Caim stars above, fresh earth beneath, And in mid-air a woven wreath Of loosely interlacing firs Reaching to where the night wind stirs; Hares creep near, a wood-owl's flight Crosses the circle of camp-fire light; Steps on the moss tell where a doe
Is leading her fawn to the lake below:

And laying there I seemed as near To the forest's heart as its own red deer; and I falt the fellowship of the wood, and every whisper I understood. —Francis Sterne Palmer, Harper's Weekly.

### AAAAA.AA.AAAAA Ellen's Fault.

BY W. X.

"I wish to look at fans-party fans,

if you please." Ellen Purple swept into the fancy store, her gray silk suit rustling softly, the long, wine-colored, willow plume drooping over the brim of her hat, and her dark, brilliant eyes sparkling with health, good humor and exercise. She was a pretty brunette, with black oyebrows, long lashes and the creamtinted skin which is like velvet, so soft, fine-grained and clearly colored.

. What a contrast to her was the fragile girl, standing behind the counter in her shabby de beige dress with a dyed ribbon bow at her throat and a frill of mended lace encircling her slender neck. But this world offers us contrasts at every step. "Do you wish white or colored?"

the latter asked. "Oh, I don't know. Pink, I suppose," Ellen Purple answered, after a second of two of consideration on the momentous question. "Pink is my

The pale shop-girl reached down a box of daintily-decorated trinkets, smelling of sandal-wood, edged with tinted swansdown and inlaid with pearl and ivory-and, as she stood respectfully awaiting the young customer's decision, a paroxysm of coughing shook her slender frame. Miss Keturah Purple, Ellen's mai-

den aunt, looks at her with eyes of kindly pity.
"My dear," said she, "you have a very bad cough."

The girl smiled sadly. "I have had it this long time," said

"You ought to go home and nurse yourself up, instead of standing here in all these draughts," counseled Miss Purple, who had a cheery, dictatorial way with her, like one in authority. "Yes, I suppose so," said the girl. "But we are very poor, and my wages are all my mother and I have to live

"Oh, auntie! look here, what a beauty!" cried out Ellen, suddenly. "White, watered satin, covered with point lace, and the eveetest pearl sticks. What is the price of this one?" turning to the shop-girl. The girl glanced at the label.

"Twenty-five dollars," answered

Ellen's countenance fell. "Oh, I can never afford that," said

she. "Twelve is all I have to pay. . I must content myself with something less elegant. Show me other styles please." As she spoke she closed the fan so

suddenly that one of the sticks slipped out of place and tore a jagged rent through the exquisite point lace stretched across it. Ellen stared guiltily, and, glancing around to make sure that no one was looking at her, replaced it in its box. "It was only an accident," she told

herself, and the shop-girl brought a new box of fans for her inspection; "I am not to blame. No one can expect me to pay for a \$25 fan destroyed by accident—and besides, they should make these things stronger."

And pushing away the large box

she turned her attention to the new fans, and finally settled upon a pretty rose-colored article, edged with Spanish blonde, which came nearer the sum she had appropriated for her fan. "Well," said Aunt Keturah, "are you suited?" "At last, auntie!"

"Then let's go," said the old lady. "or I never shall get an opportunity to buy my furniture, chintz and unbleached muslin. Fans and lace pocket handkerchiefs and pink sashes are all very well, but they're of no use in a housekeeping point of view! No use

Ellen Purple went to the party in a dress of rose-colored silk, with an overdress of Swiss muslin, and the prettiest of sashes, looped artistically over it-and she was very happy. Ah, indeed, why should she not be? Only 18; the petted darling of an old bachelor uncle and maiden aunt, with a face that satisfied her girl-heart every time she looked into the glass, and a sunny, happy temperment that was worth more than a fortune, in that it learned her to see the bright side of human nature and sip the sweets from life's cup, regardless of its bitter dregs. And, moreover, Guy Middleton danced three times with her, and carried off one of the buff rosebude from the ball bouquet Upcle Simeon had presented her, vowing he would keep it for ever and ever. "Of course no one knows what

these promises amount to," laughed Ellen, as she told Aunt Keturah, who was sitting up in a prodigious flannel dressing gown and her hair in a porcupine state of curl papers, to hear her niece's report of the ball festivities, "but they are very nice at the time. And he is so agreeable, auntie.' Aunt Keturah smiled and patted Ellen's lovely flushed cheek and sent her to bed.

"Get your beauty sleep, my love, said she. 'It don't hurt a tough old pine knot like me to keep vigil all night-that's one of the numberless advantages of being old and toughbut it don't agree with peach-blossom complexions and eyes like hazel

The next morning Aunt Keturah and Ellen went shopping again, in the snug little claret-colored coupe which Aunt Keturah hired by the month

from a neighboring livery stable,
"I need sowing silk," said Aunt
Keturah, 'and you're always wanting Java canvas or worsted, or some such fol-de-rols, and the good fresh air won't do either of us any harm,

I'll go bail!" "Let's go to Leigh & Balcombe's," suggested Ellen. "They always have the prettiest and newest shades of

even thing there?"
"I'm sure I am not particular where we go," said Aunt Keturah.

They chanced to go to the selfsame counter where, hardly more than a week ago, they had purchased the rose-colored fan, and a pert miss with a profusion of mock jewelry, came forward to wait upon them and receive

"You're not the girl that belongs here," said Aunt Keturah, bluntly. "The pale girl that coughed so. The pert miss tossed her head.
"Oh," said she, "you mean Eliza
Lewel She's gone."

"Gone!" Aunt Keturah laid down the spoul of silk she was examining. "I hope she's not ill. That cough sounded to me exactly like consump-

"I don't know whether she is ill or not," said she. "But it wasn't on account of ill health she left. She was discharged for tearing a lace fan a point lace, over white satin worth \$25. She was compelled to pay the full value besides. Mr. Balcombe is very particular about such things."

Ellan Pur e colored deeply.
"But are they quite certain that she did tear it?" asked Ellen. "Oa, she denied it, of course," said the girl. "They always do. But she was responsible for the goods under

her charge, of course—and if she didn't tear it who did? That's the question." "I can tell you," said Ellen Purple,

quietly; "I did."
"You, miss!" The girl looked at Ellen as if she thought her partially insane, Aunt Keturah was almost equally amazed. "My dear child," said she "I don't

think you know what you are saying.

"Yes, I do," said Ellen, peremp-rily. She has allowed herself torily. through lack of moral courage, to fall into an error whose consequences were more serious than she had imagined, and she was determined to redress it as far as possible, "I was looking at that fan a week ago," she went on, "and through my carelessness in shatting it one of the sticks tore the lace. Where is Mr. Balcombe? I must explain matters to him. If anyone should ray the \$25 it is I. And Miss Lowe must have her place again," Quite impossible, miss-the latter,

I mean," said the pert girl. "Her place is filled. There is always plenty of girls glad to get in here." Ellen wrung her hands. "Oh, auntie!" said she, "what shall

I do? How shall I undo the mischief I have wrought?" Aunt Keturah turned to the shopgirl.

"Can't you give me her address?" said she. "We can at least go and see her,"
And the apshot of the interview was

that Eliza Lowe was engaged as seamstress and companion to comfortable Aunt Keturah at a salary that seemed truly regal to her. Mr. Balcombe sent a stiff note of apology, inclosing a check for \$25, which was duly made good by Miss Purple-and Eliza thought the millennium was at hand. And Ellen Purple carried the point lace fan, skillfully monded by an old woman who made such needle-lore her business, at her wedding with Mr.

IN AN APRICOT ORCHARD.

Middleton.

How the Fruit Is Gathered, Dried and Prepared for Market

As soon as an orchard of apricots comes into bearing, advertisements are inserted in the newspapers of adjoining towns for women and girls. Thousands of women leave their demestic duties, taking with them their families, to engage actively in the sheds of the ranches, cutting the fruit for drying, after the men have collected it from the trees.

Sometimes 500 people will be engaged upon a large orchard. Rules and regulations are laid down for their conduct; the women and girls sleep in the tents provided at a low rental by the management, and either cook for themselves or board with what would be termed in railroal circles a "boarding-boss," The men, not so berries would endure our severe win-many, occupy some distant part of ters much bester, if in the late fall the the orchard. The sole requisite being the ability to pick and cut fruit, an aggregation of humanity representing all classes of society, from the impecunious English family with cultivated manners and aristocratic connections to the nondescript who travels from town to town in search of employment, is collected together in industrious activity for the revenue to be derived.

Each woman has a small tray in front of her, and, after cutting the fruit with a knife, she lays it open on the tray. Each tray is furnished with a raised end; when five are filled they are piled up, and the operator shouts 'Trav!" whereupon an attendant approaches, punches a ticket with which she has been previously farnished, and takes the five trays to the sulphur house.

The women are paid 10 cents a box. each box containing 60 pounds of fruit. All fruit has to be placed in the sulphur house for several hours for the purpose of bleaching it, or causing it to retain its natural color, as well as to destroy all insect life that may remain, otherwise the sun would cause it to turn black. The trays are then carried out and placed upon the ground under the steady rays of the glorious California sun. Should clouds be hanging over, the trays are placed one above the other until that great purifier and dries of the universe, old Sol, makes his appearance.

The fruit requires from three to seven days to dry. At the end of this time men go out into the orchard with what are called "sweat-boxes," and scrape from the trays all the fruit into these poxes, in which it is left until

Finally it is hauled to the storehouses and piled up in heaps, perhaps 10 feet high, awaiting the eye of the critical buyer.

Too Smart a Dog.

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A Bargain. May-How on earth did you come to accept him? Fay-Oh, he looked so cheap when

# FOR FARM AND GARDEN

Some breeders do not feed grain to their ewes except at breeding time, but there is hardly a doubt but what a farmer would gain financially in the end by feeding it in small quantities all the time. If you use corn there would not be much loss, and certainly time saved, by feeding it in the 'ear, for it is claimed by a great many that it does not pay to grind the grain fed to sheep.

The Carrant Worm Giving Trouble, A cerrespondent from California writes saying that last spring her gooseberries had small -worms or indoubt the one known as the current worm, which attacks currents as well as gooseberries. As a remedy use about an ounce of hellebore to three gallons of water and spray the plants ment is pretty sure to accomplish all white that is required of it.-New York Weekly Witness,

The Use of Sweet Claver.

In an address at Sedalla on shift renovation by Dr. H. J. Waters, dean of the Missouri agricultural college, it was said that the common sweet clover is not the pernicious, dangerous weed so many seem to think. It can be easily killed out by mowing twice a ors knewn. It will grow and thrive on hand too poor to grow clover or cowpeas, and it is especially suited to build up the millions of acres of flinty earnest. hil's that are now absolute waste, growing up in british. Experiments made at Collimbia show that in this quality of soil sweet clover is more Valuable than the ordinary clover. After a fe . years of sweet clover, such soil is built up to a point where it will grow other renovators. In such lands it can be tasily seeded and will smether other weeds, and in addition it will furnish as a by-product large quantities of honey.

The Hen and Her Care.

Every keeper of poultry should have a light, warm house and one that is convenient for feeding and caring for the fowls. It should be built in a warm, sunny place, where it will be protected from the cold winds. The front of the house should be to the south, and it should have windows enc..gh to admit plenty of sunlight, as the sun will help warm it in the winter. There should be a walk running the entire length of the house on the north side, so you can feed and get the eggs without going into the pens. The feed boxes and water tank should be made in the shape of a drawer, so you can pull them out and keep the birds from getting into their feed and drink when you are feeding and watering. The nests should also be made so that they may be drawn out as you do the feed boxes. The windows are to be cased, the same as they are in the house, so that there will be no cold wind entering. Cold draughts are sure to make your birds sick and stop them from laying in winter.

Suggestion to Fruit Cultivators. Many of the tender or half-hardy varieties of raspberries and black- is needed at such times, Well-shelcultivator was run butween the rows, throwing the earth toward the stems and in effect ridging or hilling up around them a little. This loose earth forms a mulch which prevents frequent freezing and thawing, and it has the great advantage of being a mulch that can be quickly and cheaply applied, compared to the labor of bringing mulching material from other places and putting it in place. To be most effectnal it should be done as late in the fall as possible, and if delayed until some morning when the ground is frozen an inch deep, or about that, it will be none the worse as the success depends much upon the earth that is thrown up being light

The fall trimming, pruning and cutting cut of old or superfluous canes should be done before this, as it facilitates the working among them, and all the wood removed should be taken away and burned to destroy any insects or their eggs and any fungous diseases that may be on or in them. We do not doubt that similar treatment would be beneficial to the halfhardy roses and many of the shrubs on the lawn, excepting that some of them are better trimmed in the spring. But the hilling up around them will help to protect their roots.

Keep Your Stable Light. When in a darkened stable the iris, or brownish curtain around the centre of the eye, expands so as to admit the passage of sufficient rays of light for distinct vision, but on emerging into the glare of day the same aperture immediately closes or grows less, a smaller quantity of light being necessary under these altered circumstances. Any person who has felt the pain and inconvenience of coming suddenly from a dark room into the full blaze of day will readily conceive the necessity for lighting a stable in neglected in confined stables, and the consequences are most distressing to a human observer. The poor horse, led suddenly out to his work, shows his pain by unmistakable signs, stumbles, and runs against anything that may happen to be near, until the eye has in some degree accommodated it-

self to the new circumstance under which it is placed. Nor is this all. By a continuance of this change from darkness to sudinjured. The retina, or sensible nervous expansion, becomes deadened and more or less useless: the horse's sight is injured; he starts and shies at objects which he sees imperfectly; and many a rider who has received a dangerous injury has had to thank his in-attention to this simple cause rather than any vicious habit of the animal, to which it has been attributed. Rlindness is almost certain to be caused by inattention to the above caution: but even blindness itself is less dangerous to the rider than imperfect sight. In the first case the horse is forced to trust entirely to the bridle; but in the latter objects only half distinguished terrify and startle, though they would under ordinary circumstances be passed without notice. -F. D. Coburn in The Horse

Breaking up Sitters. Some find the breaking up of sitting hens a very difficult thing to do, and they really think they have to torture the hen in order to make her abandon her desire to brood. We have known poultry men and women to duck the have better luck than the average hens in water several times and then turn them loose; have known the hens direction they desire: he proposed I couldn't help taking hens in water several times and then him Philadelphia Press.

could not see, and to be shut up it dark places without food or water for gave you this morning? a week or more. It is not necessary to resort to cruel methods to break up Wife-How pri a hen that wants to sit, says a writer and a Bostscript. in Blooded Stock. What is walted is to turn the desire to sit into the desire to lay again. It will be but little advantage to have them broken from wanting to sit and have them lay four or five eggs only to again become broody, which they will do if they are not cared for as they should be. The reastly for this is that the conditions which caused the hen to become broody have not been changed and they cannot be changed by force. When a hen becomes broudy it means that the egg-producing Capacity of her system, for the time being, has become exhausted and that reciperation is needed. The first step to such discussions. recuperation is rest, and being an insects inside before they were ripe and recuperation is rest, and being an in-asks for a remedy. The worm is no dustrious bird, they feel that they might as well raise a brood while resting as to fool away their time. Some animals and birds may be stimulated to do that which is not natural for them, but is it best? The tired liberally with the mixture. This treat- horse may be urged on by the aid of

A practice that is recommended by some thoughtful breeders which will break the Hon, and at the same time have her in a good condition to go right to business, is to place one eag under her, le ting Ler sit for one week, feeding her once in two days during the time as if she were really sitting on a whole clutch. But very little food will be needed on account of lack of exercise. At the close of year for two years, he said, and it is the week place her in a coop with a one of the most valuable soil renovat- slatted bottom raised a few inches from the ground, for a couple of days, and she will lose her desire to sit and in a few days will begin laying in Items of Interest to Farmers.

Keep charcoal and salt where the fattening hogs call linve easy access to

Breed the young sows so that they will farrow their young litters in the spring after the grass has come. That the hog is a filthy animal is

the fault of its owner. Hogs, prefer cleanly quarters and will take them when they can get them. Only a small amount of corumes should be used in feeding the pig, and

it should be combined with other feed that makes bone and muscle. Growing pigs must have exercise, but not too much of it. If they run over an extensive range they cannot be kept in sufficiently good condition

to give the best results. It takes the least feed from the time of weaning until the pig is finished for market if it is kept always in good condition. If it loses that condition there must be extra feeding and longer time to bring him up to it again. To raise them profitably the pigs

should be kept in good health and continually growing. There is something wrong in the breeding or care if the pig cannot be made ready for market by the time he is ten months old. The scraps from the table and kitchen and vegetable waste, fruit peelings, etc., should all be utilized as feeding stuff. The pigs and chickens will eat them, and they furnish a

variety, and the kind of food that is needed. When the weather is cold and wet remember that a portion of the feed is employed in keeping up the animal heat, and that consequently more feed tered, clean, dry, warm quarters, economise feed.

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The English Grunting Habit. An observant philosopher, who has lately been devoting considerable attention to the study of modern manners, has been much struck with the habit of grunting and pseudo-coughing which is growing among both sexes, and threatens to become a public nuisance wherever two or three the proper manner. This is too often | men or women are gathered together. When nobody has anything to say, some one begins an affected cough, which is merely the indication of a mind with nothing in it, or makes a guttural grunt, to prove that its au-thor is still alive. The correspondent continues: "If people do not exercise a little self-restraint and check this pernicious habit we shall soon be called a nation of snorters and grunters. On Sunday last I was at church and immediately behind me sat a womden daylight the eye becomes seriously an with her young children, and during the sermon, to which I was listening intently, my thoughts were distracted by the woman behind me constantly grunting-possibly the doctrine hit her too hard. Her-children followed suit. When asked on the way home why they grunted, the elder of the youngsters replied, 'Mammy grunts, so do I.' "-London Telegraph. Work of the Beavers,

A stick of wood cut from the trunk of a small tree by the keen teeth of a beaver has been presented to the free museum by Joseph Paquet. If will e no novelty to such as have fished along streams frequented by beavers, but beavers are becoming scarce now. and there are thousands of people in Portland who have read of how beavers cut down trees, but have never seen a sample of their work, and to these the stick will be very interesting. Just how large a tree a beaver or beavers can cut down only an old trapper can say, but it is no trick at all for them to fell an ash or alder tree six inches in diameter, and they

to go about with hoods on so they Wife-Did you mail that letter I He Fell Into the Trap. Husband-Of course I did: Wife-How protoking! I wanted to

Husband (producing the letter)— Well, here it is. Why didn't you tell me that in the first place?

Our Nation's Wealth. Gold and silver are poured abundantly into the lap of the nation, but our material wealth and strength is rather in iron, the most useful of all metals, just as the wealth of a human being lies in a useful stomach. If you have overworked yours until it is disabled, the Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will relieve the clu gud bowels, in prove the appetite and clire constipetion, dys. spis, billousness, liver and kittiney assesse. One Brawback.

Bobbs-Wish I could live as long as Methise Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Cirin blood means a clean skin. Cirin blood means a clean skin. No leavity without it. Oascarets, Canda Chithartic clean your blood and keep it. clean, by stirring up the flizy liver and driving all impurities. From the book. Begin to day to lantsh plimples, boths, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly billions complexion by taking Chicarets.—Leavity for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c A Possible Explanation.

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Candy Cathartic, cure constitution forever, itc., itc., if C. C. C. fell, druggiste refund money. It is with books as with man; a very small number play a great parti the rest are founded with the multitude.—Voltaire. Piso's Cure is a wonderful Cough medicine.

-Mrs. W. Tickert, Van Sicien and Blake
Aves., Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1891.

Puzzling Exceptions. Folk tell us, "Don't procrastinate The prompt men holds the key to fate;"
Like all advice, this hears revision—
Once late, I missed a bad collision.
—Detroit Free Press.

# Spring Medicine.

There's no season when good medicine is so much needed as in Spring, and there's no medicine which does so much good in Spring as Hood's Sarsaparilla. In fact, Spring Medicine is another name for Hood's Sarsuparilla. Do not delay taking it. Don't put it off till your health tone gets too low to be lifted.

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Will give you a good appetite, purify and enrich your blood, overcome that tired feeling, give you mental and digestive strength and steady nerves. Besure to ask for HOOD'S. and be sure that you get Hood's, the best medicine money can buy. Get a bottle TO-DAY. All druggists. Price \$1. 00000000000

Money in Lullables.

A new industry is that of lullaby singing. Young women who re studying vocal music very often turn their growing talent to small account, least, by going to nurseries two or three times a week to sing to the children at bedtime hour soft, crooning lullables. It is in households, of course, where the mother has no singing voice, and who believes in the influence of sweet and correct singing on the developing ear of the child. This may seem the exaggeration of detail, but in these days it is the trifles that are considered in their bearing upon the in order to end himself quickly in large results.

First Shoe Merchant-Business is poor. Why, I marked my stock down to half price, and then didn't sell anything.' Secund Shoe Merchant-"You're

half sizes, and sold everything in the house."-Baltimore American. Liquid Fuel for Engines. Liquid fuel for steam fire engines is being made the subject of trial by the

foolish. I marked my stock down to

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Weak Women Made Happy by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Letters from Two Who Now Have

"DEAR MRS. PINEHAM:-It was my

ardent desire to have a child. I had been married three years and was childless; so wrote to you to find out the reason. After following your kind advice and taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I became the mother of a beautiful baby boy, the joy of our home. He is a at healthy baby, thanks to your medicine."-MRS. MINDA FINELE, Roscoe, N.Y.

From Grateful Mrs. Lane "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I wrote you a letter some time ago, stating my case to you.

"I had pains through my bowels, headache, and backache, felt tired and sleepy all the time, was troubled with the whites. I followed your advice, took your Vegetable Compound, and it did me lots of good. I now have a baby girl. I certainly believe I would have miscarried had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I had a very easy time; was sick only a short time. I think your medicine is a godsend to women in the condition in which I was. I recommend it to all as the best medicine for women"-Mas. Many LARR, Coytee, Tenni

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The reason why the Great Salt Lake in Utah is gröwing smallet, according to Professor James E. Talmage; is that the volume of water from its four tributary rivers is being more and more diverted by irrigation.

According to some observations made by Mr. J. W. Post, chief engineer to the Netherlands state railways, rails made of soft steel are apt to be more durable than those of harder material. At the beginning the hard steel rails are less sub set to wear than the soft ones, but the latter are apparently toughened to a marked degree by the Edld rolling effect of the passing trains, so that in later years they actually show less wear than the rails of harder steel.

Among the glaciers found in the Rocky mountains is Grasshopper glacfer, which derives its name from the enormous guantity of grasslopper remains that are found on and in the placier. Periodically the grasshoppers take their flight southward, and must cross the mountains. Their favorite route seems to be ac dss the wide glacier, and in the passage scores of thousands of them succumb to the rigor of cold and wind, fall helpless upon the snow, and are finally entombed in the ice.

A serious pest has appeared within the last few years in the cotton fields of the South. It is spreading with great rapidity, and threatens to ruin the industry, if it cannot be successfully combated. The disease is a fungus which attacks the roots, causing the plant to wither and die. It is most destructive in the vicinity of Charleston, S. C., and on the islands adjacent to the coast. The department of agriculture has appointed William A. Orton, a botanical expert, to investigate the matter, and it is hoped that a practical way of eradicat: ing the pest will be devised;

Dr. Finsen of Copenhagen Denmark, who is investigating the effect of light in the treatment of diseases and who has made many wonderful cures in the treatment of skin affections, now reports that certain kinds of baldness, which are caused by bacteria, are readily cured by submitting the bald head to the influence of the rays of the blue end of the spectrum. beam of sunlight, or electric light, is filtered through a hollow glass lens filled with copper sulphate solution, which allows only the cold blue rays to pass through, and this light when focused on the diseased skin kills any diseased bacteria present, even though under the surface.

A peculiar industry of the Island of Procida is the manufacture of fine silk threads from the stomachs of silk worms. The worm, just before the time of its metamorphosis, is cut open, and the membrane of the stomach is carefully removed and pickled by secret process. Holding one end in the teeth and drawing the other with the hands, the work people then work ble length. The threads are prized for strength and flexibility, and find a market in Northern Italy at about \$15 a pound. They are used for fishing tackle, brushes, etc. Production is expensive, as the worms must be taken at the time of their greatest value for silk making, and the various operations demand much labor by skilled hands.

MINERS AND MORPHINE

A Neccesary Custom Whileh Is Not Pleas "When I was in the northwest during last October," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had be n recommended to me. One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a very rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made

the trip. " 'Why not?' I inquired. "Because I didn't har . my morphine with me, he responded in a

very matter of fact manner. 'Morphine?' said I in astonishment, 'what has that got to do with it? You are not a morphine fiend, are von?" 'Not as much of a one as you are

a tenderfoot,' he laughed, and proceeded to inform me that every prospector who knew his business always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily, and that he did so case of an accident which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many instances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves, or breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks, or rendering themselves helpless in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation. or freezing, or in some sections by being devoured by wolves or other wild animals. In order to prevent such a horrible death as any of these. the prospector simplified matters by always carrying a little packet of morphine, which not only quieted the pain of the hurt he had sustained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck me at first as uncanny, not to say wicked, but I got over that feeling after a narrow escape or two, and I carried my little tin box just like a veteran would."-Washington Star.

"It Came Out All Right." The village blacksmith stood within the shade of the chestnut tree. His heart was heavy within him as he bewailed to the new parson his hard lot. 'It is very different to what it was, sir," he said. "It's hard now to get a living, what with the rise in food and, worse than all, the competition."

end of the village," queried the min-"Yes, sir." "Well, well," answered the minister, preparing to take his departure, "you must go on trusting and hop-ing," and with these words of comfort he left.

'You mean the young man who has

recently opened a forge at the other

A few days afterward, passing the same way, the minister stopped to infire as to how things were going. This time the blacksmith met him with a cheerful visage. "Things are looking up," he explained; "I went on trusting and hoping, as you ad vised, sir, and it's all right now. The young man's dead!"-Judy. Pedigree No Obstacle.

"Percy Perkins is hunting up ali is discreditable ancestors. "What for?" "His idea is to show what a fine

fellow he is in spite of them."-Chicago Record. A Bargain. May-How on earth did you come

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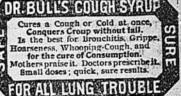
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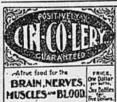
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