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such as I used to have the was a boy—and this year I am the was a boy—and this year I am "To-morrow will be Christmas, Margoing to have it. I'm going to open up the old homestead up in Hillville. ments of the season had been passed. Martha, the cook we had when I was a boy, will cook for us. Everything's planned-tickets bought. Come, my dear, what do you say?" Mrs. Wiggton looked at her husband aghast.

VE been wanting," said The next day, when they arrived at Wiggton, "to have a good the little New England village where old - fashioned Christmas the Wiggton homestead reared its

tha," said Wiggton, after the compliand I want a genuine old-fashioned Christmas, such as I look backward upon with such fond recollections," Martha, with a glow of pride in her honest face, nodded assent

keys-what do you know about 'em. anyway?"
"Martha," said Mrs. Wiggton, as she helped herself, "is evidently not a "Sh," warned Wiggton. "She might



"I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE." hear you. A waitress! Well, I should

say not. Martha comes from one of the oldest families, here. And by the way, my dear, try and unbend, won't you? Martha's sensitive, and might

The first course of dishes, which had been arranged by Martha on the table in that same spirit that she displayed when conveying sundry pieces of wood from the wood pile, were now removed and the second course came

"Now," exclaimed Wiggton, "we'll have the real thing. That turkey was a slight disappointment, I'll admit." "And don't say that I said it," whispered Mrs. Wiggton, "but that chicken ple was a triffe heavy, don't you

"A trifle," admitted Wiggton, "but wait. Here comes the glorious pumpkin ple. Here are the delicious crullers and the sugar cookies I've dreamed about so long."

"Hope you're enjoying yourselves?" said Martha, as she dumped the dishes down in front of Wiggton, "Very nice," said Mrs. Wiggton, with

reception smlle. "Fine," said Wiggton, his eyes glistening with anticipation. "Any cof-

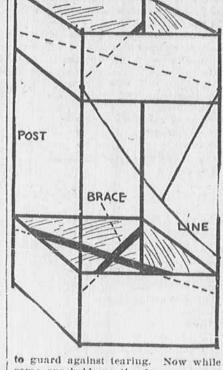
fee. Martha?" She brought in the old-fashioned coffee pot-the only object that Mrs. Wiggton took any interest in-and sat it down in front of him. "And now," said Wiggton, "we're

A silence ensued. A silence broken only by monosyllabic observations on the part of each diner, with Martha hovering near.
Finally, by simultaneous impulse,

they both arose and made their way into the little front parlor. Wiggton, taking from his pocket a

large perfecto, put one foot on the haircloth sofa, and ere he struck the match, turned to his wife:

"My dear," he observed, "I have a confession to make. That was the toughest turkey, the sogglest pumpkin



Boys and girls, and even grown-ups,

have learned that there, is fun at kite

flying from early spring until late fall.

One thing that has helped them to

learn this is the flying qualities of the

box kite. Everybody who cares for outdoor fun should know how this is

made. Here are directions that any

one can easily follow: The four corner posts should be

about two and one-half feet long, and

as light and slender as you can whittle them. Four inches from each end of

each piece is cut a little notch for the

braces to rest in. The four braces are

whittled down the same size as the

posts, and are about twenty inches

long. Each end of each brace is

notched to fit over the post. The notch

in the end of a brace and the notch in a

post come together. Now take two

strips of thin, strong paper, five feet

long and nine inches wide. Fold over

each edge as if for a half-inch hem,

some one holds up the four posts, set the braces in place and tie light cords around the whole frame right at the ends. There; the frame is up. Now draw the paper snug around it, just inside the cords and paste the ends tobridle tie the kite line.

After you learn how to make a kite postoffice, the addressee can easily of this size, you will enjoy making a wash away the paste or glue, which much larger one. These kites fly even brings with it the postmark, and the in a light wind.-Globe

The Chinese Government has in Portland an agent who has made liberal offers to some officers of the Oregon National Guard to go to China as drill instructors.

Budapast, the capital of Hungary, finest suspension bridge on the Conti-

EGYPT'S NEXT KHEDIVE.

Prince Mohamed Abdul Mouneim. elder son of the Khedive and heir-apparent of the Khedival throne, was born on the 20th of February, 1899, and is consequently a little over five



THE EGYPTIAN HEIR APPARENT.

A little girl wrote the following essay on boys: "Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by and said to himself, 'Well, I think I can do better if I try again,' and He made Eve. Boys are a trouble. They wear out everything but soap. If I had my way the world would be girls and the rest dolls. My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy. Man was made, and on the seventh day he rest-

Some Chinamen in West Java have gether. When the paste is dry, take discovered a way to use postage off the cords. The bridle should be stamps over and over again. On stickthree feet long, and tied tightly at ling a new stamp upon an envelope each end to two posts, eight inches they smear the stamp on the face with from their ends. In the middle of the paste or with a layer of thin glue. On the stamp being defaced at the stamp is again bright and unspotted.

Cultivating the Eye. A planist has to cultivate the eye to see about 1500 signs in one minute, the fingers to make about 2000 movements and the brain to receive and understand separately the 1500 signs while it issues 2000 orders. In playing can boast of having the largest and Weber's "Moto Perpetuo" a pianist has to read 4541 notes in a little un der four minutes.

installments, instead of in sum total, as done by said bureau in previous years, has been a serious detriment to the cotton trade this season, unsettling the market value of spot cotton and creating erroneous impressions as to the final outcome of the cotton gin-

"Resolved, That the chief statistician of the census bureau be respectfully asked and requested to issue all future reports of the cotton ginned in a monthly form in its entirety, as was his manner of doing same in the pre-



IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

HON. THOMAS E. WATSON. of Georgia, HOW TO MAKE A BOX KITE.



years old. His mother, the Princess Ikbal Hanen, is famed for her beauty, inherited from a long line of Caucasian uncestors, and she is very gifted, exhibiting the happlest influence over her

Her Opinion of Boys.

ed."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Using Stamps Over.



MODEL SCHOOLHOUSE WHICH WON THE PRIZE AT THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR



"I don't seem to have anything to say," she observed, "if you have made all the preparations. When do we

"To-morrow," said Wiggton. "Back

at the end of the year. Those who

pay when it suits their convenience,

and those who never pay. A busi-

dows. "It doesn't seem to heat up the way it used to. And the blamed thing throws out enough coal gas to run a gashouse with." Martha came in and gave it a shake "I guess it's all right," she said. Haint ben used fer some time, but t never did burn the way it ought to." The next day, when Wiggton and his

"What's the matter with this base

burner?" said Wiggton, examining the ancient heater with its isinglass win-

bject of curiosity.

wife at last sat down to their Christmas dinner, that enthusiastic gentleman rubbed his hands in glee. "Now," he said, "we're in for it Here comes the turkey. Hooray!"

Martha brought it in on a platter.

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March and many

May; so there will

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She followed with chicken pie, boiled If all those whose names are on the and neighbors for their kindness "The youls my list were like our old friend it would and helpfulness during the sick- seriously affected Oh, the me not be necessary to adopt the "cash ness and death of my dear husband cotton, and while Hark! Hark! Do you hear them ring;

Pickens, R. F. D. No. 1.

-If your church does not need of this class seek ness of that kind requires the services of a collector, which is an expense the painting, remember that t'ae winner goods have been se paper can illy afford, to say nothing can devote the estimated cost to any six weeks on a basi outton and any m other church improvements. of the loss from non-payers. You

"I guess I know, John," she said, pie, the most abominable coffee, to calling Wiggton by his first name "'N say nothing of those fierce and indigesyou'll have it if I kin give it to yew.' tible doughnuts, that I have tasted for Mrs. Wiggton sat sllent, with a novel she had brought to read. Being from about the next train back. I want to years. And now I'm going to find out the city, having married John after he had gone away from home, she was temporarily out of it, and merely an



"A GOOD SQUARE MEAL."

get home as soon as possible and have a good, square meal."-New York Mail "The goods maand Express.

in advance" plan; but a country paper's subscription list is made up of four classes. Those who pay in advance. Those who pay promptly

ness and death of my de it husband and pray God's blessings may rest on them, and on his kind physician whom he loved so much.

ness and death of my de it husband actually been low And the merry merry Christmas carols, porters and jobbe. And the winsome, bittlesome, bonny lasses, take hold of the Do you see their smiling eyes?

And their cheeks' carnation eyes? mills making coars

If every day were Christmas! With joy the sentence thrills The offices would all stay shut And we needn't pay our bills,

STATE NEWS ITEMS. At Hands of Unknown Parties. The jury of inquest in the riughes ase assembled at Treaton last Monay, and, after two or three hours of estimony and consideration, returned verdict that the Hughes family came death at the hands of parties or ersons unknown.

Surrenders After Killing Negro. Will Hill, colored, who was shot ear Newberry on November 11th, by 1. H. Amick, white, has died from he effects of the wound. Immediately after the coroner's inuest was held Amick surrendered to

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SOUTH CAROLINA

theriff Muford. He is newglodged in the county jail.

Federation for Charleston. James Leonard, of New Orleans, or ganizer of the American Federation of Labor, is in Charleston perfecting the organization of the local branch of his order. The unions are fairly well organized in the city, but Leonard was

Coast Line; rnird

Culp, C. H. Ackert,

T. C. Powell, freight

of the Southern were

few days ago for cont

ing betterment of Cha als, now owned jointly

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Aaron Prioleau Convic

Aaron P. Prioleau, colored,

can candidate at the last elec-

congress in the first district, w

victed in the United States co

Charleston last Monday of vio

section 3891 Revised Statues, Int. ing with and opening decoy lers

while a railway postal clerk, in

The jury, including one negro,

with recommendation to mercy.

stood eleven to one for conviction, d

later brought in a verdict of go

Big Crop on One-Horse Farm.

To make seventeen bales of

cern, forty-five bushels of peas, the

four hundred bundles of fodder,

ton, twenty-four two-horse loads

tendent of Education Martin to re-move the South Carolina Military academy to Columbia and consolidate it with the South Carolina college, making a state university, has caused a sensation and the superintendent is being criticised, not because he favors the removal of the institution from Charleston, which he is conceded to have a perfect right to recommend, but on account of the unkindly references which he makes to the city, which has stood by the institution for years.

He refers to the pending of the eti-tion of the board of visitors for the removal of the police station, which is in close proximity, to the citadel, by the city council, and charges that by failure to act promptly the city shows that the academy is not wanted.

Charleston's Railroad Troubles. Charleston is about to have anotfight against a railroad on her hands, this time the Charleston Terminal Company, which has practically refus-

ed to repair certain wharves and provide the storage and berth facilities demanded by the best interests of the Importers have recently had much trouble in securing berth; for their vessels, being forced to pay demurrage in some cases because of the failure of the corporation to repair its

appliances necessary in unloading bulk cargoes. The business of the port is increasing on account of it being the deep water port of the South Atlantic coast, and the only port where the deepest traft vessels can enter easily. The orsiness people argue that unless the wharves are kept up and deep water provided in the slips, a deep channel

wharves and provide the automatic

Little Girl Drops Dead on Attempting to Recite a Bible Verse.

Excitement and nervousness because she is to recite a verse from the Bible at a Christmas entertainment of a church in Brooklyn, N. Y., caused the death of May Young, 10 years old. While she and ninety-nine other little girls were at the church hearing for the entertai: stepped from the line to verse and fell on her fac

ned. And it is further

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