbon; a large Roman nose. green eyes, a charming smile, which causes her mouth to stretch from car to car; a laugh which reminds one of the roar of a cataract; dainty little feet squeezed into a No. 7 shoe; hands red, freekled and coarse; form, robust and shapely; she is perhaps a a charming young lady notwithstanding

Several of these descriptions were read aloud and caused a great deal of merriment. During our whole stay we has mishap, which occurred of the excursion. We had been out to of the excursion. We had been out to several hours and were at the height of our several hours and were at the boys came runenjoyment, when one of the boys came run-ning down below. "Come on deck, quick!" be said, "there is a dreadful black cloud in

We rushed upon deck. The clouds were crisi Extra Dry Champagne.

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growing blacker and blacker. The captain, who had been on the ocean for twenty-five years, said in his rough way: "I never in all my life seed worse looking clouds than

The vessel was headed for land as quick as possible, "Fly! fly captain, or it will overtake us." said one of the boys. "Oh, can't you go faster?! I know we will all be drowned," screamed one of the girls

a hysterical voice Darker and blacker grew the clouds until was so dark we could senreely see. A low rumbling sound was heard.
"There it is on us. Keep up courage!" shouted the captain. "We are only a mile

The waves tossed wildly about. The vesworn out. How tempting the hammocks hung side by side on our wide veranda looked to us after these rambles. One day in our alrence a fairy in the person abouted the captain. Was there ever a more joyful round? We stepped out of the more joyful round? We stepped out of the more joyful round? We stepped out of the more joyful round? The rain came The waves tossed white, get rocked from side to side. "She can't stand that long," I heard one "She can't stand that long," Land!" large pillow was temptingly arranged in vessel hurriedly, yet none too soon. A low each hammock. On a little table standing near by was a basket of delicious California down in torrents; the wind roared like mad—the storm was upon us in full force. It was uscless to try to withstand it. We sought shelter quickly in a boat house. Scarcely had we entered it until a gust of wind took the roof from over us, whirling it through the air. It was pretty serious for us, but to an outsider it might have been

a funny sight to see us crouching there,

trying to protect ourselves from the rain with nothing but our light fancy sun shades for protection. We have had many a hearty laugh over it since then. When the storm had abated we saw Mrs. Brown waddling along, bringing our wraps and umbrellas. She took us all to pleasant cottage, and after drying our clothes and being refreshed with warm food we spent a delightful evening playing games and discussing our adventure. This was the first of many delightful exsomething for us to read.

When we had rested an hour or two and eaten a dinner such as Mrs. Brown could cook, we would discuss our plans for the afternoon.

'How would you like a steamer ride this afternoon?" said Mrs. Brown one day.

'Oh, delightful!" we both exclaimed at straight red hair atoned for his cruelity by the season of the part of his cruelity by the season of the part of hair atoned for his cruelity by the season of the part of his cruelity by the season of the part of hair atoned for his cruelity by the season of the peditions. We spent two pleasant months in California, returning to our homes refreshed and invigorated. Some day I expect to visit there again, not to dwell in a cuttage by the season or plans of the peditions. We spent two pleasant months in California, returning to our homes refreshed and invigorated. Some day I expect to visit there again, not to dwell in a cuttage by the season or plans of the peditions. We spent two pleasant months in California, returning to our homes refreshed and invigorated. Some day I expect to visit there again, not to dwell in a cuttage by the season or plans of the peditions. We spent two pleasant months in California, returning to our homes refreshed and invigorated. Some day I expect to visit there again, not to dwell in a cuttage by the season or plans of the peditions. We spent two pleasant months in California, returning to our homes refreshed and invigorated. Some day I expect to visit there again, not to dwell in a cuttage by the season or plans of the peditions.

giving her a lovely diamond ring, which she wears on her third finger. PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS

"Papa," said Willie, "Jimmle Tompkins scratched my face all up." "What had you done to him?" "Nothing." "Then why didn't you hit him?" "I did; and papa, I got my lick in before he scratched mc." "Don't you know better, Johnny, than to say you have been to hear the preaching of the gospel 'dispensed with'?" That's right. There wasn't any audience." Clara wanted very much to get out into the yard to play. Her big sister said to her: the yard to play. Her big sister said to her:
"You musn't go in the yard. Isn't you see
that mooley cow out there? What do you
suppose she would do with her horns if
you went close to her?" Clara answered;
"I suppose she would blow them."
James Payn tells of an interesting question put to him seriously by a little boy
of his own. The family was being driven
out of its London house to make way
for the painters, cleaners and whitewarhers,
"Papa," said the child, who had evidently
been turning the matter over in his own

been turning the matter over in his own little head, "where do the people in heaven go when the spring cleaning begins there?" The problem was too perplexing, even for Payn.

Mary and Martha, two little sisters, had been promoted to the dignity of s big bed, where they slept together. "I sleep on the front side," announced Mary, with sh air of importance. "And where do you sleep, importance. "And where do you ! Martha?" inquired the visitor. "I where Mary doesn't," replied Martha, a rueful glance at her restless little sister,

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