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The brown fields forget their bloom, Lost in a solemn trance ; Golden leaves go to their doom,

No more buddings of June Show on the naked stem ; No mere birds, just in tune, Echo the joy after them;

Eager to put to the test Whether, among other things, Home life or travel were best.

Wherefore the sharp briers are. Yet where we miss the clover The windfalls lie, ripe and red;

Nowhere now may we find

"Now is this what I call comfort," said Madge Harley as she sat down by her neighbor's fire one evening; "here you are at your sewing, with the kettle steaming on the hob, and the tea-things on the table, expecting every minute to hear your husband's step, and see his kind face look in at the door. Ah! if my husband was but like yours, Janet."

"He is like mine in many of his ways," said Janet, with a smile, "and if you will allow me to speak plainly, he would be still more like him if you took more pains to make him comfort-

"What do you mean?" cried Madge; "our house is as clean as your's; I mend my husband's clothes, and cook his dinner as carefully as any woman in the parish, and yet he never stays at home of an evening, while you sit here by your cheerful fire night after night as

"As happy as can be on earth," said her friend gravely; "yes, and shall I tell you the secret of it, Madge?" "I wish you would," said Madge, with a deep sigh; "it is misery to live as I do now"

the world is not my lawgiver."
"And do you really think," exclaimed

Madge in surprise, "that husbands care for that sort of thing?" "For love, do you mean?" asked

a wife as a sort of maid-of-allwork." "A libel, Madge," said Mrs. Matson, laughing; "I won't allow you to sit in William's chair and talk so."

"No, because your husband is different, and values his wife's love, while John cares for me only as his house-

though I know that he said to my husband the other day that courting time was the happiest of a man's life. William reminded him that there is greater happiness than that, even on earth, if men but give their hearts to Christ. I

"Dear fellow," cried Madge, smiling through her tears. "I do believe he was very happy then. I remember I used to listen for his steps as I sat with my dear mether by the fire, longing for the happiness of seeing him."

feel like that now.'

"O, I don't know," said Madge; "married people give up that sort of

timental," said Mrs. Harley. "Longing to see your husband is a proper sentiment." "But some people are ridiculously

foolish before others," reasoned Madge.
"That proves they want sense. I am not likely to approve of that, as William would soon tell you; all I want is that wives should let their husbands know they are still loved."

Her friend looked up, "O, Madge, what are you saying? Have you, then, married with the notion that it is not good for John to believe you love him?

ticular.

already, I assure you."
"Dear Madge," said Janet, smiling,
"would it do you any harm to receive a little more attention from your husband?

yourself already? and nothing would make you vain, I suppose?" Madge colored, and all the more when she perceived that William Mat-

son had come in quietly, and was now standing behind Janet's chair. This of course, put an end to the conversa-Madge retired to her own home to think of Janet's words, and to confess Secretly that they were wise.

Hours passed before John Harley returned home. He was a man of good

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his wife drew near to welcome him, nor to find warm clothes by a crackling fire, and slippers on the hearth; nor to hear no reproach for late hours, and neglect, and dirty foot-marks as he sat in his arm-chair. Some change had come to Madge he was very sure. She wore a dress he had bought her years ago, with a neat linen collar round the neck,

"You're smart, Madge," he exclaimed at last, when he had stared at her for some time in silence. "Who has been here worth dressing for to-

Madge, half laughing.
"I? Nonsense; you didn't dress for

"You won't believe it, perhaps, but I did. I have been talking with Mrs. Matson this evening, and she has given me some very good advice. So now, John, what would you like for your

shelf at night and content himself with anything he could find, thought Madge's offer too excellent to be refused, and very soon a large bowl of chocolate was steaming on the table. Then his wife sat down, for a wonder, by his side and talked a little, and listened, and looked pleased, when at last, as if he could not help it, he said, "Dear old Madge!"

That was enough; her elbowsomehor found its way then to the arm of his great chair, and she sat quietly looking at the fire. After awhile John spoke

"Yes." "I was a younger man then, Madge,

She looked up in his face, and her eyes answered him. It was like going back to the old days to feel his arm around her as her head lay on his shoul-

She never once asked if this would make him "vain;" she knew, as if by instinct, that it was making him a wiser, a more thoughtful, more earnest-hearted man. And when, after a happy silence, he took down the big Bible, and read a chapter, as he had been wont to read to her mother in former times, she bowed

Yes, prayed—for pardon, through the blood of Jesus Christ—for strength to fulfill every duty in the future-for the all-powerful influences of the Spirit, for blessings on her husband evermore.

Mr. J. C. Beemer, near Coleville, a very ludicrous and interesting character." ing in all directions. Mr. Beemer was greatly astonished, took a closer view of his victim, when he discovered that it was composed of thousands of little reptiles, varying in length from an inch to three inches, about the size of a hair, all linked in together in such a manner as to form a complete snake three feet in length. On being struck with his club they all became alarmed, and endeavored to escape, crawling and wig-gling in every direction. Mr. Beemer concluded to investigate the phenomena, and accordingly retired a few rods from the scene of battle, to watch these pe-culiar reptiles. In about half an hour the little snakes had collected en masse into the condition when first discovered, when the mass commenced to move with majestically around, and was at once firmly on the car. Mr. Phillips weighs all the likeness and characteristics of a black snake, towards a large anthill, two hundred pounds, but there was such grace and poetry in his motion that he seemed to blend with the car. near by. On gaining the object of their search these seemingly thousands of little reptiles disbanded and commenced a furious assault on the occupants of the little hill, where a spirited battle gold leaf, and marcon, and Phillips. There was an elderly person who saw Phillips do this, and his eyes glistened was waged against the ants for about fifteen minutes, for the possession of the ant-eggs stored therein. The snakes came off victorious, and soon collected again en masse into a greatly enlarged mass, resembling a large snake as before, but twice its original size,

Wages in Paris.

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The Atlanta (Ga.) Herald gives the following account of a terrible double murder recently committed in a school in Banks county, in that State! "The teacher of the school was Mr. Alfred Alexander, aged forty years, and the student, Mr. John H. Moss, aged about twenty-one years. Mrs. Alexander, wife of the principal, was, we learn, present of her own volition, but not in the discharge of any regular duty as teacher or in any other capacity. Her custom, however, had been to observe the conduct and deportment of the purity of the principal of the purity of the p colleague, and urged him to say some pils and when she considered them guilty of any breach of decorum, to re-port them to her husband for reproof or Benton's words, and therefore responded to him in a very confused and ineffective manner. I rose up to subjoin one or two observations, in a style, as I am willing to acknowledge, not a little animated and indignant. Mr. Benton rose up suddenly from his chair, which was some distance from mine, making at the subject of her reportorial capacity was the young man referred to, Mr. Moss. When his attention was called to the matter in question he denied the charge made by Mrs. Alexander, which led to an animated and angry dispute. Alexander became enraged at the young man for the part taken by him in the the time a prodigious noise, and adman for the part taken by him in the vanced rapidly in the direction of my controversy, and, advancing towards position, which was on the outer circle Mr. Moss, drew his knife and stabbed him in the breast. Moss in turn drew a dagger and plunged it into Alexander's heart. This was a fatal wound and the man fell. Just then Moss turned to leave, but Mrs. Alexander, who was at the side of her husband, wrung the knife from his hand and administered ened to do me violence in the Senate if one or two severe cuts in Moss's back, I ever undertook to allude to him again, near the region of the spine. The reand I had deemed it expedient to put on arms for my own defense. I was wearing at the moment a Colt's revolver, which I certainly intended to use should it become necessary. On drawing it, I took a step or two to the right, which carried me to the central aisle of the Senate. I then turned toward the central door of the chamber, intending certainly if Mr. Benton should pass the orner near my seat and advance a single step down the aisle I was standing in, after having warned him of my inention, to fire upon him at once, conceiving that in shooting in the direction of the central door I should be able to avoid doing injury to any one else; for I undoubtedly did not intend to suc-cumb to his violence while in the de-

Moss died from the wounds received from the wife or husband, as all were severe and reasonably sufficient to pro-duce death. The whole school and entire community were thrown into the deepest consternation and excitement over the horrible affair which, though short, was so decisive and terrible.'

Terrible Scene in a School.

The Baby Shown to Visitors. It is an odd fact no baby ever did, and no baby ever will, behave in com-

and its father and its aunt-come in smiling at the same time. After the visitor has kissed the baby and taken it on her lap, and declared it is the dearest little thing she ever saw, the baby's mother and she begin to talk. Each talks about her own baby as fast as she can rattle, and both talk at once

apparently without caring what the other is saying.

Presently the father winks furiously tearing open his vest. I made a short at the mother, and frowns, and dears his throat, and makes mysterious signals. The mother snatches up the incupy one large printed volume, in which future generations will find a huge and she returns the child cries to go to its somewhat incongruous mass of facts of a very ludicrous and interesting charhis knee than it betrays an irrsesitible been waiting, and rocking in the chair, yearning to go to its aunt, after which it cries furiously because its mother

won't take it. Then the aunt gets a piece of candy to quiet it, and when its hands have ac-quired sufficient stickiness, it reaches over and maals the visitor's bonnet. Then its mother tries to show off its accomplishments; but it utterly refuses to make a display; it is as stupid as an owl. It won't say "mamma" or "papa," and it won't show how big it is. Its father tries to coax it to say "papa," but it pays no attention to him. He tries again and again, getting madder all the time, and dreadfully afraid the visitor will think his child is dull.

At last he grabs the child by the arm and shakes it, and jells, "Why don't you say Papa, as I tell you?" Then the child screams like a back-yard full of cats. The more the mother soothes it, the louder it gets, till at last the father exclaims, "G'me that brat!" and picks it up and dashes out of the room, and is heard spanking it in the entry. Then the visitor goes home looking at her dress; and deciding that the end of that infant will be the gallows, if its characteristics are allowed to develop fully as it grows up.

### A Family Feud. Kentucky papers give an account of

deadly enmity which has existed between two brothers, named Jasper and Clay Wadkins, for a year or two past, and has resulted in the murder of the shot-gun in the hands of either Jasper Wadkins or of his wife. The load took effect in the back, and would in all probability have proved fatal. But it seems that Jasper was fearful that Clay might versed a few moments upon some subinstantly. Jasper's wife is but a mere girl, being only about sixteen or seventeen years of age, and had been married but a week. Sasper and his wife were arrested.

has heretofore been attributed to a traveler's lively imagination, is verified by the James expedition explorers. In state sometimes. The writer knew three the Colorado desert, fully twenty miles ladies of different families who tried by the James expedition explorers. In the Colorado desert, fully twenty miles from the Gulf of California, they found the mast of a vessel, doubtless cast there by some terrible storm. Another wonder was water running up hill.

When the Colorado river is at its height, its waters are propelled through the natural canal known as New river up and over a high "divide."

state sometimes. The writer knew three ladies of different families who tried the recipe at the same time with fright the recipe at the same time with frigh

### Facts and Fancies.

Three persons were killed on the Southwestern Railway, near Guildford, England.

New York city consumes 750,000 hogs, 520,000 sheep and 47,000 bullocks an-

nually. The German Government has invest-\$17,000,000 in the United States five

per cents. The Massachusetts Republican State Convention nominated Governor Wtate

burn for re-election. A son and daughter of the famous Davy Crockett are living near Action, Hood county, Texas.

It is said that mocking birds and canaries sickened and died in Tennes-see towns where cholers prevailed. Some of the Western Grangers have

invited the presidents of the railroads to attend their meetings and give their side of the question. Mother says I musn't" is the way in which Peoria boarding-house keepers gently insinuate a refusal to give credit

to uncertain young men. It is said that the high notes of a violin string are accompanied with sufficient concussion to explode iodide of nitrogen on paper affixed to it.

Statistics are published showing that great activity continues in all the ship-yards of the country, new and large construction orders being constantly received. Milk, it is now found out, a pint be-

ing given every few hours, will check violent stomach ache and incipient cholera; but you musn't boil it, but heat it sufficiently to be agreeably warm. In Minnesota there were reported for the month of august three suicides and twenty-eight fatal accidents. Four of the latter were owing to the indiscriminate use of the combined mower and

A French physican has discovered that the peculiar odor of Russia leather has a very beneficial effect upon weak lungs, and he edvises consumptive patients to repose upon pillows covered with the metalial with that material. A German editor in Fort Wayne heard

some one say, "Consistency thou art a jewel," and thinking it sounded well, introduced it in his next effusion, but he made a mess of it, saying, "Oh! Consistency, you are a diamond pin." A certain politician, who would fain be a Granger, says that if the sheep would escape the wolves, they must unite in measures for their own de-

fence. That is, they must call in the help of the dogs, one of whom he is which. A man in Maine writes that he has discovered a sure cure for consumption in strong mullein leaf tea, sweetened and drank freely every day from three to six months. The mullein leaves, unless from young plants, must be gathered before July 25, and dried in

the shade. A Hartford gentleman, who had tar-'till my head spins round like a top."
"Jess so, wife, where I've been," responded he. "It's in the atmosphere!"

Sensational journalism is not popular in Dublin. A newspaper reporter of that city recently interviewed a condemned murderer in his cell, and a flaming account was printed next morn ing. But, instead of devouring it eagerly, the people were disgusted, and censured the sheriff who had permitted the interview.

George C. Cannon, the Mormon delegate to Congress, has secretly obtained divorces in the Territorial Probate Court from all three of his polygamous wives. Many regard this action as ta-ken in reference to the effort it is understood will be made in Washington next winter against admitting a polyga-mist to a seat in the House of Representatives.

Burdocks may be destroyed by con-stant cutting; by pulling up the roots; by severing them a few inches below the surface with a weeding chisel; or, as it is now said, by cutting the plants and then punching with a pointed stick a hole in the stalk left in the ground and pouring in a little oil of vitriol (sulphuric) acid. The acid burns out the heart of the root and kills the plant,

Here is an incident from a well-known watering-place. The vendor of soles called a visitor's attention to his stock in trade, but found that the stranger would not deal, for the reason that the last fish purchased of the vendor was so bad that it had to be thrown away. "Well, marm," was the defence, "it was your own fault, not mine; for I was calling them soles in front of your house for three days before you'd buy

### A Beautifying Lotion. A lady writer recommended a cosmetic

of tar and olive oil for beautifying the

complexion. Some who tried it found that the application brought out a fearful crop of pimples and turned the skin yellow. The writer now declares that the ointment has been a friend to them, anything but safe. People of sedentary habits, who pay little attention to their foul matters which ordinarily pass off The ship in the desert story, which through the skin are eating away the life in ulcers beneath. The tar brings these morbidities to the surface, and one application leaves a face in a sorry the word of

Torn by the winds, perchance

No more fluttering wings,

The white-weed's silvery star There's not a rose left to remind

And patient eyes may discover

### COURTSHIP AFTER MARRIAGE.

That Summer is sleeping, not dead.

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happy as can be."

as I do now. "Well, then," said Janet, speaking slowly and distinctly, "I let my hus-band see that I love him still, and that I learn every day to love him more. Love is the chain that binds him to his home. The world may call it folly, but

"Yes; they don't feel at all as we do, Janet, and it don't take many years of married life to make them think

"I don't think that," said Janet, "al-

know John did not alter his opinion, but he went away still thinking of his courting time as a foy too great to be

"Just so," said Janet; "do you ever

Madge hesitated. "Well, no, not exactly. "And why not?"

"Love, do you mean?" asked Janet. "No, but what people call being sen-

"But men are so vain," said Madge, 'that it is dangerous to show them much

"No, but it is not wise to show that you care too much for them.' "Say I and him; do not talk of husbands in general; but of yours in par-"He thinks quite enough of himself

"Of course not. I wish he'd try," and Mrs. Harley laughed at the idea.
"Then you don't think enough of

bilities, and well to do in the world; and having married Madge because he fruly loved her, he had expected to have a happy home. But partly because he was reserved and sensitive, partly because Madge feared to make

the midnight hour had arrived that Harley left the public-house and hastened toward his cottage. He was wet through when he at length crossed the threshold; he was, as he gruffly mut-tered, "used to that;" but he was not used to the tone and look with which

and had a cap, trimmed with white rib-bons, on her head. night?"
"No one until you came," said

me !" cried John.

supper?"
John, who was wont to steal to the

again: "Madge, dear, do you remember the old days when we used to sit side by side in your mother's kitchen?"

I was a younger man then, Madge, and, as they told me, handsome; now I am growing older, plainer, duller. Then you—you loved me; do you love me still?"

der, and to hear once again the kind words meant for her ear alone.

her head and prayed. She prayed—and not in vain.—British

A Very Snakey Story. "huckleberrying" one day last week, discovered a worm snake crossing the road about three feet in length. He assaulted his snakeship with a billet of wood, struck two or three blows, when the reptile began to spread out, crawl-

# gorged with ant-eggs.

it appears that there are employed in and praying at an awful rate. They the various trades and manufactories of stood him up on his feet and rubbed that city, 467,311 hands, of whom about 300,000 are men, 120,000 women, and him that the locomotive had not ex-47,000 children. Of these, there are ploded. 60,000 males, earning from 50 centimes 211,000 earn from 31 to 6 francs (65 cents to \$1 20) per day, and 15,000 from 6½ to 20 francs (\$1 30 to \$4). Of the females, 17,200 earn from 50 centimes and went ashore, landing high and dry, francs (25 to 80) cents); and 700 from  $4\frac{1}{2}$ in such a position that she cannot be to 10 francs (90 cents to \$2). The wages of children are from 10 cents to 25 cents got off. On the 19th of October followper day. The shoemakers, carpenters, bricklayers, stonemasons, and painters are among the 211,000 who receive from total wreck. The Orray Taft had no oil, 65 cents to \$1 20 per day. It is not to but the Ansel Gibbs had 550 barrels of whale oil and 11,000 pounds of bone, most of which was lost. A small amount was saved by the Abbie Bradbe wondered, says a correspondent, that these mechanics come to the United States whenever they can raise money ford. No men were lost at the time of chanics at home, by restricting their the wrecks, but both crews were obliged own sons in the privilege of learning to live on the island until the 2d of Autrades, always keep the supply short so gust last, and from exposure and the lack of proper food were attacked by scurvy. The winter was fearfully cold, They all deserve leather medals for their being the most severe for a number of

## Foote and Benton.

A Teacher and Pupil Stab Each Other to Death. Scene in the U. S. Senate Chanfber. In one of his reminiscences, Hon. Henry S. Foote gives the following "A scene occurred in the Senate between Mr. Benton and myself which I should here briefly explain. In the summer of 1850, while Mr. Calhoun's remains were being transported from Washington to South Carolina, but before they had left Washington, Mr. Benton rose up one morning and made, as I understood them, some very disrespectful allusions to the illustrious deceased. I stepped to the chair of Mr. Butler, Mr. Calhoun's own Senatorial thing in response. He seemed not exactly to understand the import of Mr. of seats, not far from the central door of the chamber, and seemed to be aiming to get behind me while I was speak-ing, in order to strike me when in this unprotected attitude: I had been warned by Senator Pratt only a day or two before that he had publicly threat-

near the region of the spine. The result was that both lay mortally wounded on the scene of the conflict and both expired in a short time, the one within three minutes of the other. "It is not definitely known whether

pany. The mother always brings corous performance of my Senatorial duties. When Mr. Benton saw I was it into the parlor where the visitor is, dressed in its clean dress, armed he paused, and in a second or two allowed Gov. Dodge, the venerable Senator from Wisconsin, to conduct him to his chair. Before he had fairly reseated himself, Mr. Dickinson, of New York, asked me for my pistol, which I willingly handed him. Then it was that Mr. Benton broke out again vociferously, exclaiming: 'Letthe assassin shoot!' at the same time theatrically

explanation of my conduct to the Sen-ate, after which the affair was referred to a special committee, whose report and the evidence annexed thereto oc-

brakeman or conductor do it, and have a terrible dread of being surpassed. Now, at the station the other day,

Conductor Phillips, of the eastern train,

after giving the word to start, waited until the last car reached him, and then

raising one hand to the rail and one

foot gently from the earth, he swung

First there was yellow paint, and then

with anticipation. He was going on

the western train, and when it came

Perils of Whaling.

Fostering a Bad Practice: There is a good deal said in censure of the custom of jumping off and on the cars when in motion. It is righteous condemnation, but is not consistent when coming from railroad companies. If they truly desire a reform they must begin at home, for as long as employees will jump on a train when in motion, and persist in doing it as gracefully as they do, an imitative public will be the sufferers. People don't jump on a train before it stops because they are in a hurry, but because they have seen a

along he waited until a fine rate of speed was gained, and then raising his hand and leg, just as he had seen latter by the wife of the former. The Burksville Courier says that Clay was Phillips do, and looking carelessly away just as Phillips did, he reached out for the rail, and the next instant badly wounded. At any rate, Clay, as he was leaving his mother's house, received the contents of a double-barreled recover. So, two days later, Jasper and his wife went over to his mother's his head with some snow, but it was a long while before they could convince house. Jasper got into conversation with his brother Clay, and they conject. Jasper's wife, who had taken a the ointment has been a friend to them, seat near the bedside of her wounded in detecting a state of the blood that is On the 14th of September, 1872, the brother-in-law, after sitting a few moments, got up, and, drawing a re-volver which she had concealed in her volver which she had concealed in her clothing, walked up within two feet of Clay and fired on him, the shot penetrating the heart killing him the shot penetration to their food, are not aware in what a vitiated state their blood may be for want of sunshine, good food, and exercise. Its bark Orray Taft, at anchor near Marble Island, Hudson's Bay, parted her cables trating the heart, killing him almost torpid current leaves no visible mark of ing the bark Ansel Gibbs went ashore at the same place, went to pieces, and is a