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## \*\*\*\* The High School Pennant.

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A FOURTH OF JULY STORY.

BY AGNES A. ROGERS.

"There he goes! Hurrah, boys! The touch- two brothers had come from a wealthy west-

his heavy shoulders bent with the pile of books thrown over them at the end of a strap, and his perfectly immobile face in no way answering to the ovation. He had purposely made an early start to school this Monday morning to avoid the encomiums of his schoolinates along the way and this unexpected testimoulal from the little boys of the grammer school brought him none of the keen pleasure they intended.

"I wonder it those little chaps would like to know the sort of fellow they are cheering," he mused, "I don't believe even the smallest would yell for a boy that let his mother carry a great heavy basket of clothes to the city while he was being carried on the shoulders of the crowd."

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His spirits were hopelessly low. The fact that he had won the Redwood game was small compensation for his neglect to reach home in time to carry his mother's work to the city. It was a relief to get inside the building and swing the great door be-hind him. Only a few girls were in the study hall, but the suppressed whispers were all of the Saturday game.

"Will you dare me to congratulate him.
girls?" cried one of them. "I'm not afraid
of him if he is afraid of girls." As he dropped his books on the desk op-posit her she said enthusiastically: "Oh, Mr.

Earkin, that was fine! The pennant will surely be ours! I can hardly wait these last few weeks; if only there was something girls could do to help you on! Girls and women always have to stand outside when the big things come. They can't do anything at all, and we just must have

Yes." he said calmly, "It would be tough to lese it now; but we can't do any-thing without women-and girls," he added, and left her standing aghast.
"Girls, Ned Larkin's turned gallant," she

said as she went back to the crowd. "He talks like a cavaller of the age of chivalry. You'd never pick him out as the defender of our sex, but I believe that is the next championship he's in for."

The words did indeed fall strange from Ned Larkin's lijs. He had never shown the least interest in the so-called social side of his school life. For the first three years he had scarcely waked up to the fact that there was a social side and now his fourth and last year found him not only aware of it. but keenly sensitive to his unfitness for it. The new spirit that was dominating the school athletics had established social canons of which Redwood boys hitherto had never heard. Ned had never before realized that the fact that his widowed mother was a tailoress who worked long days and nights to educate him was not the highest passport to social prominence had he chosen to present it. He was sure that it meant sur-rifice and privation for her, but he was equally sure that it enobled both of them. He eagerly longed for the time when he sould take the burden from her shoulders yout she was so confident that education would be a big stock in trade for him that minimized the seriousness of defeat and time since his illness. He came to attend decided to be patient till his course was made ished. They had taken a cottage in the colors.

thought as she saw him doing the things man's business to drown cares in the dusky his ready intuition suggested. He was rings," he said grandlioquently. "Now if his ready intuition suggested. 12 when he begged to lift the heavy from for her, and it was not long till she found he could use them almost as suc-cessfully and far more easily than she. The years had enlarged his range of capabilities and now he was almost a man-18-and nearly ready for his start in life. "No college for me," he would say; "at



AS HE DROPPED HIS BOOKS.

least not until I've carned it. I'm ready

to take my turn at supporting the family as soon as I get my High school sheepskin. The years at school had been a steady. growing delight to him. He was the acknowledged champion in the athletic sports and this distinction satisfied him. Each year at school was a new gift to him and he prized it with the conscious thrill of joy unknown to boys to whom "schooling" was the athletics, and though eventually his outof-school duties prevented his holding the office the games were practically under his direction. His discipline had been rigorous and success had seldom failed. It became badge of moral distinction to be on one of the Redwood teams, for they were the selfcontrolled, temperate, non-smoking boysinvariably the boys of good standing in

The Assembly hall at the school was gay with trophics of conquest, for when the boys wen a league pennant the girls were sure to testify their appreciation by hanging another by it. So things bad gone for three years, but now they began to look The East Ends had determined to wrest the pennant from their stalwart rivals on July 4. The Redwoods had lost rivals on July 4. The Redwoods had lost one game during the school term and had lost it to a team the East Ends had only and the flast few plays were made narrowly in the Redwood favor, but as the game proso the hope was not entirely un-

The games of the High School league were dignified by space and headlines in the city papers and the results were known in city papers and the results were known in many homes remote from school affiliations. The game the Redwoods had lost had been spoken of as "a scattering one that would himself and rushed again into the encoun of course be retrieved by further practice." (cr. Ned scarcely realized anything had but retrieval had not followed as soon as prophesied. No other games had been lest. but the playing had shown none of the strength of past years and this was why Ned's work on Saturday had met such rous-

went back to its amusement, but suddenly he had collapsed. The doctors had ordered him earried out of the confusion to the nearcst place of refuge, which proved to be Mrs. Larkin's cottage, and there for weeks he remained. She could not let him go back to his own desolate rooms even had he been strong enough to be moved. He had been badly kicked and his brain had been injured by his fall so the compiliations made recov-COMMENCING TOMORROW NIGHT, by his fall so the complications made recov

Mrs. Warren had to be spared the anxiety of knowing his real condition for her husband's illness would not permit her leaving him, so in the humble home of the Larkins "There he goes! Hurrah, boys! The touchdown of the Redwoods! Onc, two, three,
hip, hip hooray! Epi, hurso, kural, kura-y,
Redwood," sang out the leader of a crowd
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foot ball game went down the long plank
walk to the High school.

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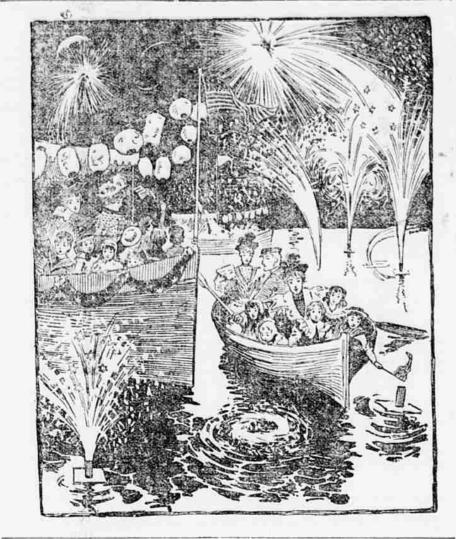
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t Frank was nursed back to health-nurse

He had seen enough college games to John begged to be taken into the already give points to Camp, he said, and he knew crowded home and to share its burdens, and enough tricks to wipe any foe off the field. no complaint of the cramped and inconvenenough tricks to wipe any foe off the field.
In spite of Ned Larkin's protests the tricks were exploited instead of the subtletles of honest playing and the first game had been sacrificed. But when Ned left the group the defeated party had been invited to a consolation serend in the Warrens' rooms and the general merriment of the evening.

The complaint of the cramped and inconvenient living escaped his lips. He was happer than he had ever been in his tife; for the companionship of Ned was the sweetest and most strengthening influence he had ever known.

It was at the close of vacation when Frank was brought to school for the first



made old time prejudices appear in new the monthly exercises when the Assembly colors.

our friend Mr. Larkin were here out of respect for the principles we'd dispense with the weed, but I tell you from experience there's no Lethe like a good cigarette.

boys hesitated he went on.
"It's all very well to cut yourself off from the pleasures of life, but I tell you it isn't my way of getting through. my private opinion that the chief bjection to smoking is its expense, and do think a fellow is pretty mean to cut others off from what he can't afford him-

So the seed of disruption was sown in the early part of the season and bore fruit in manifold directions. Self-restraint lost its value as a factor in discipline, and indulgence made itself felt in the character both of the boys and their work. They did not dare make open profession of re-nouncing old dogmas, but one could never have known they were the same boys to them gathered in nightly meeting at Warren headquarters.

Ned Larkin naver was present but was a subject of frequent reference. "What do you suppose I saw him doing when I went to tell him of the special meeting tonight?" John said. "Well, he had a great iron in his hand and went to pressing! I'll be blest if he didn't, and 'twas my

lothes, too. I tell you he looked as though he wished he were pressing me instead of my clothes," he said, growing excited. Any fellow that puts a flat iron before the gridlern will come out of the small end of the horn Saturday." 'What do you say to making him lame duck? Parker's a good man and we'll run him in dauble quick," suggested a

renegade in the corner. "You are a trump, Stevens! The very thing!" John cried. "He isn't on to any of the dodges we are working for the last game, and he will be more of a hindrance than a help. I tell you a cap'n must be obeyed to the letter on the field or everything goes to pieces! When I turned the last Saturday he refused to consider hammered away on his own old point till time was called." but he won," spoke up little

Vaughan. "But I tell you a cap'n must be obeyed. Didn't I hear Stagg lay down that rule most emphatically to his men only ten days

John did not dare to follow up his rascallty any further in public meeting, but know he could rely on Stevens and Parker to execute it. He did not even breathe it to Frank, for he was not at all sure he could rely on his brother to endorse any

Don't knock him bad enough to hurt. he said, getting Stevens in a corner; "just stun him a little and do it quick. We'll carry bim off the field before he'll know what's going on and Parker will jump into his place instanter. Remember, you must This game is going to be known in history as a hustler.

The Saturday set for the championship game came in bright and glorious. The air was clear and fresh, the ground firm and dry. The University Athletic field huge brick building of many rooms, more had been secured for the contest and the or less vibrant with the noise and bustle stand was gay with the colors of the rival gressed their nervous work began to tell hadly. The confusion, heat and general recklessness of the playing diverted even was standing next to Ned Larkin and Ned too, had fallen, but had quickly reasserted ter. Ned scarcely realized anything had happened till he saw Parker in the field

and thus knew some one had given out. The East Ends played straightforwardly and met the Redwood schemes with honest playing. Time was called with everything favoring

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shadow of the great university and her advertisement among the students for clothing to clean and to mend had brought her enough work to fill up her evenings and add many comforts to the little home. Her faith in Ned never wavered and her hope in him made every care sweet.

"He didn't seem to work the right dodges there was greeting from every side as the different classes filed by him, and at the close of the exercises the principal remarked that although the pennant hung on the wall of another high school this year he was satisfied that Redwood had retrieved its full languidity lit a clearette.

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hardly subsided when John sprang to his the nimble fingers as they filled the Roman

"Mr. Caldwell," he said in trembling were put layers in the following order: tone, "I owe you all a statement. I lost Composition, a pinch of gunpowder, a star; Ned Larkin's training of previous years the the composition and guapowder furnishing banner would be hanging on our wall. But respectively the necessary combustion and I tried the tricks and schemes that he propellor for the variously colored stars. corned. I laughed at his rigorous discip- The Roman candle not only shines by herline and I spoiled the boys. Tomorrow self, 'a thing of sweetness and of light,' Frank and I go home, but before we go I but fills an important part in pieces like want to have the chance to raise my voice in the good old Redwood cry, with three etc. Altogether, a dainty, modest creature cheers for Ned Larkin, the noblest fellow quite unlike her more noisy, frisky kindred.

candles. Into one of these strong cases and so on until the case was quite filled Nothing can be more dreamy and fantastic

"The Devil Among Tailors," Chinese trees,



in the league." The color rose to his face as he led the ery and he hurried down the hallway to

old a further display of feeling. The impressiveness of the impulse went through the room and the noise subsided into painful quiet. The gray-haired principal rose from his seat and with unsteady

"Poys, I have been in school all my life, but this year is the most memorable in my experience. You have decorated the school with a trophy much more precious than a piece of painted satin that tells of victory in the field-you have made a man."

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH.

Having Fun with Fireworks-Cost of Some Great Displays.

As Fourth of July is a day particularly set apart for our self-glorification, I suppose I may be pardoned for saying that accustomed as we Americans are to being "the biggest" in any given direction, probably no youth in the land will be surprised to learn that the largest manufactory of fireworks in the world is in America. The word manufactory will doubtless call up to your mind, as it did to mine, visions of a of machinery and labor. So you will easily imagine my surprise when I found myself escorted instead to a vast meadow of some seventy acres, dotted over with little amokeless, noiseless huts, fifty or sixty in larger ones and two-story buildings. these small huts are kept all the dangerous combustibles, and they are there fore placed at such a distance from each other that an explosion in any one of them would not affect the others. Here all the charging is done. The floors are covered with rubber and protections are numerous. Talking is strictly forbidden, as it is unsafe for a man's attention to be detracted from his work. In fact, only one man is allowed in a hut at a time.

quick match, and the making of these requires many nimble fingers. A lance is a small tube, about the size of a squib, filled with ordinary composition, which is gunpowder debased by the addition of ingredients to reduce its rate of combustion, con taining probably not more than 5 per cen of actual gunpowder. The quick match, the indispensable fire conductor, is made by saturating a piece of

thousands of lances connected by

Letters, figures, in fact, all designs for set pieces are made by means of hundreds,

lamp wick with wet gunpowder and gun It is then reeled off and dried, and after ward cut into lengths and encased in paper

from forebead to chin. A girl then takes a piece of rattan and bends it in the exact form of the crayon outline. This is fastened to the frame, and upon this rattan outline, lances are placed very close together, and are connected by the quick match. Naturally for this sort of work, and for all fin ishing off processes, girls are preferred or account of the superior flexibility of their fingers and their general definess.

NEW FIREWORKS.

Among the most fascinating fireworks are always the rockets and the beautiful scinti-lating complicated wheels which give such charm to set pieces. There will be this year an infinitely new and beautiful variety of both these devices. Rockets displaying a swarm of magic dragon-like serpents with vermillion-hued bodies, rockets bursting forth into a broad spread of liquid gold with streams of glittering radiancy lighting up pretty parachutes, willow tree rockets, diamond chain rockets-trockets without end Then the number and variety of wheels! Wheels with a brilliant outer ring encircling

drous hues of red, green, white and blue, some very funny set pieces. I was shown the skeleton of a donkey outlined by the lances and quick match in the manner which and Richest Show on Earth, cely less interesting was it to watch wheel which, when set in motion by alighting, acted upon the legs of the donkey is nost lively and vivacious manner. ON THE WATER.

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than the aquatic fireworks as seen from shore or boat. These are made with especial reference to sea shore, lake or stream, and include diving deviis, flying fish, water volcanoes, sea serpents, spray fountains, jeweled fountains and other devices, all prepared with coatings of shellac wherever they need to be protected from the water.

The Japanese excel all other nations in their bomb shell effects, and in their latest novelty, day fireworks. The shells for the daylight fireworks come in sizes four, six or twelve inches in circumference. These shells are placed in a mortar with the fuse hanging out. One has but to slide off the red paper from the fuse, light the fuse and quickly move away, and almost simul-taneously he will hear an explosion and see

at a great altitude human figures, dragons, animals, birds, fish, turtles, insects, bal-

other figures, some of them nine feet in height. COSTLY DISPLAYS. The cost of a finely managed display fireworks is no small consideration. At the presidential inauguration at Washington March 4, 1885, \$5,000 was paid to one com-pany for fireworks, and I was shown one check for \$11,000 which was given for a similar but more extensive display at the centennial of Washington's inauguration. April 30, 1889. Paris and London have always been exceedingly lavish in this regard. As early as 1697, \$60,000 was spent in London on fireworks to celebrate the peace of don on Breworks to celebrate the peace of Ryswick. In 1814 an even larger amount was spent to celebrate in St. James park the 190th anniversary of the reigning family, and at Crystal palace, where fireworks are frequent, three tons of quick match are sometimes let off in a single evening.

ometimes let off in a single evening. But boys may invent many original and mexpensive devices to add to their Fourth of July pleasures. All sorts of things for instance may be attached to parachutes and balloons; notes and letters addressed to pos-sible finders; comic figures of birds, beasts, fish or men may also be easily attached, and whole strings of lanterns may be fastened

HOME MADE FUN. Mr. Beard in his Haud Book for American boys tells how to make a simple, safe and beautiful pyrotechnic ou, of a piece of wire

Ind a fuse.

The fuse can be bought in almost any city or town. With the wire make a sort of wheel with two or three spokes. Cut open ward cut into lengths and encased in paper tubing. Girls are chiefly employed for making this fiery maccaroni and turn out millions of yards in a year.

Let us suppose, for instance, that one wants the head of George Washington to appear in the heavens outfined by a brilliant band of light. A scale of the proportions of his face is first made from a picture. A large frame is then laid on the floor, and in the center of this frame with a bit of crayon is drawn on the floor, according to the scale, a very much enlarged picture, usually measuring at least thirty inches from forehead to chin. A girl then takes a fire creeps slowly along the balloon mounts fire creeps slowly along, the balloon mounts higher and higher. Suddenly the whole bal-loon glows with a red lurid glare. The fire has reached the first ball. In another instant you see a floating globe of pale green light, then blue and so on until all the balls are consumed. A shower of bright golden sparks and other beautiful effects accompany this simple device.

A HUMAN PHONOGRAPH.

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able memory she is able to recall them, word for word, even though it be weeks and

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is clever. The first time that the child showed her phenomenal trait was at the age of 11 months. At that time she was taken to see one of Hoyt's plays at the Macdonough thesis. to see one of Hoyt's plays at the Macdonough theater. Upon returning to her home she surprised every one by repeating word for word one of the popular songs. From that time until now little Ethel has been a regular play-goer. Now, at the age of 4, her memory has developed so remarkably that it is a common thing for her after seeing a new play to sing, without a single mistake or the least sign of hesitation, song after song that she has never heard before. She can also repeat the lines of the play with wonderful correctness. The child has a retentive memory for names and dates. In tentive memory for names and dates. In spite of the fact that large numbers of people see her daily, drawn by curiosity, she never forgets the name of any one who is introduced to her, and can tell even the example. act day when she first met them, though it i

nay be months after.
It is strange, indeed, to hear Ethel talk about questions of public interest that have been discussed within her hearing. Several months ago, while the Durrant case was the one absorbing topic of public interest, thus Miss Ethel heard her mother read several of the lengthy newspaper reports. Since then the subject bus not been mentioned until one day last week, when for the purpose of testing her memory the matter was recalled. does not stimulate and contains no whiskey. She at once went over the entities subject, nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tenic and using language almost identical with that alterative. It acts mildly on the atemach



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a single break.
It will be interesting to note as this child grows older whether her memory broadens with age, or whether, as in the case of the famous Italian boy mathematician, it lapses altogether and leaves her more stupid than the veriest infant.

Old People.

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