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May you all get 10 cents for the cotton you are holding and spend the difference of 10 cents and the present price with us.

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wife a little surprise. After a careful By WILL N. HARBEN, inspection he fixed upon one and asked Author of "Abner Daniel," "The Land of the Changing Sun," "The North "Have you not a young lady at hand Walk Mystery," Etc.

Dressing the Shopkeeper.

A gentleman dressed in a loose coat

entered a ladies' outfitting establish-

ment at a time when the proprietor

was alone in the shop. The gentleman

asked to be shown some ready made

ladies' cloaks, as he wished to give his

to put on the cloak to see how it

The proprietor regretted that none

"Well, perhaps you wouldn't object

The horrified proprietor rushed after

him into the street, where, however, he

was seized by the passersby, who drag-

ged him back to the shop in the sup-

position that the poor fellow had gone

mad, and before he could explain mat-

ters the rogue had disappeared .- Lon-

CASTORIA.

Newport News, Va., July 22, 1903. Last summer while recovering from ill-

ess of fever, I had a severe attack of

Inflammatory Rheumatism in the knees,

room for several months. I was treated by two doctors and also tried different

kinds of linaments and medicines which

seemed to relieve me from pain for

awhile, but at the same time I was not

any nearer getting well. One day while

reading a paper I saw an advertisement

of S. S. S. for Rheumatism. I decided to give it a trial, which I did at once. After I had taken three bottles I felt a

great deal better, and I still continued

to take it regularly until I was entirely

cured. I now feel better than for years,

and I cheerfully recommend S. S. S. to

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nity to call in and inspect

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ter to the delight of the

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COTTON OIL CO.

C. R. SPROTT,

housekeepers to call.

family table.

from which I was unable to leave my

The Kind You Have Always Bought

of the ladies of the establishment was

the shopkeeper:

in at that moment.

to putting it on yourself?"

around in all directions.

and bolted out of the shop.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.

The unsuspecting shopkeeper slipped HE next morning George's mothon the cloak, buttoned it and turned er returned to Darley and came directly from the station to his "Magnificent!" exclaimed the purroom. As she entered he stared chaser, with seeming ecstasy, but at at her in surprise, for she was dressed the same moment he made a grab at in black, even to ber sunbonnet. the till, which he thrust under his coat "Mother," he asked wonderingly,

'what has happened?" She did not answer for a moment, but sat down near his bed and folded

her bonnet in her lap. "When I heard how you was hurt an' laid up." she said presently, "I writ Mr. Hillyer not to let you know about got to 'im, an' they didn't see no chance fer 'im to live. He's dead, George; yore pore pa's dead an' buried. All his trouble is over. He's in

God's charge now." They were both silent for a moment; then Buckley said comfortingly: "Well, you must not grieve over it too much, mother. After all, it may be better as

"That's so, George," she answered, but my heart aches fer 'im. He wasn't treated right, my boy. It turned out jest like I thought it mought. The doctors up thar said his crim'nal acts all come from that old hurt in his head. After his death they made an examination. They found 'at a splinter o' the skull had been workin' into his brain all them years since his fall off'n the wagon. It finally formed a abscess that killed 'im. Oh, the doctors raised a big fuss about it! They told me yore pa had been treated wuss'n a dog. They said what he done in violation o' the law was caused by the hurt in his head an' that he'd never 'a' touched a thing that wasn't his but fer that, an' when I told 'em how honorable all yore pa's folks had always been away back as fur as anybody could trace an' how hard you was strivin' to live the disgrace down they all got together an' writ an' signed a paper-Mr. Hillyer's got it-testinaturally a dishonest man. They say, George-an' Mr. Hillyer says he'll put it through right away-that they are 4-goin' to git the legislature to exhon-

pains and the stiffness and soreness peculiar to this disease. S. S. S. goes directly into the circulation, all irrita-"Judge Moore was in the warehouse as I come by, talkin' to Mr. Hillyer, an' substances are neutralized and he come out an' tuck me by the hand, filtered out of the system, the blood is an says he, 'Mrs. Buckley, me 'n' them made pure and the general health is twelve men made a awful mistake. built up under the purifying and tonic An',' says he, 'ef a case like that had table remedy. come up in a community whar doctors effects of the vege-Write for our special book on Rheu- in new discoveries a plea of insanity matism which is would 'a' been made an' sustained. sentfree. Our phy- But,' says he, 'the twelve jurors will sign a paper with me, an' yore huswithout charge all band's name will be cleared.' Oh, who will write us George, it mighty nigh breaks my about their case. heart. I 'lowed all them years that The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga had old Nick in 'im, while the truth was he couldn't help hisse'f. It's goin' to be in all the newspapers tomorrow. Are you glad to hear it, George?" "More than anything," was the reply

rate vore pa.

in a low, husky tone. "I hain't through yet," went on the old woman, wiping her eyes. "They all read Mr. Hillyer's letter to me about how you refused the combination to the safe, preferrin' to die ruther than give in, because you wanted to show the world you was honest, an' how you was shot down an' lay hoverin' betwixt this life an' the next, an' I never seed a set o' men more anxious to be kind to woman in affliction. They got the idea we was needy, an' started in to collect a lot o' money, but I stopped

"When I got to yore pa he was too fur gone to know me," went on Mrs. Buckley. "I jest wish he had. I was our new enterprise, and so sorry fer him when I seed how thin an' wasted he was, with the prints on

would especially ask the his pore ankles whar"-She broke down and began to sob. George Buckley sat up more erectly. 'It's the way God, Providence or whatever it is that rules over all has of managing matters," he said, his eyes flashing rebelliously, "and, for my part, I'm tired trying to do right. What's the use? Why should that poor man fall from his wagon while honestly endeavoring to earn a living for his family, and through that accident end his life in a prison? That's his fate, while

such men as Telfare"-"Don't, don't, George!" voman dried her eyes. "It may all seem wrong, but it hain't-it hain't! My faith in my heavenly father is brighter 'an it ever was. I don't know exactly what it 'ud be fer, but I feel like drappin' on my knees an' thankin' 'im at this minute. My heart is full o' sadness of a certain sort, but thar's another feelin' that I can't describe. As I was comin' on in the train I got to imaginin' seein' yore pore pa up in hat before him, yet his lordship apheaven, whar I know he is, an' the fancy struck me that our Saviour helt the highest place up thar, beca'se he suffered the most to help others along, an' then the thought come that maybe up thar with the'r keen, spiritual eyes the angels had seed all the good that's growed out o' yore pa's sufferin', an' was givin' 'im credit fer his life down nere. Thar's no tellin' what the good may be. Yore pa's trouble is at the bottom of all Mr. Hillyer's done fer you, all the kindness o' them men at the prison an' the sympathy that's floodin' this town right now, beca'se Notice to Farmers. one man was so wrongly judged. Why, George, it may make the courts more careful in the future, it may make ity. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed doctors study diseases better, an' it by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store. Until further notice our will make some folks ashamed ferginning days will be Frifer ever sneerin' at the brave son o' in this town that's flowin' over with joy-ef the news has reached her"-

> "Do you think so, mother?" "Oh, I know it, George-I know it! I'd give anything to see her face when it's told to 'er. She's led by them folks o' her'n to some extent, but below all that she's jest a good, strong, sufferin'

woman." George made no answer. They were both silent for several minutes, then Mrs. Buckley rose to leave. "I want to go out home," she said. "It will be sad, too, lookin' round the old place whar he used to be. Now he's gone, I don't seem to remember anything but the good, sweet things he used to do an' say before his affliction. He's buried up thar, George, but after he's vindicated, we'll bring him down here an' put 'im away whar he belongs."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

It is a disputed question whether the n on modern warships serving the big guns inside the casement or those serving the gun on the upper deck suf-

fer the more from the effect of the firing. Two distinct factors are to be taken into account—the effect of the explosion at the muzzle of the gun, commonly known as the blast, and, secdepression at the pit of the stomach is the first series passed into the second, jured the surgeon generally looks for roses. a rupture of the membrana tympani or | The florists, however, obtain this for a permanent deafness. The first, if | color. The method of the florists is

Shocks From Big Naval Guns.

deafness is irreparable.

yore pa. He was a sight wuss when you anything but Murray's Horehound.

Menzel and Meissonier.

A pathetic scene occurred between Meissonier and Menzel in 1867. Menzel's reputation had already been zel considered Meissonier the most ad- What was her astonishment to see the his own language to tell the other of | flowers was only a step. this admiration, but the failure was complete. After having exhausted all the possibilities of signs and grimaces | vagaries. The carnation, hyacinth, without reaching an understanding they fell in each other's arms and ex- anthemum and camellia are the most pressed their opinions by means of sev- easily colored, and in this respect it is eral hearty hugs.

Speedy Relief.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. No remedy effects such speedy relief. It draws out inflammation, soothes, cools and fyin' under oath that yore pa wasn't heals all cuts, burns and bruises. A sure cure for Piles and skin diseases. DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of counterfeits, they are dangerous. Sold by The R. B. Drug Store.

> A Persevering Mouse. Here is a story of a mouse which was as persevering in overcoming its difficulties as was King Robert of Scot-

land's spider. During the digging of holes for New fallen into one of the cavities. For its wits to work.

busy little captive worked away, digging little pockets here and there as its improved staircase got farther and farther from the ground, so that it might rest from its hard labors. The workmen kept it supplied with food, and after the third day the indefatigable little creature reached the top, and enthusiastic cheering welcomed its

Rheumatism.

This is often a disease of the blood, though not alwas. It attacks usually the joints and tissue and causes a deposit of uric acid. In its acute stage it is one of much pain and suffering, sometimes affecting a large part or even all 'em. I told 'em you wouldn't like that."

"No, I wouldn't," said George; "but I am glad they wanted to do it."

I am glad they wanted to do it."

Sarsaparilla—internally, to eradicate the poison from the bloce. Dr. King's Nerve and bone Liniment-externally to give life to the stiffened, painful joints and tissue. Sold by Dr. W. E. Brown & Co.

> A Telling Rebuke. The privilege of the family of De Courcy, barons of Kinsale, to wear

hats in the presence of the English kings was well established, though not always exercised. Soon after the accession of George II. to the throne the then Lord Kinsale, who had just come day, which, being succeeded by a vioto his title, was introduced at court with the usual ceremonies. Whether from mistake in et quette or from pride, instead of just putting on his hat and immediately taking it off again, Lord Kinsale walked about the drawing room for a considerable time with his hat on. The courtiers all stared, and the whole assembly was thrown into some embarrassment. When the king, noticing the circumstance, very politely went up to his lordship and told him that he believed he was under some trivial mistake, for, though he had an undoubted right to wear his peared to have forgotten that there were ladies in the room, Lord Kinsale instantly felt the rebuke, bowed and took off his hat.

Brutally Tortured. A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes," "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though tried evrything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debil-

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The granite hills are not so changeless and abiding as the restless sea.

phia Ledger.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so had that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1. bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholbere It's absolutely guaranteed to cure cure Coughs, Colds, DaGrippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

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attended to at once, is curable, but that classic one which has been long Say "Marrays."

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employed in the case of violets—for example, making them green with ammonia, white with vapors of sulphuric acid, etc. In this case, however, it is the coloring matter of the flower itself which is modified, although in the production of green carnations the method adopted is that of artificially introducing coloring matter into the tissues of the plant, the coloring matter then being incorporated into the petals.

When the first green carnations apemployed in the case of violets-for

When the first green carnations appeared in Paris the city was seized with astonishment, and many persons willingly paid as much as 2 francs apiece for the flowers. The municipal spread through the world, as his pic- authorities instituted an investigation tures of Frederick the Great and his and soon discovered how the flowers court and of Wellington and Blucher were colored. It appeared that a at Waterloo had been placed high in young girl accidentally poured into the the list of the greatest historical paint- water of a vase containing white carings. Meissonier regarded him as the nations coloring matter with which foremost of German painters, and Men- she was painting a rose leaf green. mirable of modern artists. When they carnations lose their white color and met in Paris just after the Austro- assume a beautiful green tint. From Prussian war each struggled vainly in | this to the regular manufacture of the

All plants, however, do not lend themselves in an equal manner to these orange flower, gillyflower, iris, chrysamusing to experiment with the many hues that can be obtained. It is only necessary to prepare a coloring solution, then cut the stem of the flower A salve that heals without a scar is and place it in the solution. The plant draws up the water, and little by little the coloring matter is distributed throughout the plant's tissues. A common gillyflower placed in a solution of light green aniline dye is quickly transformed, at the end of twenty minutes the white parts being blue, the yellows green and the reds violet. Many other effects may be produced in the same way .- Cosmos.

Cored His Mother of Rheumatism

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says York telegraph poles not long ago, the W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylworkmen noticed a mouse which had vania. "At times she was unable to was painful. I presented her with a hours the tiny prisoner raced frantical- bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and ly around the inclosure. Then it seem- after a few applications she decided it ed to get over its hysterics and set was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact she is Soon it began systematically to dig a never without it now and is at all times spiral groove round and round the in- able to walk. An occasional applicayore pa was jest mean an' stubborn an' ner surface of the hole, which was tion of Pain Balm keeps away the pain had old Nick in 'im, while the truth saveral feet deep. Night and day the several feet deep. Night and day the For Sale by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

Fatal Etiquette.

The rigid etiquette of courts has more than once come near making a martyr of the person whom the rules prevented from aiding offhaud. In Spain these notions of etiquette were carried to such an extent that Philip III. met his death in direct consequence of them. The king was one day gravely seated by a chimney, where the fire maker of the court had kindled so great a quantity of wood that the monarch was suffocating with heat. His grandeur would not suffer him to rise from the chair to call for help, the officers in waiting were not within call, and the domestics could not presume to enter the apartment because it was against the eliquette. At last the Marquis de Polat appeared, and the king ordered him to damp the fire, but he excused himself, alleging that he was forbidden by the etiquette to perform such a function, for which the Duke d'Usseda ought to be called upon, as it was his business. The duke was gone out, the fire burned fiercer, and the king endured it rather than derogate from his dignity, but his blood was heated to such a degree that erysipelas broke out in his head the next lent fever. carried him off.

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A little girl was called to court one day to be a witness. She was so small

that the lawyers thought she might not know what an oath was. So they asked her some questions. "Do you understand the nature of an oath?" asked a lawyer.

Her Definition of Sin.

"Yes, sir," said the little girl. "What is it?" "It is a swear." "What do you mean when you say,

'It is a swear?' " "Well, it is that I have to tell the truth.' "If you don't tell the truth, what

then?" "That would be a sin." "What is a sin?" "A bad mark from God." They let the child tell what she

knew, and they all believed her.

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with an important air, "but there are days that I cannot write at all." "Me, too," replied the plain person "and Wednesday's the worst of all. I 'most generally write the 'n' before the 'd.' "-Philadelphia Press.

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