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The Last Wish.

This is all : is it much, my darling? You must follow your gath in life, Have a head for its complex windings, a hand

for its sudden strife. The sun will shine, the flowers will bloom : though my course 'mid them all is o'er, I would not that those dear living eyes should

light in their joy no more; Only just for the sake of the happy past and the golden days that have been,

By the love we have loved and the hopes we have hoped, will you have my grave kept

Just a moment in the morning, in the eager

fineh of the day. To pluck some creeping weed, perchance, or

train the white rose spray ; Just a moment to shade my v.olets from the

glare of the noontide heat, Just a tear and a prayer in the gloaming, ere von leave me with lingering feet. Ah! it is weak and foolish, but I think that

in God's serene I shall know, and love to know, mine own,

that you keep my grave so green. I would fain, when the drops are plashing

against your window pane, That you should be thinking wistfully of my grasses out in the rain;

That when the winter veil is spread o'er the fair white world below,

Your tender hands twine the holly wreaths that mark my rest in the snow.

My clasp on life and life's rich gifts grows

faint and cold, I ween, Yet, oh! I would hold it to the last-the trust

of my grave kept green. Because it is by such little signs the heart and

its faich are read : Because the natural mau must shrink ere he j ins the forgotten dead.

The heavenly hope is bright and rure, and calm is the heavenly rest,

Yet the human love clings yearningly to all it has prized the best. We have been so happy, darling, and the part-

ing pang is keen : Ah! soothe it by this last vow to me-you will watch that my grave keeps green?

### AN EXPENSIVE TRAIN.

A Russian Story.

At the time when the first open court ot law was established in Russia, a lady, dressed with the utmost elegance, was walking on the Moscow promenade, leaning upon her husband's arm, and letting the long train of her rich dress sweep the dust and dirt of the street.

A young officer, coming hastily from a side street, was so careless as to catch one of his spurs in the lady's train, and in an in-tant a great piec · was torn out of the costly but frail material of the

"I beg a thousand pardons, madam," said the officer, with a polite bow, and then was about passing on, when he was

detained by the lady's husband. "You have insulted my wife." "Nothing was further from my intention, sir. Your wife's long dress is to blame for the accident, which I sincere-

ly regret, and I beg you once more to receive myapologies for any carelessness on my part." Thereupon he attempted to hasten on. "You shall not escape so," said the

lady, with her head thrown back in a spirited way. "To-day is the first time I have worn this dress, and it cost me two hundred rubles, which you must make good."

"My dear madam, I beg you not to detainme. I am obliged to go on duty at once. As to the two hundred rubles-I really cannot help the length of your dress, yet I beg your pardon for not having been more cautious."

"You shall not stir, sir. That you are obliged to go on duty is nothing to us. My wife is right; the dress must be made good. The officer's face grew pale.

You force me to break through the rules of the service, and I shall receive

punishment. "Pay the two hundred rubles and you are free.

The quickly changing color in the young man's face betrayed how inwardly disturbed he was; but stepping close to them both, he said, with apparent self-

"You will renounce your claim when I tell you that I am a-a-poor man, who has nothing to live on but his officer's pay, and the amount of that pay hardly reaches the sum of two hundred rubles in a whole year. I can, therefore, make no amends for the misfortune, except by again begging your par-

"Oh! anybody could say all that: but we'll see if it's true; we'll find out if you have nothing but your pay. I declare myself not satisfied with your excuses, and I demand my money," persisted the lady, in the hard voice of a thoroughly unfeeling woman.

"That is true-you are right," the husband added, dutifully supporting her. "By good luck we have the open court now just in session. Go with us before the judge and he will decide the matter."

All further protestation on the officer's part that he was poor, that he was expected on duty, and so forth, did not help matters. Out of respect for his uniform, and to avoid an open scene, he had to go with them to the court-room, where the gallery was densely packed with a crowd of people.

After waiting some time, the lady had leave to bring her complaint. "What have you to answer to this complaint?" said the judge, turning to

the officer, who seemed embarrassed and half in despair. "On the whole, very little. As the lateness of the hour, and being required on duty, compelled me to hurry, I did not notice this lady's train, which was tune to tear the dress. Madam would 3,000 miles by vessels of large size. It one, too. She drew it out, made as not receive my events about 1 me amazon river is navigable for the pen through it. A pet child is always young woman was addressed by a board alike awaiting political events. There pen through it. A pet child is always young woman was addressed by a board donkeys to carry seed and cotton to the pen through it. A pet child is always young woman was addressed by a board donkeys to carry seed and cotton to the pen through it. A pet child is always young woman was addressed by a board donkeys to carry seed and cotton to the pen through it.

that she will pardon me."

A murmur ran through the gallery, evidently from the people taking sides with the defendant, and against long trains in general and the lady in par-

The judge called to order, and asked "Are you satisfied with the defendant's explanation?"

Not at all satisfied. I demand two hundred rubles in payment for my torn

"Defendant, will you pay this sum?"
"I would have paid it long before this had I been in a position to do so.

Unfortunately, I am poor. My pay as an officer is all I have to live on." "You hear, complainant, that the defendant is not able to pay the sum you demand of him. Do you still wish the complaint to stand?"

An unbroken stillness reigned throughout the hall, and the young officer's breath could be heard coming

"I wish it to stand. The law shall give me my rights." There ran through the rows of people a murmur of indignation that sounded

like a rushing of water.

"Consider, complainant, the consequences of your demand. The defendant can be punished only through being deprived of his personal liberty, and by that you could obtain no satisfaction, while to the defendant it might prove the greatest injury in his rank and position as an officer, and especially as he is an officer who is poor and dependent upon his pay. Do you still insist upon your complaint?"

"I still insist upon it." The course the affair was taking seemed to have become painful to the lady's husband. He spoke with his wife urgently, but, as could be seen by the way she held up her head and the energy with which she shook it, quite uselessly. The judge was just going on to further consideration of the case, when a loud voice was heard from the

andience : "I will place the two hundred rubles at the service of the defendant."

There followed a silence, during which a gentleman forced his way through the crowd and placed himself by the young officer's side.
"Sir, I am the Prince W., and beg

you will oblige me by accepting the loan of the two hundred rubles in ques-"Prince, I am not worthy of your kindness, for I don't know if I shall ever answered the be able to pay the loan,'

young man, in a voice tremulous with emotion. "Take the money, at all events. I can w it until you are able to return it." Thereupon the prince held out two notes of a hundred rubles each, and coming close up to him, whispered a few words very softly. There was a sudden lighting up of the officer's face. He immediately took the two notes, and, turning toward the lady, handed them to her

with a polite bow. "I hope, madam, you are satisfied. With a malicious smile she reached out her hand for the money.
"Yes; now I am satisfied."

With a scornful glance over the crowd of spectators, she prepared to leave the court-room on her husband's arm.

"Stop, madam," said the officer, who had suddenly become like another man. with a firm and confident manner. "What do you want?"

The look that the young woman cast apon him was as insulting as possible. "I want my dress," he answered, with a slight but still perfectly polite

"Give me your address, and I will send it to you. "Oh, no, my dear madam, I am in the habit of taking my purchases with

me at once. Favor me with the dress immediately. A shout of approbation came from the gallery.

"Order!" cried the judge. "What an insane demand!" said the lady's husband. "My wife cannot un-

dress herself here." "I have nothing to do with you, sir, in this matter, but only with the complainant. Be so good, madam, as to give me the dress immediately. I am in great hurry; my affairs are urgent, and

cannot wait a moment longer.' The pleasure of the audience at the expense of the lady increased with every word, until it was hard to enforce any approach to quiet, so that either party could be heard.

"Do not jest any more about it. I will hurry, and send you the dress as soon as possible."

"I am not jesting. I demand from the representative of the law my own property-that dress," said the officer, raising his voice.

The judge, thus appealed to, decided promptly.

"The officer is right, madam. You re obliged to hand him over the dress on the spot." "I can't undress myself here before all these people, and go home without

any dress on," said the young woman, with anger and tears. "You should have thought of that sooner. Now you have no time to lose. Either give up the dress of your own accord, or "- A nod that could not be

misinterpreted brought to the lady's side two officers of justice, who seemed about to take upon themselves the office of my lady's maid. "Take your money back, and leave

me my dress." "Oh, no, madam; that dress is now worth more than two hundred rubles to

"How much do you ask for it?" "Two thousand rubles," said the officer, firmly.

"I will pay the sum," the weeping lady's husband responded, promptly. "I have here five hundred rubles. Give me pen and paper and I will write an order upon my banker for the remaining fifteen hundred."

After he had written the draft the worthy pair withdrew, amidst hisses from the audience,

not receive my excuses, but perhaps has four tributaries, which are united by much display as possible, and called stations will be very scarce. The gov- the worst in the family. now she might find herself more dis- a network of natural canals. Two thou- out : posed to forgiveness, when I again de- sand miles from its mouth its channel clare, so help me God, that I committed has a depth of three fathoms, and for this awkward blunder without any mis-chievous intention, and I carnestly beg fere with the smooth passage of shipping.

There's Many a Slip.

There was a circus giving performtention, I was usually the only sufferer.

and get caught." should see at the circus, and I was thinking how I should laugh at the awfully funny clowns and be quite carand the honey removed without the loss

high toned and take fifty cent seats." about the piebald horses and the trick tors in the show are numerous, and mules and the man that caught the can- many of the exhibits new and cleverly

"Where's the money?" I asked, with praiseworthy forethought.

" Ain't you got any ?"

I. as he showed it to me.

"I'll tell you what we'll do," he remarked, as he returned the money to bronze medals, certificates and money his pocket after a moment's reflection; "we'll ride up in a stage and give that sixpence to the driver just as we are and the exhibition, which is under the getting out. When I hand it up to him you open the door and run like thunder. and I'll come on after you. I'm going to hand it myself, because you'll be sure to drop it or make a mess of it in

some way.' We hailed a stage, jumped into it, and soon reached our destination. "Now," said Jack, after the stage had stopped, as he handed up his fare,

'scoot ! Away I went, with Jack close at my heels. We heard the driver shouting after us, and we gave a quick glance over our shoulders. He was standing up and yelling, "Hey, there!" with all

his might. "Hi!" said Jack, "ain't be mad though."

all the efforts of the colonists have been futile to keep down their numbers. At I rather thought he was, and I did last a happy idea struck some persons not feel entirely comfortable until we who had suffered from this curious plague. They determined to import had gone a couple of blocks around the corner. We stopped for a moment to some weasels, thinking that by their take breath. We were at the entrance help they would be able to accomplish to the circus, and could hear the band the desired end, and they have offered playing the preliminary music. as much as \$25 a pair for healthy wea-

"Hurry up," said I, "it's going to begin. Where's your money?"
"Here it is," answered Jack, drawing his hand out of his pocket. He took a look at the coin and then turned ghastly

"Je-rusalem!" he gasped.
"What's the matter," said I. He held the coin toward me. It was a six-

penny piece. "Blamed if I ain't given him the gold dollar by mistake." Words could not do justice to our feelings. We did not speak, but gave one longing look at the circus tent and then sneaked away silently toward home. It was a great while before either of us

could hear the word "circus" without thinking that life was a hollow mockery. and that there was very little in it worth living for. I had one consolation, though. It was that Jack, with all his brilliancy. had made the blunder instead of me.

#### A Base Trick.

Strangers often remark, says the Free Press, that Detroit ladies seem to have a great fondness for carrying gold watches, and any person walking ten blocks on Woodward or Jefferson avenues will see, if it is a fine day, at least one hun-ail Egyptians even more than the finandred ladies with gold chains hanging down to the watch pocket. But, is the fusal of the government to accept the watch there? On a Woodward avenue car there were half a dozen ladies and only one gentleman. Satan must have put him up to do a mean thing. ing out his watch he looked at it, shook it, sighed heavily and said : "Ought to have been cleaned a week

Will you please give me the progress, death resulting in many cases The lady addressed had on a magnificent chain, but she blushed, half rose,

sat down again, and whispered: "My-my watch is-is out of order." "You have the time, perhaps!" he asked of the next.

"Y-yes, sir-it's ten o'clock," she replied, looking out of the window. "Does your time agree with that?" he asked of the third. "I believe so," she coldly replied, though she well knew that her chain horses, mules and donkeys of our dis-

was pinned to her dress. "And what does your watch say he smilingly asked of the fourth. "It's a little slow, I think," she answered, drawing her shawl closer.

driv r shook up the lines and called out: returned rom Abyssinia, instead of iso-"Go on, now, you old raw bones!" lating them."

An Exhibition of Bees. The London Times says : An exhibiances every afternoon and evening, says tion of "bees, their produce, hives and Mark Twain, and my cousin Jack and I bee furniture," was commenced at the wanted to go to it. Jack's father gave him the money, a gold dollar, and we started off as happy as it is only possible for two boys to be who are possessed of the necessary capital to invest in a circus bee keeping in the mind of the ordinary performance. Jack was about my own city dweller appears to be that it is someage, and quick at invention. He it was, thing practiced by poor cottagers to help as a rule, who planned the various little out their small incomes. But in Amerischemes of deviltry which gave piquancy to our youthful days, and I was generally the one to carry them out. Therefore, f punishment was a consequence of de- it is a straw cap, something like a dish cover in shape, only round; that the Sometimes I objected to this rather one- bees make their honey therein, a.d that sided arrangement, but Jack would meet the poor cottager subsequently, to apme with the argument that "the feller propriate the sweets, stifles the industhat spoilt the game ought to be the one trious insects which have swarmed to get the licking, and if I hadn't been a there. Such was, no doubt, the actual darned fool I wouldn't 'a got found out. state of the case at one time; but such He wasn't a going to get blamed be-cause I didn't know no better than to go and get caught."

saate of the case at one thine, but the case at one thine, bu Well, we were jogging along, pictur- the temperature is regulated by a thering to ourselves the delightful things we mometer; the bees are dealt with as

ried away with wonder and admiration of a single bee, and without the least at the perilous feats of the acrobats and damage to the "comb," which it costs rots." become so fascinated with the levely the insects so much labor to make. An young lady rider in the short skirts and exhibition of this kind practically shows and struck with her horns so hard as to pink tights that I might even dash into all this, and one begins to understand the ring and carry her away by main that bees where properly "farmed," not shake. force to a desert island, where I would may yield a considerable profit when marry her and live happily ever after-ward, when Jack said: "Mark, let's be can yield 111 pounds, twelve ounces of said the fox. igh toned and take fifty cent seats." honey and comb, the value of which is I nodded assent, and went on thinking nearly £8, market price. The exhibi-But, crack! her horns broke!" skip about. "Oh, my dear friend," non balls on the back of his neck, when Jack made another remark:

"Say! It's plaguey hot walking in the sun. Let's go up in the stage."

"Whence's the man of aught the call many of the exhibits new and dieverly skip at adapted to their purpose. There is a great variety of "houses," some as large, and like nothing so much as dog kennels; others like "dolls" houses, not such said he, "the carrots belong to me not succeeded in your task yet. If you with two or more stories; some like cupboards, with folding doors and shelves, with the stumps of my horns. and some again like dovecotes and quite to himself : "She has one left still, I dove down into my pockets in reply as fanciful. Inventions, too, for exto this question, and brought up a lump | tracting honey from the "comb" are | which is almost whole; she will tear my vial with four lightning bugs in it, a press" extractors, etc. The "furniture" jewsharp, about fifteen marbles, a sec- exhibited is of great variety, also, and tion of tallow candle done up in brown much of it new but necessary to those paper and a piece of shoemaker's wax- | who "farm bees" for profit or pleasure.

of second hand chewing gum, two tops, also numerously exhibited, some worked some dried apples, an old jackknife, a on cog wheel action being called "ex-" Well," said "Well," said he, "I will knock down my heap, then; it is nothing for me." The fox begun to dig with his fore paws until he had made a great hole in the ground close to the heap. The stones soon fell over into the hole, but. but no money. Then Jack made an ex- The specimens of honey in "comb" and ploration through his pockets, and extracted, are also numerous, and to alas! they fell on the fox and broke his found besides the gold dollar a sixpenny | these may be added hives of bees to be | left paw. Then the two looked at one anotherseen at work, ees swarming, etc. There

Rabbit Warfare in New Zealand.

check. The consequence is that farms

are devastated, crops are destroyed, and

the earth overrun with increasing

swarms of these destructive rodents, and

Weasels, however, object to anything

like confinement, and, as they would

probably die on the voyage out. Mr.

Buckland, to whose care the experiment

has been confided, has determined to

farmers' friends. In thus making use

the "balance of power" between them,

attacks of insect pests. It is to be hoped

the tattle of nature will be fought out

A New Plague in Egypt.

cial decrees of the khedive or the re-

fellaheen. Thus they have been dis-

the neighborhood of Cairo alone several

hundred horses are already reported

dead. A well informed correspondent

thus describes in the Delta the effect of

this epidemic in one of the busiest dis-

tricts: "It is ravaging now among the

A letter from Alexandria says : A new

with much interest.

were entries for thirty-three out of the one with her broken thirty-five classes into which the show other with his broken paw. "Run after the carrots," said the was divided, and prizes of silver and goat, with a sneer, "I will give them prizes in sums of £3 and under were up to you.' offered. There were in all 244 entries,

"I cannot," answered the fox, "my naw hurts me too much. Take them management of the beekeepers' associayourself." tion, was well attended and examined

A Fable.

together along a road, and saw a sack

lying against a hedge.

sack ?" said the goat.

one could wish for fell out.

horns and showed his teeth.

like that kind of weapon."

horns.

other?

Once a fox and a goat were walking

"What do you think is inside that

"I will go and see," said the fox; and,

putting his nose into the mouth of the

bag, tied tightly by a cord, he shook

will tear your sides with my horns."

"Ah! you do not hit hard enough."

When the fox saw that he begun to

"That is just what I am going to do," said the goat, and she ran for the sack; but neither bag nor carrots were to be seen; while they were disputing, a man had come along and carried all

Some years ago a colonist, with the "Alas!" cried the goat, "how stupid dea of benefiting New Zealand, took we have been! If we had divided the out a few pairs of rabbits and turned treasure, we should have kept whole-I them out in the country, forgetting how I my horns, you your paw, and each of mickly these animals multiply, and what little means there are, in a country | us would have had more carrots than we could eat." so thinly populated, of keeping them in

#### An Anecdote about MacMahon.

The following anecdote about Sub-Lieutenant de MacMahon, son of the president of the republic, was lately related by one of his comrades: He was passing through Versailles, proud of his it was evident from their appearance officer's uniform, of which, however, a false collar of not very regimental appearance diminished the severity. The young officer passed a colonel, who, after having returned the salute, stopped and reprimanded him for his unmilitary appearance, and asked his name. But scarcely had he glanced at the card presented by the young man then he expressed his surprise at not having recognized the son of the marshal, and was send out some polecat ferrets, which he imagines will be even more valuable colonel, card for card," said the young man. "I must ask for yours because of one branch of animal life to keep have not the honor of knowing your check on another, and so to maintain name." The colonel at once handed his card, and the other at once went to the he is simply following nature. They Elysee to make a complaint to his fathhave had instances of this scientific ar. An hour after the colonel and subadaptation in England in the employ- lieutenant were both ordered to confine ment of swans to destroy the supera- themselves to barracks for four daysbundant growth of weeds in rivers and one for his non-regimental costume, and ponds, and in the protection of insect the other for not having punished the eating birds to defend crops from the offense.

#### Among the Brigands.

to the satisfaction of the colonists of M. Domenico di Bernardo, a rich pro-New Zealand, and that they will not prietor of Sicily, was recently captured by brigands. For eleven days and have cause presently to import some new addition to their fauna to keep down nights they kept him marching through the too rapid increase of polecat ferrets. a thick forest at a rapid pace. Except that his companions never stopped be fore any obstacle, whether a precipice or a torrent, M. di Bernardo had nothing to complain of in respect of the treatment which he received at their hands. calamity now engages the attention of The food with which they provided him was of the most exquisite kind, and such as could not be found in an ordipary hotel in Italy. No luxury, even to judgments of the new courts. It seems the finest ices, was wanting at their that many of the cavalry horses that have returned from Abyssinia in the last rible Leone, distinguished himself by two months came with a most malignant disease upon them. The doctors pronounce it a kind of typhoid fever. It is most infectious and terribly rapid in its in a few hours. It is stated, and on good authority, that the government, instead of isolating the infected animals, sold them all at very low prices to the losing so pleasant a companion. tributed throughout the country, and in

#### Newspaper By-Laws. 1. Be brief. This is the age of tele-

graphs and stenography. 2. Be pointed. Don't write all around a subject without hitting it. 3. State facts, but don't stop to moralize. It's a drowsy subject. Let the trict most furiously, and many villages reader do his own dreaming.

are named where not one horse has es- 4. Eschew preface. Plunge that this calamity will interfere very | cold water.

strike out nine-tenths of the adjectives. do you not?"

MORE HORBID CRUELT'ES.

Destroying Over One Thousand Persons in a Church-The Massacre of the Inhabit

ants of Batak. A report on the war in Bulgaria deals with the case of Batak-the most fearful tragedy that happened during the whole insurrection.

The mediliss of Tartar Bazarjik, hearabout the bag so much that the string ing that preparations for revolt were at last gave way, and the finest carrots going on in this village, ordered Achmet Agha of Dospat to attack it, and this in-"They are for me," said the fox,
"for I opened the sack."
"Yes," said the goat; "but I gave
you the idea, and if you touch them I dividual, having joined his forces with those of Mohammed Agha of Dorkova, proceeded to carry out these orders. On arriving at the village he summoned the inhabitants to give up their arms, which, as they mistrusted him, they re-The fox looked at the goat's great fused to do, and a desultory fight succeeded, which lasted two days, hardly

The goat, on seeing the fox's teeth, thought within herself: "I don't much any loss being inflicted on either side. On the ninth of May the inhabitants, seeing that things were going badly with them, and that no aid came from And the fox said to himself: "I will not expose my sides to those terrible without, had a parley with Achmet, who solemnly swore that if they only gave After a minute's silence the fox said up their arms not a hair of their heads should be touched. A certain number

Why do we stand looking at each What is the use of that? Let of the inhabitants, luckily for them, took advantage of this parley to make us see which is the stronger. See, there are two heaps of stones. You shall take one and I the other. He who shall first their escape.

The villagers believed Achmet's oath throw down his heap shall eat the car-

and surrendered their arms, but this de-The goat put her legs firmly together, mand was followed by one for all the money in the village, which, of course, had also to be acceded to. No sooner was the money given up than the Bashimake a great noise, but the heap did Bazouks set upon the people and slaughtered them like sheep. A large The goat went three steps backward, and ran at the heap with all her might. number of people, probably about 1,000 or 1,200, took refuge in the church and churchyard, the latter being surrounded by a wall. The church itself is a solid building, and re isted all the attempts of the Bashi Bazouks to burn it from the outside; they consequently fired in through the windows, and, getting upon the roof, tore off the tiles and threw "Not yet," said the goat, "you have touch the carrots, I will tear your side burning pieces of wood and rags dipped in petroleum among the mass of unhappy human beings inside. At last the door was forced in, the massacre The fox looked at the goat, and said completed, and the inside of the church

burnt. Hardly any escaped out of these fatal wasls. The only survivor I could find was one old woman, who alone remained out of a family of seven. When the door was broken in and she was expecting immediate death, a Turk took her by the hand, and saying, "Come, old woman, I am not going to hurt you," led her away and saved her life. The spectacle which the church and church yard present must be seen to be described; hardly a corpse has been buried; where a man fell there he now shadow of death on the thirty-first of July, more than two months and a half after the massacre, but still the stench was so overpowering that one could hardly force one's way into the church

In the streets at every step lay human remains, rotting and sweltering in the summer sun-here a skull of an old woman, with the gray hair still attached to it; there the false tress of some un happy girl, slashed in half by a yataghan, the head which it adorned having been probably carried off to be devoured by some of the dogs, who up to this time have been the only scavengers. Just outside the village I counted more than sixty skulls in a little hollow, and that nearly all of them had been severed from the bodies by axes and yataghans. From the remains of female wearing apparel scattered about, it is plain that many of the persons here massacred

were women. It is to be feared, also, that some of the richer villagers were subjected to cruel tortures before being put to death, in hopes that they would reveal the existence of hidden treasure. Thus Petro Triandaphyllos and Pope Necio were roasted, and Stoyan Stoychoff had his ears, nose, hands, and feet cut off. Enough, I think, has been said to show that to Achmet Agha and his men belongs the distinction of having committed, perhaps, the most heinous crime that has stained the history of the present century, Nina Sahib alone, I should say, having rivaled their deeds. As regards the number of killed, five thousand is my estimate. I am aware that others place it higher, but be this as it may, whether the slain are to be counted by hundreds or by thousands does not lessen in the least the criminality of

#### the slayers.

A Dance of Death. The Hon. Evelyn Ashley, step-grandson, biographer, and formerly private secretary of Lord Palmerston, writes to a London paper to explain, by means of tirely stopped by the continuous raina private letter he has received from a very authentic source, the meaning of Mr. Baring's denial of the statement that forty Bulgarian girls were burned. The statement was founded on a misunderstanding of a colloquial Turkish phrase. To burn is yakmak, a verb contable. The leader of the band, the ter- stantly used in the sense also of ruin. Thus a debtor will say: "Do you wish his politeness. He showed himself to to burn me?" meaning to ruin me. The be a gentleman transformed into a bri- truth as to these girls is that they were foreign wheat into London have again gand from a mere love o the art. An carried off, and have never been heard easy good humor prevailed in the socie- of since. Mr. Ashley's correspondent, ty of the robbers, and when, on the pay- a consul, further tells him that after two or Canada. The imports for the first ment of the ransom, he was released, his hundred men had been murdered in a guardians expressed their deep regret at certain village, the Turks found some more in hiding places, and told them that if they would dance one of their national dances they would let them off. So the poor fellows begun to dance. It was a dance of death. The ruffians shot them down while at it.

HIS WAITERS .- A boarding house keeper in Chicago read how the hotels in the White Mountains had school mistresses and divinity students for waiters. caped the disease. It is to be feared into your subject, like a swimmer into and, to follow the example, young man and two female teachers, render the Russian supply for the time 5. If you have written a sentence that whose salaries had been cut down, to un- being our main reliance. The local trade men will be short of horses, and the you think particularly fine, draw your dertake waiting at table. The first is almost unchanged, buyers and sellers ernment is alone to blame that the discase has spread so quickly over the case has spread so quickly over the country solling country solling

items of interest.

People who don't pay their taxes are not allowed to vote in Georgia.

This is not from "Daniel Deronda." "She was plump and beautiful, and he was wildly fond of her. She hated him, but, womanlike, strove to catch him. What was he? A flea.

The salmon product of the Columbia river, Oregon, will this year reach the enormous total of 40,000,000 pounds, and the amount canned for shipment will yield \$3,000,000.

It was a New Jersey wife who said: "My dear, if you can't really drink bad coffee without abusing me, how is it that you can always drink bad whisky

without abusing the barkeeper ?" A bright little girl, having been asked to write a sentence introducing the word carrion," presented the following to her teacher: "Bad children often carrion in church, when they ought to be

quiet." He now thinks it is unsafe to leave blotting paper around the office. His wife found this on a piece:

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WILLIW Fifty thousand elephants are killed every year to furnish the ivory worked up in England alone. The best ivory comes from Zanzibar, the silver gray from regions south of the equator, and the favorite ornamental material from

One of the largest droves of cattle ever seen in any place was driven from Texas a few weeks ago from Capt. King's ranch, Nucces county, to Kansas. The herd numbered 30,000 horned cattle, and was attended by 700 drovers. The outfit alone cost \$50,000, and the herd brought \$620,000.

"Mr. Tompkins," said a young lady who had been showing off her wit at the expense of a dangler, "you remind me of a barometer that is filled with nothing in the upper story." "Divine Julia," meekly replied her adorer, "in thanking you for that compliment, let me remind you that you occupy my upper story.

It is apt to shake a man's confidence in his wife to awake in the early morning and find her sitting on the edge of the bed going through his pockets. And it is apt to shake a woman's confidence in her husband to find nothing in those pockets but a lager beer check, a piece of bologna sausage, a variety show ticket, and a perfumed note signed:

"Ever yours, Julia." A realistic reporter of the Philadelphia Times, describing the crowds at les, and it is with difficulty that one the Exhibition on Pennsylvania day, picks one's way to the door of the says: "The people moved into the church, the entrance of which is barred buildings like a fox's tail seen disapby a ghastly corpse stretched across the threshold. I visited this valley of the through which it is drawn by a pair of horses on the other side, and they moved out of the buildings like minced meat

out of a sausage stuffer." A circus that travels in Texas has an uncovered canvas inclosure. At Brackett a tree overhanging the ring was occupied by men and boys, who thus saw the show free of cost. A performer's feat included firing a revolver on horseback, and at the first discharge a spectator fell dead from the tree. Thereupon the circus men were mebbed, and escaped by a practical use of their skill

in horsemanship. An Englishman who insulated his bedstead by placing underneath each post a broken off bottom of a glass bottle, says that he had not been free from rheumatic gout for fifteen years, and that he begun to improve immediately after the application of the insulators. A local paper, quoting this item, wisely adds: "There's many a fellow who could cute his gout, if he would break off the bottoms of his glass bottles in

Not one person in a dozen can tell the names of those whose busts are to be found on postage stamps. The bust on the one cent stamp represents Franklin; twos, Jackson; threes, Washington; fives, Taylor; sixes, Lincoln; sevens, Stanton; tens, Jefferson; twelves, Clay; fifteens, Webster; twenty fours, Scott; thirties, Hamilton; nineties, Perry. The seven, twelve and twenty-four cent stamps are not now issued, but many of them are in circulation.

## The English Corn Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, in a review

of the British corn trade, says the amount of moisture in the north has again been excessive; harvesting consequently proceeds very slowly. Such cereals as have been carried in in an unsatisfactory condition are likely to suffer further detriment in stack. In the midlands a considerable quantity of beans is yet unsecured, carting having been enfall. In Ireland the weather has been better and the cereal harvest is now fairly over. As it has been impossible to thrash freely of late the supplies of wheat at the principal markets have again been light, and the bulk in a damp and inferior condition. Such qualities only have been salable at a decline of a shiling per quarter; even then the trade has been slack. The week's imports of been light. It is noticeable that there were no arrivals from the United States five weeks of the cereal year were 3,631,-842 cwt., against 7,840,733 cwt. for the corresponding period last year. These facts enforce the opinion that unless America and Russia ship much more freely than of late prices must rise further in order to attract the necessary supplies from abroad. The more serious aspect of the Eastern question for some days has perhaps somewhat influenced buyers. Russia's going to war would doubtless cause considerable excitement in the grain trade, as short shipments of red wheat from America and elsewhere The gentleman smiled, the other four ladies bit their lips and scowled, and the lines and called out:

"Go on, now, you old raw bones!"

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