

L., where his cousin. Mrs. Marvin, lived. Here for some time he remained concealed in the small farmhouse, and

thought himself safe. Two miles from the nouse, by way of the road, was the mouth of a small stream that joins the Connecticut River near where it empties into Long ation on the fugitive's face, but Island Sound. Beneath the high banks of this little creek two faithful friends of the governor kept a boat

enemy.

upon the head of Gov- ly wetted and spread upon the green ernor Griswold. of turf to be whitened by the rays of the Connecticut, by the sun by day and the moisture of the British, but when, in dew by night. It was the duty of who-17-. they attacked ever was in charge to turn the fabric New London, he est as occasion required, and occusionalcaped and made his ly to sprinkle it with water-not . I way to the town of onerous task, although one that required faithfulness and pacience.

As Hetty was sitting, this May day, near the linen, her mother's consin. the governor, suddenly sprang past her into the road.

The child was startled by this sudden shock, and by the look of desperquickly realized his danger, and at once quieted Towser, who, aithough a friend of the family's guest, considin readiness as a last resort, should ered such strange behavior on his part sufficient cause for barking.

his hiding-place be discovered by the The governor saw his little consin's One afternoon in May a sudden action, as she hastily clasped her hands pursuing party as they dashed down warning came to the refuge that his around Towser's nose to insure obe- the road, and the British officer's uni-

pdependence May

little Hetty wrung ber hands. "Quick!" she said, suddenly. "Under my linen! Quick, cousin! Quick!" "It's my only chance," he said, and was soon concealed beneath the folds of cloth. Almost immediately a mounted party

Xue guegras, steed in despete, and

of six Tories, headed by a British of rer, drew rein at the fork of the road. Hetty was quietly sprinkling her inen. The officer caught sight of her and rode quickly to the end of the path beside her, followed by his compan

"Child." he said, steruly, "have yor een a man running bereabouts?" "Yes, sir," replied Hetty, trembile

and confused. "Which way did be go?

"I promised not to tell sir." 'What?" thundered the Englishman "I premised not to tell even if vor killed me!" sobbed the frightened girl. "I'll have it out of you." exclaimed the officer, flercely, and started to dis mount.

"Let me speak to her." said one of the Tories. "I know the child." Then turning to Hetty, he asked, pleasantly 'Isn't your name Hetty Marvin?"

"Won't you tell us what he said to you? We are his friends." "He-told-he." Hetty hesitated, "he

was flying for bis life." "Just so. Now, Hetty, tell me where he said he was going to hide. I' could help him, perhaps, if I knew his plans." Hetty, not in the least deceived by this smooth speech, quickly and shrewdly decided that frankness-would serve her kinsman better than silence so answered his question.

"My cousin said he was going down the east road to the river, where he has a boat in waiting, but he wanted me to tell the men that were chasing him that he had taken the north road to meet the mail wagon:"

"Why did you not say so, then, when asked you?" thundered the officer. "I could not tell at lie, sir," was-the

earful response, "and I told him so." "Hetty, my child;" again began the smooth - tongued Tory, "everybody knows you are truthful. Now tell us what your cousin said when you told: bim you could not tell a lie."

"He said that it I betraved him it would be his death; and I promised him I would not tell which way he went, if I was killed for it."

"That was a brave speech, my dear And then, I suppose; he ran down the east road as quickly as possible?" "I promised not to tell which way be

went " "So you did. I forgot. Now tell us one thing more. What were his last

words?" "His last words were, 'It's my only chance," and overcome by fright and the thought of her cousin's danger. Hetty sobbed aloud and aid her face in her hands.

The pursuers did not wait to soothe or to question her further. They had, as they supposed, obtained the information they needed. They wheeled their horses and dashed off down the east road to the river:

Near the shore the boat was in wait ing for the governor, and in it were his two faithful friends, for they had seen the signal in the attic window

But now they caught sight of the whereabouts were known, and that at dience, and he stopped short in his mad form told them who the party were.

## THE MARVELOUS MINIATURE B TREES OF JAPAN.

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THESE CURIOUS EFFECTS ARE OBLY ATTAINED AFTER GENERATIONS OF PATIENT TOIL

MONG the many delightful | fortunate or unfortunate mortal who arts and studies of the consumes it. The peach tree is seldom Japanese none is more strange, usique and ancient than that of their training, cultivating and dwarfing of sine forms the chief element of the certain varieties of their flower bearing trees. They selze upon certain pecultarities of the tree; and emphasize or exaggerate this trait even to the point of carleature. Diey sim to express delicate meanings which a Western imagination could hardly grasp; as, for instance, laboriously training fice imit; native soil. The dwarf pines certain types of trees to convey the are often trained out over the surface ideas of peace, chastity, quiet old age. consubial happiness, and the sweetsess of solitude.

While essentially artistic; Japanese gardeners do not seek for rare flowers or trees, however beautiful they may be, but rather cultivate the cherry, the plum, azalea, japonica and other common flowering trees, and train these into the rarest of shapes, making festivals of their blosseming time, and placing fairy plum and cherry trees in pets in the guest chamber as a token: of hospitality. The cultivated flowers of Japan are the wild flowers. and the cultivated trees are those most commonly known and understood.

It would seem that the same perverse order of things obtains in their culture of dwarf trees as in everything else Japanese. Where Westerners would trains their trees to grow tail; and straight and symmetrical the Japanese fix upon a motif, and laboriously, patiently and systematically adapt nuture to their own design, until the tree is twisted and distorted from its original plas, and slowly follows their conseption to perfection. The process sometimes covers hundreds of years, being handed down from generation ta-generation, for this precious labor cannot be accomplished by one-man or one-generation. When the design is developed by the exposure of the root It can only be done at the rate of a quarter of an inch a year. Many of the designs are developed by grafting various kinds of trees upon one root. or planting more than one tree in a garden and training the roots, and branches together.

The Japanese exhibit the same exquisite veneration for age im trees as in people, and a favorite conceit is the training of the plum tree, so rugged and gnarled and knotted with its slehder shoots and sparse studded arrange. ments of flowers, that it typitles admirably the contrast of bent or crabbed age with fresh and vigorous youth, best displayed when the tree is in bud

The plum tree is, in fact, a favorite subject for their skill, and is trained in a variety of shapes, bent and curved and with graftings of different colored blossom sprays, fresh, fragrant and long lasting, form one of the most welcome and beautiful decorations during the early spring.

The plum tree, originally the imperi al favorite, was long since, however, supplanted by the oherry. A pretty story is told of the origin of the name "O-shu-ku-bai," meaning "Nightingale-dwelling-plum-tree," a variety with pink blossoms, and stend, one was found in the garden of a well-known poet named Kino Tsurayuki, and was demanded by the court officials. The daughter of the poet. was filled with grief at the loss of hertree, and wrote this verse, secretly pinning it to the tree:

Claimed for our Sovereign's use, Blossoms I've loved so we But for the nightingale Seeking her home of song How shall I find excuse?

In some way the lines fell into the hands of the good Emperor, and he straightway ordered the tree returned. hence the name "Nightingale-dwelling. plum-tree,"

And in fact all the names of these curious trees have a poetic significance, One cannot visit Japan without hearing of the Recumbent Dragon plum tree, at Kameldo, north of Tokio. This rare and curious tree of extreme old age and contorted shape, whose branches are bent plowing the soil. forming new roots in fourteen places, straggling over an extreme area, from its suggestive likeness was named the "Recumbent Dragon," and yearly clad with fresh shoots and white blossoms of tine perfume it attracted large crowds of visitors and pilgrims. The fruit of the tree was yearly sent to the shogun. But like everything else, it thany succumbed to extreme age, and was replaced by less imposing trees selected because of their likeness to its crawling shape.

The pine is indispensable to the true Japanese, and is found wherever he resides. It surrounds the chapel of the sun god and that of the saints and patrons. The dwarf variety called Fine Gold Matsu, meaning "dwarf pine with five leaves," is much sought after, as it is a symbol of happiness That night he made his way to the | and prolonged life. Sometimes a shore in safety, found the boat again | dwarf pine has its branches widespread and the top literally covered with snowy blossoms, a fitting symbol

of winter in the home of the rich, In this artificial culture of the pine extremes meet, specimens of immense size and those reduced to minute proportions are placed side by side. At Okosaka is the celebrated pine tree whose artificially extended branches have a circuit of 135 feet, while at Yeddo one sees a dwarf pine in a lacquored box not occupying more than two square inches.

The peach tree has a mystic value The peach tree of the Taoists, said to to confer 3000 years of life upon the ered.

employed as an art motif except in association with the emblematic signiffrance which links it to the pine. The Sho-chiku-bal, the triple emblem of old age, dwarfed by the horticulturist by compression of its roots and tostured and twisted into simulated antiquity by cords at : training, and is in strange contrast to the noble forest tree per mitted to grow unrestrained by artiof the water in spherical form; or trailed spon the ground. Again, they are cultivated in the tama-tusukuri style, a method by which each tuft of foliage is cut into a disc-like form.

One specimen of tree, a larch has been trained in a hosp to represent a moon, with branches trimmed to represent clouds across its face. Often trees are trained around a rock or grow from a mountain sponge. Some represent insects, grasshoppers, spiders, or the Japanese legend of the long and short armed man.

Two trunks are sometimes trained to represent the stork, with a low branch for a tortoise at its feet, Again, a tree is supposed to be growing un der a waterfidl, that washes away the earth from the roots; these are gradu ally uncovered in training, and the branches triumned so that they seem to be blown back by the wind and the water from the fall.

Admiration deepens as one studies these gardens, never better shown than in the imperial gardens, where each carefully relculated billock bears a poetical resemblance to Mount Fuji. each pond or row of stones has some philosophical meaning not to be fathomed by a hasty glance.-Woman's Home Companiou.

#### A TRIUMPH OF FORESTRY. The Remarkable Athlevement of Growing

According to United States Consul. Tourgee, of Bordeaux, the growth of the "pin maritime," on marine pine, in the Landes and adjoining departments of France, "undoubtedly marks ! the most remarkable achievement ever wrought by human agency in the modification of natural committees of soil

A century ago the region between . the Gironde and the Pyrenees was in : most of its extent "not only one of the . most barren in the world, but apparently altogether hopeless of reclamation." Sand dunes were advancing from the sea at rates varying up to 200 feet a year, swallowing up fields, meadows, vineyards, houses, churches, villages, and, leaving nothing but a gray desert. The old forests had been destroyed, and now nature was taking its revenge. There seemed no hope for the heart of Krance, when it occurred to Bremontier, a pative of the threatened region, that the devastation might be arrested by planting the "pin maritime."

The idea was submitted to Napoleon, who saw its value and ordered its execution. The result, says Consul Tourree, has been the greatest of his vic odor. In the tenth century the plum tories, "To-day the dark squadrons of tree, which, according to custom, had the pin maritime are posted on thoubeen planted in front of the imperial sands of sandy slopes, faithful guarpalace, withered and died. In a search dians in the shelter of which the vine for a tree worthy to be placed in its yards and wheat fields rest secure." They give not only protection but profit. Lumber, firewood, turpeutine and all the by-products of resinous distil lation are now produced in such abun dance here as not only to prevent the need of importation, but to make Southwest France a considerable and profitabe exporter," even to the United States.

Meanwhile, by permitting the reck less destruction of our own much richer long-leafed pines, which former ly protected our coasts and which asked only to be let alone, we are bring ing upon ourselves the same desola tion that threatened France a cente

Curtain Calls in Germany. There is an unwritten code of etic quette among actors in regard to cur tain calls that appears to differ widels. in different countries. In certain thea tres and opera houses in German cities it is exactly the reverse of what it it here. Over there the star or leading player takes the first curtain call atone If there is a second curtain call the star and associate player of the opposite sex appear together on the stage to respond to it, and should a third cal from the audience be given the entire company appears in answer to it. The customs of our stage generally reverse this procedure.-St. Louis Globe-Dem ocrat.

Manufacture of "Milkstone." "Milkstone," or galalith, is manufac tured in the following manner: By s chemical process the casein is precip ltated as a yellowish-brown powder which is mixed with formalin. There by a horn-like product is formed. The substance, with various admixtures forms a substitute for horn, turtle shell, ivory, celluloid, marble, ambeand hard rubber. Handles for knive and forks, paper cutters, crayons pipes, cigar holders, seals, marble stone ornaments and billiard balls are now made of galalith; its easy working it very desirable.

The Bolivian and Peruvian newspa

derived from ancient Chinese legends. party of British and American engl

HOT WATER:

One of the Most Potent Remodiar age That Can Be Employed.

Under many conditions het water is one of the most potent remedial agents that can be employed, and often, when intelligently used, it accomplishes more than druge.

But like many other things powerful or good, its abuse may prove injurious, and produce results quite opposite to what was intended.

The effect of warm or moderately hot water applied to the surface of the body is to cause the blood vessels and tissues of the skin to become relaxed. and to lose for the time being their natural tone. The blood supply of the region is much increased, and the pores are opened. If the entire body kas been immersed this action produces marked changes in the distribution of the blood, and a considerable portion of this fluid is taken from the interior of the body and brought close to the surface. If cold air now strikes the body a sudden chill is ery likely tobe the result.

This explains the great case with which one is liable to take cold after a warm bath, particularly if this has been prolonged, and it also suggests the natural remedy. This is quickly to sponge the entire surface with cold water before using the towel which should be applied briskly. In this way the relaxation is followed by prompt contraction, the circulation is made active instead of sluggish, and a delicious sense of vigor and stimulation is produced.

Hot water is necessary properly to cleanse the face and meck, and to stimulate the pores to cast oil the fatty material which might otherwise stagnate and cause pimples or blackheads Unless followed by a dash of cold water, however, the relaxed tissue are not stimulated to recontract, and premature wrinkles and dabbiness of the skin inevitably follow. Steaming the face and throat, although apparently beneficial at the time, is sure to be followed by results disastrous to the complexion unless counteracted in this way.

To sponge the face and throat with that water immediately before going out into the cold air is almost to invite taking a cold, but by systematically following the hot water with cold water and brisk friction (not too vigor ous on the face), the tissues become firm and the skin grows healthy, and able to throw off all impurities. The tiny muscles of the blood vessels be come developed through active use, and are trained to act promptly, so that the tendency to colds and sore throat is greatly decreased .- Youth's Companion.

WURDS OF WISDOM.

Have no thoughts you dare not put

An inspiration is mightier than an argument. There is no science without the su-

It is love for men that lifts a man above men.

We do not judge our friends by their failures.

Delays are news dangerous when we are angry. Outward plenty is a mockery with-

out inward piety. A purse is the most common poultice for the souscience.

The nore a man knows himself the less he says about it. The power that comes down is the

one that will lift, ap. Children bring the cheer as well as the tears of a home.

He who would be friendly to al must be for to himself.

The rich are not always godly; but the godly are always rich.

Every man has his prices but God only knows what it is .- Ram's Horn.

Their First Steamer.

In 1858 Queen Victoria gresented & small steam vacht to the Emperor of Japan, detailing some British blue jackets to the duty of instructing the Japanese in the management of that class of vessel. The Japanese under took to handle the craft before they had thoroughly learned their lesson and on the first voyage, when they wanted to stop they discovered that they had forgotten how this operation was performed. They, therefore, steamed round and mound until the fires died down, and then the gacht was towed home.

A Word Wanted.

The language of love is misicallag when it is not inadequate or sutrely missing. We have already pointed out that English has no current and accepted word whereby a young woman may allude to her tiance. And now a young man has peplied thus do a court of law to the simple question, "How many young women have yen been engaged to?" "Let me see, only two; two engagements and an understand; ing." It would have been a little clear. er had be said "one engagement and two misunderstandings." - London Daily Chronicle.

Curtous Legal Cuatom.

A curious custom is in vogue in many parts of India, If a dispute arises between two landowners two holes are dug close together, in each of which defendant's and plaintiff's lawyers have to place a leg. They have to remain thus until either one of them is exhausted or complains of being bitten by insects, when he is judged to be defeated and his emoloyer loses his case.

Paper False Teeth.

False teeth made of paper are in use in Germany, and are reputed to be elasticity and proof against fire make highly satisfactory. These paper teeth have several advantages over the ordinary ones of porcelain or mineral composition. They are very cheap, do not break or chip, are not sensitive to heat or cold, nor has the moisture of the mouth any injurious effect upon them.

#### Letter Carrier's Fees.

It is part of a Spanish postman's ned at \$20,000,000, was discovered by a duty to collect a tax of a cent apiece on every letter sent from within the kingdom which he delivers at the

### Some of the Best Jokes of the Day.

To make a bargain taketh two"
The adage says, and yet
Seema very strange since it is true
That only one will get it.
—Catholic Standard and Times.

Among Our Obligations. The Professor-"We owe a great deal to chemistry—" Friend-"Yes, indeed. To chemistry for instance, we owe a great many of

Citiman-"What's the latest train op the Swamphurst road?" Subbubs-"That's hard to say

our bloudes."--Judge.

They're all late, but they vary so in their lateness."-Philadelphia Press His Bright Idea.

"What is that automobilist complaining about?" "He says that the laws are wrong, He wants all pedestricus to wear numbers and secure permits before being allowed to cross the streets."-Washington Star.

Known Among the Cannibals. Cannibal Chief. "There are 100 many of you around that boiling pot."

Canibnal Chef "We are preparing a treat for your excellency." "That's all right, but too many cooks spoil the missionary, you know "-

A Fine Distinction "I didn't think you would write an anonymous letter."

"I didn't." was the hadigmant reply. "But you didn't sign your name to

"No. But I signed the name of one of the neighbors." -- Washington Star.

Boston Men. Burgess- "No. I never saw Filbert's wife, but I supposed she is a decided brunette, with a slender figure." Morris-"Anybody tell you anything

Burgess-"Oh, no, but Filbert is forever raging over blondes of a full habit."-Boston Transcript.

Taking No Risk. \*John, dear, the Harkers have invited us out to dinner Sunday." "I am afraid of their vegetables,

"But they raise their own vegeta-

"That is the very reason I am afraid of them."-Chicago News. A Leap Year Proposal.

farry-"Here is the newest conundrum: When is two an odd and lucky number?" Cella-"You know I never can guess

conundrums. Harry-"When two are made one." Celia - "Oh, Harry, this is so sudden." Town Topics.



"What would you say if I "There's a better way to find out

than asking me."-N. Y. Journal.

If He Only Could. "How's my boy getting on?" asked the farmer of the city merchant.

"Oh, he's all right. Does just what

he's told, but seems to lack judgment of his own." "Well," replied the farmer, "he knows, a whole lot if he could only

think of it."-Cleveland Leader,

Rather Vealy.

"What I would like," said the young author, whose first story had just been accepted, "is that the binding of the book be in keeping with the story. Do you grasp my meaning?"

"'66, yes," replied the intelligent and accommodating publisher. "I'll have it some in half calf."- Chicago Record-Herald.

The Main Question. "Somebody wants to see you, sir," said the office boy.

"Did you get his name. Jimmy?" "No. sir "You've been guilty of a serious over.

sight, Jimus ." "He said be wanted to see you." "But that's comparatively unimport. ant, Jonny. The main question is,

The Thankfut Patron. Citizen (in the street car office) "I am a patron of the Prospect line. This

Manager (interrupting)-"And they

didn't stop for you? Citizen -"No, they did not. But here is a little note of thanks I wish you

of car 999." Manager-"Why do you want to thank him when he didn't stop for

Citizen-"For not laughing at me when he went by." - Cleveland Leader,

Prolonged Herolam. "Henry, why don't you do something beroic and win one of those Carnegle origos?"

"I think I'm a moral hero, my dear," "A moral hero? Well, you've lived with me thirty years now and I've never known you to do anything he-

ole vét." "That's just what I've done, my

"What have you done?" "Lived with you thirty years."-

do I want to see him?"-Chicago Post.

morning I stood at the corner of Huntington street and--

would have delivered to the motorman

you?"

"There are various kinds of heroes, my dear." "And what do you claim to be?"

Cleveland Pain Dealer.

# Room in Which the Declaration of Independence Was Adopted.

riding rapidly toward the house to standing. capture him. Governor Griswold had previously arranged a code of signals with his my boat I am a lost man. When they friends at the creek, by which a white come along here teil them I have taken

was discovered, and was coming to the Hustily arranging the day-signal, he rushed from the house. Closely pressed as he was, to take the roat meant certain capture. Resides, a quarter of a mile could be saved by taking the little path across the Marvins' orchard. So down the path he dashed at full

abced. Just where this path emerged from 35 orchard and joined the rode sat ... Marvin with her dog Towser, tending the bleaching of the house-

hold linen. In those days the long web of torty yards or more used to be diligently spun and woven during the winter months, and whitened in the spring. The task of bleaching usually, for economy's sake, fell to the lot of the younger daughters of the household. who were not old enon, h to spin or

of the kitchen or dairy. The heavy roll of linen would be carried by the farmer and his mea to Nearer and nearer came the clatter some grassy spot beside a spring or 'of horses' hoofs on the hard road.

that moment a mounted party were race and came back to where she was

"Hetty," he said, earnestly, "if the Tories overtake me before I can reach cloth displayed in his attic window by the north road" the road forked near day or a light by night meant that he by-"to catch the mail wagon," and he turned to run on.

> not tell a lie, indeed I cannot! Oh, why did you tell me which way you were going?" "Hetty, dear child," said the governor, who had returned and was gently holding her hands, "surely you will not betray me to my death! Tell them

"O cousin, cousin!" cried Hetty after

him, in an agony of distress. "I can-

the corth road, and heaven will bless "Heaven never blesses those who speak falsely, cousin," said Hetty, sor-

rowfully. "Hark! I hear them! I hear the horses! Hetty! Hetty! You must do this for me!" "I will not open my lips to tell them

it! So run quickly, cousin!" "It's of no use," said the governor. weave, nor strong enough for the work sadly. "Unless I can deceive them and throw them off my track. I am a dead

anything, not even if they kill me for

man.

The Torics reached the shore in time to see the boat as it was hurriedly rowed out to sea, and as there were two men in it supposed their intended victim had escaped, and so they relinquished pursuit.

safe and quiet where Hetty had hidden him until the time came for her to return to the house for supper. Then he bade her ask her mother to set the light in the attic window as soon as it was dark and to send him i

ome supper.

Meanwhile Governor Griswold lay

in waiting, and after a time rejoined his family in a home secure from his A little daughter, whom he found had been born to him during his ab-

sence, be named Hetty Marvin in

grateful remembrance of his preser-

A Difference in the Morning Twas the Fourth of July, And with glee in his eye And with give in his eye
And crackers galore in his jacket,
Young Ted sallied out,
With an ear-splitting shout,
To add to the National racket.

ver.-Youth's Companion.

Twas the fifth of July.

With a patch on his eye
That hinted of dire disaster,
Poor Ted lay in bed,
Closely bandaged his head, And his fingers all covered with plaster!

Marine Plue in Erames.

and climate for the benefit of mankind.

Hidden Millions Found. pers announce that, after a search ex tending over five centuries, the grea buried treasure of the Incas, upor which countless romances have been founded, has been discovered burier in Bolivia. The treasure, which is val-

neers at Chayaltaya. The natives ar grow within the gardens of the fairy in a state of great excitement, for they house. To save expense, large business Si-Wang-Mu, biossoms but once in believe that there is treasure to the 2000 years, but each peach is believed value of \$35.000.000 still to be discov mail. Letters from abroad are deliv-