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THE BEAUTIFUL DECOY.

PROM THE UNPUBLISHED CHRONICLE OF A TRAVELLER. It is well known to all in any degree familiar with the history of Mexico, that a regular system of highway robbery exists in every section of that miserably governed country; and that through a want of interference of the authorities, this has grown up into such a regular and formidable shape, that every traveller must be prepared to put his life at hazard at every stage, or be provided with a suitable contribution for los caballeros del camino (the knights of the road,) who, in the event of finding you prepared and willing, will make their levy with r politeness only equaled by the smiling andlord when he receives your overcharged fare for your last night's entertainment. Why such systematic boldness of robbery is allowed-if not with the connivance, at least with rarely any interference, of the Covernment or state authorities - is one of of the same for the rest of your life?" those mystical matters which among many others, so puzzles and perplexes the intelligent foreigners, but that such is the disagreeable truth every traveler through that wretched country can bear ample testimony.

Some years ago, having business which first called me to the Capital of Mexico, and thence through the interior of the country to the northward, I met with several thrilling adventures, which I have recorded for the benefit of whomsoever may take an interest therein, omitting only the dates, they being non essential to the interest of the narrations themselves.

The first of the series occurred on the route between Vera Cruz and the city of Mexico. In the regular diligencia running between the places just mentioned, I had passed through the beautiful city of Jalapa, and entered the gloomy town of Perote, without meeting with any unusual incident, though being continually warned to be on my guard against the dangers of the road, At Perote, where we halted for a relay and refreshments, all my fellow-passengers took leave of me, very solemnly assuring me that, if assailed by the ladrones, or robbers, it would be much better for me to take matters quietly, and suffer myself to be genteelly plundered, than to run the risk of having my throat cut for resistance, as I had somewhat boldly proclaimed it was my intention of doing. I thanked them for their advice, and replied that I would take the matter into serious consideration.

At Perote, I repeat, all who had been my companions from Vera Cruz took leave of me, this being the end of their journey in that direction, but there was one new passenger here to go forward, whom, to my agreeable surprise, I found to be a beautiful young lady, some twenty years of age.

Senorita Paula, as I subsequently ascertained her name to be, was indeed one of those rare beauties seldom met with except in works of fiction-tall, graceful, with a profusion of long, black hair-soft, clear, melting dark eyes-features as perfect as ever came from the hands of the sculptor. and with an animation the most fascinating, varying in expression with every changing mood of the intellectual possessor. A glance at her bewitching dark eyes showed me that she was one who was naturally of social disposition; and as we rattled away from the gloomy town, I took the liberty of strain for some time longer-my fair comopening a conversation.

"They tell me," said I, "that the route between here and Mexico is a very dangerous one to travel."

"There is little to fear," she replied, with a sweet smile and in a melodious tone, except from the professional robbers, and they ance."

"It seems strange to me," I rejoined, "that you Mexicans should take such things as a matter of course, and deem resistance a very impolite way of treating the knights of the road, instead of boldly asserting your rights and abating the evil by a manly spirit of resistance. For myself, I must consider it the most cowardly of proceedings, for any respectable party to set out prepared to quietly gratify the empidity of the ladrones and unprepared to treat them to their just

deserts.' "Every - traveller, Senor," she replied, "should before setting out, count the cost of a chance to take a part in my defence, since les journey, and as of course it is natural he should value his life highly, it seems to me natural that he should pay a certain sum for positive safety rather than put that life in jeopardy. For instance, in travelling from Vera Cruz to Mexico, if he will first reckon that so much is the fare by the diligencia, and that so much will be required for entertainment on the way; and so much for the contingency you speak of, the will then have the exact cost between two points; and if he will look at the whole as the sum total of his journey, he will not seem to be robbed by any one party more than an

other." "That," I replied "may be, I believe is the Mexican mode of doing business, but does not tally with the preconceived ideas of us foreigners."

But every one," replied the fair speaker. "should conform to the customs of the country be visits."

thus journeying by yourself?"

"Well, Senor, what can I do? I am as journey between Perote and the Capital and pointing it toward the road. some twice or thrice a year, and you certainly could not expect me to go prepared charge it!" to resist an armed band! As to fear, I will my fortune will ever be as propitious."

"And have you really been robbed on your journey back and forth?" I inquired. "I think I have paid my share to the ladrones for my transit through their country!" she laughed.

"And you expect to continue a repetition "Who knows?" she replied. "At least l

hope to be always prepared." "And your fellow-travellers;" said I

"have you never seen any disposed to resist these unlawful acts ?" "Once, Senor, an American and an Eng-

with me, fired upon the robbers, killing one door!" and wounding two."

"And did the robbers fire back ?" "Yes, but fled immediately, and fortunate-

ly injured none of our party." "As I should have expected," returned I. "You were not robbed on that occasion, I

"We were not, Senor; but the two foreigners subsequently paid dearly for their resistance; for in journeying back and forth, both were killed, separate and at different 'prisoner !" times, near the same spot. You see these

crosses by the side of the road, Senor?" they seem to be much more numerous," I replied, looking forth from the vehicle.

"Each stands on the spot where some one has met a violent death," she rejoined; "and as we go along, I will call your attention to keeping one of my own weapons turned foreigners met theirs."

solved to emulate their example, let the con- to the care of these good gentlemen, who sequences be what they may?"

"Holy saints defend us!" she exclaimed: "you are not in earnest, Senor?"

"Seriously so, I assure you."

"You would only bring certain death upon us both."

"Say rather, I should lighten the expenses of the journey—for your knights of the purpose than to assect and the exact condi-road understand retreat as well as advance tion of things inside, and be able to signa--and you yourself have acknowledged that firm resistance put them to flight for once." "But there were numbers opposed to them, Senor, and you are only one."

"But fortunately I have a couple of revolvers, which, in two good hands, amount be made; and her discharge of the pistol, to some ten or a dozen shots, and my friends have repeatedly told me I am not a bad

"Ah! Santa Maria! you will think beter of this, Senor-the very idea of resistmee terrifies me!"

"But not the idea of robbery?" "Because I have never met with violence."

We continued to converse in a similar . Yours, panion gradually changing the subject, and seeming much interested in myself. I learned that her family name was Valerde. that she was unmarried, that her father and brother were officers in the army, and so forth, and so on; and in return I gave her my own name, stated something of my hisseldom harm any one who makes no resist- tory, business and prospects and altogether became more communicative than I would advise any friend to be with any stranger of either sex in a strange country.

As we continued our journey, the conversation gradually changing from one thing to another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it back to the point where it first opened. "We are coming upon a dangerous part of the road," she said; "are you still resolved to defend yourself if assailed?"

"With your permission, Senorita?" "I don't think it advisable," she replied, but still if such is your intention, I think i

no more than right that you should give me my risk of danger will be as great as yours!"

"And have you really the nerve, after all, to defend yourself?" I inquired. "If I had the means, Senor."

"I have two pistols," said I; "if you will accept of one of them, it is at your service! "You are very kind, Senor-but can !

"With ease, Senorita:" and producing one of my revolvers, I explained to her the manner in which it was to be used.

"And this, you say, will shoot some half dozen times ?" "I think it safe to calculate that five

charges out six will explode, Senorita." "A very formidable weapon, indeed !" she replied; "and with such I can almost fancy we are safe. You have another, you say like this ?"

I produced it. "What a beautiful invention!" She observed, reaching over and taking it from

"And do you then go prepared for this my hand. Then extending her hands, one beautiful gold snuff box-set, as you perhighway robbery? and have you no fear in of the revolvers in each, she continued; ceive, with diamonds-will your ladyship "Armed like this, one might almost count himself safe against a host! You say this by your company and conversation?" you perceive an unprotected lady; who is fired in this manner?" she proceeded, for certain reasons, am required to make the cocking one of the weapons as she spoke,

4. lave a care, Senori'a; or you will dis o her.

The words were scarcely uttered, when not deny I have my share, of that; but, so her finger pressed the trigger, and one of far, I have never met with any rough treat- the barrels was exploded with a sharp rement, and of course I trust to the saints that port. A minute after and while I was gently chiding her, we heard a load, quick tramp of horses, and several sharp, rapid veyance was stopped suddenly, and we saw ourselves surrounded by some eight or ten mounted men, one of whom, in a loud voice,

"Yield, you prisoners or die!"

"Quick, Senorita!" said I, extending my hand; "quiel: in Heaven's name! give me one of those weapons! for now is our time for decisive action !"

behind her, "you will be too hasty! Let lishman, who were in the same diligencia them suppose we yield-let them open the

"Ob, no! it will then be too late."

As I spoke, the door was suddenly thrown open, and three or four swarthy, heavilybearded men presented themselves to my

"Quick, Senorita, for the love of God!" I cried, grasping at her arm.

"Hold." she exclaimed, instantly presenting one of my own revolvers to my head, "Resistance is useless-you are our bitterly; "he laughs best who laughs last!"

"Good God!" exclaimed I, perfectly astounded; "Our prisoner did you say? It I have observed them frequently, but here is not possible that one so fair and lovely as less have followed me in hot pursuit, but for yourself, is in any manner connected with these handitti!"

"It is even so, Senor," she replied with one of her most bewitching smiles, still those which mark the places where the against myself, and significantly pointing the other to the dcor. "You will oblige "Do you know," said I, "that I am re. us by stepping forth and giving yourself inwill see that you are treated as a brave man safety, without any further event worthy of should be, but who will trouble you mean note. time for any little change and valuables you might have to spare !"

There seemed to be no help for it-the beautiful Senorita Paula Valeride was a spy and accomplice of the ladrones. She had entered the diligencia at Perote for no other lize her assocates as she passed along, so that they might know exactly in what manner to conduct themselves and make their work sure without risk. By a simple stratagem she had obtained my arms, just at the point where she knew the attack would as if by accident, was the sign to show them that all was secure.

"I acknowledge myself conquered by be ing outwitted!' said I, bowing to la Senorita. Then turning to the robbers, who had now collected in a body, in front of the door

of the diligencia, I continued: "Gentlemen, will you permit me to alight and make you some valuable presents? In the language of your country, all I have is

The leader of the party bowed politely in return, and said, with a grim smile:

"Sir, Senor, we shall be most happy to re ceive anything which so distinguished a traveller may have to bestow."

With this I quietly stepped from the vehicle; and one quick glance put me in possession of the whole state of affairs. The diligencia had been stopped in a wild, gloomy place, and the driver was sitting carelessly on his box, taking everything as a matter of course. He might also be an accomplice of the robbers, or he might not, but, in either case, there was little hope of kind would certainly bring upon him a severe punishment, sooner or later. I glanced up and down the road, where it wound between dark, overshadowing trees, but discovered nothing to give me any hope. The robbers, some eight or ten in number, and all well armed, were collected around me, part of them mounted and the others stand ing on their feet, holding their mustangs by the bridle. Looking upon my case as a des perate one, so far as being plundered was concerned, I still retained my presence of mind, and did not wholly despair. True, I and been outwitted, and disarraed, and now stood singly between numbers; but the idea of yielding tamely to this outrage was repugnant to my very nature, and I resolved to put the least favorable opportunity for defence and retaliation to the strongest test.

"Will you accept this purse?" said I, producing one that held several gold coins, and handing it to the chief of the ladrones. "Thank you, Senor! you are very kind!"

he said, as he took it in his hand, with a polite bow, and chinked the money. "This diamond pin may prove acceptable to your friend?" I added, as I quietly removed it from the bosom of my shirt, and handed it to the gentleman on his left, who received it in the same polite maurier. "This liamond ring I trust you will retain as a I continued, drawing the jewel keepsake!" I continued, drawing the jewel from my finger, and presenting it to a third. "I beg your pation, Senores," I pursued, glancing at the Senoria Raula, who, with my pistols still in her possession, was quietly standing within the dilgeneta, regarding the whole proceedings with one of her sweetest smiles. "I must not forget this beautiful hely! I have here," I went on, at the same producing 122 article, "a very light upon it."

honor me by accepting this as a slight toker of my regard for the pleasure afforded me "You are a very gallant gentleman,

Senor!" she laughed, taking the two revolvers in one fair band, and presenting the I reached the box toward her-but my

hand trembled a little-and just as the present was about to touch her fingers, it slipped and fell between us. "A thousand pardons, Senorita, for awkwardness!" I said, as I bent down to pick

Now was the all-important moment - the moment of life and death! All were in a exclamations. The next moment our con- measure off their guard; and one quick, furtive glance showed me that the girl still held my weapons carelessly in one hand, with the other remaining extended for the prize. I lifted the box carefully; but as I raised myself, I gave a wild, startling yell; and as the S-norita started back, I, with the quickness of lightning, seized both weapons and wrenched them from her.

To wheel and commence firing upon the party, was now only the work of a moment. The first shot, fortunately, stretched out the "Nay," she replied, putting the weapons | chief; the second took effect on the one, nearest to him; and by the time the third had been sent to its mission, there arose one simultaneous yell of dismay, and the astounded robbers began to scatter in every direct on. I had no dispostion to fellow them, however, another minute they might rally and turn upon me; and springing forward, I grasped the reins of a freed mustang, and vaulted into the saddle. One more glance around me showed me the Senorita Paula upon the body of the chief, her laughter changed to grief, and some of the scattered cowards bringing their weapons to bear up-

> "Adios Senorita, and Senores!" said I The next moment I was dashing away down the road, the half railled robbers pour ing after me a volley, but fortunately not touching their mark. They would doubtthe wholesome dread they had of my still undischarged weapon. As it was I escaped, and entered the town of Puebla in triumph; where it is almost needless to add, a narrative of my exploit made me a hero and a lion for the time. Here I sold my captured mustang and trappings for enough to indemnify me for what I had disposed of in the way of presents, and the next day saw me an inside passenger of the same diligencia, en route for Mexico, where I arrived in

What became of the robbers and their beautiful accomplice I never learned; but the lesson taught me on that journey I have never forrgotten; and during the remainder of my stay in that country, no pretty women ever had the honor of being my business confidante, or of getting possession of

A Sharp Housekeeper.

I never see the reason why your smart housekeepers must of necessity be Xantippes. I once had the misfortune to be domesticated during the summer months with one of this genius.

I should like to have seen the adventurous spider that would have dared to ply his cunning trade in Mrs. Parriot's premises. Nobody was allowed to sleep a wink after daylight beneath the roof. Even the old rooster crowed an hour earlier than any of his neighbors. 'Go ahead?' was written on

every broomstick in the establishment. She gave her husband his breakfast, but toned him up in his overcoat, and put him out of the door with his face in the direction of the store, in less time than I have taken to tell it. Then she snatched up six little Parriots, scrubbed their faces up and down. w thout regard to feelings or pug-noses, till

they shone like a row of milk cans. 'Clear the track!' was her motto on wash ing days. She never drew a long breath till the wash tubs were turned bottom up wards again, and every article of wearing apparel, sprinkled, folded, ironed, and replaced on the backs of their respective own ers. It always gave me a stitch in the side

to look at her. As to her 'cleaning days' I never had courage to witness one. I had to lie under assistance from him-any attempt of the an apple tree in an orchard till she was through. A whole platoon of soldiers wouldn't have frightened me so much as

that virago and her mop. You should have seen her in her glory on 'baking days,' her sleeves rolled up to her arm pits and a long check apron swatharound her bolster-like figure; the great oven blazing, glowing and sparkling in a mather very suggestive to a lazy sinner like myself. The interminable row of greased pie plates, and pans of rough and ready ginger bread, and pots of pork and beans, in an edifying state of progression; and the immense embryo loaves of brown and wheaten bread. To my innocent inquiry whether she thought the latter would rise she set her skinny arms akimbo, marched up within kissing distance of my face, cocked her head on one side, and asked if 'I thought she looked like a woman to be trifled with by a loaf of bread?" The way I settled down in my slippers without a reply, probably convinced her that I was no

longer skeptical on that point, Saturday evening she employed in windouse, the old entry clock included. From that time till Monday morning she devoted herself to her bushand and Sabbatical exercises. All I have to say is that it is to be hoped she carried some of the fervor of ber secular employment into those haleyon days.

"Mr. Smith, you said you once officiated in the pulpit—did you mean by that that you preached?" "No sir, I held the light for the man who did preach." "Ah, the

There's Work Enough to Do. The blackbird early leaves its rest

To meet the smiling morn, And gathering fragrants for its nest From upland wood and lawn : The busy bee that wings its way 'Mid sweets of varied hue, And every flower would seem to say-

The cowslip and the spreading vine, The daisy in the grass, The snow drop and the eglantine, Preach sermons as they pass.

"There's work enough to do."

The aut, within its eavern deep, Would bid us labor too. And writes upon his tiny heap-There's work enough to do

The planets, at their Maker's will, ove onward in their ears, For Nature's will is never still--Progressive as the stars! The leaves that flutter in the air, And summer breezes woo, One solemn troth to man declare --"There's work enough to do."

"Who, then, can sleep, when all aroun Is notive, fresh and free t Small man-creation's lord - be found Less busy than the bee!

Our courts and alteys are the field, If man would search them through, The best of sweets of labor yield, And "work enough to do." To have a tear for those who weep,

She sottish dennkard win : To rescue all the children, deep In ignorance or sin. To help the poor, the bungry feed, To give him evat and shoe; To see that all can write and read -"Is work enough to do."

The time is short-the world is wide, And much has to be done; This wond'rous earth and all its pride, Will vanish with the sun!

The moment's fly on lightning's wings, And life's uncertain too, We've none to waste on foolish things-"There's work enough to do."

The Newspaper

The Washington Union, of the 29th ult. ublishes in full the admirable oration of the Hon, Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, before the United States Agricultual Society, delivered at Richmond Va., on Thursday, October 28th. We select from it the following short extract in reference to the newspaper as an il-lustration of the intellectual activity of the age in which we live:

"Most wonderful, I say, is the intellectual and social activity and efficiency of our times. We perceive it in the teeming earth, in the crowded c'ty, on the burdened sea; ve e ceived it in the increased productions of society, and its fixed monuments; we perceive it in our colleges and schools, in the debates of the legislative assembly, the court, the hustings, the pulpit, and the lecture room; we perceive it in that unimaginable fecundity of human anoth of which printing is the prompter, the

minister, and the propagator.
"Take, as exhibitor, and at the same time as illustration of this fact—take that familiar thing, a newspaper, a rare luxury of the rich once, now the necessary of universal daily life -of the mental life of men-as much as food and drink are of the physical life. How various are the contents of that diarnal sheet-how extensive is the knowledge it imparts-how vas is the field of its action and its usefulness!-Whatever wants there may be in the human breast, it shows how they may be satisfied. If it he, as Cowper says, "the herald of a noisy

'News from all nations lumbering at its back' so it is the silent monitor of the erring, the so lace of the sorrowful, the companion of the solitary, and the messenger to all of thought and reflection. When Shakspeare, with not un-laudable estimation of his own art, said of playing—"whose end, both at the first and now, was and is to hold, as it were, the mirror up to nature, to show virtue her own feature, scorn his own image, and the very age and body of the time its form and pressure—how felicitously, though unknowingly, did he not represent the of the newspaper press at the present Faults it has in ample number and degree, undoubtedly: for whatever men do, in their hightest as in their lowest works, testifies to the imperfections of our nature ; and the oress, with its very short-comings, is indeed the very mirror of the passing day, and of course, with its wisdom and folly, its virtues and its vices, and all there is of blended good and evil, of Ormazd and of Ahriman, in the ways of the world. And how the steam engine, and the rail road car, and the ocean ship, and the telegraph, conspired to accumulate and to diffuse the mass of intelligence in that newspaper sheet! Let us add, as another sign of the ad vanced state of society, that the knowledge and scholarship manifested in the callings of the higher class of the newspaper press, wheth-er in Europe or America, are equal now to the famous literary authorship of other times.— What a reputation was attained by Junius on account of a few newspaper articles in the London Public Advertiser! And yet many a leading column of the better journals of England France, Germany, Spain, Haly, and the United States, come before us day by day, and passes off without our special note and with no individual fame to its author, though it be higher in composition and purer in spirit than is any-thing from the hand of Junius."

MAN WITH A PETRIFIED WIFE .- A few lays since, (says the Cincinnati Inquirer of Oct. 30th.) a gentleman residing in Rising Sun, Indiana, who had married a second time, wished to remove the body of his wife to a new cemetery. Preparation were made to that effect, and laborers opened the grave in the usual manner; but when they reached the coffin they could not lift it, so great was the weight. After obtaining considerable assistance, however, the men succeeded in raising the coffin from ing up everything that was unwound in the the tomb. They then could not resist the temptation of peering into the coffin and learning the reason for its unusual weight, and found instead of the remains of a corpse a stone figure, the exact counterpart of the woman who had died. This strange story soon-spread, and hundreds and thousands of persons were present to see the strange spectacle. The husband took the body of his departed spouse home and has it there now, where it is visited by hundreds of the curious and scientific. The body seems to have been petrified, and to have become a perfect stone woman. The probability is that the body has become adipocere and will before long melt and crumble.

A New Life Preserver.

An invention recently patented, which in its constructions embraces a two fold purgives the following to the word simplicity: pose, viz: that of a vast and a life preserver, "Artlessness of mind; freedom from artifiwas exhibited vesterday afternoon at the cial ornament." Now, let any one analize Washington Navy Yard in the presence of these terms, and then apply them to human a board of naval officers appointed for the character, and what can make a creature purposes by the Secretary of the Navy, and of God -a rational, intellectual, immortal of a large number of gentlemen who had creature -more levely than simplicity?been attracted thither by the announcement. We go a step farther, and ask, what is there that the experiments were to be made.

The experiments were conducted by Mr. charming, as simplicity ! J. T. Ames, who placed life preserving vests Attlessness of mind! How sweet and upon two young men, who thereupon jump- becoming to a fair one whose face is the ined into the water and floated in security dex to the heart! No cunning craftness, upon its surface, perfectly well demonstrat- no stratagem, no studied concealment, but ing the fact, that when properly encased in like unmixed waters of the pellucid luke, one of these garments, it would be impossi- unraffled by the winds of Heaven, you can see ble to sink, and that no discomfort would to the very depths of the heart and see nothbe experienced in wearing it. The young ing to detract from its beauty. No dupliemen stood upright in the water, floated on ity, but unnalloyed sincerity. Plainness; their backs with crossed feet and hands no estentation; no display; no artificial clasped under their heads; lay on their ornament by which the real defects and chests and placing their hands behind them deformities of character are hid from the clasped the feet, unbuttoned the vest, and eye of the superficial observer. still its buoyant qualities were unimpaired, and its great superiority over invention of most desirable quality of a woman's heart the kind most satisfactorily demonstrated, of a woman's manners, of dress, and of ad-So well is the vest arranged, that when simply buttoned around the wearer, it is suffi. In thus responding you would only then ciently well inflated to support him in the the sentiment of every well regulated water; and should circumstances require, and every honest heart. And vet it additional buoyancy sufficient to support a friend not provided with one; all the wearer the real sentiments of the sterner sex ! To has to do is to throw the vest open and look abroad upon society and mark the blow slightly into a tube attached to the in- manners of the fair, one would be led to think side, and the requisite flating property is that the idea but too generally prevails secured.

The vest is made of coarse or fine material, to suit the means of the wearer, and acter. Hence the display of costly ornamay be worn in the drawing room without ments, the exhibition of gaudy trappings, attracting unusual notice. It is peculiarly adapted to persons wearing large amounts of coin about their persons. This was test. man face by the hand of the Creator. ed by placing a heavy stone upon the breast of one of the young men without causing the admiration of the good ! She is a child him to sink in the water. Its great strength was shown by two heavy gentlemen placing cures your confidence and affection. Such their feet upon it and springing up and down, without, in the slightest degree, im. your heart's love, and will not fall below pairing its qualities.

EXTRAORDINARY REVOLUTION IN RUSIA. -The London News of the 18th contains a letter from St. Petersburgh, which makes

the following remarkable disclosure.* The result of the calculations lately made by the well known astronomer, Professor truth will prevail; and then those have ridi-Struve, of the University of Dorpart, rel: - culed others may be, in their tunn, objects tive to the true geographical positions of of derision. St. Petersburgh and Moscow, and the distance between the two capitals of the empire, is that actual length of the railroads s, by astronomical observation, no less than account the railroad was constructed, has had to pay about one seventh the value, or twelve millions of toubles, more than it ought to have paid. As the rolling stock road is furnished by an American company, who are paid for the same at so much per wersts, it follows that in this quarter the government have been paying also a most fearful overcharge. The poles erected along the line to denote the distances have been systematically fixed in the wrong places, so is to mislead both the governmet and the

The Emperor was in the most violent state of excitement on learning the above, and gave immediate orders for the strictest investigation into the facts of the case to be made, with the view to inflict the most summary punishment on the parties inculpated in this nefarious transaction, but as so many persons of the highest rank and importance are compromised in the affair, it s not likely that the investigation will be continued, but on the contrary, the matter will be hushed up to prevent the public scandal of the real delinquents being exposed and made to suffer the penalty they so richly deserve for the share they have taken in this atrocious fraud.

BE PLEASANT.—Do be pleasant—on why can't you? Will you feel any better for snapping, snarling or growling? You know you won't . If your heart was really a dirty dish, and ugly emotions and cross words were the uncleanliness, it would be a good plan to get them all out as fast as possible; but unfortunately there can be no such sudden cleansing of a man's interior. The more objectionable stuff he throws out the more there grows to replace it-'tis only smothering and choking that suits this case. Speak pleasantly, then, especially to the people in any respect beneath you-whether they be inferior to you in rank, learning, power or age; try to be pleasant towards them whether you really feel good natured or not. If you get your mouth open to throw out a spike or a dagger, shut t till you, like the juggler, transform the weapon into a flower. Oh, do be kind and casant, everybody to everybody, and the nillennium will come at once.

A TRICK .- The following story is told of boy who was asked to take a jug and get some beer for his father, who had spent all his money for strong drink: "Give me the money, then, father," replied the son.

"My son, anybody can get the beer with money, but to get the beer without money, that is a trick."

So the boy took the jug and went out Shortly he returned, and placing the jug before his father, said, "Drink." "How can I drink whon there is no beer

in the jug."
"To drink beer out of a jng," says the boy, "where there's beer, anybody could do that's but to drink beer out of a jug where there is no beer, that is a trick !

Simplicitity of Woman. Among other definitions, Mr. Webster

in woman so engaging, so fascinating, so

Reader, if you were usked, what is the dress, would you not answer -- simplicity?

strange that woman so often misapprehend that women regard art, concenhment, and ornament, as essential to perfection of charthe rude attempts to improve the beautiful finish which has been imparted to the hu-

Simplicity! How this quality attracts of nature!" This characteristic at once sean one can be trusted. She is worthy of your high estimate of real worth.

Nashville Christian Advocate.

"Lot those laugh who win." Boys, don't be afraid of being laughed at if you are doing right, for sooner or later.

About one hundred years ago, Benjamin Franklin sent a paper containing his opinion, as the result of his experiments, 88-12 wersts (about 60 miles) shorter than electricity and lightning were one and the its nomical length of 607 wersts, or, in oth- same thing, to a society of learned scientific er words, that the government, for whose men in Landon. He got laughed at for his pains, and was probably considered very visionary and foolish by those wise men. How is it now? Above the justly celebraof the St. Petersburgh and Moscow Rail- tel remains of Morse and Field that of Benjamin Franklin will ever resound from one end of the earth to the other, while those learned scientific men who despised the American philosopher's theory are comparatively unknown.

> Christopher Columbus too was laughed! at for what was considered his insane notions when he went from court to court trying to get kings and great men to listen to his great theory of a vast undiscovered world beyond the sea. Ridicule and cruelcontempt were heaped upon him. How is it now ! The name of Christopher Columbus is known throughout the earth, and although the country he discovered was not named after him, his history has become as nursery tale over the civilized world. The king and queen, Ferdinand and Isabella, are more famous for having aided the poor and unknown navigator in his discovery, than they could have been for any great battles or victories. Those who so cruelly ridiculed him are unknown, except as having helned to crush a noble man who was trying to benifit mankind by the discovery of a new world.

If you excel in wisdom, courage, goodness, or in the discovery of truth, you wilk be very apt to be ridiculed by those wiretoo ignorant, wilful or envious to understand Don't mind ridicule any more than the flies that light on you when you are running a footrace. Shake them off and of other great men, had been frightened by a laugh, the world might have waited many years longer for the discovery of a new continent, or for the wonderful electic telegraphs

To Spoil a DAUGHTER .- Be always telng her how very pretty she is. Instill in'o ber young mind an undue love

American Mess

Allow her to read nothing but works of fliction. Teach her all the accomplishments, but none of the utilities of life.

Keep her in the darkest ignorance of myseries of house-keeping. Initiate her into the principles that it is sulgar to do anything for thereal. To trenghten the latter have a lady's maid.

Teach her to think that she is better than

Make her think she is sick when she is not, and let her lie in bed taking medicines when half an hour's out of-door exercise And lastly, having giving her such an ed

nybody else.

ucation, marry her to a moustached gentel man, who is a clerk with a salary of \$250."